

Welcome to New Members

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New Business Member

Mow Town
Organic Lawn Service
2611 West Leland
604-4011

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Coming Up

Chicago Folk and Roots Festival

July 12 & 13, 12 noon – 10 pm
The Old Town School of Folk Music presents the 11th Annual Chicago Folk and Roots Festival. With six performance areas, you'll enjoy diverse artistic performances from local and internationally known artists. Sample the popular children's Wiggle-worms program and food from a variety of multi-cultural vendors. Donation \$7 adult/\$3 seniors & children.
Welles Park, 4400 N Lincoln Ave.
<http://www.chicagofolkandroots.org/>

Jewelry Making Classes

July 17, 7:30 pm
Local artist Kim Gayeski is kicking off jewelry making classes

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GRO BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 9 RAIN OR SHINE!

FOOD!
FUN!
FELLOWSHIP!
GAMES!
GOSSIP!

Saturday, August 9, is the date for this year's much-anticipated Block Party. To help offset the cost of the party, GRO is procuring sponsorships. For a donation of \$50.00, private individuals or area businesses can support our Block Party and in return place a free ad in an upcoming edition of our GRO Newsletter. Since at least 1500 copies of the newsletter are placed in businesses and homes throughout the area, any ad will be seen by a lot of people. If you would like to help with procuring sponsorships, please call Maria Bappert at 773-313-0250 M-F, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Also needed are volunteers for other aspects of the block party, such as cleaning and setting up and helping with various tables/booths. If you would like to volunteer your services for any of these services, call Les Kniskern (GRO President) at 773 339-5915 anytime.

Summer Concerts

Pull up a lawn chair, bring your kids and a snack to enjoy two local venues for great music all summer long. These free summer concerts are a great way to enjoy all that our neighborhood has to offer while singing and dancing the night away.

Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.
Welles Park Summer Concert Series @ the Gazebo,
2333 W. Sunnyside Ave, 312.742.7511
www.chicagoparkdistrict.com

Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce Concert Series,
Giddings Plaza, 4731 N. Lincoln Ave.
http://www.lincolnsquare.org/lscs_2008_concerts.pdf

Movies In The Park

When?
Saturday, July 19 – at dusk

What?
Movie in the Park – Shrek III

Where?
Gross Park, 2708 W. Lawrence

Save the Date!

Also coming up at Gross Park:

Fifth Annual Party
Saturday September 6
2:00 p.m – 8:00 p.m.
featuring rides for kids, a live
band and a basketball
free-throw contest.

GROnews is published by the Greater Rockwell Organization (GRO), a community group dedicated to making our neighborhood a safe and pleasant place in which to live. Tenants, homeowners, landlords, and business owners are welcome to join us in improving our community.

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HELPING OTHERS

Coming Up *(cont'd from page 1)*

Luther Memorial Church is collecting small toiletry items and small bars of soap for kits to give to homeless men and women who come to The Night Ministry. If you have small toiletry items like the ones which you find in your room when you stay at a hotel or motel, please bring them along to a GRO meeting, and we will pass them on to LMC to include in the kits.

Help our four-legged friends – Area pet shelters are in need of towels to use when they give abandoned pets their bath. These do not have to be new, of course, but should be clean. You can drop them off at the 47th Ward Office during regular business hours, or again bring them along to a GRO meeting, and we will deliver them.

So often we are “hit up” for monetary donations, but we can be of help without digging into our pockets by participating in these two service projects. A side benefit is it could help you with your spring cleaning.

Maria Bappert



Tree Trimming Available

If you have low-hanging tree branches in front of your house on the parkway, you can call the city at 311 and request tree trimming. Ask for a confirmation number. If you do not get a response within a couple of weeks, call 311 again and give them the confirmation number. They will be able to call up your number and let you know when the job is scheduled to be done. If the tree or bushes are located on private property, the owners are responsible for trimming.

Maria Bappert

July Calendar

- 1 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 4 Friday, all day. Independence Day! Flags and Fireworks!
- 7 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 8 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 12 Saturday, Folk & Roots Festival
- 21 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 22 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. CAPS meeting Advocate Hospital, Rockwell & Montrose

**Farmers' Market Days every Tuesday at Lincoln and Leland
7:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m.**

**Concerts every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Giddings Plaza
at Lincoln and Giddings**

This month's editor is
Sara Spitz

Keep America Beautiful ... or at least our little corner of it!

In response to the serious problem in the alley between Artesian and Campbell just south of the Burger King Restaurant (where dog owners walk their pets and don't pick up the waste), a metal sign will be posted warning pet owners that they are responsible for picking up after their pets.

Needless to say, all pet owners should be diligent about picking up after their pets, particularly in the summer when children are outdoors.

New member ____ Renewal ____

GRO MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name _____ Address _____

Home Tel. _____ Work Tel. _____ E-mail _____ Occupation _____

Categories (circle one): Individual \$20 Family \$30 Senior (65+) \$10 Senior Family \$15 Sustaining \$50
Business \$20 Friends of GRO \$20 (living outside GRO service area)

I'm adding \$5 \$____ for the Corner Gardens

I would like to see GRO address the following issues:

I would like to participate in the following committees (please circle):

Fundraising/Special Events Member Services/Welcomes Newsletter Public Safety

Streetscape/Beautification Streetscape/Greening Urban Development

Make your check payable to GRO and bring it a meeting, drop it off at Ruff Haus Pets, 4652 N. Rockwell (just north of the el tracks), or mail it to GRO Membership. P.O. Box 25561, Chicago IL 60625-0561