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GRO Elections Coming Up in October!
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Special thanks to Westwood
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You must be a member for 30 days to vote in the GRO election at the
October meeting, so renew your membership now!
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Coming up at the September GRO meeting

Sara Moskowitz, Outreach Director for the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) will be on hand to address these issues of interest to Utility customers (all of us!):-

- how to keep from getting scammed by alternate gas suppliers
- The latest on electric deregulation in Illinois
- Understanding your bills and resolving disputes
- Bringing your telecommunication costs under control.

The new slate of officers will also be presented at the September meeting

A Buck A Duck Duck Duck and More...!

Thanks to all for a truly wonderful block party this year. The weather, the band, the grills, kid's games and piñata – it was fantastic. We need to recognize Chuck Woodring and his wife Tara for arranging the kids' zone. The Woodrings are moving out of the GRO area (out-of-state!) and will be missed. Thanks to Alderman Schuler's office for the donation of lawn chairs and eco bulbs, they made a Buck-a-duck-duck-duck game a big success, as well as prizes donated by Carol's Hair Care, The Chopping Block and Starbucks . A big shout out goes to Desiree Kettler who won Edys Gourmet Ice Cream for the entire block party by winning an essay contest about what a great neighborhood we have. The corn was provided by HarvesTime, roasted on grills provided by Rockwell's Grill and once again superbly manned by Gus and his family. Thanks also, to contributors such as Quality Optical and Mary Ellen Consodine for cash donations, and the City of Chicago for the Jumping Jack with electricity provided by Tony & Linda Gagliardi's condo, and a brief appearance by the Chicago Fire Department (who were called away with sirens blaring). Our band this year was Brothers Kaye, our magician Rob Mendel (www.cardmagic.info), and face painting by the Queen of Angels Girl Scouts. A special thanks to the whole neighborhood for bringing sides and desserts, and dragging out tables and chairs – and to John Brown for pitching in with the tents at the last moment. Thanks, too, to your dedicated board of directors and volunteers for putting this one together. It was a blast!

Les Kniskern

GRO Election Time Once Again!

This is the slate the Nominating Committee has selected; other nominations can be taken from the floor at the September Meeting.

President: Tom Kosinski

1st Vice President: Brad Schenkel

2nd Vice President Eric Sinclair

Secretary: Bea Tersch

Treasurers: Lois Grossman & Ron Grazianom

Most of these people have been serving GRO in an official capacity for some time; Brad and Eric are new to the slate.

Brad Schenkel has been serving as 2nd VP for the past several months, as well as cochairing the Urban Development Committee. He is an architect and has lived in the neighborhood since **xxxxx**.

Eric Sinclair has been a GRO member and volunteer since 2002. A native of Indiana, Eric has lived in Chicago since 1995. He has helped develop GRO's Web site and is a friendly neighborhood GRO newsletter distributor. He is interested in technology and collaboration and works as a chat and IM product manager at UBS.

Senior Group Outing

Seniors in the 19th Police District (Belmont Avenue Station) are invited to the Senior Group Outing on Thursday, September 18 to attend a performance of The Boys From Syracuse at the Drury Lane Theater in Oak Brook. The cost is \$60.00 per person, which includes bus transportation, luncheon (choice of baked filet tilapia or seasoned chicken breast), and the performance.

The bus leaves from the Belmont Avenue police station at 10:30 a.m. For more information or reservations call Police Officer Robin Ratledge at (312) 744-5574

Maria Bappert

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Membership: Patti Huetteman (506-0795); Newsletter: Sara Spitz (275-7786); Public Safety: Maria Bappert (728-8127); Special Events/Fundraising: Open; Beautification: Bea Tersch (561-0794)(clean up and graffiti); (corner gardens: open); Urban Development: Tom Gunderson, Brad Schenkel; Budget: Ron Graziano (509-9679)

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Coming Up

German-American Fest

Lincoln, Leland, and Western Avenues
Friday, September 5 to Sunday, September 7
Celebrate German culture with brats, beer, and brass bands.
www.germanday.com

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Jazz On The Terrace
Friday, September 5, 8:30 p.m.
Rooftop Terrace

Annual Von Steuben Day Parade

September 6, 2:00 p.m.
4000 N. Lincoln Avenue
Watch hundreds of participants march, dance, play music or ride the many beautiful floats on Lincoln Avenue
www.germanday.com

Nature Oasis - Reptile Evening

September 9, 5:30 p.m.
Winnemac Park
5100 N Leavitt St.
Start your training to become a reptile expert with this fun interactive experience.

Apple Fest

Giddings Plaza
4731 N. Lincoln Avenue
September 13, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Apples by the bushel, cider by the gallon. Welcome fall with everyone's favorite fruit. Enjoy live music, children's games, cooking classes, tastings, farm-fresh fruit and vegetables, and specialty vendors.
www.lincolnsquare.org

Fall Fashion Show

Little Green Baby
4654 N. Rockwell Street, 773-505-2066
September 20, 10 a.m.
Preview the latest in fashion for your baby, toddler and tot, and plan to stay for fun activities for kids after the show. Little Green Baby features organic and earth friendly clothing and products for children and family.
www.littlegreenbabychicago.com

Midnight Circus

Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21
Performances at 3:00 p.m and 6:00 pm
Chicago's Midnight Circus brings its high flying circus to Welles Park a weekend of open air performances. Proceeds to benefit the Welles Park Play Lot Funds.
Welles Park ~ 2333 W. Sunnyside
www.circusintheparks.com

Artwalk Ravenswood

Saturday, October 4 to Sunday, October 5, 11a.m. – 6 pm
Celebrate the creative efforts of local artists and tour artist studios along the Ravenswood Corridor. (Between Cornelia and Lawrence)
<http://www.artwalkravenswood.org>

Gross Park Fifth Annual Party in the Park

Saturday, September 6, 2 - 8 p.m.
Lawrence and Washtenaw
A day full of family fun--from rides for kids and a live band to a basketball free-throw contest. The annual event is a chance for new and old neighbors and visitors to reconnect and celebrate the park. This fundraiser helps keep Gross Park healthy by supporting the event itself as well as ongoing improvements.

Animal Clinic

A microchipping and rabies vaccination clinic will be held from 10 a.m. To 3 p.m. Tuesday September 2, in the parking lot of the 19th Police District, 2452 W. Belmont Avenue. The clinic is sponsored by Cook County Commissioner Forrest Claypool (12th district), the Cook County Department of Animal Control and Jewel-Osco. The fees are \$7 for a one-year vaccination, \$21 for a three-year vaccination and \$10 for a microchip, Cash or check only. Available to all dogs, cats and ferrets 3 months old and greater owned by Cook County residents with valid ID. For more information, contact Commissioner Claypool's District office 773-832-4642.

Pet Adoption

From Ruff Haus here

Welcome to Rockwell

The Nest
4650 North Rockwell Avenue
773-267-0248

Welcome to The Nest, Chicago's dedicated integrated health care for women and children to Rockwell Crossing. Founded by experienced acupuncturist and health care professional Jennifer Paschen, THE NEST offers a unique center for peace and health, offering services that are solely committed to the well being of women and children, including childbirth acupuncture, pre and post children's vaccine treatments, fertility support, and more.

September Calendar

- 1 Monday Labor Day
- 2 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Monthly Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 9 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 15 Monday, 7:30 p.m. Manor Garden Club. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson
- 22 Autumnal Equinox
- 23 Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. CAPS meeting. Kindred Hospital, Montrose & Rockwell

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