

No GRO Meeting In January!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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## December Holiday Mixer

What: Holiday neighborhood mixer

Where: Red Lion, 4749 N. Rockwell

When: Sunday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.

Who: GRO members and anyone in the neighborhood who wants to maybe find out more about GRO

**Cookie Exchange!** Bring a dozen or so homemade cookies and take home some of your neighbors' favorites.

**Ugly Sweater Contest!** A prize for the most repugnant, repellent or otherwise off-putting holiday-themed garment.

**Bad Santa Gifts!** Bring a festively wrapped item from the darkest corner of your basement or attic and take home someone else's treasure.

**Meat Raffle!** Just what the name implies. Buy a ticket for the chance to win some meat.

Join us at the GRO Holiday Mixer. GRO will provide appetizers, so stop in and say hello to your neighbors. Remember to wear your ugliest Christmas sweater and win a prize.

## .... It's back! The second annual holiday decorations contest!

Last year the contest was so popular, we're doing it again! GRO will be recognizing the top holiday decorators and exterior illuminators in our neighborhood. Imagine the elation of waking to find a sign on your front lawn declaring you a winner!

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup> places, with points given in these categories:

- Most Festive
- Most Technical
- Funniest

The boundaries are the GRO area; south side of Lawrence to Wilson and west side of Western to the river. Designs may be either outside, on front porches, roofs or in windows; anywhere you like as long as our crack staff of judges and estheticians can view them from the sidewalk. Judging will take place Wednesday, December 20.

## **Waters School Holiday Craft Market**

**Saturday, December 2nd**  
**10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**  
**4540 North Campbell**

Shop local and handmade for the holidays at the Waters School annual holiday craft market! Waters is the place to be for fun, shopping and food. Invite friends and family to shop local with fantastic handcrafted selections from our Etsy-style vendors. The craft market also has lots of fun for the kids, so be sure to make it a family outing!

## **ACA Enrollment Deadline Coming Up December 15**

The open enrollment period has been shortened this year, but it's not too late – yet.

You can enroll in or change 2018 Marketplace health insurance right now. The 2018 Open Enrollment Period runs from November 1, 2017 to December 15, 2017. <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

### **Who needs Marketplace coverage?**

Anyone who doesn't have coverage through a job, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), or other qualifying coverage. If uncovered, you may pay a fee.

Depending on income, you may qualify for an insurance plan with tax credits, or for Medicaid/CHIP.

You can find help from health care navigators at Heartland Health Centers and at the Albany Park Library. Find more information here: <https://getcovered.illinois.gov/en>

## **Holiday Food Drive**

The GRO Holiday Food drive will take place Dec. 1-3. Donations will benefit Common Pantry, Chicago's oldest continually operating food pantry. Please remember to check expiration dates (we cannot distribute expired food) and consider buying modest size products (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to one 64 oz. container).

Food Wish List: cereal, canned fruit, cooking oil, pasta sauce, soup, easy prep meals (i.e. Hamburger Helper) Canned meals (i.e. raviolis), ground coffee, salad dressing, ketchup, mustard, and mayo. Drop off points are 2527 W Eastwood and the Red Lion, Lincoln Square, 4749 N Rockwell.

You can also support Common Pantry by donating online at [commonpantry.org](http://commonpantry.org).

Thank you for your support!

### **December Calendar**

- 2 Waters School Craft Market, 4540 North Campbell
- 4 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Nick's Pizza & Pub, 2434 W. Montrose
- 5 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Wilson & Campbell**
- 10 Sunday, 3:00 p.m. GRO Winter Mix. Red Lion, 4749 North Rockwell.
- 12 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 15 Deadline to sign up for ACA
- 20 Wednesday, First Day of Winter
- 25 Monday, Christmas
- 31 Sunday, New Year's Eve

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- 8 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council, Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 9 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 16 Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Beat 1911 CAPS meeting. Sulzer Library, Lincoln & Sunnyside