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Contributors

Ron & Lois Graziano

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS  
TO ALL!**

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**ARTISAN FAIR AT  
WATERS SCHOOL!**

**Saturday, December 3  
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Waters School  
Campbell & Wilson**

Support local artists while you do  
your holiday shopping!

The Artisan Fair will include a  
bake sale, cake walk, goodie tree,  
book fair and poinsettia sale all  
benefiting Waters Elementary  
School!

**NO GRO MEETING IN  
JANUARY!  
NEXT MEETING ON  
FEBRUARY 7, 2012**

**Former GRO President Recognized for Community  
Service by Feeding Those in Need**

Congratulation to Les Kniskern, Executive Director of Neighborhood Nutrition Centers (and former President of GRO), on receiving 47th Ward Alderman Ameya Pawar's Community Service Award at the Lincoln Square Chamber of Commerce Fundraiser and Dinner Dance on Friday, November 18. This award is in recognition for the work of providing locally grown, fresh produce to area residents who are in need of nutritional assistance. In keeping with its mission to "Grow Local \* Eat Local \* Feed Your Neighbor", Neighborhood Nutrition Centers has harvested and distributed over 550 lbs of neighbor-fresh produce since its inaugural delivery in August.

"This award symbolizes not just my work, but the great community engagement of our neighbors and partner organizations," said Kniskern. "I'm proud to help serve those less fortunate, and grateful to our neighbors, schools and community gardens who generously give from their garden bounty."

Ravenswood Community Services serves hot meals to 126 people and distributes 350 – 400 bags of groceries each Tuesday evening to neighbors of the Uptown, Ravenswood and Lincoln Square communities. Ravenswood Community Services is located at the All Saint's Episcopal Church on West Wilson Avenue between Ravenswood and Hermitage.

Information on Neighborhood Nutrition Centers may be found at [www.NNCenters.org](http://www.NNCenters.org) and on FaceBook at [www.tinyurl.com/NNCenters](http://www.tinyurl.com/NNCenters).

## 47th Ward Council

The 47th Ward Council is Alderman Ameya Pawar's initiative to provide representation to residents of the 47th Ward on important local decisions. In the summer of 2011, Alderman Pawar began an outreach to the electorate by encouraging the organization of block clubs in the ward. These clubs are designed to seek input and representation from residents as well as from existing community organizations such as GRO and the Ravenswood Community Council.

At the first meeting of the council in October, Alderman Pawar laid out his plans for the ward and his vision of the Ward Council structure in general.

Evonne Waugh will serve as representative of District 22 of the 47th Ward Council. Tom Kosinski will serve as the alternate representative. Both Evonne and Tom can be contacted through the GRO website. District 22 is roughly the area served by GRO.

## December Calendar

- 5 Monday, 7:00 p.m. Horner Park Advisory Council. Horner Park Fieldhouse, Montrose & California
- 6 **Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. GRO Meeting. Luther Memorial Church, Campbell & Wilson**
- 13 Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Gross Park Advisory Council. Gross Park Fieldhouse, Lawrence & Washtenaw
- 22 Winter Solstice
- 25 Christmas Day
- 31 New Year's Eve

The council will act in a purely advisory manner providing feedback to Alderman Pawar on various ward initiatives as well as providing a conduit for concerns and suggestions filtering up from the community. The council meetings are open to all members of the 47th ward.

A Ward Council Meeting is scheduled for December 1 at 6:45 p.m. at All Saint's Episcopal Church, 1757 W. Wilson

*Tom Kosinski*

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