



Fall Newsletter

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General Membership Meeting

Our General Membership Meeting was held on October 21 and was attended by over 50 members.

(our biggest attendance yet!)

Members voted to hold our General Membership Meetings four times during the year, so watch for updates and upcoming meetings!

Our Winter Meeting will be on January 20, 2011 and the Spring Meeting will be on April 21, 2011.

Thanks to **John Martello** for again securing space for our meeting and for all the great snacks & beverages!



These three had to be separated. . . .



What time is dinner?



There had better be a prize for this!



Not sure which version of "pong" they were playing!



Refreshments for everyone!

Over 75 neighbors attended the annual Neighborhood Picnic held on Saturday, August 21, 2010. Plenty of fun, food and refreshments were enjoyed by all! Thank you to all who assisted in organizing, set-up, cooking and clean-up for the event. Our 50/50 Raffle Winner was **Michael Hunt**, who graciously donated his winnings to the Neighborhood Association.

We are now accepting membership dues/renewals for 2011

Checks to be made payable to: "ABC Streets Neighborhood Association." Mail or drop off to our **Treasurer, Maureen Duggan @ 30 Audubon Street**

The boundaries of the ABC Neighborhood include the east side of Culver Road (between Harvard & Park), Park Avenue (beginning @ east side of Culver Road and continuing to East Ave.), Audubon, Beverly, Calumet, Colby, Darwin, Ericsson, Faraday, Girard, Harvard and Homer Streets.

Morrison Park Update

...by Jim Hondorf

We had one of the hottest summers in recent memory! Overall, the plants in the park did great. We did lose one dogwood tree and two forsythia bushes. The tree was replaced by the nursery this fall, and the N.A. paid for the two replacement forsythia's.

There were a few additions to the park this fall, **Irene Burnet, Jim Hondorf** and **Marianne Pastecki** planted over 200 allium bulbs that were paid for by the N.A.

The City of Rochester installed two timbers at the end of the park to protect the curb from *overzealous* snowplow drivers.

We are now ready to move ahead with the next planning phase for the park. Many neighbors expressed interest in seeing either a sign or sculpture to welcome people to the neighborhood. **Please contact any member of the Board if you have any ideas or proposals for possible sculpture/sign ideas. We are also seeking proposals from local artists.**

Lastly, we can always use more help pulling weeds, watering and maintaining the park. If you would like to get involved, **please contact: Jim Hondorf** (or any Board member).

Can & Bottle Disposal

...by George Lorson

Can and bottle disposal is an ongoing challenge in our neighborhood. Leaving your empties at the curb, on your porch or in your backyard is a **"magnet" for can & bottle collectors.**

Many of these individuals will wander your property and have been found to be checking doors, windows, unlocked vehicles, etc., to help themselves to your belongings.

Let's Get Responsible!

We are asking all neighbors to **go green!** Make an effort to return your bottles & cans to supermarkets or donate them to local collection points, such as churches, boy scouts, girl scouts, etc.

We are *tentatively researching* the idea of having a dedicated drop-off location in the neighborhood for cans and bottles.

Perhaps we have a neighborhood teen or young *entrepreneur* that would like to be our in-house can and bottle collector? If so, email us at: abc.streets@gmail.com

We'll keep you updated on our progress!

Historic House Plaques

...by Dave Burnet

As many of you are aware, many, if not most of the homes in our neighborhood turned 100 years old this year!

We are currently *shopping for the best price* from several companies for plaques to commemorate the historic age of our homes.

Tentative design plans include the year your home was built, address and ABC Neighborhood connotation.

We'll update as information, plans and pricing are finalized!

Park Design Ideas Wanted!

We are soliciting ideas, designs and local artist recommendations for the next phase in the ongoing updating of Morrison Park.

Whether it be a sign, a sculpture or any other design concept, we're interested in hearing from you!

We would like to encourage any neighborhood artists, sculptors, etc., to submit any ideas they may have.

Please contact any Board Member or send an email to abc.streets@gmail.com with your ideas, designs, etc.

HAVE A NEW NEIGHBOR?

Contact **George or Lorrie Lorson** to have a **Welcome Packet** delivered! Includes a map of nearby Park Avenue merchants, recent neighborhood Newsletters, helpful city ordinance info and a Neighborhood Association Membership form. Contact George or Lorrie at llorson23@rochester.rr.com

"Whine & Dine" Report

As many of you are aware, there are several run-down properties in our neighborhood. ABC Streets member **Natalie Frame** hosted a meeting at her home on September 8th to address the decline of these properties (which could affect the property values of homes in the neighborhood). Residents expressed concern regarding garbage and vermin issues that pose health hazards and a resurgence in noise and parties, along with the parking issues and potential for violence from these parties. City Councilwoman **Elaine Spaul**, NSC Director **Pete Saxe** (whom has since moved to the NE Center) and several RPD officers assured the attendees that the city is aware of these properties and is working with the landlords to resolve the issues. In addition, City Inspector **Carlos Torres** attended the October 21 ABC Streets General Membership Meeting and gave an update on the actions by code enforcement against these properties.

The RPD advises us to call 911 for ALL COMPLAINTS, whether small or large, and that when calling 911 for a noise issue, tell the 911 Operator that responding officers should “see complainant.” This will ensure that the officers responding to the call will visit your home to inform you what actions were taken.

The second **Whine & Dine Meeting** was held on November 10th, which was announced during the General Membership Meeting on October 21st and during the weekly email blast. Meeting highlights were not available in time for publication of this newsletter. Interested residents are encouraged to check the website and the weekly neighborhood email for updates. You may also contact Natalie Frame @ Nkframe@frontiernet.net or phone 473-7108 to receive updates and invitations to future **Whine & Dine** meetings.

Upcoming Events



★ SAVE THE DATE ★

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Park Avenue Holiday Open House 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The *Park Avenue Merchants Association* invites you to stroll Park Avenue and enjoy an evening of FREE Holiday Entertainment.

Outdoor activities, horse-drawn carriages, free drawings and “Open House” Hospitality!



★ HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL ABC NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY PARTY! ★

Saturday, December 18, 2010

8:00 p.m. – until Maureen & Jim kick us out!

Please join us @ the home of our hosts, Maureen Duggan & Jim McIntosh @ 30 Audubon Street for the annual Holiday Party!

Come meet your neighbors and enjoy refreshments and snacks!

Guests are welcome to bring a favorite snack or beverage to share with neighbors!

**Please RSVP to abc.streets@gmail.com
so adequate supplies are on hand!**



HOLIDAY HOME TOUR!



Welcome to the first **Holiday Home Tour** on **December 18, 2010**.

Neighbors will have the opportunity to visit five homes to enjoy a brief history of each home, along with some outstanding holiday decorations! A half-hour visit at each home will include an hors d'oeuvre and cocktail. Visits at each home will be kept to a strict ½-hour visit, and will conclude at the home of Maureen Duggan & Jim McIntosh (30 Audubon Street) for the annual ABC Neighborhood Association Holiday Party!

Tour Times & Locations:

Time	Address	Your Hosts
6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	951 Park Avenue	Matt & Bill
6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	51 Calumet Street	Tom & Marianne
7:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	763 Harvard Street	Tom & Linda
8:00 p.m.	30 Audubon Street	Maureen & Jim McIntosh

Please RSVP to abc.streets@gmail.com by December 14th so homeowners know how many guests to expect!

Message from the President . . .

By Tom Hasman

Hello ABC Streets Neighbors! I can't believe how fast the year has gone by... It's now November and with it, another edition of the newsletter for your reading pleasure.

It was a great summer for our neighborhood. ABC Board Member **Jim Hondorf** and **Bruce Zaretsky** from **Zaretsky and Associates** kicked things off with the Morrison Park replanting in May. Over 40 members helped with the plantings. Bruce was impressed with our level of community involvement. I enjoyed seeing the park bloom during the summer. My son, Sam, would constantly tell me "how beautiful the park is" whenever we walked by or were in the car waiting for the light at Culver Road.

Our nice summer continued with our first-ever Block Party Picnic held on Calumet Street. ABC Board Member (and your hardworking Newsletter Editor!) **Marianne Pastecki** did an outstanding job of organizing the event. We had over 75 people attend the party. ABC Street members **Brian Sears** and **Tom Pastecki** were amazing "grill guys," and **John and Becky Rudy** received our "bartenders of the year" award for leading the beer corral. Thanks to all who donated tarps for shade and all the help in setting up and tearing down. We are going to bring the block party event back in 2011.

I am looking forward to our Holiday Party, which will be hosted by **Maureen Duggan** and **Jim McIntosh** for the second year in a row. The event will be **December 18th** and will also include a **Holiday Home Tour** of four additional homes in our neighborhood. *Special Thanks!* to ABC Streets member **Todd Perkins** for the Holiday Home Tour Idea and for coordinating the event! See a related article in this Newsletter for the details.

Since our last newsletter, ABC Streets Board Member and Secretary, **Brooke Mayer** stepped down, due to her move out of the neighborhood. At-large Board Member **Kevin Hamblin** has stepped into Brooke's "heels" as the Secretary (thanks Kevin!)

It's been a great 2010 and I look forward to another great year in 2011. With the end of the year comes Membership Renewal time! Your dues help us in many ways (including the printing of this newsletter). Please consider using the enclosed form to join/renew your membership for 2011.

Thanks again for your support and see you around the neighborhood!

Have You Visited the New ABC Streets Neighborhood Association Website?

...by Dave Burnet

If you would like to post a *personal event* on the site, *i.e.*, charity event, neighborhood happening, have a contractor you'd like to recommend to your neighbors (or one that should be avoided!), send an email with details to the ABC Streets email at:

abc.streets@gmail.com.

Be sure to include all relevant information, such as date, time, location, description of event and your name and/or phone number or email so interested parties can contact you directly.

Don't miss out! Check our website for upcoming events and neighborhood happenings @ www.abcstreets.org

Be A Good Neighbor and Host!

- ✓ If you're having a party, the neighbors shouldn't hear it after 10:00 p.m. You and/or your guests can be fined.
- ✓ Please notify your guests of the parking regulations when they are visiting your home. Illegally parked cars will be ticketed!
Call **911** for infractions!
- ✓ **We ALL have indoor plumbing!** None of our tires are on fire and need a flame put out! Please notify your guests that public urination is against the law!
- ✓ Grills on porches are a fire hazard and upholstered furniture becomes a home for "four-legged" creatures. Both are against city ordinances and carry fines if cited.
- ✓ Become a **Neighborhood TOOL (Turn On Outside Lights!)** and help thwart predators and thieves! Call 9-1-1 if anyone looks suspicious.
- ✓ Trash totes should be removed from the curb within 24 hours after pick-up.
- ✓ Don't leave your recycle bins, bottle and/or cans on porches. This is an invitation for can & bottle collectors.
Go green and recycle!
- ✓ Do not leave **valuables** in your vehicles in plain sight. Lock car doors and take valuables inside (cell phones, GPS systems, etc.).
- ✓ Vehicles should not be parked any closer than 5 feet from the edge of a driveway.
- ✓ Please clean up after your pets!

Become a Member!

If you would like to renew your membership (or become a new member) in the Neighborhood Association, you can mail or drop-off dues to our **Treasurer, Maureen Duggan** at 30 Audubon Street.

Checks should be made payable to **ABC Streets Neighborhood Association**.

We are also setting up our website to accept PayPal, so credit card payment is an option. If you do choose to use PayPal, please see rates below (to cover the transaction fee charged by PayPal).

Rates (cash or check)

\$5 for renters \$10 for homeowners

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