



# CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Fall 2008 Newsletter

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## It's Fall...City's Noise Ordinance Re-Visited

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*On September 22, 2005 an amended noise ordinance went into effect in the City. In addition to amplified noise, excessive noise made by shouting or loud talking has been outlawed. The noise ordinance covers sound emanating from both premises and vehicles. The new law can be found in Section 75-4 of the Municipal Code.*

**I. It shall be a violation** ... if noise emanating from any source, including ... voices or other sounds ... emitted by humans is:

1. Audible beyond the property line of the premises from which it emanates between the hours of 10 pm and 8 am.
2. Audible at a distance of 50' beyond the property line of the premises from which it emanates between the hours of 8 am and 10 pm.
3. Audible at a distance of 50' from the source if emanating from a public street, public park or other public place.

### **II. What does NOT apply under the new law?**

Noise from festivals, parades, block parties and other special events where a permit has been obtained from the Office of Special Events.

Organs, bells, or chimes from any church, synagogue, temple or mosque.

Athletic events held on athletic fields, stadiums or public places in the City.

Lawn mowers, trimmers, leaf blowers, chain saws, tillers, mulchers, chippers between the hours of 8 am and sunset.

Air conditioners, snow blowers, snowplows, emergency generators, and manufacturing operations.

**III. No person shall** use a radio, TV, stereo, compact disc player, musical instrument or other machine for amplification of sound with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person(s) who are the *voluntary listeners*.

This law will be enforced by the Rochester Police and the NET Administrators.

**If someone is breaking this law, call 911 to report the infraction. If the police respond and the noise has stopped, you may still ask the police to write a deposition against the offending party. For more information on the deposition process, email us at Rochap21@yahoo.com**

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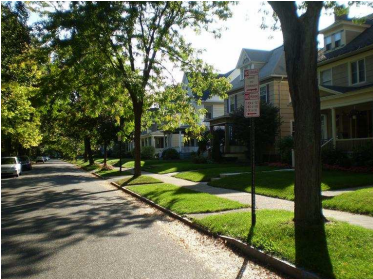
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Culver Road Armory, Fall, 2008



Harvard Street looking east towards Colby Street, Fall, 2008

## City Approves Purchase of Culver Road Armory

During a September 16<sup>th</sup> meeting the Rochester City Council unanimously approved the purchase of the Culver Armory from the State. A Democrat & Chronicle article the following morning stated “the City expects to close on the purchase from the State by March, and will then work with the neighbors and others on a preferred development plan”. This decision by the city increases the likelihood that the ‘preferred development plan’ will be favorable to area neighbors and neighborhoods.

As many of you know a task force comprised of leaders of neighborhood associations in the vicinity of the Armory was formed to ensure that area neighborhoods

have a voice in the purchase and redevelopment process.

I am the CHAP 21 representative on the task force and will be continuing to send out status updates on task force and city activities to the CHAP 21 email distribution list as this process unfolds. My main responsibility is to communicate any developments back to the neighborhood and channel neighborhood feedback back to the task force.

Please send ideas or concerns to the CHAP 21 email address at: rochap21@yahoo.com.

*-John Rudy, President CHAP21 N.A.*

## Beverly/Colby Street Break Ins—Please Watch Out for Your Neighbors!



Intersection of Colby Street and Park Avenue, Fall, 2008

Over the course of several years, the Board of CHAP21 has asked that folks be alert to potential criminal activity. While many are diligent in this regard, our neighborhood is never completely safe from crime or intruders as evident in the recent break ins we’ve experienced within the last few weeks. A neighborhood flier was recently distributed with regard to these incidents.

Please remember to:

- Keep your doors, windows, and garages locked when NOT at home.
- Keep your vehicle(s) locked; keep your valuables out of sight and not for the taking.
- Install and use deadbolts on ALL exterior doors.
- Notify a neighbor and discontinue newspaper/mail delivery when going away.
- Don’t leave returnable bottles, cans, etc., out for the “homeless.”

Please remember, if you see any type of suspicious activity, dial 911 immediately and report it! By doing so, you may be able to prevent future crimes in our neighborhood! ***We all need to work together to make our neighborhood as safe as possible!!!***

## Dog Ownership and the Good Citizen...

The start of a good relationship with new neighbors begins with minimal intrusion into their lives by your pet. This includes barking, pet waste, and wandering. Local ordinances require that all dogs be leashed when off private property and that all solid waste be picked up and disposed of by the dog’s custodian.

Frequent barking (more than 15 minutes at a time) is a violation and an annoyance to neighbors. Animal Control Officers can respond to a home and seize a dog in response to repeated violations of this and other laws pertaining to animals. All dogs must be licensed and property vaccinated. All animals must also be adequately cared for at all times. For more details, please contact the Animal Control Office.

*-Information Source—Being a Good Neighbor Brochure Provided by NSC*





## Seventh Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic...Food, Sun, and fun...

Despite a rainy start, our Seventh Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic was once again held at the home of Natalie and Karl Frame at 1023 Harvard Street on Sunday, July 13th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Neighbors, friends, and several Rochester Police Department officers were treated to a bevy of foods and liquid refreshments. In addition to the standard picnic fare of hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and soft drinks, neighbors brought a variety of homemade appetizers, main dishes, and desserts with our hosts contributing a variety of micro-brewed beers.

This year with the mercury topping off somewhere in the low 80's and with some late afternoon sunshine, we saw a large number of "regulars" and welcomed new faces. Let's hope this trend continues.

This year Nat and Karl, in an effort to support local small farms, purchased a number of picnic items which were locally grown.

Once again, the board of CHAP21 would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Natalie and Karl Frame for hosting such a wonderful event and John Martello and Todd L.Perkins Designs for their generous donations which helped subsidize our picnic!



*Fun in the Sun...Neighbors gathered at the home of Karl and Natalie Frame for the 7th Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic.*

## Understanding Parking Signs in Our Neighborhood..."Parking 101"

No, the sign to the right is not a reading test but it has presented a challenge to drivers in the past! The generally posted pattern for alternate side parking is as follows: Park on the even-numbered side of the street only until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Park on the odd-numbered side of the street only on Sunday and until 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

***Please remember it is illegal to park within 15 feet of a fire hydrant or within 5 feet of a driveway. It is illegal to park***

***with the driver's side of the vehicle at curbside, against the flow of on-coming, two-way traffic!***

For those of us who are fortunate enough to have off-street parking in the form of driveways, please remember that is illegal to park across our city sidewalks.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and heed the signs!



## CHAP21 Neighborhood Pool Party—Fun in the Sun!!!

Tom and Marianne Pastecki of 51 Calumet Street were our gracious hosts for the 2nd annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Pool Party on Sunday, August 12th.

A number of residents from around the neighborhood took advantage of the Pastecki's generosity and lounged around their backyard in-ground swimming pool, feasting on a variety of snacks and beverages provided by both

hosts and guests alike, all the while soaking up the late summer sunshine.

Fortunately for all who intended, bathing suits were worn at all times and no bikini contest ensued.

The Board of CHAP21 would like to express our sincere gratitude to both Tom and Marianne for hosting such a wonderful afternoon of food and fun! Can we do it again?

## Sas-sa-fras Flowers and Gifts—A Floral and Gift Boutique Specializing in Flowers for Weddings, Corporate Events, and Special Occasions



### *Sas-sa-fras Flowers and Gifts*

1657 East Avenue  
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#### HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday 9a – 6p;  
Saturday 10a – 4p.

[Writeus@sassafrasflowers.com](mailto:Writeus@sassafrasflowers.com)

Maura Harrison's love affair with flowers began 14 years ago. After attending floral school in Boston and managing an upscale flower shop for six years in Washington, D.C., Harrison returned to her Rochester roots and in 2002 opened Sassafras Flowers. The West Irondequoit native's fresh approach to floral design quickly earned her a reputation for creating unique and stylish arrangements *and* a loyal clientele.

Originally, Sas-sa-fras was located in a hard to find, renovated warehouse on Elton Street – not too far from its new, present day location at 1657 East Ave (corner Park Ave). Interestingly, she and graphic designer husband, Chris had passed up this property four years ago – because it required major renovation.

As their search continued for a new store location, each successive property lacked the neighborhood feel that the East and Park Ave site offered. Then, a couple of years ago, as luck would have it they discovered that the property was back on the market and they were ready to tackle the extensive renovation needed. Harrison says, "We love the Park and East Avenue neighborhood and we are so thrilled that this is where we ended up and it's so ironic that this is the first property we looked at".

Maura and her staff pride themselves on providing exceptional customer service. "Our staff is nice, personable and happy to assist people in making floral and gift choices. We love what we do and we are happy to share our knowledge with our clients".

Sassafras boasts an incredible variety of flowers, unusual vases and vessels, greeting cards, wrapping papers, gift soaps, home décor items, bridal gifts, handbags and jewelry.

Please stop by and introduce yourself to Maura, Chris, and company!

## CHAP21 Needs You...New Board Members and Volunteers Wanted for 2009!!!

The Board of the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association is looking for several new members for 2008.

Annette Weidmann will be vacating the position of Secretary, effective 1/1/09. This means that three of the four Executive Committee positions (President, Vice President, and Secretary) will be open for potential candidates.

All prospective board members are expected to attend the four Board Meetings, held quarterly, as well as the two General Membership Meetings held each spring and fall.

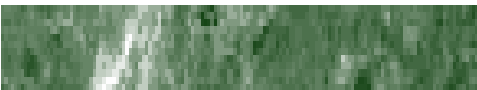
Board Meetings run approximately

60-90 minutes and General Membership Meetings run approximately 2 hours.

All members of the Board and of the Executive Committee may also be required to perform various duties necessary to keep the neighborhood association running smoothly.

If you are interested in joining the Board of the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association, please contact John Rudy using the CHAP21 neighborhood association contact information on the last page of this newsletter or by communicating your interest to John at our next general membership meeting.

If you do not wish to be on the board, but wish to volunteer for various neighborhood functions, please contact John Rudy at 436-8087.



**In case you're wondering, the acronym "CHAP 21" stands for: Culver/Colby, Harvard, ABC Street and Park Avenue (reflecting the boundaries of the association). The "21" represents our ward, distinguishing it from our 12<sup>th</sup> ward neighbors.**



**A Word From Neighbors About Two of Our Local Charter Schools...**

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We have two bright, delightful sons, ages 6 and 3. We were pleased to find a number of good schools to choose from living in the city.

Our older son is at Cobblestone School (www.cobblestone.org), which is a small private school on Prince Street with a wonderful caring community, alternative educational philosophy, and affordable tuition. Our younger son goes to Ellwanger Barry Cooperative Nursery School (www.EBNS.org),

which is a little farther away near, Strong Hospital but is every bit worth the drive. Parents run the school with a wonderful, gentle teacher and a curriculum focusing in cooperative play between children and exploration of nature and the world around us. Please contact me via Rochap21@yahoo.com if you would like to chat about these schools!

*-Zsuzsanna Marchl, Ericsson Street*

## Car Larcenies—Let’s Prevent Them From Happening

Theft from vehicles is on the rise in the Southeast neighborhoods. This is common this time of year as the holidays approach. Please be aware of the following Crime Prevention tips to reduce your chance of becoming a victim:

Never leave any valuables inside your car. If items must be left in the car, secure them in the trunk before you Park at your destination. (Never allow would be thieves to observe you locking items in the trunk as they will easily surmise that they must be valuable.)

Always park in well lit areas and in view of the public whenever possible.

Use an anti theft device such as “The Club” or a visible alarm system when leaving your car parked. These items may deter a thief enough that he chooses an easier target vehicle.

Be aware of suspicious activity / persons in parking lots. Call 911 immediately to report crimes or suspicious persons.

*For more information, contact your Crime Prevention Officer, Brian Bannerman, Rochester Police Department Division East / NSC - Sector 6846 S. Clinton Ave. Rochester NY, 14620 Phone: 585-428-7647*

## Money, Money, Money...Money

**The Board of CHAP21 would like to thank you for making 2008 such a great year for our neighborhood. The several events we held this year were very successful and our membership is steadily on the rise. There are still many of you that have not joined the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association - we want to change that! Membership costs just \$10.00 per year. This is the first fee increase since 1986! If you are an existing member and need to update any of your membership information, please email our Treasurer, Natalie Frame at nkframe@frontiernet.net. Please take a moment to complete and return the membership form below to: Natalie Frame, 1023 Harvard Street, Rochester, NY 14610. *Deadline: 3/31/09!***

### CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 2009 Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Neighborhood: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help out by: Working on Projects/Events \_\_\_\_\_ Delivering Newsletters \_\_\_\_\_

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ I can contribute by: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Returning Member: \_\_\_\_\_ (please check one)

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**From the Editor...**

Neighbors and Friends -

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the several people who have made contributions to this quarter's newsletter. They are: John Rudy, Natalie Frame, Zsuzsanna Marchl, and Todd Perkins.

It is with mixed emotions, I announce that I will be stepping down as the CHAP21 Newsletter Editor at the end of the year. Since 2000, I have worked diligently to ensure that several times a year, this publication has reached you, either by hand delivery or via email to paid members of the association. I have enjoyed every minute of it. However, after almost a decade in service to the neighborhood in various capacities, I feel the need to take a step back and re-charge my batteries. It is vital that this publication continue as it represents the most tangible reflection that our neighborhood association exists and is an active group. If anyone is interested in taking over the newsletter, please contact our neighborhood association president, John Rudy, using the contact information to the left of this letter.

Once again, I would like to remind folks that the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association is strictly a volunteer effort; no one is paid for their contributions. For quite some time now, a small number of members of CHAP21 have taken time out of their lives to work for the benefit of the entire neighborhood. For 2009, please consider taking a more active role in the neighborhood and in the neighborhood association. Any talent or time, in any quantity, can only make us a more cohesive and efficient organization. To volunteer or to become more involved, please send an email to [ROCHAP21@yahoo.com](mailto:ROCHAP21@yahoo.com) outlining your availability and interests!

See you on the streets!

*-Mark Ritter—Newsletter Editor*

**And Now...A Word From Our Sponsors...**