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CHAP21 Quality of Life Sub-Committee—Working to Make Our Neighborhood A Better Place to Live!

2 The official CHAP21 Quality of Life Sub-committee was formed earlier this year as a way to maintain and enhance the quality of life within our neighborhood.

3 Members of the committee are working on a number of initiatives to maintain and increase property values, prevent crime, and to create an effective and uniform process for dealing with and resolving noise and parking related issues.

4 We are in the beginning stages of collaborating with several local colleges to help them, help their students acclimate to off-campus living. The sub-committee has also been working with the Neighborhood Service Center, (NSC, formerly NET), the RPD, and other neighborhood groups to share information pertaining to quality of life issues. To keep our neighborhood looking great, the committee is working with the NET Office to help maintain properties within our neighborhood and identify grant sources for building renova-

tion.

From a neighbor-friendly perspective we have also begun putting together ideas for a “welcome wagon” type information package for new homeowners, landlords, renters, and business owners.

The sub-committee wants to hear from you! We value your input. If you have any suggestions, ideas, issues, or concerns, please share them with us! Email us at Rochap21@yahoo.com



Ericsson Street looking south to Harvard Street, Fall, 2006...



Timber!!!...Tree at the Corner of Harvard and Homer Street Comes Down!

The large old tree at the corner of Harvard and Homer Street met its maker one morning last month when it was determined that the tree, which was well over 100 years old, had become diseased and posed a threat to structures and passers-by in the area. The removal crew worked for several hours before sadly, completing their task



CHAP21 Residents hard at work at Morris Park, April, 2008.



Todd and Chip Perkins enjoying coffee and donuts provided for the hungry gardeners at Morris Park, April, 2008.

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Morris Park Clean Up-Hoes and Shovels, Oh My!

Our fifth annual Morris Park Clean Up Event was held on a warm and sunny Saturday, April 26th. Approximately a dozen CHAP21 Neighborhood Association members took to the park, armed with garden tools for some serious work. In between spirited conversations, we raked, weeded, trimmed, pruned, edged, swept, and picked up debris to fill several large garbage bags. The crew also worked hard to repair the large planter at the southeast end of the

park. Those in on the fun included Annette and Ambrose Weidmann, Todd Perkins, and Mark Ritter, John Perelli, Kevin Hamblin, Jay Cunningham, and Natalie Frame, all of Harvard Street; Jim McIntyre and Maureen Duggan of Audubon Street, and John Rudy and Becky Simmons of Calumet Street. The Board of CHAP21 would like to express their gratitude for all who participated and contributed to the clean up effort.



Kevin Hamblin, Jay Cunningham, Todd Perkins, Karl Frame, Natalie Frame, John Rudy, Becky Simmons, John Perelli and Chip (not pictured): Annette Weidmann, Ambrose Weidmann, Jim McIntyre and Maureen Duggan at Morris Park, April 2008

Crime Prevention—It All Begins With You!

As the thermometer rises, so does crime! Historically, burglaries in our neighborhood have often been crimes of opportunity. Many people leave home, garage and car windows and doors open and or unlocked. If you're enjoying your backyard, please remember to lock your front door. Also, remember that window screens keep insects out, not burglars! Keep bushes and hedges trimmed

back so they don't provide cover for someone trying to get into your house or apartment. If you see anyone around your house or your neighbors' houses especially in the back or side yards, **call 911 immediately! This includes can and bottle collectors.**

Many people hesitate to report suspicious behavior to 911 because they fear it will turn out to be nothing. If

you see something that doesn't look quite right, call it in to 911. If you're wrong, no harm done, but if you're right, you might just stop a crime!

Special thanks to Park Meigs NA Crime Prevention Representative, Tom DiPiero, for his contribution to this article.

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2008: A CHAP21N.A. Election Year

As we are now half way through the 3rd quarter of 2008, this writing serves as official notice that all those currently serving on the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Executive Board (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasure) have completed their terms of service and will be required to either step down or run for re-election.

The election will take place the third week of October. Executive Board Members are expected to serve 2 year terms.

Prior to election week, all potential candidates seeking election must make themselves known to the Board of CHAP21 so that their names/bios/platforms can be distributed to the paid membership of the neighborhood association. Only paid

members of the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association will be eligible to run for election and/or vote.

A formal request for votes will be made both at the fall general membership meeting and via email for absentee voters unable to attend the meeting. Email and in-person votes will be tabulated to determine the winners.

It is expected that all potential candidates will run for election with the intent to serve the entire CHAP21 neighborhood and its boundaries and will make decisions that will have positive impact on our entire community, not just a small segment or area. Questions or concerns should be directed to the Board of Directors at ROCHAP21@yahoo.com.

Shop the Farmer's Markets-Become a Locavore!

Locally raised, grown and/or produced foods have become very popular. Please consider supporting these local farmer's markets. One of the newest, the Westside Farmers Market, will offer vegetables, fruit, meats, and other locally produced foods. Check out the South Wedge Farmers Market, where vendors offer farm-fresh produce, organic pastas and baked goods, locally produced wines, meats, and eggs, plus a variety of plants for the garden. For weekend shoppers, the Brighton Farmers Market is now open. In addition to locally grown products a variety of family-friendly events and entertainment is offered. Or really go 'green' and walk or bike to the closest - the Monroe Village Farmers Market. Here is a list of farmers markets organized by day of the week:

Brighton Farmers Market

Sundays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
now through October 26
Brighton High School parking lot on S. Winton Rd.

Rochester Public Market (features both local and non-local items)

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6am to 1pm; Saturdays 5am to 3pm
Year round
280 North Union St.

Westside Farmers Market

Tuesdays, 4pm to 8pm
June 17 to October 28
St. Monica's Church parking lot Corner of Genesee St. and Monica St.

Pittsford Colony Plaza Farmers Market

Tuesdays & Saturdays, 8:30am to 2:30pm
July to November 25
Cohoes Parking lot in Pittsford Plaza

Rochester/Foodlink Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 11am to 2pm
June 11 to October 1
Washington Square Park, Clinton Ave/Woodbury

Monroe Village Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 4:30pm to 7:30pm
June 18 to Oct. 29
Blessed Sacrament, 700 Monroe Ave

South Wedge Farmers Market

Thursdays, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
now through November 20
100 Alexander St. lot at S. Clinton Ave

For a complete list go to: <http://www.inforochester.com/marketsfarmer.htm>



Flower Garden at Morris Park, April, 2008



Harvard Street, near the corner of Culver Road, Spring, 2006

CHAP21 Fall General Membership Meeting, October 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Location: TBD

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Here's a glance at what's coming up over the next few months. If you would like to host an event or have a suggestion for an event or activity, please contact Annette Weidmann at 473-8173 or adweidma@rochester.rr.com.

- CHAP21 Board Meeting, Wednesday, September 24th at 63 Calumet Street at 6:30 p.m.

- CHAP21 Fall General Membership Meeting, October 22nd. Time/Place: TBD

All dates, events, and locations are subject to change.

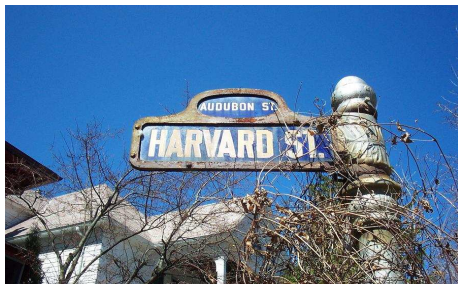


Girard Street looking north towards Park Avenue, Spring, 2006

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Our Newest Neighborhood Business is now open at the corner of East and Park Avenue...check it out!!!



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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: Annette Weidmann, Natalie Frame, and Todd Perkins.

Please accept my apologies for the tardiness with regard to the completion and distribution of this newsletter. Unfortunately, extra demands placed on me at work due to my company's corporate downsizing have reduced the amount of time I've had to concentrate on extra-curricular activities, most notably my obligations to the neighborhood association and neighborhood in general. It is with this in mind that 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 neighborhood.

It is with this mind that I ask all members of CHAP21 to take a more active role in the neighborhood. 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 outlining your availability and interests!

See you on the streets!

-Mark Ritter—CHAP21 Newsletter Editor

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