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- 2 “This is the best neighborhood in the city!” Metro Retro owner Brian Nolan declared. And Metro Retro, located on at the corner of Park and Colby, is a great fit for the neighborhood.
- 3 You could nearly furnish an entire apartment with its eclectic mix of items—tables and chairs, dishes, lamps, lots of glassware, and numerous odds and ends.
- 4 Getting the business going was a bit of a challenge, Nolan reported. Turns out that commercially zoned space reverts back to residential if left vacant for a period of time. Fortunately,
- 5 Nolan found someone, “extremely helpful,” in the City Zoning and Planning Department who was able to walk him through the process of changing it back to the proper designation.

After Metro Retro opened in early 2006, Nolan decided that he wanted to live in the neighborhood as well, and home is now right across the street on Park Ave. “One of the great conveniences of living so close,” he said, “is that I can sort out the boxes and boxes of stuff I collect at home, then just carry whatever I decide to sell right across the street.”

Much of his business takes place outside of

the store. Nolan handles appraisals, estate sales, home cleaning, and more. If the items are deemed, “antique/collectibles”, he might sell them on e-bay. Deliveries are local only, but because he’s so close to the store, Nolan can easily arrange for people to pick up their items after hours.

“The nice thing about this shop,” Nolan explained, “is that it provides a new home for items— its kind of a green shop.

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Metro Retro owner Brian Nolan learned all about collectibles from his mother, Mary, who visits the shop often

“The mission of the CHAP 21 Neighborhood Association is to foster a sense of community within our neighborhood through friendship, communication, and positive action”

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 25th

Our Fall, 2007 General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 25th at 1600 East Avenue in the conference room on the ground level from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. There will be signs posted at the front/back doors.



Neighborhood Association
Happy Hour, Summer 2006!

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Membership— Just What Do I Get When I Pay My Dues???

Its 9:45 p.m. on a Saturday night. I'm lying in bed watching, "King Kong" (the 1933 Fay Wray version) on TCM. The phone rings and it's a neighbor, one who has become a good friend, calling to say that both he and his wife are very ill and are in need of ginger ale and Pepto. I immediately run to Wegmans, purchase the requested items and deliver them promptly...

Over the years, The Board of CHAP21 has tried to increase membership by pointing out the *obvious* benefits of membership; the newsletters, the neighborhood email distribution list, the website, the summer picnic, the caroling party, and the monthly police reports provided to us by the RPD.

The one, less tangible and less apparent point not always brought to the forefront is the benefit of personal connections and camaraderie. Establishing personal connections with more than those who live in your immediate area not only provides us all with a sense of community but ultimately leads to a safer neighborhood. It can also provide you with a multitude of people to contact in the event of a minor crisis, like the example above. So...why haven't you joined yet?



Lorrie and George Lorson
working hard at the corner of
Park and Homer Street during
Project "Clean Sweep, 2005"

While this may not sound that unusual at first, it should be stated that this was not my next door neighbor but a neighborhood resident who lives several blocks away. I may never have known him had we both not been involved in the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association!

Harvard Street/Park Avenue Break Ins—Please Watch Out for Your Neighbors!



Harvard Street looking west
towards Culver Road,
Spring, 2005

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 couple of months.

Unidentified parties broke into 1095 Park Avenue on 8/21/07 via forced entry. For-

tunately, no one was hurt however some small items such as money were stolen.

On 8/26/07, unidentified parties broke into a vacant apartment at 50 Faraday and vandalized the place. The vandals broke in using an unlocked window on the first floor and caused approximately \$5,000 in damage.

The police department responded to both scenes with

the officers and Tech Units, however at this time, they have no leads.

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 NET

Sixth Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic...Food, Sun, and fun...

Our Sixth Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic was once again held at the home of Natalie and Karl Frame at 1023 Harvard Street on Sunday, July 15th 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, the cost of which was subsidized by Wegman's, 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 plenty of sunshine, we saw a record number (66) of attendees. The picnic was truly a family event this year with our largest number of children present. Let's hope this trend continues. With the cooler temperature, luckily no adults attempted to commandeer the kiddie pool.

Once again, the board of CHAP21 would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Natalie and Karl Frame for hosting and to Wegman's for providing the generous donation of a \$100 gift card to subsidize this event.



Fun in the Sun...Neighbors gathered at the home of Karl and Natalie Frame for the 6th Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic.

Metro Retro Owner Lives and Works in Neighborhood...Continued

I always try to recycle as much as possible". And if e-bay or the store are not options for certain items, Nolan donates them to Matthews Closet on East Main Street.

Although the store is new to Nolan, his interest and love for antiques is not—he literally learned at his mother's knee. As the youngest of 10 children, he often tagged along with his mother, Mary, to auctions and antique sales. "My mother instilled an 'eye' for good items into all of us," he said. If you stop by the store you might see Mary Nolan perusing items and helping her son, along with his sister, Beth Nolan-Beal, who has a, "special knack for

displays."

Even if you don't see something you're looking for, just ask. In addition to stored items, Metro Retro has a "wish book" and Nolan keeps a lookout for items in his travels. He clearly loves what he is doing and, "can't imagine doing anything else!"

Metro Retro, 269-9999, is open Wednesday thru Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **-Bea Slizewski**

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CHAP21 Fall General Membership Meeting, Thursday, October 25th at 1600 East Avenue from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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

Tom and Marianne Pastecki of 51 Calumet Street were our gracious hosts for a 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?



Beating the Heat at the Pastecki's CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Pool Party, August 12, 2007



61 Beverly Street, September, 2007



Jack and Bonnie Garner of 61 Beverly Street, September, 2007

House History: 61 Beverly Street

- 1911-1913 Mrs. Mary H Thomas, widow of William C Thomas (both previously of 339 Hudson Avenue)
Ms. Jennie L Smith (boarder)
Mr. Jarrod P Phillips (boarder)
-Elevator man
- 1913-1940 Mr. Clarence A Macy and wife Susan A Macy
-Superintendent of Morgan Machine Company at 1100 University Avenue, Vice Present as of 1926 (company later moved to 1230 University Avenue)
-Manager of Blur-Knott Carbon Company
- 1940-1941 Mrs. Susan A Macy, widow
-Manager of Blur-Knott Carbon Company
- 1941-1944 Mr. Douglas Willington and wife Alison Willington
-Controller
- 1944—1945 Mr. Westly M Keppel and wife Vola Westly
-District Manager of Colonial Beacon Oil Company at 20 Cairn Street
- 1945-1948 Mr. John A Angus and wife Eleanor Angus
-Technical Representative at 755 Ridge Road
- 1948-1973 Mr. Jack J Koren and wife Marcelle Koren
-Processing Machine Operator at Pan Tree Food Products; Sales Manager for Colonial Candy in 1962; Insurance Broker from 1960; General Agent for International Life of Buffalo as of 1972.
- 1973 to Present Mr. John C Garner and wife Bonnie Garner
-Editor and Movie Critic, Democrat and Chronicle

CHAP21 Needs You...New Board Members Wanted for 2008!!!

The Board of the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association is looking for several new members for 2008. Natalie Frame will be stepping down as Co-Chair, effective 1/1/08 and assuming the position of Treasurer, being vacated by Mark Ritter, effective 1/1/08. The vacated seat of Co-Chair will need to be filled as well.

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 (comprised of the 2 Co-Chairs, Secretary, and Treasurer) may also be required to perform various duties necessary to keep the neighborhood association running smoothly.

Our first Board Meeting for 2008 is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, January 13th.

If you are interested in joining the Board of the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association, please contact either John Rudy or Natalie Frame using the contact information on the last page of this newsletter.

You may also send email to Ro-chap21@yahoo.com or by communicating your interest to John and Natalie at our next general membership meeting.



Corner of Calumet and Harvard Streets,
site of the proposed Traffic Triangle



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 12th ward neighbors.

Calumet/Harvard Traffic Triangle Proposal Submitted to the Department of Environmental Services

Last year a group of CHAP21 neighbors began conversations with the Bureau of Architecture & Engineering regarding a proposal for a beautification and traffic calming feature at the intersection of Calumet and Harvard Streets. The intent of the "street garden" would be to make a safer pedestrian crossing at the wide end of Calumet Street, help calm/slow traffic and beautify the intersection with area for a garden.

Initial discussions led to City Engineers responding favorably to the proposal and undertaking activities to scope the concept to reconfigure the intersection. A CHAP21 board sub-committee was formed to continue the feasibility discussions. Residents in the immediate vicinity on Harvard and Calumet were canvassed for their opinions.

City engineers created several design

mock-ups and worked with other city agencies to complete all of the required city and state engineering, fire and traffic safety studies.

On July 25th the city hosted a public informational meeting at Tay House to present the proposed traffic triangle/street garden concept designs, field questions and concerns, and solicited feedback.

As an outcome of the meeting additional information was requested, including traffic data for Calumet and Harvard. This information and further discussion about the proposal will take place at the Chap 21 General Membership meeting on October 25th.

We hope to see you there and hear your thoughts.

-John Rudy, Co-Chair

Money, Money, Money...Money

The Board of CHAP21 would like to thank you for making 2007 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 Secretary, Annette Weidmann at adweidma@rochester.rr.com. Please take a moment to complete and return the membership form below to: Natalie Frame, 1023 Harvard Street, Rochester, NY 14610. **Deadline: 3/31/08!**

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 2008 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: _____

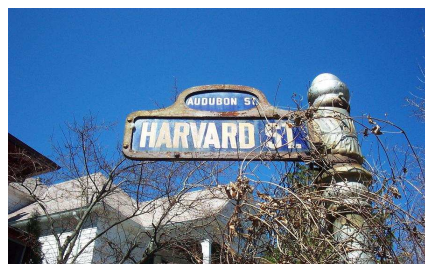
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From the Editor...

Neighbors and Friends -

First and foremost, I'd like to thank several people who made contributions to this quarter's newsletter. They are: Bea Slizewski, John, Rudy, Kevin Hamblin, and Todd Perkins.

In this issue of the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Fall Newsletter, you will find two additional items besides the standard articles and pictures. First, you will find our CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Survey. This is an amended version to the original one distributed at the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association picnic. Please take a moment to complete and return the survey so we can better understand and address your needs and concerns. Secondly, you will find a copy of the City of Rochester's, "Being a Good Neighbor" brochure. This time around, we thought that we'd share with you what the city has composed rather than try to capture it within the body of our newsletter.

I am hoping to continue with our tradition of doing house histories in the Spring/Fall newsletters and have some other ideas for articles pertaining to neighborhood safety, interests, and history. If you would like us to use your house for a house history, please let me know. It will mean that we'll be taking a picture of both you and your house. Also, if anyone would like to contribute articles to the newsletter or has any ideas or suggestions for content, please send them to me either by email or post.

Hope you enjoy this newsletter!

-Mark Ritter—Newsletter Editor

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