

## CHAP21

# Neighborhood Association Spring Newsletter

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**4.25.07** - General Membership Meeting 6:30PM **1600 East Avenue** 

**4.28.07** - Morris Park Cleanup 9-11AM

**5.19.07** and **5.20.07** - Neighborhood Yard Sale

6.03.07 - Board Meeting 4-6PM

**7.15.07** - Neighborhood Association Picnic

1023 Harvard (Frame Residence) 2-5PM

9.09.07 - Board Meeting 4-6PM

#### ROCHESTER CLEAN SWEEP

**5.19.07** SE Neighborhoods 9-12PM Meet at East High 8:30AM

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association mission:

"To foster a sense of community within our neighborhood through friendship, communication, and positive action."

## Gel Salon "Here to Stay" Says Owner

"People had been telling me for years to come to the Park Ave. area," reported James Carducci, owner of the Gel Salon at 1245 Park Ave, "but I was always concerned about too much competition in the area." Prior to moving to the Park and Colby building four years ago, Carducci's salon had been in the Temple Building, downtown. When the Temple Building began its transformation to loft apartments, facility management moved the business, then called Karrera, to the 13th floor.

Moving to the higher floor really wasn't good for business, Carducci noted. That's when he approached his realtor and started to look around. "I drove down Park Ave. between Alexander and Culver," he explained, "and counted 15 hair salons in those blocks," confirming his worries about competition.

"But when I continued on past Culver to the end of Park, there was only this one commercial space!"

Formerly occupied by a tailor, the tucked in space turned out to be perfect for the Gel Salon. Carducci completely remodeled the store, gave it a new name, and now has four others working in the shop, welcoming customers from the area and beyond. His 18-year career in hair styling began at Shear Ego and has included training in hair replacements as well.

Joining him in the shop are: Ruti Fico (who owned the first salon on Park Ave., Ruti Kazuti, for 25 years), Amy Brown, David Benhanou and Damani Majors.

When he first moved to the neighborhood, Carducci initially thought the neighbors were not very friendly. "But then I realized they just didn't know me." That changed quickly as he immersed himself in the neighborhood and folks now wave as they drive by or stop in to visit.

Carducci stresses that he's not just offering

a haircut to customers, but considers the salon a part of the community. "We're trying to create a safe, clean environment where everyone is welcome in our shop." As further evidence of their commitment to the area. James and his wife, Missy, recently bought the corner building. The Carduccis have four grown children, none



James Carducci who owns the Gel Salon at 1245 Park Ave., invites you to stop by any time

of whom have followed dad in the business but who have contributed their own special skills as needed.

Carducci is an active member of CHAP21 and enjoys reading the newsletter and learning all about neighborhood activities.

Next time you're passing by 1245 Park Ave., stop and step inside. Or you can call the Salon at 423-1800. You're always welcome, says James Carducci.

"We're your neighbor and we're here to stay!"

### **CHAP21 General Membership Meeting**

Our next general membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 25th, 2007 at 1600 East Avenue. Please note this is a new location. Parking is available at the rear of the building and the meeting room is accessible from both the front and rear lobby entrances. If you have an agenda item to add please send an email to rochap21@ yahoo.com or call Mark Ritter at 473-1127.

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#### **CHAP21 Trivia**

- 1. What does the acronym CHAP21 stand for?
- 2. When did the Erie Canal formally open?
- 3. When did it close and why?
- 4. What is the former name of Harvard Street?
- 5. What is the name of the original tract of land that included the CHAP-21 neighborhood?
- 6. In what year was our neighborhood annexed from the town of Brighton?
- 7. What is the mission of CHAP21?
- 8. When did CHAP21 become the official name of our neighborhood association?
- 9. Who are the current Co-chairs of the CHAP21 neighborhood association?
- 10. Who were the earliest settlers to populate the CHAP21 neighborhood?

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4. Irving Street around 1926.

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indicates the 21st district. (the boundaries of the association). "21"

1. Culver, Harvard, ABC Streets and Park

### Being a Good Neighbor Starts With You... It's Also The Law...

- 1.) Please remember that our outdoor activities affect our neighbors. Loud music and excessive noise (loud voices in early hours) in our neighborhood takes away from our quality of life and is in violation of the City Council's Noise Ordinance (Chapter 75 of the Municipal Code) which carries stiff monetary fines. Please be aware of your noise levels and be considerate of your neighbors. Many of our homes are very close in proximity. Noise of all kind travels and is greatly magnified in the evening. To be sure you are not adversely affecting your neighbors, if you or your friends are out after dark, talk quietly! Your celebration doesn't mean you should impose it on your neighbors!
- 2.) Leaving trash at the curb on any given day of the week reflects poorly on our neighborhood and lessens the curbside appeal of our homes. It is also against City Code (Chapter 20 of the Municipal Code). Littering and the throwing of cigarette butts also have the same effect and is also a ticket able offense. Garbage toters (garbage receptacles) should not be out more than one day before or after pick up day. City refuse pick up is Thursday morning. If your trash is out on the correct day and is not picked up, please call 428-5990 so a special pick up can be arranged.
- 3.) Our front yards reflect the pride we take in our homes. They are not extra parking spaces and should not be used as such (Rochester Zoning Code 120-163D) Additionally, parking less than 5 feet from a driveway is a parking violation and could result in a fine. Please show respect to your neighbors and their driveway boundaries. Our front yards, adjacent to our homes, are also not for use as public restrooms for pets. This is also a ticket able offense. If you are walking your dog, please be prepared to clean up after them. When it comes to our front yards, we need to exercise good taste: Our front yards are privately owned, but publicly enjoyed.
- 4.) Upholstered couches and chairs used as porch furniture may be comfortable but are not appropriate. They were not made for outside use and are not resistant to rain and snow. Consequently, they may get wet and mildewed or infested with rodents. (Rochester Zoning Code 120-175.)
- 5.) Grilling on porches is a serious fire hazard and in some cases is not allowed by Rochester Uniform fire Prevention Code. (19NYCRR 225.1) Grill in your backyard and away from structures whenever possible.

We've chosen this area of the city because we liked the neighborhood. Let's all work together to keep it as vibrant and exciting as it is now...

Special Thanks to Skye Bird. Bea Slizewski, John Rudy, Mark Ritter and Kevin Hamblin for helping to put this newsletter together. Thanks members - A portion of membership dollars are used for this newsletter to communicate to the entire neighborhood! Page 3 • April 2007 • Volume 6, Issue 1 www.rochap21.org

### **CHAP21 Warms up a cold Winter's Day**

There was a chill in the winter air, but the greetings at the second annual CHAP21 Progressive Dinner party were warm and friendly. From the enthusiastic welcomes as we stepped through each front door to the last goodbye when we departed, there was little doubt that the event nourished community feelings along with its residents. Over 25 members of CHAP21 association gathered on Saturday, January 27, 2007 to sample "Tex-Mex" specialties at three local residences. Neighborhood events such as this offer the chance to do more than just wave at the neighbors across the street or talk about the weather. With a hot dish and maybe a sombrero, you'd be surprised how quickly you can get to know your neighbors.

This year's event evening began at the home of Skye and Terry Bird on Park Avenue as a trio of guests brought delicious appetizers to get the evening started. As the assembled group piled on the chipotle chicken and chili pie (a big hit with the crowd), the conversation veered from the



The Three Caballeros pictured (left to right): Henry Taubenfeld, Mark Ritter and Al Majors

happenings on Audubon to Zagorka pilsner for the upcoming beer-tasting party in March. Our progressive diners soon headed off for the entrée course, courtesy of Jodi and Henry Taubenfeld of Harvard Street. We were all impressed with their chicken enchilada and the accompanying side dishes and delighted that there was enough to take home seconds. The last stop on our Tex-Mex tour of the neighborhood was the home of Todd Perkins and Mark Ritter who graciously hosted the dessert

party. Guests enjoyed everything from the pineapple upside-down cake, a pound cake with fruit, a cinnamon streusel bundt cake flan, and an extraordinary strawberry pie. (A number of us are still waiting on that recipe.)

Once again this movable feast was a great way to keep in touch with our neighbors. Everyone loves the theme, we don't have to spend a lot of money, no one needs to drive home because most people can walk, and we have a good time. Sally Majors of Harvard Street said "it was a difficult task to leave each home. The hosts were so wonderful and the conversation was as delicious as the food!" The Progressive Dinner party is just one of many neighborhood events to help you get to know your neighbors better - and if food's involved, even better. These local events also serve to define our neighborhood to the larger community, as well as promote internal solidarity. If you didn't make this event, stay tuned – we have many more planned throughout the year.

### **House History: 57 Calumet Street**



57/59 Calumet - Spring of 1999. New 2nd floor railing, but prior to new roof, new cedar shake and paint which was completed in 2002

According to city records 57 Calumet was constructed from 1907 to 1908. In 1908 Dr. and Mrs. Burt B. Clark (wife Julia) buy 57 Calumet Street. Dr. Clark was an optometrist, and president of Clark & Bestor Company located at 5 Triangle Square. From 1915 to 1916 Miss Florence Zinsmeister is recorded as residing in the house as well, during the Clark's ownership. The Clark's have a daughter in

1917-1918. In 1918 Dr. Clark becomes president of Klatorik Optical Company located at 27 East Avenue.

In 1919 Mr. & Mrs. Raymond G. Dann (wife Mary G.) buy 59 Calumet. Mr. Dann is an assistant cashier at Merchants Bank. (The Clark family relocates to 253 Alexander Street)

In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Given (wife Beatrice) buy 57 Calumet. Mr. H.H. Given is the proprietor of Givens, a women's apparel store located at 57 East Avenue. Harold H. Given, son, is a department manager. Another son, Gabriel Given, is a student. In 1931 Mr Given becomes the president of International Germicide Company located at 236 N. Water Street. 1934 Mr. Gabriel Given is listed as an employee of Mayfair Cleaners & Dyers located at 334 Monroe Avenue. 1938 Mr. Gabriel Given becomes manager of Given's dept store and opens one in Canandaigua. In 1941 Mr H.H.Given (Sr) passes away. In 1943 Mrs. Beatrice Given sells the

house and moves in with her son, Gabriel, and daughter-in-law, Aida at 26 1/2 Strathallen Park.

In 1943 Mrs. Mary E. Flaherty buys 57 Calumet Street. She is the widow of William E. Flaherty.Mrs. Flaherty has 3 daughters: Eleanor (secretary), Doris (student), Mary D. (secretary).

In 1945, 57 Calumet becomes a two-family house (#57 & #59) Don't know who bought the house then. Mr. Carl Waterbury resides at 57. Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Duryea (wife Doris F.) reside at 59; occupation - an assembler.

From 1947 to 1973 various tenants occupy the dwelling. In 1973 Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Gallina (wife Marilyn) reside at 57. Mr. & Mrs. William M. Long (wife Mary E.) reside at 59; occupation - employee of Family Services of Rochester.

In Oct 1998, Mr. Kevin Hamblin & Christine Lanpher purchase the house from Fred and Marilyn Gallina.



Kevin and Christine Hamblin own two CHAP21 homes. "We just love the neighborhood and neighbors!"

Mr. & Mrs. Kevin (wife Christine) Hamblin marry in 2003. They purchase 716 Harvard St in November of that year. The Hamblins take residence at 716 Harvard in May of 2004. Kevin is an Information Architect at Xerox and Christine is an Orthopedic PA. They hope to one day convert Calumet back to a single family home.

### 2007 CHAP21 Membership... You can make a difference

Your CHAP21 members would like to thank you for making 2006 such a great one for our neighborhood. The several events we held were very successful and our membership has slowly increased over the years. 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. Almost all of this cost goes into the newsletter and neighborhood activities. If you are an existing member and need to update any of your membership information, please email Mark Ritter at ROCHAP21@yahoo.com. Please take a moment to complete and return the membership form below to:

Mark Ritter, 985 Harvard Street, Rochester, NY14610. Deadline: 4/31/07!

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 2006 Membership Form

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Delivering Newsletters \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **CHAP21 2007 Board Members**

We are pleased to announce our CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Board Members for 2007. We currently have two Co-chairs; Natalie Frame - 1023 Harvard & John Rudy - 63 Calumet, Treasurer; Mark Ritter - 985 Harvard and Secretary; Annette Weidmann - 1070 Harvard. We also have 11 Board Members, who include: Skye Bird - 1049 Park, Teri Chall - 987 Harvard, Karl Frame - 1023 Harvard, Kevin Hamblin - 716 Harvard, Tom Hasman - 763 Harvard, George & Lorrie Lorson - 23 Colby, Sally Majors - 1029 Harvard Tom Pastecki - 51 Calumet, Todd Perkins - 985 Harvard and Brian Sears - 39 Calumet.

If you would like to contact any one of us, please email us at: Rochap21@yahoo.com. We look forward to serving you!

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