



CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Holiday Newsletter

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2 For those of you who were unable to attend our last CHAP21 General Membership meeting October 26th, you may not be aware that I once again made public my intention to vacate the position of CHAP21 Co-Chair, effective 1/1/07. I am hoping to remain on the board of CHAP21 in the capacity of Treasurer.

3 Prior to this public announcement, I had communicated my intent to the CHAP21 Board in mid-September. Emails were distributed to request that potential candidates make themselves known and available for the election process for our CHAP21 general membership meeting.

4 At the October 26th meeting, with only one candidate running un-opposed and no votes against him, John Rudy of 63 Calumet Street was elected to the position of CHAP21 Co-Chair, effective 1/1/07. John has served on the CHAP21 Board for over a year and has been an asset to our neighborhood in a variety of ways. He has participated in our Morris Park Spring Clean Up, attended our monthly PCIC

meetings, worked on implementing and amending our CHAP21 By-Laws, and has hosted neighborhood events at his home.

Both Natalie Frame and I will be working with John over the next few weeks as he gets acclimated to his new position.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for supporting me over the last several years. I am hoping that you will provide John Rudy with the same level of support you have afforded me.

Finally, I would also like to remind everyone that your continued support and participation is essential for keeping the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association as active and vibrant as it is today! ***If you are interested in serving in the board in 2007, please make every attempt possible to attend our next CHAP21 Board Meeting on Sunday, January 21st at 2:00 p.m. at the home of John Rudy at 63 Calumet Street.***

See you on the Street! -Mark Ritter

Forth Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Holiday Caroling Party: Small Numbers, Loud Voices!

Camille Aidaila and Jorge Perez of 1035 Park Avenue hosted our 4th annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Caroling Party on Friday, December 15th. Approximately 10 of us wandered the streets singing for anyone who would listen. While we were smaller in number and without our infamous leader Lee Wright, we were large in spirit! We arrived at Camille and Jorge's home around 7:15 p.m. to find not only our gracious hosts and supportive neighbors waiting for us, but we were also treated to some well-earned nourishment including coffee, soda, wine, beer and a variety of delicious foods both hot and cold. The Board of CHAP21 would like to extend a heart-felt thank you to Jorge and Camille for hosting a spectacular party!

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That was then...life at the corner of Calumet/Harvard Streets winter, mid-1920's.



This is now...life at the corner of Calumet/Harvard Streets spring, 2005.

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.

Crime Prevention—It All Begins With You!

With the holidays upon us, this can lead to an increase in crime. A significant number of burglaries in our neighborhood are crimes of opportunity. Many people leave home, garage and car windows and doors open and/or unlocked. Always 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! Better to be**

safe than sorry. This includes bottle/can collectors!

As of January 1, 2004 we have begun a CHAP21 Neighborhood Nuisance/Crime Log. It has already begun to pay off. If you have been either the victim of or witness to a crime in our neighborhood and the Rochester Police Department has been notified, please contact us with the following information: time, date, and explanation of the problem; if the police responded; the name of

the officer(s) and if a ticket was issued or an arrest made. This report is sent to our NET office each week when new entries are received. Recently, it has come to our attention that there have been incidences on Harvard Street and Park Avenue between Culver Road and Colby Street. Unfortunately, these occurrences were not reported to us. If we are not aware of issues, we can do little to address them! Preventing crime in our neighborhood begins with you!

CHAP21 Upcoming Events— Mark Your Calenders!

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

- CHAP21 Quarterly Board Meeting, Sunday January 21st at 63 Calumet Street from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- Progressive Dinner Party, Saturday January 27th beginning at 4:00 p.m. Locations: TBA

- Rochester Pub Crawl Saturday, February 3rd from 12:00 p.m. to end. Starting point, Jeremiah's Tavern, 1104 Monroe Avenue. **Website: rochesterpubcrawl.com.**
- CHAP21 Bake Off, date TBD, at 929 Harvard Street. Time: TBD
- CHAP21 Beer Tasting, Saturday, March 24th at 763 Harvard Street, Time: TBD
- **All dates and events are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on our website at www.rockap21.org.**

CHAP21 Wine Tasting Fundraiser Held at Winesense!



Our first CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Wine Tasting Fundraiser was held at Winesense on Park Avenue on a cool but sunny Saturday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. The event, chaired by Tom Hasman and Todd Perkins was not the runaway success we had hoped for but was a profitable one non the less. Those who attended were treated to a tasting of 6 wines and a variety of munchies, in-

cluding specialty cheeses personally chosen by Kristen, the proprietor of both Winesense and The Cheese Shop next door. Approximately, \$140 was collected from those who attended. Thank you to both Todd and Tom for putting together such a wonderful event. We can't wait to see what you've got planned next!



How Safe is Your Family in the Event of a House Fire?

In Rochester, it seems like every year around the holidays we read about families who lose their homes and in some cases their lives in house fires. One of my co-workers who is a volunteer firefighter and took the opportunity to share with me a few basic safety items I'd like to pass on to you:

- ✓ Please check that you have at least one smoke alarm in your house and that it works. Smoke alarms cost less than \$10. Folks should have one on each floor. If you only have one, it should be installed on the floor where your family sleeps.
- ✓ When was the last time you changed the batteries? You should do this at least once a year.
- ✓ If the smoke alarm is more

than 5 years old, purchase another one.

- ✓ If you have children, you should test the alarm with them present. Show them what it sounds like and instruct them on what to do if they ever hear that noise.
- ✓ You should also plan for 2 escape routes from your house. This emergency plan should be practiced more than once so your children will know exactly what to do in case of an emergency. Do your children know where to meet outside the house in case they get separated from you?
- ✓ Carbon Monoxide alarms are just as important as smoke alarms and every house should have at least two. These alarms cost between \$15 and \$30 but are good for up to 10 years. - *Mark Ritter*



An Update on Harvey—This is the last known picture we have of Harvey (named for the street for which he seems to reside on) our neighborhood deer. He was last spotted about 6 weeks ago, eating apples off the trees at Cobbs Hill Park. If anyone has had any contact with Harvey or has an updated picture to share, please send it to Rochap21@yahoo.com.

Money Money Money...Money

Natalie Frame and Mark Ritter 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 since Natalie and Mark became Co-Chairs 6 years ago. 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 fee has just increased for the first time since 1986! If you are an existing member and need to update any of your membership information, please email Annette Weidman at Adweidma@rochester.rr.com. Please take a moment to complete and return the membership form below to: Mark Ritter at 985 Harvard Street, Rochester, NY 14610. *Deadline: 2/28/07!*

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 2007 Membership Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

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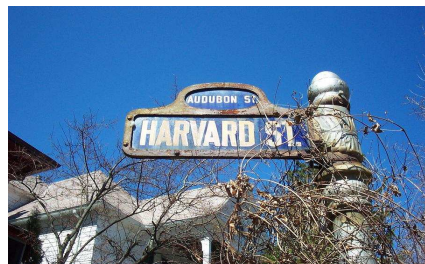
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The above-statement has been our mantra since Natalie Frame and I took over as Co-Chairs of the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association back in 2001. Again, I would like to remind everyone that since then, we've come along way.

- Our membership has grown considerably over the last few years from approximately 25 households to almost 100 households.
- Our quality of life has improved by our diligent efforts to ensure that all residents adhere to City Ordinances whenever possible.
- We've worked with city government to amend city ordinances, that while well-intentioned, were not providing us with the results we desired.
- We've held a number of neighborhood events, such as our annual picnic and caroling parties which are have helped to foster friendships and communication.
- We've been fortunate to be able to publish and distribute quarterly newsletters providing both important news and fun information.
- We've launched our very own neighborhood website.

It truly takes a village to raise a neighborhood. I would personally like to thank all of those who helped to make all of the above-accomplishments possible. Without you, the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association would not be as strong and as vibrant as it is today. The last 6 years have been great. Here's looking forward to many more years of fun, friendship, growth, and positive action.

-Mark Ritter/CHAP21 Co-Chair

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