



# CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Fall 2006 Newsletter

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## CHAP21 Neighborhood Association—Where Neighbors Stand Up for Neighbors!

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On two nights in August, acts of vandalism occurred at 985 Harvard Street, the home of Mark Ritter and Todd Perkins. The second incident on August 17<sup>th</sup> required the fire department to come and extinguish a fire set in their trash totter. All that was left of the totter was a few pieces of roasted plastic. And while it's not completely clear whether these incidents were a hate crime or malicious harassment it is clear that these crimes are not acceptable and won't be tolerated in our neighborhood. Sadly their have been additional incidents. Most recently nails and debris left in the Mark and Todd's driveway have caused several flat tires.

However there has been some noteworthy positive outcomes in spite of these events. Following the first two incidents, in a series of spirited emails on the Chap 21 email distribution list, numerous neighbors first expressed their outrage and their support for Mark and Todd, pledging money to be used as a reward to help apprehend and charge the individuals responsible for these crimes. Over \$500 has been collected to be put towards a reward. An emergency neighborhood meeting was called after the second incident with

neighbors again expressing support for Mark and Todd and brainstorming ways to work together to address future quality of life issues. A number of neighbors have begun displaying rainbow flags in front of their house as a statement of solidarity.

This response was certainly a testament to many neighbors' friendship with Mark and Todd and reflects appreciation for their continued willingness to help others address issues with noise or crime. But it should also be comforting news to all of us living within Chap 21. It showed that that our 'hood won't tolerate hateful behavior and neighbors will swiftly rally to aid of others if any of us are subjected to harassment, acts of vandalism or activity that affects our quality of life. This is just one more reason why many of us are really glad to be part of the Chap 21 neighborhood.

No one has yet been charged in any these incidents although there have been several leads. A \$500 reward is still being offered by Friends and Neighbors of Chap 21. Anyone with information about these incidents should contact the police at 311 or 911. Questions can be directed to the Net office at 428-7640. *-John Rudy*

“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, 2006 General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25th at School #1 (across the ped bridge) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please plan on attending this meeting. We will be requesting and accepting nominations for the position of CHAP21 Co-Chair that will be vacated by Mark Ritter, effective 1/31/06! We are also looking for board members to serve on the board for 2007! If you're interested, please let us know!**



*Damian, Ambrose, and Annette Weidmann of 1070 Harvard Street, Cape Cod September, 2006.*



*Home of Damian, Annette, and Ambrose Weidmann circa 2006*

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.

## House History of 1070 Harvard Street

1914 – Erected a frame dwelling

1915 - Erected frame garage – single

Mr. & Mrs. Alfred J. Newton

1915 – Foreman at Eastman Kodak, 343 State Street

(wife – Louise Elizabeth Watts)

1919 – Mr. Newton promoted to Superintendent Engraving Department at Kodak

1926 – Newton's involved in the following clubs:

Auto Club, Corner Club, Chamber of Commerce, City Club, Rochester Advertising Club,

Memorial Art Gallery, Monroe Golf Club & American Chemical – Rochester Section

1929 – Remove front porch and replace with bay window and fireplace added, addition to garage – 2 car

1930 – Mr. Alfred Newton married Frances C.

1931 – September 17, 1931: Mr. Newton dies  
Frances (widowed) moves to 130 Plymouth Ave. S.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold A. Thorne

1933 – Teacher

(wife – Sylvia M.)

Mr. & Mrs. John M. Biggs

1935 – formerly at 16 Sibley Place

Sales Agent at Pittsburgh Coat Consolidation Co., 183 Main Street

(wife – Beatrice R. S.)

1948 – Telephone added to 1070 Harvard Street

1966 – Mr. John M. Biggs

Sales Representative at Walter E. Heller & Co.

1970 – Mrs. Beatrice Biggs widowed

Mr. John B. Biggs

1997 (est.) – (son of John & Beatrice)

Mr. & Mrs. Damian J. Weidmann

November 8, 2002

**The Weidman's are only the 4<sup>th</sup> owners (if you count the Biggs as 1) since 1914.**





## Fifth Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic—Another Hot One!

Our fifth Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Summer Picnic was held at the home of Karl and Natalie Frame at 1023 Harvard Street on Sunday, July 16th. Once again, neighbors and friends were treated to a wide variety of tasty foods and liquid refreshments in addition to the standard hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and soft drinks. Even though the mercury in the thermometer soared above the 90 degree mark for the third consecutive

year, the approximately 60 folks in attendance, including our Rochester Police Department Net Lieutenant Frank Churnetski, made the best of it. Both children and adults alike took advantage of little Ambrose Weidmann's kiddy pool to cool off! A good time was had by all. A sincere thank you to Wegman's for their generous monetary donation! Again the Board of CHAP21 would like to thank both Natalie and Karl Frame for hosting such a wonderful event!

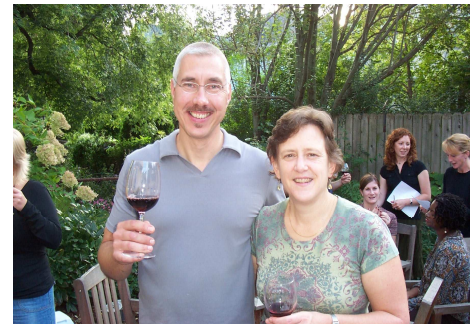


*Friends and Neighbors escape the heat during the 5th Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic.*

## CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Wine Tasting Event—A Tale of Wines, Treachery, and Deceit!

John Rudy and Becky Simmons of Calumet Street hosted a wine tasting at their home on Saturday, September 16th. Even with dark clouds looming over the neighborhood at the start, the afternoon event was attended by approximately 40 people who were treated to a plethora of munchies and a sampling of great red wines from the Columbia Valley of Washington State. Attendees were asked to sample wine and attempt to identify the different varieties (Merlot, Penot Noir, etc) of red wines being served. A prize was

offered to the lucky winner who guessed most of the wine varieties correctly. It was only when the results were revealed that one lucky winner, Todd Perkins, was on to our hosts trickery—all the wines were of the same variety—Merlot! After we recovered from our shock and dismay, a great meal was served and some folks stayed around for more wine and conversation until the wee hours of the morning. The CHAP board would like to extend a hearty thanks to John and Becky for hosting such an enjoyable event. Be warned—we won't be tricked again!



*Our "evil" hosts—John Rudy and Becky Simmons of Calumet Street September, 2006*

## CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Camp Night—An Autumn Evening Event Filled with Food and Fun

Damian and Annette Weidmann of 1070 Harvard Street Hosted our first-ever camp night in their backyard on Saturday, October 7th. Approximately 20 men, women, and children visited "Weidmann Forest" for an evening filled with delicious foods, a variety of beverages hot and cold, and a cozy fire to keep those who attended, warm and toasty. Friends and neighbors were later treated to hot-off-the-fire

smares! Luckily though often threatened, no one in attendance attempted to sing campfire songs or tell ghost stories. Several people considered pitching tents in "Weidmann Forest" but later abandoned the idea after it was revealed that breakfast was not included in the overall camping package! The CHAP21 Board would like to thank Annette, Damian, and Ambrose Weidmann for a wonderful evening!

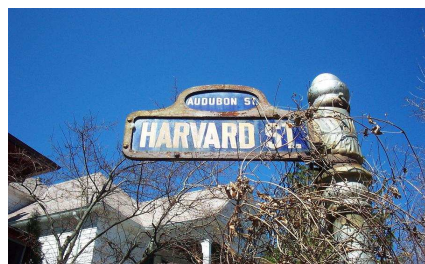


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**CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Upcoming Events—Mark your Calendars!**

- CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Wine Tasting Fundraiser at Wine Sense, 749 Park Avenue on Saturday, November 4th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- SEAC City Nights at the Academy of Medicine, 1441 East Avenue, Friday December 8th from 6:00 p.m. For more information go to [www.myseac.org](http://www.myseac.org).
- RGMC Annual Holiday Concert, Friday, and Saturday, December 8th and 9th at the Hochstein Music Hall at 8:00 p.m. For more information, go to [www.thergmc.org](http://www.thergmc.org).
- CHAP21 Annual Caroling Party Friday at the home of Camille Aidala and Jorge Galetto on Friday, December 15th at 1035 Park Avenue from 7:00 p.m. to END.

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 by email: [adweidma@rochester.rr.com](mailto:adweidma@rochester.rr.com).

*All dates and events are subject to change. Any changes will be posted on our website at [www.rochap21.org](http://www.rochap21.org).*

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