



# CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Summer Newsletter

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2 Our third annual Morris Park Clean Up Event was held on a warm and Sunny Saturday, April 29th. Approximately a dozen CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Members took to the park, armed with a variety of garden tools for some serious work. In between spirited conversations, we raked, weeded, trimmed, pruned, edged, swept, and picked up debris to fill over a dozen large black 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 Weidmann, Todd Perkins, John Perelli, Kevin Hamblin, Phyllis Colliers, Mark Ritter and Natalie and Karl Frame all of Harvard Street; and Ed Haak of Beverly Street, and John Rudy of Calumet Street.

After our work was completed, we were treated to an unplanned “coffee hour” at

the home of Kevin and Christine Hamblin where many of us talked about our houses, exchanging ideas pertaining to painting, restoration, and remodeling. What a productive morning! A hardy thanks goes out to Natalie Frame for organizing this event!



*The clean up crew—pictured from left to right: Annette Weidmann, Todd Perkins, John Perelli, Kevin Hamblin, Phyllis Colliers, Natalie Frame, Karl Frame, Ed Haak, and John Rudy.*

## Special points of interest:

- CHAP21 Picnic—Right Around the Corner!
- CHAP21 Neighborhood Residents Participate in Project “Clean Sweep”
- Crime Prevention Tips
- New Advertisements

## Fifth Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic—Food, Fun, and Hopefully—Sun!

Our Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Picnic will be held Sunday, July 16th, 2006 at the home of Karl and Natalie Frame at 1023 Harvard Street. Come have some fun with your neighbors! Hots, Burgers, Salads, and Drinks. Please RSVP by July 8th and kindly let Natalie and Karl know if you’re planning on bringing a dish to pass.



*Karl Frame, Andy Baisch and Skye Bird and their large heap of trash.*



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

## CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Participates in Project Clean Sweep—Bring on the White Glove Test!

On Monday, May 15th, eight CHAP21 neighbors got together to participate in the city sponsored, "Clean Sweep " program. In a steady drizzle, the hardy volunteers, Skye Bird, Lorrie and George Lorson, John Perelli, Mitchell Nellis, Andy Baisch, Karl and Natalie Frame took to the streets - tools in hand - and picked up litter, leaves (still at the curb from last fall) and junk! We collected a total of 28 bright orange trash

bags ! The good news is that the majority of the neighborhood is in great shape and there are just a few problem areas.

Many thanks go to Pete Saxe, NET Area D Administrator for making our "clean sweep" happen ahead of the City's schedule. We also want to thank Charlie Petersen, Neighborhood Conservation Officer for providing and delivering T-shirts, litter pick up tools, shovels, rakes, trash bags

and arranging for trash collection. And a huge "thank you" goes to the volunteers who came out on a rainy spring evening to make the neighborhood just a little nicer place to be.



*John Perelli and Mitchell Nellis taking a much deserved break during Project Clean Sweep*

## Crime Prevention—It All Begins With You!

As the thermometer rises, so does 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. 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**

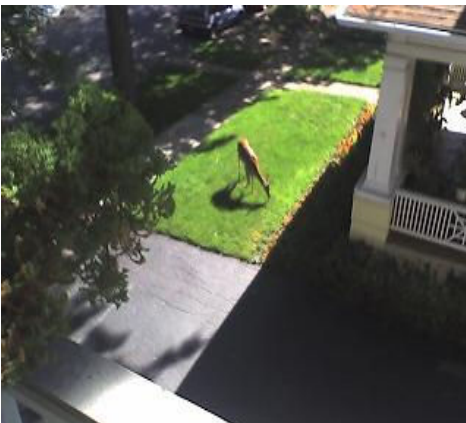
**fear it will turn out to be nothing. If you see something that doesn't look quite right, call it in to 911. If you're wrong, no harm done, but if you're right, you might just stop a crime!**

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

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*Yes, Dear...Its Really a Deer!*

## Our Newest Neighborhood Resident!



There's no need to adjust your glasses or the settings on your computer—The picture to your left is really a deer as seen from Paul Schumacher's upstairs front porch grazing on Chris Leheldt's front yard. After a couple of month's worth of alleged deer sightings, we finally have proof that Bambi's daddy is alive and well here on Harvard Street! The strapping young buck was first sighted in front of Al and Sally Major's home on Harvard Street last May while the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle was doing an article

about our neighborhood for their on-going feature "The Street Where They Live". Apparently, the buck liked it here so much, he hasn't left. Maybe he read the article. While he may be intimidating, he's harmless as long as he is left alone. It is definitely suggested that we not feed him so that he will eventually move on. Let's all hope that he does just that before hunting season starts in November or Todd Perkins our resident deer hunter will be after him! Todd is already looking at his cookbook, "101 Ways to Cook Venison".

## Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Yard Sale—Who Needs Macy’s???

Our Fifth Annual CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Yard Sale was held on Saturday May 20th and Sunday, May 21st. Coordinated this year by Tom and Marianne Pastecki of Calumet Street, the sale was a great success with neighbors new and old despite the wet, gloomy weather. This year saw yard sales held by 14 households and featured two hidden treasure sales which helped to bring in more traffic. Two of the most exciting things to

come out of this year’s yard sale were the recruitment of some new CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Members and the unexpected visit from a number of prior neighborhood residents! The bar has definitely been raised on this event. Next year, we’re hoping to increase participation to at least 20 households and there’s even been talk of opening our own “CHAP21 Lemonade Stand!” Remember, its never too early to start cleaning out that cluttered attic!!!



*This little gem shown above was for sale, but didn’t sell on the first day*

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

- CHAP21 Quarterly Board Meeting, Sunday

September 10th at 985 Harvard Street from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

- Wine Tasting, Saturday September 16th at 63 Calumet Street 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Camp Night, Saturday, October 7th at 1070 Harvard Street from 6:30 to

10 p.m.

- CHAP21 Fall General Membership Meeting, October 25th at School #1 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

*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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## CHAP21 Neighborhood Featured in Democrat & Chronicle’s On-Going Series “The Street Where They Live”

Our very own CHAP21 Neighborhood was featured in the Monday May 1st edition of the Democrat and Chronicle’s on-going series of articles, “The Street Where They Live”. A small group of residents including Bea Slizewski, Annette Weidman, Phyllis Collier, Sally Majors, and Mark Ritter walked the streets on a rainy April afternoon to talk about our neighborhood, its strengths, its weaknesses, its struggles, and the glue that keeps us

all together. Bea Slizewski’s quote in the article says it all, “It’s just a great city neighborhood. It’s the best of what the city has to offer.”

*You can find all installments of the D&C’s Monday Neighborhood Series, “The Street Where They Live,” and accompanying video essays from WHAM-TV Channel 13 at: [www.DemocratandChronicle.com](http://www.DemocratandChronicle.com).*



*Girard Street looking north towards Park Avenue, Spring, 2006*



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*"The mission of the CHAP 21 Neighborhood Association is...To foster a sense of community within our neighborhood through friendship, communication and positive action".*

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. Since that time, 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 another 6 years of fun, friendship, growth, and positive action.

*-Mark Ritter/CHAP21 Co-Chair*

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