

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Holiday Newsletter

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NOISE ORDINANCE REVISITED

On September 22, an amended noise ordinance went into effect in the City. In addition to amplified noise, excessive noise made by shouting or loud talking has been outlawed. The noise ordinance covers sound emanating from both premises and vehicles. The new law can be found in Section 75-4 of the Municipal Code.

I. It shall be a violation ... if noise emanating from any source, including...voices or other sounds ... emitted by humans is:

1. Audible beyond the property line of the premises from which it emanates between the hours of 10 pm and 8 am.
2. Audible at a distance of 50' beyond the property line of the premises from which it emanates between the hours of 8 am and 10 pm.
3. Audible at a distance of 50' from the source if emanating from a public street,

public park or other public place.

II. What does NOT apply under the new law?

Noise from festivals, parades, block parties and other special events where a permit has been obtained from the Office of Special Events. Organs, bells, or chimes from any church, synagogue, temple or mosque.

Athletic events held on athletic fields, stadiums or public places in the City.

Lawn mowers, trimmers, leaf blowers, chain saws, tillers, mulchers, chippers between the hours of 8 am and sunset. Air conditioners, snow blowers, snowplows, emergency generators, and manufacturing operations.

III. No person shall use a radio, TV, stereo, compact disc player, musical instrument or other machine for amplification of sound with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing

for the person(s) who are the voluntary listeners.

This law will be enforced by the Rochester Police and the NET Administrators.

If someone is breaking this law, call 911 to report the infraction. If the police respond and the noise has stopped, you may still ask the police to write a deposition against the offending party.

*~Written By
Joan Lindberg
Lilac Neighbors*

CHAP21 WINTER/HOLIDAY TIMELINE

- 12/2/05—SEAC City Nights Benefit
- 12/16/05—CHAP21 Annual Caroling Party
- 12/25/05—Conclusion of the CHAP21 Holiday House Decorating Contest
- 1/28/06—CHAP21 Progressive Dinner Party

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Third Annual CHAP21 Caroling Party – We’re Here, We’re Loud, Get Used To It!

David and Irene Burnet will once again be hosting our CHAP21 Neighborhood Caroling Party on Friday, December 16th. All participants should plan on arriving at 929 Harvard Street by 7:00 p.m. Led by Irene, Todd Perkins,

and Lee Wright, we will be caroling for approximately 1 hour before returning to 929 Harvard for some well-earned nourishment, including hot mulled cider, coffee, soda, wine and beer, and munchies. If you plan on participating,

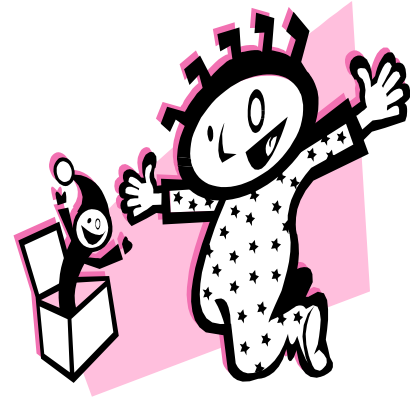
please dress warmly and bring a beverage or snack to share. Questions regarding the event or RSVP’s can be sent to the Burnets at: dburnet@ptc.com. You may also call the Burnets at (585) 271-1302.

**Advertising Policy for CHAP21 Newsletter Established –
Better Than Advertising in the New York Times!**

Our Policy for advertising remains unchanged for 2006. Residents who own their own business or businesses residing in our neighborhood need only pay their annual membership dues. Ads will appear in all newsletters for the calendar year. For those businesses residing outside of our neighborhood who wish to advertise with us, the cost will be \$25 for the calendar year. Again, ads will appear in all newsletters. Our regular newsletters reach approximately 100 subscribers. Our annual

spring and fall newsletters, distributed to the entire neighborhood, reach approximately 800 households. Ad size is limited to that of business card proportions. Whenever possible, an actual business card is preferred if the color/font content can be successfully scanned into the newsletter. If you would like to place an add for 2006, please contact Mark Ritter at (585)473-1127 or send an email with a scanned business card to:

ROCHAP21@yahoo.com



Please Visit Our Neighborhood Website at:
www.angelfire.com/ny5/rochap21!!!

CHAP21 Newsletter...Good bye Paper....Hello Plastic.....

In an effort to defray operating costs and to be more environmentally friendly, the mass distribution of our CHAP21 Neighborhood Newsletter in paper format, was limited to two newsletters for 2005. Only spring and fall newsletters were distributed via paper. We will continue this process for 2006. Only a paper version of our spring and fall newsletters will be distributed to all

households. Four electronic newsletters (Spring, Summer, Fall, and Holiday) will be sent to all members who have a working email address. If you do not have access to email and would like to receive newsletters, please contact Mark Ritter at (585) 473-1127 and provide your name, address, and phone number. Your information will not be used for solicitations or shared with

anyone outside of the neighborhood without approval. *We would prefer that all recipients of any electronic correspondence be paid/registered members of CHAP21.*



CHAP21 NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION 2006 MEMBERSHIP DUES

CHAP21 Membership Dues...Time to Crack Open the Piggy Bank...

Once again its time to start collecting membership dues for 2006! As stated in the fall 2005 newsletter, our 2006 membership campaign has begun. Membership dues for 2006 are once again just

\$5.00. Our membership cycle runs from January thru December of each year. If you plan on renewing your membership please send your check/money order using the attached form on the back of this newsletter.

The deadline for this year's membership dues is 3/31/06! To avoid having

your membership terminated, please send in your dues in as quickly as possible!

CHAP 21 Neighborhood History—Did you Know in...

1830—Culver Road is laid out.

1852—Park Avenue is laid out.

Park Avenue began in the late 1860's as three separate streets, which explains its erratic course. Park Avenue ran from Alexander to Goodman. Crescent Street, part of the original driving park, ran between Vick Park A and B. Bates Street, named for an early East Avenue resident, ran from Barrington toward Culver Road. By 1875 the three were joined and shortly thereafter the street was re-named Park Avenue.

1865—James Vick purchased the Union Park property from Joseph Hall in 1866. Along with the track the purchase included Hall's nurseries. Vick was very successful with his seed farm, but eventually he broke the property into small parcels and sold it for housing. Vick Park A and B were the north-south legs of the track, and the curved section of Park Avenue that connects them (originally Crescent Street) is the southern end of the old race track.

1870—Harvard Street, although named for a developer's brother-in-law not the college, started the adoption of college names for streets in the area. Harvard Street began at Meigs Street in the early 1870's and was gradually extended eastward to Culver Road by 1900.

1874—City annexes the land east to Culver Road.

1883—Horsecar lines expanded down Park Avenue.

1905—Village of Brighton is annexed in 1905 to become part of the City of Rochester. Twenty-first (21st) Ward formed; population 1147; 1910 population 1582.

1906—The Oliver Culver house is moved from the corner of Culver and East Avenue to East Boulevard by Howard Smith.

Eldredge house is moved to Park Avenue as a private school for girls, and the empty lot across from the Chapin House is rebuilt as the Willow Pond.

1910—Harvard Street developed from Culver Road as far as 873/902 Harvard Street.

1911/1912—Harvard Street developed from 873/902 Harvard Street to 992/1023 Harvard Street.

1913/1914—Harvard Street developed from 992/1023 Harvard Street to 1054/1035 Harvard Street.

1915/1916—Harvard Street developed from 1054/1035 Harvard Street to 1063/1092 Harvard Street.

1920's—Noise and congestion of auto traffic destroy the genteel ambiance of East Avenue. Wealthy residents leave for quieter suburbs to the south and east.

1921—Erie Canal abandoned and later drained in 1926.

1927—Rochester Subway System is completed 12/1/27.

1943—East Avenue Association forms to fight the downslide of the area. Zoning changed from D-1 Residential to F-Residential, and a section 260 feet deep on each side of the Avenue from Alexander to Oxford and wider strip from there to Colby became F-Residential. This area was to have single family residences only. Public institutions and churches were allowed. The city offered to take the unwanted properties and convert them into parks

1945—Zoning variances allow restraints, and rooming houses. Additional cars overwhelm limited spaces available.

1949—State agrees to the construction of an expressway from the new State Thruway into the city along the old subway and canal bed. City planners now drop the idea of East Avenue's conversion into a parkway.

New zoning opens East Avenue to multiple dwellings. They are only restricted in an area one half mile east and west of Culver Road.

1957—The revised zoning code supports the conversion of large single-family homes to multi-family dwellings.

Rochester Subway System is abandoned.

1960's—Several Neighborhood Associations form in the area, to preserve and upgrade the area.

Most residents are new to the area.

1969—The East Avenue Preservation District, which includes East Avenue, its side streets, and Park Avenue is established.

1974—Housing Court created to speed enforcement of code violations by landlords.

1975—A new zoning code linked zoning to present use.

The area is rediscovered as a popular neighborhood, and there is an increased demand for houses and apartments.

Neighborhood newspaper, City East, published.

UPCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD/COMMUNITY EVENTS

SEAC City Nights Benefit...Good Food, Good Fun, Great Cause!...The Southeast Area Coalition will be holding its annual SEAC City Nights Benefit on Friday, December 2nd from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. This year's event, featuring food and spirits from local restaurants, will be held at the Rochester Academy of Medicine at 1441 East Avenue. Talk about easy to get to! Come and participate in both the live and silent auctions which usually feature the most unique items! Tickets are just \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Mark Ritter at (585) 473-1127 or at WMARitter@aol.com.

RGMC-Sponsored Ice Wine Bus Tour to Niagara on the Lake...Bundle Up and Enjoy The Trip...The Rochester Gay Men's Chorus will be sponsoring an Ice Wine Bus Tour visiting Niagara on the Lake, Saturday, January 21, 2006. The bus will depart at 9:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. from 121 N. Fitzhugh Street, across from the Downtown United Presbyterian Church. Tickets cost just \$40 dollars for one; with sets of two costing \$70. You do not need to drink to enjoy this event. There will be plenty to see and do apart from the Ice Wine

Tasting as the event will allow for plenty of eating and shopping! Tickets can be purchased at the RGMC website and at Outlandish in the Village Gate!

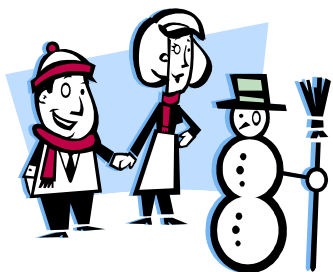
You can also see the entire RGMC live at their annual holiday concert, titled Carols for the Holidays, at the Hochstein Music Hall on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10th. Tickets are \$12 for seniors and children, \$15 dollars in advance; \$18 dollars at the door. Both shows start at 8 pm. For more information, visit www.thergmc.org or call the chorus-line at (585) 423-0650.

Food...Who Said Food?....CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Progressive Dinner Party...CHAP21 will be hosting a progressive dinner party on Saturday, January 28, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. beginning at the home of Damian and Annette Weidmann at 1070 Harvard Street. Tentative Schedule: House #1 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. will feature drinks, appetizers and salad. House #2 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. will feature both main and side dishes. House #3 from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. will feature dessert and coffee. Participants for House #2 will need to work together on a menu and to avoid duplication of

efforts. Please note: Individuals volunteering for Houses #2/3 will also need to leave about 30 minutes before their start time in order to be set up and ready for guests. If you are interested in hosting at your house or can volunteer for food, please sign up by calling Annette Weidmann at (585) 473-8173.

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Board Meeting...Come Join the Fun!... Mark Your Calendars! The CHAP21 Neighborhood Association will be holding its first board meeting for 2006 on Sunday, February 19, 2006 at 985 Harvard Street from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining the board, please plan on attending and providing your thoughts and ideas!

Your Neighborhood Needs You...CHAP21 Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting...Our next CHAP21 Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2006 at School #1 (across from the ped bridge) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you have any items to be added to the agenda, please contact Mark Ritter at (585) 473-1127 or via email at: WMARitter@aol.com.



Mark Ritter, Natalie Frame, and Todd Perkins (holding the broom) preparing for the holidays on Harvard Street.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE CHAP21 CREW!

On behalf of Natalie, Todd, the Board, and myself, we wish you happy holidays and a very healthy and happy new year! Get ready for a rockin' 2006!



'Tis a park

4/75

Morrison Park, at the corner of Harvard and Culver, is really a park now. Mayor Tom Ryan presided over the dedication ceremonies during the Park-Culver Association's recent "Bargains in the Park" festivities. Association members have been beautifying the park for the past several weeks. Photograph by Audrey Newcomb.

News Clipping
 Donated by Sybil
 Henshaw from
 June, 1975!

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY CONTINUED...

1985—The city notified area residents that, due to Can of Worms re-construction and sound barrier project, that they would be losing land and/or property. Prior to these in-person visits by City reps, all communication related to re-construction indicated it would only affect properties east of Winton Road. These meetings, and many individual meetings with both the state and city resulted in many homeowners losing less property than originally an-

nounced, and saving one garage (of two).

1986—CHAP-21 official name. Nine officers named. Zelda Artson-Crichlow and Bea Slizewski co-chairs.

1987—zoning group formed to focus on zoning issues.

1988—interest and participation begins to wane. Biggest issue begins to be problems during Can of Worms construction while Harvard was used as unofficial detour.

Issues of concern continue to revolve around parking problems and loud parties.

2000—Natalie Frame and Mark Ritter named co-chairs

2005—CHAP21 membership grows to over 100 households and effectively works with various members of other neighborhood associations and local government to amend City Noise Ordinance.



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR HOUSE?...

Ever wondered what year your house was built, who lived there before you, or whether or not your house was the first on the block to have telephone service? Beginning with the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association Spring, 2006 newsletter, we will begin featuring the his-

tory of a specific house in the neighborhood. Last year, Annette Weidmann at 1070 Harvard Street spent a productive day at the Landmark Society, located in Cornhill, researching her home. She was also kind enough to put together a "house history" of our home at 985 Harvard

Street. If you have already researched your home and would be willing to share your findings or would like more information on how to research your home, please contact Mark Ritter at (585) 473-1127 or via email at WMARitter@aol.com.

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Natalie and I would like to thank you for making 2005 such a great one for our neighborhood. The several events we held were very successful and our membership has slowly increased since Natalie and I became Co-Chairs 5 years ago. There are still many of you that have not joined the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association - we want to change that! Membership costs just \$5.00 per year. This fee has not increased since 1986! 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, NY 14610. **Deadline: 3/31/06!**

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 2006 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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