

# CHAP 21 Neighborhood Association Spring 2005 Newsletter

## **Welcome, Welcome, One and**

**All...**CHAP21 would like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors who have joined us over the last several months.

We're pleased to have you with us! For more information about our organization, what's happening in our neighborhood, and our upcoming meetings and events...read on or visit us at

[www.angelfire.com/ny5/rochap21](http://www.angelfire.com/ny5/rochap21).

## **CHAP21 Spring General Membership Meeting...*Open the Blinds, Spring is Almost Here...Really!***

**Can you believe it's been over a year since we've had a general membership meeting? Time flies when you're busy!**

**CHAP21 will be holding a spring general membership meeting on Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at School #1 (Across the ped-bridge from us here in CHAP21!) An agenda will be distributed at the meeting. Both Mayoral and City Council**

**candidates may be visiting our meeting as well! We'll leave plenty of time for open discussion. Please come join us and share your thoughts and ideas with regard to our neighborhood.**

## **CHAP21 Neighborhood Yard Sale – Great Fun and Great Bargains...**

Our next neighborhood yard sale will be held **Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd**. Signs will be placed around the neighborhood with blue and gold balloons denoting participants. Truly, one man's trash is another man's treasure! Please contact Anne Schreiber at [amls@rochester.rr.com](mailto:amls@rochester.rr.com) by **5/18/04** as she will be coordinating the event or Mark Ritter at 473-1127. Anne will be providing participants with special CHAP21 pre-sale shopping lists!

## **CHAP 21 Awarded RACF NeighborGood Grant!**

The Rochester Area Community Foundation has awarded CHAP 21 a \$225

NeighborGood Grant to cover costs associated with producing the two hardcopy editions of our Spring and Fall neighborhood newsletters! Woody Greene, Program Officer for Civic Engagement for the Rochester Area Community Foundation, delivered the exciting news, just in time for us to make the announcement at our Spring Board meeting!

These grants are intended to help Rochester City neighborhood-based organizations involve their residents in the civic affairs of the neighborhood and wider community.

They are also intended to help these neighborhoods move toward their visions as identified through the City's "Neighbors Building Neighborhoods" community planning process (NBN). NeighborGood grants are available to resident-driven neighborhood organizations on the east and west sides of the City in alternating years. A copy of the grant request is available if you'd like to read it or call Natalie Frame for more info.

## **Speaking of Newsletters...**

Our next newsletter, delivered electronically, is tentatively scheduled for a June or July.

## **CHAP21 Winter Re-Cap...**

### **Second Annual CHAP21 Caroling Party – *American Idol Beware!***

David and Irene Burnet once again hosted our CHAP21 Neighborhood Caroling Party on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 15 carolers gathered at 929 Harvard Street around 7:00 p.m. Led by Irene, Todd Perkins, and Lee Wright we walked the streets singing to anyone who would open their doors (or ears) to us. We even managed to provide competition for another caroling group who had invaded our territory. Sadly, no snowball fight resulted. Upon our return to 929 Harvard Street, we indulged in some

*"The mission of the CHAP 21 Neighborhood Association is...*

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

well-earned nourishment, including hot mulled cider, coffee, wine and beer, and munchies. This year the bar has been raised. Hopefully, by next year's event, we'll have all gone through some extensive vocal training! A heart-felt thanks to Dave, Irene, Todd, and Lee for putting together such a wonderful event!

### **CHAP21 Holiday House Decorating Contest – *And the Winner, by a bulb, is...***

This year CHAP21 sponsored an exterior holiday decorating contest. No bauble was too small, no light was too bright. Judging commenced on Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup> around 8 p.m. The winners were Jeff Larson and Richard Conheady of 945 Park Avenue who used just the right amounts of lights and decorations. It's not too early to start planning for next year! Eight months to go!

### **Crime Prevention...**

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. Any information provided will be handled appropriately and the party who provided the information will remain anonymous.

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

For our current policy for advertisements for 2005, please contact Mark Ritter at (585) 473-1127 or via email at: [ROCHAP21@yahoo.com](mailto:ROCHAP21@yahoo.com).

### **Being a Good Neighbor...It's The Law...**

*1.) 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. Garbage toters (garbage receptacles) should not be out more than one day before or after pick up day. City refuse pick up is Thursday. 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. If you are a tenant served by a private trash company, please consult your landlord regarding pick-up day, trash placement, where to store receptacles, and if more receptacles are necessary.*

*2.) Please remember that our outdoor activities may affect our neighbors. Loud music and noise 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're out after dark, talk quietly!*

*Remember...just because you have the following day off does not mean that your neighbor does as well...*

*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.*

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.) *Although grilling on porches has become popular, this may be 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...***

**Patronize these people...**




**ODYSSEY**  
**Painting**  
"Free Estimates"  
Perry Stannard  
Owner/Operator (716) 388-5831



**Todd L Perkins**  
**Designs**  
Decorating  
Fabrics • Area Rugs  
Blinds • Window Treatments  
Email [TPerkins2000@aol.com](mailto:TPerkins2000@aol.com)  
Phone 585.473.1127 • Fax 585.271.6022

**GEL Salon**  
1245 Park Avenue  
(585) 423-1800  
Hair/Nails  
**"Where your look comes together"**

*"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 Downtown**  
**Fitness Club**  
50 Chestnut Plaza  
Rochester, NY 14604  
phone: 585-756-4090  
fax: 585-756-4091  
e-mail: [prov50@hotmail.com](mailto:prov50@hotmail.com)

**10% OFF  
ANY TANNING PACKAGE  
OR LOTION**

First time customers only  
Club membership not required

**Harrison Home Maintenance/Handyman Services** – Siding, Roofing, Gutter & Eaves Repair – Ceramic & Hardwood Flooring – Kitchen Remodeling – Decking – Fencing – Patio Doors – Plumbing & More  
Contact: Tim Harrison @ (585) 271-6732 for an estimate  
Email: [HarryTheHandyman@aol.com](mailto:HarryTheHandyman@aol.com)

#### **Upcoming Community Events:**

##### **Seneca Lake Wine Tour**

The Rochester Gay Men's Chorus is sponsoring a Seneca Lake Wine Tour on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Tickets are \$45 per person. The bus departs from the Downtown United Presbyterian Church (121 N. Fitzhugh Street) at 8 a.m and will visit 4 wineries. The bus will return at approximately 6 p.m. The cost of lunch at the Glenora Winery is not included in the ticket. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact The Chorus Line at (585) 423-0650 or email: [eruiz@thergmc.org](mailto:eruiz@thergmc.org).

##### **Break Open The Piggie Banks!**

If you have not yet paid your CHAP21 Neighborhood Association dues for 2005, please remit your \$5.00 to MarkRitter. The deadline is 5/1/05!

Dear Neighbors,

We'd like to thank you for making 2004 such a great one for our neighborhood. The several events we held were very successful and our membership has slowly increased since we became Co-Chairs 4 years ago. So far 2005 is shaping up to be our best year yet! We've just launched our neighborhood website and have almost a full calendar of upcoming events. CHAP21 is on the move!

Many members have expressed concerns about quality of life issues and crime. We hope to effect positive change in tackling these issues, however we cannot do it alone. We need your help!

There are still many that have not joined the CHAP21 Neighborhood Association - we want to change that! Now is your chance to tell us what you want in a Neighborhood Association. Please take a moment to complete and return the survey below. Also, if you are so inclined please follow up by completing the membership portion of the survey below and returning it to: Mark Ritter, CHAP21, 985 Harvard Street, Rochester, NY 14610. 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 Natalie Frame at [Natalie.Frame@RMSC.org](mailto:Natalie.Frame@RMSC.org).

Sincerely,

Mark Ritter/Co-Chair CHAP21  
Natalie Frame/Co-Chair CHAP21

-What is/are your biggest concern(s) for our neighborhood? (Circle all that apply.)  
Crime/Personal Safety   Property Conservation/Aesthetics   Quality of Life

-What issues/problems do you feel, we as a neighborhood, need to address?

---

---

---

### CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 2005 Membership Form

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

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

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I can help out by: Working on Projects/Events \_\_\_\_\_ Delivering Newsletters \_\_\_\_\_  
Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ I am generally available \_\_\_\_\_ I can  
contribute by:

---

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