



Neighborhood View

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Unanswered Issues Regarding The JJC

The County is moving forward with the Juvenile Justice Center. Members of the executive committee and the UMHN JJC Committee Chair will be meeting with Mr. Mulley (Special Consul for the JJC appointed by County Executive Jack Doyle) on 14 May to discuss a rather long list of concerns. This list is comprised of concerns expressed by the community during the two presentations given by Mulley (9 and 30 April 2001). We have also contacted leaders in the surrounding neighborhood to add to this list of concerns. The list includes but is not limited to:

- Community security, crime, harassment, and loitering.
- Stability of those visiting the JJC
- Traffic flow
- Stifling economic development of our community
- Methadone clinics, department of welfare & social services, two correctional facilities; how much more of a burden the community can handle.
- Lack of return in investments
- Inability for the operation to be self sufficient and income generating

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UMHN Holds General Meeting

Our spring general meeting is upon us. It's scheduled for May 20 at 7:00PM at the new Saint Anne social hall attached to the rear of the church. Saint Anne is located at 1600 Mt Hope Avenue. Directly across from the Advantage Federal Credit Union and Tip Top Restaurant.

We invited Wegmans to speak on the proposed expansion at Wegmans Plaza. The University of Rochester will tell us about the opening of Wilson Boulevard. We will also be reviewing what is going on with the Juvenile Justice Center.

We will have a plant exchange and initiate our Block Recognition Program. There'll be door prizes and activity for the young ones aged three and up. Snacks and refreshments will be available following the business portion of the meeting.

Find out what's going on in your neighborhood. Get to meet your block captains and neighbors. You may even win a prize. So mark your calendar and don't come alone, bring your neighbor. •

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 Become A Member**



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Regarding The JJC

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- Potential for devaluation of property in the area due to the nature of the institution
- Budget cuts, how will this affect program, will people be dumped here if there are cuts?
- What will guarantee the supervision of the offenders while off-site?

As a neighborhood association structured to represent the majority of its constituents, the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors must stand firm against the building of the JJC in our community. While some of us (the community) feel that the JJC is an admirable concept, we cannot condone the facility being built anywhere within our community.

In approximately two weeks time, neighborhood association representatives will be dropping by to present you with a petition opposing the passing of New York State Assembly Bill A00168, New York State Senate Bill S05567. These bills lay the groundwork for the JJC. We will send copies of this petition to our respective City Council Members, New York State Assembly Members, US Senators, and Governor Pataki. In addition to the petition, we will be asking you to sign and mail post cards to our Assembly Members and our Governor.

We urge you to review the two bills as well as the concerns posted by your neighbors and the surrounding neighborhood associations. You can find the list of concerns as well as links to the bills on our web site (www.expage.com/umhn). If you do not have access to the Internet, please contact us at 473-0086. We will make sure you get a copy of these items. •

Lilac Neighbors Annual Plant Sale

Come on out and support the local "Lilac Neighbors" in their Annual Plant Sale. The sale takes place June 2 at 61 Reservoir Avenue.

This annual event coincides with the Proud Market at the Castle, which is a smorgasbord of wonderful plants from garden clubs and parks all around the county. Reservoir Avenue will definitely be the place to be on June 2. The Lilac Neighbors Plant Sale, a.k.a. the Humble Market, is both a community builder and a fundraiser. All plants cost \$1. Please plan to make this year's event a success by buying, selling, or donating plant materials. •

(adapted from Joan Gray Lindberg's article in "The Lilac Letter") •

Neighborhood Speed Watch

Terry Correa

Under the guidance of Crime Prevention Officer Steve Edgett, the "Speed Watch" program will soon be up and running in the Highland Section. Speed Watch is a program already utilized in other areas of the city. After training, the volunteer teams are sent out with speed detection equipment to monitor speeding drivers and record violator's license plate numbers. Letters are then sent reminding drivers to SLOW DOWN while passing through our neighborhoods.

If you are interested in becoming part of a Speed Watch Team, call the Neighborhood Empowerment Team Office D at 428-7640.

This program is funded through a grant from Kodak. •

HIV Vaccine Trials Unit (585) 273 - 2437
 Dr. Michael Keefer, Principal Investigator
<http://www.stronghealth.com/hivvacc>

Have You Heard? It's True. An HIV Vaccine Is Within Reach

Results of recent studies suggest that indeed it may be possible to create a vaccine that may one-day help prevent the spread of AIDS worldwide. However, additional studies, requiring even more volunteers, are necessary.

The HIV Vaccine Trials Unit at the University of Rochester Medical Center has been conducting preventive HIV vaccine research studies since 1988 and is one of the 6 original testing sites that recently merged to form the HIV Vaccine Trials Network. Vaccine trials are placebo-controlled; double-blind studies. That means no one knows which volunteers receive the real vaccine and which volunteers receive a placebo until the end of the study period. HIV vaccine trials are sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and are monitored by a Data and Safety Monitoring Board. The studies require approximately 12-18 months to complete.

While more than 630 Rochester citizens have already participated in these trials, it's not enough.

More HIV-negative volunteers, 18-60 years of age, who are in good health are needed from all races and from all ethnic or culturally diverse backgrounds. Qualified volunteers must be able to complete monthly visits to the clinic at the University of Rochester Medical Center for the duration of the study.

HIV vaccines are synthetic and cannot cause HIV infection and therefore do not cause AIDS. Several thousand people have already participated in preventive HIV vaccine trials worldwide.

In order to know if the vaccines will work for everyone, it's important that all cultures, personal beliefs and life choices are represented in vaccine research. Even if you do not engage in behaviors that may place you at greater risk for HIV infection, you may be eligible to participate in HIV vaccine studies.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in participating in HIV vaccine research trials, the professional and medical staff at the University of Rochester Medical Center would like to hear from you. You may contact the HIV Vaccine Trials Unit any time, day or night, by calling **(585) 273-2437**.

HIV

Do you know someone who is HIV negative, age 18 to 60, who wants to help find a vaccine that may prevent AIDS? If you do, please ask them to call us today.

Building Broad-Based Support for HIV Vaccine Research

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STRONG HEALTH
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UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER

*More local volunteers are needed. Participants will be paid up to \$750.
 HIV vaccines are synthetic and cannot cause AIDS.
<http://www.stronghealth.com/hivvacc>*

This public announcement has been brought to you by the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors
 In cooperation with the University of Rochester

Reviewing the Juvenile Justice Center

County Executive Jack Doyle has released a master plan for a juvenile justice center. The plan has an artists interpretation of what the Monroe County Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) could look like as viewed from South Avenue, however the plan proposes a 16-acre parcel located near the intersection of South and Elmwood. This parcel is adjacent to the site of the existing Rochester Psychiatric Center.

Details about the JJC:

1. A 120-bed secure (accommodating both males and females) Residential Facility comprised of a 75-bed detention unit to hold youth while their cases are pending and a 45-bed placement unit to hold youth after they have been sentenced by the court.
2. A 10-bed unit for the youth requiring segregation from general population for medical or mental health treatment.
3. A dedicated space containing 10 isolation (“time out”) carrels utilized for short-term segregation of youth who require individual counseling.
4. The Family Court – Juvenile Matters Part, will house two courtrooms, judges chambers and appropriate office space for Probation Officers, Prosecutors, Law Guardians, Clerks, and Sheriff’s Department.
5. An Aftercare Center. The Aftercare Center would be a non-secure, freestanding facility in which Aftercare Probation Officers can provide juveniles released from the JJC Residential Facility with post-release supervision and training. It would have direct street access and a warm welcoming environment.
6. Residential support space to house security, education, health, administration, visiting, recreation, intake, laundry and food services.
7. Facility Maintenance / Ancillary Services to for facility-wide support functions including Housekeeping, Plant Management, Shipping, Receiving and Storage, and Mechanical, Electrical and HVAC systems.
8. Approximately 200 parking spaces to address staff and public parking needs.
9. Proposed cost is 25 million dollars; 15 million by the county and 10 million by the state.

Background Information:

In May of 1998, at his State of the County address, Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle proposed a juvenile justice system. One, which would fully engage the local, community and all of its resources. In September of 1999, his office published “Monroe County Juvenile Justice Center Master Plan” from which the above information was obtained. In this same month, County Executive Jack Doyle issued a press release announcing his master plan for the Juvenile Justice Center. In January of 2001, Mr. Jack Doyle issued a news release thanking Governor Pataki for \$20,000 for further study of the facility.

Please visit our web site to view the Monroe County Juvenile Justice Center Master Plan, or the news-releases mentioned above. If you do not have access to the internet please call us at 473.0086. •

UMHN General Meeting



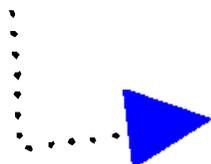
It's that time again. Time to let you know what's going on in our neighborhood. Time to get together again to meet your neighbors old and new. Lets not forget the fun!

DATE: 05/20/02
TIME: 7:00PM

Scheduled to appear is a representative from Wegman's to tell us about the proposed expansion at Wegman's Plaza. The U of R will tell us about the opening of Wilson Blvd. We will also hear from the Bio-Tech advisory committee.

Just like last time there will be activities for the young ones (3 years and older please), door prizes, snacks, and refreshments.

Meet us at:
The New St Anne Social Hall
1600 Mt Hope Avenue
Enter at the rear of the church



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Lattimore Medical Center Parking Lot Expansion

Tony Correa

The Lattimore Medical Center has expressed a need to add an additional 98 parking spaces to the facility. 87 of these spaces will be on the Lattimore Road side. The additional spaces will be along Eastmoreland Drive and Norfolk Road. The Medical Center is also proposing to move one of the existing entrances on Norfolk Road closer to the intersection of Norfolk and Lattimore.

The Lattimore Medical Center understands that neighbors may have some concerns about these developments. In order to allow the community to express these concerns and to give the community the opportunity to make suggestions, The Lattimore Medical Center presented its proposal to the community.

The presentation took place on 4 December 2001 at The Kaplan Education Center, which is located at 1544 Mt. Hope Avenue. Those in attendance representing The Cabot Group were Mr. Tom Harwick (Property Manager) and Mr. Barry Dickinson (Building Manager). From the community were ten neighbors along with two representatives from the UMHN acting as hosts. Since this was the initial presentation, only those neighbors in the immediate area of the Center (Eastmoreland Drive along with Lattimore, Norfolk, and Shelbourne Rd) were advised of the meeting. Future presentation may involve the greater neighborhood.

The Cabot Group informs us that the building is at its full capacity and as such, is in need of more parking places. Their desire is to keep the parking problem on the property instead of having it move onto the surrounding streets. To lessen the impact of the expansion, Mr. Harwick proposed the contracting of a Landscaping Engineer to hide or minimize the view (as viewed from Lattimore) of the parked cars. It was stated that the additional parking would be for employees only.

The floor was then opened up for comments and suggestions from the residents. Some of the concerns expressed by the neighbors were not specific to the expansion.

Concerns

- Garbage pick up is very early. Sometimes as early as 4:00am. (Noise nuisance)
- Snow is plowed into the corner (Shelbourne and Norfolk) very high making it a danger to pedestrian traffic rounding the corner.

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UPDATE

About two months ago, Tom Harwick contacted UMHN with news on two suggestions that made by the neighbors.

During the presentation, neighbors suggested the Center conduct a study to determine the number of unauthorized users in parking lot. The Center conducted its study and found that on average, unauthorized users were using only one space per day.

Another suggestion made by the neighbors was to turn all parking spaces so they would be parallel with Norfolk and Eastmoreland. The Center found that doing so would not give them the number of spaces they need.

As of this writing, it has not been determined if there will be another presentation. If you have further concerns or suggestions, please advise your block captain or notify UMHN directly. Block captains to notify are Gwen Nelson for Lattimore Road or Sue Dunn for Shelbourne Road. Norfolk and Eastmoreland currently have no block captains. Residents of those roads should contact UMHN directly. •

Lattimore Medical Center Parking Lot Expansion

Tony Correa

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- Property value will diminish
- More parking will increase traffic
- Noise made by the sweeper in the evening
- Moving the entrance closer to the Lattimore – Norfolk intersection will increase the number of accidents occurring there
- Loss of green space
- Will take away from the ‘Quality of Life’

Favorable Comments

- Some expressed satisfaction of having the medical center over apartments
- Will try to leave as many trees as possible
- The flag pole stays
- Cabot Group is coming to the community for suggestions

Suggestions made by the neighbors

- Use Mt Hope Plaza for additional parking
- Purchase or rent one of the empty business in Mt Hope Plaza and open an annex which in turn would bring parking to the plaza
- Make all parking spaces parallel to Shelbourne
- Control who parks there. It is believed that doctors and staff from Strong are parking at the medical center

The meeting adjourned with the Cabot Group reiterating that the drawing was only an idea. They would consider and investigate the feasibility of the neighbor’s suggestions. A meeting will be scheduled to inform the community of their findings. •

Jeff Solomon's Mt. Hope Servicer

Max Reiter



Jeff Solomon and his wife, Melanie Warren, the owners of Mt. Hope Servicer, have been at 1581 Mt. Hope Avenue since 1991. Jeff has been on “the Avenue” for over twenty-five years and remembers having to distinguish between two dollars or two gallons, when pumping gas at his father’s gas station as a child. While working at Mt. Hope Exxon, Jeff learned even more about the automobile business. Melanie, who is originally from Buffalo, where her parents owned a restaurant business, believes, “A family business is your life and is set apart from bigger, commercial businesses.” Where Jeff is in the foreground of the business, Melanie keeps the books, handles the human and public relations part of the business and is “The Servicer’s” cheerleader. Melanie is also a past president and the present vice-president of the Mt. Hope Business Association, of which “The Servicer” is an active member. Based on its dedication to integrity, quality and cheerfulness, “The Servicer” is there at our beck and call (461-3120). The Solomon family-owned and run business is an asset to the neighborhood.

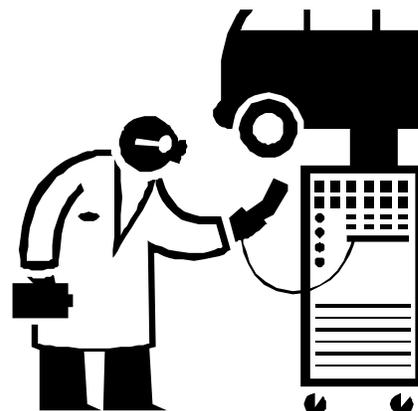
The hours of operation are Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM and Saturday 7:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Closed on Sunday because as Jeff says, “It’s cheaper than a divorce!”

The Mt. Hope Servicer has A.S.E. certified technicians and A.C. Delco master technician specialists. They provide total roadside services 24/7 (roadside tire changing, no start service, gas delivery and expert lockout service) along with local and long

distance towing using wheel lift and flatbed service even for high value autos. Repairs are done on foreign and domestic autos specializing in engine, emission control, and electronic testing. Although concentrating on Cooper tires, any other tires the customer may request is available. They are an AAA approved auto repair facility. Check out the web site at www.mthopeservice.com for additional and in depth information.

Jeff and Melanie have beautified “the Avenue” with their roadside gardens and are presently working with the city to make improvements to the backside of their property by providing enclosures for the dumpsters and landscaping around the enclosures and the back property line.

Jeff Solomon’s Mt. Hope Servicer, Inc. gives the customer what they want and need by going the extra mile in more ways than one! •



Upper Mt. Hope Neighbors' Fall General Meeting

Terry Correa

It was an enjoyable night for the kids and even more fun for neighbors. Gwen Nelson and others spent time with some of our kids doing arts and crafts. While the kids created, Larry Stid of Rochester's City Planning Department updated our neighbors on the Mt. Hope Gateway Project and what we can expect to see in the future for Mt. Hope Avenue. The Gateway Project is scheduled to begin some time in 2005, beginning with road reconstruction.

A big thank you is order to our block captains who pulled together in organizing the evening's events. Kevin Milliken showed us "how it's done", a neighbor who is extremely organized with a tremendous amount of energy.

Topping off the meeting was the raffle. It seemed as though everyone went home with something donated by area businesses. The raffle itself raised \$120, half being donated to the American Red Cross half going to the association for future projects.

A special thank you to Mt. Hope Business Association for their support and these local businesses for their donations: *Pelligrinos, the Distillery, Thai Taste, Michael's Restaurant, Fort Hill Liquor Store, Pal Joey's, Genesee Deli and Bakery, Pontillo, Mt. Hope ServiCenter, and Kevin Milliken's Floral Arrangements.* Many more businesses contributed through coupons from "Meet me on Mt. Hope" booklets. •

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