



Neighborhood View

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Letter From the President

Bob Good



Welcome everyone to the New Year of 2003 from the new president of the Upper Mount Hope Neighborhood Association! This is a milestone for the Upper Mount Hope Neighborhood Association. As of January 1, the UMHN passed over the president's gavel from Tony Correa, who has worked so long and hard to help this organization grow, to me. I am honored and challenged to be asked to follow in Tony's footsteps and continue to foster this organization as it strives to be a voice for all of the residents in this interesting and diverse neighborhood. I invite all of you to work with me and with our new vice president, Max Reiter, to join together as we build stronger ties within our neighborhood and between our neighborhood and our larger community of the City of Rochester.

As I have attended some of first meetings of various neighborhood groups, one thing that has really impressed me is the notice that we have received as an organization. The fact that our organization has evolved into a structured body with bylaws, a large number of block representatives, executive officers, and now an election with a new president and a new vice president has really made many people take notice of UMHN!!! It is becoming clear to many

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A Little History

Deirdre Rogers & Tony Correa

A young lady lives in our neighborhood. Her name is Mary, and she is 84 years old. She has lived in the same house, built in 1927, for over 55 years. She and her husband James purchased the house for \$5,000 when she was 26. She raised her three children in the house. Her two daughters attended St. Agnes and her son attended McQuaid.

There was a time, she says, when all the mailboxes were on the same side of the street (a mailman's dream) and many of the lots were empty. She watched the community grow as those empty lots filled with new homes. Most of them built after the war in 1947. As Mary recalls, Raleigh Street had the most houses. She remembers when Interns would buy the houses, and then sell them in three years time and make a lot of money. She added that real estate is a lot different now.

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Mary currently attends St. Anne Church on Mt. Hope Avenue. Before that, she attended a small church located on one of the side streets near Lattimore Road. That church, like so much more, is no longer standing. She can also tell you about Rochester's former Police Chief who lived on Westmoreland drive until he died not so long ago.

She tells us where Wegmans stands today, there was a grocery store and a five and dime store. She would buy her daughters paper dolls at the store and they would cut all weekend. There was also a bakery in the plaza as well as a leather store.

The canal brings found memories as well. The Police picked up her son, on one of his trips there, for shooting chipmunks with the BB gun his Dad had given him. She says with boys, you just have to roll with the punches.

Mary worked at the Psychiatric Center that was located on Elmwood Avenue as a nurse. She stopped working when she had children. She returned to work when her youngest was eleven. James worked at Kodak for forty years before retiring.

Editor's Note: Mary is one of the many that make our community what it is. Where young and old from many nations can live in peaceful harmony.

Letter From the President

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of the offices in the City that we are working hard to be seen as the representatives of this neighborhood.

The other current executive officers, along with Max and myself, are: Donald Green as secretary and Frank Scarcelli as the finance officer.

There are many new and exciting items on the agenda for the next year or so:

- UMHN has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the arts council to proceed with the development of Project Hope. A plan to commission sculptures from Achille Forgiione, a noted local artist, and have them installed as permanent artwork on poles along Mt Hope and other major streets in our neighborhood. NBN6 (Neighbors Building Neighborhood, Sector 6) has agreed to reimburse us for an additional \$500.00 worth of expenditures. We are hopeful that we can increase the total with other contributions in order to increase the number of sculptures that can be installed.
- UMHN has been asked by the zoning board of the City of Rochester to work with it (the City) and with the Cabot group to analyze the problem of the need for extra parking spaces at the Lattimore medical facility. We appreciate the City's interest in obtaining input from the neighborhood, and we hope to assist them to devise a plan that will leave a substantial part of the green space intact along Lattimore Road.
- We have also been asked by Wegmans to assist them with keeping the neighborhood informed of the plans for the renovation of the Mt Hope store, which is still expected to be started in 2003.
- We are also working on the development of our new UMHN website which will be able to be a vehicle for information for and about our neighborhood.

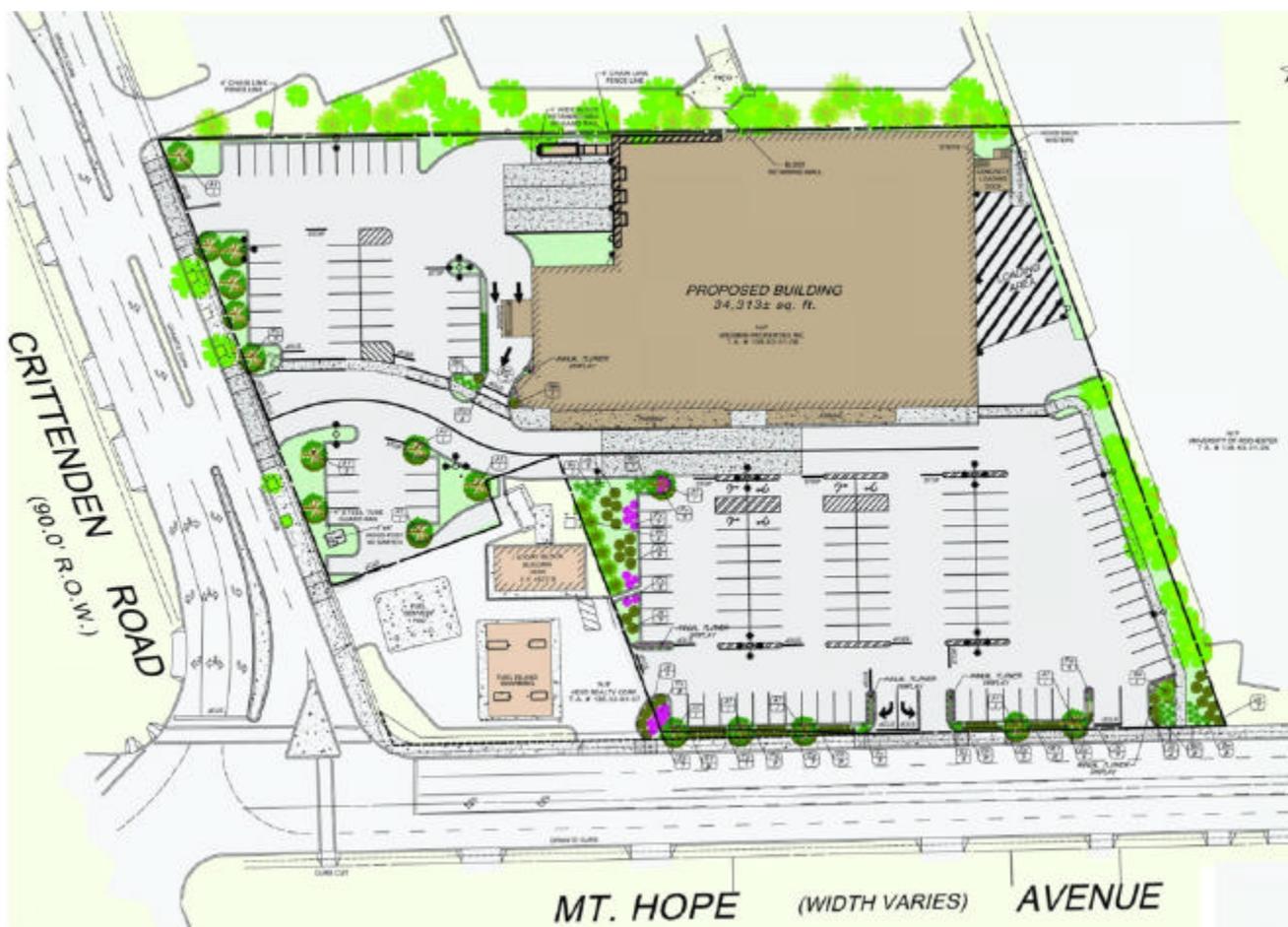
Please work with me and with Max, Don, and Frank as we continue to build on all the hard work accomplished by Tony and Terry Correa in building UMHN into a strong and vital neighborhood organization. We all want to thank them for their hard work.

Wegmans: A Bright New Place

Tony Correa

Gloria Hunter, Eric Bartles, and Doug Viets joined the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors on March 20 to give us an update on the Wegmans project. Gloria is the store manager of the Wegmans that will undergo major remodeling. The store is located on the corner of Mt Hope and Crittenden. Eric and Doug are with the Wegmans' civil engineering group. They will be over-seeing the entire project.

Some of you may remember the presentation that was giving during last years UMHN Spring meeting. There was a great deal of talk of what our new Wegmans was going to offer. With charts in hand, Eric gave us a peek at what was going to happen on the outside as well. The response was overwhelmingly positive by all that attended the general meeting.



The City on the other hand was not very pleased with yet another curb cut and the addition of a traffic light between the existing lights along Mt Hope on the corner of Elmwood and Crittenden. Determined to work with the community to make this project a success, Wegmans said no problem. The additional curb cut as well as the traffic light is no longer part of the plan (*current plan above*).

The store will expand to 34,000 square feet from the current 22,000 square feet. Most of this footage will come from using the former drug store, liquor store, and bank. There will also be an addition in the rear to accommodate delivery trucks. Within the store, we will find a new produce area,

floral and cards section, a café, a pizza shop, along with a wokery and a sushi bar. There will also be a nature market place and a PAC-TAC office.

A great deal of work is going into the landscaping. Islands throughout the parking area will have trees and grass.

There will a corral type fence with flowers along the sidewalk. The berm, which runs along the North side of parking area, will get a complete facelift.

Wegmans plans to start construction mid-May with a projected completion date of May 2004. The store will remain

open during all phases of construction.

Paraphrasing one of the neighbors that attended the meeting, *"it's great that Wegmans is expanding but still maintaining that friendly, community store atmosphere."*

Advantage Federal Credit Union

Bob Good

One of the newest businesses to locate in the Upper Mount Hope Neighborhood is the Advantage Federal Credit Union. Located at the corner of Lattimore and Mount Hope, directly across from St. Anne Church, it is just about at the geographical center of the neighborhood's boundaries. It moved to this new location, formerly the site of the Miller Funeral Home, a little

more than a year ago in order to be closer to many of its members who work at the University (of Rochester) and the hospital (Strong). In designing the building, they worked in conjunction with the City and its vision for the future of Mt. Hope and the Gateway project. The building is set back from the sidewalk and has a green boundary between it and the

road. The parking and drive-through are on the side and the rear with a pedestrian accessible front entrance and wide sidewalk up to the front. The inside is spacious and full of light with

several glass lined rooms along the perimeter for members to meet with staff regarding their individual financial needs.

The credit union works hard to be a good neighbor and part of the community. While standing in line, you can see little teddy bears on the counter that are being sold for a community fund raiser. Members can purchase

discounted tickets for most of the movie outlets in town. Each year the credit union gives out several college scholarships to deserving high school seniors to give them a good start on their educational journey.

The credit union has a long history in Rochester. Originally, it was the Rochester School District credit union, formed over 76 years ago. It has

enlarged its membership base beyond education to more than 60 employer groups, the largest of which are Strong Health and Via Health along with the School District employees. It currently has 52 employees and over 16,000 members who make Advantage their bank. There are three branches and the corporate headquarters.

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Advantage Federal Credit Union

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The branches are located at Broad Street, Rochester General Hospital, and here on Mt. Hope. The corporate headquarters are on Washington St.

Perhaps it would be good to explain a bit about the difference between a Credit Union and a commercial bank. A credit union, first, is a non-profit organization. This allows it to be more personal and offer individualized services not found in commercial banks.

It is more of a cooperative based in the community. They will work with their members with things like loan counseling and credit counseling. Since their charter is not based on profit but on the common good of all of their membership, they have more of a stake in helping everyone succeed. The second distinction is that its membership is based on some form of defined category or categories. It can be employment, geography, or other community based group for example. The good news

for our Upper Mount Hope Neighborhood is that the Credit Union is currently petitioning the National Credit Union Association to be allowed to broaden its base to include anyone who lives, works, or worships within the City or Rochester's boundaries.

So, stay tuned for this development. Perhaps in the near future, Advantage can be the banking option for all of the residents of Upper Mount Hope!



Town Meeting



Meet us at
St Anne Church
 For our Spring Meeting
 May 12, 7:00 pm

- U of R Parking Issues
- **Community Emergency Response Team**
- Project Hope Display
- Raffle
- Snacks, refreshments, and child care (out of diapers please)

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Plant Sale



Plan your garden now. Save time and save gas, do your shopping at **Saint Anne Church's** plant sale. Perennials, annuals, shrubs, hanging baskets and more . . . most materials supplied by the Garden Factory. While you shop, enjoy some Hots and soda.

Days and Times:

May 16th 12 Noon - 6 PM

May 17th 9 AM - 6 PM

May 18th 9 AM - 4 PM

UMHN Web Site

With a grant provided by Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Sector 6, the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors has obtained a domain name. What that means is that now we own a small corner of Cyber World.

Although we have had a web site for sometime, since it

was free of charge, we were limited to what we could do. With our newly acquired *real property*, the sky is the limit.

Visit the web site today and you will see a list of all the block captains. We also have a link to all of the Neighborhood View issues published. In the upcoming

months you'll see a calendar of events, up to date news on UMHN projects, and official neighborhood documents that you should be aware of.

Please visit us at www.umhn.com. While you are there, send our Webmaster or your block captain an email.

Community Emergency Response Team

Deb Swift

From
AveNEWS
Averill Avenue Block Club

You've read about it in earlier newsletters [AveNEWS]. CERT is a program designed by FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) to assist professionals during times of emergency in the community. Whether it's a terrorist attack or an ice storm, these volunteers will become the eyes and ears for the professional responders to help prioritize and target where assistance is needed. Last fall, two South Wedge residents graduated from the 24-hour training program provided by the Rochester Fire Department. Deb Swift (Averill Ave) and MacClurg Viven (Hickory St) are now full members of the south-east area's first CERT group.

Taught during the 24-hour training sessions and subsequent in-service training provided by RFD are Emergency

Medical Procedures (including CPR, the use of the automated defibrillator, splints, triage, dressing wounds, etc.), Emergency Fire Suppression, Crisis/Emergency Psychology, Volunteer Coordination, and more.

If you are over the age of 18 (current CERT members range in age from 40-something to 80+) and would like to join the next CERT training program (every Wednesday in May and June from 6-9 PM), contact Deb Swift at 244-7405.

Editor's Note: Tony Correa of the Upper Mt Hope area graduated from the same class as Deb and MacClurg. You may have noticed a CERT member in your neighborhood just after the last ice storm. CERT members will be at our next general meeting on May 12 to give a brief presentation and answer you questions. They'll also explain the role CERT played in assisting Rochester with storm recovery.

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Crime Information Bulletin

The Rochester Police Department would like to make you aware of the following emerging crime pattern in the neighborhoods around Mt. Hope Av. south of Elmwood Av.

During the past few weeks, there have been five burglaries in this general area. In each of these incidents, entry was gained by using a screwdriver or similar instrument to pry open a door lock. A possible description of the suspect in this investigation is:

A white male, 30-40 years old, 6' 0" tall, 220 lbs., last seen wearing a large parka type coat and carrying a red backpack. This man may have been driving an aqua colored S-10 type pickup truck.

If you see someone matching this description, call 911 immediately. Do not approach this person, but watch his movements until police arrive.

The Highland Section Crime Prevention Unit would like to remind all residents of this neighborhood to follow these basic tips to deter crime:

- **Report to 911 immediately all suspicious activity such as persons loitering, going door to door, or the sound of glass breaking.**
- **Report any attempt to break into your house or garage, such as cuts on your screens near the locks.**
- **Keep your doors, windows and garages locked when not at home.**
- **Install dead bolt locks on all entry doors to your home.**
- **Notify a neighbor when you are going to be away.**
- **Discontinue newspaper delivery when going on vacation.**
- **Trim shrubs to deny burglars a hiding place, especially shrubs around windows.**
- **Lock up ladders where they cannot be used by a burglar.**

Be a good neighbor...watch your neighbors' property.

If you have information regarding the above incidents please call the Highland Section at 428-7262 between 7:30am and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday.

The Police and Citizens Interaction Committee (PCIC) meets the second Wednesday of every month in the Gannett Building at the Rochester Museum and Science Center. Citizens and police meet to discuss community concerns and ways to keep our neighborhoods safe.

*At a recent meeting **Captain Fred Bell** asked for our help. After a recent series of burglaries, police walked our neighborhood and noticed many open garage doors. Please, adhere to the above suggestions and help keep our neighborhood safe!*