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By Max Reiter

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Neighborhood View

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Fall General Meeting Held

By Barb Sanko

The Upper Mt. Hope Neighbors held their semi-annual general meeting on Monday, October 27, 2003 at the St. Anne Church. All Mt. Hope area residents are invited to these general meetings, held once in the Spring and once in the Fall. If you weren't able to attend this recent meeting, here is a brief summary of the evening:

President Bob Good welcomed the approximately 60 people in attendance. He made introductory remarks and announcements. We then held elections for two positions on the executive board, treasurer and secretary. Nominated for treasurer was Frank Scarcelli, who previously held the position, and agreed to take on a second term. Nicole Black was nominated and elected to the position of secretary (ed. note: due to scheduling issues, Nicole has reconsidered, and will not be able to fill the requirements of being secretary).



President Bob Good welcomes the approximately 60 people in attendance

We welcomed Joe Martin as one of the speakers for the evening. Joe and his wife are owners of Salmon Florist, and Joe is currently President of the Mt. Hope Business Association. He gave a history of the Salmon Florist shop, as well as background information

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Canalway Trail Adoption by UMHN

By Sue Schickler

Upper Mount Hope Neighbors are invited to get their work gloves and pruners ready for a day in April 2004 that will signal a "first" for the neighborhood. A section of the Canalway Trail has been adopted by our organization. Pruning bushes and picking up trash are some of the responsibilities the "Adopt-A-Trail" program asks of us from April until November. It's a win-win situation, as we will be recognized for helping to maintain a trail that borders our neighborhood, and also contributes to a trail that eventually will be one of the longest in the country.

Stay tuned for more on the volunteer activities. For more info, email Sue Schickler at irvington@umhn.com

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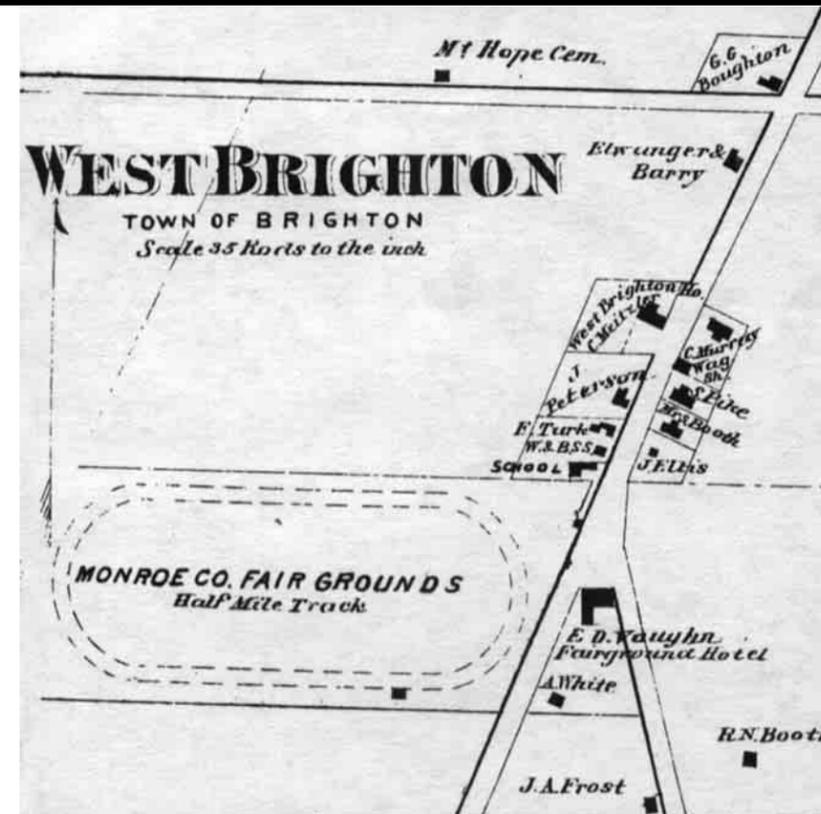
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A Little Bit of History

By Karl S. Kabelac

This map from 1872 shows the little hamlet of West Brighton, which existed just north of the intersection of East Henrietta Road with Mt. Hope Avenue. The hamlet consisted of several houses on what was, until recently, the Wegmans' parking lot and across the street from it; a wagon shop; and two hotels, the West Brighton Hotel and the Fairground Hotel. The latter occupied the V of the intersection (where Dunkin Donuts is now).

The community also had a schoolhouse, and the Monroe County Fair Grounds. Crittenden Blvd. and Fort Hill Terrace, the two additional streets that now complete this busy intersection, were decades in the future. The area was annexed from Brighton to Rochester in the early 1920s when the Medical School and Hospital came into being.



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- Salmon Florist**
- Starbucks**
- Super Variety Discount Store**
- Tip Top**
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- Wendy's**
- Westfall Florists**

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Letter From The President



Hello to everyone in the Upper Mount Hope Neighborhood!

Welcome to the winter issue of the UMHN's newsletter! I hope that these holiday times are peaceful and fulfilling for all of us. This time and this issue of the newsletter marks the end of my and Max Reiter's first year as president and vice president. We have been on a learning curve, as has the whole organization, in dealing with an election and a transition to new officers. We look forward to the coming year and hope that we will be able to continue to contribute to the betterment and well being of our neighborhood. As always, we invite your feedback, your responses, and your participation in this organization. It will only keep growing and continue to be an effective voice for our neighborhood if we continue to have participation by people in the neighborhood.

We have had successes and we have had failures, but we continue to find areas where we believe we can make a difference. First of all, it is important to announce that the Traffic Control Board of Rochester has ruled on our petitions to change the parking hours along three of the streets adjacent to the Lattimore medical facility (except Shelbourne). These changes should be going into effect fairly soon. In response to this, the owners of the Lattimore facility, and The Cabot Group, which manages the building, have withdrawn their request to the city for a change in zoning that would have allowed them to put in a parking lot across the green space along Lattimore Road. Instead they will be putting in two small sidewalks, from the main sidewalk to the building, to allow employees, who park on the street during the day, to walk to the building. There might also be other small changes to the existing areas of the parking lot. So, we believe that we have negotiated a win/win situation for the neighborhood, the city, and the medical building that will allow adequate parking for employees and patients while keeping intact the last large green space in our neighborhood! Many thanks to everyone who cooperated in working out this solution.

We have another item to announce that we think is exciting. At the most recent meeting of the block representatives, we met with Mr. Dave Shaeffer, of the Canal Path Project. He is helping to spearhead an effort to have individuals, businesses, or organizations "adopt" a section of the canal path to help maintain it and watch over it and preserve it as the wonderful asset that it is for the public. The Upper Mount Hope Neighborhood Association has voted to adopt the section that is adjacent to our neighborhood: from East Henrietta Road to the old railroad bed bridge near the Ronald McDonald House. Denise Lippa and Sue Schickler have volunteered to head a committee to coordinate this effort. You'll be hearing a lot more about it as we get closer to Spring and the effort gets underway.

We also plan on making the upgrading of the Eastmoreland park a project for 2004. We want to work with the city to provide a newer and safer playground for the children who play there. If someone would like to help work on this project, please let us know.

Perhaps most of you by now have seen the "Meet Me On Mount Hope" sign near the corner of Westfall and Mt. Hope. This was brought about in collaboration with the artist Achille Forgiione, who has also designed the banners for Project Hope. That project is still working its way through some of the bureaucracy of the city since it involves using city poles to mount the banners. We are still confident that we will reach an agreement and the banners will be a wonderful compliment to the large sign in the flower garden.

So, as you can see, it is a busy time for our neighborhood and our organization. There are a lot of positive and upbeat things that are happening and that are on the horizon. Max and I, along with the rest of UMHN, look forward to this coming year and to working with many of you to keep our community a wonderful place in which to live.

Thanks,
Bob Good

Fall General Meeting Held

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on the MHBA. He mentioned that the "Meet Me on Mt. Hope" sign, near the intersection of Mt. Hope and Westfall, is sponsored by the MHBA. We have members in the neighborhood association who attend the monthly meetings (every 4th Wednesday) of the MHBA, and the cooperation between our two organizations benefits both groups. Owners or representatives from 3 new businesses introduced themselves - *Curves* and *I Scream*, both in the Mt. Hope Plaza and also a yet-to-be-named NY-style deli, which soon will be opened in the former Michael's restaurant building. We welcomed these businesses to the area.

Bob Good gave an update on Project Hope (decorative signs to be installed on poles on Mt. Hope Avenue). He assured the group that the manufacturing and installation of these signs is going to occur, albeit a lot of paperwork and approvals.

Deb Swift, of SEAC (South East Area Coalition), gave an overview of that organization. She mentioned that there are 55,000 residents under the umbrella of SEAC. The group will celebrate 35 years of being a voice for individuals and businesses in the southeast sector of the city. Human service referral,



Deb Swift gives an overview of SEAC

housing, commercial development and crime prevention remain at the core of SEAC's identity and offerings today. Deb spoke about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), and mentioned that SEAC will sponsor training for this important national program that trains community members to respond in case of disaster or catastrophic event. Call

SEAC at 244-7405 or visit their website at www.rochester-seac.org for more information. Their office is located at 990 South Clinton Avenue.

The second guest speaker for the evening was Sergeant Carlos Garcia of the Rochester City Police Department. He gave us updated information on the reorganization of the RCPD. There has been no design change in the model for over 30 years, and there is a problem with work load distribution, which translates into poor service and reduced response times. The new model will allow for greater flexibility of deploying officers, which should result in faster response times and overall efficiency of the department. Changes are a work in progress and there is a one year timeline to completion; it should be completed by April 2004. Neighborhood Empowerment Teams (NET) will not be affected by the changes.



Sergeant Carlos Garcia of the Rochester City Police Department

The evening concluded with a wonderful raffle - items and services were generously donated by area businesses. Delicious refreshments, brought by block representatives, were served and the meeting ended shortly after 9pm.

A Day in the Life of Neighbor

By Sue Schickler

We Upper Mt. Hope neighbors live in a very walk able, convenient neighborhood. To this point, I composed a fun, but compressed, schedule of a sample "day in the neighborhood."

6am walk to **Curves**, workout.....6:15am vote at **St. Anne's Church**.....6:30am pick up bagel at **Bruegger's**.....6:45am coffee at **Starbuck's**.....7am **Mt. Hope Diner** for scrambled eggs.....7:15am car in for repair to **Mt. Hope Servicerter**.....7:30am bike on "**The National Heritage Trail**" along the **Erie Canal** (pick up this paved trail near **Ronald McDonald House**).....9am buy ibuprofen at **CVS**.....9:15am donut at **Dunkin' Donuts**.....9:30am volunteer at **Mary Cariola Center**.....9:45am buy bread at **Genesee Bakery**.....10am help with the garden at **The South Presbyterian Church**.....10:30am get sub at **Subway**.....10:45am bike tire repair at **Freewheelers**.....11am ice skate at the **Genesee Valley Ice Arena**.....11:30am mail a letter at the **Post Office at Strong Hospital**.....11:45am buy a camera at **Rowe Photo, Video and Audio**.....12:00pm swing by the most colorful house in the neighborhood and snap a picture (on Elmerston Road).....12:15pm purchase a toilet tank repair kit at **Benfante's Hardware**.....12:30m pick up a frame at **Super Variety Discount Store**.....12:45pm hike to see the Frederick Douglas gravesite at historic **Mt. Hope Cemetery**.....1pm toasted cheese sandwich at **Tip Top Diner**.....1:15pm visit the **Fine Arts Studio of Achille Forgione**.....1:30pm send flowers to an elderly neighbor from **Salmon Florist**.....1:45pm pick up futon at **Futons and More**.....2pm deposit check at **Advantage Credit Union**.....2:15pm hair cut at **Mark and M.E.**.....2:30pm pick up gift certificate for sister at **Bordeau Hair Salon**.....2:45pm purchase \$5. dress at **Second Seasons**.....3pm hot rock massage appointment at the **U of R Medical Center Fitness and Wellness Center** (phone 275-2437).....3:30pm buy woodears at **Chang's Oriental Food Store**.....3:45pm exchange old CDs for new at **Record Archive**.....4pm walk to a **Neily Lecture Series** talk at the U of R River Campus.....4:30pm Frosty at Wendy's.....4:45pm pick up bottle of wine at **Fort Hill Liquor**.....5:15pm sunset kayak trip on the **Genesee River** (launch at the UR Interfaith Chapel).....6:30pm dinner at the **Elmwood Inn**.....7pm \$2. movie on the River Campus at the U of R.....8pm ice cream soda at **I Scream**.....8:30pm take out baklava at **Mykonos Express**