



Neighborhood View

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Mayor Duffy Attends Project Hope Unveiling

On Saturday, Nov. 18th, three new Project Hope pieces were unveiled for neighbors, friends, and people who made the pieces of art a reality. Mayor Duffy was in attendance, along with many other dignitaries. It was a wonderful event and one that will be remembered by many.

The next phase of this project will be producing the artwork and installing it along Elmwood, Westfall/Westmoreland, South and Kendrick. Due to the approaching winter, this will most likely happen in the spring. Stay tuned for more news and updates on this exciting project.



Mayor Duffy addressing the gathering prior to the unveiling of the new art works created by Achille Forgione



Sarah Lentini, the Arts Council; Commissioner Charles Reeves of Parks and Recreation; Mayor Duffy; Bob Good, UMHN president; Achille Forgione, artist; Dan Hurly, Project Hope; Patrick Fisher

Project Hope began as a vision of Patrick Fisher, an active UMHN member when he lived in this neighborhood. He saw this area as an avenue and home for many people and organizations with missions of hope; more specifically, the U of R Medical Center, Mary Cariola Children’s Center, neighborhood churches, businesses, and Mt. Hope Cemetery – all offering a sense of hope for those in need.

Working with students at the Mary Cariola Children’s Center, Patrick requested them to express their feelings of “hope” in drawings, which were then transformed into steel silhouettes, by local artist Achille Forgione and Larry

Warner of GM Welding. The Upper Mt. Hope Neighborhood Association was the recipient of an earlier “Culture Builds Communities” grant from The Greater Rochester Arts and

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UMHN President's Letter

Denise Lippa



President's Letter

Let me introduce myself. My name is Denise Lippa and I've been living in the neighborhood for three and a half years. I found myself quickly inspired by the interest, ideas and energy of this community. People take opportunities to introduce themselves to one another, talk about timely concerns, and make contacts with city, county and state officials to improve our neighborhood. Because of this activity, along with our University neighbors, we are a well-regarded city neighborhood. As UMHN President, I look forward to continuing this trend, creating more opportunities for people to contribute their talents. I have been mentored by wonderful neighbors who dedicate a great deal of time and passion to various projects, as you can see in the newsletter. Especially important, I extend thanks to Bob Good and his wife, Sue Schickler, for serving as leaders these past four years. And appreciation is given to Tony and Terry Correa, who originated this forum (Upper Mt. Hope Neighbors) for us to communicate and catalyze improvement. Recently elected vice president, Lorna Mittelman, has lived in this neighborhood for many years, and offers an invaluable perspective. We look forward to working with you to keep our neighborhood safe and vibrant.

Denise

A Note from the Vice President

Together with Denise, I hope we can create greater communication amongst ourselves, as well as more opportunities to interact by facilitating special interest groups dedicated to improving the environment of our neighborhood. One example is facilitating a communication tree, perhaps by street, with e-mail and/or telephone information, to be used for specific neighborhood news such as biannual meetings or criminal activity noted by police. I am very much looking forward to working with everyone.

Lorna

Project Hope Unveiling (Cont. from Page 1)

Cultural Council; funding for this first grant was made possible by the generous contributions of the City of Rochester and M&T Bank. This money was used to create and install the artwork now seen along Mt. Hope Avenue, hanging from utility poles. In early 2006, UMHN Association applied for a second grant and was graciously awarded \$15,495, which will be used to create additional artwork, this time featuring 3 different designs, again from Mary Cariola students' drawings.

Special thanks to the following individuals for helping to make Patrick's vision a reality: Achille Forgione (Fine Arts Studio), Larry Warner (GM Welding), Sara Latini, Leonard Urso, and Clare Gunther (Arts and Cultural Council of Greater Rochester), Kathy Kloeck and Sara Cardillo (M&T Bank), Peter Saxe (NBN Sector 6), Robert Duffy, Mayor (City of Rochester), Adam McFadden, Councilman (City of Rochester), Harry Bronson (Monroe County Legislature), Susan John (State Assemblywoman), Charles Reeves, Julio Vasquez, Terry Mott, Matt McCarthy, Vicky Bell and JoAnn Beck (City of Rochester), Carole Thomas (City of Rochester Street Lighting), Molly Clifford (NET Director), Helen Hogan (SEAC), Sharon Locke (Beyond Creative Boundaries), and The Mary Cariola Childrens' Center. Extra special thanks to Dan Hurley, member of UMHN, whose extraordinary dedication to Project Hope was the driving force from the beginning. His attention to every aspect of this project is to be applauded.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS CORNER

The Pike Company Project Updates

Mike Flannery Project Director

New James P. Wilmot Cancer Center – The site work is 95% complete for this season and the balance will be completed in summer of 07. The concrete foundations are completed. You can now see the concrete super structure coming out of the ground. We have completed the forming and pouring of the entire reinforced concrete 1st floor. Over 65% of the 2nd floor has been formed and poured and the last section is schedule to be poured within 2 weeks. The crews will be erecting the 3rd floor forming systems and preparing for the concrete placement over the next six weeks. The pours will be smaller than the mass concrete pours during the summer months. The upcoming weather will dictate which days the concrete pours can be accomplished and the weather will also extend the time for finishing of the slabs.

Master Utilities underground work – the new 24” chilled water lines and electrical duct bank has been installed from the heli-pad all the way east past the new Cancer Center site and north all the way down East drive to Elmwood Ave. East drive has been repaved and is ready for the winter plowing season. Final paving of East drive will continue next spring. The chilled water work will continue during the next couple months in front of the Eastman Dental building and the loop will be completed to the hospital Main entrance.

We would like to thank the entire neighborhood association for their patience and cooperation with all our crews during a very busy construction season. I will continue to update you with the progress.

Storm Water Drainage Systems Update

The University and the Monroe County Pure Waters Department have been working together for the past year evaluating the storm water drainage systems around the Medical Center and River Campus properties. Monroe County has gone through and cleaned all of the main storm sewer lines in these areas and this has helped alleviate some of the storm water drainage issues in the area. Out of this investigation developed a storm water sewer upgrade project along Crittenden Boulevard that will help address the current drainage issues in that area as well as provide sufficient capacity for future University building expansions such as the new chiller plant. The majority of this sewer upgrade construction will occur along the North side of Crittenden Boulevard, next to the Medical Center.

U of R Water Chiller Plant Update

On November 2nd, UMHN hosted a special community meeting at which the University presented updated plans for its proposed new Water Chiller Plant along Kendrick Rd. (detailed article appeared in our fall newsletter). The neighbors in attendance asked many questions and suggested that the University consider enhancing the final site with a number of trees and various types of greenery to create a more visually pleasing structure. The University is moving ahead with its plans and wants to have another meeting with neighbors before construction begins. Construction is currently scheduled for late winter or early spring.

New Grocery Planned for Our Neighborhood

Bob Good of UMHN met with Mike Mihalitas from the Mt. Hope Diner to discuss plans for a new grocery store, which he hopes to open at the corner of Irvington Rd. and Mt. Hope. Unfortunately, at this point, there is not a lot of news to report. Mike is very upbeat and very committed to making this happen. Currently, there are issues that are being scrutinized by the EPA and until those issues are resolved, the project cannot move forward. Mike will continue to keep UMHN informed.

Fall General Meeting Held Monday, October 23

The UMHN Fall General Meeting was held on October 23rd in St. Anne’s Social Hall. The following article summarizes that meeting.

New officers were elected. Denise Lipa was elected to the position of President and Lorna Mittelman will serve as Vice President. Both Denise and Lorna have been active members of UMHN, and look forward to serving the neighborhood in these new roles.

The first speaker of the evening was Lt. Frank Churnetski. He reminded people to use common sense and lock their doors, even when “just in the back yard” and not to leave valuable items visible in the car, or near a house window. He also reminded people to call **9-1-1** if anything (activity or an individual) looks unusual near your home.

The next speaker was Paul Way, whose presentation on the reconstruction project for Mt. Hope Avenue was very exciting. There are several design ideas being considered and a formal review process for the neighborhood will be held at a later date. Work will not begin for another 2 years.

Final speaker for the evening was Carlos Carballada, Commissioner of Economic Development for the City of Rochester. He introduced Mike Mihalitas, owner of Mt. Hope Diner, who formally announced that he will open a grocery store, in the building on the corner of Irvington and Mt. Hope (formerly a garage/tire store). Opening of the grocery store is expected in the spring (see story on page 4).



Lt. Churnetski discussing neighborhood safety issues



Paul Way presenting some of the new plans for the Mt. Hope Reconstruction



A large gathering of neighbors was on hand to hear from the several speakers and to vote on the new president and vice president for Upper Mount Hope Neighbors!!

Neighborhood News (Continued)

Parking Issues Resolved Around the Lattimore Medical Center

Those of you who drive by the Lattimore Medical Center during the day will notice that the congestion of parked cars & trucks has dramatically lessened over the last few weeks. UMHN worked with neighbors, LMC owners, and the Traffic Board to change the parking hours around the center. This has now been accomplished. If neighbors are concerned about the influx of outside parkers on your block and would like to have changes made, please get in touch with your UMHN representative for details on how to make this happen.

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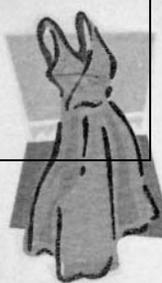
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History Corner



As Time Goes By *Reflections of a Neighbor*

By
Maggie Swift



Maggie Swift and her husband Bill are long time residents of this neighborhood. In previous issues of this newsletter, Maggie wrote for The History Corner, reflecting on her early days in this neighborhood. She continues the story here. She and Bill are shown here at their home on South Ave.

While preparing this installment of my story, I was drawn to imagining our Upper Mt. Hope area as farmland. That's not an easy task as I watch South Avenue traffic during rush hour. My information is less than complete and exclusively from papers received when we purchased our home from the original owner.

My information is taken from an "Abstract of Title" researching our property on South Avenue, as well as from a May 1916 Survey Map of our area. The Survey Map shows the "South Side Tract, Part of Brighton, Town Lot No. 68." The tract is bordered by Elmwood Avenue (formerly County House Road/1860), South Avenue, Stokes Street (now Fort Hill Terrace) and Mt. Hope Avenue (formerly West Henrietta Plank Road/1860). By the way, also on that 1916 map are Southview Terrace and Cedarwood Terrace (now Westview Terrace). More about this land later.

The farmland, on which many of us now live, was owned by Archibald and Janet Morton. It bordered County House Road (Elmwood) and extended south. In 1860, they sold approximately fifty acres to George Ellwanger and Patrick Barry, co-partners under the name of *Ellwanger and Barry*. It was part of "lot 68, Town of Brighton." Twenty-four years later, they sold a parcel of land to Thomas Crittenden. There's a familiar name. It appears, in 1884, there may have been a hotel owned by Charles Meitzler on part of where Crittenden Blvd. is located today. Thomas Crittenden purchased about two acres on the northern border of the hotel's property. It extended about 550 feet west from the center line of West Henrietta Road and about 168 feet north to south on the center line of West Henrietta Road (possibly the corner property where the Hess station stands today, and to the south).

With the death of Patrick Barry in June 1890, the "residue of his property" passed to his wife and four children. The relationship with Ellwanger continued and together, in the fall of 1890, they sold a parcel of land on the Crittenden north border to Lena and Frederick Moll (possibly the old Wegmans area). Stipulation: build a two story frame building within six months, costing no less than \$3,000. and no closer than fifty feet from the front line on the now Mt. Hope Avenue. Also agreed was that there would be no "trade business or occupation offensive in its nature to the neighborhood" or "the manufacture or sale of any distilled or malt liquors." These stipulations would "run with the land and shall apply to and bind the heirs, executors," etc.

It is recorded that in October 1900, all the primaries and heirs became the *Ellwanger and Barry Realty Company*.

There will be one more installment for those of you who share my curiosity about this area's history. Other neighbors are encouraged to share their remembrances.

Kids' Activities Committee Forming

by Nicole VanDerMeid

If you haven't seen a kid today (other than your own and not including the overgrown variety) then you probably haven't been outside yet. It's hard to go very far in the Upper Mount Hope Neighborhood without spotting either a kid or a piece of kid paraphernalia that suggests one is nearby.

Being a mom myself, I think kids are great – which is another reason I love this neighborhood. In a previous publication of this newsletter, I noticed a list of suggestions for new committees. The “Kids Activities Committee” caught my eye and when I called to inquire, I learned that the committee doesn't actually exist yet – not due to a lack of kids, I assure you. With other interested neighbors, I would like to help fill this need. Stories in the park, Fourth of July parades, talent shows, bike safety rodeos – these are all activities wonderfully suited to our neighborhood. If you're interested in joining this committee, please call me 271-8477. Don't delay – I'd like to organize the first idea gathering meeting by mid-January.



Highlights of the Oct. /Nov. PCIC Meeting

Reported by Patrick Tyndall

PCIC is *Police and Citizens Interaction Committee*. We now have a neighborhood representative attending these monthly meetings, as we work toward implementing more crime prevention activities in our neighborhood. This newly-formed UMHN Safety Committee will hold its first meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11. If you're interested, please contact Mary Tyndall at 473-4421 or lmtyndalljr@att.net.

- **The Impact Initiative (RPD, Sheriff, State Police):** was used to address robberies in the Monroe/Park Ave. area. Robberies and other crimes declined significantly over the 2 week period that *Impact* was used.
- **Parking monitors:** More have been hired to work from 3 p.m. to 3 a.m. Irvington Road is experiencing regular parking violations after 3 p.m.
- **Recent shootings:** They are not random. They are usually in response to some kind of dispute between parties who know each other and often involve drugs, but not always.
- **Warning:** We are entering a high larceny period (i.e. thefts from cars), as we approach the holiday season. Do NOT leave ANY packages in your cars or house visible from an outside window. (This includes coats, hats, or mittens in your car—they are very inviting to those who could use them at this time of year.)
- **Community Concern:** A neighbor reported that there may be a drug house on Linden and Oakland.
- **Police Citizen Academy (PCA):** This is a mini version of the training the police get and it would be open to citizens. Contact Lt. Frank Churnetski at 428-7643, NET-RPD or fc0249@cityofrochester.gov to sign up.
- **Conflict Resolution Training:** This training will give you basic skills to defuse conflicts in your neighborhood and can be used at your comfort level. Space permitting, active neighborhood people are invited. Contact Natalie Frame 697-1999 or Natalie_Frame@rmsc.org ASAP.
- **Dog Watch:** Interest is being shown for a neighborhood watch for those who enjoy walking their dogs. Details to follow.

Kudos to Cops: Appreciation to the police for halting the presence of homeless/panhandlers at the 490/Goodman St. exit. They also followed up on an asphalt scam.