



Neighborhood View

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Neighbors Concerned about Smoking Policy

In January, when the new smoking policy was enacted at the U of R Medical Center, the Upper Mt. Hope Neighbors immediately noted some concerns. Residents noted the loitering and litter on the periphery of the Medical Center Campus.

These concerns were brought to the attention of Pete Saxe of the Neighborhood Empowerment Team (NET office); he assisted in setting up a meeting with UMHN and the U of R. Last month, Director of University Security, Walter Mauldin, Asst. Director of Medical Ctr. Operations, Lorraine McTarnaghan, and Director of Public Relations UPMC, Teri D'Agostino met with UMHN board members. Everyone was open and interested in finding solutions to our concerns.

The Medical Center's leaders are deeply concerned about the problems our neighborhood is experiencing as a result of their smoking policy. They are going to alter their smoke-free perimeter to free-up parking lot space on their own property where smokers can go. Current signage will be moved and they will begin to allow smoking in the back of the Lattimore lot, behind Helen Wood Hall and a safe distance from the Child Care Center. This should help with some of the problems along Castleman and Raleigh, and it will still keep smokers away from entrances to the hospital. The perimeter maps that are handed out will show the new perimeter and reinforce that smoking in the neighborhood is against policy. Enforcement will be stepped up, continuing the Security patrols; disciplinary action will be taken against employees who repeatedly break the rules. Grounds people from the U of R are out cleaning up debris on area walkways.

The group agreed that signage posted on private properties of concerned neighbors may be effective. The signs will encourage people to respect the property, and refrain from loitering and littering. The U of R will fabricate these signs and install them on the property of concerned neighbors. Contact Teri D'Agostino at 275-3676 for more information or if you wish to have a sign on your property.

If you have an immediate concern or suggestion to voice, you should communicate with the U of R Department of Public Relations & Communications at 275-3676, during regular business hours, or 274-2222, after hours.

The University understands that this policy is a huge undertaking, and demonstrates a great interest in maintaining a respectful relationship with the neighborhood. As such, we will have a follow-up meeting on this issue in May or June. In the meantime, your observations are important to register with UMHN in working toward solutions. You may contact Denise Lippa at 461-0795.



Mark your Calendars!

- March 28 – Literary Reading, Academy of Medicine, 6:30pm
- April 21 - Earth Day Canal Clean-Up, 9:30-Noon
- April 30 - Spring General Meeting, 6:30pm
- May 5 – SE Community Spirit Parade, 2-4pm
- May 11-20 - Lilac Festival
- May 19 - Clean Sweep project for our area
- June 1, 2, 3 - UMHN Garage Sales

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UMHN President's Letter

Denise Lipka



Hello residents of our neighborhood,

The most vivid discovery I can note in this new leadership position is that we each, as individuals, really do make a difference. At City Hall meetings, it's clear that our voice for "fair share" gained us money that went right to services we use every day. The Mt. Hope Business Association, working with residents, addresses the City Planners to reconstruct Mt. Hope Avenue in pedestrian-friendly style. All of our grassroots activity groups are exemplary to the City staff and other neighborhoods. It's very exciting.

We want to identify our neighborhood with a logo. The artist who designed the metalworks from children's drawings, Mr. Achille Forgione, has generously agreed to allow us to use the original Mt. Hope design. As the 70 new signs (this time in color) begin to appear on poles this spring, it will surely become our neighborhood trademark. We very much appreciate Mr. Forgione's talent and wonderful spirit throughout this project. Stop by his studio at 1660 Mt. Hope Avenue and view his artwork.

So, dive in and see what interests you. The Spring General Meeting, on April 30, will be an informal opportunity to meet people who are doing things you may want to check out, through different informational tables.

Denise

Southeast Community Spirit Parade

The congregation of Baber AME Church, 550 Meigs Street, along with other community partners, is producing the Southeast Community Spirit Parade to celebrate the rebirth of southeast Rochester. They wish to promote all the wonderful and positive developments going on in our own backyard. Instead of marching against violence and crime, they want to march for quality of life and good people to share it with. They are extending the invitation to area youth organizations, clubs, churches, etc. to participate.

The parade is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5, 2007** from 2-4pm. The parade route is along South Clinton Avenue, from Highland Parkway to Meigs Street.

Inquiries can be sent to: Parade Committee, Baber AME Church, 550 Meigs St., Rochester 14607, or phone 461-1395. Application deadline is April 1.



Rochester Fair Share Coalition

The Rochester Fair Share Coalition is asking us to join the effort to get equitable state funding for Rochester. Here are the facts: if the governor's budget were approved, Rochester would receive \$370 per resident.....that's \$160 less than Buffalo and \$98 less than Syracuse. At the current rate of increase, Rochester wouldn't catch up to our neighboring cities until Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Please make your voice heard again this year by following the link below to authorize an online letter of support. Thank you for your assistance.

<http://www.votervoice.net/Core.aspx?AID=396&APP=GAC&IssueID=9310>

Neighborhood Safety Committee Meeting

The meeting was held in January. Discussion included such topics as: block parties, use of front porch lights, "Welcome" packets for new neighbors, street/neighborhood communication (phone or email) tree, neighborhood watch, and distribution of safety and crime prevention tips. If you would like to be part of our next session, please contact Mary Tyndall at 473-4421 or lmtyndalljr@att.net.

Clean Sweep Coming to Our Neighborhood

Clean Sweep, the city-wide program that was begun last year will be repeated this spring. If you wish to participate, please register at 428-5990 or visit the city's website www.cityofrochester.gov and click on the Clean Sweep logo. The day designated for the SE quadrant (our area) is **Saturday, May 19**; gathering in the morning at East High School. Join in the fun and help to beautify our neighborhood, and all of Rochester. Upper Mount Hope Neighbors will be focusing our attention on continuing the great work done last year at Mark's Park. See the following article for more information on this ongoing work.

Mark's Park

A few years ago, an article about the history of Mark's Park appeared in this publication. Recently there has been interest in restoring this area along the canal bank on the curve of Westmoreland Drive. Last spring, in conjunction with the City's "Clean Sweep," UMHN focused on clearing Mark's Park. Two truck loads of debris were cleared away and the City Forestry Department trimmed dead tree branches. Some trees were cut down to give visual access to the area. During the fall "Clean Sweep," another truck load of debris was carted away.

Recently a group of people met at the Ronald McDonald House to discuss further plans to renovate the park. Pete Saxe from the NET Office led the discussion. Cindy Knox, a UMHN member, gave a brief history of the park, and Judie Griffin, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House, offered a meeting place. Ted Eigardorf of the Regional Center for Independent Living, offered ideas for funding and Tim Raymond of the City Building and Zoning Board, offered his services as an architect.

It was decided that building a sturdy bridge across the drainage ditch, in order to access the area with heavy duty equipment, is the first priority. The consensus was that the UMHN Association should sponsor the project. We are hopeful that there will be cooperation from the City and the Canal Authority in the future.

Our goal is to make Mark's Park a respite for clients of the Ronald McDonald House, as well as residents of our neighborhood.

Canal Trail Kickoff April 21...Earth Day

Once again our neighborhood organization is the designated caretaker of a section of the Erie Canalway Trail. We take care of the canal path from East Henrietta Road west to Kendrick Road. This year our kickoff will coincide with Clean Sweep (sponsored by the City) as well as the NY State Canal

Corporation, along with Parks & Trails NY's "Canal Clean Sweep" across the state. It also happens to be **EARTH DAY**. What a great way for us to "give something back." So pitch in and join us from 9:30am until Noon on **Saturday, April 21st**. Meet at the Kendrick Road parking lot (by the exercise course), just west of the Ronald McDonald House (Westmoreland Drive). Bring a wagon, a broom, rake or clippers, or just yourself to this wonderful community celebration of our historic trail. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Call Sue Schickler at 473-1159 with your questions.



What is Project Hope?

Project Hope was initiated in Oct. 2002 by Mr. Patrick Fisher. The initial purpose of this project was to transform what 'Hope' means as suggested by artwork submitted by children at the Mary Cariola Center, to actual 2 x 3' steel artifacts attached to streetlight poles on streets in the Upper Mt. Hope neighborhood. The artwork was translated from the children's drawing to a working design by Mr. Achille Forgione, a renowned artist with a studio at 1660 Mt. Hope Ave. Currently three new works of art are scheduled to be installed this spring on 70 poles throughout the neighborhood. This will be the final step in the first of three phases. Additional work will include installing markers defining "health walks, runs, etc." along with benches and other ornamental features supporting Hope, Health and Happiness in our neighborhood.

If you would like to see and hear more information regarding this wonderful project, including how to volunteer, please attend our Spring General Meeting on April 30, 6:30pm at St. Anne's Social Hall.

Help Needed

UMHN's website is in need of some updated photos. If you have a digital camera, and have current, interesting photos that depict life in our neighborhood, please consider sharing them. Send photos to Tony Correa at his email: acorrea@rochester.rr.com along with some brief details of the photo(s).

We are also looking for someone who is interested in being a street representative for Lattimore Road. Delivering newsletters and fliers to houses on Lattimore Road (4-6 times/year) and optional attendance at a brief monthly UMHN meeting are the requirements. If you would like to find out more, call Denise Lippa at 461-0795.

Spring General Meeting Scheduled for April 30

All residents of the Upper Mt. Hope Neighborhood are invited to attend the Spring General Meeting, to be held on **Monday, April 30**, in the Community Room at St. Anne Church, beginning at 6:30pm.

This evening will be somewhat of an "Information Fair" where you can learn more about opportunities and events in our neighborhood. We have invited SEAC to be present to share information about housing/renovating grants and also to explain how their Tool Library works. We have requested a rep from the NET Office to also be available to answer any questions you may have and to provide you with information about their services. Members of the UMHN "board" will be present to offer you information on the many ways you can help to make our neighborhood an even more wonderful place to live, work and play.

Bring your questions.....bring your neighbor! Join us for an information-filled evening. Refreshments will be served.

turtlequill

Journal of the Literary Arts

Founded in the Fall of 2006, *turtlequill* is the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry's Journal of the Literary Arts. The journal provides an outlet through which community members can express themselves through writing and, as importantly, provides a medium through which they can share these expressions with others. *turtlequill* is run, organized, and edited entirely by URMC medical students. The Spring 2007 issue will be released **March 28, 2007** at a public literary reading at the Rochester Academy of Medicine at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend this free event. Publication consideration in this journal is open to all medical students, graduate students, residents, faculty and staff of the University of Rochester Medical Center, School of Nursing, or the Eastman School of Dentistry. Submissions may be emailed to turtlequilljournal@gmail.com For more information, see our website: <http://turtlequilljournal.googlepages.com>

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ArtSmart Summer Camp

The City's Bureau of Recreation is sponsoring *ArtSmart*, a new seven-week summer arts camp for youth ages 6-13. *ArtSmart* will provide a wide range of performing and visual arts activities, including theatre, painting, dance, storytelling, textile arts and more. Registration is now open through May 1.

The camp will be held Monday-Friday, from 9am until 5pm, **July 2 through August 17** at the City's Lodge at Lake Riley, Cobbs Hill Park, 100 Norris Drive, off Culver Road. Registration includes a fee of \$110 per week, with priority given to city residents. For further information or to obtain a registration form, call 428-7371.

News from the Medical Center

UMHN continues to stay in close contact with the Medical Center so that they can keep the neighborhood informed of new construction projects and other related issues of interest to their neighbors.

By the time you get this newsletter the first stages of the new chiller plant will be underway along Kendrick Rd near Lattimore. This major upgrade of the facilities' infrastructure is necessary to support the new Cancer Center and other planned expansions. The chiller plant is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2008.

The Cancer Center is progressing on schedule. During a recent meeting with UMHN, the project manager explained that the job is now approximately 35% completed with most of the major concrete framework now finished. Work should move rapidly from here on out. The external siding will be going up soon and the new building will start to take shape. Both the University and the contractor appreciate the patience of the neighborhood during this construction.

Finally, the University will be making an announcement in the next several weeks regarding the construction of a new education and research building. This building is still early in the planning stages and construction is not projected to begin until 2008.



Construction is well underway with the new Cancer Center. It is scheduled to be completed in spring or summer, 2008

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History Corner



As Time Goes By *Reflections of a Neighbor*

By
Maggie Swift



(Editor's Note: 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. This is her fourth and final column. We would like to thank Maggie for her entertaining and interesting contributions.)

It has been an interesting journey through time and trying to envision the progress in development of our small neighborhood around Strong and Upper Mt Hope. The Ellwanger and Barry Realty Company sold another parcel of land to a Gretchen Gorham in 1903. This was bordered on the north side by the Moll property and appears to extend to Elmwood Ave. on the north. It could have been where the Towne House is today.

The last parcel sale by the Ellwanger and Barry Company recorded in our specific documents, is the sale of the Southside Tract in the town of Brighton, which included our lots #24, #25 and #26 on South Ave. The tract was land bordered by Elmwood Ave. on the north, South Ave. on the east, Stokes Street (now Fort Hill Terrace) on the south and Mt. Hope Ave. on the west, excluding the McDonald's corner. This parcel was sold to the Carthage Development Company, Inc. recorded on March 4th and 17th of 1916. It appears the land was about 16.77 acres, exclusive of streets Southview Terrace and Cedarwood Terrace (now Westview Terrace), and sold for \$21,000. The survey map of May 1916 shows the streets in this tract and the land divided into 139 lots for development.

In May 1916, Robert Thompson purchased lot #26 and Frederick Miller purchased lot #25 (closer to Elmwood Avenue) and in 1917 built the house, at least \$2500 as required, in which we now reside. That same year, both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Miller awarded easement rights to the *Rochester Railway and Light Co., NY Telephone Co. and Rochester Telephone Company* to put one pole for services in the northwest corner of their properties. (The squirrels even love it today.) Robert Thompson may not have built a home

because he sold his lot #26 to Frederick Miller in 1922. Mr. Miller purchased lot #24 in July of 1921. Mr. Miller then owned three lots on South Ave.

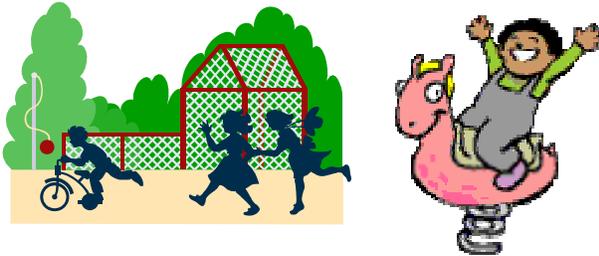
Frederick Miller worked for RG&E, but never owned a car. As a frugal person and identifying needs of the time, in 1935 he erected a four-car garage, perpendicular to South Ave, on lot #26. Those spaces were rented for \$7.00 a month until the time we purchased the home in 1974. In 1937 he subdivided lots #25 and #24 and sold lot #24...except for 2 feet frontage. His lot #25 house was now 44 feet frontage and lot #24 was 40 feet frontage. This didn't sit kindly with the owner of lot #24 when we moved in (1974). She was an elderly neighbor and frequently commented about the discrepancy and how she was cheated of two feet that belonged to her. When my husband's friend from the South Ave. fire station came with the bucket ladder and re-rope the 30 foot flagpole in the back yard so we could raise the flag...and when we had a child whom I took over every day for her to see... there were no more complaints about property lines.

We have two and a quarter garages in the back which are parallel to the street and we don't know when they were built. There were six garages rented when we moved in. Tenants, including John Plain (remember his gas station up on the corner from the first installment of this saga?) stored tires for his business here. The garages are no longer rented (that's another story) and are filled with... well... whatever. We love the house, supposedly the first south of Elmwood Ave. on South Ave. and know that it will...one day...be too much for us to care for.

Give a call (244-9694) or email me at mesb@frontiernet.net or stop in some day. We'll sit on the back deck with a lemonade. Thank you for letting me share what it's like...as time goes by.

Neighborhood Playground Update

Last summer, we celebrated the opening of our new neighborhood playground at Eastmoreland Commons. The new equipment has been a big hit with the neighborhood kids and parents. This spring, new fencing and landscaping will be installed. Also the bricks for our walkway are currently being prepared and should be installed in late April or early May. It's not too late to donate a brick. There is a donation form available on our website www.umhn.com (click on projects & Eastmoreland Park). If you have not received an acknowledgment of your donation, please contact Terry Correa (39 Rossiter Road) for verification.



Volunteers Needed Kids' Activity Committee

Hard as it is to believe looking out the window now, only a couple of slushy months stand between the seasonal shift from snow blower to lawn mower. Soon, the sounds of shovels hitting pavement and the steady drip of icicles will be replaced with the sounds of sprinklers, lawn mowers and yes, many, many kids at play.

A Kids' Activity Committee is forming in our neighborhood to organize event for the children who live here. If you are interested in joining this committee to help plan events, please call Nicole VanDerMeid, 271-8477.

School #12

There are always opportunities for people to volunteer at our area schools. School #12, on South Avenue, across from Highland Hospital, is looking for reading volunteers. For more details, contact Lori Bryce at eclair@frontiernet.net or 242-9795.

School #12 is also starting a school garden. If you have a green thumb, or if you just want to join in the fun of planting with the kids, please contact Ana Brightful, Project Director & School #12 teacher, at 461-3280 or Principal Michele Alampi at the same number. Funding for this project is also needed.

Neighborhood Garage Sale Scheduled for June 1-3

Join in the fun as the UMHN Association once again sponsors an area-wide garage/yard sale. This is the 4th year for this hugely successful event. As before, it will be held the first weekend in June, beginning on Friday, June 1 and continuing on Saturday, and Sunday. Participants are invited to plan their sale on this weekend, and hold it either 1, 2 or all 3 days – whatever your schedule allows.

We will compile a listing of participating (“paid for”) households, and make the list available for you to hand out to your shoppers. Last year we had 40 participating households! Classified ads will be placed and signs will be located at the ends of the streets on which there is a sale.

Interested? Fill out the form below, and drop it, along with \$4.00 (to help defray costs of advertising) to: Barb Sanko, 123 Raleigh (corner of Raleigh & Norfolk). Or, bring it to the Spring General Meeting on April 30. Deadline is May 22.

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