

CHAP 21 Fall 2003 Newsletter

Welcome, Welcome, One and

All...CHAP21 would like to extend a warm welcome to our new neighbors who have joined us over the last several months. We're pleased to have you with us! For more information about our organization, our year in review, what's happening in our neighborhood, and our upcoming meetings and events...read on!

CHAP21 Neighborhood Yard Sale – Great Fun and Great Bargains...

Our neighborhood yard sale, held Friday June 13th through Sunday June 15th, was definitely a success! Signs were placed around the perimeters of the neighborhood and blue and gold balloons denoted participants. We had approximately 10 households take part and, despite a rainy start to the weekend, each household made about \$100 a piece. Many "sellers" became "buyers" as shoppers included folks residing both in and outside of the neighborhood. Truly, one man's trash was another man's treasure! We've heard many neighbors are already looking forward to next year!!! Start cleaning out those closets, basements, and garages now...! Thank you to Todd Perkins who put together a great event!!!

CHAP 21 Neighborhood Picnic...A Good Time Was Had By All....

The Board Members of CHAP21 held a neighborhood picnic at the home of Todd Perkins and Mark Ritter at 985 Harvard Street on the afternoon of June 22nd. Hots, burgers, beans, beverages and desserts were served to approximately 80 people. A small raffle was held for those who attended. Prizes included tickets to RMSC and discount tickets to Gel Salon and RC Shaheens. The weather was wonderful and feedback regarding the event was overwhelmingly positive. Sounds like we've started something. Thank you to both Todd Perkins and Natalie Frame for putting it all together!!!

CHAP21 Fall Festival...Small Group, Big Fun!

Our first Fall Festival event was held at the home (the garage and backyard) of Carrie Riley on Sunday, November 1st. Despite a steady downpour of rain and cold temperatures, approximately 15 neighbors showed up to enjoy apple cider and donuts from Schutt's Apple Farm, a variety left over Halloween candy, great conversation and a little heat from Carrie's Chimnea. Again, the feedback regarding the event was enthusiastic and positive! Thank you to Carrie Riley for hosting another great neighborhood event!

Crime Prevention

As the holidays are fast approaching, this can lead to an increase in crime. A significant number of burglaries in our neighborhood are crimes of opportunity. Many people leave home, garage and car windows and doors open and or unlocked. Keep bushes and hedges trimmed back so they don't provide cover for someone trying to get into your house or apartment. If you see anyone around your house or your neighbors' houses especially in the back or side yards, **call 911 immediately! Better to be safe than sorry.**

Our Newest Neighborhood Business....

Gel Salon..."where your look comes together"

1245 Park Ave

(formerly Umberto's Tailoring)

James Carducci, Owner / Operator 423-1800

Shop Hours:

8am – 5pm Mon – Wed

8am – 5pm Thurs – Fri

8am – 5pm Sat

Men's Women's and Children's haircuts

Call for an appointment/Walk-in's welcome!

**Our Next CHAP21 Neighborhood
Association Meeting Will be Held on
Wednesday, April 14th at School #1
(across the ped bridge) Meeting Time
is 7:00 p.m.**

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Dear Neighbors,

As 2003 comes to a close, I would like us all to take a moment and think about how fortunate we are to be living in such a great area of the city. I moved into our neighborhood as a renter on Audubon Street in 1994. It was not until I became a homeowner on Harvard Street in 1999 that I became aware of CHAP21's existence. My participation in CHAP21 started when I began to experience quality of life issues within my section of the neighborhood. Working with CHAP21, the RPD, NET and SEAC, I have been able to effectively deal with these issues and enjoy my home. I became Co-Chair approximately 3 years ago.

We are lucky. Our crime rate is relatively low, our residences have steadily increased in value, and our quality of life, while not perfect, has remained relatively high over the last several years. Sadly, when things are "good" we all tend to rest on our laurels or become complacent.

Unfortunately, 2004 presents some possible challenges. Expected changes to our Rochester Police Department will eliminate several precincts, leaving us with just two, the closest being on North Clinton Avenue. As a result, we could see less police coverage, and longer response times. This change, coupled with our somewhat stagnant economy, leaves us open to the threat of more crime of all types. Now is the time to pull together as a community, as a neighborhood, to ensure that our homes are safe, and our quality of life is not jeopardized. Let's not wait until things are "bad" before we act.

What would I like to see for our neighborhood in 2004? I'd like to see an active PAC-TAC group, more neighbors interacting with neighbors, more neighborhood participation on the CHAP21 board, a neighborhood "yellow pages" and the set up and execution of a neighborhood website. The latter I have been promising for over two years. One or two individuals cannot complete these tasks alone. It takes more than a handful of people to make a neighborhood.

I am asking for your help and participation during the next year. The yearly membership fee is just \$5.00. The fee has not increased since 1986! Please take a moment and complete the membership form/questionnaire below, *EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY A MEMBER.* We are updating our database and would like to ensure that the information we have is current. Return it to Mark Ritter, CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 985 Harvard Street, Rochester, NY 14610

Thank you,

Mark Ritter/Co-Chair CHAP21

CHAP21 Neighborhood Association 2004 Membership Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Years in Neighborhood: _____

Email Address: _____

I can help out by: Working on Projects/Events _____ Delivering Newsletters _____
Board Member _____ I am generally available _____ I can
contribute by: _____

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