



# Neighborhood View

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## Shots Fired!

Terry Correa

That's how the calls went out, twice in less than 30 days. The location was the same in both incidents: 1661 Mt Hope Avenue, Mt Hope Plaza. At the times of the call, Only H2O Bar & Grill and Country Sweet were open.

These are not the only two calls that 911 dispatch operators have received, since H2O has been running 'Theme Nights'. There have been a number of calls about excessive noise, fighting, assaults, illegal parking, and car break-ins. Neighbors have witnessed people urinating and vomiting on their property as well as their neighbor's property. At 2:00 am, there has been dancing on the lawn of Saint Anne's Church, and people running through the streets with no regard to traffic or the surrounding community. That's right, this is happening in your neighborhood!

Mr. Gastel, owner of Mt Hope Plaza refuses to address the letters sent by the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors, the residents of our neighborhood, and the surrounding Neighborhood Associations that have come to our aid. Mike D'Andrea, one of the proprietors of H2O, confronted by the Business Association, The Rochester Police Department, and the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors said H2O would take measures to alleviate the situation. Yet, it continues.

### What we have done?

We have undergone a massive letter and email campaign. Letters have gone to Assembly Member Susan John, Mayor

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## JJC Update

Tony Correa

### A Brief Recap

The County wants to put a Juvenile Justice Center within the City. It is a 16-acre, 120 bed facility. It incorporates a detention unit, a placement unit, family court (2 court rooms), after care center, and an infirmary. There will also be a power plant, and a maintenance facility. An administrative unit will house lawyer's offices, sheriff's offices, probation officers, and offices for the administrative support required to run such a facility. There will also be a parking lot supporting 200 cars.

On April 9, the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors hosted a presentation given by Mr. James Mulley (Special Counsel to the County Executive). On April 30, The Strong Neighborhood Association hosted a similar presentation also given by Mr. Mulley and his associates. In total, approximately 140 people comprised of residents, business owners, City officials, State officials, and neighborhood leaders from surrounding communities attended these meetings. During

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## Neighborly Get Together

Max Reiter



Recognize these neighbors? The weather was very wet (like much of the summer of 2000) until about gathering time the 3rd of July. Things cleared up and the sun shone for a few of these fun filled hours, where new and old neighbors came to meet. Everyone brought a delicious dish to pass to complete a spread fit for a king. It was an enjoyable way to make friends and meet families from Castleman and Lattimore Road. •

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these meetings, approximately 80% or more of those in attendance expressed their opposition to this project. Neighborhood leaders as well as residents carried this message to City Council Chambers.

### Since Then

The State has allocated \$400,000 for a feasibility study. The County has hired a lobbyist to assist (it is believed) in the passing of legislation required to move forward with this project.

### On Going Work

UMHN will form a com-

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William Johnson, and District Council Members. The Chief of Police, the Commanding Officer of the Highland Section as well as the RPD Lieutenant at the N.E.T. office have received letters. We have also sent correspondence to the City Law Department and the New York State Liquor Authority. Neighborhood PAC-TAC volunteers have made a presence in the parking lot at the Plaza. We have also contacted the Lattimore Medical Center.

### What we will do:

We will continue our letter campaign. We will include our

City, County, and State elected officials in our letters. We will be speaking at City Council August 21, room 302A, City Hall at the "Speak to Council" session at 7:00 pm. If you would also like to speak to council call 428-6519 before 6:00 pm of the meeting day.

### What you can do.

Write letters, many letters, to the same people we have already sent letters to. We will post on our web site all the addresses we have sent letters too. When we bring the petition to your door, sign it. Come with us to City Council Chambers to express

your concerns. If you have any other ideas, please let us know.

It is imperative that we hold H2O accountable for stealing from our quality of life. Standing together working as an organized, caring, involved community, we regain our neighborhood's peace, quite, and safety. •

# United Day of Caring



It was a bright sunny day on April 25. We meet in the parking lot of Mt Hope Plaza armed with shovels, picks, rakes, hoe, brooms, pruning shears, and more garbage bags than I care to remember.

We all meet with the intention of making a difference. If for just one day, we were going to make a small part of our city look just a little bit better. The crazy part about the whole thing, the crew assigned to us by United Way didn't even live in the City.



After we were done, we had lunch at Rubino's right there in the Plaza. We felt good about having done something for someone else to enjoy. We all walked away knowing one thing: we would all do it again next year! •

*Try to join us next year!*

Debra, Russ, Kathy, Craig



## A Little History

Dan Hurley

### The History of Elementary School Number 49

School number 49 on Lattimore Road was built between 1934-1937 at a cost of 239,000 dollars. The school, named after George H. Thomas (a civil war veteran) was nicknamed "Little America". It was called this because during the winter months, the snow covering the building material resembled Admiral Byrd's Antarctic ship. In 1982, the city school district closed the school despite protests by neighborhood residence. Those protests led to the organization of the Strong Neighborhood Association. A year later, the school was converted into a medical center. The original number 49 school, named Brighton District number 5, was built in 1913. It was later annexed by the city in 1923. •

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mittee to keep abreast of what the County is doing with this project. The committee will also be investigating any possibility to prevent the opening of this facility. If you can help with this committee, please contact Tony Correa at 473.0086. •

## Rochester Science Park

Terry Correa

The City of Rochester is looking to amend the current zoning by eliminating the exclusion of biotech uses. The strongest concern we have is how it will affect the traffic on South Avenue.

Over the years, the University of Rochester, has educated us on many ongoing research projects in our neighborhood. We have learned that many of our neighbor's are involved in Bio Tech research. We have become familiar with government regulations adhered to by the U of R as well as additional safe guards that are in place for the removal of hazardous waste.

On June 19, the Strong Neighborhood Association hosted an informational meeting. Present at that meeting besides community members were city representatives, representatives from the University of Rochester, neighborhood leaders, business owners, and Vaccinex. We appreciate the efforts of those involved in presenting to us what the future *can* bring. •

## Neighborhood Garage Sale



**Yard Sale – Garage Sale**  
**Call it what you like.**  
**It gets rid of unwanted items and puts**  
**money in your pocket!**

Anyone interested in participating in a Neighborhood Garage Sale scheduled for Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19 from 9 – 3 p.m. please call Sue Coles at 244-7676 for information. A \$2.00 donation would be appreciated to offset costs.

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## UMH Business

Tony Correa

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### UMHN Continues to Grow

Since our revitalization, we have grown to 13 Block Captains. We've reached 50% of our goal of having a Block Captain on every street. Our bylaws are coming together, and we are already planning an agenda for our Fall general meeting. We have taken on some major opponents and have not fallen. These are exciting times. If your feeling left out, notify your Block Captain. If you do not have a Block Captain, call, fax, or email the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors directly.

### UMHN Web Site Becomes a Popular Place

Our web site has had just over 300 hits. Construction is slow, but it is growing. Please continue to visit. Make sure to sign our guest book and please visit our sponsors. In the next few weeks, you'll see notes on PCIC meetings, NBN Sector 6 meetings, as well as the Block Captain meetings. The idea is to keep you informed of what's going on.

### Standing Together with Mt Hope Business Association

We have had the pleasure of attending the July meeting of the Business Association. We have received a standing invitation to attend their future meetings. The businesses of Mt Hope as well as South Avenue are a part of our community. We must work together to insure economic growth while maintaining a high level of quality for our community. If you're a business owner on Mt Hope and have not already joined, I urge you to contact the Business Association. It very well could be the best \$25 you'll ever spend.

In closing I would like to thank every one throughout our community and the City that has called upon us to show their support and to assist us in getting under way. Running a Neighborhood Association is *not* one of the easiest things we've done. However, aside from my family and my involvement with the Church, representing you and having the opportunity to work closely with great people, is certainly the most rewarding. Thank You! •



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## National Night Out

Terry Correa

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Join your neighbors Tuesday, August 7, 2001 7 p.m. at Eastmoreland Commons (the park) at the corner of Shelbourne and Eastmoreland for an Ice Cream Social.

From 7 to 9 p.m. residents in neighborhoods throughout Rochester and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

On August 7<sup>th</sup>, neighborhoods nationwide are joining forces to "*Give Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party.*" •