



Neighborhood View

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JJC Update

Tony Correa

During our last general meeting, we discussed a meeting hosted by James Mulley who is our Country Executive's Special Console Appointed to the Juvenile Justice Center. Dan Hurley who is the Chairperson for the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors JJC Committee attended the meeting. Our Recording Secretary Donald Green was also present along with me.

Present with Mr. Mulley was Michael Garland, Jack Rosati, and Mark Ballistire. Mr. Rosati is currently the Director of the Children's Center located at the Iola Campus on the corner of Westfall and South across from the Monroe County Hospital.

The meeting was relatively short and informative. We had a list of concerns and we wanted answers. I have to say; the County took us all by surprise. Not only did they listen to our concerns, they acted on them.

One of our biggest concerns was the After Care Center. This is were those released on parole would return to check in with their parole officers and attend training classes. Our concern was that an unfavorable element would be walking through our neighborhoods looking for opportunities. To address our concerns favorably, the County removed the After Care Center form the grounds of the Campus.

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19th Annual National Night Out Against Crime

Terry Correa

We spent the evening at Eastmoreland Commons for our Celebration / Ice Cream Social meeting with many familiar faces and many new ones as well. This was an evening devoted to visiting with friends and celebrating the theme "Give Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party."

While many of the children played the adults met new neighbors and reacquainted themselves with friends they may not have seen in a while. This year there seems to have been a population explosion, many babies. Congratulations to all the new parents!

Our friends visited us from the N.E.T. Office and Rochester's Highland Section's Police Department. It was wonderful of them to stop by!

Special thanks to Tim for entertaining us with his juggling. Tim is a new neighbor and showed us why he was part of the Notre Dame Juggling Team.

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JJC Update

2002 Fall General Meeting

Tony Correa

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During the first presentation, we were told that the facility would be curb side. The concern here was the eye sore that it would create. The facility has been moved some 100 feet into the property. Actually hidden behind mature vegetation. In the presentation we saw, you would see less of the JJC then you would of the Wolk Building.

Our next biggest concern was the traffic problems caused by the entrance of the facility being on South Avenue. The County addressed this by moving the entrance to the facility to the exciting Knap Trout Road.

In short, the entire facility has been cut down. So much, that we are unable to draw an adequate picture of what these changes are. So by a unanimous vote of those present, the County will be bring their new presentation of the JJC to our fall general meeting scheduled for 21 October.

It seems we just finished our spring meeting and here we are gearing up for our fall meeting. We have two main items planned for this one, the JJC presentation by the County, and an Upper Mt Hope Neighbors presentation leading to our elections for President and Vice-President of the association. Of course, as usual there will be door prizes and childcare. We have scheduled the meeting for October 21, starting at 7:00PM in the Saint Anne Church social hall.

As mentioned in another article in this newsletter, the JJC project has undergone tremendous changes. Most of these changes came about because we as a community stood tall and demanded that our voices be heard instead of simply accepting what we are told. It's not over yet. Some may say it is far from being over. To see if your concerns have been satisfied, make sure you make it to this all important meeting.

Our second item on the agenda (and just as important in my opinion) is something that has never happened in the history of any neighborhood association in our area, the election of a new President and Vice-President. In accordance with the Associations by-laws, the term of office for President and Vice-President is limited to two years. In addition, no officer

shall hold an office for more than two consecutive terms.

Therefore, while Terry Correa and I can seek re-election, we have chosen to step down. We feel it is in the better interest of the Association to have a new leadership, with new ideas, and a new level of motivation to lead the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors into the future.

The JJC presentation, UMHN elections, seeing what the UMHN has done, and what we would like to see done. We are changing our community, moving forward with improving our quality of life. Join us at the UMHN's 2002 Fall General Meeting on October 21. Be a part of it.

How do the elections work?

You make a nomination, the nominee is contacted to make sure he or she understands the level of commitment, the nominees are announced at the general meeting, a show of hands votes our next officers into office.

Who can be nominated?

Article VII, Section 2 of the Associations by-laws read: Officers must have served as a Block Captain for the street they reside on for at least six months prior to nomination.



Paul Kingsley and Rita Murphy report from the Rochester Science Park Advisory Committee that PharmaLogic, Inc. and the University of Rochester will construct a new PET scan facility in the Rochester Science Park. The project site is on Science Parkway, off South Avenue. The facility will cover 12,000 sq. ft. and contain a cyclotron to produce short half-life (2 min to 2 hrs) radionuclides and a PET scanner to image patients. This will be a state-of-the-art facility utilizing the highest resolution scanning available.

Positron Emission Tomography is a noninvasive test used to visualize the function of different organs of the body. The types of medical applications for which PET scanning is used include brain, heart, lung, breast and prostate imaging to detect abnormal regions caused by diseases such as cancer and Alzheimer's. An Internet site explaining PET scanning is http://www.snm.org/nuclear/what_is_PET.cfm. For those without home access, you can view the site at the public library.

Eric Bartles gave a detailed presentation describing the expansion of the Mt. Hope Wegmans'. Changes we can look forward to include a return to the Tan / Teal Retro look, planter boxes on the building, more greener in the parking lot, a drive thru pharmacy, a fish department, larger focus on perishables, a bottle return department, a new Café/Seating area and more. Announcing the office for PAC-TAC met with a large round of applause.

Eric informed us of the changes to the parking area which should make for better, safer use, there will be one entrance, and one exit, the stop light will be across from the Record Archive providing better gaps in traffic flow from CVS and Starbucks. Store hours will remain the same and the store will remain open during construction.

Also present from Wegmans were store manager Gloria Hunter and Carol Duquette of Public Relations. We thank them for taking the time to be with us!

UMHN Spring G

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We came to make decisions.
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Just under 100 neighbors gathered at the meeting speakers and play an active roll in the goings on of the hood by helping neighbors stay informed as friends and

the Mt. Hope Wegmans and Richard Pifer of the University of Rochester. Paul Kingsley and Rita Murphy discussed the Biotech industry moving into our neighborhood. UMHN also welcomed Jean Arnold of Phillips Pride Neighborhood Association and Joan Lindberg of the Lilac Neighbors.



The theme of the meeting was a patriotic one that included red, white, and blue patriotic refreshments and décor. Everyone enjoyed spending time with their neighbors, learning a bit more about new activities in the neighborhood, and the excitement of the raffle ticket winners.



One of the highlighted speakers for the Spring Meeting was a representative from the University of Rochester to discuss the new plans for the re-opening of Wilson Blvd. Those of us who have lived here in Rochester for more than ten years or so will remember when Wilson Blvd was a busy thoroughfare connecting the Clarissa St. Bridge with the Elmwood bridge right along the river. We also remember how it was completely lined with parked cars most of the time and had vehicles zipping right through as a short cut to wherever they were going. Obviously, no one would want to hear that they would be re-opening Wilson Blvd by reverting back to the way that it was then.

Well, when Mr. Richard Pifer spoke, he relieved all of these concerns. The plan to re-open the Boulevard originated with the University itself. They have found that by closing off the Blvd., they effectively cut off everyone from enjoying the beauty of the river along the Blvd, and the best views of the campus. So, the solution was to re-open the Blvd by making it a park like roadway with entrances and dividers down the middle. They will also be enhancing the green space between the Blvd and the river all along the way from Elmwood to the Clarissa St. bridge

The work has already commenced and should be finished sometime this Fall. So, take advantage of this new opportunity to drive along the river and enjoy a new vista of the natural beauty that is right here in our neighborhood.



Eric Bartles showing existing conditions at Mt Hope Wegman's.

Lattimore Road Green Space Alert

CITY OF ROCHESTER

DIRECTOR OF ZONING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCED REQUEST HAS BEEN FILED. THE FILE IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW IN THE DIVISION OF ZONING, ROOM 122-B, CITY HALL, 30 CHURCH STREET (585-428-7043)

APPLICANT: The Cabot Group

FOR THE PROPERTY AT: 125 Lattimore Road

ZONING DISTRICT: R-1, 0-0, Single Family Residential with Office Overlay

FILE NO.: AV-005-02-03

SECTION OF CODE PETITIONED: 115-50C(1)(d)

PURPOSE: To create a 27.5' foot landscape setback along the Lattimore Rd. frontage, associated with expansion of the existing parking lot for Lattimore Medical Center by 85 spaces.
This proposal is to vary the requirement of a 30" foot setback, which is an action requiring approval by the Director of Zoning.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS REGARDING THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST RESPOND IN WRITING BY: **Monday, September 23, 2002**

**City of Rochester
Department of Community Development
Bureau of Building & Zoning
Room 122B, City Hall
30 Church Street
Rochester, New York 14614**

You need to **write a letter now** to let the city know how you feel about adding parking spaces and taking away green space on Lattimore Road. The City needs to hear from **YOU!!!!**

Please send a copy of any letters you send to the city to the Upper Mt Hope Neighbors so we will better be able to represent the neighborhood when we write a letter to city zoning.

Mailing: **Upper Mt Hope Neighbors
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Fort Hill Liquor

Bob Good



Mike, John, and John Zakaria

Fort Hill Liquor
 1520 Mt Hope Avenue
 244-6160
 Mon. to Sat. 9:00-9:00

One of the great jewels of the Upper Mount Hope neighborhood is the Fort Hill Liquor store. It is small in size but makes up for it in its rich history and its great variety of wines from all over the world.

John Spencer is the current owner and has owned the business since 1985. He is the ninth owner that the business has had since 1934. When prohibition ended in 1934, Rochester was allowed to have four licenses, based on population. The Fort Hill Liquor store was one of these original four, and it is the only one of the original licenses that is still in business today. John says that the history of the building itself goes back to about the 1880's or so. It was some form of a mercantile establishment until its 1934 transition to the business that it is today.

Along with John there are three other folks

who work at the store. Nancy Andrews has been an employee for six years and came to the store from a career as a sales rep manager for wine distributorships. In fact, she was the first female sales rep manager in Rochester. She brought with her a tremendous knowledge of wines. John Zakaria tends the store during the day, and finally, there are John's two sons, Michael and Danny who are learning the business from their dad.

John has a lot of history with this area of the city. He grew up in the 19th ward, just across the river. His grandfather was a local mason and, in an interesting bit of local history trivia, he won a mason's award for building the alter at St. Anne's church. A number of years ago, a fire destroyed the older one, and his grandfather built the current one.

Over the past several years John says that he has seen a real shift in the tastes of the neighborhood. Wine has become a much larger proportion of the overall business. He feels that this reflects the increasing sophistication of the neighborhood. He carries wines from all over the world as well as the United States. In my various visits to the store, I have seen wines from Chile, Argentina, Australia, as well as Spain, Portugal, France, Italy; and from Washington, Oregon and of course California. Nor can we leave out all the good New York State wines that stock the shelves! They always try to sample every wine that they choose to sell, so if you have any questions about the wines that interest you, you can always get an educated opinion. They offer a great deal for anyone interested in buying a number of bottles at a time. You get 10% off of a half case (6 bottles) and 20% off of a full case, and the case can be mix-and-match of any varieties. In order to keep a continuous variety flowing through the store, they change about 20 to 30 wines a year, taking old varieties off the shelf and try new ones.

John considers himself a responsible neighbor
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Fort Hill Liquor

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in the neighborhood. He is active in the Mt Hope Business Association and is currently the treasurer. He refuses to sell "street wines" like Wild Irish Rose, even if it could mean more profits, because he knows that that would not be healthy for the neighborhood. He is also very watchful about underage drinking, and looks closely for fake ID's. He said that in one year he confiscated over 700 fakes! He has taken between 3,000 and 4,000 in all since he started the business. Running the business has also resulted in a dangerous close call. Many years ago he was held up at gun point.

Although wines can become very expensive, he tries to keep most of his wines in a reasonable price range. You can find a wide range of great wines in the \$6.00 to \$12.00 range. John is a strong believer in the "go with what you like" philosophy of wines. Instead of listening to the experts, decide what it is that you like. As he said, "if you like red wine with fish, then have red wine with fish. It is your money."

John is excited about the changes that he sees in the neighborhood as well as the changes that are coming on the horizon. On his wish list is to see trees along the side of Mt, Hope when they rebuild the street over the next few years.

Take it from someone who has discovered a great spot in the neighborhood, stop in and say hello to the folks at Fort Hill Liquor!

Lawn D'Art II

Bob Good

Many Upper Mount Hope Neighbors of local resident Sue Schickler, 68 Irvington Road, contributed as artists to a month long display in Sue's garden exhibit, entitled: Lawn D'Art II, sponsored by the Rochester Contemporary (arts Foundation), formerly Pyramid Arts Center. This was a county wide juried event.

It was difficult to miss these daily displays, which included Mother Theresa, Ghandi, a lemonade stand, and a sunflower person among many others. "As Sept. 11 approaches, I am focused on the concept of renewal. I invite my neighbors and friends to help express this theme."

Many visitors (from as far away as Buffalo) toured the exhibit, which ended on August 25.

Crime Bulletin

CPO Brian Bannerman

During the past few weeks, there have been several burglaries in this general area, many of which gained entry through open or unlocked doors or windows. Seven cars were stolen from the University of Rochester's parking lots as well. A few things to consider:

- Lock your cars.
- Report to 911 immediately all suspicious activity such as persons loitering, going door to door, or the sound of glass breaking.
- Report any attempt to break into your house or garage, such as cuts on your screens near the locks.
- Keep your doors, windows and garages locked when not at home.
- Notify a neighbor when you are going to be away.
- Discontinue newspaper delivery when going on vacation.
- Trim shrubs to deny burglars a hiding place, especially shrubs around windows.
- Lock up ladders where they cannot be used by a burglar.

Give Officer Bannerman a call at 428-7647 if you'd like a free security check.