Mark your calendar and save the date of Tuesday, August 6 for our annual celebration of National Night Out. This is the evening we set aside each summer as a time to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. It’s also a great time to meet new neighbors and renew friendships with those you haven’t seen in a while.

Of course we’ll be serving ice cream and popsicles and there will be lots of fun activities for the children, including face painting and crafts. We have invited community leaders, personnel from the RPD, fire fighters and trucks from the RFD, business owners, as well as the Image City Sound Chorus and the Garrison Excel-sior, part of the 501st Legion of Imperial Stormtroopers.

Bring your lawn chairs and/or blankets and stay awhile. The festivities will begin around 6:30 at Eastmoreland Park (playground). We can usually count on the fire truck spraying water and creating a large puddle for the kids to splash in… so dress appropriately. If it rains on the scheduled night, we’ll postpone till the following evening. We will post a sign at the park, and put a notice on the web site if we have to reschedule.

Have three hours to spare? That’s all we’re asking you for! Really! We are starting a volunteering program that is geared toward those who would like to give back just three hours of their time to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

There are endless ways you can volunteer… here are a few: gardening in Mark’s Park, helping with newsletter or fliers delivery, writing newsletter articles, helping with National Night Out or helping with children’s activities.

You may choose to spend time on one or more of these projects or come up with one of your own. Once you sign up, you will be contacted by a UMHN member and asked if you would be able to work on a project.

Again remember this is a maximum of only three hours. When you have completed your three hour service, you may elect to continue with another three hours, if you wish. A similar program is used by the Highland Park Neighborhood Association, and has been very successful there, increasing their volunteers from 20 to over 300!

If you would like to donate just 3 hours, please e-mail us at umhn@umhn.com or contact Dan Hurley at President@umhn.com

National Night Out is August 6 at 6:30pm

Hope to see YOU there!
President’s Letter

Hello Neighbor, if you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, then welcome to the neighborhood! Upper Mt. Hope is a great place to live with lots to offer. Please log on to our website: www.umhn.com to sign up for online newsletters, e-mail news which includes construction updates, security and crime information.

Twice a year we have guest speakers address the neighborhood on topics ranging from the development of Collegetown, school choice, plans from developers to meeting officials from City Hall.

If you’ve been around the neighborhood lately you can’t help notice all the noise and dust from the renovation work on Mt. Hope, Elmwood, Westfall, and Westmoreland Dr. All this work will greatly improve our neighborhood and improve property values. This neighborhood will be a gateway to the City of Rochester and once Collegetown is completed, it will also be a destination place for thousands of visitors. Also, we are in the process of working with AJ Costello & Sons to help them with developing CityGate and the new Costco store. This is a public input process so please connect with us to stay informed of meetings, and public hearings at City Hall.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Neighborhood View and that you join your neighborhood association. A neighborhood that is unified is a neighborhood with a voice.

Take care,

Dan

HARBOR HOUSE OF ROCHESTER

Harbor House of Rochester is located at 89 Rossiter Road, right in the “heart” of our neighborhood. Harbor House is a hospital hospitality house. We provide a temporary place for families to stay while a loved one is receiving medical treatments at one of our local hospitals.

The house itself has four bedrooms with private baths, two kitchens, a beautiful living room complete with a gas fireplace, a nice laundry area, a rec room in the basement with a large flat screen TV, a computer for the guests to use, and even exercise equipment.

While families are here, they receive support in a home-like atmosphere during a difficult time in their lives. When they return to Harbor House after a long day at the hospital, they are greeted with a friendly hello and a welcoming smile. They bond with other guests who are going through similar situations and often make lasting friendships.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

We are always looking for friendly, caring individuals to help us staff the house during the evening hours and on weekends. If you would like more information regarding volunteering or donating, please give us a call at (585)473-1779 or check our website at: www.harborhouseofrochester.org We will be happy to talk to you!

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NEIGHBORHOOD VIEW

A publication of the UPPER MOUNT HOPE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
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This is a neighborhood newsletter. We are always looking for different voices from around the neighborhood to write, reflect, report or to share photographs. If you have ideas to contribute, would like to get involved or simply have questions about the newsletter, write to Barb at 123 Raleigh, Rochester, NY 14620, call 244-1812 or send an e-mail to Newsletter_editor@umhn.com

We want to hear from you!
Upper Mt Hope Neighborhood Association
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Welcome to our New Neighbors!

If you have recently moved into our neighborhood, let us be one of the first to say, Welcome Neighbor! This publication is sent to neighbors within the boundaries of Elmwood Ave. to Westfall Road, and from South Ave. to Kendrick Road. Our organization is known as UMHN, Upper Mt. Hope Neighborhood.

The majority of our news is shared on our web site, which is located at www.umhn.com. We encourage you to sign-up at this site to receive electronic updates. You will then automatically receive reminders of meetings, events, as well as any safety notices, construction updates, etc. We hold monthly meetings on the 3rd Monday, beginning at 7PM. The meetings include time for information sharing and open discussion. We invite everyone to attend these meetings, especially if you have a concern that you want to bring to the attention of others. These meetings are held at St. Anne Church, 1600 Mt. Hope Avenue.

We encourage you to get involved in our organization. There are many opportunities, and your participation is most welcomed. To name a few:

GARDENING: A group of people gather to care for the plantings and space at Mark’s Park, located on the north side of Westmoreland Drive, bordering the Erie Canal. Contact Gardeners@umhn.com

Police and Citizens Together Against Crime (PAC-TAC): needs your help to make a difference in our neighborhood. As a trained PAC-TAC Volunteer, you will walk with a PAC-TAC partner along our streets and interact with other citizens and local merchants to help prevent crime. You will have the ability to communicate with an on-duty patrol officer or crime prevention officer as you walk. The work of a PAC-TAC member is to observe and report, never to confront, question or detain. If you would like to volunteer with PAC-TAC, contact umhn@umhn.com to receive an application. All PAC-TAC members are required to go through the training program and to pass a background check.

KIDS’ ACTIVITIES: Although this group no longer has a leader, we welcome someone to get it going again. Activities in the past included Story Time in the Park, Crafts such as kite making, Halloween costume party, picnics, etc.

We currently have a very active committee to address neighborhood street parking issues. In the past we have also had organized Doggie Walks, Canal Clean-Up, and Neighborhood Garage Sales. If any of these are of interest to you, we encourage you to attend one of our monthly meetings to discuss the possibilities. We also have a Google Group, which allows you to communicate directly with others in the neighborhood. Sometimes conversations, questions or comments are better suited for this venue, rather than an email blast to our entire member list. You can also get your questions answered more quickly via this group. To join the UMHN Google Group, go to https://groups.google.com/d/forum/umhn-news and then press Join the Group. Please identify the street on which you live.

Please take a moment to read the rest of this newsletter to inform yourself of our group and the many ways you can get involved. We are a vibrant, diverse, growing and caring neighborhood and look forward to meeting you soon.
Are you a Resident or Fellow or married to one?
If so, SHA might be just for you!

What is SHA?
SHA has been around since 1995, and we are a friendly, eclectic group of people who support each other as we or our significant others go through residency/fellowship at URMC. Our group includes residents, fellows, teachers, nurses, students, parents and more, all from various ages and walks of life.

What does SHA do?
We host several social events every month. Some are targeted toward exploring the city with each other (dinner nights, visiting festivals, going to the movies, etc.), and others are targeted toward supporting families of residents/fellows (playgroups, visiting museums and parks, providing meals for families with newborns, etc.).

Why is SHA important?
Our events are aimed at helping you connect with people who understand what life is like for residents/fellows and their families. If you are moving with a spouse, significant other, or family, SHA can be an incredibly helpful group. Those of us who have come before you know that moving, starting residency/fellowship, and learning a new city can be overwhelming. Often residents/fellows have an immediate network of colleagues to associate with, but the loved ones that they bring with them can feel somewhat isolated at first. SHA offers welcome and support to you and your families.

Want more information?
If you are interested in joining this wonderful group of people, please contact:

Linda Meyers
lindajmeyers@gmail.com

Linda regularly attends UMNH meetings and events and is the membership secretary for SHA. You can also email stronghousestaffassociation@gmail.com or check out the SHA blog (see link above).