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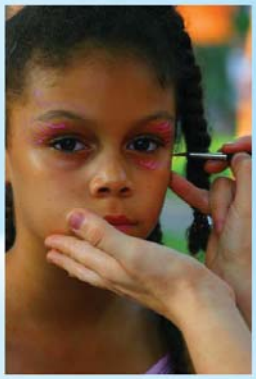

3-8 PM
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Taste of the Neighborhood 2009

Highland Park Neighborhood General Meetings

Highland Park Neighborhood Association

The meetings include time for information sharing, open discussion and invited guests speak on a variety of issues. A calendar of meetings is posted on www.highlandparkrochester.org.

09/22/09 "Safety and Security in Our Neighborhood"
7PM / Parks Dept., 171 Reservoir Ave. (across from the conservatory in Highland Park.)

12/08/09 "Annual Meeting and Celebration"
7PM / Location to be determined

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Highland Park Neighborhood Exhibits at City Hall

Our 2009 version of "The Arboretum That Became a Neighborhood" and "Reflections of a Neighborhood" which contains a portion of our Virtual Scrapbook were installed at City Hall on July 6th. We are happy to announce that City Hall has requested keeping our exhibits on display for an additional month. Exhibits are in the Visitor's Room (To the right, just inside the Church Street entrance) at City Hall. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. until Thursday, August 27th at 5 p.m.

And our 2008 version of "The Arboretum That Became a Neighborhood" is still on display at the North Gatehouse in Mt. Hope Cemetery for the rest of the summer. The gatehouse is open when The Friends of Mt. Hope have a cemetery tour. Free two-hour, general tours are scheduled on Saturdays at 1:00 pm and on Sundays at 2:00 pm and 2:30 pm. For more information on tours and special event schedules see this web address: www.fomh.org

Civic Commitment

A letter from the HPNA Co - Chairperson Ruth Danis

The Highland Park Neighborhood Association (HPNA) provides residents a unique opportunity to benefit others while helping to sustain the value of their home and improve the quality of their lives. Residents in our neighborhood should be a voice informing their elected officials about policies and programs that need to be implemented or eliminated. How taxes are spent, zoning matters are decided, and the needs of our residents are met depends on the "Volume" of our local voices as well as votes during regular elections.

Residents can make a significant difference when involved.

Every resident in the Highland Park Neighborhood is a member of our association. If we are to speak for you, your participation is needed and your ideas on how to improve neighborhood and city services should be presented at our regular meetings. When residents contested a request for an office overlay on property next to Highland Park, HPNA members took action and prevented a damaging decision. Signatures from our residents were gathered in order to support the Cinema's effort to install a digital Marquee to strengthen their presentation to the Zoning Commission. The "oldest movie theater" in Rochester, which is a "gateway" to our neighborhood, is now being renovated. Residents can make a significant difference when involved.

Our next meeting is on Safety. On Tuesday, September 22nd we will meet at the County Parks Bldg. on Reservoir Dr. to discuss "community safety and traffic issues." We have heard a lot of concern expressed about protecting the many young children who live in our neighborhood, especially in the area around the Linden/Meigs playground. We also hope to see residents at our "Taste of the Neighborhood" picnic on September 20th, from 3PM- 8PM at the Linden/Meigs playground. I hope to be able to meet as many residents as possible at these events and discuss how each of us can help to "sustain" and "enhance" our healthy middle neighborhood.

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PARTY!

September 20th is fast approaching and I would like to invite all my neighbors in the Highland Park Neighborhood to attend our Taste of the Neighborhood celebration in the Linden/Meigs Playground.

Taste of the Neighborhood 2009

An event for young and old and all of us in between! by Matt Carnevale

2009 marks the third anniversary of our neighborhood's signature event and your picnic committee is hard at work to ensure you have a memorable time. We will have children's activities including face painting. From 4-5, Jeff Peden of Airplay will be juggling, unicycling and teaching those who wish to learn.

We will be showing our very successful history exhibit. We also plan to celebrate, if not dedicate, the renaming of our playground to Ellwanger and Barry Park, in conjunction with the City of Rochester's 175th anniversary. We will have some of our elected officials there to meet and to answer your questions. Last year Mayor Duffy came and stayed for quite awhile enjoying the summer day.

You will have an opportunity to learn more about and become a supporting member of the Neighborhood Association. You will be able to purchase some of our great merchandise, including T Shirts and tote bags, postcards and posters. We will have a great merchandise raffle featuring donations from local businesses, as well as a 50/50 cash raffle.

We have booked Bobby Henrie and the Goners for music from 3:30 till 7:30. Bobby Henrie played at our first Taste in 2007 and had every one of all ages dancing to their goodtime rockabilly sound. If you are not familiar with this band, please visit www.highlandparkrochester.org and our resources/links page will take you to their page where you can hear some of their tunes. Our photo galleries page also has pictures of the band, as well as pictures from both the 2007 and 2008 Tastes.

We have some other ideas brewing but not yet confirmed… Plan also on some surprises!

Last, but certainly not least, is food. Lots and lots of tasty food… The Taste of the Neighborhood is a potluck picnic that features food donated from local establishments' as well as from you and all your neighbors. We ask that you bring your signature dish to pass. You will be pleasantly surprised with what your neighbors' as well as neighborhood businesses can create! We will also have hots, burgers, salt potatoes, soda, and other items available.

Since we get such a great turnout for this event, we suggest that you bring your own chair. Since this is Rochester in the fall, we suggest you bring a blanket as well!!

So mark your calendar for Sunday September 20th from 3:00 till 8:00 to enjoy a Taste of your Neighborhood. Please introduce yourself! We look forward to seeing you there!

ANNOUNCING:
AN ONLINE VIRTUAL SCRAPBOOK

by Michael Tomb and Marcia Zach

The Highland Park Neighborhood Virtual Scrapbook is now a reality online at *www.ellwangerbarry.org*. We will be adding content from several years of research, exhibits and other projects. Feature stories will also be written by residents about their personal memories of the Neighborhood. Plus we will highlight businesses, landmarks and the people and times both past and present. Soon to come will be maps and timelines based on "The Arboretum that Became a Neighborhood." exhibit. We will create a series of pages from our "Nominate a Tree" campaign. The many facets of Highland Park's botanic treasures, festivals, and its history will also be documented as the site grows. Look for slide shows about Neighborhood events such as block parties and picnics. And your photos, stories, quips and other Neighborhood memorabilia will always be in demand. We hope you will participate. Details on how to join can be found on the site.

AND ALSO A NEW BLOG...

The Association is pleased to announce another major enhancement to our web presence: a News and Events blog located at www.buzzblastandblog.com. Consider this new blog to be the online companion to our newsletter (The Buzz) and semi-monthly e-mail (The Blast). This will be the place to find out the latest news about our events and other happenings of interest to our residents. Look for entries about on-going issues made directly from our co-chairs and other board members. And you can add comments such as security "headsup" or feedback quite easily by registering at the site. Plus we have room for a couple of dozen other "correspondents" who wish to make occasional postings about neighborhood and other city events and issues.

Both new sites are also highlighted as links on our main web page: *www.highlandparkrochester.org*

TOURS OF HIGHLAND PARK
A NEW GUIDED SERIES

The Highland Park Neighborhood Association announce a new (and free) series of guided tours of Highland Park. Join neighborhood resident Amy Priestley who will lead the series of walks through the Highland Park Botanic Garden and Arboretum including the Pinetum and more. The second of this summer's walks will be on Saturday, August 29th starting at 1 PM at the Lamberton Conservatory. This series of walks is designed to highlight seasonal changes among the park trees and shrubs and environment, so attending multiple walks is encouraged. **Please remember to wear appropriate footwear as some areas or paths may require good traction and footing will vary with seasonal conditions.** Amy will continue conducting these tours through the fall and winter on the following Saturdays at 1 PM: September 26th, October 24th, November 21st, and December 19th . 2010 dates to be announced. Amy attended graduate school at Oregon State University's College of Forest Science and her time for these tours is made available through her business **Labor of Love Garden Design & Landscape Artistry**

NEXT TOUR:
SAT SEPT 29TH @ 1 PM

SERIES CONTINUES:
OCT 24TH, NOV 21ST & DEC 19TH

Tours start at Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park

Is the Katsura in Highland Park Rochester's Favorite Tree?
Look for a special indexed article on our new Virtual Scrapbook!

LILAC FESTIVAL REPORT

by Michael Tomb
and Marcia Zach
2009 Lilac Festival Committee

The Highland Park Neighborhood Association's presence at the 2009 Lilac Festival was a resounding success.

Once again we filled the Lower Reservoir Gatehouse in Highland Park with a series of exhibits. New this year we added several special events. The first of these was an opening ceremony where we gave a specially designed poster to the City of Rochester Department of Water Works. Other events included tours of Highland Park, celebration of centenary trees complete with birthday cake, the successful end of the Great Scooter Raffle, and the conclusion of our "Nominate a Tree " campaign with the announcement of Rochester's favorite tree. Over 3000 residents and visitors to the park stopped in to see our exhibits.

Portions of Neighborhood Exhibits in the Lower Reservoir Gatehouse during the 2009 Lilac Festival

We would like to extend a special thank you to all the volunteers who worked on behalf of our neighborhood. Your help enabled our success and allowed us to be open every day of the ten day festival. Because of your participation thousands of festival goers had an opportunity to see our displays, learn about our great neighborhood and take part in our fundraising activities.

So Thank You to our wonderful crew of volunteers for your generous donations of time and effort.

Rick Craft, Robert Morrison and Paul Holahan of the City of Rochester accept a special poster presented by co-chairs Ruth Danis and Roger Ramsay as well as other members of the Highland Park Neighborhood Association

City of Rochester 175th Anniversary Project Manager Mary Howard and Councilwoman Elaine Spaull with Neighborhood Volunteers at our 2009 Lilac Festival Display in Highland Park

Neighborhood Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

September 20, 2009 3-8 PM
3rd Annual Taste of the Neighborhood at Linden/Meigs Playground
See Page 4 for details!

September 22, 2009 7 PM
General Meeting opposite the Conservatory. Topic: Safety

September 23, 2009 6:30 PM
HPNA Pac Tac walk.
NET office on S. Clinton

September 29th 6-7:30 PM
James P.B.Duffy School #12
Open House. All are welcome to attend, current School 12 families, alumni, friends and neighbors!

September 29, 2009
Highland Park History
In 1890, the Childrens' Pavilion is dedicated in Highland Park

Highland Park Tours
September 29, 2009 1 PM
Tours start at Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park

OCTOBER

October 3rd
James P.B.Duffy School #12
Third Annual School #12 Sale.
Please consider making donations of your things that are no longer need and are in search of a good home! All donations are tax deductible. Donations can be dropped of Friday October 2nd after 2:30 or by calling Lori Bryuce at 242-9795. (Wonderful volunteers may even be able to come by and pick up.....)

October 8, 2009
Highland Park History
In 1888, Frederick Law Olmsted is selected to design Rochester's Parks

October 28, 2009 6:30 PM
HPNA Pac Tac walk.
NET office on S. Clinton

Highland Park Tours
October 24, 2009 1 PM
Tours start at Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park

October 31, 2009 3 PM
4th Annual Neighborhood Halloween Party & Parade at Linden/Meigs Playground

Highland Branch Library Story Times!

We'll share lots of great stories, sing songs, do rhymes and fingerplays.

Schedule:
Under 2: Thursday afternoons
2 year olds: Tuesday mornings
3 - 5 year olds: Thursday mornings

Give us a call or stop by to register. Come and meet other families with young children in the community!

Highland Branch Library
971 South Avenue
428-8206

NOVEMBER

Highland Park Tours
November 21, 2009 1 PM
Tours start at Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park

DECEMBER

December 8, 2009 7 PM
Annual Meeting and Celebration
Location TBD

Highland Park Tours
December 19, 2009 1 PM
Tours start at Lamberton Conservatory in Highland Park

4TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD HALLOWEEN PARTY & PARADE

When: Sunday, October 25 @ 4 pm
Where: Linden/Meigs Playground
Who: Kids ages 0—6 are invited to dress up and enjoy the activities!

Bring a bag of candy or treat to share! Questions or ideas email meghandelred@hotmail.com

Urban GREENSCAPE conference

Rediscover Your Neighborhood

Saturday September 19th
Genesee Valley Park
in the Roundhouse Pavilion

8:30 Registration & Light Breakfast

9:30 Featured Speaker & Round Table Discussion - Celebrating & Preserving Our Green Assets

10:30 First Breakout Session*

12:00 Free Lunch featuring local businesses, courtesy of University of Rochester

1:30 Second Breakout Session*

*Tours of: Genesee Valley & Highland Park, U of R Arboretum, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Green-Friendly Homes & Businesses, Biking & Canoeing

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Neighborhood Safety

by Paul Urai, *Safety and Security Coordinator HPNA*

There Are Two Seasons in Rochester: Winter and CONSTRUCTION

With curb replacements and chip sealing, we have been invaded by construction this year. Pay attention to the orange fences and signs. They are there to help keep us safe. Please observe the 15 mph speed limit on the loose gravel streets. This will not only reduce damage to your vehicle, it will greatly reduce dust and keep gravel off the sidewalk, pedestrians and children.

Slow Down!

Speed seems to be a problem this year. The city speed limit is 30 mph; but during daytime hours with kids out playing, sometimes 20 mph is called for. Please keep our kids and pets in mind and SLOW IT DOWN !!

I attended a meeting on Mulberry Street in July; they too have concerns about speeding. Officer Steve Edgett gave a safety presentation. He wants me to remind all block clubs that he or one of the other CPO's would be glad to do one in your neighborhood if you request one.

September 22nd Safety Meeting

September 22nd will be our HPNA Security and Safety meeting at the Monroe County Parks Department – 171 Reservoir Ave starting at 7pm. We will have a representative from City Hall to talk about our traffic concerns and to go over the process to get speed bumps, slow children signs, stop signs and others in place. RPD will do a safety presentation. There also will be a representative from a local alarm company to talk about residential burglar alarms. Come one, come all.

Pac Tac

The HPNA Pac Tac walk dates for the rest of the year are September 23rd and October 28th. We meet at 6:30 pm at the South Clinton NSC (NET) office. Thanks to all of you who have already walked this year. On August 10th my wife and I will be starting the Citizens Police Academy. This is a ten week course that will give us a taste of the training our RPD new recruits get. We are excited about this course and hope it will give us some insight into the officers' mindset when responding to calls in our neighborhood.

Safety tips

There doesn't seem to be any crime patterns in our area, but the usual safety tips still apply. Don't leave valuables in your car. Lock your screen door. Close the windows if you are leaving for the day. Going on vacation?? Stop the paper, stop the mail and let a neighbor you trust know that you will be gone. Call 311 and tell RPD that you are leaving town and for how long. They can put your house on special attention. A pile of papers and mail on your porch is an invitation to would be thieves.

Hope you all have a great rest of the summer. See you at the next Pac Tac walk. As always, there will be pizza.

James P.B.Duffy School #12

The volunteer literacy program at School 12 wants you!! Volunteers are needed to read with children on a regular basis. Join the other wonderful people that have already made a difference in the lives of children in our community. All materials and training will be provided, donate as much or as little time as you are able. Please contact Lori Bryce for more information. 242-9795 or eclaire @ frontiernet.net Don't be shy!! Call now!!

DON'T FORGET THE NEW SCHOOL 12 HOURS!!!! Set your alarm clocks - School will begin at 7:50 am!! Dismissal will be at 2:10 pm (Wednesday dismissal will be at 1:25)

Highland Park/ Canalway Trail Project

At a recent meeting, Town of Brighton and City of Rochester officials came together to review the plan for a multi-use trail between the Erie Canal Heritage Trail (the "Canalway Trail'), Brighton Town Park, Highland Park and the Genesee Riverway Trail near Mt. Hope Cemetery. The trail would provide connections from neighborhoods in the Town of Brighton and the City of Rochester to both the Canalway Trail and Genesee Riverway Trail as well as provide access to several important parks and open space resources in both communities.

Details of the project can be found at www.townofbrighton.org/index.aspx?NID=426

FOOD!

NEW BIZ:

Shinwari Kabob house opens on South Clinton Ave.

by Mike Thompson

In the space previously occupied by The India House Vegetarian Café and then by Ariana Kabob house a new restaurant with a smaller footprint has emerged. The décor is the same as Ariana , the food similar, but the new owners Avtar Singh and his partner Ibrahim Mohammad, previously cooks at the Raj Mahal on Alexander St, are striving for a variety of fare with roots in Afghani, Pakastani, and Indian traditions. We tried the buffet on Monday night (a real bargain at $7.99) and went away pleasantly overfed. The kabob was excellent as was the chicken shorba with the basmati rice dish with nuts and vegetables. I also tried takeout palak paneer (spinach and homemade cheese) which is also excellent with a hint of ginger which enhanced this flavorful dish. If you are looking for wonderful food I encourage you to stop in 1009 S. Clinton Ave. lunch 11:30-3:00 p.m. daily ($6.99 buffet) , dinner 5:00-9:30 p.m. Sunday –Thursday 5:00-10:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday Buffet dinner Monday nights ($7.99)

New Buzz Layout by **Joe Guy Allard**. Comments? Love it? Hate it? Send it all to joe@joe-guy.com

Scooter Raffle Winner!

The great scooter raffle winner, Sarah Van Cor-Hosmer is shown accepting the keys to her new ride, a black Buddy 50, from HPNA's Matt Carnevale. The highly successful raffle netted over $2,000 for the neighborhood. **Happy motoring Sarah!**

The HPNA would like to thank the following businesses for their participation in the May general meeting:

- Georgie's Bakery
- McKay's Photography
- River North Kindergarten
- Hedonist Chocolates
- EcoBella Bakery
- Tap and Mallet
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