



The Lilac Letter *October 2008*



Lilac Neighbors is a community organization with Castle Park and Highland Park Condominiums as the north south boundaries, and South and Mt. Hope Avenues as the east west borders. All residents are welcome at our events. If you have questions about Lilac Neighbors or The Lilac Letter, please call Joan Gray Lindberg at 244-1217.

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Neighborhood Calendar

- Sat. Oct. 4** **Bulb Planting.** Join your neighbors in planting tulips and daffodils at 9 a.m. Bulbs provided by the City of Rochester. Call the Lindberg's (244-1217) for more information.
- Oct. 10 & 11** **Estate Sale. 50 Furman Crescent.** The estate sale of our dear neighbor and friend, Ruth Andrews will take place on Friday and Saturday. Watch newspapers for specific details.
- Sat. Oct. 11** **Tree Tour in Highland Park.** Meet at 9 a.m. at the Lamberton Conservatory on Reservoir Ave. Highland Park horticulturist Kent Millham will lead the walking tour. Wear walking shoes. Free.
- Sun. Oct 19** **Lilac Neighbors Harvest Supper.** Celebrate the bounty of New York's food and friends. St. John's Home Auditorium. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Please call the Lindberg's (244-1217) by Oct. 13th to say how many are coming and what dish you will bring. Bring a table setting for each person. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided. Sample NYS wines.
- Tues. Oct. 21** **Mt. Hope Reconstruction Project between Elmwood and Raleigh.** Upper Mt. Hope Meeting. St. Anne Community Hall. 1600 Mt. Hope Avenue. 6:30 p.m. Paul Way of the Rochester Architectural and Engineering Bureau and Marcia Barry of the Zoning Bureau will be the guest speakers. Learn about the plans for this important stretch of Mt. Hope Ave.
- Tues. Oct. 21** **Meet the Candidates Night.** Swillburg Meeting. NYS Senatorial candidates Joe Robach and Rick Dollinger will address voters and take questions. The Artisan Church. 1235 S. Clinton Ave. 6:45 - 8:15 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- Sat. Nov. 1** **Beauty and Blessings, Early Gifts to St. Andrew's Church from the Watson Family.** Lecture and tour by Marjorie Searl of the Memorial Art Gallery. Calvary St. Andrews Church 68 Ashland Ave. 11 a.m. Free parking at South & Averill Avenues. Info? Call 325-4950.

Recent Crime Alerts

Apologies to those of you who already received these reports via email.

1. There was a burglary at **1220 Mt. Hope Ave.** (Mt. Hope near Cook St.) It happened sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 23. The thieves broke the front door. Given that the door faces a busy street with people frequently walking by, this is a sad reminder that all it takes is a minute to gain access.

Given the diversity of items taken it seems suspiciously like students stocking an apartment: toilet paper, soda, alcohol, cleaning supplies, matching flatware, laundry sorting basket, bathroom scale, new deadbolt / lock set, computer & monitor, and jewelry.

The best thing would be to notify everyone so we all keep our eyes open for strangers on each other's properties. The homeowner has a very predictable work schedule.

2. Nicki Tiffany (**950 Mt. Hope Avenue**) called to say, "There is one less criminal on the City streets." Paul Tiffany saw someone going through his truck on Friday Sept. 26 at approximately 4:30 p.m. The truck was parked in the Tiffany's driveway at 950 Mt. Hope Ave. Paul confronted the suspect and a scuffle took place. The suspect had items from the truck in his possession. Paul pinned the suspect to the fence between 950 and 946 Mt. Hope Avenue until the police came. The RPD responded very quickly. The suspect was taken away in handcuffs in the back of the police car. Paul has scratches and a bruised windpipe. Neighborhood dogs raised quite a ruckus. Another neighbor saw the suspect in the parking lot of 55 Highland Ave. just prior to the truck break in. The neighbor could identify the suspect.