



THE LILAC LETTER FALL 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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*You are invited to a Lilac Neighbors'
Community Harvest Supper*

Sunday October 19, 2008

5:30 - 7:30 pm

St. John's Home Auditorium

Please bring a dish that features the bounty of Upstate New York. Apples, pumpkins, squash, pears, and beans abound. Find your favorite family recipe and share it with your neighbors. Consider this an early Thanksgiving feast. In addition to coffee, tea and soft drinks, we will enjoy New York State wine and cider.



We will need to know how many are coming and what you are bringing.

The food categories include: appetizer, vegetable dish, side dish, meat and dessert.

Please call the Lindbergs at 244-1217 by October 13th.

Neighborhood Calendar



- Wed. Sept. 10** **Java** performs at **Swillburg Rocks the Park**. Otto Henderberg Park at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair. Free.
- Sat. Sept. 13** **Digital Photography**: Learning to see the Light in the Garden. Lecture. Rochester Civic Garden Center. 12:30 – 4:30 pm. Call 473-5130 to register. Fee.
- Sat. Sept. 13** **Speaking Stones Tour**. Walking Tour of Mt. Hope Cemetery. Meet at North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Drive at noon. Tours are free; donations are accepted. For info call 461-3494.
- Wed. Sept. 17** **The Skull Maracas** perform at **Swillburg Rocks the Park**. Otto Henderberg Park at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair. Free.
- Sat. Sept. 20** **Revolutionary War Tour**. Walking Tour of Mt. Hope Cemetery. Meet at North Gatehouse, opposite Robinson Drive at noon. Tours are free; donations are accepted. For info call 461-3494.
- Wed. Sept. 17** **monkeyrUm** performs at **Swillburg Rocks the Park**. Otto Henderberg Park at 6:30 pm. Bring a lawn chair. Free.
- Sat. Sept. 27** **Geology at Mt. Hope Tour**. Walking Tour of Mt. Hope Cemetery. Meet at North Gatehouse, opposite Robinson Drive at noon. Tours are free; donations accepted. For info call 461-3494.
- Sat. Sept. 27** **Planting Your Own Vineyard**. Lecture. Rochester Civic Garden Center. 1 – 3 pm. Call 473-5130 to register. Fee.
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- Sat. Oct. 4** **Bulb Planting in the Neighborhood**. 9 am. Call the Lindberg's at 244-1217 to sign up.
- Tues. Oct. 7** **Let Food Be Your Medicine**. Lecture. Mercy Prayer Center. 7 – 9 pm. To register, call 473-6893 or register at www.mercyprayercenter.org. \$15.
- Wed. Oct. 8** **A Gardeners Roundtable**. Fall Garden Talk. Cornell Cooperative Extension. 249 Highland Ave. 7 – 8:30 pm.
- Mon. Oct. 13** **Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Monthly Meeting**. The Parks Department 171 Reservoir Avenue. 5:30 – 7 pm. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.
- Wed. Oct. 15** **Winter Blooming Plants**. Fall Garden Talk. Cornell Cooperative Extension. 249 Highland Ave. 7 – 8:30 pm.
- Sun. Oct 19** **Lilac Neighbors Harvest Supper**. Pot Luck sharing. St. John's Home Auditorium. 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Please call the Lindberg's at 244-1217 to RSVP and say what you are bringing.
- Tues. Oct. 21** **Combine Faith and Fitness to Feel Fantastic**. Lecture. Mercy Prayer Center. 7 – 9 pm. To register, call 473-6893 or register at www.mercyprayercenter.org. \$15.
- Wed. Oct. 22** **Collecting and Growing Seed of Woody and Herbaceous Native Plants**. Hands on class. Rochester Civic Garden Center. 6 – 9 pm. Call 473-5130 to register. Fee.
- Sat. Oct. 25** **Grand Luminaria Tour** of Mt. Hope Cemetery. Meet at North Gatehouse, opposite Robinson Drive at 6:30 pm. Tours are free; donations are accepted. Info call 461-3494.
- Tues. Oct. 28** **Grand Luminaria Tour** of Mt. Hope Cemetery. Meet at North Gatehouse, opposite Robinson Drive at 6:30 pm. Tours are free; donations are accepted. Info call 461-3494.

Local History On-Line

If you would like to read old issues of [The Lilac Letter](#), please visit

www.NBNSector6.org

and click on Lilac Neighbors, which will bring you to a page devoted to our neighborhood. Read about other neighborhoods too. Visit the calendar to see what's happening in Southeast Rochester.

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I write of the death of our friend and neighbor, Ruth Andrews (Furman Crescent). Ruth died on July 14th at Highland Hospital after several surgeries. She had been hospitalized since April. After retiring from the City's Zoning Department, Ruth filled her time with frequent travel and a full social schedule. Ruth made friends wherever she went. At her memorial service at the Lutheran Church of the Incarnate Word on August 18, her many friends assembled to celebrate a life graciously lived. Ruth was 71.



Memorial contributions may be made to:
The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired
422 S. Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620
or
Incarnate Word Lutheran Church
597 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607

ABVI-Goodwill and Dell Launch Computer Recycling Program From the June 2008 issue of The Beacon

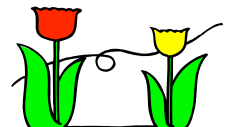
For a variety of reasons, our local Goodwill stores have turned away computer donations of any kind. Now, thanks to a new national partnership between Goodwill and Dell, computer equipment of all kinds will be graciously accepted at Goodwill locations!

ABVI-Goodwill and Dell have joined together to launch the Dell-Reconnect Program – a free drop-off program to recycle unwanted computers. The program kicked off in June 2008 when all Goodwill stores began to accept donations of computers, monitor, printers, keyboards, etc. – any make and model. It will all be gladly accepted.

Disposing of computers and computer equipment can be costly (since many organizations that accept them charge a fee for disposal), not to mention the millions of pounds of electronic waste that ends up in landfills every year. ABVI-Goodwill's new program will keep this waste out of landfills and will do it for free – so dropping off your computer equipment at a local Goodwill store is free and easy!

Simply bring your computers and / or computer equipment to any Goodwill location. We recommend wiping the hard drive. Goodwill will accept and sort the donated computer equipment and Dell's product recovery partner will recycle and remarket the recycled materials, such as plastics, glass and metals. All proceeds support ABVI-Goodwill's career, training and employment programs.

Neighborhood Bulb Planting Project Saturday Oct. 4, 2008 at 9 am



Thanks to the City of Rochester, tulip and daffodil bulbs are available for neighborhoods to plant in the public right-of-way. The May St. Block Club and the Lilac Neighbors will be planting bulbs on Saturday October 4 starting at 9 am. One location will be the pedestrian ramp at Mt. Hope and Highland Avenues. Please suggest other locations and please join us. Many hands make light work. Coffee, kuchen and conversation will follow the work project.

Happy 30th Birthday
To The Mercy Prayer Center
Growing More Vibrant
With Every Passing Year



❖❖❖ Mt. Hope Cemetery North Gatehouse ❖❖❖

Excerpted from an article by Richard Reisem in the Summer 2008 issue of Epitaph

Although the date on the stone reads 1874, the Mt. Hope Gatehouse at the north entrance to the cemetery looks new again. Originally designed by Andrew Jackson Warner in the High Victorian Gothic Style, the refurbished gatehouse has a new slate roof that mirrors in every detail the original one. Iron roofing nails have been replaced with copper nails that will not rust. The gatehouse had been covered with ivy vines. The vines were removed and the gray stones of the building and the pink Medina sandstone of the foundation were carefully cleaned with a pressure washer on a low setting. Foundation plantings around the building were removed. A NYS Environmental Protection Fund made the renovation project possible.

As the leaves turn to autumn splendor, walk to Robinson Drive and Mt. Hope Avenue. Visit the newest 134-year-old building in the neighborhood. Walk a bit further and listen to the gentle sounds of water cascading from the Florentine fountain. What a beautiful neighborhood we live in!



People and Places in the News

Daniel Hagan (Highland) spent five weeks in China this summer. Chosen as one of five students from the Rochester City School District to travel to Beijing, Daniel met Chinese diplomats, business leaders, and environmentalists. The students visited the Olympic venues before the athletes did. Back home, Daniel will begin studying Chinese in high school this year. What a way to spend the summer. ... Kindergarten was the destination for two of our Lilac Neighbors. **Kaia Gustavson (Reservoir)** boarded the bus for Cobblestone School and she never looked back. **Silas Ruth (Pavilion)** began his academic career at School #23 and all is going well. ... An older student, **Lili Filingeri (Furman)** started first grade at School #12 in the Hola program. Good luck to all our budding scholars. ... We welcome a new police lieutenant to the **Neighborhood Service Center** (NET is out; NSC is in). **Lt. Jay Maitland** comes to us from the NET office on Norton Street. Welcome to the southeast, Lieutenant! ... A few hundred of **Sr. Therese Richardson's** closest friends gathered at Buckland Lodge in Brighton on June 12th to celebrate her long career at the Mercy Prayer Center. What a retirement party! The lodge was not big enough to hold everyone. Tents were pitched to house the overflow. We ate, we sang, we prayed and we celebrated Sr. Therese. In spite of her retirement, Sr. Therese continues to "volunteer" at the Prayer Center. She remains a faithful Lilac Neighbor.

Call 311 if you see ...

graffiti, a dead animal in the road, a street light that has burned out, or a pot hole.

Call 311 if you need ...

a blue box or a trash toter.

Call 311 any hour of any day.

