

NBN Sector 6 Community Sharing June 11, 2007

Sue O'Neil reports that The Azalea Neighborhood Association celebrated our 1st Annual "We Survived Another Lilac Festival" Potluck get-together on Saturday, June 9th. Approximately 25 neighbors enjoyed a beautiful afternoon of good food and great conversation.

Local author **Rose O'Keefe**, will present a free slide show, *The Frederick Douglass Family in Southeast Rochester* at 7 p.m. June 18th at the Highland Branch library, 971 South Ave.

Chris and Vicki Hartman are proud to introduce **The South Wedge Farmers' Market**, a new neighborhood initiative working to establish itself as a model of a sustainable, localized food system; an economic development initiative focused on local economies; and a positive force in community revitalization. Join us Thursday evenings from 4 to 8 behind Boulder Coffee Co. (corner of Alexander and S. Clinton) from June 14th to October 18th for a wonderful array of local, sustainable foods including vegetables, fruit, meat, cheese, honey, flowers, and other items. This vibrant and creative market will be a wonderful place to shop, socialize, and engage with your community. The South Wedge Farmers' Market will be kicking off its first season on June 14th with an Opening Day "Vine Cutting" Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. in the parking lot behind Boulder Coffee. Join Mayor Duffy, many neighborhood residents, artists, musicians, and local farmers to celebrate this exciting project and to enjoy food, festivities, and merriment! For more information contact Chris and Vicki Hartman at swfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

From Commander Pete Brunett: I would like to formally announce my retirement (from the RPD) to the PCIC; my last day will be 6/29/2007. I have accepted a position with the Public Safety Training Facility (Police Academy) as a Police Instructor. I will have many fond memories of the Rochester Police Department but none greater than working with this PCIC. Thank you so much and I look forward to perhaps seeing you in my new role at the training facility. Sincerely,
Commander Peter M. Brunett
Peter.Brunett@CityofRochester.Gov

Joan Lindberg reports the following items from the Lilac Neighbors:

~ Lilac Neighbors earned \$399 at its plant sale on May 26. Thanks to all the people, from both inside and outside the neighborhood, who contributed pots, soil, and plants. Thanks too to the folks who bought plants. Thanks to Geri and Joe Machado from May St., who helped set up for the sale. It was a big success.

~ Seven volunteers from Lilac Neighbors and May St. participated in Clean

Sweep on May 19. We weeded, raked and swept outside the cemetery wall on Mt. Hope Ave. from May St. to Highland Ave.

~ Lilac Neighbors held a community garage sale on June 8 and 9th.

~ Three beautiful planters were placed on May St. as a result of the Garden Center shopping spree on May 14th.

News from David Chappius of Swillburg:

~ One of our neighbors (Sue) has lost her cat... I will paste the info into this email:

My cat is missing. The last time a neighbor saw her was Saturday night on Henrietta cutting to Benton through the backyards. She is a one year old orange, black, and white cat with a very distinctive large black splotch on her nose. She responds to Spazz. She is new to the neighborhood and might not be able to find her way home. People can call me at 473-9298 if they find her and I'll come get her.

~ Our neighbors, The South Wedge, are getting a new playground! They need volunteers to help build it... it's a KaBoom project with help from the Home Depot, more details are available at <http://www.mariedaleypark.org/index.htm> if you want to help you can sign up right on their website.

~ Softball - our softball teams will be gearing up in July for a season start in August... no experience necessary, if you are interested please send an email to Mary at mmetzger@cpc401k.com to get on the list... once we have some meeting/practices schedule she will send out an email.

~ Gazebo & Light Pole "Unveiling" is scheduled for Wednesday June 20th, 6:00PM at Otto Henderberg Square Park... the RPO Brass Quintet will be playing a free concert! Join your neighbors as we celebrate the completion of two new projects in Swillburg!

~ Swillburg Carnival to celebrate National Night Out Against Crime is scheduled for July 26th at Otto Henderberg Park... we are looking for sponsors... so if you work for a company that might be interested in being a sponsor (\$100, 200, 500) anything, we have a letter ready and would like to send it to them. Please contact president@swillburg.com for more information!

News from Denise Lipka of Upper Mt. Hope Neighborhood:

~ Upper Mt. Hope Neighbors are busy trying to promote a pedestrian-friendly renovation plan to Mt. Hope Avenue, joining the SWPC presentation from The Elmwood Village in Buffalo this past month for inspiration on collaboration of businesses and neighbors.

~ We're also meeting to review business design plans and happy to be asked to be a part.

~ The City Clean Sweep continues to help our neighborhood develop our "Mark's Park" pocket green space on Westmoreland, which is looking beautiful. UMHN had a meeting with Pete Saxe on options for future planning.

~ The Neighborhood Garage Sale weekend June 1-3 was hot but well attended.

From Matt McCarthy, Bureau of Planning, regarding Rochester Blossoms:

There aren't any flowers left for this Spring.

I have exchanged e-mails with Stacy Estrich, who manages the Rochester Blossoms program. She did have David on her list but not Lilac Neighbors. To ensure inclusion for the Fall mailing she asks that you call her (428-8820) to get on the mailing list. Or you can e-mail Stacy at: estrichs@cityofrochester.gov