

**NBN Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**171 Reservoir Avenue**  
**Monroe County Parks Department**

**In attendance:** David Chappius, Carleen Woodward, Matt Perdue, Officer Brad Goater, Pete Saxe, Julie Beckley, Sal Mitrano, Peter Siegrist, Chris Jones, Rose O'Keefe, Eilleen Thomas, Larry Staub, Mark Quinn, Barbara Ficarra, Joan & Vern Lindberg, Sue & John O'Neil, Victoria Posner, Matt McCarthy, Paul Urai, Michael Thompson, Joe R Machado, Geri Arno Machado, bill Gerling, Alicia Lamphron, Colleen McCarthy, Amy Happ, Cindy Knox, Jerdine Johnson

***Barbara Ficarra - Director, Public Relations, Highland Hospital:***

As many of our neighbors know, Highland Hospital offers the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit the use of its South Avenue employee parking garage on Sundays. This is a continuation of the church's use of the old surface lot at the garage location.

We will be applying to the city for a "special use" permit to allow the church to use our employee parking garage during its Greek Festival in August 2009. Highland will go before a city planning meeting in early August to formally present the application, provide site plans, etc. Our Manager of Safety and Security has met with city officials to explain the request. The city has asked us to post signage at the garage notifying neighbors of the upcoming application, which we will post soon.

If the application is granted, the church would use the garage as follows:

- Thursday evening, August 27
- Friday afternoon-evening, August 28
- Saturday afternoon-evening, August 29
- Sunday afternoon-evening, August 30

The church will pay the \$250 application fee required by the city and has offered to have its volunteers onsite at the garage during the time it is being used. Neighbors with questions can contact me at 341-6210 for more information.

***David Chappius, Swillburg Neighborhood Association:***

Swillburg Carnival is Thursday July 30th at Otto Henderberg Park. Inflatable rides, games, Rosco the Clown, Fire Safety House and more - free! 5:30 to 8pm. Stop by the Swillburg Food Tent for dinner and support the Swillburg Neighborhood Association.

Mark your calendars for the annual "Swillburg Rocks The Park" concert series - Wednesday evenings at Otto Henderberg Park in September.

***Matt Perdue, Chair, ESCAPE Committee:***

Over the past several weeks, many new developments on the various projects on S. Clinton Avenue have occurred.

- The street design work, including bump outs, curbs, cross walk treatment, and a traffic calming treatment will go out to bid by the end of July with work scheduled to be complete this year
- Light fixtures and poles will be replaced along the project. I am still in the process of determining the exact stretch of lightening replacement which will occur
- The cinema theatre has a zoning hearing on 7/23 to seek approval for a new LED sign as part of their Main Street Grant improvement projects
- In addition, work at Spring Sheet Metal is underway and the work at the Kim's Asia building is waiting to be closed out
- The art work on the traffic control boxes should begin within the coming days with completion hopefully by the end of August
- The committee has approved another public art project which will be to enhance the square stainless steel bike racks along the avenue with additional metal work
- By the end of July we should be able to complete the purchases of streetscape items including benches, planters and concrete recycling centers

***Sue O'Neil - Azalea Neighborhood Association:***

"The latest issue of the Azalea View is out!" That's it...short and sweet.

***Colleen C. McCarthy - Assistant Director, Office of Government & Community Relations, University of Rochester:***

**Art Gallery Offers Half-Price Admission on Thursday Evenings** The Memorial Art Gallery will offer half-price admission between 5 and 9 p.m., starting July 2. General admission will be \$5; \$3 for senior citizens; and \$2.50 for children ages 6-18. Admission is free to gallery members, Rochester students, and children under 5. Visit the gallery's Web site for details on current exhibits (<http://mag.rochester.edu/>).

**Weekly Updates to the Community on the CTSB Project** Early construction on the Clinical and Translational Science Building (CTSB) has begun. The University's Office of Government and Community Relations has partnered with the Department of Planning and Project Management to provide bi-weekly updates to the surrounding neighborhoods about the CTSB project, including specific details about construction activities and impacts to neighbors. The Upper Mount Hope Neighbors Association created a web page (<http://www.umhn.com/events.htm>) on their site to share up-to-date information about the CTSB for those interested in tracking its progress.

***Joan Lindberg, Lilac Neighbors:***

The Summer issue of The Lilac Letter is now available.

***Joanne Curran Balliet - Operations Manager, Southeast Area Coalition***

SOUTHEAST QUADRANT HEALTH FAIR, Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 11 am – 2 pm at Monroe High School, corner of Alexander St. and Monroe Avenue SEAC is aiding Councilman John Lightfoot in planning our quadrant's health fair. There will be health information, prizes, free food and entertainment.

As we all know, living in a community-involved neighborhood helps all residents, both mentally and physically. To that end, the Health Fair would like Neighborhood Associations and Block Clubs to have a table or to share a table at this event so that residents who may not be involved in their community can learn how to become involved. It would be great if all block clubs and neighborhood associations could be represented. If you have any questions, call Joanne at SEAC 244-7405 ext. 106.

***Officer Brad Goater, Rochester Police Department:***

Crime information- June 8 through July 5 there were 12 burglaries in our area (they are up). The homicide at 836 Meigs Street was not a random act, it was a domestic violence situation, the son has been arrested. There have been a series of armed robberies on the edge of Sector 6, of people at ATMs, people leaving bars. An arrest was made in one case. There is an ongoing robbery detail underway involving plainclothes officers. The Bob Weir & Ratdog show at Highland Bowl was attended by over 5,000 people, parking was a big problem although the crowd was very calm, there were two small fights and that was it. There have been reports from Hickory St residents that a girl was going door-to-door asking for money, do not give these individuals money and please call 911 when you see this happen. Crime prevention bulletins will be returning now that Brian Bannerman has returned. There are 30 active members of PAC-TAC, 4 new volunteers will be trained soon, sectors 6 and 7 are now covered.

***Sal Mitrano, Rochester Fire Department:***

There has been a Fire Department operational plan change in the southeast part of the city. Smaller two-man trucks are being removed from several locations and larger trucks are taking their place. The South Avenue fire house has been undergoing renovations to accommodate the new equipment, which cost \$3,000,000. There will now be two large trucks at the South Avenue Fire House rather than 1 large and one small truck. The ladder truck will disappear from the Monroe Avenue fire house but will remain on South Avenue. The response time will still be 4 minutes or less, the first responder trucks will be better equipped now. The fire stations will reopen mid-August, and the Tuesday after Labor Day will mark the start of the new operational plan.

***Rose O'Keefe:***

Artist's Row at the Public Market- they need more artists! Deadline for entries is August 30, the event is September 20.

**Meeting:**

Pete Saxe, Neighborhood Service Center Administrator: There is now a registry for out-of-town landlords who own properties in the city of Rochester, to ensure they have a

property manager. There is a Certificate of Occupancy fee now in effect for landlords-\$50 for a 2 family and the maximum fee per house is \$100. Tom D'Agostino is gone from the S. Clinton NSC and has been replaced by David Herkowitz, who will only be there for a few months. They are in the process of reformulating their inspection services.

***Julie Beckley, Southeast Quadrant Team Housing Specialist:*** She will be serving as a liaison for the Housing Department. The Quadrant Team has been charged with developing a strategic plan regarding housing issues and a housing program. She would like to work with us on developing this. The City has received federal stimulus money to address and respond to homelessness, the city is working with various agencies locally to bring a faster response to homeless persons.

***Peter Siegrist, Southeast Quadrant Team Planning Specialist, and also on the Preservation Board:*** Peter comes out of the zoning department and into planning. Sector 6 has two preservation districts – Mt. Hope/Highland and the Gregory St/South Avenue district. Peter is also a licensed architect who practiced for many years. His role is to connect city hall to the neighborhoods.