

**NBN Sector 6 Meeting
June 8, 2009
171 Reservoir Avenue**

In attendance: John O'Neil, Sue O'Neil, Roger Ramsey, Pete Saxe, Chris Jones, Matt McCarthy, Officer Brad Goater, Alicia Lamphron, Joan Lindberg, Geri Machado, Cindy Knox, Victoria Posner, Lisa Reagan, Carlene Woodward, Allison Clark, Joanne Balliet, Paul Urai, Barb Case, Elaine Spaul, Ed Lindskoog, Bill Gerling, Rose O'Keefe, Larry Staub, Colleen McCarthy

Community Sharing Notes:

Matt McCarthy, City of Rochester:

The June 8th Sector Six meeting is my last as NBN liaison to your community. I would like to say thank you for all that you've done to make me a better civil servant. I hope that you continue to push to make your sector's neighborhoods a model for the best that city living has to offer. The most important ingredient to any successful city neighborhood are the people that live and work there; I know that you will make sure that is recognized. Matt

Joanne Balliet, Southeast Area Coalition (SEAC):

The SE Community Health Fair organized by Councilman Lightfoot with SEAC's assistance and sponsored by the City of Rochester is slated for Saturday, August 22, 2009. Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It will be held on the grounds of Monroe High School located on Monroe Avenue. Please mark your calendars. We will be looking for volunteers. More information will follow as we get closer to the event.

Rose O'Keefe, PAC-TAC:

Officer Brad Goater announced at the Sector 6 meeting that the police have a grant to walk PAC-TAC with volunteers for the month of June.

He will be walking Wed. June 10 at 12:30 p.m. and Monday June 15 at 12:30 p.m.

R.S.V.P. to Rose O'Keefe if you are available and willing to walk. rok@rochester.rr.com

5th Annual Artists Row at the Rochester Public Market, Sunday Sept 20 2009. This juried show is open to all artists, booth space \$20. Please contact Rose for more details.

Family Fun Night at Marie Daley Park- Monday June 22, 6:30 PM, bring Frisbees and other games to share. Refreshments will be served. Hosted by the Gregory Street Block Club. Questions- contact Rose at the address above.

Paul Urai, HPNA Security Coordinator

PAC TAC walk June 24th 630p-830p starting at S.Clinton NSC office THERE WILL BE AN OFFICER WALKING WITH US this is not usually the case these days. Come out and meet an officer from our area, address concerns, and point out local problem areas. As always there will be pizza. Hope to see you there.

Cindy Knox, Upper Mount Hope Neighbors

There is apple tree firewood piled up in the Marks Park on the edge of the canal bank, please help yourself.

Michael Tomb, Highland Park Neighborhood Association:

The Highland Park Neighborhood's Exhibits and presence at the 2009 Lilac Festival was a great success. Over five thousand visitors toured our displays. We have also been invited to display our exhibit at City Hall and will do so in two phases. The first section will be shown in the lobby gallery from July 6th to August 3rd.

Several other events took place at our booth during the festival, including tours of the oldest Trees in the Park, birthday cake for the latest Tree to turn 100 years and an opening ceremony where Roger Ramsey and Ruth Danis presented the City and Rochester Water Works with a specially framed poster in appreciation for the allowing us to use the lower gatehouse during the festival. In addition, as a conclusion to last year's "nominate" a tree campaign, we announced that the Katsura tree in Highland Park was, in our opinion, Rochester's favorite.

Our Great Scooter Raffle also concluded on May 17th at the festival and Sarah Van Cor-Hos of Rochester was the winner. A reminder to anyone who participated in this fundraiser who didn't win: your raffle ticket is good for \$50 off the purchase of any new scooter at Urban Village Scooters whose owner will then also donate \$50 to the Highland Park Neighborhood Association.

Jayne Morgan, Hickory N.U.T.S. President:

Through a NeighborGood Grant, the Hickory N.U.T.S have created 15 Welcome Baskets to be delivered to new residents who move onto Hickory St. Three baskets have been happily received by newcomers.

The N.U.T.S. will be holding a Hickory Street Garage and Plant Sale as a fundraiser on Sat., June 27th from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. along the berm of Marie Daly Park.

A Hickory N.U.T.S. membership drive will take place during the months of July & August. Also, several members will be taking oral histories from longtime residents on Hickory St. which will be videotaped and recorded, and will be on exhibit during Wedgestock. Oral histories will be taken from interested residents of the South Wedge during that time. These will be archived by the City of Rochester in honor of the 175th anniversary.

Colleen McCarthy, University of Rochester:

The only community sharing piece the UR has this week is that we'll have a group of folks at the Mt. Hope neighborhood meeting tomorrow night (Tuesday June 9) to discuss construction of the new Clinical and Translational Science Building (CTSB) and to answer any questions.

Joan Lindberg, Lilac Neighbors:

The Lilac Neighbors had a very successful plant sale on May 23. It was so nice to see folks from Swillburg, Upper Mt. Hope, May St, and the Wedge come support the sale.

The Lilac Neighbors had a nice community garage sale on June 5 and 6, which corresponded to sales on Rockingham, May and the Upper Mt. Hope Neighborhood.

Chris Jones, Business Association of the South Wedge Area:

BASWA will be unveiling 9 new artist-designed and fabricated “Totem” bicycle racks on Thursday June 18th. (the Third Thursday) The bicycle racks will be installed throughout the South Wedge area, on South Avenue and Gregory Street. We will meet at Nathaniel Square Park at 6:30 PM and then stroll up and down the streets checking out the new sculptures. This evening is also the first South Wedge Stimulus Series event, with area merchants offering ridiculously cheap prices on a variety of goods- 27 businesses and counting are participating so come out and Shop Local. All the specials are listed at www.savourourflavor.com Free Music at Star Alley Park (next to Lux) that same night, Fred Vine (blues) at 7:00 PM and the Jive Mamas (rockabilly) from 8:00 -10:00.

BASWA will also be introducing our new line of “Shop Local – Put Your Money Where Your House Is” merchandise, which will be sold as a BASWA fundraiser, to help us continue our efforts towards revitalization of the South Wedge area neighborhoods. Help remind your friends and neighbors the importance of shopping local. Check out the BPA-Free Nalgene water bottles, 100% recycled dog bowls, buttons, pub glasses, bumper stickers and teeny stickers at Star Alley that evening. Ridiculously cheap!

Officer Brad Goater, Rochester Police Department:

There has been an increase in burglaries, from 3-4 during the last reporting period to 10+. The police have attributed this increase to a certain parolee who is living in the area who was released in May. These are daytime burglaries. No details about the person of interest are available for the community (area he lives, what he is stealing). There has been a 167% increase in burglaries in the area from Rossiter to Sanford St. ... The person who was stealing GPS systems was apprehended recently, after he was stopped while driving a stolen vehicle in Sector 7. ... Funding for PAC-TAC has been extended, and PAC-TAC walkers are hitting targeted areas of the city.

Larry Staub, Monroe County Parks Department:

Concerts & Events at Highland Park this summer:

-Ribfest July 9th – 12th at the Highland Park Festival Site. Hours: Thurs til 9:00 PM, Friday til 9:30 PM, Saturday til 10:00 PM, Sunday til 8:00 PM.

-July 12th at Highland Bowl: Bob Weir & Rat Dog 4:30 to 9:00 PM

-July 25th at Highland Bowl: The Tragically Hip 5:30 to 10:30 PM

Meeting:

Pete Saxe, Neighborhood Service Center Administrator:

City Hall met with sector leaders and presidents to assure them that the changes at City Hall will not effect the neighbors and their block groups and neighborhood associations. The sectors will not be going anywhere but NBN will be dissolved. There is an Open House at the Neighborhood Service Center on S. Clinton Avenue on Wednesday July 8th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, neighbors are invited to come and meet the new team of people assigned to work as our southeast quadrant team.

There is a new committee being formed to address delivery of services from City Hall to residents. There are 4 representatives from the southeast quadrant on the committee so the southeast quadrant is well represented. (Those representatives are Lisa Reagan, Matt McCarthy, Chris Jones, Pete Saxe). The objective of this committee is to ensure that residents are being served well, and to see where mistakes are being made. The goal is to make the level of service consistent throughout the city regardless of where one lives.

NBN is going to be “going away”. The city has adopted the quadrant system instead, however the sectors can still meet as before. The neighborhood service center will remain as before. The sector plans will remain the same as before. The city will still be funding neighborhoods through the neighborhood service centers.

(Matt McCarthy: The service delivery will now be through the quadrants, but the city will not stop the neighborhoods from meeting and organizing themselves.)

The City has committed to funding NBN for 1 more year, The money will be divided 4 ways (4 quadrants). The funding source is CDBG funds (Community Development Block Grant).

Meeting Part 2: State of the Sector

Event Date: Saturday September 19th, 2009

Location: Genesee Valley Park – Roundhouse*

*No charge for location thanks to Monroe County Parks.

Format: Opening Speaker

Panel Discussion

Two Tour Times

Lunch – thanks to the University of Rochester

Farmers Market

Possible Tours and assigned lead person to report information:

- Green Home Tours / Medical Art’s Building (Sue O’Neil / Matt Perdue)
- Historic Mt. Hope Cemetery Tour (Sue O’Neil)
- Swillburg- Labyrinth Garden / Upper Mt. Hope- Mark’s Park (David Chappius / Cindy Knox)
- Genesee Valley Park (Larry Staub)
- UofR Arboretum (Joan Lindberg)
- Canal Path – by bike (Lisa Reagan)
- Genesee River – by canoe (Peter Saxe)

- Highland Park (Larry Staub)

Tasks:

- Lead person for each “tour” will need to report at next meeting about potential costs & obstacles – remember we don’t need every tour to be free – if there is a cost associated we can budget for that (ie: tour guide, etc...)
- Peter Saxe – checking on canoe possibilities for Genesee River tour
- Lisa Reagan – checking on bike rental or donation for Canal Path tour
- Matt McCarthy – contacting David Driskell about possible opening speaker (him or someone else)
- Peter Saxe – checking on the cost for some large City of Rochester vans for the Labyrinth/Mark’s Park tour & Home/MA Bldg Tour
- John O’Neil – checking on the cost of busing (handicap accessible)
- Matt Perdue – putting together proposed timing schedule for the day

NEXT MEETING:

Monday June 22nd, 2009

5:30PM – Monroe County Parks Department

Agenda:

- Time line for event
- Official title of SOS ‘09
- Tours/tasks update
- Next steps
 - Next meeting