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The Highland Park Neighborhood News

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Hello, Lilac Festival!

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Highland Park
Neighborhood Association

Highland Park Neighborhood General Meetings

The meetings include time for information sharing, open discussion and invited guests speak on a variety of issues. A calendar of meetings is posted on www.highlandparkrochester.org.

06/22/10 "Improving Your Home"

Location: County Parks Building (across from the conservatory)

6:30pm Refreshments & Mingle / 7pm Home Improvement Funding, Ideas and Resources

Supporting Membership Form

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\$15

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\$50

Membership gift (please circle your selection)

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Neighborhood T-Shirt

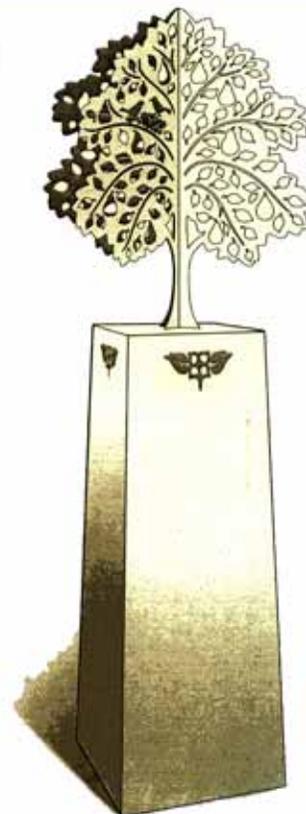
The Highland Park Neighborhood Association
invites you to meet Artist Craig Wilson
during **ELLWANGER** day
& **BARRY**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm May 23, 2010

Lower Reservoir Gatehouse, Highland Park

for information call 585-473-0026
or visit www.buzzblastandblog.com/art

The Sculpture for Ellwanger & Barry Park and related
programs are made possible by a generous grant from
The Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Rochester
and by support from The South East Area Coalition



Your Friendly Advisory on Neighborhood Events

A letter from the HPNA
Communications Coordinator
Michael Tomb

Welcome to Spring in Rochester! It's one of the best combinations of time and place that I've experienced anywhere. As the communications coordinator for this Neighborhood, I have so many events and happenings to tell you about that I am afraid to leave something out... so if I do, remember this web address: www.buzzblastandblog.com.

Whether or not you go online, you'll want to know about our events. Upcoming is another fabulous HPNA exhibit and series of tours and events for the Lilac Festival May 14-23, all hosted at the Lower Reservoir Gatehouse. Come and enjoy our update to "Blossoms, Business and The City of Flowers." Sales of posters and material from our exhibits also help support a new sculpture for Ellwanger & Barry Park... an initiative that began with a grant from The Arts & Cultural Council of Greater Rochester. Want a sneak peak at what this will look like? Come to the exhibit on May 23 at 11 am - 2 pm and meet the sculpture artist Craig Wilson. We'll have bagels and juice waiting for you. It's all part of what we are calling

"Ellwanger & Barry Day". A complete schedule will be available online. We will also have a raffle for several prizes, including original art from the 19th century (and something cool is on the agenda for the younger crowd)! After the festival, "Blossoms, Business and The City of Flowers," will move to the lobby gallery of Rochester's City Hall for the months of June, July & August. Changes are also coming to Ellwanger & Barry Park, which we will fill you in on at a later time.

Ok, even summer needs special mention. You may know how it ends with our Taste of the Neighborhood celebration on September 19th. This year we are also having a free concert in Ellwanger & Park Park on July 14th featuring Acoustic, Celtic and other great music from Book & Mike. Bring a picnic and the family starting at 6:30 pm that Wednesday and enjoy a leisure evening (And we may even do it again in August... stay tuned). All during this Spring and Summer, Amy Priestley is giving wonderful tours of the Highland Botanical Arboretum... I've learned a lot

and so will your family. These continue in May, June & July, including special tours during the Lilac Festival. There's more... but I am running out of room.

So visit www.buzzblastandblog.com. It's the most complete online resource on news & events about your neighborhood (and I'm always looking for volunteers to help keep it that way!). Some of the items you'll find are reports from our Traffic Calming and Arts & Cultural Teams, information on a Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale on June 5th, events at nearby Neighborhoods, Churches and other organizations. You will also find City Meetings, Security Reports, a Link to our Facebook page, Email Blasts & Updates, News Releases, past copies of the Buzz, and virtually everything people send or ask me to tell you about. Recently, someone thought we needed an interactive lost and found page... by the time you read this, I'm sure we will have one! Gotta go... Michael (write me at highlandparkrocheser@gmail.com)

The Three Hour Team and You

Every month of every year, neighborhood volunteers are busy planning: Meetings, Movies, Gardening, Traffic Calming, Safety, Cleanup Crews, Arts, Exhibits, Taste of the Neighborhood, Halloween Parade, Tours, School Choice (New: Garage Sale! Summer Concert!) and the list continues...

Don't have time to commit to being on a team, committee or the board? Would you still like to participate? Join the Three Hour Team! Email us with your contact info (jointeam@highlandparkrochester.org or call 473-0026) and include your phone # and name and tell us you want to join the team. If you have preferences or concerns, include these.

Next time we have a task, such as helping, gardening, cleanup or delivering the Buzz; anything guaranteed to take 3 hours or less, we will contact you to see if you're available.

The first time you say YES! and join us, that will be it... we won't call again UNLESS YOU JOIN THE TEAM AGAIN or after a New Year begins.

We might call to ask you to spend your 3 hours with us in the beautiful historic Lower Reservoir Gatehouse in Highland Park during the Lilac Festival. Or to help us setup our next Taste of the Neighborhood. Just mention it in your response. We hope you will join us again and again all year long. But if one three hour session per year is all you can afford... we will still be grateful and acknowledge your volunteer contributions at the next "Annual Meeting and Celebration". So there you go... interested? Let us know by writing to us at jointeam@highlandparkrochester.org or call Michael 473-0026.

WHAT DOES THE Lilac Festival! mean to you?

The lilac festival means to our family...
the parade!! we love to get all of
our friends together and walk up
to watch the parade! My kids look
forward to it every year!!

JEN TOPA



Photo by Michael Tomb

Looking forward to running into my friend Kelly, at one of the music events.

Checking out all the different lilacs and confirming once again that the Rochester Lilac is still my very favorite.

Walking through the Rhododendrons and remembering a day late one May when I got engaged in that very spot.

And for the last couple years, I've enjoyed telling the visitors to our exhibit at the Lower Reservoir Gatehouse about our great neighborhood and hearing their stories about Highland Park or memories of living here. It's always amazing the number of people visiting from across the world. A reminder that this is a truly special festival.

MARCIA ZACH

As far back as I can remember (for nearly 30 years), my family has made an annual trip to the Lilac Festival.

The traditional trek always began at the Highland Bowl, where we would hang out playing softball, soccer and frisbee and enjoying some Pontillo's sheet pizza that we picked up on the way. Then, we'd pack up for a stroll around the Park, with stops at the reservoir for fried dough and lemonade, at the Katsura climbing tree, and finally, for a family group photo in front of a lilac bush (always the same one and always with some poor stranger called to photographer duty). Since I moved into the neighborhood eight years ago, the line-up has changed slightly. We now meet at my house for pizza before heading up to the Park, through the wood trail at the top of Meigs Street where we stop for a kids-only photo on the big log. Then it's on to the Bowl to commence the usual routine.

It is one of our most long-standing traditions, surviving the childhoods of me and my five siblings, and remained popular during our college years and transitions into adulthood, and continuing on as a tradition for the 11 grandkids to enjoy. These are treasured memories, and I take great pride in hosting this family tradition in my own backyard!

MARY STAROPOLI

Easter Egg Hunt



A big thank you to the Peace Lutheran Church (corner Mt. Vernon and Caroline) for organizing the annual neighborhood Easter egg hunt at Ellwanger & Barry Park on Saturday, April 3! Easter treats were donated back to the community and delivered to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality. We recycle the eggs! Please drop them by the Church or call 244-9206.

Photos by Matt Carnevale



Neighborhood Safety

by Paul Urai,
Safety and Security
Coordinator HPNA

Happy Spring Neighbors!

Nice Weather

We are all thankful to be out of the snow. Unfortunately, criminals prefer nice weather too. We must once again be mindful of screen doors and screen windows. We like fresh air, but we don't want to be surprised by a stranger in our living room. Lock those garages, don't leave electronic eye candy in your cars, and keep bikes chained or inside.

Ellwanger and Barry Playground

The Ellwanger and Barry Playground is alive again with the sounds of children playing. Let's be mindful of this when driving around the playground. Kids can dart out from behind parked cars. We all need to slow down around the playground. Traffic calming is coming, but it's not in place yet. A rolling stop at Meigs and Linden might get you a ticket as RPD is monitoring the area. Also, if you are in the playground and feel unsafe because of inappropriate behaviors or language, call 911. Don't confront anyone and leave if you feel unsafe.

On Wednesdays, when we are not doing the pizza walk, my wife and I will be PAC-TACing in the park, so stop by and say Hi. We will have applications and we can always use more PAC-TACers.

Have a safe spring!!

2010 Monthly Walks

The dates for the upcoming Pizza Walks are as follows:

4/21, 5/26, 6/23, 7/28 and 8/25. The fourth Wednesday of every month we meet at the NSC (formerly NET) office on S. Clinton Ave at 6:30pm and walk until 8:30pm. Hope to see you at the park or one of the walks.

Come for the exercise, come for the pizza, and come help make our Neighborhood a safer place!



NEIGHBORHOOD BULLETIN BOARD

Highland Branch Library News

Give us a call for more information.

971 South Avenue 428-8206

Hours: Mon 1-7, Tues & Thurs 10-6, Wed & Fri 1-6, Sat 10-2.

- Monday, May 3 5:30 Our knitting and crochet group meets. Bring your project. Get inspired. Share your skills. Meet new neighbors.
- Monday, May 10 5:30 We have a special garden program; Linda Fugate, Master Gardener and Health Coach, will help us get going on a backyard garden. All skill levels welcome.
- Wednesday, May 5th 3:00-5:00 We'll have the Wii here! Try your skills at bowling, golf, and tennis.
- Each Monday at 3:30, we have books on DVD for kids in grades K-3. Share a picture book, then see it on the screen.
- We have a homework helper after school to work with children. Ms. Kelly is a literacy aide and has fun projects for the kids each day--make a collage, listen to a folk tale, make a mask, or paint a picture!

HIGHLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE SATURDAY, JUNE 5th 9am - 4pm

Join your neighbors for a community wide yard sale. A great opportunity to recycle unwanted items and showcase our wonderful neighborhood!

\$5.00 donation will pay for advertising and have your home listed on our sale map!

Deadline is May 22nd.

Mail the below form to Jane Wineberg at 321 Mulberry St. or email jawineberg@gmail.com

Checks can be made payable to Highland Park Neighborhood Association.



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone and/or email: _____

Calendar of Events

See WWW.BUZZBLASTANDBLOG.COM for updates and schedules

MAY

Sat. 05/01, 1 pm
Special "May Day Park in Bloom " Tour of Highland Park -- Meet outside of Conservatory

05/14 - 05/23



Lilac Festival - Highland Park Neighborhood Association Exhibit & Events located at the Lower Reservoir Gatehouse in Highland Park

05/14, 3 pm
Opening Ceremony, Enhanced Version of "Blossoms, Business and The City of Flowers"

05/15, 1 pm
Celebration of 100 year Old Trees & Tree Tour

05/22
Clean Sweep
Cobbs Hill Park

05/23

Ellwanger Barry Day at Highland Park:

11- 1 Brunch with Sculpture Artist Craig Wilson; Bagels, Juice & Coffee

1 PM - Lecture on Exhibit and Collecting Rochester Original Botanical Art

2 PM - Tour of Park - Highlighting Trees donated by Ellwanger & Barry

(Other Events TBA)



JUNE

06/19, 1 pm
Tour of Highland Park
Meet outside of Conservatory

06/05, 9 am - 4 pm
Neighborhood Wide Garage Sale

JULY

07/14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
An Early Evening of Music in Ellwanger & Barry Park - Bring a Picnic and Enjoy Acoustic, Celtic & Other Great Music from "Book and Mike" (Rain Date July 21st)

Sat. 07/17, 1 pm
Tour of Highland Park
Meet outside of Conservatory

Blossoms, Business and The City of Flowers

Through May 7th
Muddy Waters Coffee House, 752 Goodman Street South

05/14 - 05/23
Highland Park Lower Reservoir Gatehouse

June-August
Rochester City Hall
30 Church St
Lobby Gallery

September
Monroe County Library
- Monroe Branch, 809 Monroe Avenue

SUMMER PLAYDATES

At the Ellwanger Barry Playground (corner of Meigs and Linden) Tuesdays at 10AM all summer long. BYOC (bring your own coffee!)

What Does Ellwanger & Barry Park Mean to You?

Want to share your thoughts about how the park plays a part in your daily life?

Email your comments to buzz@highlandparkrochester.org and you might be featured in the next issue of The Buzz.

INTRODUCING THE NEW

Dickys
1880

Story and Photos by Matt Carnevale

NEW BIZ!

Corner of Meigs and Caroline Streets
585-730-8310
5PM till 2AM every day,
Kitchen open past last call

It was around the later end of the century before the last century, when George Ellwanger and Patrick Barry were building their nursery business and some of the first houses that would become our homes today. It was also around this time that the City of Rochester was contemplating whether to accept the land for Highland Park as a gift. And it was around this time that an entrepreneur was identifying a community need for a gathering spot, a community center, a place where everybody knows your name...

Dicky's was originally built to be a bar, according to co-owner Scott Napier, and the Dicky's name has at least a 50 year history. It was Scott's neighborhood bar for the 10 years when he lived on Cayuga Street. It is that neighborhood comfortable feeling that he and his two business partners, Highland Park neighbor Dan Rosato, and Phillip "Flip" Wehrheim, succeed in bringing back the neighborhood icon at the corner of Meigs and Caroline streets when they reopened on January 12th. Scott is also a partner with Dan for the past 15 years on Monroe Avenue in the skate and snowboard shop Skyehigh, and with Flip for three years running the specialty sailing shop, Ultimate Marine Group, which opened April 1st in Shumway Marina. "Dicky's has changed owners at least five times, but as far as we can tell, it was planned and opened as a tavern around the 1880's," says Scott. "The north half, the restaurant side, was opened in the 1940's. We may be the oldest bar in the City."

Scott, Dan, and Flip have hired back cook Kevin Lawson, who last served it up there when Judy ran Dicky's Restaurant right before it became the Black Pearl. Kevin serves a diverse menu that includes not only the expected bar food, but also Moby Dicky's Fish Fry, and his unique take on the Nick Tahoe Classic, the Naughty Plate Tempura. Every-

thing is homemade, including the soups and Quesadillas, pulled pork, the burger patties, the Teriyaki wings... Future plans may include Lunch and a Sunday Brunch.

When they reopened the place, the three had their work cut out for them, and they quickly set about extensive polishing up and renovations. New lighting and ceiling fans, a pine interior for the restaurant, and restored flooring are but a few of the enhancements you'll immediately notice when you walk in. The attention to detail in restoring the original bar fixtures and its tin ceiling, the cool logo that recalls a western saloon, and the fresh paint throughout is very evident and welcoming. "We want people to come in and feel they can relax and enjoy good food and good times at a reasonable price," says Scott, "that's how it was when we came here years ago. We want to recapture that for today. That's why we brought back the Dicky's name. We want to be a gathering spot in the heart of the City."

Introduce yourself when you stop in to the gathering place in the heart of your neighborhood. I think you'll like it here!



School #12 News

SCHOOL!

Thank You from the Mighty Ducks at School #12 !!

The families and staff at James P.B. Duffy School #12 send a big THANK YOU to everyone in the Highland Park Neighborhood (and beyond!) that are currently making a difference in the lives of the children at School #12. There are so many ways to support our neighborhood schools — even if no one in your home are attending school at this time. Dozens of volunteers are reading with children one to three times a week. People have donated musical instruments — helping to enable almost 100 students in grades 4-6 to have an opportunity for weekly instrumental music lessons and concert band experiences. We also continue to receive “anonymous” box tops mailed to the PTA at School #12. Already we have received approximately 7,000 box tops this year! The proceeds from the box tops fund our school basketball team, provide busing for field trips, support our volunteer programs, and much more! All of these are wonderful and much appreciated ways to help bring opportunities and experiences to our students. THANK YOU!

What would you do with \$275,000?

At James P.B. Duffy School #12, we will be using it to make our children and our childrens' families healthier!

School #12 is very pleased and excited to announce that it is one of only two elementary schools in the district to be awarded a \$275,000 grant from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation. All of the funds will be used to bring physical activity to each child (a minimum of 60 minutes a day by December 2012). This will promote a healthy lifestyle and increase the number of healthy weight children.

At our school specifically, we will be incorporating physical activity within the curriculum throughout the day and during daily recess. Equipment will be purchased and additional outdoor and indoor recess options will be made available. There will also be more family education, staff training and community outreach.

The Lilac Festival is Just around the Corner... Where do your friends and family plan to park?!

Again this year, the School #12 PTA will be providing parking opportunities during the Lilac Festival. For only a \$4 suggested donation, you can park just a block from the Festival. It doesn't get any better than that! Parking will be available both weekends. ALL of the proceeds directly support School #12 programs. Tell everyone! Please help us spread the word!



James P.B. Duffy School #12

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South Clinton Avenue Renovation: Building a sense of place

Mike Thompson (ESCAPE Committee)
and Ruth Danis Co-Chair of HPNA

We'll be seeing more than flowers sprouting on South Clinton Ave. this Spring. After a long and sometimes painful process, South Clinton Ave. renovation is starting to take form. The ESCAPE (Evolving South Clinton Avenue Places & Environments) Committee which coordinates activities is currently chaired by Matt Perdue of Swillburg. It is composed of City officials, residents of Highland Park Neighborhood, the South East Area Coalition, the South Wedge Planning Committee, the South Clinton Avenue Merchants Association, our Neighborhood Service Center, and Swillburg. This stage of the project will include infrastructure renovations, from the inner loop to just south of S. Goodman Street. Curbs with bump outs, benches, planters, crosswalks and intersection embellishments, as well as lighting, are some of the welcome changes coming this Spring. Basic infrastructure improvements will be the core to the transformation, but matching grants to help business owners renovate their street facades are equally important. These grants are responsible for many of the changes that we have seen, and will see taking place.

Funding is in place for significant progress to be made this year.

Despite all this activity, Clinton Ave. is still difficult to define as a destination. How can we help Clinton Ave. become a "PLACE" residents view as an integral link to our neighborhood? International restaurants suggest a theme. One of our choices for a framework could be declaring S. Clinton Ave. a "global pathway" — encouraging a display of flags and facades which represent the diversity of the businesses or which connect the historical routes of the Erie Canal. Another possibility is to draw on the Ellwanger & Barry tradition as an arboretum and nursery to promote attractive and unique vegetation on the Avenue. Agreeing on a "framework" is the means for sustaining and enhancing this location. If you are interested in attending a general meeting of the Highland Park Neighborhood Association to discuss these improvements, please submit your thoughts to the HPNA board members at board@highlandparkrochester.org.

Meet your neighbors



Jason Myatt, Marga Devam and daughter Ariane *Rockingham Street*

How long have you lived in the neighborhood? A little over a year.

What are your occupations? Jason is a physicist at the U of R Laser Lab. Marga is very busy looking after their 8 month old, Ariane.

Where did you previously live? Pittsford. Before that, Edmonton, Alberta Canada

What do you like most about the neighborhood? Pedestrian friendly, proximity to Highland Park, Mt. Hope Cemetery, and U of R Laser Lab (Jason rides his bike to work—even in the winter!); and, of course, the friendly neighbors.

Interesting facts. Jason and Marga met in France. She was a nanny for his then boss. They are both avid scuba divers.

What does the *Cinema* mean to me?

For reasons that may soon become apparent to you, this writer will remain anonymous.

For over seven years I went to the Cinema once a week. Sometimes I went because it was showing a movie I wanted to see. Most of the times I went there as part of my new way of life because I had given up drinking. I had stopped going to the bar and had given up people and places that could tempt me. It was not easy to give up my old friends. I got help from my Church, a minister, a counselor, The Cinema, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

I went rain or shine, wind or snow. It was a rest from working on myself and my problem. I went so much that that first year I got a Christmas gift from Joann. Many of you may remember the book of tickets she gave out that year. It had coupons; one for a movie, one for pop corn, one for a drink in a refillable sippy that can be

filled to this day, for 75 cents, and a tee shirt. I still have mine. Joann will never know how much that gift meant to me that Christmas because I had left a relationship of 10 years when I gave up my old ways. Along with that went some of our friends and his family. That was one of the few gifts I got that Christmas.

Going to the movies helped me not to think about drinking. It was a safe place that didn't cost me much. Many times a big bag of popcorn was my dinner.

After a while, what seemed to be the impossible, a goal I thought I would never make, was getting close. It was going to be a year that I had not taken a drink. I asked Joann if I could have a theater party to celebrate. When I told her what I was celebrating and how I did it. She said "My Theater is up there with those

fine institutions? You can have your party here." She smiled. "I am going to do one better for you. I have a screening room where you and your friends can see the movie in private. You can take your coffee up there and stay as long as you like. The staff stays after the movie to clean up every night." I asked her how much she was going to charge us for that and she said. "You are celebrating one year, one dollar."

We celebrated in the screening room. The Cinema made coffee for us and I served cake after the movie.

I don't get to the Cinema as often as I used to. I look at the Cinema fondly and needless to say Joann played an important part at a pivotal time in my life.

Today, I'm celebrating 20 years since that legendary Cinema party.

Wanted: Neighbors who would like to advertise their product or service in The Buzz! Contact hpna.business@gmail.com



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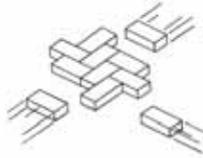
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