



THE NEW PORKER

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Second Quarter 2010

Garage Sale – SATURDAY JUNE 5th

By: Mary Hughes Sterling, Event Committee

2010 is an even year... therefore it's a Garage Sale year in Swillburg! Start cleaning out your basement, garage, and spare bedroom - get out your stickers and magic marker and start pricing!

The Highland Park Neighborhood is also planning a garage sale this day... so we plan to team up with them and split the advertising costs. We'll advertise in the D&C, City Newspaper and other print publications, as well as listing it on community calendars online.

There is no cost for you to participate; we use Membership funds to pay for the advertising. Some signs will be hung around the neighborhood, but of course individual homes will hang their own signs as well. PLEASE, if you are placing your own signs around the neighborhood do not put them in or on any of the planters or Swillburg Neighborhood signs, and please remove your signs after the sale is over.



Saturday June 5th – 8AM... don't miss it!

Swillburg Community Vegetable Garden

By: Tom Falls & Angela Graham

Look for renovations and updates at the Swillburg Community Vegetable Garden in the coming weeks! The garden, located at 16 Nelson St. near Henrietta St., has eight raised garden beds (8' x 4') available for vegetable planting, as well as a round planter (7' diameter) which serves as an herb garden. Recently the garden has fallen into a state of disrepair, and help is needed to restore it to its former glory. The boards forming the raised beds will be painted and reassembled using new brackets. New mulch will be delivered just before the neighborhood beautification days (5/4 and 5/5) and help will be needed to weed the site and spread the mulch. Finally, new topsoil and compost will be delivered in order to replete the soil in the planters. Then the site will be open to the community and anyone wishing to plant or harvest vegetables should pay it a visit. There is water and a hose on site for watering, and some basic gardening tools will also be available for use. Currently, help is needed to get the raised beds rehabbed ASAP as planting season is just around the corner. If you are interested in volunteering please contact: Patricia Goodspeed-Grant pgoodspe@brockport.edu / 978-1836



For the latest information regarding our neighborhood, check out www.swillburg.com

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Eisenberg Community Garden

By: *Mike Fleche*

The Eisenberg Community Garden is located along S. Goodman Street between I-490 and S. Clinton Avenue... along a little one way street called Eisenberg Place. This wonderful garden is home to many beautiful plants... including a wide variety of day lilies.

A large garden like this is truly a community effort, which is why I'm planning a spring clean up day on Saturday May 8th from 1:30 to 4:30.

Please bring gloves if you have them and any garden tools (trowels, rakes, etc.), We'll be raking, weeding and mulching the garden.



Questions? Contact Mike Fleche at 785-9170.

The Labyrinth Garden

By *Sue Leurgans*

The weeds are growing along with the flowers and tending to the garden has started. We meet on Monday nights from 7-8 PM officially, but I hope to be there at 6:30 PM to weed, sweep, plant, water, mulch and prune. Help is always needed and appreciated as it is more work than Marsden and I can keep up with. Join us if you can! Often, we work on the garden on the weekends too, if you have a spare moment. Thanks to Elliot and Linda for their work in the garden. **To volunteer...** show up or contact Sue Leurgans at 461-1815.

Where is the Labyrinth Garden? It's located at the intersection of Caroline, Pappert and Henrietta streets, across from Rooney's Restaurant.

Become a Member!

If you have supported the Swillburg Neighborhood in the past, thank you. If you have not, we urge you to do so this year. Every dollar donated is directly invested back into the neighborhood and used for projects directly affecting our neighbors. Your contribution will allow us to fund events such as Swillfest along with our annual Swillburg Carnival and our Swillburg Music in the Park concert series; maintain several garden projects and green spaces; communication services such as www.swillburg.com and The New Porker and neighborhood meetings.

Below is a membership form for 2010. Please consider making an investment in your neighborhood.

Swillburg Membership Form

Your support helps fund garden projects and events to help make Swillburg a better, more beautiful, safer place to live and work.

2010 Membership gifts (while supplies last, per paid membership)

- \$30 membership gets a newly designed 2010 Swillburg T-shirt
- \$20 membership gets a 2009 Swillburg Travel Mug
- \$15 membership gets a 2008 Collector's Swillburg T-shirt



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Please accept \$ _____ as my membership contribution

No gift needed, please accept \$ _____ as my membership contribution

I would like to be a friend of Swillburg. Please accept \$ _____ contribution.

You can pick up your membership merchandise at the neighborhood meetings or a Swillburg event.

Go to www.swillburg.com for meeting dates and times!

Please note: Minimum contribution for membership is \$1.

Make checks payable to: Swillburg Neighborhood Association Mail or drop off to 846 S. Clinton Avenue, Suite 201, Rochester, NY 14620

Springtime Safety in Swillburg

By: Robert Zerby, Quality of Life Committee

It would seem that winter 2009/2010 is finally behind us (hopefully). We can all start moving back out of our houses and start to enjoy the out of doors again. With money being tight all over, it is likely the so-called “stay-cation” will remain an oft used alternative to traveling. A stay-cation is when folks stay in the area or at home to enjoy the more simple things that exist right here without having to spend a whole lot of money. So bring out that lawn furniture, clean up the grill, sweep away the remains of winter and bring on summer fun.

Remember, though, that the good weather brings out more than birds, bugs and flowers. The opportunist petit criminals also bloom this time of year. As these people walk the streets, they are often looking for little things here and there that they can easily steal and then turn around and sell for a quick profit.



Sadly, some of these people will turn into more hard-core criminals and the small crimes against property can turn into large crimes against a person. Some of this can be prevented if these would-be thugs don't get a taste of an easy take in the first place.

The most important rule – lock the locks. This means

locking the doors and windows of your home, garage, and car. Lock them even if you will “be right out” or if you are home or hanging out in a back yard. A front door can be entered and handy items can be stolen without your knowledge in an instant. Don't leave tempting, easy picking, high value items in plain sight. You might as well put up a sign that says, “free to a good home” if you take this approach. There have been a rash of such crimes in the city and more importantly in our own neighborhood already this year. An unlocked door with a laptop computer on the seat will likely not be there when you return to your car.

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Lilac Neighbors Annual Plant Sale

The Lilac Neighbors Annual plant sale is on Saturday May 29th from 8-11AM at 61 Reservoir Avenue. GREAT plants for very little money. Get there early to choose from the best selection of plants. The Proud Market is also the same morning in front of Warner Castle.

Presidents Report

David Chappius, President

Spring has sprung! The tulips and daffodils have been in full bloom... course so are most of the lilacs! Now I'm not a horticulturist but I'm pretty sure that the Lilac Festival is going to miss some of the best blooms of 2010. So I suggest you take a nice walk or bike ride out of Swillburg and head over to Highland Park to enjoy this amazing park before all the crowds get there! The Lilac Festival runs from Friday May 14th to Sunday May 23rd. The parade is on Saturday May 15th at 10:30AM.

You'll notice our 2nd Quarter New Porker features LOTS of volunteer opportunities and LOTS of information about gardens. I hope that you'll take some time in the coming weeks and volunteer for your neighborhood! We need help to keep Swillburg looking so beautiful!

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Swillburg Beautification Days—*Volunteers Needed!*

By Joe Campbell, Volunteer Coordinator

Swillburg has two beautification days planned this spring! Tuesday May 4th, and Wednesday May 5th. We will start each evening at 6:00PM, and should be done by 7:30. Once we're done beautifying Swillburg, drinks and pizza will be provided both nights. We'll meet in the parking lot of Mahany Welding (across from the Bloom Garden) on Field St., near Pembroke St. and the Monroe Ave. exit off of 490.

We'll work on weeding, cleaning and mulching the various gardens and planters throughout Swillburg so we are ready for planting during Clean Sweep. Please bring your own garden tools and gloves if you have them, if you don't... come help anyway, we'll have extras! You don't have to RSVP, but it would be helpful so we can plan the food. Please let me know if you help beautify your neighborhood! volunteer@swillburg.com or you can leave a message at 473-7687.

Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday June 15th, 2010, 7:00PM

Neighborhood Service Center
846 S. Clinton Avenue.

Agenda will be announced via e-mail...

Not on our e-mail list?

Sign up online at www.swillburg.com



Clean Sweep – South East

By David Chappius, President

It's Clean Sweep time! Our area (the south east) is scheduled for Saturday May 22nd, at Cobb's Hill Park. Sign up by calling 311 or online www.cityofrochester.gov/cleansweep. Volunteers should arrive at Cobb's Hill at 8:30AM to pick up their t-shirt, gloves, and get a cup of coffee and donut. Then you can join the Swillburg team (we are usually team #1). We'll be working on the Bloom Garden at 490, Field & Pembroke Streets, and along the Art Panels on Pembroke Street. At 1PM we'll head back to Cobb's Hill Park for a picnic lunch. ***So sign up online or by calling 311 today!***

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Next, be alert to your surroundings. If you see something that doesn't appear right, question it. If you feel that such an interaction could endanger your own safety, call 911 and provide a clear explanation as to what the situation is and why you feel it is wrong. An example of such a call might be "there are people in my neighbor's house who I don't recognize and my neighbors are at work right now".



Finally and perhaps most sadly, watch out for drug and drug related activity. It is a sad but true fact that illegal drugs are bought and sold openly on the streets of our quiet neighborhood. While this is not as widespread as some other areas in the city, the crimes that

come in on the heels of such drug activity can often tear neighborhoods apart. While bringing this information to police is important, as the City of Rochester website wisely suggests, neighbors must remember to keep themselves safe and hidden from observation. Visit the City of Rochester website (<http://cityofrochester.gov>) and search for Reporting Drug Activity.

While the general tone of this article is somewhat depressing, keep in mind that only a small number of people are involved in these illegal activities. They only become important to most people when they fall victim. Try and avoid being a victim and help us help you keep Swillburg the best place to live in Rochester!