



# THE NEW PORKER

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## One City, One Future....21 Candidates

*Dennis O'Brien, Vice President*

Starting back in April, the Monroe County Democratic Party held designating caucuses across the city to determine the endorsed candidates for various offices, including Rochester City Council. Much like the Presidential candidates going state to state to win votes, the council candidates traversed the city making their pitch to committee members, culminating with the Democratic Convention in May. With the five at large council seats up this year, 21 candidates (including incumbents Carolee Conklin, Dana Miller, Gladys Santiago and John Lightfoot) vied for the privilege to serve our city, including two of our own Swilburg neighbors, David Chappius and myself.

With a long track record of community involvement and leadership, David Chappius won over many party faithful despite his position as a 'newcomer'. Along with his impressive resume, his infectious energy, charm and intelligence helped highlight, much like President Obama, how community organizers get things done. In fact, his working relationships with City Hall gave him insight that many

other candidates were lacking, and his experience proved he would be able to bring people together to breathe new life into all our city's areas. It was evident to all that attended these meetings that David has a bright future as an advocate for our city.

Taking a different path to the process, I am a long time Democratic activist, who has worked on many campaigns over the past decade. Emphasizing my experience in government (currently a staffer to Assemblyman David Koon), I focused on the idea of bringing City Hall to the people to help revitalize under represented areas. Like David, I believe that giving more people a stake in our future benefits everyone, and that Rochester's best days lie ahead. Dubbed 'The People's Champ', I will continue his work to advance the goals of the Democratic Party in the city.

Following the ups and downs of the committee votes, the candidates and the party faithful gathered on May 14 to finalize the Democratic City Council slate. Already 'in' were incumbent Carolee Conklin and Matt Haag and thus three seats were yet

to be decided. After a second round of balloting by Committee Leaders, we were still alive and receiving votes, although on the second ballot Loretta Scott and Dana Miller were nominated. The third ballot proved to be the final ballot, as Jackie Ortiz was able to secure enough votes to be nominated.

Although there will be a primary in September, neither David nor I will be on the ballot. Both of us have chosen to focus energies helping the nominated candidates get elected, and to continue to advocate for our beloved Swilburg.

### Stay tuned for...

- Neighborhood Parties in June!
- RPO Concert, July 16
- Swilburg Carnival, July 31

For the latest information regarding our neighborhood, check out [www.swilburg.com](http://www.swilburg.com)



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## Swillburg Neighborhood Parties!

Meet your neighbors at one or both!

Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Benton Street (between S. Clinton + Pappert)

AND/OR

Thursday, June 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Lansdale Street

Food will be provided by Salvatore's  
Feel free to bring a dessert and lawnchair!

## RPO String Ensemble

Free Concert at Otto Henderberg Park

Thursday, July 16, 7:00 p.m.

Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a free concert under our neighborhood gazbo.  
We will have the Swillburg tent up with snacks and beverages for sale  
along with merchandise and raffle tickets!

# CARNIVAL



## Thursday, July 30 5:30 p.m. till dusk

Otto Henderberg Park, Avon, Fountain & Sycamore Streets  
(off S. Clinton Ave & Field Street)

### FUN

Moonwalk, Inflatable Slide, Games,  
Rosco the Clown, Fire Trucks, Fire  
Safety House, Children's Activity  
Table, RPD Mounted Patrol & MORE!

Children must be accompanied  
by an adult to participate.

### FOOD

Hot Dogs, Cheeseburgers, Veggie  
Burgers, Salt Potatoes, Italian  
Sausage, Salad, The Oinker (pulled  
pork sandwich), Pizza, Pop Corn, Snow  
Cones & Cotton Candy

Food proceeds benefit the Swillburg  
Neighborhood Association

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## Presidents Report

David Chappius, President

### Community Building:

One of the greatest strengths of the Swillburg Neighborhood is community building, it's what makes a neighborhood a neighborhood! Hopefully you can find the time to swing by one of our Swillburg Summer Parties next week, they are free and provide a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. Also don't miss our annual Swillburg Carnival in July, fun for the entire family, and then in September our free concert series under the gazebo at Otto Henderberg Park.

### Elections & By-Laws:

2009 is an election year for SNA and also time for us to review our by-laws. If you are interested in running for one of the four elected offices (President, Vice President, Treasurer or Secretary) please let me know. We will review our current by-laws at our next SNA meeting, Tuesday July 21st, 7:00PM at the Neighborhood Service Center, 846 S. Clinton Avenue. Our current by-laws are on our website... [www.swillburg.com](http://www.swillburg.com) click on the "Newsletters and Meeting Notes" tab. If you have proposed changes we'll take them at the meeting or at our Carnival.

Hope to see everyone out and about!

Thanks,

David • 585-473-7687 • [president@swillburg.com](mailto:president@swillburg.com)

### Next Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.  
Neighborhood Service Center  
846 S. Clinton Avenue



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### 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.

2009 Membership gifts (while supplies last, per paid membership)

- \$20 membership gets a Swillburg Travel Mug

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select from below:

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](http://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

## Garden at One Eisenberg Place

*Mike Fleche, Neighbor and Garden Administrator*

Did you know that there's a flower garden on a city lot right here in Swillburg? The garden at One Eisenberg Place fronts the east side of South Clinton between Henrietta Street and the 490 on-ramp. Springtime shows daffodils, hyacinths and iris, but the big show comes later.

Beginning in late June and continuing till mid-August, the garden is a riot of color. Daylily flowers of every size and hue (except blue) overflow the beds.

The garden was the brainchild of the late Caryl Albro, a Swillburg resident who worked at SEAC at the time. Caryl was a wonderfully exuberant spirit who loved all green growing things—trees and herbs and vegetables and flowers. At her request the city plowed the site, and several raised beds were built. At first there were a few plots of vegetables, but when these proved difficult to maintain, grass and weeds were again in danger of taking over.

In July of 2003, Caryl asked if I would take over as administrator. At the time I was looking for a place to plant my daylily seedlings, so I jumped at the chance! Here was a way for the garden to benefit the whole community. Instead of producing vegetables for a few, it could provide of banquet of flowers that all could enjoy. The second photo (taken in 2007, facing east) shows how well that vision has been realized, though sadly Caryl did not live to see it.

The garden includes several registered varieties of hemerocallis (daylily), but most of the plants are hybridized and grown from seed by myself. It takes two to three years for the plant to grow from seed to flower, so the hybridizer must be patient. One goal is to produce a flower that is worthy to be named for Caryl. This year we may see the best flowers yet!



Over the years, our seed-grown plants have been donated to many non-profit groups around the area. Recipients include churches like South Presbyterian, Calvary St. Andrews, the former Trinity Covenant (now Artisan Church), and St. Boniface, and neighborhood organizations such as Culver-University-East and SWPC, and the NET office (now the Neighborhood Service Center). Several businesses have also planted our daylilies, notably Women's Coffee Connection and

Boulder Coffee Company.

Most recently, a new garden was planted at the entrance to the SEAC office at Averill Court, including daylilies and iris from the Eisenberg garden.

The garden is necessarily a work in progress—as mulch breaks down, raised beds collapse, and plants flow in and out. And there's always weeding to do! Volunteers are always welcome. I'm usually at

the garden on weekends between two and five, and other times as well. Bring gloves and a trowel if you have one, and come on out! Give a call to know when to expect you; my number is **785-9170**.

And please come and enjoy the flowers. We just ask that out of respect for others, you do not pick them—but leave them for all to enjoy!

### *Garden Wish List*

- Hoses without leaks
- Cordless weed-whacker