



# THE NEW PORKER

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## The Neighborhood Community Vegetable Garden

*Robert Zerby, Crime/Safety Coordinator*

Swillburg offers natural beauty through a variety of gardens located all around the neighborhood. The maintenance of each of these gardens is undertaken by a small but committed group of volunteers.

Sadly, there is a problem afoot! One of the more unique gardens is the community vegetable garden located at 16 Nelson Street near the intersection of Henrietta Street.

Recently a neighbor complained as the lot was overgrown with weeds and tall grasses. While hay is a potential crop, it was not appreciated by those living near by. The Swillburg Executive Committee quickly got together with some mowers and tamed the unruly greenery. A quick ad hoc meeting was called and the following decision was sadly reached; if there isn't a greater turnout of volunteers to maintain this particular garden, the plot will be stripped of its markings and vegetable beds and returned to the control of the city.



How can this sorry situation be avoided? The Executive Committee would like a commitment from volunteers who will be assigned to maintain this garden. This list of volunteers must be received by

the December 2009 meeting. Let's think about what this garden has to offer.

First, there are several raised garden areas. This allows for planting a variety of fruits and vegetables in a controlled and semi-protected way. The sign that proudly designates this space has plenty of room at its base to serve as an herb garden. The clincher is that there is water available right in the garden to ensure that the plantings have enough water to grow big and tall

and well, dare I say, fruitful!

We will still utilize Day of Caring and Clean Sweep to prepare the garden in the spring (mulch, ect). The only ongoing requirement as a volunteer is to keep the grass cut and the weeds under some type of control.

Help save the community vegetable garden. Send your contact info to [president@swillburg.com](mailto:president@swillburg.com).

### Stay tuned for...

- Swillburg Rocks the Park!
- Spooktacular

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





## The Park!

### 9/2 Blame Johnny

This group of maniacs has created a mix of material that is guaranteed to entertain, enlighten, and even outrage. The sets are anchored with the rock sounds of days gone by - The Beatles, Jimi Hendrix, Cream, you name it. There's always a nice mix of modern-day good stuff - The White Stripes, Franz Ferdinand, even Gnarl Barkley. Then comes the tasty jump blues of long ago - expect some Elmore James and Lightnin' Hopkins, to name a few. Toss in a few nuggets from the good ol' days, a few old school new wave hits, some hard rockers, some punk, and a beautiful dose of weird. <http://www.myspace.com/blamejohnnyrochester>

### 9/9 Dubblestuff

DubbleStuff has been writing, arranging, and performing original music in and around the Greater

# WEDNESDAY'S IN SEPTEMBER 6:30 P.M. AT OTTO HENDERBERG PARK!

Rochester area. DubbleStuff has continued modernizing the world of improvised music with their own unique sound, using the timelessness of jazz with a fresh breed of contemporary funk and Fusion styles. DubbleStuff consists of trombonist Nick Finzer, saxophonist Tyler Gauldin, bassist Michael Kujawski, pianist Chris Ziemba, and drummer Brian everon-Smith; all of whom attend the Eastman School of Music.

### 9/16 Java



Jeff Chiasson on mandolin and harmonica, Alex Shukoff on guitar, Vern Lindberg on guitar, and Alan Stockman guitar return to Swillburg with a mix of acoustic music from eight decades. The quartet grab tunes from diverse sources, Rogers and Hart, Hank Williams, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Bob Dylan, Gordon Lightfoot, James Taylor, the Eagles, and the Beatles as well as less well known artists like The Mississippi Sheiks, Hazel Dickens, Buddy Mondlock, and Iris Dement. They arrange the songs with great two, three, or four part harmonies, and welcome the audience to add their own vocals. Join JAVA for a night of great music.

### 9/23 Violet Mary



Mel Muscarella brings the vulnerability and sensitivity of Norah Jones and blends that with the power and grit of Susan Tedeschi and Grace Potter. Backed by a dynamic rhythm section in Tyler Gagnon (bass), Scott Butcher (drums), and Scott Cranfill (accessories) and flanked by Mike Muscarella on guitar, Violet Mary creates a sound that lives easily at Beale Street, Water Street, and Main Street. [www.violetmary.com](http://www.violetmary.com)

### 9/30 Bridgid's Lake

Saint Brigid's Lake is an alt-folk quartet based right here in Rochester. With hints of blues, jazz, and moody rock and roll, the band's repertoire spans generations and genres and incorporates a musical sensibility that is sure to move you, body and soul..

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OR BLANKET... SUPPORT  
SWILLBURG BY PURCHASING  
MERCHANDISE ALONG  
WITH HOT DOGS, CHIPS  
SODA AND WATER.

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PURCHASE A TICKET FOR \$ 1  
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN  
SWILLBURG MERCHANDISE  
EACH WEEK!

## Presidents Report

David Chappius, President

“Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way” – have I lost my mind? Well maybe, but not because I’m singing Jingle Bells. This is my reminder to you that the holidays are coming, which for many means gift-giving. Swillburg Merchandise makes a great gift so don’t wait until December to pick up some extra special gifts. We have t-shirts, travel mugs, mouse pads and beautiful art prints from the artwork on Pembroke Street. The Swillburg Merchandise tent will be up at Otto Henderberg Park every Wednesday in September for our Swillburg Rocks the Park Concert Series... so stop by!

While we’re on the subject of holidays let me give you a quick update on the Swillburg Spooktacular Halloween Event for 2009. Since Halloween falls on a Saturday this year (Oct. 31), we are working on teaming up with Artisan Church again and holding the event on Halloween in the afternoon before trick-or-treat time! More info will be up on [www.swillburg.com](http://www.swillburg.com) as we get closer.

Also in this newsletter is information about NBN Sector 6’s Urban GreenScape Conference, this is going to be a really unique event for our area. Many members from SNA are on the steering committee for this event, I highly encourage you to attend!

Thanks,  
David



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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

## Mail Safety

*Vaughn Stelzenmuller, Neighbor*

It's quiz time. How often do you walk down our Swillburg streets, and see outgoing letters sticking up from mailboxes like tail feathers on a turkey? This great invitation shouts, "Swipe me, please!" True, you may not be around for inbound mail. OUTbound letters, though, ought to go by a simple mailbox rule: don't use it. Not ever. Don't tempt those bad-at-heart to make off with your name; worse, with your name on your bank check. Mail those at a "real" postal pickup box, or post office.

A few years ago we had a small package lifted—also an incoming envelope. The latter was one of those unasked-for sheets of blank balance transfer checks, complete with preprinted name and account number. How thoughtful of VISA. How ingenious is the modern crook armed with bleach, ink, and a knack for inventing names to fake some short-term money from VISA.

What about packages? E.g., mail-order prescriptions. These are usually left outside your front door. Hello, passing package-grabber! Call these three delivery services and ask that they please, please leave parcels at your back door:

US Mail: 272-5967 (leave message)

UPS: 1-800-742-5877 (press "0" then give them your name, etc.; they call you back).

FEDEX: 1-800-463-3339 (press "0"; they noted my address right then!)

Be persistent. And be sure not to turkey-tail your outgoing letters in your mailbox. Swillburg should never become an "easy pickings" neighborhood.



**Urban GREENSCAPE** conference  
*Rediscover Your Neighborhood*

Saturday September 19th  
Genesee Valley Park  
in the Roundhouse Pavilion

8:30 Registration & Light Breakfast  
9:30 Featured Speaker & Round Table Discussion - Celebrating & Preserving Our Green Assets  
10:30 First Breakout Session\*  
12:00 Free Lunch featuring local businesses, courtesy of University of Rochester  
1:30 Second Breakout Session\*

\*Tours of: Genesee Valley & Highland Park, U of R Arboretum, Mt. Hope Cemetery, Green-Friendly Homes & Businesses, Biking & Canoeing  
Exhibits All Day about Neighborhood Groups and Green Products & Services  
Visit [www.NBNSector6.org](http://www.NBNSector6.org) for more information & registration

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**SPOOKTACULAR**

**OCTOBER 31**

**MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!**