



Swillburg Neighborhood Association Spring/Summer 2016 Newsletter

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Greetings, neighbors! Happy Spring! Your neighbors in the Swillburg Neighborhood Association (SNA) are excited to share the work we've been doing to help continue to make our neighborhood the place that it is. In an effort to help plan we're featuring a calendar of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities for the entire Spring and Summer seasons. All events are free and many volunteer opportunities take only an hour or two of your time. We hope the increased communication will continue to strengthen the many ties we have to one another.

Please join us once again in thanking SEAC for supporting the printing of this newsletter and your neighbors in the SNA who delivered this to your door! We look forward to sharing the sunshine with you and seeing you around the neighborhood.

Regards,
Your neighbors in the SNA

Swillburg Spring/Summer Calendar

Details in this newsletter, at swillburg.com, and swillburg.nextdoor.com

Date	Event	Details
Sat., April 30th	Clean Sweep	Annual city-wide event. Meet at Field St. Bloom Garden. Volunteers needed!
Thurs, May 12th	United Way Day of Caring	SNA will be beautifying Otto Park and the School #35 Veg Garden. Volunteers needed!
Sun., June 5 (2pm)	Potluck in Otto Henderberg	Annual potluck in Otto Park. Food, games, live music, Swillburg swag for sale. Bring a dish to pass. Membership donations encouraged.

UPCOMING:

- * **A Fall Celebration at Artisan Church (details TBA)**
- * **University of Rochester Wilson Day (details/date TBA)**

Who Do I Contact for Help?

Perhaps you are new to the city or the Southeast, or have been a long time resident, in any case knowing who to call with questions or to report a problem is crucial to having a healthy community.

*In case of an emergency the first call is 911.

*All non-emergencies such as snow removal, abandoned cars or loud neighbors etc. call 311.

In March of 2015 the Police undertook a new reorganization plan that moved from two divisions (North and South) into 5 sectors. **Swillburg is in the Goodman Police Section.** Related to each section is a **Neighborhood Service Center** whose job it is to decentralize response to issues such as code enforcement, problem properties and to assist neighborhood organizations such as NBN6, Swillburg Neighborhood Association and the South Clinton Business Association to address issues that affect the quality of life in the community. The NSC has helped coordinate Clean Sweep, Voice of the Citizen, traffic calming and other issues that have been identified by neighborhood leaders and residents.

*The Southeast Neighborhood Center is at 320 N. Goodman Street (adjacent to Village Gate)

*Administrator: Nancy Johns-Price: (428-8814)

*RPD Goodman Section 5: Captain Lloyd Cuyler (428-9805) & Lt. Frank Alberti (428-7640)

*Crime Prevention Officers: Officer Michelle Velez (428-7668) Officer Garth Mitchell (428-6572)

For other city departments you can access the City's website at: www.cityofrochester.gov.

As always, please let your neighbors in the SNA know of any concerns relevant to our community.



Swillburg Annual Potluck: Sunday, June 5th, 2pm

For the fourth year in a row, the SNA will be hosting our potluck in Otto Henderberg Park (between Avon and Sycamore). We're really excited about it this year: we'll have games and events, cool pig-themed merchandise, and **live music**. Not only is the event a great way to meet new neighbors and catch up with old ones, it's also an important kickoff fundraiser for the SNA. **Please bring a dish to pass and a few bucks to help out our neighborhood.** We look forward to seeing you there!

New Swillburg Bumper Stickers!

The SNA just ordered these cool new bumper stickers to celebrate another great year! These 4x6 weather-proof ovals are the perfect size for your car, bike, bag, or anywhere else other cool stickers are found.

A \$5 donation to the SNA will get you one of these sweet stickers. Membership forms are on the second page or online at www.swillburg.com.



South Clinton and Karges Place Updates

South Clinton Preventive Maintenance Project: In July the City of Rochester will undertake a mill and resurface with second Asphalt top course of S. Clinton from Byron Street to the City line. The project will impact Swillburg, especially the Goodman to City line component of the project. We urge patience during this important improvement project. Expect traffic delays. General improvements will include new pavement, new curb bump outs for pedestrians (Benton, Rockingham, Bly and Field), spot side walk repair where walk is broken or uprooted from trees, spot curb repair, new street lighting with LED lights (Goodman to city line). The Sidewalk closures are scheduled from July to November.

Karges Property: NY State auctioned off two pieces of property off Karges Street (the small street by the Goodman Street expressway that exits onto South Clinton Avenue). Mark IV development bought the larger 2.3 acres for \$245,000. The property previously housed a shoe factory. Environmental issues have to be addressed before construction can commence. Mark IV is proposing market rate rental units. At the present, Mark IV has not received the final paperwork from the State to proceed. The second half-acre property was bought by John Betlem Heating for \$240,000 and presently houses their vehicles.

Become a Member of the Swillburg Neighborhood Association!

The SNA is working to increase membership. Our current membership pool is small: around 35 of 950 member households, or just 4% of Swillburgers. We'd like to see that be at least 10%. SNA membership represents the strength of our neighborhood. We are only as strong as our membership base. SNA members support neighborhood initiatives by donating their time and contribute financially to support neighborhood events and projects. Having a strong membership base helps us speak with a collective voice and is important when applying for grants. At our last meeting, neighbors discussed current expenditures and several potential initiatives, many of which will be impossible without an increase in neighborhood funds. **Our new member goal is 100 households. Together, we can accomplish great things!**



Swillburg Neighborhood Association Membership Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Your contribution to the Swillburg Neighborhood Association helps to make Swillburg a better, more beautiful, safer place to live and work.

Please circle: \$5 \$10 \$20 \$30 Other: _____

Minimum contribution is \$1. You can donate securely online at www.swillburg.com or by mail: Swillburg Neighborhood Association, c/o Dave Fergusson, 25 Nelson Street, Rochester NY 14620. Make checks payable to "Swillburg Neighborhood Association".



The SNA is a group of volunteers dedicated to preserving and enriching our community. Here are a few ways that you can help:

1. Participate in **Swillburg Garden Tuesdays** (schedule below). An hour of your time on any given Tuesday makes a big difference.
2. Participate in an upcoming event: **Clean Sweep (4/30)**, **Day of Caring (5/12)**, or **Wilson Day (TBD)**. Details and ways to help will be posted on Facebook, swillburg.nextdoor.com, and swillburg.com.
3. Get to know your neighbors. Come to an event like the **Swillburg Potluck (6/5)**, **Fall Celebration (TBD)** or bring a friend to dinner at **Swillburg Night Out** events. We're building our sense of community, and we need your help.
4. Give what you can financially to the SNA. Every dollar helps achieve our goal of making our neighborhood a better place to live and work.



Swillburg Garden Tuesdays (May through August)

1. First Tuesday of the month at 6pm: meet at Bloom Garden; work on Bloom & Pembroke Art Panels.
2. Second Tuesday of the month at 6pm: meet at Labyrinth Garden; work on Labyrinth.
3. Third Tuesday of the month at 6pm: meet at Otto Park; work on the Park and Charette Garden.
4. Fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm: meet at Labyrinth; "open choice" where needed.

Your SNA neighbors wish you a safe and happy season. Look for our next newsletter in the Fall.



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