



Home Acres Herald

!! Could Fall be Just Around the Corner?

August/September 2006

---Events---

Saturday, September 9

Home Acres Annual Barbeque

3:30 to 7:30 p.m. -- Rain or Shine

Get ready to enjoy the beginning of the end of Summer with the annual Home Acres Barbecue! New neighbors, this is our neighborhood's version of an "annual meeting." It's a great way to get acquainted. Hayrides will be sure to please the kids. Annual Home Acres Neighborhood Association dues are collected for the year, and the new directory is distributed.

The BBQ will be held at the Fonthill "Pocket" Park at the intersection of Fonthill and Eastland. Tickets--\$8.00 for adults and children 12 and over, and \$4.00 for children ages 3 to 11 (babies to 2 year olds are free! -- Family max is \$18)--pay for the hayrides, table & chair rentals, and of course, the food: hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, beverages and desserts. A bargain!

Side Dishes to Pass

In addition, please bring a side dish to pass that can serve 12 to 18 people. Anything goes, from salads, baked beans, rice, hard-boiled eggs, to fresh fruit, veggies and dip, or cheese & crackers. Remember to mark all your dishes and serving utensils with your name and address to ensure you get them back.

Volunteers Needed

"Many Hands Make Light Work"--We could still use more volunteers for the BBQ. Please call if you can help with set up, collecting annual dues, handling ticket sales & collection, table monitoring or clean up. We need teens to lead games & paint young faces! For information or to offer your help, **please call event chair Barbara Sullivan (45 Font Hill, 461-2105)** or Dina Wagner, our Home Acres President, at 329-4277.

Help Bring Back the BBQ Kids Bake Off

The Home Acres Kids' BBQ dessert competition was wildly successfully but alas, we've lost our organizer this year—Can you help out? Please contact Patty Durr and Steve Jacobs (69 Eastland) for details at 244-4892 or e-mail Steve at sj@mail.rit.edu.

Sunday, October 29

Annual Home Acres Halloween Parade

4:00 p.m. -- Rain or Shine

Totally Scary Costume Parade followed by spooky treats. Start thinking about your costume, and watch for the notice. Boo~!

Tuesday, December 5

Annual HA Women's Holiday Auction *Save the Date – Can You Host?*

If Fall is coming, can the holidays be far behind? Please save the date—the evening of Tuesday, December 5—for the Annual Home Acres Women's Holiday Auction. Everyone brings a snack or beverage, and a gift, wrapped or unwrapped, to auction for charity. The gifts range from white-elephant "has-beens," to "re-gifts," to sparkly new items!! After a usually wild auction event, we vote for where to make our donation. If you can host this year's auction, please call Dina Wagner at 329-4277.

~ And start saving those white elephants! ~

--- Notices/Updates ---

Got Water? Drainage Update

---Brighton, NY This just in from investigative HA reporter/board member Betsy Schauf: About a dozen HA residents attended a Brighton Public Works Committee meeting in early August to discuss common water drainage issues. We talked about our experiences; they listened, and told us about other attempts to have this problem addressed by the town.

Tom Low and the BPW committee are interested in helping us proceed with a topographic study to specifically outline the problem. The study would cost about \$50-\$60,000. They also were frank about other issues facing the town being more pressing, as well as how long it might take to get a study approved and funded. Ultimately, all HA

neighbors would have to agree to easements for a community-sized solution (e.g., a drainage line feeding down the property lines of Eastland/Southern Pkwy yards, carrying water to sewer lines on Elmwood). And the costs would have to be a shared assessment by all Home Acres residents.

One of our HA neighbors summarized what the town was saying by concluding that for the sake of time and expense, we might all be better served by addressing our yards individually, or as groups of neighbors.

If we go this route, the town offered limited expertise and some guidance, lists of town-licensed professionals, and access to any records they have on previous contacts made with former owners of our homes.

Our Home Acres Association would like to form a committee to collect information from residents who have or who plan to address their drainage problems, in hopes of saving us all from costly mistakes. Please contact a board member if you are willing to join this effort.

--Betsy Schauf
157 Eastland, 271-8599

2006-2007 Home Acres Directory Going to Press—Act Now!!

As we get ready to print the new Home Acres Directory for distribution at the BBQ, please call or email (preferable) Dan Blasdel, directory editor (53 Westland, 244-2271) *now* with any corrections to your contact information. Also, please call Dan about any new neighbors that moved to Home Acres in the last year. Don't have all the details? Not to worry-- just provide him with the address and we will collect the other info. Also, do you know of any neighbor, old or new, that wants to be added to the e-mail list? They can send their e-address to Dan @ email@homeacres.org

Home Acres Directory Babysitter List

Babysitter Alert: If you want to be on- or taken off- the Directory babysitter list, please let Dan Blasdel know. As usual, 18 year-olds will be taken off the babysitter list *unless you tell Dan to leave it there.*

Thanks for helping to keep the HA Directory up-to-date. Our 2006-2007 directories will first be available at the Home Acres BBQ, and are provided upon payment of Home Acres annual dues, \$10. Dues (for the period of Aug – July) cover newsletter & directory printing, events including the Winter Ice Skating Party, Memorial Day Parade flags and ice cream, and neighborhood event posters.

Welcome New HA Neighbors

Do you know of a new neighbor—either already moved in, or coming? Please contact Shannon MacKinnon (98 Southern, 461-0794) and she will see they get a big Home Acres Welcome.

Tell Peter Thomas of 123 Westland
how much you've admired the wonderful
HA Event Posters he created - Thank you, Peter!!

Thanks for All You Do, Jean & Dan

This is as good a time as ever to say Thanks Again to Dan and Jean Blasdel for the major volunteer service they provide to our neighborhood as our "Electronic Communications Central". Dan advises us that nearly 75% of the neighborhood is now signed on for the Home Acres E-mail Distribution List.

And While We're At It...

A heartfelt thanks to the neighbors who take time out of their busy schedules to deliver this Pulitzer-prize worthy news bullet to our entire neighborhood—undaunted by rain, snow or whatever weather.

Let your neighbors know how much you appreciate their service—Better yet, call Ellie Rosenfield at 271-8267 and sign on for a new route to make it even easier on our ever faithful group of carriers (Come on, It only takes a leisurely stroll through a portion of our beautiful neighborhood 3 times a year...J)

ON SOUTHERN PARKWAY—

Inge Oberdoester (#121), Jenifer Colby & Tom Kane (#130), and Gabe & Gail Newman (#137);

ON EASTLAND—

Dina and Dave Wagner, (#36), Patty Durr & Steve Jacobs (#69), Elizabeth Mc Inerney & Dan Judd (#152), and Sharon & Steve Cubitt (#158);

ON WESTLAND--

Dan & Rose Feltes (#73), Janne Friedman (# 77), Chris & Jill Roberts (#102), Carolyn Reardon & Peter Dellinger (#135);

and Carole Peterson, 1045 HIGHLAND, and Frank & Meg Colgan, 75 FONT HILL—

Thanks to You All!

Home Acres Turns 100 in 2011 -- We're to

become centenarian in 2011—and want to commemorate the occasion in a big way! HA President Dina Wagner would start now to allow for proper planning and to set event implementation timelines. Please contact Dina to volunteer for a group that will develop a long range plan for celebration of this remarkable anniversary.

--- Good Neighbor Reminders ---

What's the Hurry? Our Continuing Traffic Saga

Speeding and disregard for our stop signs in Home Acres continues. At the last HA board mtg, there was much discussion about traffic in the 'hood, including the idea of a new stop sign at the corner of Southern and Eastland/Westland near the Monroe entrance. However, HA has previously approached the Town of Brighton and been told that our volume of traffic does not warrant it. What can be done? Please, please ask your children, friends, guests, acquaintances, spouses, former spouses, aunts and uncles to OBEY our STOP and YIELD signs--and to honor the 25 mph speed limit. Thank You!!

See you at the BBQ!