



# Home Acres Herald

!! Could Fall be Just Around the Corner?

August/September 2007

## ---Events Coming Up---

### Saturday, September 8

#### **Home Acres Annual Barbeque**

Fonthill "Pocket" Park at Fonthill & Eastland.

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

Get ready to enjoy our annual Last Blast 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. Annual Home Acres Association dues are collected for the year, and the new directory is distributed.

**New this Year:** An intergenerational scavenger hunt is in the works— *Not new this year:* Hayrides, face painting, and a clown will be sure to please the kiddies.

*Also not new this year:* The ticket price! Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and children 12 and over, and \$4.00 for children ages 3 to 11—under 3, free! Family max is \$18-- A bargain! The menu is hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs, beverages and cookies.

### 2-D: Dishes & Desserts to Pass

Please bring a side dish or dessert to pass that can serve 12 to 18 people. Anything goes, from salads, baked beans, veggies and dip, or cheese & crackers for the sides and the sky's the limit for desserts. Remember to mark all your dishes and serving utensils with your name and address to ensure you get them back.

### 3-D: Dues, Directories and Deliveries

To neighbors not planning to attending the BBQ—(Hey! Why aren't you coming?? ☺) --We would appreciate your help in getting the new 2007-08 HA Directories distributed! Please consider sending along your dues check (made payable to the Home Acres Association) with a neighbor who is attending. They can deliver your dues and pick up your copy of 2007/2008 directory. You can also drop a check by to our Treasurer's Patricia Wollan mailbox, (109 Westland) and we will ask one of your neighbors attending the picnic to bring you a directory.

## BBQ Volunteers Needed

"Many Hands Make Light Work"--We could still use more volunteers for the BBQ. This year's BBQ Captains are: Patricia Wollan (109 Westland, 241-9381 or [pwollan@cob.rit.edu](mailto:pwollan@cob.rit.edu)), Susan Jackson (170 Eastland, 410-2786 or [stjackson@rochester.rr.com](mailto:stjackson@rochester.rr.com)) and Ginger Henrichs (69 Southern Pky, 461-2010 or [zzooey@hotmail.com](mailto:zzooey@hotmail.com)). Thank you Ladies!! The Ginger is coordinating the volunteers, you are welcomed—no—urged!-- to call any of the Captains and offer to volunteer for a BBQ job... **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 one of our event Captains.

## BREAKING BBQ NEWS: DUES INCREASE

Annual HA dues will be \$15, an increase of \$5. **WHY?** Basically—it's about flowers—and a little technology! A couple of years ago, many of us contributed to replant the gardens after the entry walls had been restored-- And all of us have been raving about how good the entry gardens look ever since! Most of that \$\$ went to landscape and replant the gardens. The remainder from that initial fundraising has been covering maintenance costs for the past two years. Moving forward, this annual maintenance expense will be shifted back to our general Home Acres fund.

Dues have not been increased for many years, even though our costs have been rising gradually. Dues (for the period of Aug – July) cover this Pulitzer-worthy newsletter, directory printing, and our annual neighborhood events. These include the BBQ, Winter Ice Skating Party, treats for the Memorial Day and Halloween Parade and ads and neighborhood posters for events such as the HA Garage sale weekend—and now also support our new website ("platform hosting"). So now we do need more in our bank account--not only to cover the impact of inflation, but also to fund the maintenance of our entry gardens and website. Thanks for your support!

---Events Coming Up, continued---

**Sunday, October 28 - 4:00 p.m. -- Rain or Shine**

**Annual Home Acres Halloween Parade**

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

Boo~! We need a volunteer to coordinate the Halloween Parade. Please call our HA Assn President, Dina Wagner, at 461-1868 for further info & to volunteer.

**Tuesday Evening, December 4  
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 4—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 contact Dina Wagner (36 Eastland, 461-1868.)**

*~ And start saving those white elephants! ~*

--- Notices/Updates ---

**www.homeacres.org**

---Brighton, NY

Have you seen it? Have you been there? We are now on the intermap (yes, that's a play on words) thanks to all the efforts and creativity of a team of Home Acres residents. Bruce Graham, Mike Minerva and Dan Blasdell, with some input from interested neighbors, created and designed a beautiful – very classy--website for Home Acres! Now you can log on to view and review important notices, see pictures of our events (seeing our fun summer pics in the winter months will help cure depression) and best of all, read old HA Herald Newsletters.

Take a look!

**Thank you Bruce, Mike and Dan!!!!**

**2007-2008 Home Acres Directory  
Going to Press—Act Now!!**

As we get ready to print the 2007-08 Home Acres Directory for distribution at the BBQ, please e-mail Dan Blasdell, directory editor (53 Westland, 244-2271) *now* with any corrections to your contact information at [email@homeacres.org](mailto:email@homeacres.org). Also, please notify Dan about any new neighbors that moved to Home Acres in the last year. Don't have all the details? Not to worry-- just give him the address and we'll collect the other info. Also, do you know of any neighbor, old or new, that wants to be added to the HA e-mail list? They can send their e-address to Dan as well.

Thanks for helping to keep the HA Directory up-to-date. Our 2007-2008 directories will first be available at the Home Acres BBQ, and are provided upon payment of Home Acres annual dues (\$15).

**Babysitter Alert!**

**Home Acres Directory  
Babysitter List**

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

**Welcome New HA Neighbors**

ARE YOU—or do you know of a new neighbor— either already moved in, or coming? Have you received your complimentary HA Directory? Please contact Shannon MacKinnon (98 Southern, 461-0794) and she will see that you—or your neighbor-- get a big Home Acres Welcome.

**And at the BBQ--**Let us know you are new to the neighborhood by selecting a colored name tag at the BBQ registration table.

**We WOW'd 'Em!!**

As a follow up to the Landmark Tour - The neighborhood looked beautiful and everyone did a wonderful job sprucing up their properties. The final numbers came in -- over 2,500 people went through the tour – the largest draw ever for the Landmark Society Tour series. The Landmark Society was very happy with the results of the fundraiser and thanks the neighborhood.

--- Good Neighbor Reminders ---

----**Where Do You Live?** Neighbors have noticed that many of the houses in our neighborhood don't have visible address numbers. You don't want your address obscured by missing numbers, covered up by tree limbs and the like if the police or /fire department or ambulance is trying to find your address-- especially at night. Be safe. Please make sure your house number is visible.