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City Adopts “3-1-1” for Non-Emergency Police Services in Rochester

The City of Rochester has launched a new 3-1-1 Non-Emergency Response phone number for requesting police services.

What is 3-1-1?

3-1-1 is a new, toll free telephone number that allows people within the City of Rochester to request police services in non-emergency situations. 3-1-1 offers a major improvement in how the Rochester Police Department can serve residents, workers and visitors. 3-1-1 is TTY accessible.

3-1-1 allows you to request non-emergency police services more easily, and allows the police to handle those requests more efficiently.

When should I call 3-1-1?

You should call 3-1-1 when:

- * *Property crimes are no longer in progress (that is, the offender has left the scene), such as vandalism, thefts, graffiti, stolen autos and garage burglaries.*
- * *Reporting animal nuisance problems*
- * *Reporting illegally parked vehicles*

Who answers 3-1-1 calls?

Police officers assigned to the 3-1-1 center, officers on limited duty and Public Safety Aids.

What if I call 3-1-1 and the police determine that I should be calling 9-1-1?

The 3-1-1 operator will stay on the line with you. Both of you will be connected to the 9-1-1 Center.

How is 3-1-1 going to help me?

Currently, you have to wait for a uniformed police officer to come to your house in order for you to file a police report. If you happen to call with a non-emergency during a time when the police are responding to number of actual emergencies, you may have to wait a long time. 3-1-1 will allow you to file a report over the phone from your house.

by Peter Polfleit

If I call 3-1-1 does that mean that an officer will not come to my house?

No, an officer may come to your house if there are not a lot of emergency calls or if the 3-1-1 center determines that it is appropriate that an officer be dispatched.

How is 3-1-1 going to help the Rochester Police Department?

Non-emergency calls can be handled by 3-1-1. This will allow the patrol officers to concentrate on working with the community. If the 3-1-1 center give eight patrol officers an extra hour each day. This equals an extra eight hours or one extra police officer out on the streets interacting with the community.

When should I call 9-1-1?

You should call 9-1-1 to report life-threatening situations, any crimes that are in progress, and all serious or violent offences (even if the offender is no longer on the scene). Examples of typical 9-1-1 calls include:

- * *Fire and ambulance requests*
- * *All violent crimes such as homicides, robberies, sexual assaults and aggravated assaults*
- * *Domestic violence*
- * *Home or business intruders*
- * *Gunshots or a person with a gun*
- * *Property crimes that are in progress or where the offender is still on the scene.*

Police Chief Robert Duffy stated, “It is all about customer service”.

If you are in doubt, call 9-1-1

Save the Dates

Browncroft Garage Sale
Saturday & Sunday
May 5 & 6, 2001

More information in next newsletter

Call Peter Polfleit at 654-5325
if you can volunteer to help

Browncroft
Neighborhood
Association Annual
Meeting

May 17, 2001
6:30 p.m.

at #46 School

Featured Speaker:

Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr.
More information in next newsletter

Membership

Thank you to all of the Street Reps who collect the membership dues and deliver the newsletter through sun, rain, dark of night and now SNOW !!!! If your Street Rep missed visiting you during the Membership Drive, please forward your dues (\$ 5) to BNA, P.O. Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610 or drop it off at my home (138 Dorchester). Your dues help fund the ongoing activities of the BNA including this newsletter. Thank you for your support. We are in need of Street Reps on Windemere Rd. and Elm Drive. Please give me a call if you would like to help.

Ann Williams - 288-6295

President's Message

by David Adasiak

Well, now we can really say that we have finally entered a new millennium(yawn) and I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

We had a great turnout at our Holiday Party. This year, as in years past, the Daisy Flour Mill provided us with a wonderful dinner and ambiance. A special Thank You to our Hospitality Chairperson... Diana Thornton!

January whizzed by and now February is almost over. Could Spring be coming soon? We can only hope! The City's Spring Clean Up is scheduled for April 18th. That means the City Environmental Services crews will haul away almost all bulk refuse set out by residents between the curb and the sidewalk. Exceptions include hazardous & chemical wastes & debris generated by contractors. All refuse must be from the property being serviced only. The City and your neighbors ask that you do not put out your refuse any earlier than the night before our regularly scheduled collection day. If you have any questions on what you can or cannot put out for collection, call the City's 24 hour Service Center at 428-5990.

This New Year brings us our bi-annual Garage Sale, the Annual BNA Meeting and our Annual Picnic. The Garage Sale will be May 5th & 6th and our current Vice-President, Peter Polfliet, will be chairing the event. More information will be coming from him in the next letter so start thinking about what you might like to sell. It's also a great opportunity to do fund raising for your school, Boy/Girl Scout programs or your Church. Just be aware of any Health Codes you may have to conform to if you are going to be selling food. If you don't have anything to sell, you might be in the mood to buy or just stroll the neighborhood and meet your neighbors. Either way, it's always a great weekend.

The Annual BNA Meeting is also in May and the event is always well represented. Last year Sharon Bloemendaal gave a slide show about the neighborhood that was outstanding. I normally fall asleep watching slide shows but the presentation was captivating. Sharon and her husband, John, used two slide projectors and presented views of various homes in the neighborhood with a "before & after" photograph. The accompanying narration kept me wanting more. I am sure that this years meeting will have as much of an effect. This years meeting is also the election of officers. After serving two terms as Vice-President and two terms as President, I am calling upon my neighbors to step up and take my place. Peter Polfliet and I are not seeking another term and are accepting nominations for the positions of President and Vice-President. Nominations can be sent to me via e-mail at david.adasiak@juno.com or sent to: BNA, PO Box 10127, Rochester, NY 14610-0127 It's a wonderful and rewarding experience that only involves a few hours a month. Please step up and help us continue to be the Best Neighborhood in Rochester!

Have you visited our Web Site yet? www.members.aol.com/browncrft/

Highlights from 2/7 Sector 8 Networking Meeting:

The Parsells/Stout Mini-market zoning lapse issue (returns commercial to residential use) goes to City Council Chambers 3/14.

The NET's "Best of Block" nominations for 2001 will be from the area between Bay and Clifford.

City Living Sunday is 3/11 from 12-4 at East High.

Demolitions are continuing: 3 on LaMont, 1 on Melville, 1 on Mayberry, 1 on N. Goodman.

Aviodable alarms are being focused on by RPD. 3 free false alarms then \$50 each thereafter. There were 1100 in January - equal to all last year. (one commercial site had 37). RPD is requiring all Officers to report ALL calls via the car terminals. No excuses accepted. Note: all residential sites must have a city permit and must show to the Officer.

The RPD is looking to engage a 'rear window etching program' to identify vehicles and any restrictions applied to the driver or the vehicle.

ATTENTION: Be on the look out for "Sounds of Science" flyers. These are "Rave" Parties that occur in vacant houses. They are very popular with suburban teens. If you see a flyer, call NET; if a party is in progress call 911.

Funding for Adopt-A-Block is disappearing. Alternatives are being requested. NEAD has \$6500 for Webster Avenue and an antilitter campaign. The object is not to pick up after people but to make the people responsible. Ideas suggested are Ticket Givers, education, store owner responsibility, etc..

TOPS MARKET at Winton and Blossom is going to be converted to a WilsonFarm and a new TOPS is to be built at Culver and University (NE). Ground contamination at the present site prevents expansion.

Eckerts at Culver and Main is proceeding to construction. CVS at Winton and Merchants is an unknown.

Bob Genthner

How to Build Community

- turn off your TV • leave your house • know your neighbors • look up when you are walking • greet people • sit on your stoop • plant flowers • use your library • play together • buy from local merchants • share what you have • help a lost pet • take children to the park • garden together • support neighborhood schools • fix it even if you didn't break it • have pot lucks • honor elders • pick up litter • read stories aloud • dance in the street • talk to the mail carrier • listen to the birds • put up a swing • help carry something heavy • barter for goods • start a tradition • ask a question • hire young people for odd jobs • organize a block party • bake extra and share • ask for help when you need it • open your shades • sing together • share your skills • take back the night • listen before you react • walk to the store • mediate a conflict • turn up the music • turn down the music • seek to understand • learn from new and old • be part of a phone chain • engage in conversations • know that no one is silent though many are not heard • work to change this
- • Courtesy of Syracuse Cultural Workers

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