The Annual Membership Meeting was held May 25th. Guest speaker was Jean France, local architectural historian. The members of the association voted in the new officers for 1976-77 and voted to ammend the By-laws concerning the amount of dues.

NEW OFFICERS

Elected president was Joseph Ancello of 89 Browncroft Blvd; Vice-President, Sue Tibbits, 145 Browncroft Blvd; Treasurer, Sue O'Brien, 115 Windemere Rd; Recording Secretary, Rochelle Blair , 205 Browncroft Blvd; Corresponding Secretary, Janet Genthner, 195 Newcastle Rd.

BY-LAWS

The fourth article of the By-laws concerning the financing of the association has been ammended to allow the membership to lower or increase the dues according to the need. The article now reads:

"4. FINANCES: The Board shall arrange to finance the Association's activities. The Board will propose the dues to be levied for the coming year at the Annual Membership Meeting. Dues shall not take effect until approved by two thirds (2/3) of the members present at the Annual Membership Meeting.

((DUES FOR 1976-1977 SHALL BE $1.00))

B I C E N T E N N I A L C E L E B R A T I O N

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MONDAY, JULY 5th PARADE BEGINS AT 11:00 A.M. #46 SCHOOL

On Monday, July 5th, the Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a Bicentennial celebration. A Children's parade, in the bicentennial theme, will begin at the #46 School grounds at 11:00 AM. Children all ages through 6th grade are welcome to enter the parade in costume or on decorated bicycles, tricycles, strollers, carts, etc. Awards will be given in different age categories.

PARADE ROUTE: Begins infront of #46 School--Newcastle--Corwin--Gramercy--Windemere--Newcastle--back to #46 School.

At the School we hope all the children and their families will gather for:

!!! AWARDS ICE CREAM & POP MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT !!!

We would like to have a few ANTIQUE CARS to help lead the parade. Anyone wishing to enter their car please call Janet Genthner at 482-2441.

We need people to help registor the children before the parade and people to help dispense pop and ice cream at the school after the parade. WE NEED JUDGES, TOO. Anyone wishing to lend a hand call Janet at 482-2441.

COME, RELAX AND ENJOY A COUPLE OF HOURS OF GOOD FUN WITH NEIGHBORS !!!

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FLOWERS & NEIGHBORS

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE GARDENS? Part of the restoration/beautification project for the Rose Garden on Browncroft and Merchants included the creation of an annual flower bed. The flowers were payed for with Neighborhood Association funds and lovingly planned and planted by US.

The Department of Parks has done a meticulous weeding job and has submitted to our group landscaping plans for planting three Linden trees, three Sweet Gum trees, and twelve Flowering Crab trees. Concurrence was not established concerning the acquisition and placement of new rose beds for the design scheme. However, the rose beds now standing will be maintained and a consideration for the future (as these expire) is the initiation of a singular large bed with paths.

FLOWERS were also purchased for the triangle lot on Elm Dr. and Merchants Rd. as residents wish to improve its appearance by installing an annual flower bed. However, the Department of Public Works is unreliable at keeping the grass cut inspite of promises. Consequently it may be necessary for neighbors to mow regularly if the garden is to remain visible in the grass.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

For the past two years it has been my pleasure to serve as the president of the Browncroft-Merchants Neighborhood Association. In that time we have grown from a fledgling group to one that is looked upon as well established and influential in the community.

The Association has gained recognition due to the efforts of many people -- elected officers, committee heads, street representatives, and members who have worked on various committees. It would be impossible to name all of them. I would, however, like to point out for special recognition the following people: who have made my job easier: Phil Grannan, Vice-President and Crime Chairperson; Sue O'Brien, Treasurer; Marg Hartman, Recording Secretary; Kathy Flynn, Corresponding Secretary; Anita Spoor, Preservation chairperson; Delight Dann, hospitality; Cassy Potsos, traffic chairperson, newsletter coordinator.

I have enjoyed these past two years immensely as it has been both challenging and rewarding. It has been challenging by nature and rewarding, due in large part, to the support that was given me. I look forward to working with the Association as it strives towards its goal of keeping this the nicest area in the City of Rochester.

James VanMoonen

DOG CONTROL

AS outlined in a flyer sent to all member families late in May, the Committee on Dog Control has instituted a complaint mechanism for dogs in violation of the leash law, and member of the Association have begun to respond. Complaints are beigg received, and some dogs have been confined by their owners. Anyone with a complaint regarding an unrestained or barking dog is urged to call 482-3474, the Committee's Dog Control Member, to register the complaint. Reports of vicious and/or biting dogs should be referred to the police.