Wedgesock 2007: Not Your Ordinary Annual Meeting

By Linda Coleman

About 400 neighbors from the South Wedge and the Rochester area attended Wedgesock 2007: Not Your Ordinary Annual Meeting of the South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC) on a beautiful end-of-summer day, Sunday, August 26, at the Highland Bowl. Its purpose was to gather neighbors together, celebrate SWPC’s triumphs of the past year, vote for new board members, and have some fun.

Music played all afternoon, drawing in a crowd to sing and dance along. Voices of Clouds, a contemporary gospel music group, got the afternoon started with its beautiful rhythms, and then, as it did last year, The Budahshock, a world music band, rocked until the end of the afternoon.

Under the big tent, several tables, representing Neighbors’ Council, PAC-TAC, and SWPC’s home improvement and business development services were hosted by SWPC staff and board committee members, as well as Crime Prevention Officer Brian Bannerman from the

Volunteers and members of Clouds opened Wedgesock!

By Brian Pincelli

The renovation of the double house at 111-113 Hamilson Street is near completion. This project represents a significant step toward providing quality affordable housing in the South Wedge neighborhood. The project consists of the total rehab of 2 two-bedroom apartments which include refinished hardwood floors, new windows, a new furnace, and water heater, and completely remodeled kitchens and bathrooms. Exterior improvements include a new roof, new hardiplank siding, and new front porches. The apartments will be rented to two income-qualified renters. This project is collaboration between SWPC and the New York State Housing Trust Fund.

SWPC, in connection with the Community Housing Development Organization, will also begin reno-

Gregory Street Improvement Project Ending

The contractor has nearly completed paving of Gregory Street from South Clinton to South Avenue with sidewalk, top seeding and planting, to be done shortly. The South Avenue to Mt. Hope portion is underway, with new curbs and sidewalks going in simultaneously. The final part of the project will include re-setting of the crosswalks at South Avenue and Gregory Street with similar crosswalks crossing Gregory to be completed as the final part of the project. Total project completion is set for the end of October.

New York Street Focuses on S. Clinton Avenue

By Eileen Thomas

South Clinton Avenue is the focus of commercial building renovation and facade restoration, thanks to a New York Main Street Program (NYMS) grant that targets the northern end of the street.

SWPC was notified in August that it had been awarded a third NYMS grant of $200,000 for the northern end of South Clinton Avenue. Owners of commercial and mixed-use commercial buildings in the Byron to Gregory Street portion of South Clinton Avenue will be able to apply for up to $50,000 in funds for a full building renovation, or up to $10,000 for facade restoration. The property owner must provide a dollar-for-dollar match.

Working with the ESCAPE (Evolving South Clinton Avenue Places & Environments) Committee, SWPC will use $175,000 to provide grants to commercial and mixed-use property owners whose buildings are in need of restorative work. An additional $25,000 will go towards streetscape enhancements.

South Clinton Avenue presents an interesting challenge because it has several different functional areas.
South Wedge Profile: Meet Lyjha Wilton

By Nancy O’Donnell

Lyjha Wilton’s is adding one more title, “Chair of the SWPC Board,” to an already long list—community developer, cafe owner, festival planner, husband and father. His name has been in the press for almost two years now as his presence in the South Wedge has increased. Most recently he was named one of the honorees of the annual Rochester Business Journal “Forty Under Forty” awards, which recognize professionals under 40 years of age for service in their jobs and in the community.

Wilton began his involvement with the South Wedge as a landlord, believing in a theory that a community can change, one house at a time. “I was convinced it would work,” said Wilton. “That if you have a problem house, drug activity for example, you can acquire the property, shine it up. You can have a vision of what a community can be and that house can be one house at a time.”

Wilton grew up in Lowville, New York, a small farming town in the Adirondacks, said he learned his work ethic from his first job on a dairy farm. They worked hard until dark, he got a lot of satisfaction out of hard work,” said Wilton.

After that first job, Wilton continued a history of hard work. His first job as “the only pizza delivery guy in Loweville,” convinced him to head for new horizons. He traveled to Colorado for a long term ski vacation until his jeep “burst into flames with everything I owned on the edge of cliff.”

When he returned East, Wilton entered SUNY in Oswego on a “five-year plan” studying zoology. His soon-to-be wife, Jillian, “gave him a reality check” and he changed his major to communications.

“I ended up loving it, especially PR, and I did really well,” said Wilton.

After graduation, Wilton took an internship with Budget Rent-A-Car. His work on a project to prevent bad drivers from renting the company’s cars was implemented across the country and garnered him a full-time job. Next was a stint as a general manager and director of sales at Marriott Hotels.

While renting an apartment at Pearl and Alexander Streets, Wilton fell in love with the building that now houses Boulder Cafe.

“We were all working. We had a reality check” and he changed his major.

Despite all the hard work, Wilton still manages to keep mornings for his wife Jillian and three children: sons Cooper, 4, and Van, 2, and daughter Lennon, age 6 months.

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In our August issue The Federal Home Loan Bank of New York’s (FHLBo) Affordable Housing Program was incorrectly identified as a Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) in an association of private banking institutions that are federally chartered to provide mortgage and other housing services.

Also in our August issue, the article on the Marie Daley Park playground renovation neglected to credit SWPC with the great job of recreating the 80 volunteers who helped recreate this park. We are also very appreciative of the others who brought so many together to do so much! The Home Depot team volunteers 82 volunteers—along with the many craftspeople committee members who invited their friends and family members to help out.

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Heart of the City

Story by Mike Fleckie

Residents of Episcopal Senior

Life’s River Edge Manor on Mount Hope Avenue wel-

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Gary Shaw. Gary, a long-time SWPC board member and

organizer of the River Challenge, retired in March.

“It’s been great. It’s been a real

homecoming,” said René. “Most

of the residents already knew me; either they were here when I got

here, or I helped them move in. So

it’s been a smooth transition.”

Marcy Erickson, who now res-

cupies the front desk, was happy to

see Rene return.

“He’s nice, he’s a boss who knows what you job is. The res-

idents love her. She’s very enthusi-

astical about it.”

René left the company in 2003, but she was welcomed back a year later to work in marketing. She was responsible for community outreach and awareness, and helping people transition into the community.

She still looks to Gary for ad-

cvice, calling him every couple of weeks when she has a question.

“Working under Gary was nice,” she said. “I hope I can carry

out his values and the things he really believed in. I hope I can con-

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River Edge Manor, 1535 Mount Hope Ave-


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BASWA Brings Monthly Art & Music Events to the South Wedge

By Chris Jones

BASWA (Business Association of the South Wedge Area) is launching a “Third Thursdays” monthly celebration of art & music in the South Wedge neighborhood. The series began on Sept. 20 and will continue through December. Throughout the evening music played around town. In Nathaniel Square Tom Gramsno and the U R acapella group Midnight Ramblers entertained the crowd. Medital- some Meditations Meditations and the November 7th performance in Star Alley, next to Lux Lounge many South Wedge area businesses participated with local artists: Equal Grounds. (paintings by Thomas Sommerville), Lux Lounge Art (work by artists Michael Ford, Lor- raine Bolonko, Jay Linford, Aaron Burto), Boulder Coffee (Art by local artist Colleen Shumer). Thread, (paintings by local artists Adam Farney, Collete Watts (nagla, and Katie Johnson). Other activities included Dr. Huggo’s video Hippo and Friends at Boulders and Henna. It was a great night at the Wave. P'town’s Caffeinated Connection.

We would like to thank the South Wedge Planning Commis- sion for their assistance and a “SPE- cial Thanks” goes to the Rochester Area Community Foundation for their “Neighborhood Grant” which helped fund the annual event. Also, a huge thanks to the Cypress Street and Linden Street neighbors whose volunteer efforts made this party happen.

Antonio Conti, a soprano at West Irondequoit Daughters, helped out with the Wave over the summer, landscaping the office and beautifying the space. She can be contacted at antocontinyc@gmail.com.

The State of the Sector Confer- ence will take place on Saturday, November 3. Developers within the sector are invited to speak about their projects. A 2AM, which will take place during a poster ses- sions at lunchtime. The afternoon will offer seminars on community building. The conference is made possible by a non-profit Good Neighbor Grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation.

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All Around Town Consignment Boutique offers fashions easy on your wallet and the environment

By Nancy O'Donnell

Elena Koenigsberg believed there are a few more choices in dressing well between "Madison Avenue and Wal-Mart" and that recycling clothing is good for the environment. She's combined the two theories when she opened her brand new South Avenue business, All Around Town Consignment Boutique. Her shop moved into the 1920's art deco storefront (former home of Wild Wools) on Sept. 1.

The Pittsford resident has spent the last 30 years in sales and marketing along with forays in a few business ventures like making gift baskets. But as "an avid consumer" of high fashion, she said she finally found the right business.

"I love clothes," said Koenigsberg, who looks for substantial style over trendy avant-garde toss aways.

In building her stock, she culled fashion from her own closet as well as farther afield and she plans to live up to her tagline, "Always Upscale."

"I spent a lot of time wandering around suburban consignment shops and I found good pieces, some with the tags still on them." All Around Town offers "current fashion with good quality workmanship" for both men and women. Koenigsberg was quick to emphasize that her stock is the product of intelligent decisions—"it's not the label but the look."

The shop's consignment merchandise is brought in by "people changing their closets or cycling through sizes or styles that no longer fit their needs." When items are sold, the proceeds are split between the consignor and the shop. It's a system for recycling and also offering a financial benefit to those who are value-minded, said Koenigsberg. "I have been very fortunate to find people who bring in the contemporary styles and variety which shoppers look for."

Koenigsberg looked around the area before she settled on opening a shop in the Wedge. She credits especially help from the City of Rochester and SWPC in developing her business.

The shop's interior is decorated with actual photographs of Rochester from the 50's and 60's. Soft jazz music accompanies clothes shopping. On a recent visit, women's labels included Jones NY, Liz Claiborne, Gap, Banana Republic, Chicos, along with some Etienne Aigner and Anne Klein shoes. Men's labels include Calvin Klein and Armani.

A grand opening is planned for early October. For more information, stop in and ask.

All Around Town Consignment Boutique, 732 South Avenue, Telephone 314.4023. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 5:30 until 8:00PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

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Boulder Coffee Co. did it again! The three-day event attracted a huge crowd to the Alexander Street café from all around the area. Music, arts and crafts, exhibitions by local capoeira dancers and much more added to the South Wedge’s growing reputation of being an entertainment destination.


Planning begins for Boulderfest 2008!

Photos courtesy of Katherine Bubacz
Wedgestock 2007
August 26

Locals and visitors from neighboring streets and towns came to see what an extraordinary annual meeting can be at the second annual Wedgestock. The free event included the music of Voices of Clouds and The Buddhahood, events for kids, and provided lots of information about how The South Wedge Planning Committee is transforming our urban village into “the” place to live and play.
Heartwood Construction Puts Vision into Space

Above his hangs a photo of the Eiffel Tower viewed from below, so that the image forms a rosette.

Scott A. Nault, owner of Heartwood Construction, loves what he does, and he relishes the details. The name Heartwood—referring to a tree’s innermost layer of wood—“conveys that love in a structural word,” he says. “I’m pretty passionate about what I do,” the builder said. “I care about the small stuff—to me it’s detail from the day we pour the concrete slab in the ground until the day we close the project.”

The construction company he started in 2003 moved to 50 Mount Hope, between comfort Street and Byron Street, in June of last year. Heartwood is one of a handful of companies that bid regularly on façade-grant projects. Scott says, “They’re challenging projects with limited funds, but we try to give our clients a nice product.”

Business doesn’t stop when they’re remodeling a façade—so it’s part of Scott’s job to find a way to give customers access. “To minimize the adverse impact of construction is really important to the owners,” says Scott. “We have to coordinate renewal of the storefronts and keep customers access. ‘To minimize the adverse impact of construction is really important to the owners,” says Scott. “We have to coordinate renewal of the storefronts and keep customers access.’”

But he missed the “hands-on” element. “It was not as physically gratifying as being on site and having a direct hand in putting something together,” Scott said.

Scott came to Rochester in 1988. While working as project manager for a big realty company he started his own small construction company on the side—SA Nault Construction. “I really worked two full-time jobs for a while,” Scott said. In addition to residential work, he started doing some commercial projects, including several Soyata Computer stores.

In 2003, he left the realty company to start Heartwood Construction, and was finally able to focus full time on developing his own business.

Right now Heartwood is doing an addition to a historic house in Mendon. “We’re marrying new construction techniques with a 150-year-old cobblestone farmhouse,” he says. “It’s tricky. That’s where the architects call us—we have the patience and finesse to make things work.”

What’s good for the client is good for the business, Scott finds. “The relationships I have with architects, homeowners and clients build business.”

Satisfied clients are often repeat customers. “Customers get to know us and they hang on to us.” Scott says. “We’ve been working at Catholic Family Center for about a year. We started one project, which led to another, which led to another.”

He’s excited about possibilities in developing the South Wedge, and Mount Hope Avenue in particular. “This area has huge potential. I’m anticipating and hoping that this area is resurrected into something unique.”

He imagines a design like the ‘River Walk’ in San Antonio, with shops and hostels and restaurants right on the waterway. “This water-corridor here has so much potential,” he says. “I would love to get on a water-taxi in Pittsford and take it down the canal to the river for a weekend, stay in a hotel by the water.”

With the right blend of architecture and shops, the back street of the river could have a historical look—‘very Carriker and bees’—to soften the city skyline, Scott says. He envisions the project. “I’d love to be a part of it.”

Heartwood Construction and Property Service Inc., 50 Mount Hope Ave. Phone 252-4756.

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RCN Celebrates 150 Years of ‘Putting Children First’

By Kim Hoyes

Few organizations can boast a 150 year legacy! Rochester Childfirst Network (RCN), 941 South Avenue, has done just that, celebrating a sesquicentennial year of service.

Incorporated in 1857, the organization was founded in the days of horse and buggy. Outgrowing an orphanage, RCN is now the third oldest early childhood agency in the nation.

Sesquicentennial celebrations included a schoolwide birthday party attended by Senator Joseph Robach, the release of a new children’s book dedicated to RCN, and a sculpture created by local artist Judith Van Ness. Also in celebration, RCN was honored by a joint proclamation by the city and county of Monroe, and the release of a historical book written by Ruth Rosenberg. Napaarose® of the city of Rochester historian and hosted an alumni and friends strawberry festival. Board President Paul A. Howley and Barry Garrett led the 150th celebration.

Started by philanthropic women in the 1800’s to offer poor and orphaned children a warm and safe place to grow and learn, RCN was originally incorporated as the Industrial School of Rochester in April 1857, later renamed Rochester Children’s Nursery.

RCN is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to advancing the quality of early childhood education and care in Western New York. To receive the prestigious National Accreditation, services today have expanded to include preschool special education services and family childcare training. In addition, RCN is the leader in the early childhood community serving as a mentor to other centers, and offering leadership and advocacy at the state and local levels.

RCN’s Mission and Vision

RCN is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to advancing the quality of early childhood education and care in Western New York, through leadership, advocacy, and innovative direct services to children. Our vision is that every child grows up safe and strong, able to achieve his or her full potential.

RCN is the Director of the Development at the Rochester Childfirst Network.

History Fair Draws a Late Summer Crowd

Lovely end-of-summer weather brought a good crowd to the Regional History Fair, Sept. 17, at the German House on Gregory Street. Some were attracted to the antiques and unique collectibles available, and others for the lectures and videos. Presentations on a variety of topics included local author Rose O’Reffe, the Frederick Douglass Family in SE Rochester; Henrietta town historian Helen Elam; Autobiome Blackwell, Fred Armstrong’s video, The End of the Line: Rochester’s Subway; Fred Amato, Charlotte Genesee Lighthouse; Dr. Ruffino C. Padico, Philippine-American Relations during WWII, and last, but definitely not least, Nancy Rosin, Images from the Harold Lara Photo Collection.


During the celebration, RCN unveiled a new book by Marsha Hayles detailing 150 years of the school’s history.

RCN Celebrates 150 Years of ‘Putting Children First’

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The Wedge was saddened to hear of the sudden death of Anthony E. “Tony” Cavagnaro, who as leader of the band Buddhahood made two Wedgestocks truly “more than your average annual meeting”. He most recently appeared at this summers Wedgestock (photos on page 7).

Cavagnaro started a band called Rub the Buddha in the early 90s that grew into The Buddhahood, a lively band that plays concerts of world music, reggae, calypso, samba, funk, blues and rock ‘n roll.

A musical tribute to the life and music of this consummate musician is planned for later this fall. He is survived by his wife Jan Mater-Cavagnaro and 3-year-old son Calvin Alcide.

In Memoriam.

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A Toastmasters club is a “learn-by-doing” workshop in which men and women sharpen their speaking skills and presentation techniques in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere. Life Learners Toastmasters held a “learn-by-doing” workshop in which men and women sharpen their speaking skills and presentation techniques in a comfortable, friendly atmosphere. Life Learners Toastmasters

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Winterizing Made Easy

“Tool Tips”

By Ed Meyers, SWPC Tool Librarian

Outdoor Leaking Faucet
Do you have an outdoor faucet that leaks around the handle when you turn it on? It’s possible to stop the drips with a few handy steps.

Step one is to tighten the nut with a wrench or pliers. If the leak persists go inside and turn the water off. You may have one master turn off at the water inlet to your house or a separate shut-off for that particular faucet. After the water is turned off, remove the screw that attaches the handle and unscrew the nut. You should be able to pull off the old packing washer and take it to the hardware store for an exact replacement. Older faucets may have a wad of string called a “packing”, instead of a packing washer. If so, pick up a new packing (graphite coated string) at the hardware store, unwind the old packing and wind on the new string clockwise. After assembly, the packing nut should compress it tightly. In worst cases you may have to wind on one layer, tighten the nut and repeat the process till the space fills in completely. Reopen the water shut off, and you’re in business.

How to store gasoline
Safe storage of gasoline for the lawn mower or other gas engine applications is a must if you want to keep your home and family safe. Never store gas in glass or un-approved containers and only fill the containers 95% of the way to allow for expansion. It’s basic: but

KEEP THE CAP TIGHT ON THE CONTAINER and store the container in a place where children can’t reach it in a garage or shed rather than in the house. Be sure that it’s stored at least 50 feet away from pilot lights for home heating and gas hot water. If you have gas left over for storage, always add a fuel stabilizer right away. Stabilizers contain antioxidants and biocides to prevent compounds and microbial growth from forming on the gas.

Garage door fixes
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Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 4-6 p.m.

Why buy when you can borrow?
Visit us during our new hours and see what we have to offer!

Winterizing Made Easy

“Tool Tips”

By Ed Meyers, SWPC Tool Librarian

Outdoor Leaking Faucet
Do you have an outdoor faucet that leaks around the handle when you turn it on? It’s possible to stop the drips with a few handy steps.

Step one is to tighten the nut with a wrench or pliers. If the leak persists go inside and turn the water off. You may have one master turn off at the water inlet to your house or a separate shut-off for that particular faucet. After the water is turned off, remove the screw that attaches the handle and unscrew the nut. You should be able to pull off the old packing washer and take it to the hardware store for an exact replacement. Older faucets may have a wad of string called a “packing”, instead of a packing washer. If so, pick up a new packing (graphite coated string) at the hardware store, unwind the old packing and wind on the new string clockwise. After assembly, the packing nut should compress it tightly. In worst cases you may have to wind on one layer, tighten the nut and repeat the process till the space fills in completely. Reopen the water shut off, and you’re in business.

How to store gasoline
Safe storage of gasoline for the lawn mower or other gas engine applications is a must if you want to keep your home and family safe. Never store gas in glass or un-approved containers and only fill the containers 95% of the way to allow for expansion. It’s basic: but

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