South Wedge Victory Garden is Back!

By Allison Clark

If you've ever wanted to grow your own vegetables, then the South Wedge Victory Garden is for you! The South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC) is hosting a community garden again this summer at 122 Hamilton Street where anyone from the neighborhood can apply for a plot to grow vegetables. Last year, the Victory Garden provided spaces for over 35 South Wedge families. Gardeners grew everything from beans and tomatoes to greens and garlic. It was a great way for gardeners to meet their neighbors while economically growing fresh, healthy and tasty produce.

Garden managers Jim Papapanu and Heather Penrose of Averill Ave. will be overseeing the Victory Garden this year. Now in its second year, this wonderful community garden will be evolving into a bit more of a "community supported garden". Gardeners will participate free of charge, but each gardener will be expected to offer about four hours of his or her time over the season to help out with the garden's overall maintenance.

SWPC will be accepting applications for garden plots until May 1st. You can pick up a copy of the application at the SWPC Headquarters at 224 Mt. Hope Avenue, find it on our website at www.swpc.org or call 256-1740, ext. 104 to have a copy mailed to you.

A Victory Garden II is also possible this year here in the Wedge. If there is sufficient garden interest and someone is willing to help create and oversee the new Victory Garden during the growing season, SWPC will help make this new garden a reality. If interested, please contact SWPC Executive Director Bob Boyd at 256-1740 or email him at rboyd@swpc.org.

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Wedgestock 2010 On The Move: Not Your Ordinary Annual Meeting!

By Frank Logan

Wedgestock 2010 will be more exciting than ever as The South Wedge Planning Committee’s (SWPC) “not your ordinary annual meeting” moves to the heart of the South Wedge on Saturday, August 21. This year Wedgestock will bring a street festival atmosphere as South Avenue, between Gregory and Averill, will be closed to traffic and transformed into the newest and soon to be the best neighborhood festival/annual meeting in Rochester.

Wedgestock 2010 will highlight the strength, new development and opportunities the South Wedge has to offer while celebrating SWPC’s triumphs of the past year. We’ll also be voting for new board members. Hey, isn’t the South Wedge a really cool place to live, work or own a business?

Some of the early details—

Wedgestock will start off at 11:00 a.m. and end around 9:00 p.m.

In between, the event includes: a Pet Parade, music from local bands and DJs, food vendors, artists and performers, and lots of activities for children.

Save the date and don’t miss out on this annual community event of the South Wedge urban village!

Check out www.swpc.org for more information.

South Wedge Farmer’s Market Opens June 3. Save the date!
The Wedge Newsletter

Get Rave Review
For too long I have post- script writing to send kudos to you for your outstanding lo-cal newspaper. We moved to the South Wedge almost five years ago, from Livonia, where we’d lived for 35 years. We “re- gret” Rochester, and lived for three years before moving and spent the entire third year looking for a house. Every day we express our gratitude and joy for having chosen the South Wedge. We are here to stay!

The Wedge keeps us in-formed about forthcoming ac-tivities and what’s going on in the neighborhood. We “meet” so many new neighbors in the paper! The ads guide us to lo-cal services we try to utilize. So many times there are shops and services and events for which we would not otherwise be aware.

We especially enjoy the writing of Nancy O’Donnell, which is always interesting, clear, entertaining and informa-tive. Her style seems a beauti-ful mix of professionalism and good conversation.

In this age of the decline of newspapers, The Wedge gets bet-ter and better and is a shining star. Please continue to offer this wonderful publication. You do very good work.

John Connelly Cypress Street

Roller Derby Saved My Soul and Here’s Why
I never thought of myself as an athlete, more the star-vy type. I’d rather spend my days inside a welder’s mask than pumping iron and bump- ing heads. I didn’t identify with the “jock” mentality, the com-peting attitudes that sport embodied athletes around me. I have however, always played a variety of sports. Until now, no sport has so completely envelop-ed my soul—Roc City Roller Derby, its high energy jammers, its hard hitting blockers. There is nothing in this sport I do not

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The South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc.

April and May - Community Calendar

All meetings are held at 224 Mt. Hope Avenue, except when noted.

SWPC Board Meeting
jodonnell@swpc.org
Thursday, April 8, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 6, 6 p.m.

SWPC Executive Team
ejodonnell@swpc.org
Thursday, April 1, 6 p.m.
Thursday, May 6, 6 p.m.

Commercial and Economic Development
chris@historichouseparts.com
Tuesday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.

Community Engagement
(Neighbors and Block Clubs)
aclark@swc.org
Wed., April 7, 6:30 p.m.
Wed., May 5, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Team:
tcoulter@historybuffs.com
Tuesday, April 13, 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 11, 12:30 p.m.

Housing and Structures:
mmccullough@id.org
Wed., April 7, 5:30 p.m.
Wed., May 5, 5:30 p.m.

Marketing & Membership Group
jankes@rochester.rr.com
ruthie@madamedelucia.com
Tuesday, April 13, 1:35 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11, 11:30 p.m.

South Wedge Farmers Market Advisory Committee
infofarmermarket@gmail.com
Tuesday, April 6, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, May 4, 6 p.m.

Wedgstock 2010 Planning Group
ejankes@rochester.rr.com
Wed., April 14, 6 p.m.
Wed., April 28, 6 p.m.
Wed., May 26, 6 p.m.

BASWA (Business Association of the South Wedge Area)
chris@historichouseparts.com
(Visit baswa.org for locations)
Wed., April 14, 6 p.m.
Wed., May 12, 6 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

The Wedge Newspaper

The Wedge Newspaper, a not-for-profit newspaper, is published by the South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC), a grassroots organization serving the South Wedge Urban Village. Its mission is to provide accurate coverage of neighborhood news as well as local, state and national news that affects the area.

Today, the Wedge is printed bimonthly (February, April, June, August, December). Editions will be distributed with a circulation of 2,500. The newspaper is mailed to homes in the South Wedge Urban Village and distributed to area businesses and retail shops and other drop points in the Inner Cities of Rochester. Articles in this paper do not necessarily reflect the views of the newspaper.

Please send any story suggestions or news releases to Wedge Newspaper Editor Nancy O’Donnell, 224 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, New York 14620 or nodonnell@swpc.org. Please see our complete Advertising Deadlines and Rates online at www.swpc.org.

Before revising this printing, newspaper, please do not pass it to a friend or co-worker.
**Heart of the City**

by Nancy O'Donnell

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**SWPC Welcomes South Wedge Farmers Market Stevedores**

Jamie Daniels, 20, a SUNY Geneseo student, is working with the South Wedge Planning Committee to locate grants that can be used to increase EBT (electronic benefits transfers) at this year’s South Wedge Farmers Market.

Daniels, a native of Greene, New York, and a junior majoring in Accounting, will work 115 hours at SWPC as part of a Management class.

“I heard [about the intern position] from the Assistant Dean in the School of Business, Barbara Howard, and I looked at the SWPC web site,” said Daniels.

When she discovered the varied activities taking place in the Wedge, especially the Thursday Night Music Series, she was immediately interested in working there.

“It struck a chord,” said Daniels, a trombone player for 10 years and a member of the university’s Jazz Band. “I play in a community band back home.”

Daniels has already enjoyed her first pulled pork sandwich at Beale Street Café along with a neighborhood tour. “I found out what buildings SWPC helped,” said Daniels. “The contrast is very striking.”

Daniels is considering continuing on for a M.A. “I’m keeping my options open. That’s why I wanted this [internship]. I can see what’s out there.”

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**Highland Park Church’s Pavilion Gets $50K Boost**

The nonprofit Highland Park Conservancy Inc. “Rebuilding the Children’s Pavilion” fund has reached its $50,000 boost during its annual membership drive at the Monroe County Park Administration Building. On February 24.

Conservancy President Stephen Brown announced that he was personally donating $5,000 to the fund.

The Children’s Pavilion, at 6 ft. in height and 62 ft. in diameter, was conceived by Highland Park landscape designer Frederick Ick Oslund at the park’s centerpoint. When the project stalled, George Ellwanger and Patrick Barry, who had donated 2943 acres of the park to the city in 1887, provided $7,000 to complete the building as a gift to the children of Rochester. The Pavilion, built on the “Pinacle Range,” the park’s highest point, was originally opened on Sept. 29, 1890. It was closed for repairs in 1961 and finally demolished in 1983.

The committee is working to rebuild the Pavilion, which will be supported by Barksstrom & LaRochelle Architects who put construction on $2.6 million.

To learn more, visit www.highlandparkconservancy.org.

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**Lilac Festival “One of North America’s 100 Best Events for 2010”**

The American Bus Association (ABA) named the Lilac Festival as one of the Top 100 Events in North America for 2010, indicating its “excellent entertainment value to both tour groups and individual travelers from around the world.” The Top 100 list is published annually in Destination magazine, one of the “most sought-after lists by travel professionals, motor coach operators and the general public,” reports the ABA.

This year’s Lilac Festival runs May 14-23.

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**Yoga Helps to Raise a Church Roof**

To raise money for its new roof, Peace Lutheran Church on Caroline Street is offering Pay-What-You-Can Yoga classes.

The classes, called “At Peace with Yoga,” are taught by Amanda Jacobs, a church organist and yoga teacher certified by the White Lotus Foundation in Santa Barbara, California.

“I so want to see the yoga program grow because it has the potential to help so many people,” said Jacobs.

In advertising the classes, Pastor Chishaille Cotnoir noted that the church pays “as you go” classes to encourage people who might not be able to afford the fee to come and try yoga classes to try it.

All classes are multi-level and designed for adults of all ages and ability. People attending class should wear loose, comfortable clothing; bring a yoga mat, blanket and water bottle. Classes are held on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. and Friday mornings at 9 a.m.

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**Heart of the City**

by Nancy O’Donnell

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**SWILLBROOK WELCOMES NEW YORK STYLE DELI**

Joe Margiotta’s “street meat” wagon was a landmark at East Avenue and Alexander Street for seven years. When the city started a lottery for the coveted spot in the East End, Marigotta decided to park his truck and open up a storefront deli in a South Clinton Avenue building held open for some time.

Early this year, Joey Mag’s opened its doors. The new deli offers everything from import Greek olive oil to takeout chicken wings, pizzas and subs.

One notable menu special is the “Italian Stallion Sub,” which contains two pounds of meatballs, two pounds of sausages and one pound of cheese, and includes one pound of French fries and a 24-oz. soda.

The price? $29.95 if it leaves the premises. “If you eat everything in an hour or less, it’s free,” said Margiotta.

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**Davis Fights City Hall for Broad St. Bike Lane**

South Wedge resident Harry Davis’ mission in life is to “comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable.” He’s been a campaign manager, third party candidate for Rochester mayor, anti-noise protestors, animal rights supporter and proponent of all things green. He’s also making a bid for the New York State Assembly 131 District seat being vacated by Susan John.

Recently, when he learned that a proposed Broad Street construction, The Historic Erie Canal Aqueduct and Broad Street Corridor project, didn’t include bike lanes, he began organizing protests outside Rochester City Hall.

On Feb. 16, Davis held another bike Lane protest, but soon learned that the city had decided to include them on the Broad Street Bridge.

“I appreciate the work of Council Member Dana Miller to pull all of this together,” Davis wrote on his website. “The City should improve the entire length of Broad Street, within the Inner Loop, from South Street to Brown Street by creating dedicated and well marked (with ASHTO chevrons and bicycle sharrows) as well as lane lines. Proper (min. 6 ft./2 m. width) bike lanes really are simply a matter of providing the will to provide for citizens who do not have a motor vehicle and use a bicycle to commute to work or do everyday errands efficiently.”

Davis said that the issue of bike lanes and sustainable transportation is a very personal one since he uses a bicycle for most of his travel and has just continue to keep watch on the project and in contact with the City Engineer James McIntosh.

“We are happy Rochester has decided to create bike lanes after we reminded the city of their importance,” wrote Davis in a recent e-mail. “The importance of sustainable and efficient transportation for Rochester cannot be overstated. This would include light rail, high-speed rail, bike lanes and additional pedestrian options - all of which should complement a rational and minimalist approach to automotive traffic. We would like to see a green Rochester begin to be developed in the next term. Transportation is a key to this goal.”

Later in the month, Davis received word from the City Engineer that there will be 14 lanes (“shared use for bicycles and autos”) within the Broad Street Project. In addition, McIntosh reported that the city has a study to develop the Bicycle Master Plan that would be going for City Council approval in March. Details of the Plan will be available on the www.cityofrochester.gov.

To learn more visit www.har rydavis2010.com.

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**Wedge Resident Hosts V-Day Art Exhibit at RoCo**

Angela Clark-Taylor organized a V-Day Art Exhibit at East Avenue’s Rochester Contemporary Art Center (RoCo) in early February. V-Day is a global movement intended to raise awareness and stop violence against women and girls.

The event drew a large crowd, to view RIT graduate Alicia Ross’s needlepoint pieces which examine “traditional expectations and modern-day mistreatment of women. He plans to highlight womenhood, womanhood and celebrity.”

The exhibition was held in conjunction with V-Day of Rochester.
By Allison Clark

Rochester Civic Garden Annual Sale on May 29
“Get there early!” is Guy Copolla’s advice for flower shoppers. The Rochester Civic Garden trustee said that while the Annual Sale at Warner Castle on Mt. Hope Avenue begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 29, “neighbors with wheelbarrows are already lined up.” Vendors, numerous members of the garden Club, participants arrive at 6:30 7:00 a.m., and most plants are sold by 10 a.m. $15 garden Club members, $30 garden Club members will be unveiled and completed boxes will be unveiled at the Historic German Club. $15 adults, $10 seniors, and $5 children. For more information or email dogwalkersagainstcrime@gmail.com. See formation or email dogwalkersagainstcrime.com for more infor-
mation or call 585-454-2667. For more information, visit www.savorourflavor.com.

BASWA Irish Beer Tasting Fundraiser
BASWA Irish Beer Tasting Fundraiser is set for April 15, 4:30 p.m. It will be held downtown at the German House on the Third Thursday in April, time TBA. People can sample seven different Irish beers: Guinness, Smithwick’s, Harp, Magners, and three miss- es of the preceding. Irish Black and Tan, Half & Half, and a Black Velvet. To get information about buying tickets, visit BASWA on Facebook. Other events for May will also be posted.

SwillFest 2010 Set for April 16
The Swillburg Neighborhood Association’s SwillFest is set for Friday, April 9 at 6 p.m. at the Historic German Club. Live Music by Raise the Roof. The event also includes a Silent Auction and Cash Bar. $15 adults, $5 children (10 and under). For more information, visit www.swillburg.com.

BASWA Call for Art
The Business Association of the South Wedge Area (BASWA), in conjunction with the South Wedge Planning Committee, is accepting submissions for the second annual BASWA Call for Art. The deadline for application ma-
missions and design submissions is April 11, 2010. The Selection Committee will meet to review all submissions and select final-
ists from April 15. All artists and art-
ists will then be notified. Com-
pleted boxes will be unveiled on June 16. For more informa-
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Third Thursday Art and Music in the South Wedge
Live in Star Alley, May 21 from 800 – 10:00 p.m., will feature Carol and the Impor-
tant and Gifted Children. Don’t miss it!

Yard Sale
Rochester ChildFirst Net-
work will hold a Yard Sale on May 14-16. Come shop for fur-
iture, appliances, towels, house-
dren’s clothing, books, games, glassware, cookware and more.

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Heartbeats for Life! Spring Dinner
Heartbeats for Life’s Spring Dinner will be held at My-
now Woodlands Restaurant Monday, April 12 at 6 p.m. The buffet dinner will be prepared Omi-
hish-style: low-fat and veg-

tarian. Heartbeats for Life is a wellness support group for car-
diologists, specifying patients and their fam-
dren, and friends and those interested in prevention. 1900 Clinton Av-

enue. 225 per person includes dinner, tax and gratuity. Cash bar available. For more infor-

Broccoli Earth Expo at Cornell Cooperative

Extension
Learn about going green and recycling at a free Earth
Expo planned for Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Food & Kids Activities. Guest Speakers every hour. Raffles all day. All proceeds go to support 4H of Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Avenue.

Grant Helps Calvary St. Andrew Lights Up Its Lights
Calvary St. Andrews (CSA) recently applied for a grant through the Congressional Ministries Committee of the Presbytery of Genesee Valley for outdoor lighting reports pa-
rishioner Vera Mascaro.

“CSA received a $1000 grant for lighting of the play-
ground area and the side of the building,” said Mascaro. “All for safety measures. The neighbors are delighted. And, of course, Peron Electric installed.” Peron was also instrumental in refurbishing the church’s play-
ground last year.

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ers at no cost to the employer or businessman. RochesterWorks staff monitors the interns to en-
sure customer satisfaction. All payroll, Compensation, W2’s and paperwork processed by RochesterWorks. You’ll be help-
ing this emerging workforce while delegating part of your workload. This is an oppor-
tunity to make a difference in a young person’s life. If you are interested, please contact Rosa Smith-Montanaro 585-258-3513 or email rsmontanaro@roches-
terworks.org.

Rochester Works, 255 North
Goodman Street.

Dog Walkers Against Crime (DWAC) begins
April 6th
Want to get involved in the Wedge? Own a dog? Sick of crime & trash? Then, come and walk with us! DWAC begins its third season of crime-fighting at 7 p.m., April 6. We will be walk-
ing every other Tuesday, meet-
 ing at Marie Daley Park. This year ever gardener gets their very own DWAC water bottle and their 4-legged BFF will re-
ceive a bandana with the DWAC logo! So, come join us! DWAC is a great way to meet your neigh-

ors and your best friend will thank you! Check dogwalkers-
againstcrime.com for more infor-
mation or email dogwalk-
sagainstcrime@gmail.com. See you there.

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very store. I wanted a hybrid.”
He added prepared foods to his business plan, and when the building was available, he jumped.

“It’s great spot,” he said. “It gets about 1,000 cars a day, and everyone in the Wedge helps out. Dan Caverly [from the South Avenue Irish Pub] is in almost every day. Ron Maier’s workers, Beale Street, some-
times 10-15 people from Flower City Glass come in.”

Most recently, he knocked out a wall, removed a ramp and added more room for dining. In catering has expanded to in-
clude birthday parties in house that include a sophisticated food menu, wine and high end beers like Dogfish and Smutty Nose.

“We’re definitely pull-
ing people in from all over the area,” said Holenbeck, as he stands in front of a wall of news-
paper restaurant reviews for a Wedge photo. Holenbeck celebrates Mise En Place’s second anniversary with wine tastings in April and May. He now has nine employ-
ee on staff. An aside despite a work week that often reaches 85 hours, Holenbeck still makes Sunday “family day” when the couple and Reece and daughter Macy Grace (born last December) spend the day together having fun.

A former high school hoc-
ey player, Holenbeck now takes three-year-old Reece to the ESL rink. “He does all right,” said Holenbeck. With hockey season over, his son now skates on “lit-
ter roller blades.”

Holenbeck sees more even possibilities in the South Wedge as one of the “young generation of business owners.”

“I see the college coming over, hospital [workers] com-
ing down more this way,” pre-
dicted Holenbeck. “The Avenue [will be] filled with cool shops. It will be a nice strip with lots of character.”

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tioning, Inc. is now located at 289 Gregory Street. Mise En Place is at the corner of Gregory Street and 683 South Avenue.

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love. I am a Derby girl, and I do not make this statement lightly. I think in derby, I dream in derby. I live by derby. It comes with sweat and tears, early morning practices and many sacrifices. We are a very tight knit organization, run by and for our skaters. We have amazing support from volunteers and referees. We train hard; we play hard; we party hard, all the while giving back to our community.

Our fans have many reasons to cherish what they see in the game. Maybe you’ll go because you want to see some big hits and loud bangs. Maybe the music and the vibe are what draws you in. Maybe it’s the energy of the band is playing at half time. Or maybe your buddy said there were hot chicks in fishnets, short skirts, and beer. Regardless of the reason you go, you will not be disappointed, whether you sit in a front row “suicide seat” or not.

So there you are; you’ve made it. You’ve found your seat; the introductions have been made. The game begins with one whistle blow, and a group of blockers from each team begin skating in a tight pack. Two seconds later another whistle blows, one “jammer” from each team explode off their start line and race at the pack. The first jammer through the pack without penalty is declared lead jammer, and now has the right to call the potential two minute jam off at any time by touching her hips. The jammers skate as fast as they can to lap the pack and get points starting on their second pass through. A point is scored for each opposing blocker that she can avoid huge hits by opposing blockers, who want to see her face down on the track, and make it unscathed through. If a blocker lays a good hit on her, however, she could end up in your slip with a beer on her head. Savor this moment, for it will not last long she will be back on the track chasing down the pack with all she’s got before four whistles blow, ending the jam. The game is structured by two-minute jams fit into two 30 minute periods, and it’s a wild ride from the first whistle to the last.

Roc City Roller Derby’s first bout is May 8, 2010, against the Long Island Roller Rebels at the Genesee Valley Sports Complex, in Genesee Park. It is a double header with our two home teams playing against each other as well.

Contact us: 697-3338
Fleet Feet Sports at 697-3338
Knockout Bar and Pizza at 237-3599
Plus many other local bars

Unity Health Rochester Flower City Challenge Coming
By Nancy O’Donnell

Organizers for a two-day Duathlon/Triathlon are hoping to showcase Rochester neighborhoods and bring city residents out to cheer, volunteer and participate on April 24-25. The River Challenge Duathlon/Triathlon will be hosted at the Genesee Waterways Centre and Ice Rink and include a 5K run, 20 mile bike and 1 mile canoe or kayak paddle (or 5K Run for the end of the duathlon) on April 24. The following day, the Unity Health System Rochester Flower City Half Marathon (13.1 miles) and Mayor’s Family 5K will be hosted at the War Memorial and take participants through neighborhoods such as Susan B. Anthony, Downtown Rochester, East Avenue, Park Avenue, the Highland Park area and Mt. Hope Cemetery, and along the river path of U of R.

The event is produced by YellowJacket Racing, a premiere event production company of Rochester, along with Fleet Feet Sports, the runners/walkers specialty retail store of Rochester, NY.

For more information and course maps visit www.flowercitychallenge.com or contact Fleet Feet Sports at 697-3338.

U of R Proud Partner with South Wedge
By President Joel Seligman

The University of Rochester is proud to partner with our neighbors in the South Wedge for attending our bouts. The University of Rochester is engaged with our neighborhood groups, and I want to thank the South Wedge Planning Committee and all of our neighbors in the Wedge for your continued hard work and dedication. We do our very best to be good community partners and are fortunate to work with outstanding neighborhood groups. As the University continues to grow and thrive, I look forward to our ongoing partnership with the surrounding community.

If you ever have questions or thoughts you would like to share, please do not hesitate to reach out to Colleen McCarthy in the University’s Office of Government and Community Relations 273-5955.
Art in the South Wedge

Murals, sculptures and paintings are abloom all over the South Wedge. Sculptures and bike racks that were once parking meters have been transformed into new works of art. Next, traffic boxes will be canvases for area artists (see details of the contest on page 4).

*Photos by Nancy O’Donnell*

- **"Patron Saint of the South Wedge" by Bobby McManus (South Ave.)**
- **"Yet more birds by Jill Gussow (Coffee Connection, South Ave.)**
- **"Duet" by Tyler James Guay (South Ave.)**
- **"Hoop Dreams by Denis Sena at St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality (South Avenue)"**
- **"Tree" by Lisa Chentfant (South Avenue)"**
- **"Arrow on Ashland Street"**
- **"Mill Wheel at Nathaniel Square Park (South Avenue)"**
- **"Peace & Education" by Denis Sena (St. Joseph’s House, South Ave.)"**
- **"Walk the Path of God" by Dimitri Kadiev (St. Joseph’s House of Hospitality, South Ave.)"**
- **"Something Moore" by Rob & Alex Marvin (South Ave.)**
- **"Steel Fish by Asa Merkley (Gregory St.)"**
- **"Bicycles" by Matt Crane (South Ave.)**
- **"Faces" by Ben Rubin (South Avenue)"**
- **"Realized Dreams" by Robert Marvin (South Ave.)"**
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- **"Abstract on Averill (South Clinton Ave.)"**
- **"A Matter of Perspective" by Kevin Menetus (South Ave.)"**
- **"Wheat" by James Border (South Avenue)"**
- **"Arrow on Averill (South Clinton Ave.)"**
- **"Averill Avenue"**
- **"Metal flower (Averill Avenue)"**
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- Metal work by Asa Merkley
- Etouffee (Beale Street Cafe, South Ave.)
- "Bottle Glass" by Bruce Fernandes (South Ave.)
- "Martini Man" by John Grecco (South Ave.)
- Metal flower (Averill Avenue)
- Nathaniel Rochester by Pepsy Kettavong (South Ave.)
- "Cosmic Bubble Wand" by Patrick Doyle (Gregory Street)
- "Trio" by Tyler James Guay (Alexander St.)
- "Obelisk" by James Borders (South Ave.)
- "Big Cheese" by John Archer (South Avenue)
- South Clinton Avenue Traffic Box by Kevin Serwacki and Joseph Sorrentino
- Miscellaneous Moving Art (Open Face Sandwich, South Ave.)
- "Woody" by Wendy Rust (South Ave./ Hamilton St.)
- Birds Got to fly, Fish Got to Swim for Coffee by Jill Gussow (Coffee Connection, South Ave.)
- "Gratitude for the Harvest, Call for Peace" by Kathy Smith (Savory Thymes Catering, Mt. Hope Ave.)
- Heart of Steel by Christine and Paul Knoblauch (Gregory Street)
- "Blue Heron" by Wendy Rust (South Ave) was unavailable for photographing. It was covered during construction.
“The main reasons I have decided to run for the 131st Assembly District is to improve transportation in Rochester and foster an atmosphere that will create local jobs, diversity rather than gentrification, help small businesses grow, and bring back a standard of ethics to politics in New York.”

“The importance of sustainable and efficient transportation for Rochester cannot be overstated. This would include light rail, high-speed rail, bike paths and additional pedestrian options - all of which should complement a rational and minimalist approach to automotive traffic.”

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Meet Harry Davis
Most folks know Harry Davis as the home grown, well-traveled progressive activist. Harry wears many hats: the Park Avenue small businessman, the newspaper publisher, the Greenpeace video producer. However, there is a story less well known--one of personal adversity, courage, determination, and triumph. He was once an advanced skier and New York State 880 relay medalist until 2001, when Harry was struck down by bacterial meningitis, resulting in the partial loss of his feet. Many people would have given up, withdrawn, sank into self-pity, but Harry did no such thing. He moved on, persevered, and has vowed to fight for everyone whose voice has gone unheard. Candidates for office often tout their resumes, their endorsements, who they are. Such things tell you little about the internal resources of people who would hold office. Of course, this is not the only thing on which to base a vote. Harry is so energetic, people often don’t know this part of his story. Harry knows that people in this city struggle against adversity every day, and he won’t forget them.

Help send Harry to Albany by Donating to His Campaign Today!
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South Wedge History – Tom Locke
by Nancy O’Donnell

“I could stand on my porch and see several boarded up houses,” said Tom Locke who moved into his Averill Avenue home in 1978. Determined to make a home and to help build a neighborhood, Locke settled in for a long stay.

He bought his house for $10,000. His next door neighbor paid $400 for his. While he doesn’t know the exact year his house was built, he does know the first owner was one Sarah Dougherty, who kept her children close in the two houses next door. One child, Thomas, grew up to be the City Clerk. Today his spruced up American foursquare house, built in the early 20th century, is neighbor to equally refurbished houses filled with neighbors he enjoys knowing. And the feeling is mutual. (Cheryl Stevens says neighbors relish an invitation to Tom’s house for dinner.)

The walls of his house are covered with artwork he’s collected over the years. Along with family antiques – a Barmister bookcase he got for his 21st birthday – a Bar- rister bookcase he got for his 21st birthday – he’s added one-of-kind pieces. One of his prize possessions is a wooden bed made by Jeffrey Zagan, a RIT student in the School of American Craft.

“The wood was harvested from Highland Park after the Ice Storm of 1991,” said Locke. One special feature in the house is a curved wall in his library. Another special feature is the view from his dandelion yellow guest bedroom window – the Tiffany stained glass windows of Calvary St. Andrew next.

“They are lit at night and absolutely beautiful,” said Locke.

His home now houses an “Africa Room” with Egyptian fabrics and elephant-shaped curtain rods. At the bottom of his second staircase is a small landing decorated with irises, including an iris poster designed by former neighbor Bob Conge, who created them for a South Wedge Planning Committee fundraiser.

“Thanks to neighbor Carol Burton for help with a piece of cobalt blue glass he wanted to use. She designed stained glass windows that now light his dining room.”

In 2000, an electrical fire forced him out of the house and into an apartment on East Avenue. “Now mine was the only one boarded up on the block,” laughed Locke, who moved back as soon as he could.

He’s enjoyed watching the South Wedge blossom. “I enjoy Lux, especially the back patio in warm weather, Mise En Place and John’s Tex Mex.”

A decade later, Locke is still working on his house (architectural scallops at the roof line next on the list). He remains involved with SWPC. He’s part of a group planning Wedgestock.

“I usually leave town for my birthday in August. This year [Wedgestock] will keep me home,” said Locke.
Spring Home Maintenance

By George Lorson

Hear any robins chirping outside your window? Seen any tulips and crocus popping up in your garden? Spring is finally on the way, and the SWPC Real Estate Department has a few Home Maintenance Tips for all of our neighbors.

• While the ground is still moist, gently pick up the sod that the sidewalk plow deposited on your lawn, lay it back in place and press it firmly into place with your feet, so it can begin to grow again before it dries out.

• Gently begin to clean your flower beds before the bulbs and perennials are too far out of the ground. Use care when raking the leaves out of the bed so you do not knock the buds on the plants off otherwise they will not bloom.

• When raking your lawn to remove the dead grass, if you encounter any spots where the grass has died over the winter, loosen up the soil and apply a generous amount of grass seed and a small amount of fertilizer. Then water the mixture into the soil, and cover the area with straw to help retain the moisture.

• When turning on your outside water faucet, check the faucet and shut off for leaks and tighten the packing nuts with a crescent wrench if necessary.

• Inspect your hoses and spray attachments for leaks. Sometimes it may be less expensive and frustrating to buy a new hose or spray attachment than it is to repair old worn out equipment.

• If you encounter grubs when working in your garden or lawn, capture one in a zip lock bag. Take it to your local garden store for identification and ask for the proper grub control material. Read the application instructions carefully and follow all directions on the bag.

• If you suspect your lawn needs a little boost to make it green and lush, contact your local garden store for the proper fertilization materials and procedures. Again, read all instructions and directions on the bag.

• Inspect your lawnmower before starting it up for the first time. First, disconnect the spark plug wire. Using a putty knife, clean out all the caked with carbon. You will need a special “spark plug wrench” to remove the plug. If you need a new plug, take the old one with you to the hardware store to be sure you get the right one otherwise your lawnmower may not run smoothly. Check your oil level, and if it is dark and dirty, drain it and re-fill the crankcase with new oil as recommended by the hardware store. Do not overfill as this will harm the engine. Be sure you re-connect the spark plug wire before you try to start the mower.

• Inspect all your garden tools to be sure they are in good shape after you put them away last fall. Be sure there are no broken handles or loose attachments that need to be replaced or tightened. Check all your pruning shears to be sure they are sharp. If your tools are defective, check with your local hardware store for replacement items to make your spring work more enjoyable. If your shears need sharpening, take them to the hardware store to have them properly sharpened.

We at SWPC hope that these tips have been useful and remember that summer is just around the corner, and soon your flowers will be in full bloom!
Artful Garden Set to Bloom on Mt. Hope Avenue

By Nancy O'Donnell

Philadelphia landscaper Jean Westcott was thrilled to discover that her new home in Rochester was part of the famed Ellwanger Barry neighborhood now known as the Highland Park Neighborhood.

“I prefer Ellwanger Barry,” laughed Westcott who wishes the name hadn’t been changed. “I love the horticultural history.”

Westcott moved to the city to join husband Mark, an optical engineer for Coming-Tropel, Inc. The couple and cats, Sam, Gloslow and Jasper, live in a home that she later learned had been built by Ellwanger Barry Realty Company in 1925.

Westcott brings a 25-year history of landscape work in Pennsylvania and Princeton, New Jersey to her new business. She has both a degree in design and horticulture from Rutgers University.

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