

SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

OAKLAND PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Winery in the Wedge

by Jay Parsons

During the next few weeks, a familiar Gregory Street structure will undergo an exciting transformation. The t's have been crossed; the i's dotted, and Robert Ramsey's dream of an in-town winery has become a reality.

Ramsey's Lac Domaine Wine Cellars will soon be established in the former German House, and the building will shortly reveal the texture and structure of a French Chateau.

On Wednesday the final papers were signed, and Thursday morning the cherry pickers were in place, positioned for preliminary scrubbing. Reconstruction is to begin immediately, and Lac Domaine anticipates a Summertime opening of the facility.

The project, which will eventually generate as many as a dozen new jobs, is already bringing business to the South Wedge.

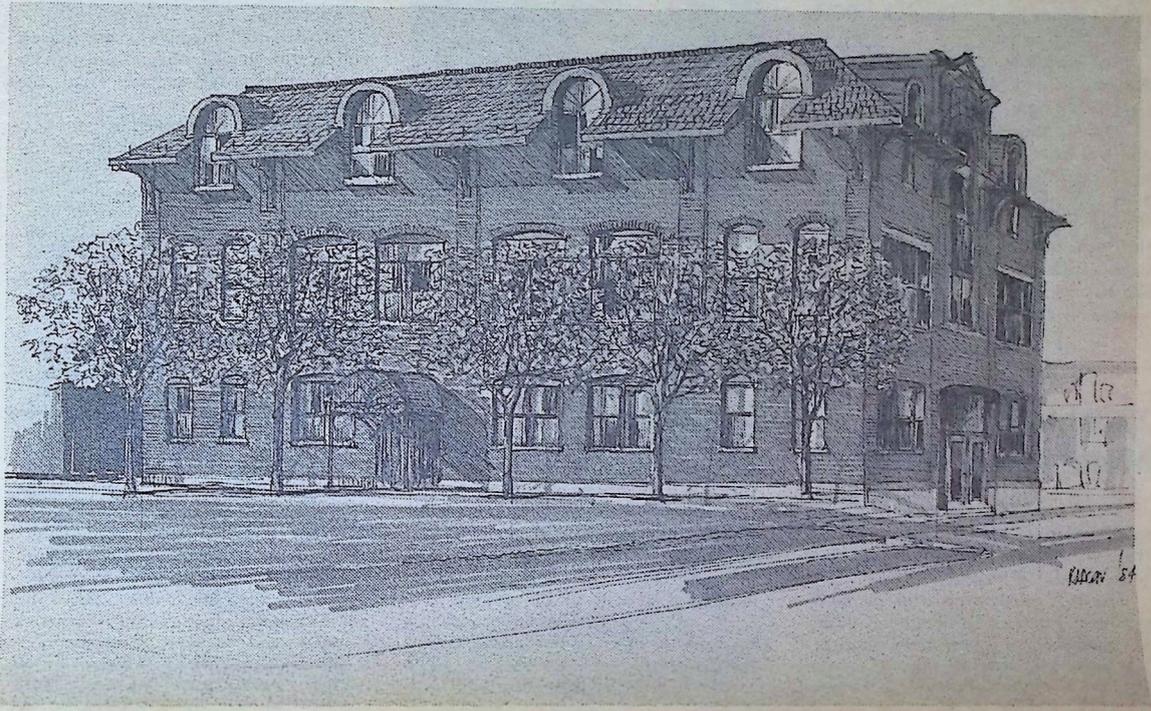
Bill Farmer, whose fine work marks several noteworthy neighborhood structures, will handle the major renovations and alterations which will transform the former social hall and restaurant into the area's only in-town winery.

Building renovations will include an external face-lift, a new entrance (at the rear of the present structure) and extensive landscaping and planting.

When completed, the new winery promises to be a showplace; with the look, feel, and ambiance of a 19th century Burgundian chateau.

Indeed, Ramsey has modeled his family-owned and operated winery on the small French chateaus he has studied and visited.

"We want to remain small, and maintain a close relationship with our customers," Ramsey said, "and our family wants to be your family's wine makers."



Lac Domaine Winery

As he guided us through the vacant building, Ramsey shared some of his thinking about the Winery in the Wedge: "We wanted to set-up in the city, and we looked for a lively, developing neighborhood." The South Wedge seemed to fill the bill. And then, says Ramsey, "When we saw the red-brick building on Gregory Street, I knew we had found the ideal location."

Alterations will include a recasting of the former barroom into a retail sales and tasting room (with a gift section and a winemaker's shop), and a glasslined processing facility where Lac Domaine's wine will be aged, finished, and bottled.

Many details of the building will be retained and refurbished. Tin ceilings, inlaid floors, existing windows, and wall paneling will be integrated into the overall chateau-plan.

Down the line there are exciting ideas for the use of the building's 300-seat theatre—perhaps to be developed into a cabaret format. A quality restaurant is also among the possibilities.

But while these structural items are interesting, the bottom line for Lac Domaine is the wine. Lac Domaine will be featuring a select variety of prestige wines. They will include a dry white Seyval Blanc, a bone-dry white vinifera, a

Marachel Foch/DeChaunac dry red, and a DeChaunac rose.

At this writing some 5000 gallons of Lac Domaine's finest is quietly aging in the wine country, awaiting the renovations which will enable it to be shipped to the facility in the South Wedge. There it will be finished and bottled, "At the Winery."

The Wedge welcomes Robert Ramsey's tasteful new enterprise, and will be following its development. To Lac Domaine Wine Cellars, "At the Winery," and to their Burgundian Chateau, we say *Bienvenue* and *Bonne Chance!*

State Funds to South Wedge Community

Press Release.

State Senator John D. Perry (D-54) today announced that he has secured funding in the 1985-86 New York State Budget for a South Wedge Planning Committee capital improvement program.

Perry, who sponsored the project and lobbied for its inclusion in the budget, said he was, "extremely happy that we have been successful in getting the program included in the state spending plan. This capital improvement program will have a very positive and important impact on the South Wedge neighborhood and the rest of the community and I am proud to have played a role in its development."

Perry indicated the South Wedge Planning Committee will receive \$10,000 in state dollars for a number of projects in the capital improvement program including expansion of the South Wedge Neighborhood Tool Library equipment and the purchase of maintenance equipment to be used for the Marie Dalev Park, the Adopt-A-Park program and vacant lots in

the neighborhood that the Committee has contracted to maintain.

Perry said that South Wedge Planning Committee President Bob Shepard had requested the money and Perry agreed that an effort needed to be made on the committee's behalf at the state level.

"The South Wedge Planning Committee has a history of outstanding service to the community and I am gratified that I was able to assist in this ambitious program," Perry said.

Perry said the program meets a special need that would not have ordinarily been addressed in the state budget but with his support did receive special consideration.

"Innovative and energetic programs say a great deal about a neighborhood's commitment to a high quality of life. This program says, in an outstanding way, that the South Wedge and its residents are clearly committed to that high standard," Perry added.

N. Y. State Senator, Jack Perry



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Letters, Events, Services

Anne McAndrew Joins Wedge Staff

We are happy to announce the appointment of Anne Battle McAndrew as Managing Editor. Ms. McAndrew is an experienced graphics designer, and currently teaches Art and Design at Monroe Senior High School.

She is a graduate of Moore College of Art, and holds a Masters of Fine Arts in Graphic Design, from R.I.T.

Ms. McAndrew is a Wedge resident, and has lived in her tastefully restored brick house on Alexander Street since 1978. She is a member of the South Wedge Planning Committee, is active in the Rochester Society of Communicative Artists and the Urban Workcamp; and she has been a most creative volunteer worker on *The Wedge*.



The Wedge's new Managing Editor, Anne Battle McAndrew

Josh Canfield's Wedge History Published and Available

The long-awaited Neighborhood History has at last been published by the City's Sesquicentennial Project.

An Introduction to the South Wedge & Its History, researched and written by Josh Canfield is now available at the Planning Committee Office, and will be an item of interest for all residents.

Beginning with Hamlet Scramton's log house in 1813 (probably near what is now Averill Avenue, between Mt. Hope Avenue and the Genesee River) through the boom days of the Erie Canal and on through the Ellwanger & Barry nursery days, The Wedge has a rich city history.

Genesee Settlement House Day Camp

The Genesee Settlement House, Inc. at 10 Dake Street, will be accepting registrations for their Day Camp Fisher Program beginning May 16, from 4:00-6:30 p.m., for children ages 4-10 years old.

For more information call 288-1830.

Marie Daley Park Good News, Sad News

Marie Daley Park, on Gregory Street, has been set aside and planned as a memorial to the First Lady of the South Wedge, and as an intown playpark for our neighborhood.

Work is well underway. Landscaping and refurbishing have begun and a multipurpose park is taking form. That's the good news.

The sad news is that equipment necessary for the park's development has been vandalized, trashed, and ruined. We are angered and saddened to learn that senseless vandals have slashed tires, smashed lights, ruined vehicles, and otherwise stopped work on this project.

We join with the Planning Committee in deploring this mindless action, and in urging all citizens (especially those living near the park) to keep an eye on things. If you see something suspicious at the park site, please call the Highland Section!

It's all here in this informative booklet, together with wonderful photographs of early street scenes, rare pictures of the area's many churches, businesses and famous residents.

Churches and schools play a large part in the history of The South Wedge, and you'll learn about them, about the horse-drawn trolleys, about Frederick Douglass and the Stone Warehouse.

This collector's item is a must for all Wedge residents, and we salute Josh Canfield and the Historic Office for yet another outstanding neighborhood service.

Parents

The Southeast Resource Center will offer a six week course in parenting—The STEP Parenting Program—beginning at 10:30 am on May 18 through Thursday, June 20 in the South Avenue Baptist Church, 835 South Avenue. The \$12 charge will cover the price of the manual. Please call 461-3816 if you have interest.

St. Boniface Spring Festival

Mark your calendar! Set aside Saturday May 18 from 4 to 9 pm and join the St. Boniface Spring Festival in the school parking lot on Gregory Street. There will be food, t-shirts, raffles, a flea market, baked goods, and many fun booths for all ages. For more information, call Babs Leslie at 271-0972.

CLASSIFIEDS

Teachers needed for Co-operative Neighborhood Nursery School experienced and certified. Send resume: Elwanger Barry Nursery School, 125 Caroline Street, 14620.

800-638-8326-Toy Hotline—before you purchase any toy or furniture for you child, you can call the Consumer Product Safety Commission's toll free number and find out if there have been any complaints about the product you wish to buy, or if it has been recalled by the manufacturer.

Kids Health Hotline-800-336-4797—Health Information Clearing House maintains a staff of information specialists who can locate a source of information for any health related problem that may be encountered while bringing up children.

Wanted— Child Care 2 children, flexible hours, prefer my home. Call 271-2566.

Network Notes

I live in subsidized housing and paid a security deposit of one month's rent when I moved in three years ago. Now the manager claims I need to add \$60 more because rent has increased. Is this right?
—Mr. J

Dear Mr. J,

In all types of subsidized housing units, the government protects tenants rights, including the problem you mention. Once you have paid the security deposit, the manager cannot charge you an additional fee. Please call the Housing Council, 546-3700, to check the regulations that apply to your building.

I am trying to find a job and need a babysitter for my 4 and 5 year old children. We live off South Ave. and have no car. Where can I get help? —ms. S

Dear Ms. S, The Western New York Child Care Council, 232-2330, will refer you to available day care providers in your area. Jane Gifford, at Rochester Children's Nursery, 461-3598, will assist you in the Southeast area of the city.

Any additional problems, call Dorene Duane or Mary Spadoni at the Southeast Community Resource Center, 461-3816.



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Tool Library Membership Drive

Membership for 1985 is at hand. The membership for 1984 will expire April 1, 1985. We are now accepting applications for membership for the new year.

The Tool Library has tools for home improvements such as plumbing, painting, woodwork, and lawn maintenance.

Members must be 18 years of age or older, and a resident of the South Wedge neighborhood. The membership fee is \$5.00 (\$3.00 for senior citizens.) This entitles members to one year of free use of tools for home improvements.

The Tool Library hours are:

Tuesday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Thursday 3:00 pm-7:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am-1:00 pm

We are located on the corner of Averill and Ashland in Calvary St. Andrews Church.

If you have any questions, please call Darryl McCathan at 325-4950.



Letters to the Editor

The Wedge
86 Hamilton St.
Rochester, New York 14620

Dear Editor:

DePaul Mental Health Services is offering Single Parenting Groups for all Single Parents and Children. Adults groups and Children's groups will meet on a regular basis.

The program is sponsored by a grant from the City of Rochester. There is no fee involved to participants.

For further information, please call Joan E. Tannous, Associate Director of DePaul Clinic at 436-4840.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Joan E. Tannous
Associate Director of DePaul Clinic

WEDGE

86 Hamilton Street
Rochester, NY 14620

Dear Mr. Burrows,

I recently became acquainted with *The Wedge* at one of the establishments in this area. As my partner and I are looking towards setting up a small business in this up and coming part of town, we are interested in the information your publication provides. As we do not live in the South Wedge per se, we were wondering if you might consider mailing a copy of *The Wedge* to us on a biweekly basis?

We would appreciate any assistance you might be able to give regarding this matter. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jackie Neuland
126 Vassar Street, Rochester 14607

Neighbor News

**Walter Hendrix Dies
Supermarket Run by Family**

by Mary Jo Brach

At the age of seven, Walter Hendrix was selling his own home-grown tomatoes and okra in Shelby, Mississippi. And at 53 when he died of a heart attack (January 17, 1985), he was managing the Mt. Hope Supermarket, selling everything from sausage to socks.

Mr. Hendrix operated several grocery stores since moving to Rochester. He opened the Mt. Hope Supermarket about eight years ago, coinciding with the opening of Genesee Gateway Park. Located at 344 Mt. Hope Avenue (Near Averill)—right across from Gateway—it makes a most convenient stop for residents there, as well as others in the neighborhood, especially with its hours of 9:30 to midnight. Mary Lee Hendrix, his wife, continues to operate the supermarket with the help of three of her nine children—Marilyn, Patricia, and Walter Jr.

Readers may remember a robbery at the store a year ago when Mr. Hendrix was held at gun point and the contents of his cash register taken. Equally distressing, however, was an incident shortly after he died in January when the store was broken into and practically cleaned out. Mary Lee recalled vividly the empty shelves and the major task of re-stocking the store. Nevertheless, she did indeed re-stock, and business continues as usual.

When asked about Walter's special interests, Mary Lee mentioned, with a smile, his fondness for fishing (near Seabreeze). But, she quickly qualified her response, and added that the business was his main concern. "He really cared about the store," she said. Though it might be small, he would always boast of



Family of Walter Hendrix at their Mt. Hope Super Market

a variety to rival Wegman's! He took pride in keeping it well stocked, always trying to accommodate his customers. If a customer made a request, he was sure to order it.

Walter Hendrix is understandably missed these days. But, Mary Lee and the rest of the family keeps the Mt. Hope Supermarket humming—and certainly well stocked!

**Linden Street
Success Story**

by Anne Battle McAndrew

Many of our neighbors have been keeping track of the seven U of R properties on Linden Street now rented to students and in poor condition. The University has decided to sell the properties to a contractor for rehabilitation. The contractor chosen by bid must buy the block of seven houses (#25, 43, 47, 53, 61, 69), renovate and resell them as single family houses.

Oakland Park Neighborhood Association members and President, Pat Corcoran, and Pat Deegan of the South Wedge Planning Committee, have been instrumental in the development of the package and contractor guidelines. The contractor:

1. Must have excellent track record
2. Must have financial backing
3. Must have crew to fit in with U of R time frame
4. Must totally rehab houses
5. Must meet City Codes
6. Must insulate
7. Have houses completed and ready to be on the market by September 1, 1985, no later than October 1, 1985.

Contractors had until April 1, 1985 to get bids to the University. Bids were reviewed by Frank Platino, Off Campus Housing Director, and Bruce Wolfhanger, U of R Representative, OPNA representatives, and SWPC representative. The final decision has just been announced. Mt. Hope Ave. resident and contractor Ben Kendig received the contract, and will close on the houses in early May.

Congratulations go to the University of Rochester for this community oriented solution. OPNA members expressed the feeling that the University was striving to

be good neighbors and to do what is right. They listened to the OPNA concerns and responsibly acted on them. The houses will be sold through Nothnagle Gallery of Homes; Pat Deegan, Linden Street resident will be handling the listings which will be in the \$80-85,000 price range. They are prime city properties on 50x120 lots whose back yards adjoin the Mt. Hope Avenue mansion yards. The return of these homes to single family dwellings is truly a neighborhood success story.

**New Look
for Alexander St.**

by Anne Battle McAndrew

The City of Rochester has announced plans to complete much needed work on Alexander Street between Clinton and Mt. Hope Avenues. This street was last paved in the 1960's and neighbors have complained about potholes and lack of curbs for years. This work based on need will include:

- milling and resurfacing the pavements
 - replacement of curbs & some sidewalks
 - Water service improvements
 - replacement of hydrants
 - drainage improvements
- The cost to the City will be approximately \$3,000 per house.

Sidewalks will be raised and replaced with concrete. If you have slate sidewalks they will be removed unless you contact Richard Cringoli, Project Coordinator (428-7003) with strong oppositions. The engineers believe the slate to be broken and not of sufficient quality to warrant preservation.

Nine new trees (2½-3" diameter) will be planted where city botanist, Brian Lilly, believes they will survive. The large number of utility lines underground between Alexander Street's curbs and sidewalks make survival rate poor for trees. Reseeding of strip will be included in contract. No other streets in the South Wedge are scheduled for work this year.

Street work will begin as early as June or July and will take 60-90 days to complete. There will be a certain degree of dust, noise, and inconvenience to residents but the end product should improve our street's appearance and home values. During the work period there will be restricted parking on Alexander Street. The contractor will be working on small sections which will cut off access to driveways for periods of 3-4 days at a time and alternate parking will be instituted at the contractor's discretion. If problems should come up during the work period a City Project Supervisor (in a white hard hat) should be on site every day. Feel free to talk to him about specific details concerning your home.

**Landmark Society's
Annual House and
Garden Tour**

The Patrick Barry House at 692 Mt. Hope Ave., now the home of the Provost of the University of Rochester, is rarely open to the public. But it will host hundreds of visitors during the Landmark Society's Annual House and Garden Tour which is being held in the Mt. Hope Avenue area for the first time ever. Twelve homes and gardens will be on view, bringing much-deserved attention to the Wedge-Oakland Park neighborhoods. Save the date: Sat. and Sun., June 29 and 30 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$6 in advance, \$7.50 the day of the tour. The Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery is co-sponsoring with the Landmark Society. Tickets will be available beginning May 29th at all Landmark properties and at the Mt. Hope Cemetery gatehouse. For further information, contact Elizabeth Teall at 546-7029.

Barry House, 632 Mt. Hope Ave., on tour June 29 & 30



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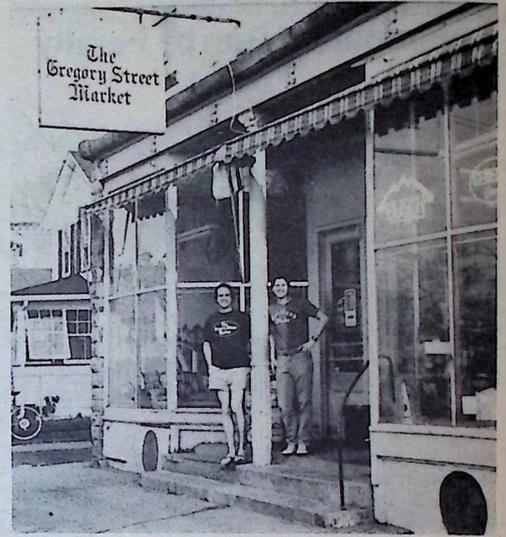
Businesses



Wow What a Pizza: Stuffed to the max



Pinnacle Printers: Quality graphic reproduction



Gregory Street Market: Traditional yet progressive

Wow What A Pizza

A very unique pizza parlor has opened up on South Avenue that is sure to make us happier and perhaps a bit heavier. Called Wow What A Pizza, after what everyone says upon consuming their first bite, this chic but friendly pizzeria sells its pies stuffed—Chicago style. The deep, wholesome crust comes filled with your choice of: Original—pepperoni, Italian sausage, fresh mushrooms, spinach, onions, sweet green peppers and mozzarella cheese; Californian—as above, sans sausage, for the vegetarian; Classic—like Original, but also with fresh cappicola ham, provolone cheese, and red roasted peppers; and for the conservative, there's the Traditional—a typical-appearing flat pizza that tastes extra great: pepperoni, sausage and mozzarella cheese.

Wow What A Pizza is the brainchild and venture of Mike O'Brian whose voice

you hear on WVOR. Mike began cooking pizzas in his home a few years ago and apparently his friends' compliments and requests for more really got him going. Mike's pizza proficiency, along with his insight of appetite, led to the inevitable commercial venture, to bring this tried and true recipe to me and you, the public. And Wow are we hooked. Besides the Wows, What A Pizza offers Wow subs (all fresh and with extra everything), fresh squeezed orange juice, soda, oversized exotic fruits, and soon to come fresh fruit salads. Wow!

Mike feels he picked the right place to be, here in the Wedge, and is looking forward to our pizzatonic patronage. You can buy Wows by the slice, by the pound, or buy the pie, frozen, unfrozen, or heated to be eaten. Whew. Go and get it: 672 South Avenue, Monday-Saturday 11-9, Sunday, 11-6. 244-1461.

Pinnacle Printers

Pinnacle Printers, Inc. is one of the several companies in the Wedge that keeps a low profile while producing high quality products. Since August, 1984, Pinnacle has been printing volumes of work by the multi-color commercial offset method—items that include letterheads, programs, brochures, mailers, and yearbooks, to name a few.

Pinnacle had been in existence on Alexander Street near Monroe since 1978. Their move to the Wedge was the result of the growing companies need for more space and parking convenience. Several neighborhood businesses have engaged the services of Pinnacle Printers, and have praise for the quality of the product. President Paul Usdane maintains that the company strives for excellent results in high quality specialty printing, and relies mostly on reputation and word of mouth for its promotion.

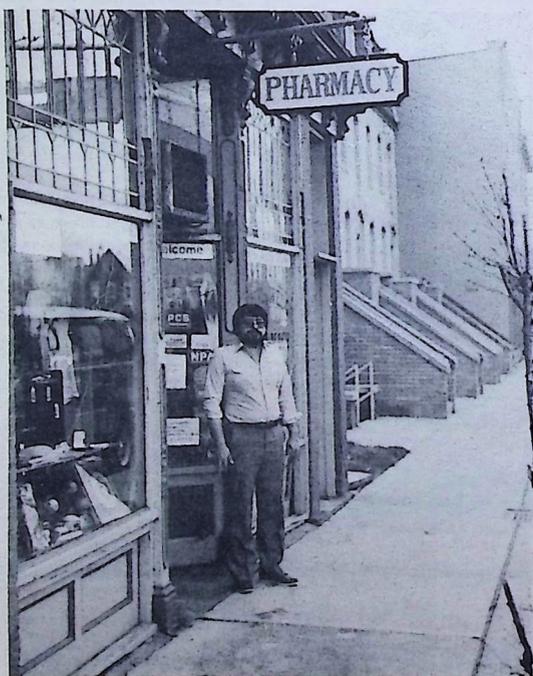
Located at 620 South Avenue (next to Manson News), Pinnacle Printers is open from 8 to 5 Monday to Friday; 461-2556.

Gregory Street Market

Since September 1982, partners Art Jones and Ed Trombley have been steadily supplying groceries and sundries to the heart of the Wedge through their Gregory Street market. For nearly forty years prior to its current form, the store had served the needs of the area by selling food and convenience items. Art and Ed have developed the operation by offering fresh produce, maintaining a wide variety of goods, and, most recently, by remodeling the store and adding a deli counter.

The new Gregory Street Market is lighter, brighter, more spacious, and better organized. The deli counter features fresh cold cuts, sub sandwiches made to order, and, in the summer, fresh dipped ice cream cones. One of the only State Lottery machines in the area is at the Gregory Street Market.

The Gregory Street Market has maintained tradition while keeping up with the place and times. Located at 133 Gregory Street, the market is open seven days from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Phone is 473-3919.



South Wedge Pharmacy: Personalized prescriptions

South Wedge Pharmacy

The pharmacy counter opened in January, and has proven to be a welcome operation to the northern end of the neighborhood. Pharmacists Tariq Chaudhary and Pinaki Seti selected the 489 South Avenue location for its accessibility to

residents who had no pharmacy in the immediate area. The pair had both worked for retail chain drug stores for a number of years, and were looking for the chance to provide a more personal, familiar service than the chains could offer.

They demonstrate that an independent pharmacy can give better, more customer-oriented service than any chain, and at comparable prices. The neighborhood scale of South Wedge Pharmacy allows the customer to personally know his or her pharmacist, and to know that the pharmacists are available for prescription consultation. Free delivery service is an-

other bonus offered by the pharmacy. The main store of South Wedge Pharmacy shares owners and hours with the adjacent South Wedge Grocers. The Pharmacy counter itself is open 10 to 7 Monday through Saturday and from 11 to 3 on Sundays. 489 South Avenue. 454-2090.

by David Burrows

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Housing Information From the South Wedge Planning Committee

TENANTS RIGHTS

If you are planning on renting an apartment and need assistance in thinking through the process you should follow, you can receive assistance from the Housing Council by phoning 546-3700 or you can call the State Attorney General's office 454-3412 and ask for a booklet on Tenant's Rights and Responsibilities.

The booklet contains information such as the following excerpt regarding a lease:

WHAT IS A LEASE?

A lease is a legal agreement stating the terms under which an apartment or house is rented. It may be written or oral. The lessee is the tenant and the lessor is the landlord. Your personal needs will determine what kind of lease is best for you. However, many landlords will require that you sign a written lease (usually for one year).

The Month-to-Month Tenancy

A month-to-month agreement will be in effect if you do not sign a written lease and pay your landlord rent on a monthly basis. The month-to-month tenancy is useful for people who are not sure how long they will want to stay in a particular house, apartment or location. It allows much more flexibility in this regard than a written lease. Either the tenant or the landlord may break the lease by giving notice at least one month before the next month's rent is due.

The major problem with a month-to-month tenancy is that a landlord may evict you or raise the rent without giving any reason, just as long as he notifies you one month before the next rent due date (Real Property Law, section 232-b). Procedures relating to month-to-month tenancy may be different in those areas where statutory rent controls exist.

An Oral Long-term Lease

You should have a witness present when you enter into an oral lease. Any lease for a period of more than one year should be written and signed by both the landlord and tenant. An oral lease for more than one year cannot be enforced.

Written Leases

A written lease sets up the terms under which a person will be renting. Once the lease is signed, neither the landlord nor the tenant may change any of the terms without the other's complete (usually written) consent.

The standard form written lease, which many landlords use, is often not the best agreement for the person renting. If you wish to make changes in it, you should discuss these with the landlord and any changes acceptable to both of you should be made in writing.

Find out if a Legal Aid Society or Legal Services Office exists in your community.

They are usually willing to review and explain a lease to the tenant.

Public housing authorities usually have their own regulations. You should find out the specific lease terms and/or regulations which govern the public housing that you are considering moving into.

What to Look For in a Lease

The lease should specify the amount of rent and when it is due. The lease should spell out the landlord's responsibilities and the tenant's responsibilities. It should also specify exactly what you are renting, including the use of laundry, backyard, storage space, etc. Other important things to look for are:

- Who pays which utilities? Make sure the lease states clearly who pays the bills for electricity, gas, heat and water.
- Find out what kind of heat is used. The difference in fuel used can make a big difference when you are paying for utilities. For example, if the apartment you are renting is heated by electricity, the bill will generally be higher than for gas heat. The best way to find out how high utility bills run is to talk to previous tenants.
- Are there penalties for late rent payment? If so, how much are they?
- How often is the landlord required to paint?
- Does the lease protect you from a change from landlord paying utilities to tenant paying utilities?
- What kinds of alterations are you allowed to make?
- What kinds of repairs are you required to make?
- Is there a clause allowing the landlord to increase rent if taxes or heating costs increase?
- Are pets allowed?
- Who cuts the grass?
- Who installs storm windows and/or screens?

Section 235 of the Real Property Law generally provides that a landlord, under any lease by which its terms, express or implied, requires the furnishing of hot or cold water, heat, light, power, elevator service, telephone service or any other service or facility, who intentionally or willfully fails to provide those services when they are necessary to the customary use of the building or apartment is guilty of a criminal violation.

Housing Council
546-3700

Next issue, this column will discuss further Tenant concerns.

South Wedge Planning Committee Notes

by Anne Battle McAndrew

Congratulations to the new community elected representatives to the South Wedge Planning Committee. These are your representatives. Contact them with your neighborhood concerns.

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146 Rutgers Street Parish

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191 Linden St.

Muriel Steinberg *Bank Representative*
875 South Ave. *Lincoln First*

Frank Gasbarre
Neighborhood Conservation Officer

Barbara Zinker
Community Development Consultant

* Newly elected or appointed members.

Notes

The Planning Committee Board has endorsed a letter from Dorene Duane to Steve Lesnak regarding the South Avenue Library. In the letter Duane urges the Main Library to look into the needs of the South Wedge community. Footnote: Neighbors are strongly encouraged to use our South Avenue branch library. Open your library membership card at our local branch. We loose what we don't use!

Support for the Summer Block Meetings is encouraged. Since your homes are usually open invitations to "visitors"

when you are working or on vacation, get to know your neighbors. Perhaps open your home to your neighbors on each side of you and the three across the street. If you can host five neighbors for a block meeting, please call the Planning Committee Office, 325-4950. We will provide organizer and speaker. Remember our motto, "We're Still Building Blocks!"

Special Materials Grant for Residential Property Improvements

Have you thought about using a Special Materials Grant to improve the exterior of your home? If you haven't— it is worth the thought! If you have, this is how it works:

YOU CALL:

The South Wedge Planning Committee Office at 325-4950 and ask for an application.

YOU PROVIDE:

- 1) The completed application (including estimates for the needed materials).
- 2) Proof of Ownership
 - Deed, or
 - Tax Bill, or
 - Mortgage Statement
- 3) Proof of Income
 - 1984 Tax Return
 - Pay Stubs, or
 - Statement of Benefits

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- 1) Copying Proof of Ownership and income for the files.
- 2) Inspecting your property to determine eligible repairs.
- 3) Giving you a written response regarding your eligibility.

YOU RETURN:

A Statement of Agreement to complete the work.

YOU KEEP:

Itemized receipts for the approved materials.

YOU COMPLETE:

The agreed upon work.

YOU SEND IN:

The itemized receipts for materials.

WE FOLLOW THROUGH:

- 1) By inspecting the work.
- 2) By vouchering the City for your reimbursement (100% or 50% if you exceed the income level or are an investor/owner).
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Maximum Grant \$500, mixed use properties ineligible.

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Lilac Festival

Everything's Comin' Up Lilacs

It's that time of year again. Rochester's annual celebrated rite of spring, the Lilac Festival, with a new theme slogan, "The Lilac Festival — Growing With Rochester", is scheduled May 17-27.

"The festival has grown in scope and is a factor in the city's tourism increase", says festival general chairman James Welch. "But whether it is tourists or our own citizens, the festival is eleven fun-filled days. And this year we anticipate that it will be better than ever."

While Highland Park's lilacs—the world's largest (22 acres) public display of this delicate, fragrant flower—is the real star of the festival, there will be something to entertain everyone, from the young to the young at heart.

Highland Park will have daily floral tours as well as many activities and shows for all ages. Some of the highlights of the festival, one of the biggest in North America, include eight nights of "name" entertainment at the Downtown Festival Tent; a giant fireworks display and balloon launch by school children on opening day; a spectacular parade featuring marching bands, colorful floats, a Teen Pageant winner and finalists, Clown Ronald McDonald, Disney characters sponsored by Greater Rochester Cablevision and The Disney Channel, the Mumpers

String Band, Brother Dominic; the Manufacturers Hanover Lilac 10K Race with upward to 3,000 runners, a fishing derby and a Wonderful World of Color Photo Contest co-sponsored by Eastman Kodak Company and Instant Photo.

For further information, contact Rochester Convention & Visitor's Bureau, 120 Main Street East, Rochester, New York 14604, Phone (716) 546-3070.

Lilac Time Arts Festival at Highland Hospital

40 local artists and craft people exhibiting and selling their original works.

There will be a variety of entertainment, food & fun.

May 18 & 19 Saturday 10-6 Sunday 10-5 on the hospital grounds—just a block down South Avenue from the Tulip Garden and Conservatory of Highland Park.

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Manufacturers Hanover Lilac 10K Race

Defending champion Bruce Bickford of Wellesley Hills, Mass., will head a field of more than 3,000 runners in the sixth annual Manufacturers Hanover Lilac 10K Race on Sunday, May 19, in Highland Park.

Bickford, 29-year-old former record holder in the steeplechase and indoor three-mile-run, covered the 6.2 mile course in 28 minutes, 48 seconds last year. Pete Pfitzinger of Pittsford, who competed in the 1984 Olympic Games marathon event at Los Angeles, also is expected to be at the starting line along with outstanding area, regional, and national runners, some of whom have excelled in world events.

The starting line will be at the corner of Lilac Drive and Elmwood Avenue at 10 a.m., with the finish line on South Goodman Street between Elmwood Avenue and Highland Avenue. The early portion of the race will take the runners through the South Wedge—down South Avenue.

Defending champion Chris Hughes of New Zealand, who covered the course in 34 minutes, 32 seconds last year for the woman's title, also is expected to compete.

"We expect a really close, very fast race," reports race coordinator Jill Luteyn. "There will be many world class

runners competing."

Registration for the race is scheduled Saturday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., near the finish line. Also on Saturday there will be an Expo at which many of the race's top contenders will give tips on training, technique, proper equipment. An acupuncturist will explain the widely used practice of acupuncture in treating injuries. There will be exhibit booths for equipment suppliers.

All information furnished by the Lilac Festival Promotion Committee.



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Clean and Green

Gardening Tips

by Anne Battle McAndrew

Neighbors, Spring is finally here! After the thaw our neighborhood is suffering from the serious drabs. Spring Clean-up Weekend will help but what do we do then? Starting right now, Gardening Tips would like to work with you to make our neighborhood's yards the most colorful and exciting ever!

Harris Seeds contributed the following guide to help you select the flowers for your yard conditions and needs. The Monroe County Co-operative Extension offers a Gardening Hotline for those questions that come up while you are working in your yard. Call George Miller at the Gardening Hot Line 9-12 Monday-Friday 473-5335.

The popularity of perennials is increasing rapidly. More and more people are discovering the delights of a garden chosen from varieties which provide a continuous display of changing bloom from spring to fall.

Contrary to advice generally given, we advocate May or June sowing of most hardy perennial seed in Rochester. Soil and temperature conditions are much more favorable for germination, and transplanting can be done early enough for the roots to become well established before freezing weather. The quicker growing varieties such as Sweet William, Lupins, Carnations, etc. can be sown as late as July. A later sowing will usually not produce plants large enough to bloom the following year.

Many perennials do not "come true" from seed; many are slow to germinate and still others require very specialized treatment. For those reasons we list seed of only those which are not difficult for the amateur to handle.

PLANTS FOR SHADY LOCATIONS

Making flowers succeed in the shade or partial shade is more a matter of sufficient nutrition and moisture than lack of sunlight. Trees will take much of the plant food from the surface soil, and it is necessary to fertilize four times as heavily. It is also necessary to water more heavily, although the soil also requires deeper spading each season in order to cut off as many of the tiny tree feeding roots as possible.

If there is good indirect sunlight, most flowers can be made to grow, but few will bloom as profusely. There are only a few plants that thrive in dense shade, such as caused by overhanging shrubbery. We suggest a few of the most satisfactory varieties for partial shade and shade that is not too dense.

Varieties marked with (*) will stand the most shade:

Annual Flowers

Alyssum	Impatiens
Asters	Lobelia
Balsam	Forget-Me-Not *
Wax-leaved* and	Pansies
Tuberous Begonias*	Snapdragon
Bellis or English Daisy*	Torenia
Centaurea Cyanus	Viola
Clarkia	
Coleus	

Hardy Perennials

Anchusa	Digitalis
Anemone*	Heuchera
Aquilegia	Iberis*
Arabis	Lupins
Aubrietia	Myosotis*
Bleeding Heart	Pachysandra*
Campanula	Phlox subulata
Delphinium	Primula*
Dianthus	Vinca or Myrtle*

FOR GROUND COVERS AND BANKS PLANTS AND SHRUBS

Frequently a situation is encountered where neither grass nor flowering plants will do well, such as banks, steep slopes and densely shaded areas. In these cases we recommend the following: [* will do well in the shade. Most of the following are not available from seed and must be purchased as plants]

Vinca Minor (Myrtle)*
Pachysandra (Japanes Spurge)*
Rose Wichuriana (Memorial Rose)
Euonymus Coloratus (Purple-leaf Euonymous)
English Ivy*
Japanese Honeysuckle*
Lathyrus Latifolius (Hardy Sweet Pea)
Ajuga Reptans*
Polygonum Reynouteri
Crown Vetch
Flowers for Edgings

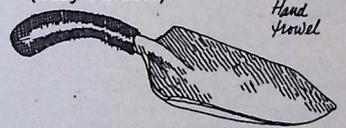
Ageratum	Petunia
Alyssum	Plox, Annual
Candytuft	Portulaca
Dianthus, Dwarf	Snapdragon, Dwarf
Lobelia	Verbena
Marigold, Dwarf	Viola
Pansy	Zinnia, Dwarf

Flowers For Fragrance

Alyssum	Nasturtium
Candytuft	Nicotiana
Carnation	Pansy
Centaurea	Petunia
Imperialis	Pinks, Hardy
Heliotrope	Stock
Lavender	Sweet Peas
Mignonette	Sweet William
	Verbena

Flowers for Cutting

Asters	Larkspur
Bells of Ireland	Lupine
Calendula	Marigold, African
Celosia	Pansy
Centaurea Cyanus	Rudbeckia
(Bachelor Buttons)	Salvia Farinacea
Centaurea	Scabiosa
Moschata	Schizanthus
(Sweet Sultan)	Statice
Chrysanthemum	Stock
Cosmos	Sunflower
Dahlia	Tithonia
Dianthus	Verbena
Gaillardia	Zinnia
Gypsophila Elegans	
(Baby's Breath)	



TIP: Tired of loosing your trowels and other gardening tools in the soil? Dip the handles into a can of bright yellow enamel paint! Let them dry and no more camouflaged tools.

Spruce Up Our City May 6-10

Clean & Green

When Springtime blossoms bright & pretty, it's our job to team up & clean up the "Flower City".

For one week, May 6-10, City refuse crews will haul away just about anything you can pile between the sidewalk & curb on your regular refuse collection day.

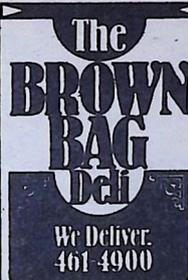
If you've got odd items or questions about Spring Clean-Up, call the City's Environmental Services Department at 428-5990.

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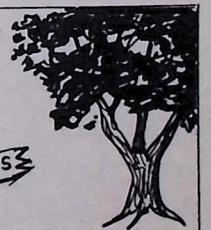
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More Neighbor News

New Director for Urban Workcamp

by David Burrows

The neighborhood's Urban Workcamp, a program for employment of area youths in the repair and repainting of needy houses, now has a full time summer director. The organizers of the workcamp have selected the right man for the job.

Bob Maher (pronounced Ma-har) will provide the competent leadership for the instruction and guidance of a group of youths in the challenging and purposeful job of home repair. Mr. Maher sees the program as offering practical, applicable, training while providing a real job with real responsibilities and pay. The working environment may be new to most youths whose training has been limited to a classroom situation. The advantages to working for Urban Workcamp include exposure to working with a team under close, professional supervision, and the chance to be working on a real house whose conditions will be improved by the activities of each worker.

Much of Mr. Maher's experience has been acquired in his years as an industrial Art instructor at Edison Tech. He has worked with people of all ages and levels of training and approaches his teaching with a personal and humanistic view. Any youths who have the opportunity to participate in Urban Workcamp under Mr. Maher's direction will benefit from his technical knowledge as well as from his concern for education and personal growth.

This year's Urban Workcamp will run from early July to early August (approx. five weeks). An open workshop for potential applicants will be held on May 8 at Calvary St. Andrew's Church. Watch for posters announcing the workshop and details for application to Urban Workcamp.



Urban Workcamp's new Director, Bob Maher

The Wedge Gallery at Frame and Fortune

On Friday May 3, 1985, The Wedge Gallery at Frame & Fortune, 684 South Avenue will hold an opening reception from 7-9 pm for an exhibition entitled "Singular Editions", printworks by Scott Roop and Mark Anton Dreimiller.

This Exhibition will feature over 20 prints on paper displaying mixed media approaches.

Mark Anton Dreimiller is a Rochester artist who uses realistic images altered through various drawing and mixed media techniques.

Scott Roop is an upstate artist whose printworks borrow from various printmaking forms and mixed media techniques.

The show will run from May 3 through June 13, 1985. Gallery hours are by appointment, or 12-5 Monday through Friday, and 11-2 Saturdays. For information contact Phil Caldwell, Frame & Fortune, 473-6400.

Community Concern

Southview Towers Representative to the South Wedge Planning Committee, Danny Hayes, has reported often that the residents of the Tower are fearful and are continually harassed by intoxicated vagrants. The problem has become so severe that the residents want to remove the RTS bus-stop shelter at South Avenue and Comfort Street due to it being used as a "party spot" by loud, unruly, intoxicated individuals.

Many Wedge residents have been similarly annoyed by obviously intoxicated people loitering on their properties. The police often do not respond to these calls. An alternative has been sought so that the handicapped and elderly residents of Southview Towers can wait for buses without the fear of harassment.

The Genesee Mental Health Center and the Monroe County Sobering-Up Station offer a program that promises to help. Entry to Care (235-8700) offers a van service, 4:30 pm to 12:30 am that will pick-up clients and offers them a place for 24 hours to sober up and an option for counseling. The client must be able to walk alone or with help. If the client cannot walk, call an ambulance. No one can be forced to go to Entry to Care and often dispatchers will request to speak to clients.

House and Garden Tour Schedule

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Buildings and Gardens included in Landmark Society Annual House and Garden Tour, June 29, 30, 1985 from 11 am to 4 pm.

554 Mt. Hope Marie Daley House
560 Mt. Hope Richard Reism House
609 Mt. Hope Ben Kendig House
625 Mt. Hope Landmark Society's Ellwanger Garden only
630 Mt. Hope Dennis O'Brien House
668 Mt. Hope Ellwanger & Barry Nursery Office

Wedge Artists—Street Fair

Not everyone procrastinates! Mary Ellen Hunt and her planning group are already gearing up for the South Wedge Street Fair, which will be held on September 21.

Street Fair planners are hoping to use local artists for a variety of projects centering on this year's "Harvest" theme. Interested artists are encouraged to submit preliminary sketches/ideas for posters, T-shirts, logos, signs, banners and other related Wedgebilia.

Bring your work, concepts, ideas, to the South Avenue Emporium, 656 South Avenue; and for information or to volunteer, call Mary Ellen Hunt at 461-1024.

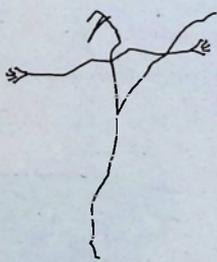
Community Players Opening

The Rochester Community Players, the area's oldest theatrical group, celebrates the opening of their 61st season in their new location at the Holiday Inn/Genesee Plaza.

On Saturday May 11, RCP will begin another 60 years of entertainment with their production of Alan Ayckbourn's smash hit comedy, "How The Other Half Loves."

For Reservations, call: Rochester Community Players, 120 East Main Street, 546-6230.

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735 Mt. Hope Michael Spencer House
791 Mt. Hope Cemetery 20 minute tours
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5 Castle Park Sunken Garden
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