

# WEDGE

• SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE •

## Gregory Street Development

by The Reverend Judy Lee Hay

The newly constructed house at 25 Gregory Street is a visible witness to the old adage that "many hands make light work". The South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. bought in 1988 the 3 parcel site from local developer Peter Monacelli. The first house, owned by Charles and Helena Lovett was constructed in 1988 by several volunteers and multiple partnerships. The groundbreaking for 25 Gregory Street was in the spring, and a flurry of activity has taken place at the site since that first shovel of dirt. The four bedroom home is a first for Habitat For Humanity, one of the main partners in the project. Habitat provided the onsite construction supervisor, Mike Maloney, the land was SWPC's, St. Paul's Episcopal Church contributed \$25,000, and the City of Rochester committed \$5,000 for the infrastructure. A key component in the development of the partnership was that volunteers would be essential in the construction of the home to keep costs reasonable. Calvary St. Andrew's Parish, Habitat, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Christ Episcopal Church of Pittsford and the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford provided the volunteer supply.

A Family Selection Committee was chosen representing the various organizations in the partnership. Tera Walker, staff at the Southeast Community Resource Center, and member of the SWPC Board chaired the process selection availability of the home was advertised in the South Wedge for a family or single parent with at least 4 children. Several applications were screened, but no family within the neighborhood met all of the criteria and credit requirements. A family with 5 children from Troup Street was chosen as the recipients.

The exterior of the house is finished. In the next two months, the interior will be finalized in time for the family to celebrate Christmas in their new home. The South Wedge Planning Committee will be entering new partnerships in 1990 to build the last remaining house on the parcel at 21 Gregory Street. The three bedroom home will be offered for purchase to low-moderate income people, hopefully from the South Wedge.

Anyone interested in applying for the home may contact Nan Aronson at the SWPC office.

## A Joyous Note Was Heard in the Wedge

by The Reverend Judy Lee Hay

By 7:30 p.m. on October 14th there was standing room only in the sanctuary of Calvary St. Andrew's Parish as 534 people gathered for a stunning Music and Visual Arts Celebration. The advertisements for the concert gave a glimpse to the variety of music offered in the evening's program with the title "From Baroque to Jazz".

The evening's musical program highlighted local personalities as well as

visiting performers. Noted composer Arthur Frackenpohl, who has most recently completed arrangements for the Canadian Brass, was present for a performance of his Three Choral Anthems and participated in the debut of his *Jazz Magnificat* sung by the Choir of Calvary St. Andrew's Parish. (Tenor James Frackenpohl, a Wedge resident of Mt. Vernon Avenue, was featured in a particularly beautiful

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Mayor Tom Ryan, SWPC Executive Director Rev. Judy Lee Hay, County Executive Tom Frey, and SWPC Chairperson Stephanie Gradinger cut the ribbon officially reopening the new South Avenue and dedicating the Gregory Street Triangle on May 8, 1989.

## Flowers Flourish in Marie Daley Park

by Yancey Moore

As Autumn's shorter days and light frosts bring the summer growing season to a close in Marie Daley Park, the gardening of the flower beds continues! New bulbs are soon to be planted and the beds cleared and mulched, preparing them for winter's rest. The summer was one of great growth for the gardens, thanks to the generosity of volunteer gardeners and neighbors alike.

With a desire to establish lasting gardens in the park several neighbors decided to join efforts this year. **Deb Adams, Sue Hayes, Wendy Burwell and Yancey Moore** met and planned a course of action. After distributing a flyer requesting donations of cash or plants the gardeners were able to purchase \$40.00 worth of new plants, \$10.00 worth of peat moss, \$25.00 worth of pine chip mulch and \$25.00 worth of spring bulbs. (\$25.00 remains as start-up for next year!). This generous support of the parks neighbors gave inspiration to last all season long. A contract with the city parks provided two dozen flats of annual plants. These petunias, impatiens, ageratum and salvia bloomed in splendid color the entire summer. Most were placed with the miniature lilacs and peonies planted over 5 years ago when the beds were new.

Transplants and cuttings, also donated by neighbors, greatly increased the variety of plants now growing in the park. The collection includes: sweet woodruff, lambs ears, lavender, fairy roses, yarrow, lady's mantle, coral bells, rose campion, colendula, daisies, dianthisus, monarda, day lilies, irises, flax, artensia, silver sage, tansy and pearly everlasting.

The enjoyment of the gardens is shared by all who pass by them. The pleasure of such a community space also comes from being a part of the care that goes into it. Witness the group of children that always gathers at weeding and watering time, helping to keep the garden at its best. Thanks to all who share a part of the beauty that grows in the garden

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## Neighbor News

### School 12 News

#### Welcome from the Principal

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Please send a note immediately following your child's absence. Every unexplained absence is an illegal absence on our records. A call to the school on the day your child will be absent is extremely helpful and would make a note unnecessary.

If you would like us to call you on any occasion that your child does not arrive at school please make that request in writing.

Barbara Wager  
Principal

### Safety to and From School

If you walk your child to or from school on any occasion, you will be aware that there is excellent supervision of students on school grounds. At least 2 administrators and 2 teachers supervise student arrival beginning at 9:00 a.m. Children going to breakfast may be admitted at 8:55 a.m. and should arrive no earlier. They will not be admitted to breakfast once the entry bell has rung at 9:10. The doors open for all children at 9:10 a.m. Those entering after 9:20 a.m. are considered late.

At dismissal all teachers walk students to buses or to the end of school property. Administrators are outside as well. Though there are large numbers of children outside before and after school, we make sure that children proceed in an orderly manner. Primary dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. and intermediate dismissal at 3:20 p.m. Younger children may wait for older siblings to walk them home as long as they are well behaved.

Unfortunately there are sometimes incidents of bullying on the way to and from school. While the school is willing to assist parents in achieving neighborhood safety we cannot assure safety for every child as he/she moves through the neighborhood.

If your child can identify someone who might be bullying him or her, call the school and speak with an administrator. We will speak with the offender at school. If at any time your child is physically injured (seriously or not) call the police and make a formal complaint. Serious action will follow.

### Highland Branch Library

On Wednesday, November 8, at 10:30 a.m., Dr. Bonnie Dutcher will conduct an open discussion on over the counter drugs - their benefits and risks.

On Saturday, November 18, at 1 p.m., Dr. Robert S. Dalton, a Brighton chiropractor, will discuss Low Back Pain, Why It Is Everyone's Concern! A question and answer period will follow.

For children: In celebration of children's book week, November 13 through 18th, the Highland Library will sponsor a name that fairy tale contest. Winners will be announced and prizes given out on Friday, November 17.

### Thanksgiving and Christmas Schedule

Calvary St. Andrew's Parish will hold a special Thanksgiving worship service on November 19 at 10:00 a.m.

#### Christmas Eve Service

The traditional Christmas pageant will be the featured attraction of the 10 a.m. worship service on Christmas Eve Day. Children wishing to participate need to attend rehearsals beginning at 4 p.m. November 16.

Candlelight Eucharist and featured music will be the focus of the 11 p.m. evening service on Christmas Eve December 24th.

A 10 a.m. Christmas morning service December 25th will provide a reflective occasion for worshippers.

As a joint Presbyterian and Episcopal congregation Calvary St. Andrews is open to everyone and is handicap accessible.

### Community Darkroom

#### Class Title: Hand-Coloring of Black and White Photographs

Dates: Saturdays, November 4, 11, 18

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### Winter Gardening

#### A few quick tips for the off-season...

Now's the time to put down a heavy layer of mulch to avoid weed and drought problems next summer. Also, if you do mostly transplants, you can skip tilling next Spring by covering your garden with a thick layer of leaves now. At least six inches and better yet more. If your soil is acid, put down some lime on top of this. If you soil is poor, sprinkle on a nitrogen-rich fertilizer (manure, dried blood) - both will hasten the decomposition of the leaves.

If you're going to leave your garden naked for the Winter, stop for a second and think of how cruel this is. Simply torturous. After pulling out all the deceased plants (before November), throw down some annual rye grass, rake it in and stomp it down. Prevents erosion, adds organic stuff to the soil and wipes out the weeds. The worms will love it.

Planting can happen right now. (All winter hardy annual weeds, like mustard and dandelion, are sprouting right now.) It may be a bit late for endive or spinach, but covering the sown ground with clear plastic may bring luck. Garlic can go in any time before the soil freezes. Push a clove down two inches every four or five inches, and pull back a little of the mulch if you're doing that.

Remember, a good rule of thumb is to keep your garden growing all year round!

New! Granite

### Free Firewood Available

Need some help staying warm this winter? Free firewood is available on a first come, first served basis. If you are willing to pick-up the wood yourself, call Vinnie at 232-3157.

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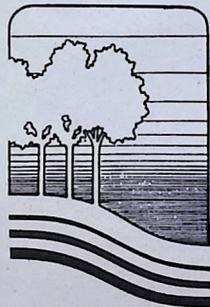
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### JOSEPH DiDONATO III, D.D.S., F.A.G.D. GENERAL DENTISTRY



Dr. Joseph DiDonato is pleased to announce the formation of the Southwedge dental group. As a resident Menlo Place, Dr. DiDonato has been part of the Southwedge since 1987. After receiving his DDS at New York University Dr. DiDonato did his residency training at Strong Memorial Hospital in 1981, where continues to be on the teaching staff. As a result of his training and talents Dr. DiDonato has developed a general practice that is directed toward prevention and rehabilitation. Particular attention is taken to inform the patient of options and to provide quality care in a comfortable surrounding. While the group has acquired many of the former patients of Dr. Joseph McHugh the practice is currently welcoming new patients with a courtesy for exam and diagnosis.

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## Bay as it Was and Can be Again

by Marion F. Schneider

My family moved to the west shore of Irondequoit Bay on my sixth birthday, 68 years ago. A play area for the people living in Rochester, N.Y., it was a clear and sparkling river-like body of water, 3 miles long and 1 mile wide, fed at the southern end by the Irondequoit Creek and emptying into Lake Ontario at the north end. Cattails filled about 1/2 mile of each end, and channels cut through them were the only navigation possible there. The Eastern Interurban Trolley at Float Bridge (now Empire Blvd.) at the south end and Sea Breeze line to the northern end afforded weekend visitors and vacationers access to this clear and lovely waterway with its very steep and heavily-wooded banks.

Passenger boats traveled from a lock dock at the Sea Breeze end to the dock at the southern end, stopping at hotels and clubs along the way, places with interesting names such as Pt. Pleasant, Birds & Worms, Newport, Glen Haven, Glen Edith, and Inspiration Point. All summer long there were picnics at the hotels and clubs, with many people of all ages playing games, swimming and boating.

We kids loved being there. I am the middle child of five, and we swam, fished, boated, sailed and canoed all summer and skated in winter. We could watch the fish

come up and inspect our bait and pull them in when they finally bit. When skating, we could traverse the whole bay, after watching the fishermen check the ice strength with their spuds. We were allowed to enter the porch of the Pt. Pleasant Hotel with skates on and get a steaming bowl of wonderful chowder. The fish we caught in summer, and sometimes in winter through a hole in the ice, were perch, sunfish, rock bass, black bass, smallmouth bass, pickerel, northern pike, and bullheads.

Our parents were companions to us and good sports. Dad, who had been in the Naval Reserve, taught us boating safety, sailing, how to paddle a canoe, many tricks with a rope, how to box a compass, and to always have an accompanying boat when swimming across the bay. Mom was a great and willing sailer, swimmer, rower, and canoe paddler, banjoist, and a fine shot with a revolver. She knew a great deal about plants, as did dad, and about the heavens as we drifted in the canoe after dark. She was besides that, a great cook.

The bay was gradually changing, the water becoming cloudy and the eel grass, arrowhead, pickerel weed, water plantain and widgeon grass began to gradually disappear. The docks, breakwalls and pilings became covered with a mossy growth which waded in the current. We kids had not noticed it particularly until one day when my younger brother came in

from a swim covered with a rash, and we were then forbidden swimming. We could fish, row paddle; but there were fewer fish and we couldn't see them. The bay banks were still beautiful with there great trees and with pinxters (azalea), arbutus, dogwood and shad, but much of the fun was gone.

Salt had become a necessity to the automobile travel and was spread lavishly; the City ran a sewer line into the bay, a dam was built in the St. Lawrence River which raised the water level quickly, causing the cattails to float loose from their roots eventually going into the lake, unless they stopped by a cottage and were destroyed. The bay outlet became smaller and smaller allowing less movement. The clubs and hotels closed, the passenger boats discontinued their services, and only a few cottages were left. All this finally became a concern to the community.

Steps were taken to reduce the discharge of the sewer into the bay, salt spreading on the roads was reduced, and we encouraged our road crews to use even less. An experiment in a small and shallow cove where alum was spread on the bottom to seal the salt there seemed to indicate that we could successfully treat the bay bottom, and the alum was spread on the whole deep portion of the bay. A new 100 ft. channel was opened into the lake with protecting piers on each side. Attempts continue to reduce further the

## Discover The River - The Genesee River Trail

The beauty of the Genesee highlights the new 3.4 mile Genesee River Trail. The hard surface trail provides a completely traffic-free recreation way linking downtown Rochester with Genesee Valley Park, on the City's southern border.

Splendid river views and quiet wooded acres combine to create a truly unique environment.

From the south, the trail begins in Genesee Valley Park where the popular Barge Canal Trail crosses to the west bank of the Genesee River. The trail then meanders northward for approximately one mile, crossing Elmwood Avenue on a traffic-free underpass. Picnic areas, park benches, fishing docks and numerous other recreation facilities are available along this park section of the trail.

Continuing north, the Genesee River Trail follows the Plymouth Avenue sidewalk for a short distance, and then for the next half mile traverses a heavily wooded area adjacent to the river. From this point, the trail ascends to higher ground and continues north along the west river bank for an additional .6 miles. This section affords excellent vistas of the river.

After passing under the Ford Street Bridge, the trail makes a steep ascent, a

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## Business News

### Convenience With Good Taste The Convenient Chef Opens on South Avenue

by John Smith

One of the South Wedge's newest businesses is also a new concept to the City of Rochester. The Convenient Chef opened for business in August and is currently serving downtown and southern Rochester with typical restaurant cuisine for takeout. Free delivery makes this a long awaited service.

With the U.S. trend towards ease in dining, two income families, and a well-balanced diet, owners Fred Schreiner and Larry Simpson identified the need for a service that would prepare quality dishes for delivery and pick up. Thus far the completely positive response has confirmed that this void existed.

The Convenient Chef also recognized the need for planning in the hectic and sometimes hurried day of a busy

individual. Ordering from the Convenient Chef is as easy as from any other takeout establishment. To further streamline the active schedule your order can be faxed the the Convenient Chef in the afternoon for delivery or pick up later in the day.

The fare runs from appetizers to sandwiches to house specialties. All of which you would expect on a restaurant menu. Delivery personnel in black and white attire complete the restaurant ambiance of this service.

The desire for the cuisine of a quality restaurant and the need for convenience led to the birth of this exciting new concept. The Convenient Chef, Inc. provides both.

They can be reached at 454-5180 for a menu or to order. Hours are 4 - 9:30pm. MasterCard and Visa accepted. Fax orders are given special preference if by 2pm. Conveniently located at 426 South Avenue just north of Alexander Street

### A Joyous Note

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arrangement of the spiritual "Precious Lord, Take My Hand.") Rochester warmly welcomed New York City soprano Christine Brandes' local debut in her moving performance of *Boats and Candles*, a song cycle on original texts by composer Jeanne E. Shaffer. Ms. Brandes captivated the audience as she brought Shaffer's words to life.

Various ensemble performances were abundant the evening's program. Opening with the Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 by J.S. Bach and continuing in accompaniments of the Shaffer Songs and the Vivaldi Mandolin Concerto, the CSA Chamber Orchestra played with much finesse. The Rochester Women's Community Chorus in two selections proved themselves to be a finely-tuned vocal ensemble. Closing the first half, Kenneth Hamrick, Music Director and Organist at Calvary St. Andrew's Parish brought the house down playing the Symphony No. 5 by Charles Marie Widor which, as he pointed out, had been played at the dedication of the Austin Organ in 1916.

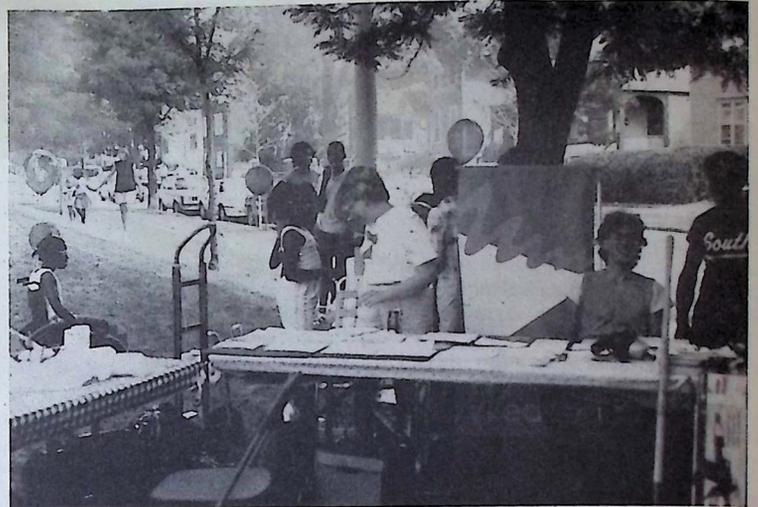
The second half of the program was as exciting as the first. The Rochester Gay Men's Chorus joined the Rochester Women's Community Chorus adding a special treat with a rendition of "The Water

Is Wide". Classical guitarist David Frackenpohl's performance of Vivaldi's Mandolin Concerto in D Major brought a hushed silence throughout the church. He is a resident of Benton Street and teaches on the faculty of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Onondaga Community College, and has performed with the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra.

The evening's Music and Visual Arts Celebration also offered an opportunity for the community to see the work of local visual artists which was displayed the adjacent chapel. Sharon Turner, of Hamilton Street displayed her stunning photographs depicting city scenes such as "Hamilton Street Block Party." Turner is a professional photographer at the Genesee Co-Op. Noted area artist Eric Bellman was on hand to talk about his drawings and lithographs on display and the importance of art in his spiritual development. Other featured artists in the exhibit included James Frackenpohl, Lynn Sanger Frackenpohl, Lee Fischer, George David McPhee, Orlando Ortiz, Georgia Carney, George Parker, Marsha Sundman, Jean Jenkins, along with Youth Artists from the CSA Parish who displayed works in stained

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### Marie Daley Park Celebration a Success



Nan Aronson and Phil Stukas man the SWPC table at the Marie Daley Park Celebration.

Who will forget Mack McDowell's delicious barbecued chicken? Did you see Art Jones, owner of the Gregory Street Market pitch that strike ball? How about Commissioner Jeffery Swain being doused in a water balloon toss? Councilman Tim Maines organized little children in an egg spoon race. Over 300 adults and children turned out for this annual summer ritual. Gorgeous sunshine poured its warmth on the South Wedge. Nan Aronson, the Associate Director of the South Wedge Planning Committee and Ray Breslin, Board member of SWPC were great leaders for the children's games. Obstacle courses, water balloons, and races were part of the day's activities. Parents cheered mightily as children tenderly caught the balloons or ducked under the cardboard boxes. Chairperson of the event was Hamilton Street resident Anne Heberley Rizzo. Thank you Anne for making our day one of in which we got to know our neighbors and have fun.

The chair of the SWPC Board, Stephanie Gradinger filled the hands of every child and desiring adult with a helium balloon. The new South Wedge T-shirts were sold in abundance. The South Wedge Planning Committee would like to especially pay tribute to Art Jones, owner of the Gregory Street Market for his marvelous support in purchasing supplies,



SWPC Chairperson, Stephanie Gradinger helping to distribute balloons at the celebration.

keeping the ice cold, giving us petty cash. We needed you Art-thanks for being a good neighbor! For all who missed this year's event keep on the lookout for July 29, 1990 from 2 - 5p.m. Mark your calendars now.

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# Urban Youth Workcamp 1989

by Nan Aronson

On behalf of the South Wedge Planning Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who assisted the Camp during the summer: our many contributors, Rochester Jobs, Inc., the Camp Advisory Board members, the City of Rochester and SWPC Board members and Staff.

As a result of the hard work of some pretty terrific teens, four properties in the South Wedge have been rehabbed and are free of exterior code violations. The homeowners are pleased with the results and the youth workers are proud of their accomplishments.

The youth were trained this summer in house painting, masonry and driveway repair. Several are looking for an employment opportunity that would allow them to use their skills in these areas. If there is anyone interestex in hiring any of the youth, please call Nan at the SWPC Office (325-4950, Monday thru Thursday).



Urban Workcamp '89 has been a wonderful learning experience for me. Besides acquiring some basics on home repair, I have also learned how to be a more responsible individual. Punctuality, job dedication and respect for others property are some of the things our Director, Ed Bronowoicki has placed emphasis on in order to make this summer successful as well as enjoyable. I'm glad I was able to be a part of Urban Workcamp '89 and hope to be a part of it again, not as a worker but maybe as the Director.

*Jesus Rivera*

## SWPC Salutes the 1989 Urban Workcamp!

The goals of Workcamp are to educate and give a new experience for the youth involved. The program observes the youth's growth in a safe work environment, to explain work ethics, manners and responsibility skills, to expose youth to an application and interview process and to evaluate the youth's progress. All of our goals were accomplished in a successful manner due to the cooperation and positive attitudes of the youth.

The tremendous success we had this year is a direct reflection of the youth. The youth were outstanding. Rules and regulations were followed, authority was respected and the work was accomplished. The youth were very eager to learn new tasks and ask questions when faced with a problem. The youth took pride in their work and were very supportive of one another. They also donated some hours. When the saw that our timeline wa sin jeopardy, they surprised me by suggesting we finish the job on our own donated time. They were exposed to volunteer work and I greatly appreciate it. This year's participants were the best and this resulted in a smooth and positive experience for the youth and myself. It was sad to see the eight weeks end-they seemed to go by so fast.

This years Urban Workcamp showed me that it still pays off to help the youth of today. I saw the youth enjoy helping others and takingpride in individual and group work. When we see a program succeed as this one did this year, it should give us even more enthusiasm to help our youth in the future. I enjoyed this year very much and I will miss the kids I worked with. They really were special. Hopefully next year, we can expand the program so that more youth can be exposed to a positive setting and more people in need can be helped. Let's keep up the good work.

Ed Bronowicki  
Director  
Urban Workcamp 1989

I had done a lot of renovaton work in terms of painting, drywall, and roofing, but never had I sealed a driveway as we have in the Urban Workcamp! I learned how to work with and direct the activites of young adults, ages 17 - 20. From them, I have gained a better understanding for urban culture; what it is like to grow up and live in the city. It has also been very rewarding to know that we have helped people and they were extremely appreciative!

*Kristin Galbraith*  
College Assistant

This summer in the Urban Workcamp I learned quite a few things such as how to paint and scrape houses. I also learned that it's nice to help people who couldn't help themselves. The Urban Workcamp was quite an experience for me.

*Latasha Thomas*

In the Urban Workcamp, I learned that in our community there are many people who need our help. The community must take notice of the people who live within it. The Urban Workcamp showed me that there are many people who others must reach out to, for a better living standard due to many that can not provide for themselves. I enjoyed helping these people because I now feel like a better person.

*Sonya Jackson*

The most important experience I learned besides scraping a house and painting is group organization. The pay was good, but we enjoyed doing the work and were proud of it. The pleasure was all the comments we received on the work we were doing, laughing and joking while working but getting the job done! It was one of the best summers I ever had.

*Rhonda Dennard*

The things I learned in the program is to work together, how to paint, and how to be helpful. It is nice to help people that can't help themselves. The crew was great - all of them. Great people all around, and the boss was really nice. He's a good man. It was one of the best times of the year for me.

*Marty Stevens*

In the South Wedge Urban Workcamp, I learned several skills that will help me later on in life or any type of project where I have to use my hands or mind. The program was a lot of fun and gave me something to do, the chance to work and get to know other people better.

*Adolph Dennis*

In the Urban Workcamp, I learned how to paint a big house and fix a driveway and met a lot of people and had fun with my friends.

*Martha Patterson*

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## Events, Services

### Discover the River

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sharp left and crosses the bridge on the sidewalk. Along the east river bank, the trail continues for about one mile through the Genesee Gateway Park.

A special ramp carries the trail under Interstate 490 to the northern terminus on South Avenue (about 500 feet south of the Rundel Library).

The trail is marked with distinctive green trail blazer signs containing the circular Genesee River Trail logo. The best access points are: Downtown, on South Avenue south of Court Street; Ford Street, on either side of the river; Plymouth Avenue, about 1,200 feet north of Brooks Avenue; and within Genesee Valley Park (parking is available off Elmwood Avenue on the west side of the river).

### A Joyous Note

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glass, photography, textile weaving, pen and ink, and watercolor.

Calvary St. Andrew's Parish would like to thank the business community for their support of this event; the advertisers! Dick Moll's Restaurant, Greater Rochester Cablevision, Sentry Color Labs, the Rochester Police Department, and The Filling Station (which provided a meal discount to those attending)

Calvary St. Andrew's Parish is a joint Episcopal and Presbyterian congregation

### The Bay

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amount of salt used on the roads.

Now some of our old friends, the "healthy" weeds have returned, we can see the fish swimming in the water and the stones on the bottom. Have we learned our lesson? Do we dare hope that others will learn from this before it is too late? Let us all work to prevent pollution of our streams, ponds, and lakes, letting future generations enjoy the sparkling water we so luckily inherited.

*Marie E. Daley, a member of Monroe County People for Parks, Inc. thought our Wedge readers would like to read Marion Schaeider's story printed in the current issue of Oct.-Nov. 1989 Newspaper Upstate Environment for the Center for Environmental Information.*

on Averill and Ashland Streets which believes in the development of the South Wedge as a safe, creative area in which to live. The Music and Visual Arts Celebration was our way of saying come, see, and participate in the vitality of the South Wedge through our local talent. People from all over the city visited local restaurants and experienced an exceptional musical and visual arts performance. CSA will be sponsoring another event in the spring...stay tuned to The Wedge for details.

### Women, Word and Song

Several dozen women, young single ones to retired grandmothers, all dressed informally, sit in circles around a candlelit church parlor. They are singing - - "We are simply asked to make gentle our bruised world. . ." - - their rich voices warming a winter Sunday evening. And as they sing, their eyes tell the story; for many of them around this room, it is an experience of being "at home" in the church for the first time in years.

The setting is "Women, Words and Song" - - a woman-created Christian worship service in inclusive language, style and imagery - - which is held bi-monthly at the Downtown United Presbyterian Church on Fitzhugh Street. It was born two years ago, after co-pastors Rosemary Mitchell and Gail Ricciuti became increasingly aware of a restlessness among many women who spoke of the inadequacy of most traditional worship to relate to their experience or meet their needs as feminist Christians. The Presbyterian Women's organization of the church already searching for new ways to reach out to younger members welcomed the proposal present by Rose and Gail and voted to sponsor Women, Word and Song" - - with wonderful results!

Women who left their churches years ago but heard or read about the service (one saw the flyer posted on a friend's refrigerator door!) have found a spiritual "resting place"; as have active members of the Downtown Church together with visitors from other Presbyterian, Baptist,

Lutheran, Methodist, and Roman Catholic congregations from across the city. From the first gathering of twenty-five women, attendance has swelled to sixty. Older church members have faithfully supported the effort with their presence and funding; and in the process have discovered warm new friendships with sisters they hadn't known before. Each gathering is planned by a different group of volunteers and each incorporates worship around a scriptural theme, reflection on our lives as women of faith, and relaxed conversation over refreshments.

Rosemary C. Mitchell  
Gail A. Ricciuti

### Riverpark Land to be Developed

The Finch Corporation is negotiating with the City of Rochester's Economic Development and The South Wedge Planning Committee to purchase and develop the vacant parcel of land adjacent to Riverpark Commons. The local branch of their corporate headquarters will be a component of the development. Daycare and offices will comprise the remainder of the building uses. The proposal will be examined by the city engineers and be subject to environmental impact review. The City Council will examine the plan in December and January.

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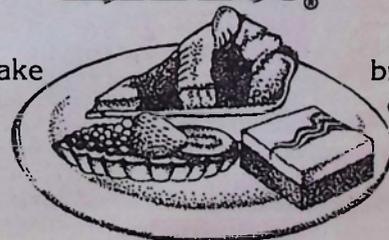
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## SWPC Thanks

The South Wedge Planning Committee would like to recognize two of its' groups for outstanding work done in the area of community negotiation. Residents of Hamilton St. and the staff of Flower City Glass have been hard at work trying to resolve some housing/zoning issues, fencing, debris, etc.) that existed on neighbors properties and Flower City Glass property.

With some help from Joe Lake, our Neighborhood Conservation Officer, residents and staff were able to sit down and talk about the issues at hand, rather than harbor feelings of anger and resentment over existing problems. As of the date of this Wedge issue, most of the problems have been taken care of.

SWPC staff has been very impressed with the co-operation and "neighborhood spirit" shown by all involved. We hope that this example of community members working together will serve as a model to others for what can be done to make positive changes in the Wedge.

## 288 Sanford Street Rehab

The light blue house at the corner of Sanford Street and South Avenue has been under development for several years. Many neighbors have wondered if the building would ever be completed and occupied. The good news is here. The interior is completed. The history of the development of the parcel has a long history. The South Wedge Planning negotiated with the City of Rochester to purchase and rehabilitate the building. The SWPC went in 1987 to the City for the

building permits. SWPC was required by the city to appeal New York State Codes Department for approval. The building was being transferred from a residential to a commercial structure. The New York Codes process was cumbersome and detailed. After several months the building was approved for construction. The electrical, plumbing, heating and masonry were completed in rough form. The next delay came from the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. Through DHCR the South Wedge Planning Committee was awarded at grant for the construction. The award was a tremendous lift to the SWPC Board and secured the finances in order to complete the project. The major obstacle has been in the time delay for receiving funds and the additional paperwork necessary from DHCR.

Monacelli Construction was hired in September to complete the interior rehabilitation. The intended use of the building will be for the permanent location of the tool library and Wedge newspaper. The actual move into the building will occur in 1990. Please keep an eye out for our spring celebration of the rehabilitation. Congratulations should be given to the South Wedge Planning Committee Board for their insight and tenacity to ensure the development of the site.

## New Board Members

The South Wedge Planning Committee welcomes to the board our newest members Eric Van Dussen, and Mary Ellen Hunt. Eric lives on Averill Avenue and is a staff person at Group 14621. Mary Ellen is a resident of Sanford Street and a business

woman. Both members were elected at the Marie Daley park Celebration.

## 1990 Annual Meeting Date Set

by Mary Ellen Hunt

The South Wedge Planning Committee will hold its Annual meeting on (Sunday, February 11, 1990 from 2 - 5p.m.) The event will be hosted in the auditorium of the German House, located at 315 Gregory St.

## South Wedge Tool Library

Tues. & Thurs., 6pm - 9pm, Sat. 9am - 1pm  
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Welcome to Autumn and its beautiful harvest. Come borrow our Toro electric leaf blower for all those falling leaves. We now have a yellow electric and green gas lawn mower thanks to Gary Kelehers' and Deborah Messmers' generosity. If they happen to cross your path please thank them. These power lawnmowers were much asked for when we didn't have them. We've had more people borrowing tools this summer because membership has been larger than ever. We are now keeping better records of every transaction and any assistance given. This will aid in deciding what tools we should purchase and what topics we should gear our workshops.

## Workshop: Energy Conservation Measures

Given by Bruce Johnson: owner of a consulting firm called Sun Assist, is president of SUNNY (Solar Utilization in

The theme for the meeting is "Love Your Neighbor". Featured activities will include visual presentations that show Wedge growth and development, entertainment for children and sharing a good time with South Wedge neighbors.

All South Wedge residents are invited to attend and bring a dessert to pass. Coffee, tea and hot chocolate will be provided.

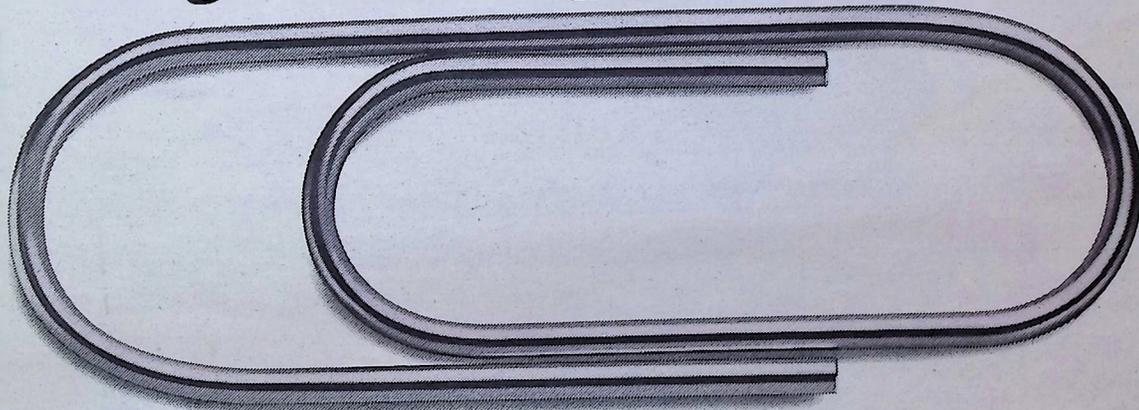
Circle the date on your calendar and watch for further details in the next Wedge.

Northwestern New York), and is a teacher of energy conservation measures for HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems.

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