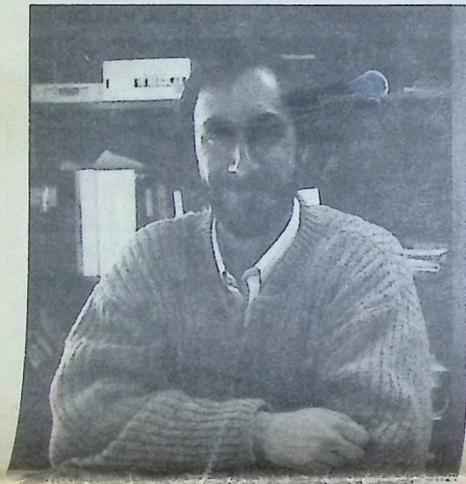


# WEDGE

● SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE ●

## South Wedge Planning Committee Hires Director



The SWPC search committee's charge has been fulfilled with the hiring of Edward (Ed) M. Raskin as Executive Director. Ed, 38, hails from Brooklyn and is a resident of Brockport, which he has called home for 20 years. Married to the former Kathy Schwarz in 1984, the two are parents of a daughter, Ariel, age 5. Ed attended SUNY Brockport from 71' to 75' picking up his Bachelors degree with a major in Psychology and

minor in English. He has also completed ten Public Administration courses at Brockport. One of Ed's highlights as an undergrad was a semester at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. Ed did a great deal of sightseeing, mainly hitchhiking his way through Germany, Sweden, France and Holland. Ed's community service career began as a daycare teacher, followed by a stint with the City's recreation department. The CETA program allowed him to work at the Convalescent Hospital for Children as a child care worker and at Wheeland-Chili Jr.-Sr. High School as part of the psychological service staff through Convalescent. In 1978, he began a three year

tenure with Rural Opportunities as an Employment Services Counselor out of Spencerport, Assistant Youth Program Coordinator for Rural's New York State central office and as a Project Director running an employment and training field office in Western Monroe County. In 1981, Raskin was hired as Executive Director of North East Area Development, Inc, another Rochester based neighborhood based organization, for whom he worked nearly 10 years. Ed sees similarities in the two organizations among them being the fact that both groups were based in churches before moving to more visible renovated headquarters. Both NEAD and SWPC had limited staffing patterns. With the support of the Board, he hopes to develop a long range strategy for building SWPC into a more comprehensive agency, utilizing volunteers, student interns and community resources. One way he envisions recruiting volunteers is through a neighborhood survey-outreach project that the would like to get off the ground in the Spring.

And what does Ed Raskin do for fun? He relishes his time with his family in Brockport, and travels to Albany and Brooklyn to visit Ariel's grandparents. He jogs in the nice weather and cross country skis when there's snow. Ed can be found at SUNY Brockport's gym on a daily basis at 6 a.m. He plays softball, tennis and raquetball, terribly. He also enjoys chess and scrabble.

The South Wedge planning committee is pleased to announce his appointment and look forward to Ed's contribution to our neighborhood.

## It Was A Different Southwedge Seventy Years Ago

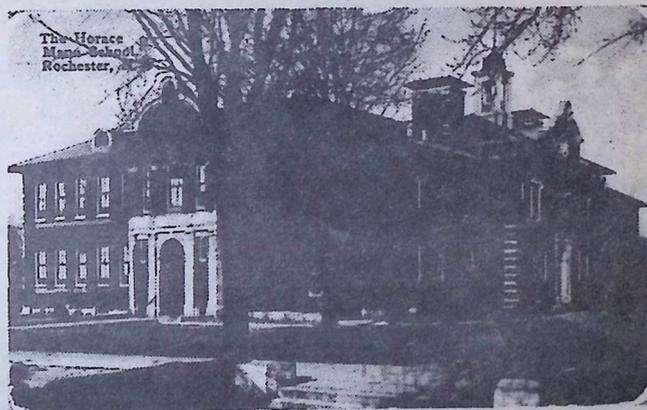
by MacClurg Vivian

Heraclitus, a philosopher from 500 B.C. remarked that "nothing is permanent but change". In this period of change from summer to fall to winter, I talked with one of our oldest Southwedge residents about the changes he experienced in this area of town over the last seventy years.

In 1937 Orville Wells Scott (Scottie) bought his two story home at 93 Hickory Street in the Southwedge for \$3200. Today its assessed at \$65,000. Scottie was born and grew up an only child on a farm in West Bloomfield, Ontario County, January 15, 1901. Scottie didn't see much future for himself with milking cows, pitching hay and manure and all other chores required from pre-dawn to dusk to maintain a farm. In 1922 at the age of 21, eager for a change, Scottie moved to Rochester and began work for Taylor Instrument Company on West Avenue.

Scottie has lived in or around the Southwedge for the seventy years he has been in the city. In 1938 he and his wife, Gladys Turner Scott moved into their Hickory Street home where Scottie continued to reside. "I know a lot of people around here" he remarked, "and it was convenient with banks, a drug store and the hospital nearby".

Scottie describes the Southwedge as "pretty tough" til the police precinct moved into the area. In the thirties and forties Scottie recollects that the "houses were not kept up, people were not working, houses were robbed and there was drinking and fighting on the streets. One neighbor was so mean that if she laid on the beach, the tide would be afraid to come in." Ethnically it was a mixed neighborhood, with Jews, German, Scots, Poles, Irish, etc. living here.



School No. 13 from Gregory Street, CA 1950

In earlier decades, horse drawn trucks picked up the garbage and ashes from the coal burning stoves weekly. Siebert Chevrolet resided at the corner of South and Hickory. On Gregory Street, near the Old German House neighbors came to pick up cakes of ice for their wooden ice boxes, from the ice business. On South Avenue, there was an A & P grocery store, Erties car repair shop where Manson News currently operates. Miller's Bakery (at the corner of Averill) a movie house at Gregory, and a coal business. For several years the Constable, an elected position that Scottie also held, helped keep order and enforce the law in the neighborhood. At one time, City policeman walked a South Avenue beat.

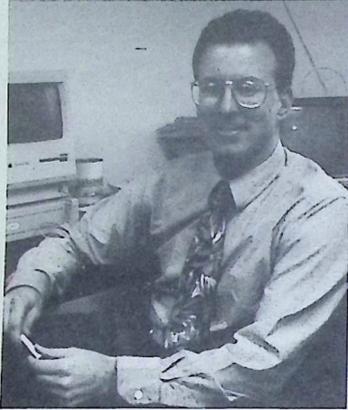
When asked what he liked most about the neighborhood, Scottie replied, "I like my neighbors, they're nice people. People are trying to keep their places up now." Scottie has always lead the way in care for his property and in the late 1950's received community recognition for having the best yard in the neighborhood. If he could change one thing about the neighborhood, Scottie would like to put more driveways in, to take some of the cars off the street.

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# SWPC PROFILE



**Joseph DiDonato, D.D.S.**

As secretary of the South Wedge Planning Committee and new Editor of the Wedge, Dr. "D" is a busy part of the South Wedge. A resident of Menlo Place since 1987 Dr. D began his practice at the Strong Memorial Hospital in 1981 where he did a residency in general dentistry. He first came to the South Wedge by moving to Highland Hospital, where he developed the dental service there. In 1988 Dr. D moved into private practice forming the SouthWedge Dental Group. In doing so he decided to restore a 100 year old building at 608 South Ave. which has become a labor of love.

Currently serving on the South Wedge Planning Committee Board of Directors since 1990, he is chairperson of the Commercial Enhancement District Committee. The CED committee is responsible for organizing businesses in the Wedge. It has recently submitted a proposal to the City to provide a better opportunity for new and existing businesses. Along with his participation on the editorial staff of the Wedge, Dr. D spends a large portion of his time attempting to involve business leaders in the improvement of the South Wedge.

Professionally, Dr. D is the Editor of the "Articulator" a dental newsletter that is received by dentists in western New York and is on staff at Strong Memorial Hospital where he has taught for ten years.

Originally from Long Island, Dr. D now calls Rochester home and can be seen walking his dog Bryn Mar on sunny days. He is a biologist by training and professes to have an interest in just about every subject there is. His latest claim to fame was an opportunity to "hold a 425 million year old trilobite fossil" just before it was being shipped off to the Smithsonian Institute for display.

The South Wedge Planning Committee is pleased to have Dr. DiDonato on board and to provide us his time and talents.

## Dear Brainpower Supporter:

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The deadline for nominations is April 15, 1992. Inductees will be chosen by a panel of Rochester community members and recognized at a luncheon this fall. If you have any questions about the program or the nominated process, please call Brainpower at 256-1470.

With your support, the Brainpower Hall of Fame can serve to pass on success from one generation to another.

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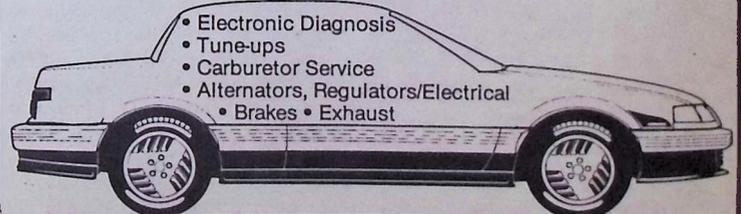
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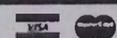
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### The Sam Merrill House

When Valerie Bryant and her two sons, Freddie (aged 16) and Joseph (aged 12) move into their new house in September, it will have already seen a lot of activity. Volunteers working on the latest Habitat for Humanity project in the Wedge, located at 21 Gregory Street (the vacant lot near the KFC on Mt. Hope) will represent the sponsors of St. Thomas' and St. Pauls' Episcopal Churches, and the late Sam Merrill and his wife, Carmel.

Sam Merrill, a former board member of Habitat, wished to support one of the group's projects. As a result, Habitat will begin work on the property it has dubbed "The Sam Merrill House" on March 19th.

Unlike many homes, this structure will have its first floor completed elsewhere and moved to the site on Gregory Street. Peter Matthews will supervise the movement of the structure, completed by students, on March 26th. Only after the first floor is set on cribbing which Peter erects will the foundation be constructed.

The Bryant's home will be a two-story dwelling with three bedrooms and a ramp for wheel-chair accessibility to accommodate the family's needs.

### Renting in the South Wedge

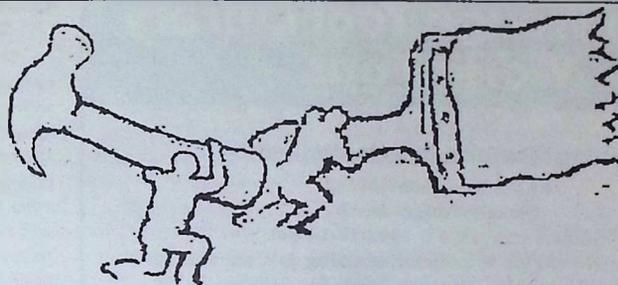
South Wedge Planning Committee twice weekly receives updated versions of the Housing Council's Rental Registry. If you are a landlord looking to advertise your apartment vacancy you can call 546-3700 ext. 3003 and ask for Frank O'Donnell. The service is free. You must do your own screening and the Housing Council will provide you with landlord-tenant rights and responsibilities information as well. If you are looking for an apartment, SWPC will make a copy of the registry for you, free. The registry lists studios, single rooms, 1 bedroom, 2 bedrooms, 3 or more bedroom apartments and 1 family homes as well.

### Pac-Tac

Police and Citizens Together Against Crime (PAC-TAC) is a program available to all residents who are concerned about their community and want to be involved.

PAC-TAC volunteers walk "beats" in teams of two or more, carry a two-way radio, wear distinctive jackets or vests while on patrol. PAC-TAC volunteers report any crime in progress, and suspicious or dangerous conditions by way of the two way radio. PAC-TAC volunteers are always in communication with their Crime Prevention Officer or a Police Officer assigned to their "beat".

If you would like to walk PAC-TAC contact Linda Burke at the South East Area Coalition at 244-7405. Free training is provided by the Rochester Police Department, Highland Section.



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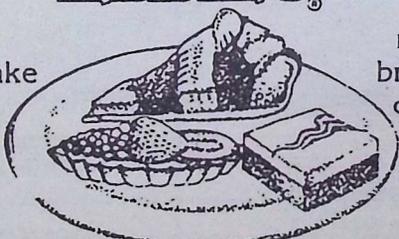
### Dumpsters

A great event for your block club to plan and see results in a short time is to hold a neighborhood clean-up. The South Wedge can arrange for your group to reserve a dumpster through the City of Rochester. SWPC will provide fliers for you to distribute to your neighbors indicating the dates of the clean-up and some rules everyone will need to

follow. Think about a weekend between May 1st and October 1st on which you would like to hold the clean-up. Locate a City-owned lot or a privately owned lot from whose owner you can obtain written permission to place the dumpster. Call the SWPC office at 256-1740 and we can get the ball rolling.



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### Painting Interior & Exterior Workshop

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Saturday, April 11, 1992 10-12 pm

Video tapes of interior & exterior painting practices & tips  
Attendants will receive discount cards for Glidden Paint

### Community Garden Meeting

by *Phil Stukas, South Wedge Tool Librarian*

Saturday, April 25, 1992 2-4 pm at Marie Daley Park off Gregory St.  
(in case of rain we will meet at 288 Sanford St., same time)

### Ornamentals with Spring Colors

by *Ted Collins Tree & Landscaping*  
Owner, *Gregg Frank*

Saturday, May 2, 1992 10-11:30 am

Slides & tips from a Master Landscaper

### Energy Management Workshop

by *RG&E*

Thursday, September 10, 1992 7-9 pm

Will cover new energy saving programs given by RG&E and other improvements.

### Plumbing & Heating Workshop

by *Kelly's Plumbing*  
*Walter Bachal*

Saturday, October 3, 1992 10-12 pm

## South Wedge Tool Library

288 Sanford Street  
Tues. & Thurs. 6-9 PM,  
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256-1740

It's time to finish your winter projects - Spring is just around the corner! We are proud to present a series of workshops for the year. They will provide a wealth of information and should not be missed. They will be given by experts in their fields whose efforts we greatly appreciate.

The first Home Repair Workshop of Spring 1992 was on Electrical Repairs. It was given by Westminster Electrical Contractors' Rich Hoffman on Tuesday, March 24 from 7 to 9 PM.

The Tool Library would appreciate a donation of a working gas powered lawn mower. This and other tools will find use by our many members.

If you're not a member of the South Wedge Tool Library, live in the Wedge and meet membership requirements, please stop by during our hours, see our tools and become a member.

## Commercial Enhancement District

The Commercial Enhancement Committee was formed in response to a program developed by the City to invigorate commercial districts. It is an attempt to provide funds to well organized groups who can demonstrate a well thoughtout strategy for stimulating and stabilizing commercial activity in an area. The program seeks to recruit new business, strengthen existing businesses and provide a framework for future growth and development.

The committee has met several times in the month of January and has produced a 15 point proposal to

stimulate commercial activity in the Wedge. The program is competitive and the South Wedge proposal will be judged by the city on its merits to produce an enhanced commercial district. Membership on the committee is open to anyone having a commercial interest in the South Wedge.

The program is ongoing and even if funds are not awarded this year, groups can apply again for consideration. Action on this proposal will be taken by the city in the near future. For more information contact Ron Logory, 473-1749.

City of Rochester Sponsors:

## The Congress of Neighborhoods Workshop Schedule:

"Making your Neighborhood

Green" .....April 16, 1992

"Youth Outreach" .....May 21, 1992

All workshops are free and open to the public. Information on locations and times will be available at a later date. For more information on the Congress of Neighborhoods, please contact Lisa Maas at City Hall, 30 Church Street, Room 205A, Rochester, NY 14614 or call 428-7190.

## Grants To Fix-up Your Property

Whether you are a homeowner, tenant or landlord, you can receive assistance to improve your property. To provide you with information regarding available grants, representatives of SWPC, RG&E and Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) will be on hand for a workshop.

**What:** Housing Grant Workshop

**Where:** South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc.  
288 Sanford Street (just west of South Avenue one block south of Gregory St.)

**When:** Wednesday  
March 25, 1992  
7 - 9 P.M.

Registration & Questions?  
Call Ed Raskin, 256-1740

## Volunteer Opportunities

SWPC is creating a volunteer bank! We are looking for people to represent their block when an issue arises, circulate information, talk to their neighbors, and be a generally well-informed communicator. Some streets are quite long and we want to identify three or more names per street. If you are such a person or have suggestions of neighbors for SWPC to call, let us know by phoning 256-1740.

Can you donate an hour or two a week? The SWPC office can use your help. If we know you are coming we'll have jobs for you to do. If you can answer a phone, take a message, fold an envelope, run a copy machine or have further talents you would like to contribute, call Ed Raskin, SWPC Executive Director, at 256-1740 to arrange a meeting.

## More than just a toothache



production. The bacteria then spreads through the blood stream, which can lead

Ignoring a toothache can threaten more than a person's dental health.

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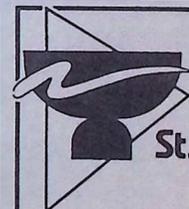
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The presenter will be **Veronica Piano**, Director and Co-Founder of the Dreikurs Family Education Association. Ms. Piano has an extensive teaching and state-wide lecturing background on Adlerian Psychology; she has developed programs for Headstart, BOCES, and the department of Social Services.

Following Ms. Piano's presentation, you will be able to meet with representatives from a variety of area drug/alcohol rehabilitation and informational programs, parenting education programs, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity to do some one-stop shopping for drug abuse prevention materials.

The Rochester Police Department's **DARE** program and the **Monroe County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Office** will also be available to show you what drugs actually look like and to answer any questions you may have. The DARE program provides drug abuse prevention instruction to our community's fifth graders. The Monroe County Drug and Alcohol Abuse Education Office provides up-to-date information on drug and alcohol treatment facilities, self help and support groups, education and training, etc.

**DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION IS A COMMUNITY ISSUE. WE ARE PROVIDING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET INFORMED AND GET INVOLVED!**  
Following is a schedule of events for April 4.

<b>Location:</b>	School #12, 999 South Avenue
<b>9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</b>	Continental Breakfast
<b>10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.</b>	Welcome fro Principal Overview of Drug Education at School #12
<b>10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b>	HOW TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT DRUGS by Veronica Piano
<b>11:00 a.m. - 12 noon</b>	Resource Fair

If you would like more information on this **free workshop**, please call **Lee Coleman**, Drug Education Coordinator for School #12, at **328-1044**.

## Street Tree Removal and Replanting

On February 19th City Parks Director, Ellen Schnurr, met with people from the South Wedge and the SEAC area who have expressed an interest in the removal and replanting of our street trees. Ms. Schnurr and Rochelle Smith, a landscape designer hired by the city, reviewed for us the newly developed urban forestry program which they call Reforest Rochester. This program will ultimately include a city-wide master planting plan for street trees, improved coordination between forestry and utility services, and a five year trim and maintenance cycle.

They emphasized the improvement the new plan represents over past practice which has been primarily reactive with little attention paid to the big picture. As one of the first steps, a data base of all Rochester street trees, their species, condition, proximity to utilities, etc. was completed this fall.

Our area, that is all of the South Wedge and some of the adjoining SEAC neighborhood, has been designated as a pilot project for Reforest Rochester. Ms. Schnurr said that reasons for this choice include the diverse mix of commercial and residential streets, our active neighborhood associations, and the presence of the Ellwanger Barry Preservation District.

What all this means is that trees removed here will be replaced this fall, so we are lucky. The only hitch is we must get by the hurdle of tree loss first. Ms. Schnurr has assured us that only those with 75% or more of their crown gone (these are called R1 trees by the city) will be cut down in our area this year—approximately one hundred and forty trees in all. Anyone who wishes to check out the damage level of these trees for themselves can get a list at either the SWPC or SEAC office.

Homeowners living adjacent to R1 trees have been sent a letter by the city offering them the opportunity to keep "their tree" if they are willing to sign a contract taking responsibility for it as to maintenance and liability.

A much larger group of trees may eventually come down. These are ones with 50% to 75% of their crown gone which are called R2s by the city. We were told that at least one more growing season will be allowed for these trees before they are reevaluated and the final decision to remove or not remove is made. The city has not yet provided us with a list of R2s in our area and we don't yet know if nearby home owners will be offered the chance to "own" these trees or not. As you may have read in the papers, residents in other parts of Rochester have taken strong exception to the city's tree removal policies. It is likely that the R2 category removals will at some point prove troublesome here as well.

On the positive side, a street by street "site analysis" is about to begin in our area to determine what the city calls a "tree palette" for each block. The pallet concept offers several species of trees combined together so an entire street will not be devastated by disease or a natural disaster—like the effect of our ice storm on green ash, which, ironically enough, were often replacements for elms earlier felled by disease. Other variables taken into account to create a palette, so we were told, will be the history of plantings on that particular street, plus the style of architecture and presence of utility lines.

Ms. Schnurr and Ms. Smith are asking residents of this area to participate in the planning process and to help get the word out that carefully selected new trees will be arriving on our streets this fall.

Just as important, we will have the responsibility of taking care of these trees once they are in. The city cannot do the kind of watering and protecting that newly planted trees require. If you are interested in working with the SWPC/SEAC Street Tree Committee or in finding out more about the street tree/ice storm interface or about the Reforest Rochester program, please contact the SWPC or SEAC office.

## We're Planning a Shopper's Guide!

Since 1984, NEAD published a business directory called the Shoppers' Guide. The Guide serves the community as a promotional tool for the:

- neighborhood
- organization's programs and activities
- local merchants
- encouragement of residents and businesses to shop locally
- ensuring of local jobs
- raising of organizational funds through ad sales
- really agents who wish to sell the South Wedge

4,500 copies were distributed through the mail to all businesses and members of NEAD, at meetings, at Kodak as part of the United Way campaign and as part of NEAD's door-to-door outreach and membership campaigns. NEAD realized a profit of \$1,500, a significant improvement over previous publications.

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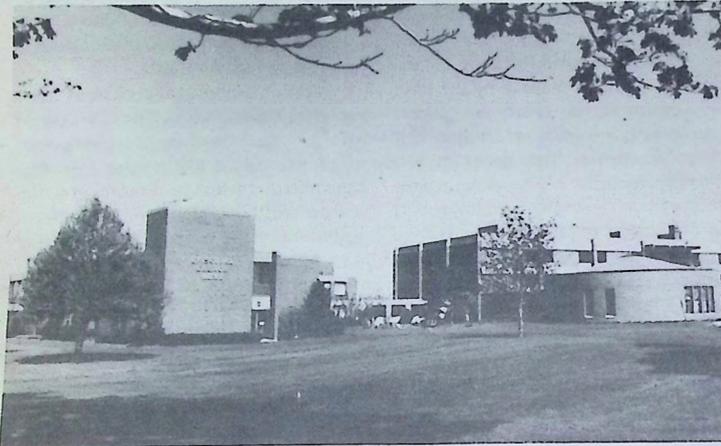


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## Business News

### The Episcopal Church Home Seeks to Expand Services



For over 123 years, the Episcopal Church Home has been offering quality care for the elderly in our community on the same site at 505 Mt. Hope Avenue. To remain responsive to the needs of the growing elderly population the Episcopal Church Home plans to expand its services with the construction of a 5-story Independent Living Center (senior citizen apartments) and the addition of a 4th floor to the North Hall for 40 more nursing home beds.

To allow for the new construction, the Episcopal Church Home has applied for rezoning as an Institutional Planned District (IPD). The Episcopal Church Home was granted approval by New York State for the 40-additional nursing home beds to serve the elderly who are waiting for nursing home placement in Rochester area hospitals. Respite services will also be provided in the new beds, as well as care for the Developmentally Disabled Elderly. The North Hall which was built in 1967 is structurally designed to hold the additional floor.

The Independent Living Center will contain both one and two bedroom

apartments for the well-elderly. The new building will be L-shaped and run west and south along the property lines and adjoin the existing South Hall building. This new building would take advantage of the sloping site and preserve a large green space on Mt. Hope Avenue. Proposed plans for the apartments include a formal dining room, recreational facility and a terrace on the riverside.

The new building and additional floor have been carefully laid out to blend with existing natural and man-made resources on-site. Other site improvements include new parking lots west of the building on Wilson Boulevard and east of the building on Mt. Hope Avenue. As two existing driveways are closed, a new driveway entrance at Cypress Street will be opened, allowing for safer traffic flow. The building design and landscaping will blend the new additions into the rest of the neighborhood and the surrounding area. Questions should be directed to James Peters in Community Relations at the Episcopal Church Home (546-8400).

### Business Watch Program

Any small business or organization may be part of a Business Watch group. Business Watch is a program designed for the small business that establishes a formal network of communication between businesses, their employees, and police regarding crime related problems in local business strips.

Officer M. Dunham, Crime Prevention Officer for Highland Section Police Department and Linda Burke, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the South East Area Coalition will be able to inform and educate the small business owner and their employees on many relevant issues. Robbery prevention, crime reporting, burglary prevention, and self-protection are some of the topics that are covered in a Business Watch meeting.

To set a date and time for your meeting call the SEAC office at 244-7405. There is no charge for these services and our meeting hours are flexible.

### Volunteers

Can you donate an hour or two a week? The SWPC office can use your help. If we know you are coming we'll have jobs for you to do. If you can answer a phone, take a message, fold an envelope, run a copy machine or have further talents you would like to contribute, call Ed Raskin, SWPC Executive Director, at 256-1740 to arrange a meeting.



**YOU'RE INVITED**

## South Wedge Planning Committee Annual Meeting and Open House

288 Sanford Street  
Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1992  
5-7:30 PM

- 5-5:30 Meet the Board Members and Ed Raskin, the new Executive Director. Plus have a bowl of Chili and inspect our new facilities which includes our tool lending library where all the tools are free to use for a small annual fee of \$8.00.
- 5:30 Formal introduction of SWPC Board and Staff.
- 5:40 Executive Directors Report to the Community.
- 5:50 What to expect in the South Wedge over the next year.
- 6:00 Honorary Award presented to Rev. Judy Hay for her vision of the South Wedge Neighborhood and her fifteen years of dedication to that dream.
- 6:10 Awards and Honorable mentions to individuals and organizations who were instrumental in completing SWPC's new home at 288 Sanford St.
- 6:20 Election of new Board and Officers.
- 6:30 Slide Presentation by Deputy Mayor, Chris Lindley on the City's Genesee River Project.
- 6:50 Conclusion.
- 7:00 Coffee and desserts with Board Members.

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# What's Cookin'

## Chicken Breasts in Cognac & Cream

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- 4 Chicken breasts split, boned and skinned.  
Salt, Pepper and Lemon Juice
- 2 Tablespoons Butter
- 2 Tablespoons Oil
- 2 Tablespoons Chopped Shallots
- 1/4 Cup Cognac\*
- 1/2 Cup Beef Broth (powdered is fine)
- 1/4 Teaspoon Thyme
- 1/2 Cup Heavy Cream
- 2 Teaspoons Cornstarch (dissolved in a tablespoon of water)

Sprinkle chicken breasts with salt, pepper, and lemon juice to taste. Saute' in butter and oil over medium heat for 3 or 4 minutes on each side until cooked through. Remove to a platter and keep warm.

Pour off oil leaving 1 Tablespoon; Saute' shallots until just brown. Add Cognac and ignite. It will flair up so be careful. When flame goes out (about one minute), add beef stock and thyme. Simmer for three minutes and add cream and the cornstarch mixture. Spoon over the chicken and serve.

*\* If you do not have Cognac, miniatures are available at most liquor stores for under \$1.50. That will be close enough to 1/4 Cup.*

## Executive Director's Report

Deborah Swift Wood has been hired as Associate Director beginning March 3rd. Ms. Wood, a Linden Street resident, will work 24 hours per week on projects including the Special Material and Emergency repair grants, Workcamp, Adopt A Block, code enforcement and block club organizing.

SWPC has been awarded a HILP (Home Improvement Loan Program) grant outreach contract from the City of Rochester. Covering not only the South Wedge, but South East Area Coalition's boundaries as well the program is meant to help people learn about and qualify for grants of up to \$8,500 to repair their homes. Working with SEAC and the City a coordinated effort will take place over the course of the year to contact the area's 6,000 owner occupants. If you know of someone who can use assistance with home repairs, call SWPC HILP outreach program at 256-1741.

The Sanford Street office was the recipient of several donations this month from the United Way's Gifts In Kind program. Flower City installed shelving and repaired the broken window at Sanford Street. Spring Sheet Metal donated a steel grade for the tool library window. C.H. Morse donated self-inking address stamps. Thanks to Mike McGlynn, an area resident and carpet installation expert and Ron Logory, volunteer extraordinaire, SWPC's Board room has its carpeting installed.

Rochester Female Charitable Foundation donated \$1,500 to the 1992 Workcamp. Rochester Jobs, Inc. has also committed to helping Workcamp, SWPC's program that trains and utilizes the assistance of economically disadvantaged youth in making repairs on the homes of area seniors and disabled residents who qualify for the Special Material Grant program.

SWPC has applied to the City to continue its Adopt A Block project serving South Avenue and Clinton Street/Mt. Hope Avenue. Similarly, a proposal was submitted by SWPC to the City, to perform lawn maintenance at Marie Daley Park through the Adopt A Park Program.

Did you see the article on the South Wedge in the December 27 edition of Rochester Business Journal? It featured the Rev. Judy Lee Hay and had a photo of Marjorie of Cheesy Eddie's. Look for the Yellow Page One cover which will portray information about SWPC. Gannett newspaper's Our Town section will soon focus on the South Wedge also.

Look for action on Gregory as Habitat will break ground on the third SWPC/Habitat project about March 15th. If all goes as planned, the building will be occupied in mid September.

## Good News

SWPC has good news to share. Our organization has been chosen to be a United Way Donor Recipient. This means that you can have your monies earmarked for SWPC.

The SWPC joins the many and varied agencies in our community who have met United Way eligibility standards to receive these needed monies.

So, at this time we write to inform you of this good news, and to ask that you consider SWPC when making your pledge during the United Way campaign season. Our donor number is 1617.

## The Wedge Committee

The Wedge publishing committee meets the first Tuesday of each month at 288 Sanford. The committee is composed of volunteers with an interest in the South Wedge and newspaper publishing. The Wedge has had a long and important history in the South Wedge and it's revitalization. The people who produce it are your friends and neighbors. We are interested in your comments and appreciate your input. We invite everyone who may have an interest in helping to get in touch with the Wedge Committee. There are a number of interesting actions to producing our paper and we can always use another hand.

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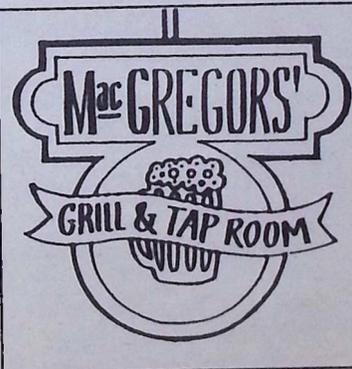
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Ph: 461-2556

**Pickles Pharmacy**  
877 South Ave.  
Hrs: 9:00 - 6:00 M-F  
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**Servistar Hardware**  
750 South Ave.  
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Ph: 271-7877

**Southwedge Pharmacy**  
678 South Ave.  
Hrs: 10:00 - 6:00 M-F  
10:00 - 1:00 Sat.

**Capelli Hair Salon**  
289 Gregory St.  
Hrs: 9:30 - 6:00 Mon.  
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9:30 - 4:30 F  
9:30 - 5:00 Sat.  
Ph: 473-1400

**Manson News**  
634 South Ave.  
Hrs: 8:00 - 5:00 M-F  
Ph: 244-3880

**Dr. Joseph DiDonato III**  
**Southwedge Dental Group**  
608 South Ave.  
Hrs: 9:00 - 5:00 M,W,F  
1:00 - 8:00 Tues  
9:00 - 1:00 Thurs.  
and selected Saturdays  
Ph: 473-1749

**The Paper Shop**  
725 South Ave.  
Hrs: 8:00 - 6:00 M-F  
8:00 - Noon Sat.

**Sentry Color Labs**  
571 South Ave.  
Hrs: 8:00 - 6:00 M-F  
Ph: 262-2030

**Tanner & Associates**  
728 South Ave.  
Hrs: 9:00 - 5:00 M-F  
Ph: 473-6680

**Vall Automotive**  
757 South Ave..  
Hrs: 7:30 - 6:00 M-F  
8:00 - 1:00 Sat.  
Ph: 271-2406

**Gregory Street Market**  
133 Gregory Street..  
Hrs: 8:00 - 9:00 M-Sat.  
9:00 - 8:00 Sun.  
Ph: 473-3919

## Classifieds

### HELP WANTED

#### Associate Editor Needed:

The Wedge is looking for an Associate Editor. If you are interested please call 256-1740.

**Outreach worker** needed for the Community Freezer Cooperative. Part time, 4-8 hours per week., contact Kay Burnett at Calvary St. Andrew's 325-4950.

#### New Board Members Needed

We have two positions which are open on the Board of Directors of the South Wedge Planning Committee: Media/Marketing, Banker. An individual must live or work in the South Wedge. If you are interested in serving on the Board please call: 256-1740.

### MISCELLANEOUS ATTENTION

United Way Supporters, Calvary St. Andrews food cupboard is a donor option.

&  
The South Wedge Planning Committee is also donor option

#### Jobs for Teens

If you are a South Wedge teen, between the ages of 16-20 and would like a summer job, call the South Wedge office at 256-1740. The Urban Youth Workcamp staff is in the process of interviewing teens for our summer program. Our program offers training in rehabbing houses, a weekly paycheck and a lot of fun. Applications will be reviewed until May 1st.

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