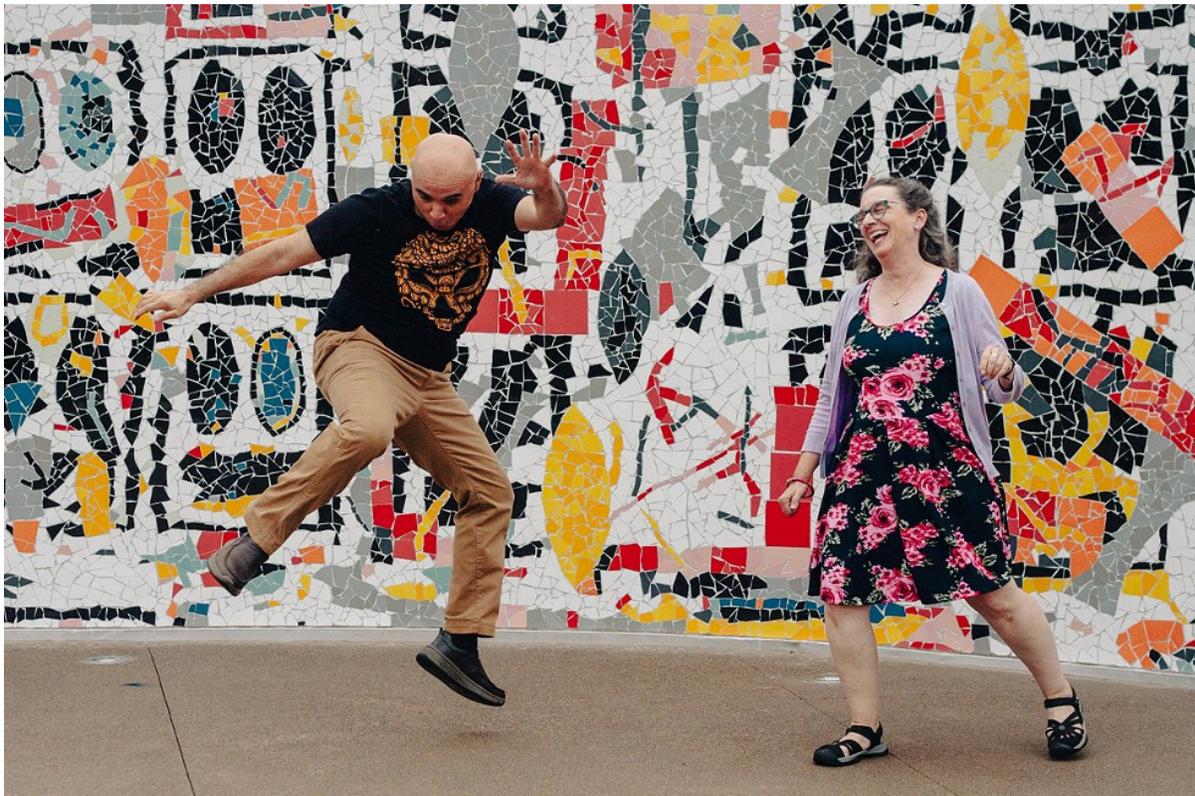




hello neighbor

UPCOMING PROGRAMS IN THE SOUTH WEDGE

The South Wedge Planning Committee has been busy scheduling programming for the spring. Please join us for our upcoming free and by-donation programming!



FREE CONTEMPORARY DANCE CLASSES

Starting this **Thursday, February 20th**, there will be a 10-class series of free and by-donation

All-Levels Contemporary Dance classes for Adults with Reuben Ornelas

Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm

Saturdays 10:30-11:30am

Groove Juice Swing's

"In this class, we will play with effort, shape, direction, tempo, and quality of movement. No steps, no counting—just moving and learning by doing. Come move and enjoy being in your body! Suitable for all levels of experience. Please wear comfortable clothes for moving. We will dance in bare feet—no street shoes. Drop-ins are welcome!"

— Reuben Ornelas

**Program sponsored by the South Wedge Planning Committee with funds from the Genesee Valley Council on the Arts' aid to localities program.*

DANCE CLASS TICKETS

**WEDGE
VICTORY
GARDENS**

**Want to garden this summer?
Sign up for a community
garden plot!**

To apply, scan the QR code here:

For more information
Email the garden managers at
picturelady135@gmail.com

or
here is the link:
<https://forms.g>

Taking
applications
NOW !



Even with all the snow, it's never too soon to start planning your garden.
If you're interested in growing a garden this spring, sign up for a community garden.



MASTER GARDENER WORKSHOP SERIES

Speaking of gardening, SWPC is hosting a Master Gardener Workshop Series on the first Thursday of every month from 5:30 pm, March through June. Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners John Nelson and Suzanne Feather will share their knowledge with us in the Abundance Co-op community room.

Thursday, March 6th: Speaker John Nelson of the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County will share his expertise on Gardening with Native Plants. Gardening with native plants helps pollinators and other native species. The speaker will describe some of the other benefits of gardening with native plants. Native plant suggestions for sun, shade, wet, and dry locations will also be provided. Tickets are available through Eventbrite (attend by donation or for free)

MASTER GARDENER TICKETS



SOUP & HISTORY WITH ROSE

Friday, March 14th

SWPC is sponsoring *Soup and History* with published historian, Rose O'Keefe at the Abundance Community Room. In celebration of Black History Month, O'Keefe will be Visiting Black neighbors in Mt Hope Cemetery.

Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, New York, has been an unsegregated cemetery since it opened in 1837 and if you know what to look for, gives a full overview of the city's history through its famous and lesser-known neighbors. It is the final resting place of Frederick and Anna Douglass's family, Austin Steward's children, Rev. Thomas James, and others of the early 1800s into the 1900s.

Local Author Rose O'Keefe used information from "Beyond These Gates: Mountains of Hope in Rochester's African-American History" by Marilyn Nolte and Verdis Robinson (2018) and her own research to share a fresh look at Black Neighbors in Mount Hope Cemetery. Tickets are available through Eventbrite (attend by donation or for free)

SOUP & HISTORY TALKTICKETS

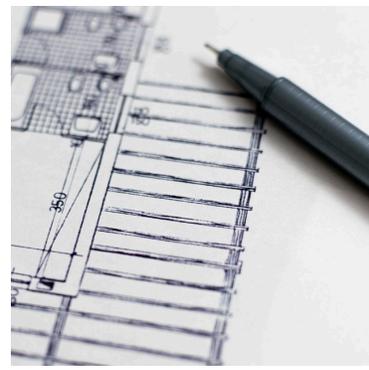
JOIN US!

SOUTH WEDGE STEPS

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS AT 8:30AM

MEET OUTSIDE OF ABUNDANCE FOOD CO-OP
571 SOUTH AVENUE, ROCHESTER

COME WALK AROUND THE WEDGE WITH US AND GET YOUR STEPS IN.
WE WILL SIMPLY WALK AND TALK FOR ABOUT THIRTY MINUTES.
ROUTES WILL VARY.



**TUESDAY/THURSDAYS
8:30AM**

Winter is testing us this week, but if you feel you need to stretch your legs, join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings to get your steps in! We meet at 8:30 am inside Abundance Co-op. It's a little icier these days, so don't forget your walking spikes!

**FEB. 26
5:30PM**

**Community Engagement
Committee (CEC)**

Wednesday, February 26th, at 5:30 pm. The CEC meets every fourth Thursday of the month at SWPC (224 Mount Hope Ave) from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm to discuss issues relevant to the South Wedge neighborhood. These meetings are open to all. We plan to discuss creating committees for The Wedge Fest and for a Community Yard Sale. If you have something you'd like to share, want to join a committee, or have an idea you'd like to bring to fruition, please join us!

**FEB. 27
6:00PM**

**Zoning Board of Appeals Public
Hearing**

February 27th at 6:00 pm at City Hall's City Council Chambers at 30 Church St., Room 302-A. At this meeting, there will be a discussion of 634 South Ave. that's been postponed from the September 2024 meeting. SWPC has already notified the Zoning Board of its official opinion on the matter via letter. We want to notify South Wedge residents of the meeting, allowing them to express their opinions.



SOUTH WEDGE PUZZLE COMPETITION

Join us **Saturday, March 22nd** from 3:00-6:00 pm in the Abundance Co-op Community Room for a SWPC sponsored Puzzle Competition! We will have 3-4 groups working on puzzles at the same time. The winning group will be determined by either who finishes the puzzle first or how much of the puzzle is completed. Prizes to be announced! More information to come.

Sign up at Eventbrite

SIGN UP FOR PUZZLE COMPETITION



WINTER WEDGE COAT DRIVE

*BRING IN YOUR GENTLY USED MEN, WOMEN'S & CHILDREN'S
COATS, HATS AND GLOVES.



DONATIONS WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
LOCAL INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES IN NEED.
224 MT HOPE AVENUE | MON-THUR 10A-2P

wish list

We are creating a Wish List for our needs and are actively looking for sponsorships that will allow us to provide free and affordable programming to everyone in the community. Specifically, we are looking for the following items:

- Stamps
- Cannon MF10 Color Toner Cartridge
- Winter Wears: Hats, Coats, Gloves, Scarves, Socks, and New Underwear
- Jars of Peanut Butter
- Electric Stove
- Refrigerator
- Raffle Prizes
- Sponsors for programming

SWPC CELEBRATES!



Celebrating Susan B. Anthony

We had the privilege of attending the Susan B. Anthony birthday dinner on behalf of Hedonist Chocolates and were able to celebrate Anthony's legacy.



Celebrating Frederick Douglass

We also celebrated Frederick Douglass's birthday this past Friday with History and Soup with Rose O'Keefe. O'Keefe highlighted the importance of Anna Douglass and the children in helping to shape and promote the fight for abolition. We strive to honor those who came before us in the fight for justice, natural rights, and democracy to push for change.

Winter is catching up with all of us this week! Please be safe and careful out there, and if you need help, don't hesitate to reach out to your neighbors.

The South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC) is grateful to all who attended the art opening for Glynis Valenti! We were thrilled to celebrate her creative and kind spirit through her artwork and wine collection.

Thank you to everyone who supported SWPC through the wine raffle! Glynis Valenti's photos, cards, and tiles will be on sale until March 3rd at Abundance Co-op. A big THANK YOU to all who showed up for the mini clean sweep before First Friday, including Capt. Alicia Miller and the Rochester Fire Department on South Ave.

Thank you



GO SOUTH WEDGE!

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