



hello neighbors  
AND FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH WEDGE



NEIGHBORWORKS PRESENTS:

## INTRO TO HOME OWNERSHIP

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

5:30-6:30PM

NEIGHBORWORKS COMMUNITY PARTNERS  
570 SOUTH AVENUE

*a free event!*

### IN THIS WORKSHOP:

- WE DISCUSS RISKS AND BENEFITS OF BUYING A HOME
- HOW TO GET PREPARED TO BUY A HOME
- CREATING A SPENDING PLAN
- ESTABLISHING, MAINTAINING, OR REPAIRING CREDIT
- SAVING FOR DOWNPAYMENT
- SHOPPING AND PURCHASE



## Ghost Canals

along the South Wedge Riverfront

Thursday, 10/16

5:30-6:30pm

Ellwanger Estate

625 Mt Hope Avenue

The growth and prosperity of early Rochester depended on the creation of two hand-dug canals, both of which occupied the Genesee River corridor along today's South Wedge neighborhood.

This presentation will feature a discussion and a display of photos, maps and documents describing the long-lost east riverside Feeder Canal and the westside Genesee Valley Canal.

[Reserve Your Seat Here](#)



## HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

THURSDAY, 10/16

5:30-6:30PM

ABUNDANCE FOOD CO-OP

571 SOUTH AVENUE

The Rochester Fire Department provides critical fire safety education to community members of all ages, offering age-appropriate presentations tailored for schools, adult groups, and senior citizens.

Taught by professional firefighters, these classes teach participants how to proactively reduce fire risks in their homes and what actions to take during an emergency. Key topics covered include: the proper use, maintenance, and testing of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, as well as creating

and practicing a home fire escape plan. Presentations also highlight fire prevention practices, with special attention given to kitchen safety

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**SWPC ARTS PRESENTS:  
SUGAR SKULL WORKSHOP**

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THURSDAY, 10/23  
5:30PM-6:30PM  
ABUNDANCE FOOD CO-OP  
COMMUNITY ROOM  
571 SOUTH AVENUE

**ALMA DE MEXICO**  
TEACHES US THE ART OF SUGAR SKULL MAKING.  
JOIN US AT ABUNDANCE FOR THIS FREE WORKSHOP.

   **CITY OF ROCHESTER**  
Malik D. Evans, Mayor

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**SWPC HOUSING 101:  
WINDOW GLAZING *with Steve Jordan***



Thursday 10/23 | 3:30-4:30pm  
Star Alley Park  
662 South Avenue

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JOIN US FOR A

# CLEAN SWEEP

WITH NATIVITY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

OCTOBER 9, 2025

MEETING AT CORNER OF S.  
CLINTON AND LINDEN ST.

10AM-12PM

PIZZA AT 12PM FOR VOLUNTEERS,  
SERVED AT NATIVITY



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPANTS:



**FIRST  
FRIDAY**  
ART  
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**4-7  
PM**

OCTOBER 3  
2025  
IN THECAFE



## Abundance First Friday Event

**THIS FRIDAY** October 3rd  
AMAZING evening of Art,  
Music, Food, Local Brewery  
Beer Tasting & Celebration!

Rohrbach Brewery will be here with a sensational sampling of their fall beer. Enjoy an acoustic music performance by Leo Dibs, as well as a scrumptious sampling from our in-house chef, Bear, who is creating Linsensuppe (German Lentil Soup).

First Friday with Artist Nataliia Vdovichenko 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Rohrbach Brewery: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Leo Dibs Acoustic Guitar

Performance 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Soup with Chef Bear: 5:00 PM - Until supplies last

# Fall into Abundance

& CO-OP MONTH CELEBRATION

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 18  
1-3 PM**

Fall Soup Sampling, Cheese Pairings,  
Beer Tasting, Co-op Games & MORE!

[More Info Here](#)

## ROCitecture

Through engaging storytelling and interactive elements, this theatrical experience highlights the interplay between architecture and capitalism, encouraging a deeper understanding of how our built environment shapes societal values and is influenced by economic forces. In this original work by local artist, game theory dynamics will immerse audiences into collaborative decision making and strategy as they move about an interactive game board that is influenced by Rochester's architecture.



**DATE: TBD**

**STAR ALLEY | 662 SOUTH AVENUE**

## *hot topics* (and upcoming meetings)



Join the **Neighborhood of the Arts Business Association Meeting** in October!

Lauren Henry, Marketing and Event Professional and NOTABA VP will be sharing with businesses how they can best **optimize their Google Business Profile**.

**Tuesday October 7**

**9:30 - 10am**

**at Roc City Circus**

**1344 University Avenue, Suite 6200**

**RSVP by 10/3 to [ChrisF@WAB.org](mailto:ChrisF@WAB.org)**



### NBN6 MEETING

**MONDAY 10/6/25 at 5:30PM**

Zoom Meeting



### Community Engagement Meeting

Wednesday, October 22nd

5:30pm

SWPC Office

224 Mt Hope Avenue

**[swpc.org](http://swpc.org)**

BASE PRESENTS

# Small Business Mixer

**EMMA + BEECHWOOD + NORTH WINTON  
BROWNCROFT + ATLANTIC/CULVER + NEMNU**

**FEATURING**

**GUEST SPEAKERS**  
FROM NEIGHBORING MERCHANTS ASSOCIATIONS

**RESOURCES**  
FROM CITY AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

**FOOD & DRINK**  
COMPLIMENTARY!

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 21, 2025**

<b>9-10AM</b>	<b>6-7PM</b>
<b>EAST HIGH</b>	<b>ROAR</b>
<b>1801 E MAIN ST</b>	<b>621 CULVER RD</b>

**RSVP**










### **OH RATS!**

Rat control is everyone's responsibility. Rats are a community problem and the entire neighborhood should work together to solve it. Without continuing sanitation and good housekeeping practices, the results of a rat extermination program will only be temporary.

[\*\*LEARN MORE HERE\*\*](#)



### **Autumn Leaves**

The season is changing and you know what that means, fall leaves! The South Wedge neighborhood's leaf pickup schedule is November 3rd - 7th.

[\*\*LEARN MORE HERE\*\*](#)



# CLOTHING DRIVE

Donate gently used or new clothing to those in need. We will be accepting any items, below are specific items needed:

Blankets	Scarves
Coats	Sweaters
Underwear, Size: XL	Sweatshirts
Socks	Sweatpants

 October 14-31, Monday-Thursday Only
  At 09 AM - 12 PM

 Drop Off Site:  
 224 Mount Hope Avenue,  
 Rochester, NY 14620




[www.swpc.org](http://www.swpc.org)

### Clothing Drive

South Clinton Merchants Association is hosting a Clothing Drive for SWPC's resource library.

October 14th - 31st

SWPC's drop off window: Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 12:00pm  
 224 Mount Hope Avenue

These items will be delivered to communities in need in the South Wedge. If your community or organization is in need of warm weather items, please reach out so we can set up a delivery drop-off.

# highlights

## HARVEST FEST!

Last farmers market of the season!

**Tuesday, October 7th**  
**4:00-7:00p.m.**  
**Westside Market**  
**831 Genesee Street**

Come to Harvest Fest to listen to live music, play games, win pumpkins & taste samples!



WESTSIDE FARMERS MARKET

### HEALTHY HARVEST FEST

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

- LIVE MUSIC**  
Debbie Kendrick, Experience // Scott Tremolo
- COOKING DEMOS**  
Presented By Nourish Rochester
- PRODUCE GIVEAWAYS**  
Local Apples Pumpkins & Fresh Cider
- VENDOR SAMPLES**
- KIDS ACTIVITIES**  
Decorate a festive fall gourd to take home!

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## ROC the Riverway!

Thank you to everyone who showed up to ROC the Riverway in the South Wedge this past Saturday! SWPC enjoyed working with our community partners to host a Boomerang workshop and River and River's Edge Clean Up. The great weather and community spirit gave us much to appreciate for the Erie Canal's 200th anniversary. We took pride in our city as we cleaned the Genesee River in preparation for the Seneca's Chief's arrival at Corn Hill landing.

### ROC the Riverway Weekend to celebrate riverfront Erie Canal's 200th anniversary

These events were made possible in part from the ArtsBloom grant provided by the City of Rochester, thank you to Freak Out Craft Fair for hosting SWPC and Red Tie Variety for teaching the workshop and to Teaching Artists ROC for linking us with teaching artists. Thank you to Walking for Rochester for hosting our by land and by water clean-up and collecting over 65 pounds of inorganic waste!



# *Celebration of Life*

## **Celebrating the Life of Alison Clark**

After graduating from college, Alison worked for a time in marketing, then shifted to community work. She was a staff member of the Rochester Peace & Justice Education Center, which she helped found in 1974, in the Genesee Coop in the firehouse on Monroe Avenue. She suggested starting a credit union, which opened there as GCFCU in 1982. The Peace & Justice Center shifted into Politics of Food in 1977, and Rochester Roots, to bring healthy food to city neighbors. In 1980, she was part of the Just Neighbors greenhouse on lower South Avenue, started a community garden on Van Street, and continued to inspire community gardens throughout the city.

Alison was active in the Rochester Committee on Latin America, Genesee Valley Community Supported Agriculture, the Rochester Landscape Training Program, Northeast Organic Farming, and the New York Sustainable Agriculture Working Group. She was a longtime member of Calvary St. Andrews Church, where

the community garden was named for her. The garden on Hamilton Street was dedicated to her on Sept. 20. Alison grew up in Canandaigua. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, golf, singing in church choirs, and swimming at the family cottage on Canandaigua Lake. Alison was predeceased by her parents, Mary and Philip Thomas, her brother, Philip Thomas Jr., and her sister Jean C. Thomas. She is survived by her children, Christopher Clarke (Tracey), Matthew Clarke (Eileen Stack), and Leslie Clarke. The family requests donations in her name for the Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) Farm Share Program.

A memorial service for Alison T. Clarke was held on Wednesday, Sept. 24, at 11 a.m. at Third Presbyterian Church, 4 Meigs St. Alison was 92 and died at Episcopal Senior Living on Sept. 12 where 20 friends had attended her birthday party in August.

*Thank you*

## **GO SOUTH WEDGE!**

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