

## Neighbors in Action Grant is a Success!

Jennifer Posey, Executive Director of SWPC

As Executive Director of the South Wedge Planning Committee (SWPC), I have the privilege of seeing every day how powerful community-centered investment can be. Thanks to support from the Neighbors in Action Grant, we were able to offer an incredible range of *free*, accessible programs that responded directly to what our neighbors told us they needed.



This funding allowed us to expand housing and homeownership education. Beginning with *SWPC History: Lauterbach Hardware Store & its Role in Housing in the South Wedge*, and continuing through hands-on workshops like *Intro to Home Ownership*, *Home Maintenance Basics*, *Window Glazing*, and *Patio Building with SEAC*. We supported safety and sustainability through programs such as *Fire Safety at Home*, *Fall Prevention & Home Safety*, and *Green Energy Improvements*. We were especially proud to deepen our Homewise programming for seniors, offering sessions on senior living options, home safety, decluttering, and multiple Medicare-focused workshops, including *How to Choose a Medicare Plan*, *Medicare 101*, and *2026 Medicare Advantage Plans Review*. Financial security and digital safety were addressed through *Cybersecurity Fundamentals* and *SCAMS 101*.

The grant also made it possible to support workforce and small business development through programs like *Bookkeeping 101*, *Interviewing Techniques*, and *Resumes to Rejoin the Workforce*. We were also proud to host welcoming community-building events—like *Cider & Donuts on the Patio* and our *Spring Stationery Class*—that helped neighbors connect with one another and with SWPC for the first time.

None of this work would have been possible without the generous support of the Rochester Community Foundation, the City of Rochester, and ESL Federal Credit Union. Their investment allowed us to respond to real community priorities with programs that are practical, inclusive, fun and rooted in the South Wedge.

On behalf of SWPC, thank you for believing in our neighborhood. We hope this work reflects your trust—and that we have made you proud.



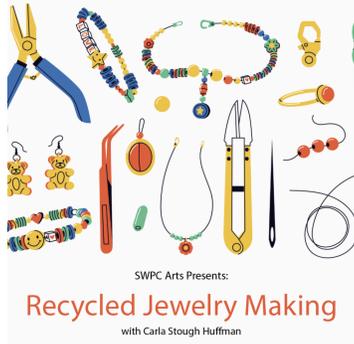
*Programming* ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



## Soft Sculpture Class

Thursday, February 19  
6pm-7pm  
Abundance Food Co-op

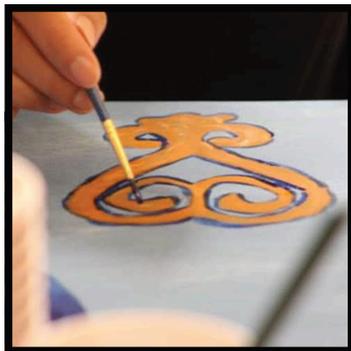
*Sign Up*



## Recycled Jewelry Making

Wednesday, February 25  
2:30-3:30pm  
Frederick Douglass Community Library

*Sign Up*



## Adinkra Prints

Thursday, February 26  
5:30-6:30pm  
Abundance Food Co-op

*Sign Up*



## Code and Safety Workshop

Wednesday, March 12  
5:30-6:30pm  
Neighborworks Community Partners

*Sign Up*



## Sand Mandalas

Monday, March 16  
2:00-3:00pm  
Episcopal SeniorLife Communities: River Edge Manor

*Sign Up*



## Downsizing & Decluttering

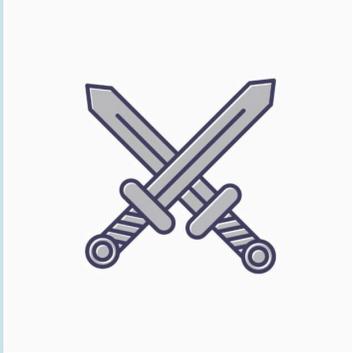
Monday, March 23

2:00-3:00pm

Episcopal SeniorLife Communities: River Edge Manor

*Sign Up*

**Homewise: Senior Living Options  
Downsizing & Decluttering**



## Sword Play

Thursday, March 26

5:30-6:30pm

Abundance Food Co-op

*Sign Up*



## Lunch and Learn Series

### **Business Model Canvas**

Thursday, February 26  
12pm-2pm

Women of Color International

*Register Here*

### **AI and Business Practices Part 1**

Thursday, March 26  
12pm-2pm

Women of Color  
International

*Register Here*

### **AI and Business Practices Part 2**

Thursday, April 23  
12pm-2pm

Women of Color  
International

*Register Here*



## **FREE Dog Vaccine Clinic**

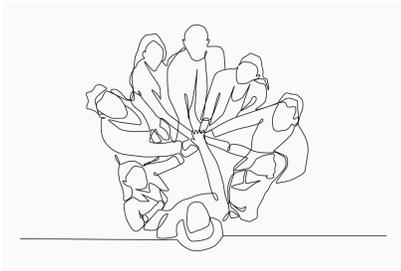
**Friday, February 20  
11am-3pm**

The clinic will offer rabies and DAPP vaccinations, and microchipping while supplies last. All dogs must be on a leash or secured in an appropriate carrier. Both clinics will operate as Drive-up event, with walk-up participants welcome.

**No appointment is required.**

**More Information Rochester Animal Services**

## *community engagement*



## **SWPC BOARD MEETING**

**Tuesday, February 17th  
9:30-10:30 a.m.**

**Meeting will be held on Zoom  
All are welcome to attend.**

**ZOOM LINK**

**Community Open House  
at Episcopal SeniorLife: River Edge Manor**

## Come See Our New Community Resource Room!

OPEN HOUSE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19  
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

OPEN  
HOUSE!

The room includes computers with webcams and speakers, iPads, high-speed internet, printing and copying, a large screen tv and a Meta VR headset for community use. Reservations for private use of the room available upon request.



To learn more about River Edge Manor,  
contact Anna Meyer at **585.208.9953**  
or [ameyer@EpiscopalSeniorLife.org](mailto:ameyer@EpiscopalSeniorLife.org).

# JOIN US!

for SOUTH WEDGE STEPS

WE WALK  
*Rain, Snow or  
Shine!*



**TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS  
MORNINGS at 8:30AM**

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



INFO@SWPC.ORG

WALK AROUND *the* WEDGE WITH US  
and GET YOUR STEPS IN

(APPROX. 30 MINS, ROUTES WILL VARY)



## *City of Rochester Proposal for 151 Mt. Hope Avenue*

The City of Rochester is seeking proposals from qualified parties to purchase and develop 151 Mt. Hope Avenue, part of the Erie Harbor segment of Rochester's Genesee River waterfront. The 1.88-acre lot is actually two adjacent parcels being combined into a single address.

With \$25 million in public investment, the city is looking for a proposal that presents the best development plan and financial capability, and that is within a reasonable time frame. The City has secured up to \$2 million from Empire State Development to help with site preparation costs.

*More Information*



## South Wedge Festival

*Save the Date: Saturday, August 15*

We are currently planning the 2026 South Wedge Festival. Stay tuned for Artist, Busker, food and other entertainment applications coming soon!

*thank you* to our sponsors!



***GO SOUTH WEDGE***



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