

**THANK YOU for a Wonderful 2026
South Wedge Festival!**

*By Jennifer Posey, Executive Director, South Wedge
Planning Committee*

What a wonderful day in the Wedge! This August, neighbors, local businesses, artists, vendors, performers, and community organizations came together to make the 2026 South Wedge Festival a true celebration of everything that makes our neighborhood special.



A huge thank you to our South Wedge businesses for your continued support and for helping make our neighborhood such a vibrant place to live, work, shop, and gather. We are equally grateful to the artists and vendors who filled the festival with creativity, craftsmanship, and personality, and to our community leaders, volunteers, and organizations who contributed their time and energy to making the day possible.

Most of all, thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the festival and support our neighborhood. Seeing our streets filled with friends, families, longtime residents, and new faces was a wonderful reminder of what the South Wedge is all about.

Community is at the heart of the South Wedge—and the 2026 festival showed just how strong that community is. Thank you for being part of it!

community engagement

**City to Host Free Workshops to Help Seniors Save Money on
Property Taxes**

Residents age 65 and older, or turning 65 by December 31, 2027, can receive one-on-one assistance applying for the Senior Tax Exemption vs. Enhanced STAR Exemption. The City of Rochester is inviting homeowners age 65 and older, or turning 65 by December 31, 2027, to attend a free workshop to learn how they may qualify for property tax savings through the City's Senior Citizen Tax Exemption and other available tax relief programs. The City will host workshops where homeowners can receive one-on-one assistance, ask questions about eligibility, and learn what documents are needed to apply. The workshops are designed to help eligible seniors take advantage of tax exemptions that can make it more affordable to remain in their homes.

To qualify for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption, applicants generally must:

- Be at least 65 years old by Dec. 31, 2027. For a jointly owned property, at least one spouse or sibling owner must meet the age requirement.
- Own and occupy the property as their primary residence.
- Meet income eligibility requirements.
- Eligible homeowners must apply and renew their exemption annually.

Residents attending a workshop should bring documentation including:

- Proof of age, such as a birth certificate, driver's license, or passport.
- Proof of income, including 2025 federal income tax returns or year-end 1099 income statements.
- Proof of property ownership, if requested.

Workshop attendees will also receive information about preparing for the City's next property assessment in 2028.

Workshop information:

- **10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2026 — Rochester Community Sports Complex, 460 Oaks Street**
- **10 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026 — City Hall Atrium, 30 Church Street**

Homeowners who cannot attend a workshop or have questions about their eligibility are encouraged to call the City's Senior Exemption Hotline at 585-428-6994, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or visit www.cityofrochester.gov/Assessment for more information.

The deadline to apply for the Senior Citizen Tax Exemption is Feb. 1, 2027. Residents are encouraged to apply early to avoid the annual filing deadline.



NBN6 Monthly Meeting

September 14th
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

The next NBN6 monthly meeting will be via [Zoom](#).

Meeting ID: 846 7114 4598
Passcode: 987019



SWPC BOARD MEETING

All are welcome to attend
Tuesday, September 15th
at 9:00am

[ZOOM LINK](#)

Comfort Street Mini-Sweep

Sep 19, 2026
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
497 S Clinton Ave

Come help clear litter from the north of the South Wedge in preparation for fall and winter. We will meet at the corner of Comfort Street and South Clinton near County Line Lock and Key. Our goal is to help clear both litter and the storm drains on Byron, Comfort, and Alexander. Registration helps ensure we have supplies for everyone but is not required. If you have your own grabber or gloves, feel free to bring them.

[Register Here](#)



SAVE THE DATE!



Cooking Class Series Presented by Abundance Food Co-op

FROM SLICE TO DICE

Essential Knife Skills for Home Cooks

Friday, September 18
5:30-7:30 PM

ABOUT THIS CLASS:

In this hands-on class, participants will **learn how to safely hold and use a chef's knife**, practice essential cutting motions, and build the skills needed to prep fruits, vegetables, herbs, and more. **We'll focus on simple techniques that make everyday cooking safer, more efficient, and more enjoyable.**



MEET YOUR INSTRUCTOR: *Chef MikeC*

Chef MikeC was co-owner and executive chef of two highly successful home chef cooking schools in Berkeley CA, and has taught sold out classes in schools across the entire west coast. He is co-author of *"Kitchen on Fire: Mastering the Art of Cooking in 12 Weeks (or less)"*, was producer and *star* of the *"Mastering the Art of Knife Skills"* DVD, and chef/host of the final season of the long running PBS cooking show series *"Organic Living with the Hippy Gourmet"*.

This Class is **FREE** and open to the public. **Space is limited.**
Registration is required. Scan the QR code or visit: bit.ly/4ycRTo8



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Rochester Public Library
FREDERICK DOUGLASS
COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Free and open to the public.

Tree Identification Walk with

Saturday, Sept. 26
at 1:00pm



Cornell Cooperative Extension
Monroe County

**NATURAL
RESOURCES
PROGRAM**



Registration is encouraged.
Scan QR code to register:

Join the Douglass Library and Cornell Cooperative Extension for a walking tour of the South Wedge trees and a craft of making tree buttons with leaves collected on the walk! This is a free program and is perfect for all ages.

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The Library is accessible to people with disabilities. To request specific accommodations, call 585-428-8304 ten days prior to the program.

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Malik D. Evans, Mayor
Rochester City Council

COMMOTION DANCE THEATER AND FRIENDS



September 19th &
September 20th
At 6:00PM

THE ROSE ROOM
295 GREGORY STREET,
ROCHESTER, NY 14620
ADMISSION FREE



[MORE INFORMATION HERE](#)

Other South Wedge Fringe Offerings

NEEDLE FELTED BANNER WORKSHOP

WITH
LITTLE
BUTTON
CRAFT



THURSDAY 09/24 6-8PM
ABUNDANCE CO OP
571 SOUTH AVE

\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
REGISTER ON LITTLEBUTTONCRAFT.COM



Who says eating plant-based has to break the bank?

Join us for a fun, high-energy cooking class where flavor meets affordability. We'll show you how to whip up mouth-watering meals using everyday ingredients that won't empty your wallet.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3 12-1 pm

What's on
the Menu?

Grocery Store Hacks

Master the art of
budget shopping and
bulk buying

Hands-On Cooking

Learn recipes that
taste like a million bucks
but cost pennies

Feast & Chat

Enjoy the delicious
samples of the recipes
we share



Meet Bubbie Staron

Your friendly guide to vibrant, plant-based eating!

As a certified Food For Life instructor, Bubbie has been teaching fun, accessible cooking classes since 2015. Driven by her deep love for animals and the environment, her true passion is teaching people about vegan food and sharing delicious meals.

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JOIN US!

for SOUTH WEDGE STEPS

FREE
EVENT
Rain 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)



In Memory of

Remembering Richard Reisem

Founder of the Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery

thank you



THE SUDSY SNOUT

GO SOUTH WEDGE

