



## SW Farmers Market Open for Healthy Shopping

by Sue Gardner Smith



South Wedge Farmers Market in full swing (Photo by Robert Hadad)

It's hard to think of a more welcome harbinger of summer than the return of the South Wedge Farmers Market, opening this year on June 2. Mother Nature has put our hardy farmers to the test this year. The cold, rainy spring delayed their ability to work the fields, but you can be sure they're up to the challenges of unpredictable weather. They'll especially appreciate the support of their loyal customers this year, and will reward that support with a bounty of delicious fresh fruits and vegetables, as always, grown using sustainable methods of agriculture. Imagine the pleasure of that first juicy local

strawberry, stalk of asparagus or handful of tender peas.

Opening day festivities include the traditional tossing of the lettuce to launch the market's fifth season; the lucky catcher of the toss will receive a bag full of treats from the market. Several neighborhood pastors will once again offer a blessing on the market. Participating pastors include Rev. Ghislaine Cotnoir of Peace Lutheran Church, Pastor Scott Austin of Artisan Church and Rev. Judy Lee Hay of Calvary St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Live music will be provided by the popular local jazz combo *Affinities*.

Rising food prices everywhere makes farmers markets an even better value. The market will offer a special Bonus Program for EBT customers this year. Any EBT customer who purchases at least \$10 in tokens will receive a \$5 bonus to spend at the market (limit one bonus per day per family). This program is made possible by a grant from the US Department of Agriculture and will be offered as long as funds are available. Stop by the market tent for more information.

Free transportation to the market, sponsored by Medical Motor Services, is also available this season. Anyone who wishes can pick up the free Market

Shuttle, which stops at Pinnacle Place Apartments on S. Clinton on market days at 4 p.m., at Southview Towers at 4:30 p.m., and The Hamilton at 5 p.m. The shuttle runs continuous return trips and will be wheelchair accessible.

The market welcomes several new vendors for the 2011 season. Brothers Max and Trystan Sandvoss, of First Light Farm & Creamery in East Bethany, will offer goats' milk cheeses from their own goats, and cows' milk cheeses made with milk from neighboring farms. Keith Myers of Flour City Bread will bring his popular artisan breads and pastries. JonJohn's Bakery, favorites at the Public Market, will offer treats such as sweet potato tarts and peanut butter balls. St. Joe's Bakery Project will join the market with a variety of South Wedge-baked breads. Whitney Farms in Avon will bring certified organic, grass-fed beef and pork to the market for the first time and Pasta Classics adds ravioli and other pastas. We also welcome Ambrosia Acres Family Farm and Burning Bush Gardens, two new farmers joining the market, who offer pesticide-free vegetables.

This year, market customers will have a chance to try

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## St. Boniface Parish Celebrates 150 Years

By Paula Kirchgessner

St. Boniface Parish celebrates its 150th anniversary on Sunday, June 5, the feast of its patron saint, St. Boniface. Bishop Matthew H. Clark will be the celebrant and homilist at the 10:30 a.m. Jubilee Mass. A picnic on the church grounds will immediately follow for those attending the Mass.

Invitations have been extended to all present and former parishioners via area church bulletins. In addition, invitations have been sent to all the priests and religious who have served at St. Boniface, as well as to all its sons and daughters in reli-

gious vocations, the leadership of the various religious orders and area Catholic High Schools. State, city and county leaders, Boy & Girl Scouts, South Wedge Planning Committee, neighboring nursing homes, and local churches are also invited to join in the celebration.

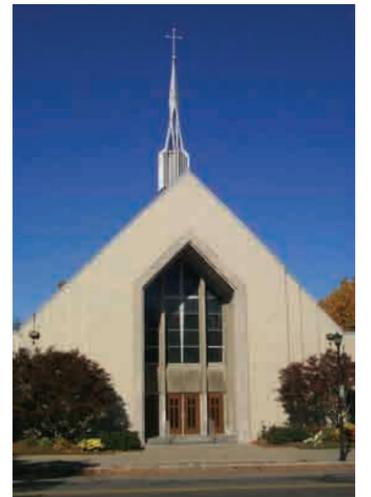
### St. Boniface Parish

One hundred and fifty years ago, the German Catholic people of the South Wedge of Rochester saw a need to have a parish closer to where they lived. Until 1859 they worshiped at St. Joseph's downtown. In 1859

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19th Century



20th Century

## Erie Harbor Wall Raising Celebration

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# Star of the Wedge – Michael Trojian

By Nancy O'Donnell



Michael Trojian outside South & Hickory (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

Take a walk down South Avenue, and Michael Trojian's contribution to South Wedge revitalization stands three stories high. As Konar Properties Director of Commercial Properties, he helped to usher in South and Hickory Place, a \$4.8 million development four-story, mixed-use building between Gregory and Hickory Streets. The brownstone project includes 7,000 square feet of retail space on the first floor and 33 apartments, now fully rented, on the upper floors.

"Howard Konar's quality approach to architecture was what I liked," said Trojian. "It wasn't a cookie cutter approach. It used expensive materials not generic parts."

Trojian, a native Midwesterner earned his first degree in civil engineering at Valparaiso University in Indiana. He later earned a M.B.A. in project management from Northwestern University in Chicago.

He met his future wife Karoline when they were freshman in college. "She was cute, and she put up with my nonsense," laughed Trojian. The couple married in 1994.

Early on Karoline worked in fashion merchandising before becoming a stay-at-home mom to raise their three sons.

Civil engineering became less interesting over time Trojian said as he realized he was "tired of the details, working over the thickness of the wood" used in a project.

"I like the big picture, pulling it all together. It's fun working with architects and the landscape artists and the contractors."

By 2003, his corporate life was becoming less attractive as he spent most of his time flying to Canada, Miami and Toronto.

The idea to move from the Midwest grew more attractive through the couple's frequent visits to their 120-acre vacation

home in the Finger Lakes.

"I like nature. We'd hike in the woods and do nothing," Trojian said "I liked the area, and we thought why not give Rochester a try?"

Trojian eventually turned to the *Rochester Business Journal's* Book of Lists, a reference guide to Rochester's top companies and business leaders. He liked what he read about Konar's business, applied, and was hired in 2003.

During that same year, the South Wedge Planning Committee members approached Konar about a plan for South Avenue after watching his construction of Elmwood Manor townhouses along Highland Avenue. Over the next several years, SWPC worked with Konar Properties and the City of Rochester to make the project a reality.

Trojian managed the project--"dates to be delivered, finding tenants, leasing."

"It's not so much of filling [South and Hickory], but filling it with the right people," he said. "The existing businesses have track records, and it's important that the new ones be successful and sustainable. Zak's Avenue is a little cooler than Parkleigh. Full Moon Vista bike shop is a huge success."

Even after Trojian joined the SWPC board, he continued to look for other areas to volunteer his time and talent. "I wanted to give back to the community."

"I also volunteer on the Al Sigl Facility Committee. I thought Sigl was a very unique agency helping other agencies," said Trojian.

When he's not working or volunteering, Trojian spends time with Karoline, their three sons, Aaron, 14, Henry, 11 and Seth, 8, along with Muensterlander hunting dog "Wrigley."

Current at-home revitalization projects include renovating their 162-year-old barn on his property in Pittsford.

## Letter to the Editor

A healthy city begins with healthy neighborhoods. We in the Wedge have a 20-year head start on some of Rochester's other areas due to the dedication and hard work of residents, business owners and neighborhood groups. The South Avenue and South Clinton Avenue corridors are thriving, the Highland Park Neighborhood Association is a strong, viable neighborhood group, and Swillburg was the only recipient of a Main St. Grant awarded in Fall 2010. All of our neighborhoods are enjoying favorable housing and rental markets.

But the sluggish economy and financial peril of New York State will require all of us to regroup, re-evaluate, prioritize and consolidate services.

Peeling paint, aging roofs and general dilapidation will always be a problem for older neighborhood homes. The reality is that the pool of public resources will dwindle. A sense of cooperation and efficiency will aid all of us in maintaining the progress we in the Wedge have already achieved. None of us function in a vacuum.

Developers, landlords, homeowners, tenants and agencies must respect each other, and dialogue must happen for all of us to get where our neighborhoods need us to go.

The South Wedge Planning Committee's office and meetings are always open to the public. Please join a committee. We have several: Commercial and Economic Development, Community Engagement (Neighbors & Block Clubs), Finance Team, Housing & Structures, Marketing & Membership and the South Wedge Farmers Market Advisory Committee. The Wedgestock 2011 Committee is currently planning for our August street festival. Information about dates, times and place and committee members is available in each *Wedge* Newspaper (see below).

Whatever your interest, concerns, expertise or time constraints, there is always something you can contribute. Be part of the solution.

**Donna Roethel Lenhard**  
SWPC Vice Co-chair  
Bond Street

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### June - July 2011 Community Calendar

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#### SWPC Board Meeting:

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Thursday, June 9, 6 p.m.  
Thursday, July 14, 6 p.m.

#### SWPC Executive Team:

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Monday, June 27, 6 p.m.  
Monday, July 25, 6 p.m.

#### Commercial & Economic Development:

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Tuesday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 12, 6:00 p.m.

#### Community Engagement:

**(Neighbors & Block Clubs)**  
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Monday, July 18, 6:30 pm -  
Equal Grounds Coffee House

#### Finance Team:

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Tuesday, July 12, 12:30 p.m.

#### Housing & Structures:

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Wednesday, July 6, 5:30 p.m.

#### Marketing & Membership

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Tuesday, July 12, 5 p.m.

#### South Wedge Farmers Market Advisory Committee:

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Tuesday, June 7, 6 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 5, 6 p.m.

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(Visit [baswa.org](http://baswa.org) for locations):  
Wednesday, June 8, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 13, 6 p.m.

#### Wedgestock 2011

[kristinchajka@gmail.com](mailto:kristinchajka@gmail.com)  
June 7, 6:30 p.m.  
June 21, 6:30 p.m.  
July 5, 6:30 p.m.  
July 19, 6:30 p.m.

by Nancy O'Donnell



Mark Davis, Ella and Elmo (Photo courtesy of Mildred Ferguson)

## South Wedge Six Degrees of Separation

The *Wedge* editor got to wondering about how many people in the South Wedge are located within the six degrees of separation with famous people (or puppets).

The whole six degree theory, aka "the Human Web" argues that everyone on earth is approximately six steps away from any other person on earth through a "friend of a friend." Sometime in the 1990's, college students designed a game "Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon." Its goal was to link any actor to Bacon through no more than six connections.

A more important question: how many people can claim an "Elmo connection"?

Mildred Ferguson, 311 operator at the South East Neighborhood on South Clinton Avenue, is now only two degrees away from Elmo, the red furry monster of Sesame Street fame.

She gets this connection through friend Mark Davis, a SUNY Cortland theater instructor, who shares a home with "Ella," a 175-lb. American Mastiff. Ella recently sniffed out a cameo role on *Sesame Street's* "Afraid of the Bark."

In the episode, a friend of Elmo's is afraid of dogs. He helps by introducing her to dogs of gradually bigger sizes until she meets Ella. Though terrified, she learns that while Ella may be gigantic, she's just a friendly puppy at heart. Since *Sesame Street* usually airs episodes eight months after they're taped, look for Ella early in winter 2011.

Now that Ferguson can check Elmo off her list, she may still get a Kevin Bacon connection. Davis also performed in the Broadway production of *The Lion King*. Kevin Bacon lives in New York, and no doubt, has been somewhere out there in the audience, maybe only a few feet of separation.



Sensei Steve Ager & Karate Kids

## Local Teacher Offers Free Karate Classes

Steve Ager, a sensei or teacher, of the Issin Ryu-Karate Academy offers free karate classes for adults and children

at the South Avenue Recreation Center in the South Wedge and at Grace Methodist Church on Driving Park.

"I volunteer my time as a way to serve the community and to help in the development of youth, 6-12 years old," said Ager, founder of Community-Youth Success Program, his non-profit organization.

He explains that the word karate translates as "empty hands," meaning practitioners learn the art of self-defense without using weapons. However, Ager does teach the bow staff and "sai" or traditional short sword. "It's the kind of sword the Mutant Ninja Turtles would carry," laughed Ager. Its shape is "trowel-like," because when not used as a sword it was helped in planting rice.

Ager's classes on South Avenue are held from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Adult classes follow at 6-7 p.m.

Ager is a 28-year student of the Issin Ryu style, which translated means "one heart way." He discovered the discipline when his sister gave him a gift of six months of lessons at the Jennings Karate Academy. He was hooked and today holds a 1st Degree black belt.

"There's an obligation to carry on the style and teach it to other people," said Ager. The Issin Ryu's technique delivers straight punches instead of a traditional "twist" punch used in other karate styles.

Sensei Steve grew up in the South Wedge. He joined the Navy in the 1970s and flew a Chinook helicopter in search and rescue missions. Afterwards, Ager served in the National Guard.

"An old Kodaker," Ager moved between Florida and Rochester before settling again in the South Wedge.

The word "success" is important to his non-profit. "It's made up of several words: "special, underprivileged, challenged, citizens, educational, support and services."

"We will also offer English [lessons] computer, GED study, U.S. Citizenship study, job search, counseling for individual and families, a food bank, on-line doctor visits and several other services," Ager said.

For more information, call 428-6015 or 851-2777.

## Kazakhs Visit the South Wedge

South East Neighborhood Center Administrator Nancy Johns Price hosted a delegation from Kazakhstan in early April.



(l-r) Lieut. Wayne Harris, Nancy Johns-Price, Sholpan Aitneova, Zakira Begaliyeva, Isakander Aliyev, CPO Michelle Velez and Mikhail Tyunin at the Neighborhood Service Center.

Among their goals was to explore, "the historical evolution of non-governmental and non-profit organizations, the importance of civic involvement in American society and the culture of volunteerism in the U.S."

"It was exciting to exchange stories and information with our visitors from Kazakhstan," said Johns Price. "One of the items that impressed them was the fact that the neighborhood has its own newspaper [The *Wedge*] so that neighbors can know what is happening in their community and take pride."

The visitors were part of the U.S. State Department's International Visitor's Leadership Program. Attendees included Ms. Sholpan Aitneova, Ms. Zakira Begaliyeva, Mr. Iskander Aliyev and Mr. Mikhail Tyunin



Maya Postell (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

## Young Artist Exhibits Senior Project

Maya Postell, 18, June graduate of the School Without Walls, snared prime wall real estate at Zak's Avenue for her senior project. Her passion for photographing nature up close is visible in her work.

Postell plans to study photography at SUNY New Paltz in the fall. Stop by Zak's to check out her work.

## Bread for All Delivers to Your Front Door

A bright red "Bread for All" bike can now be seen circulating throughout the South Wedge, a new service delivering loaves of bread to neighborhood homes. The organic whole wheat bread is packed with flax and sunflower seeds and oats. A ten-week bread subscription is available for \$40.

The program was profiled in a recent *Rochester Magazine*, issue and in the *Democrat & Chronicle*.

Bike deliveryman Robert Bonazzi will soon be joined by Lonnie Everett in this new bak-

ery training program created by St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

Both men are proficient bicyclists, Bonazzi said, so South Wedge hills doesn't daunt them.

Bread for Life offers a special bread the first week of each month including chive and dill and cinnamon raisin. Berry and apple pies will be added to the menu later in the season.

For more information or to place an order, call 278-7780.



Robert Bonazzi and Lonnie Everett (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

## Musicians Improvise on South Avenue

Make a weekend visit to Zak's Avenue, and you might catch an impromptu music jam.

When she's not working at Zak's, Shannon Scally plays the ukulele in her band *Shannon Says* and also in *Twigs and Straw*, a "four-girl American roots" band. One recent Saturday, she was joined by Phil Vitullo, guitarist, CPA and non-denominational minister.



Phil Vitullo and Shannon Scally (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

## Wedge Comic by Justin Hubbell



Justin Hubbell

## St. Boniface

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a group petitioned the bishop and were granted a new parish. The Redemptorist Fathers established this parish as a mission of St. Joseph's. Bishop Timon of Buffalo (the Diocese of Rochester had not yet been formed) approved the Redemptorists request to purchase land on what is now Gregory Street to build a church.

In 1860, work began on a three-story brick building, which would house a rectory, church and school. On June 8, 1861, the church was dedicated and placed under the patronage of St. Boniface. The new parish of St. Boniface was established.

In June 1861 Bishop Timon appointed its first resident pastor, Reverend John P. Klein. Father Klein's first major undertaking was to open a school by fall. He hired Mr. Charles Koesler as a teacher and organist.

As the parish continued to grow, the school needed more teachers. So in 1866, the second pastor brought Sisters of Notre Dame from Germany to teach the children. The order remained with St. Boniface School for 142 years.

The first church building was expanded by 40 feet in 1869. But as the years went by even this expansion was not enough.

In 1885, the parish decided to build a new church. Plans were drawn up by the New York City architect William Schnickel. He designed a Gothic-style church with an adjoining rectory.

With contracts awarded and the cornerstone laid, work began on the new church in 1886. In December of 1887, Bishop Bernard McQuaid dedicated the church and rectory. This Gothic church building served the people of St. Boniface for 70 years.

From 1900 to 1937, various other parish buildings were erected: the convent in 1900, (with an addition in 1927), the Parish Hall in 1908 which was later sold, became the German House and the school in 1922.

As the parish was getting ready for its 100th anniversary in 1961, plans were made to renovate all the parish buildings. So after fund raising for this project, work began in 1956 and continued into 1957. The roofs of the convent and school were finished. Finally the church's roof was completed on November 6, 1957.

As the workmen were finishing up that afternoon, high winds spread sparks from a charcoal pot on the roof. Within minutes, the sparks ignited the roof and spread to the steeple. By the time the fire department arrived, the roof and the steeple were in flames. Later that evening the fire was brought under control. The next morning, examiners declared the structure a total loss.

Over the next 18 months, the parish worshipped in the school auditorium. From April through June 1957, the burnt

structure was demolished. Plans were drawn up by the firm Bohackett & Flynn to build a new church in contemporary Gothic style. The parish again held a fund appeal and raised \$200,000 to add to the insurance settlement. By June 1959, building of the third church had begun, and within ten months it was completed.

On March 6, 1960, the parish held its first masses in the new church. On the feast of St. Boniface, June 5, Bishop James E. Kearney dedicated the new church and helped celebrate the 100th anniversary of the parish. Even though it was a year before the real date, the church decided that after dealing with so much in those two years, combining the two celebrations made sense.

The next 25 years saw the parish prosper. However, by the 1970's the area was going through changes--a declining city population, rising energy costs and fewer priests.

In the 1980's, the parish began consolidating its school with other neighboring Catholic schools. Between 1986 - 2008, the school went from a K-8 school to a PK-6. In June 2008, the diocese closed St. Boniface School.

In September 2009, the Jesuits and the Sisters of St. Joseph re-opened the school as Nativity Preparatory Academy. Once again the parish has children being educated on its grounds.

Not only has the Diocese consolidated schools, but starting in 1998, area parishes were also facing consolidation. Between 1998-2009, plans were developed for St. Boniface, St. Mary's and Blessed Sacrament to eventually merge. This consolidation begins summer 2011.

### St. Boniface Church Pastors 1861-2011

Rev. John P. Klein --1861-1865  
Rev. Florian Payer -- 1865 -1875  
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# SWPC Hosts Neighborhood Meeting On Gregory Street RFP

By Nancy O'Donnell

On May 10, SWPC hosted a neighborhood meeting on the City of Rochester's Request for Proposal for 399 Gregory Street to discuss the project and solicit community input in advance of the selection process. The meeting notice was advertised via the NBN Sector 6 distribution list and SWPC's Community Engagement and Housing & Structures distribution lists. It was also posted on the SWPC web site and on SouthWedge.org. A paper flyer was distributed door-to-door on streets adjacent to the proposed area of development.

SWPC had considered developing the property but decided against it due to financial and staff constraints. The nonprofit has met with some of the potential developers and offered to assist the group awarded the proposal.

During the meeting held at The Tango Cafe, residents, landlords and potential developers joined in a lively discussion of the merits of a building or a parking lot on the property.

During the evening SWPC Chair Tanya Zwahlen collected the comments which were included in a letter which included a meeting summary and attendance roster later sent to Richard Rynski, the City's senior economic development specialist in the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development.

Based on the public meeting and a discussion at SWPC Board meeting on May 12, 2011, SWPC asked the city to consider the following when evaluat-

ing the proposals the City's receives. These concerns are listed below.

- Parking is a major concern. Cayuga and Weider St especially experience parking problems on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. This has created situations where parking on both sides of the street make access by emergency vehicles difficult. Ideally, the proposal should have adequate parking for neighbors and business customers. We recommend that a traffic and parking study be undertaken to identify traffic issues and develop a parking strategy for the community independent of this project.
- The South Wedge developed as a walkable neighborhood with access to public transportation. The new proposal should contribute to this important neighborhood characteristic.
- The developer should define a process for engaging the community in the final design of the site.
- The design should complement the pedestrian-friendly nature of the neighborhood through design concepts such as:
  - Massing that is appropriate for the street with its mix of commercial, religious and residential structures.
  - Minimal setbacks - similar to surrounding buildings.
  - Parking in rear if at all possible, or screened if on the side of a building, but not in front.

- A high level of transparency on the 1st floor of the building's street facing side through the use of clear windows.
- Ideally the design should be a creative reuse of the site and not a "cookie cutter" building.
- The design should not be a "collection" of design elements from different buildings on Gregory Street. It should have a consistent architectural style throughout.
- Attractive landscaping and public space would be added benefits.

The proposal should include residential and commercial space. The South Wedge business district is strong and needs additional space to grow. People approach SWPC on a regular basis looking for space in the South Wedge to either grow or start their business.

The proposal should consider collaborating with SWPC and the Business Association of the South Wedge Area (BASWA) to assist in the recruitment of tenants for the commercial space.

The developer should have a successful track record in designing and completing urban projects.

The use of public art would also help the proposal fit into the neighborhood.

SWPC concluded the letter by urging the City not to sell the property until the construction financing is in place and a timeline for development is finalized.

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Daffodils blossom on Sanford & South (Photo by Robert Lauterbach)

### Sanford Street Block Club Efforts Bloom

Sanford Street Block Club Coordinator Robert Lauterbach sent a recent thank you and a request for "more bulbs, please," to Michael Warren Thomas and the City of Rochester for a bulb donation last fall. Golden daffodils now brighten the corner of Sanford Street through the efforts of Robert Lauterbach and Jan Wyland.

### BASWA Opens Shop

BASWA, Business Association of the South Wedge Area, President Chris Jones reports that "BASWA has finally found a home at 732 South Avenue." The small space will serve as

office, meeting place and retail store that will sell South Wedge Swag, Shop Local merchandise and any other locally related items, such as local history books and maps. "The Swedge Shop" open July 1. Stop in, say hi, and buy.

### Highland Park Neighborhood Yard Sale

Rain or shine, the Highland Park Neighborhood is holding a giant Yard Sale on June 11, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, visit [www.highland-parkrochester.org](http://www.highland-parkrochester.org).

### Church Holds 15th Annual Tag Sale June 24-25

The Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Spirit, 835 South Ave, will hold their 15th annual Tag Sale, Fri.-Sat., June 24th & 25th.

### HPNA's Bells & Whistles Pay Off

The Highland Park Neighborhood is known for its friendliness, but it paid off in early April when Fleet Feet Sports awarded the first prize in the "Neighborhood Spirit Contest," Unity Health System Flower City Half Marathon Challenge.

The HP neighborhood came out to cheer runners as

they passed through from South Goodman at Crawford St. to the top of the hill at Pinetum Drive.

HPNA Chairperson Mary Starpoli invited residents to wear a HPNA t-shirt, bring signs with messages to the runners, kazoo, "penny jugs, drums, symbols and whistles." The first prize award of \$750 will be used towards a beautification project.

The Susan B. Anthony neighborhood (Canal Street at W. Main St. to Madison ST.), won a second place award of \$500.

### Second Annual Ride for Pride Set for June 18

Forty bicyclists will bike the Erie Canal Trail from West Henrietta to Palmyra to raise funds for the Gay Alliance of the Genesee valley.

Gay and straight allies alike are riding to "educate about diversity and other issues and goals of the LGBT community," said Laura McSpadden, of the GAGV.

Each rider is raising \$100 for the Gay Alliance. To make donations, visit [www.gayalliance.org/ride-for-pride.html](http://www.gayalliance.org/ride-for-pride.html).

### Heartbeats for Health June/July Calendar

Heartbeats for Life, a well-

ness support group for cardiovascular patients, their families, friends and those interested in prevention, meets Monday, June 13, 2011 - 6:30 - 8:45 p.m. Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension, Auditorium, 249 Highland Avenue, Rochester, NY (across from Highland Park). Bring a low fat, vegetarian dish to pass (or some cut fruit), your own place setting and beverage for a 6:30 pm potluck. 7:30 p.m. presentation: "I Turned My Life Around!" By Michael Rudnick.

Rudnick read *The China Study* by Cornell University professor T. Colin Campbell, and was inspired to make changes in his life that put him on the road to health. His story will motivate and inspire us to change our own habits and make a huge difference in our health and enjoyment of life. \$4.00 guests; free to HFL member.

Potluck Picnic, Rain or Shine, Monday, July 11, 6:00 p.m. Ellison Park, Roadside Shelter. More information: 24-hour voice mail 585-234-7076 or [www.heartbeats4life.org](http://www.heartbeats4life.org)

### Bike Lane Update

Erik Frisch, transportation specialist in the City's Architecture & Engineering Bureau, announced that the striped bike lanes to South Avenue were delayed by the rainy weather but are on their way. The lanes will go "roughly between Byron Street and Caroline Street" said Frisch.

### SWFM Opening Day

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freshly made pizza from the market's own neighbor, Napa Wood Fired Pizzeria. Napa will grill pizzas right on site, using fresh ingredients from the market's farmers.

The Wedge Veg Passport program returns to the market this year, offering kids the chance to learn the pleasures of eating fresh fruits and vegetables through fun activities and free food samples. There will also be live music and community groups each week. On June 9, learn all about the South Wedge Victory Garden. We're also delighted to host a food drive at the market each month to support the Wedge's own Calvary St. Andrews Emergency Food Cupboard. Volunteers will be at the market on the third Thursday of each month to collect donations to support their good work.

The South Wedge Farmers Market, sponsored by the South Wedge Planning Committee, is held every Thursday from June 2 through October 20. This year the market is open from 4 to 7 p.m. for the entire season. As always, the market is located under the beautiful big trees behind Boulder Coffee at 100 Alexander St. (at the corner of S. Clinton Ave.). For more information, please sign up for e-mail newsletters at [swfarmermarket.org](http://swfarmermarket.org). You can also "like" us on Facebook for updates on market events and programs.

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## Creative Wellness Coalition Offers Help for Hoarders

By Laurie Jenkins

Many of us grew up knowing an elderly neighbor or eccentric relative whose collecting was usually explained away as an extreme reaction to the deprivations of the Great Depression or some other hardship. Many of us like to keep possessions that bring us comfort or have value. But, when our daily activities and quality of life are compromised by an accumulation of possessions, we might have a problem with compulsive cluttering or hoarding.

For many years, treatment for the cluttering and hoarding behaviors has been nearly non-existent here in Rochester. Neighbors are the ones who endure the eyesores, smells and potential fire hazards of hoarders' dwellings. The cluttering and hoarding cycle is often found once housing inspectors and public health workers leave. Hoarders sink into this because they are isolated and without family, and they are often quietly dying without anyone on the outside caring.

To deal with the growing number of clutter and hoarding cases, a unique, multi agency task force was created and is being led by the Creative Wellness Coalition of the Mental Health Association.

The task force needed an accurate estimate of the number of people that may have clutter and hoarding issues, not only in the city of Rochester, but in the surrounding towns of Monroe County. A survey was developed and the conclusion was used as a guide to move forward with this complex issue of compulsive cluttering and hoarding in our community. Our results indicated that an estimated 2 and 4 % of individuals in the community are hoarders—that means some 15,000 and 22,000 individuals in Monroe County suffer in hiding with this disorder. Research findings from Boston University indicate that about 3 to 4 percent of the USA population — or about six million people — have a hoarding problem.

It is the Coalition's plan to acquire funding to increase access to treatment for people with compulsive cluttering hoarding behaviors. Outreach visits need to be offered in attempt to engage with individuals. Treatment can include coaches, peers, therapists, and organizers, using a non-judgmental team with local experience. Providing long-term case management services as an extension of initial assessment and treatment is also important. Clients can use crisis hotlines and peer support or self-help groups. We need to have teams available to call on when the need arises. Severe cluttering and hoarding is a complex issue that many people are very much in denial.

This past December and January, Carol (not her real name) came to our attention.

In June 2010 a large tree branch fell on electrical wire and pulled the riser off Carol's house leaving her without any electric or heat. Several months had gone by when Code Enforcement Officer Fred Ross was contacted in December. Ross and Karen Macarthur, who works in Code Enforcement for the Town of Henrietta, made several calls to agencies on Carol's behalf and coordinated a team to help with this complicated situation. Carol works full time and was living in her house until the Town declared her home uninhabitable until repairs were made. A few days before Christmas, the team came together to help.

Over 4 feet of water filled Carol's basement, so the town had the basement pumped out. Tops Supermarket paid for the installation of a new riser on her house and new electrical box. Bill Birx, owner of All Dry Inc, loaned two HEPA air cleaners one in the basement and one on the first floor. Vice President of the Kiwanis Club Jim Brunett and his wife picked up Carol around noon on Christmas Day and took her over to Jim's daughter home for dinner. His daughters even wrapped some gifts for her, so she wouldn't feel left out. Carol stayed at the Brunett's home Christmas night, and the next afternoon they dropped her off at her friend's place where she stayed for one night. Next, the Creative Wellness Coalition of the Mental Health Association paid for Carol to stay at Extended Stay Hotel on Commons Way in Henrietta for 30 days.

While Carol was out of her home, a contractor was called and his crew stripped the entire basement including all interior walls and ceiling tiles and then put fresh coats of paint on the walls. All of the damaged appliances were picked up by a gentleman to be recycled. AP Plumbing donated a furnace and hot water tank to Carol and a crew installed both units. After 30 days, the repairs and clean up was completed and Carol was able to move back in.

I have spoken with Carol regarding support groups the CWC provides and ideas that could help her. I will continue to follow up with her regularly to make sure she gets involved with the appropriate programs when she is ready.

Team Carol came together with many of us not ever knowing each other. Sometimes we only kept in touch via email or phone during the clean up. Personally, this became one of the best Christmases I've ever had.

There are many more people like Carol in our community who are hidden in all of our neighborhoods because of the shame they feel! There is hope and help for those suffering with hoarding.

The Creative Wellness Coalition holds support groups for people who have clutter or hoarding issues and their fam-

ily members. Groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at 320 N. Goodman Street. For more information, call 325.3145 or visit [www.cwcochester.org](http://www.cwcochester.org) online.

Laurie Jenkins is Vice President for the Creative Wellness Coalition of the Mental Health Association.

### Hoarding Impacts Homes & Communities

Wikipedia defines compulsive hoarding as "the excessive acquisition of possessions (and failure to use or discard them) even if the items are worthless, hazardous, or unsanitary. Compulsive hoarding impairs mobility and interferes with basic activities, including cooking, cleaning, showering, and sleeping." Two famous hoarders, the Collyer Brothers, have become a part of fire fighting vernacular for a dwelling that is so filled with trash and debris it becomes a serious danger to the occupants and emergency responders."

When compulsive hoarding behaviors involve acquiring and keeping objects that appear to have limited if any value and they begin to take over your living space, you meet the definition of a hoarder. Such people can't make a decision about the worth of anything, from food tins to tattered receipts, and over a period of years, they may accumulate mountains of "stuff" that can eventually leave them isolated and almost incapacitated in their own homes. Their possessions may cover their floors, couches, chairs, tables, and beds. They may have to wade through knee-deep piles of debris just to get to the bathroom. Clutter becomes a problem when spaces in the home cannot be used for their intended purpose (ex., the stove cannot be used for cooking), or possessions pose a health or safety hazard and jeopardize tenancy.

Compulsive cluttering and hoarding is far more common than once believed and is most often the result of long-untreated mental illness. Hoarding and cluttering behaviors take a toll on not only the people who hoard, but their families, friends, landlords, neighbors, community agencies, city, and county officials/staff, employers as well as all the public and private health and safety departments that are involved. Often reclusive, hoarders spend years compulsively cramming their home's so full that sinks, stoves, and toilets become unusable, and paths appear through piles of newspapers, junk mail and fast food containers. It's usually not until rodents take up residence and roofs begin to sag that city officials can gain access. Even then it can take years of legal proceedings and thousands of dollars for a "dig-out" to remove materials and make homes safe again.

## History in Our Backyard

By Rose O'Keefe

Around 1978, after the Landmark Society completed its Architectural Survey of the South Wedge, they passed out the survey results to home owners on Gregory Street. I don't recall other neighbors having much to say about theirs, but I do remember feeling upset that my house was described as a "vernacular cottage of low significance."

Move ahead a decade or so when a neighbor told me that someone had told her years ago that her house was the first one in the area. She didn't know anything more than that.

Jump ahead to 2011 when I started on a quest to find out something — this time the boundaries of the original Munger Tract in the South Wedge— and while looking for something else, decided to read through the Landmark binder for Gregory Street.

Lo and behold my old neighbor's property was listed on the tax assessment for 1828, on the Munger Tract! The survey identified 131 Gregory the first commercial building in the area, sometime after 1846.

Next, I read the Landmark's "History of the South Wedge" and found out Lyman Munger had settled on the east bank with his five children in 1817, when that land would have been in Brighton Township. Alexander and Jefferson St., now Hamilton Street, were laid out in the 1830s.

A short time after, I was talking with South Wedge residents Doug Root and Cheryl Stevens about that bit of info, and Root mentioned having gutted the house at 81 Averill, built in 1830, and mentioned its hand-pegged beams and vertical siding.

In studying the southeast quadrant of the plat map of 1851 between Mount Hope and South Avenue, I found there were about a dozen houses on Comfort Street; 20 on Alexander Street; 25 on Jefferson (Hamilton Street); only eight on Averill; 14 on Hickory; and 25 on Gregory.

For this article, I also read through the Historical Survey and found out what the Land-

mark's categories meant. Properties coded red for "highest importance" were: 48 and 80 Alexander; 116 Hamilton; 68 Ashland; 53-55 Averill; 131 and 233 Gregory; and 540 South Avenue. Green included 128 Averill from circa 1840. Yellow coded buildings included vernacular cottages which were considered just as important as green as a part of the whole group.

It reads: "...the history of the neighborhood as a whole is more important than the sum of its parts. The history of our country is not only the story of our presidents and generals, but also the story of our working men and women whose homes in the South Wedge bear testimony to their lives in building Rochester's industry and commerce."

All the 1875 Hopkins City Atlas shows for Ward 12 is the outline of the Lyman Munger estate between Mount Hope and the Feeder Canal from Hickory Street to Gregory.

So do we turn this into a contest to find out the oldest, still-standing house in the South Wedge?

Some people have heard the expression, "Curiosity killed the cat," but it seems fewer know the second part, "Satisfaction brought it back." Much as I'd like to find an early map of the Munger Tract, I'd really like to read the full set of surveys, but unfortunately they're not available at the moment.

In response to my research, The SWPC has instituted an amnesty program for anyone who borrowed the Landmark Society's binders from the SWPC office and forgot to return them. East side of Averill Avenue and others are missing. If you know where they may be hiding, please contact the Wedge Newspaper or email me at [rok@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rok@rochester.rr.com), and we can arrange an easy anonymous pick up or delivery.

Thanks to Eileen Thomas, George Lorson and Bob Boyd at SWPC for their help and to Wedge editor Nancy O'Donnell for suggesting I write an article.



Plat map of 1926 shows the Munger Tract covering Averill, Hickory and Gregory Streets from South to Mount Hope Avenues.

## School# 12 Tackles Childhood Obesity Epidemic

By Jennifer Jones

Did you know that childhood obesity is a growing concern in our nation? According to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 32% of American children and adolescents are overweight or obese. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that the childhood obesity rate over the past 3 decades has more than doubled for prekindergarten 2- to 5-year-olds and 12- to 19-year-olds, and it has more than tripled for children ages 6 to 11. Obesity is of particular concern for minority populations: 28% of African-American, 20% of Mexican girls ages 12 to 19, 18.5% of African-American boys, and 22% of Mexican-American boys are overweight or obese (Journal of the American Medical Association, 2008).

The same disturbing statistics greatly affects Rochester. Nearly 40% of children ages 2 to 18 living in the city are overweight or obese and nearly 25% of children ages 2 to 18 living in suburbs are overweight or obese. Since obesity increases health risks for Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and asthma—risks that are becoming increasingly apparent among school-aged children—it is imperative that our community begin to recognize and address this epidemic.

Growing awareness about the childhood obesity epidemic has fueled James P. Duffy, School #12's interest in increasing the health of our students, families, and staff. We are taking steps to improve our school culture so that this crucial aspect of education becomes an integral part of our curriculum and of our lifestyle.

In January 2010, School# 12 received a three-year grant of \$275,000 from the Greater Rochester Health Foundation to increase the prevalence of healthy-weight children at our school. Through the aid of this grant, we've established the Physical Activity Program in the spring 2010 to specifically target the amount of exercise students receive during school hours. Teaching children the importance of exercise and staying physically active is one of many ways teachers and parents alike can help reduce the rate of childhood obesity in our school and in our community. Our goal is to equip teachers with the educational and recreational tools necessary to help students develop life-long healthy behaviors.

Since its inception in April 2010, the PA program has spearheaded a number of changes including: providing Yoga Tools for Schools and Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) trainings to teachers, purchasing recreational equipment to enhance outdoor

and indoor recess, planning in-school and family health-related events, establishing a Health Advisory Committee to evaluate and implement school's health policies, and coordinating community events to increase awareness of childhood obesity and encourage healthy behavior changes.

Last October's Race Across America event, a successful initiative that the South Wedge Planning Committee and the South Wedge Farmer's Market helped sponsor, spurred students to walk a total of 6,772 miles in a week—that's more than enough miles to walk from Rochester to Los Angeles and back!

Upcoming events include Down and Dirty Duffy Ducks, a gardening program that will not only teach children how to grow, harvest, and prepare healthy foods, but will also integrate science lessons about plant structure and organic life.

Despite various hindrances to change, the hard work and dedication of our staff is paying off as we are beginning to see small but significant cultural shifts. Recent data collection, made possible through the efforts of community volunteers, shows that in the last nine months our teachers have increased their students' physical activity levels from the baseline 25 minutes per class per day (June 2010) to an average of 60 minutes per class per day (March 2011). Considering the many standards these teachers must meet, this increase shows the immense effort they have put forth in order to ensure that their students have opportunities throughout the day to reactivate their brains and their bodies!

We want all that is best for our children, and as a community it is our job to ensure their future health and well-being. We will have many opportunities this year for community and family involvement in our students' health education. Join us and learn how you can encourage changes in our community as together we learn to practice life-long healthy behaviors! For more information and to volunteer, call 461-3280 ext. 1290 or email Jennifer.Jones@rcsdk12.org.

Jennifer Jones is School #12's Physical Activity Program Manager.

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## SW Resident Rallies Behind Haiti

By Nancy O'Donnell



Rev. Marsha L. Allen and Michael Shannon Wilson (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

Rev. Marsha L. Allen, project manager of the Haiti 10-year Commission and Haiti: A Labor of Love and Green Pathways Out of Disaster and Poverty needs all the help and hands she can use in her mission to help Haitians devastated by the 7.0 M earthquake close to its capital Port-au-Prince on January 12, 2010. Joining in her mission as a project manager in training is South Wedge resident Michael Shannon Wilson, whose business card reads "musician, humanitarian, other."

After the first major earthquake, the population suffered some 50+ aftershocks. Today, most in the capital live in tent camps plagued with crime and disease. The numbers dying

from cholera continues to grow.

Allen and Shannon are working with others to build a 6,000 square foot tele-medicine

center in Haiti, a clean water program along with introducing earthen homes that withstand earthquakes and can be built for as little as \$3,000.

The groups held a fund raiser on March 20 at Water Street Music Hall that included appearances by Dr. Ken McConnochie, University of Rochester Professor of Pediatrics and director of Health-e-Access Telemedicine in Rochester, singers, rappers, a rhythm and blues band, choirs, teachers and politicians.

The group plans another benefit concert on Saturday, June 4, at 2 p.m. at the David F. Gant Community Center, 700 North Street. Talented artists are needed to perform. For more information, call 820-4140 or email gonowforjesus@aol.com.

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# Erie Harbor Transforms Mt. Hope Riverfront

By Jackie Vazquez



*Erie Harbor Invites residents* (Photo by Phinis Horton)



*Behind the fence work begins* (Photo by Sam Sisca)



*Trucks move in* (Photo by Phinis Horton)



*A colorful construction site* (Photo by Phinis Horton)



*The site takes shape* (Photo by Sam Sisca)



*Building blocks go up* (Photo by Phinis Horton)



*Erie Harbor from view* (Photo by Phinis Horton)



*Wall Raising Ceremony* (Photo by Joe Wierzbowski)

Neighbors packed The Hamilton's Community Room on Mt. Hope Avenue recently to get a first look at proposed Erie Harbors Public Enhancement project plans from Bayer Landscape Architecture, PLLC, who was awarded the project by the City of Rochester. During the April 5 meeting, Principal landscape architect Mark H. Bayer and Assistant Landscape Architect and Project Manager Zakery Steele discussed the site analysis done, and the proposed design and construction.

Designs include three waterfront routes adjacent to the new Erie Harbor housing development, along with the design development of Genesee Gateway Park and along the waterfront trail surrounding the Erie Harbor improvements.

"We looked at what the South Wedge had," said Steele referencing land maps from 1875-1972. "Workman's cottages, amazing Victorian architecture, a buzzing South Avenue, diversity, young people, a creative class, institutions and organizations, grassroots initiatives such as community gardens, downtown, the University of Rochester and the Genesee River."

Bayer's plan is to "resurrect the river front, celebrate the views and promote its industrial past," Steele said noting the area was once one of the historic Erie Canal's important shipping corridors.

Currently, three different concepts are under consideration. The first would include a plaza that has "a passive home-stead" feel according to Steele. The second concept is more "geology-based" featuring eroded stone on the river's edge. The last of three concepts gets its inspiration from Mt. Hope area cemetery with its "land formations and natural grasses."

Bayer Landscape Architecture, PLLC, has worked with the City on projects such as the Carter and Humboldt Recreation Centers.

In 2010, the architectural firm received an Honor Award of Excellence in Research, Historic Preservation & Communication from the New York Upstate Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects for its 2009 Rochester Historic Parks Survey.

Community feedback is invited while the public planning process continues throughout the summer. The final design is expected to be chosen by the fall with an anticipated ground-breaking in 2012. State funding is already available for this project.

Visit [swpc.org](http://swpc.org) for updates and information.

*Jackie Vazquez joined the U.S. Navy in May and is currently in boot camp in Illinois. We thank her for her service to the Wedge and the U.S.*

# South Wedge Clean Sweep 2011

By Bob Boyd



Nathaniel Square team spruces up the South Avenue park (Photo by Bob Boyd)



Michael VanMeenen (bottom left) and his team make the SWPC office gardens pretty.



Another team help with the South Avenue street cleaning (Photo by Bob Boyd)



South Wedge Victory Garden (Photo by Bob Boyd)

A sunny May 21 brought out South Wedge neighbors and friends from city and suburbs to volunteer for Clean Sweep.

SWPC Board member David Halter led a group that cleaned South Avenue from Alexander to Byron Streets. Brian Stiehler of Alexander Street led a group of about 25 people that weeded, trimmed and mulched Nathaniel Square Park. South Wedge Victory Garden Managers Jim Papapanu and Heather Penrose led another team of 30 who moved compost and wood chips to the Victory Gar-

den. The group also planted the South Wedge Victory Garden's first banana tree!

I worked with two teams during the day. One cleaned South Avenue from Alexander to Hickory Streets. Another group of teachers from Avon with South Wedge resident Mike VanMeenen planted flowers at SWPC Offices at 224 Mt. Hope Avenue.

Thanks to all who participated in making the South Wedge a cleaner, more beautiful place to live, shop and play!



SWPC Board member David Halter (in orange) and his team help clean up South Ave.



Nancy Lauterbach, Jan Wyland and Richard LaPointe plant flowers on Sanford Street (Photo by Robert Lauterbach)



South Wedge Victory Garden & new banana tree on right. (Photo by Bob Boyd)

## BASWA Plays Key Role in South Wedge History

By Rose O'Keefe, BASWA Secretary

BASWA's (The Business Association of the South Wedge Area) new website outlines its early history when business owners began working to enhance the commercial development around Mount Hope and South Avenue. However, the need to promote and beautify the area goes back more than 20 years. Between 1981 and 2003 many strong players have come and gone in the ongoing revitalization of the once down-trodden blocks that is today's South Wedge's business corridor.

A core group of business owners formed the South Avenue Business Association, which was incorporated in 2003. Since then, BASWA has used annual membership dues in combination with various grants to enhance South Wedge commercial strips. Its projects have been many. The Parking Meter Totem Bicycle Racks seen throughout the area, the Traffic-Box art, Third Thursday concerts in Star Alley Park, the Star Alley Community Garden, Street Banners, Cinema at Sunset film festival, and the benches and planters along South Avenue are just a few examples of their work. Events such as the annual "Swing in the New Year," "It's a Wonderful Life in the South Wedge" holiday merchant festival, the Rochester History Lecture Series, the "Bottom's Up" Beer Tastings at local businesses, and now the Rochester Real Beer Expo scheduled for June 25 are all BASWA events, planned and undertaken by local volunteer business owners to bring more people into the area and build awareness about the South Wedge.

Several exciting new projects re underway by BASWA this year, with the goal of each being local area promotion. In addition to the first "Rochester Real Beer Expo" and the popu-

lar Third Thursday concerts in Star Alley [see June/July schedule below], each sponsored by different businesses, BASWA now has a new website, [www.southwedge.com](http://www.southwedge.com) which is an extension of the popular marketing brochure first published last year. The website was created by BASWA member business My Moxie and South Wedge graphic designer Broc Gailit. The website includes up-to-date information on local events and businesses. When you visit the website, be sure to rate your favorite businesses and leave comments about them, and sign up to receive email updates about local events.

But the biggest news for BASWA is their new storefront boutique that will be opening up at 732 South Avenue on July 1. The storefront will serve as an office for the growing organization and will also feature a variety of "Shop Local" and South Wedge area & Rochester specific merchandise. BASWA will continue to work to promote local businesses and enhance the area in many ways, and proceeds from the sale of goods at the store will be filtered back into the community and allow BASWA to continue with projects like those listed above.

BASWA meetings are open to the public and are held on the second Wednesday of each month at different locations throughout the neighborhood. Check [www.baswa.org](http://www.baswa.org) for locations. Stop by the new shop and say hello and pick up some South Wedge Swag this summer, too!

BASWA's 2011 election results: Chris Jones was re-elected President. Karrie Laughton was elected Vice President, and Jim Wolff, Treasurer.

Third Thursday Events at Star Alley (next to Lux)

June 16 - Avant Garden Unveiling will be held before the performance of Burlone, Nichols & Griffith Jazz Trio -6:30 p.m - 8 p.m. Sponsored by Historic Houseparts. They will be followed at 8 p.m. by "Roger Kuhn," Acoustic One-Man-Band, followed at 9 p.m. by Walri, an eclectic "love-rock" band.

On July 21, Cash Back, the Johnny Cash Cover Band plays from 8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

## Fordham University Class of 2011 - Bryant Logan

Bryant Logan, 22, graduated May 21 from Fordham University, Lincoln Center, in New York City with a B.A. in International and Intercultural Relations. Celebrating with him on the day were parents Frank and Anne and brother Evan along with Aunt Judith Logan-White and cousin Jeremiah White.

Logan grew up on Comfort Street and attended School #58 and Penfield High School via the urban-suburban program.

During college, he worked as a host at Buddakan, the New York City restaurant famed for its food and surreal interior designed by Christian Liaigre. He also works as a model and is fea-

tured in Raval & Knights Fall/Winter 2011 Collection catalog.

Logan currently lives in the Greenpoint section of Brooklyn with two friends from Rochester. His future ambitions include "studying international law or business, applying for a job at the United Nations and/or working in or starting up a non-profit."



Bryant Logan modeling for Raval & Knight Men's luxury menswear collection. (Photo by Kisha Bari)

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## South Wedge Victory Garden Grows Community

By James Papapanu

The weather warms, spring flowers bloom, trees are covered in new green foliage, and the South Wedge Victory Garden is back in action for another year!

The Victory Garden, a community garden located on Hamilton St., supports over 35 households in the South Wedge area. Much activity has taken place recently, with focus on using

our garden to build community, not simply as a location where the community gardens.

On Saturday April 9, a spring cleaning was held. The lot was cleaned of leaves and litter, the garden beds were weeded, and fresh compost was applied to them. The Victory Garden asked its own gardeners to volunteer for the work, and the response was overwhelming. About 20 gardeners turned out to roll up their shirt sleeves and provide the labor we needed. Marta Ruderman, a Victory Gardener and Hamilton St. resident, donated a large number of her day lilies that were planted along the garden's street that day. The event accomplished both of its objectives. It introduced nearly 20 community members to each other through teamwork toward a common goal, and it readied the garden for the growing season. Gardeners were assigned to their plots and the Victory Garden was officially opened for the 2011 growing season on April 10.

This spring South Wedge Victory Garden began providing information to assist community members in their vegetable growing endeavors. A talk entitled, "Soil: It's Not a Dirty Word," was presented by the Victory Garden on April 4 at Calvary St. Andrew's Presbyterian Parish on Ashland Ave. The lecture featured Brian Beh

of Raindance Harvest Sustainable Farms and Todd Lighthouse of Lighthouse Gardens. Brian and Todd taught neighborhood gardeners about applying the organic soil building techniques they practice in their businesses to home gardens. This included composting, green manures from cover cropping and fostering the health of the soil's living ecosystem. The event was a huge success; Brian and Todd presented to room packed with over 45 community members who learned from and got to know their area's local growers.

The Victory Garden managers envision this as the first a series of talks on gardening. We're currently partnering with the Brighton Community Garden to put together the next event.

Over the winter, Rochester City Horticulturist Michael Warren Thomas provided community gardens, including our Victory Garden, with a free supply of vegetable seeds. On Saturday April 30, The Victory Garden held a seed distribution event to make this supply available to our gardeners and to the South Wedge neighborhood. Gardeners who stopped by that morning meet up, enjoyed the sunny weather and took away seeds to grow beets, lettuce, spinach, cantaloupe, watermelon and several other vegetable and herbs varieties.

The United Way Day of Caring saw several more seasonal maintenance projects completed at the Victory Garden. A fresh coat of paint was put on the white picket fence and a new coat of weather seal was put on the wooden arbor. The garden has six raised planters accessible to community members with physical challenges, and these were filled with new potting soil. Clay plot numbers, handmade and donated by SWPC's Eileen Thomas, were fixed to the six new plots build last year. Many ferns and hostas were planted along the garden's fences; these were donated by Carol Papapanu, mother of Victory Garden Co-Manager, Jim Papapanu.

Additionally, the vacant lot at 17 Hickory St. was cleared of a substantial amount of brush on the Day of Caring. The South Wedge Victory Garden has recently acquired a city gardening permit for this lot, and steps are being taken in direction of using this space for a second Victory Garden. Stay tuned to future issues of *The Wedge* for updates on this! Also, The South Wedge Victory garden maintains an active Facebook page. Find it on Facebook at "South Wedge Victory Garden" and like it to keep up on the exciting goings on in our neighborhood's community garden.



Miss Victory Garden Lorrie Lorson models her own T-shirt design (Photo by George Lorson)

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## South Wedge Hat Diva Offers Hats for All Occasions

By Tonja McNair



Tonja's Front Window (Photo by Robert Lauterbach)

For 12 years, I've been the proud owner of Tonja's Personal Touch Hair Salon, where we feature Headz up hats, caps and accessories. Resurrecting the art of hat wearing is my main objective. In my quest, I've read up on hat history and discovered that at one point people wore hats for protection from the elements, but later hats became symbols of status and authority. Soon after, hats progressed to not only become a uniform but also an art form. In fashion terms, hats are a very noticeable accessory. It's the most noticeable fashion item anyone can wear. I do mean anyone! The world watched with great excitement the huge array of fashionable and fantastic hats worn by guests to the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

My favorite prospect is the individual who says "I'm just not a hat person". I take great joy in transforming their head, face and then their mind. As the old saying goes "if you want to get ahead and get noticed, then get a hat."

At the turn of the 20th century in 1900, both men and women changed their hats depending on their activity. In the Edwardian age, it did not matter if you were poor, rich, old, adult or child. Whatever the status or the age, a person wore a hat, which brings me to my next point.

Currently Headz up Hats resides in 486 square foot space. We display close to 700 hats and caps and yet there are still more lines of hats we would like to offer, for example, children's, special occasions, church lady hats,

turbans, casual, fashionable and trendy headwear. I'm longing to see the day return when hats are as natural a part of everyday wear as under garments are.

The war of 1914-1918 seems to have had a major part in the decline of hat wearing as choice opened up for women, they slowly became shop workers at the new emerging department stores. While the more technically minded became stenographers or telephonists, fashion adapted to their needs. When the Second World War, 1939-1945, started hats became less practical as people had to rush to air raid shelters. Barriers of etiquette became broken down, thus hat wearing decreased. Alas, hats have not been worn universally since the 1920's.

Headz up Hats is committed to keeping the hat alive as an accessory. With that being said, we will continue to learn our industry understanding that the largest room in any house is "room for improvement". Look for us to expand in the very near future.

If protection from the elements is needed, come to Headz Up. If commanding authority is needed, we've got just your size and style. If you want to get ahead and get noticed, come to Headz Up. If you need some uplifting, come to Headz Up.

Lastly, if you're simply just not a hat wearer, come to Headz Up, and we'll make a wearer out of you.

674 South Ave., 442-7680.

## Welcome Charlotte Bloom



The Bloom family (l-r) Justine, Charlotte, Dana, Jeff, Nathan and Heather. (Photo by George Lorson)

George Lorson, SWPC Real Estate Development Coordinator, and his wife Lorrie proudly announce the birth of newest granddaughter Charlotte Bloom, born on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 2011, at 9:45 p.m.

Miss Bloom weighed in at a healthy 9 lbs. 12 oz. and measured a statuesque 22½ inches. She was welcomed by mother Dana, father Jeff, along with sisters Heather and Justine, and brother Nathan.

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## Business Buzz

By Nancy O'Donnell



Deb Zakrzewski, Susan Natoli and Shannon Scally (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

### Zak's Avenue Makes Cooking Sexy

Zak's Avenue owner Deb Zakrzewski's new stock of "Susan and Veronica" aprons are flying out of the store.

Susan Natoli, who commutes from Rochester to NYC where business partner Veronica still lives, stopped by the shop to model one of her "Sugar Bomb® Strapless aprons." (The kitchen fashion sensation appeared on TodayShow.com's "13 slimming gifts for the Holiday Season".)

Natoli was born in Geneseo and studied at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Her handbag designs have ended up on the arms of celebrities. Most recently, she worked at MTV as an executive program director before returning to fashion design.

"I'm so excited to feature Susan's delightful and functional and locally-designed aprons," said Zakrzewski.

To learn more visit [susanandveronica.com](http://susanandveronica.com) or stop in at Zak's Avenue 661 South Avenue, 360-2095.

### Coffee Connection News

Coffee Connection owner Nancy Sawyer-Molina adds a new "pour over brewing system made expressly for..." coffee drinkers not afraid of a bold coffee that stands alone without "tons of sugar and flavorings." The coffee, available by the cup, costs a thrifty 1.50.

On June 11, 1 a.m. Coffee Connection holds a Barista Contest. At the time of publication, four contestants had signed on to test their abilities at creating "a perfect shot of espresso and put together a latte and cappuccino," said Sawyer-Molina. Judges include the board of directors and a guest judge whose name was not available at the time of publication.

642 South Avenue, 442-2180.

### Equal=Ground Hosts Fifth Anniversary Party

Business partners John White and Harry Bronson offered cake in the morning and metaphysics at night to celebrate Equal=Grounds Coffee House's fifth anniversary on May 5.

"Everyday psychic" Leigh Secker Hopkins entertained and inspired a packed crowd telling stories about her second career as psychic and teacher and shared ways to "interpret coincidence and the messages behind them."



John White takes the cake for good coffee (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)



Leigh Secker Hopkins (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

Secker Hopkins is the Director of Viva Institute in Brazil, an organization dedicated to "enhancing the lives and minds and creative power of individuals and organizations." The Rochester native lives with her partner on an organic farm outside Rio De Janeiro.

For more information about Hopkins' work or info about making a retreat to Brazil, visit [www.vivaninstitute.com](http://www.vivaninstitute.com) or stop in for a cup of coffee at Equal=Grounds and pretend you're in Rio. 750 South Avenue, 242-7840



Aaron Cromwell

### Cromwell Joins H & C Tool Family

Aaron T. Cromwell recently joined H & C Tool/Hewes Fastener family as an Inside Sales and Customer Service Specialist. Cromwell will be responsible for sales and service to Cutting Tool customers and hopes to learn the Fastener business down the road. Aaron and his fiancée, Kami, reside in the South Wedge.



### Barber Shop Celebrates 25 Years in the Wedge

Gina Belardino opened her barber shop on April 1, 1986 and

set her haircut price at \$16. On April 1st, she and daughter Jennifer, who joined her in business a few years later, celebrated the momentous occasion by cutting hair and sharing a few drinks and cookies with clients.

Stop in and wish them congratulations and get a hair cut. Twenty-five years later, the price remains the same. The barber shops is open "Tues.-Fri. 12-6ish. Sat. 10-3ish." 720 South Avenue, 473-5570.



Yehuda Shapira (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

### Big J Unlimited Wireless Serves the South Wedge

Yehuda Shapira has a way for cell phone users to save money—"non-contract phones." Think of them as the generic brand of Verizon, T-Mobile and AT&T.

"I offer major carrier outlets and unlimited talk and text nationwide for 44.95 with pageplus," said Shapira. "Anyone who wants to cut their bill in half, I have something for them."

Along with pageplus, there's H-20 and "boostmobile with shrinkage," i.e. pay six on-time payments and the next ones will shrink \$5/month, "androids and a host of other deals.

Shapira also carries phones, accessories, Bluetooth, cases, screen protectors and house chargers, internet modems.

"I like this area. The people are nicer, and it's quieter," said Shapira who formerly ran a beauty supply business on West Main Street, downtown.

Shapira moved to Rochester from Israel 23 years ago so his wife could be closer to her family. Today Yehuda and his wife Jessica, a city schoolteacher, have three children, ages 9, 17 and 20. Shapira, a former soccer player in Israel, spends his weekends with his children who enjoy hockey and baseball.

Big J. Unlimited Wireless, 990 Clinton Ave S, 328-3480. Hours M-Fri. 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Sunday.



Christopher Hennelly and Athena (in white) (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

### The Christopher Group a South Ave. Success

Christopher Hennelly is re-

laxing-- a bit--after a very hectic tax season. Hennelly reports that his South Wedge bookkeeping and accounting firm he owns with partner Michael Lill is up 40% from last year. The chew toys on the office floor are not for customers, however, although clients might have wanted a few gnaws during tax season, but for Athena, the Christopher Group's mascot. ==

"Jennifer Posey from Hedonist Chocolates told us about the South Wedge," said Hennelly. "We knew the South Wedge was a good idea."

Throughout the year The Christopher Group offers bookkeeping, accounting and business planning. "We work with a lot of small, start up businesses with financial planning. [We offer] formal engagement services: engaging the media, engaging your banker and engaging the marketplace."

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Tattoo artist's tattoos at Altar Ink.

anywhere else we would rather be. When the opportunity arose for us to open up our own shop here, it was a literal dream come true for the whole crew."

Recently, the shop relocated to 650 South Avenue (the former Slim Goodie Boutique) for a few weeks after a fire in the building reports Sinclair.

Stop in and say hello to South Avenue's newest shop owners or call for an appointment.

656 South Avenue, 271-0570.

### New Café to Replace South City Diner

Owners Tam Tran & Simon Vay have closed the South City Diner at 798 South Clinton Avenue. White Swan Asia Caffe will reopen in the space in June.

### Boulder Coffee Company Keeps On Rolling

Lyjha Wilton launched his coffee company empire in the South Wedge at 100 Alexander Street in 2005. Six years later, Boulder Coffee Company locations now number five. The newest additions include 739 Park Avenue (the former Spot Café) and Java Joe's by Boulder Coffee Company at 2 State Street. These join Brooks Landing, 955 Genesee Street, and one at 1 Rochester Public Market

### Slim Goodie Shuttters South Avenue Boutique

To the dismay of customers, Kia Sloan closed her fashion boutique on South Ave. in April. Meanwhile, Sloan is busy planning for the future.

"I definitely plan to move to a larger city and invest in my own property," said Sloan. "I will be going back to school to get my Masters in Education. My son and I will also be creating children's books using his illustrations including small eco-friendly things like greeting cards, magnets, post cards, totes, buttons."



Brittany Sinclair, Brenna Atkins and Kevin MacConkey (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

### Altar Ink Opens on South Avenue

Once employee and tattoo artist at Flesh for Fantasy, Brittany Sinclair is now co-owner with partner Brenna Atkins of the shop and renamed Altar Ink,

"We looked at several locations, [when they were beginning the new business.]," said Sinclair. "However, the South Wedge has always been home for us. The community is amazing and has such a vibrant energy, and we couldn't think of



## Neighbor Good Grants Awarded

By Nancy O'Donnell

The South Wedge Victory Garden, the Sanford Street and Hickory Neighbors United to Serve (Hickory Nuts) were the happy recipients of \$500 Community Foundation grants through the efforts of its energetic and committed members.

"I think these grants will be instrumental in growing the Victory Garden and Sanford Street Neighbors Association. For Hickory Nuts this will enable them to continue important work they are already doing," said SWPC board member Angela Clark-Taylor, who applied for the Sanford Street Block Club grant with help from its members.

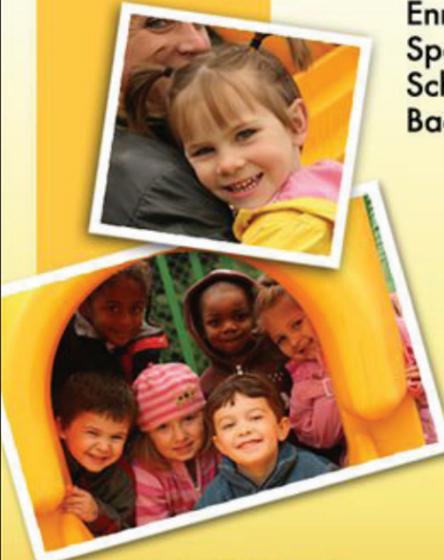
Jim Papapanu and Heather Penrose, co-managers of the South Wedge Victory Garden,

said the grant will be used to work on making additional raised vegetable garden beds available. "With more garden beds, we'll be able to give more members of the South Wedge community an opportunity to inexpensively grow their own fresh and healthy produce," said Papapanu.

"The grant will enable [Hickory St Block Club] to create, purchase, and deliver 10 more Welcome Baskets to new residents on the street and also help fund a "Meet and Greet" for all new and past investors (non owner-occupied properties) on Hickory Street," said Jayne Morgan, "Queen Hickory N.U.T." who applied for the grant.

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Site of proposed Roc City Skatepark (Photo by Heather McKay)

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## Erie Harbor Wall Raising held to celebrate Mt. Hope Ave. renewal

By Robert Boyd

Most projects have groundbreaking and ribbon cutting, but in the eclectic South Wedge, we had a wall raising to celebrate the beginning of Erie Harbor. Cheers erupted when a section of the new building was hoisted into place. Many in attendance had been involved with the planning and development of the Erie Harbor project since 2004.

Wall raising celebrants included Mayor Tom S. Richards; Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks; Regional Director NYS Division of Housing and Community Development Tom

VanNortwick; City Council members Dana Miller, Adam McFadden and Elaine Spaul; Senator Joseph E. Robach, (R-56th district); Dan Buyer, former SWPC Executive Director, now Assistant Commissioner of NYS Home and Community Renewal for the Syracuse region; SWPC Executive Director Bob Boyd; Richard Crossed, Chairman & Managing Partner, Conifer Realty, LLC; and Conifer Realty VP Allen Handelman. They were also joined by Calvary St. Andrews Rev. Judy Lee Hay; President, Rochester Division

M&T Bank Daniel J. Burns; Vice President, J.P. Morgan Chase Scott Schmid; and NBN leader Carlene Woodward.

After a long period of separation, the Genesee River will be reunited with the South Wedge neighborhood. This new development provide many different housing options and contributes to the continuing evolution of the neighborhood.

Mayor Tom Richards applauded the "investment" that Conifer is making in the community and the partnership with state, city and county governments.



(l-r) Mayor Tom S. Richards, Regional Director NYS Division of Housing and Community Development Tom VanNortwick, City Council members Dana Miller and Elaine Spaul, SWPC Executive Director Bob Boyd and Monroe County Executive Maggie Brooks (Photo by Joe Wierzbowski)

## They're Engaged! Thomas & Mooney



Eileen and Rick are watched over by Eileen's great-grandmother Anna Kane, whose engagement photo was taken in 1897 (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

Eileen Thomas and Rodric "Rick" Mooney recently announced their engagement. A long-time Wedge resident, Eileen has worked at the South Wedge Planning Committee since 2002. Rick, Batavia native and current Buffalo resident, is employed by AAA of Western & Central New York. Parents of the happy couple are Shayne Thomas, of Newburgh NY, Frances and Roy Dexheimer of Ithaca, NY and Jerold and Susan Mooney, of Penfield.

The couple met in 2009.

Many weekend dates were spent at local motorsports facilities where Rick, a NASCAR official, announces the races. "It's different from the motorcycle racing that I grew up with," said Eileen, "but still a lot of fun."

The couple plans a St. Patrick's Day wedding in Ithaca in 2012. Attendants will include Eileen's daughter, artist Genevieve Thomas Poehner (a School #12 and School of the Arts alum), and several of Rick's siblings. "All 527 of them!" quipped Rick.

## Victory Garden Update

By Heather Penrose



April Rahe brought baby Elan Braimah to join in the fun.

South Wedge Victory Garden Spring Clean Up was held on 4/9 on a beautiful, sunny Saturday reports garden co-manager Heather Penrose. About 20 gardeners volunteered to clean the entire garden of debris and weeds. New mushroom compost was added to all 34 garden beds to prepare it for the 2011 season. Workers also painted the fence and lined it with a row of lilies. Mama April Rahe brought baby Elan Braimah along for the day

In April South Wedge Victory Garden managers presented a talk entitled "Soil: It's Not A Dirty Word," about naturally building healthy soil in your home garden. Guest speakers included Brian Beh of Raindance Harvest Sustainable Farms and Todd Lighthouse of Lighthouse Gardens. The farmers spoke to over 45 new and seasoned gardeners!

"A big "thank you!" goes out to Brian and Todd!

## In Memoriam – Tom Locke

Shocked and grieving friends and neighbors on Averill Avenue were gathered outside Tom Locke's home on Saturday, May 28 after learning about the sudden death of one of the South Wedge's original urban pioneers. Mr. Locke was discovered in his house by police on Thursday, May 25 after neighbors noticed mail piling up and his car in the driveway.

Mr. Locke, profiled in the April/May 2010 issue of the *Wedge* Newspaper, spoke then of his determination in the late 1970s to renovate his Averill Avenue home despite its run down condition.

"I could stand on my porch and see several boarded up houses," said Locke. He filled his house with artwork, stained glass windows, family antiques and work by RIT students. He enjoyed all the changes he saw in the South Wedge and relished visiting Lux, Mise En Place and John's Tex Mex.



Tom Locke (Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

"He was a wonderful neighbor," said close friend Cheryl Stevens. "In fact he was helping with all the food for the Big Lunch [a community meeting] at Calvary St. Andrews Church."

Mr. Locke worked as a lab manager at Rochester Institute

of Technology. He was a dedicated neighborhood volunteer, helping with SWPC's Wedgestock 2010.

He is survived by close friend Marqus Ristau of Florida and a sister in New Jersey. Stevens said a memorial service is being planned.

## SEAC's 42nd Annual Meeting Celebrates S.E. Projects



The South East Area Coalition's annual meeting held at Lake Riley at Cobbs Hill was in celebration mode as the non-profit's Executive Director Helen Hogan announced a long list of "exciting projects underway in the southeast area."

These projects include: developer Fred Rainaldi's plans for the historic Armory on Culver Road which combines office

and retail space, as well as an upscale restaurant; The Upper Monroe Neighborhood Association's collaboration with Rainaldi which produced the Wide Waters Community Garden directly behind the Armory development.

Also on the list was Fairmount Properties' footprint of the "College Town" project on Mt. Hope Avenue which in-

cludes mixed retail, a hotel and conference center, RGRTA bus transfer center and an outdoor courtyard that will host a number of events throughout the year. Anticipated construction schedule begins summer 2012 with a projected finish date for fall 2013.

Most recently, SEAC was the recipient of a New York Main Street Grant for nine properties on South Clinton Avenue. A new branding campaign with logos and banners for South Clinton Avenue will be rolled out in June.

During the evening, SEAC honored three volunteers of the year with a Community Builder/Neighborhood Awards: John Lembach "volunteer extraordinaire" and retiring SEAC board member; Matt Perdue, chair of the South Clinton ESCAPE committee; and Fran Basile, business owner of Dog Town on Monroe Avenue.

For more SEAC news, visit [myseac.org](http://myseac.org).

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## Highland Branch Library June & July Calendar

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**Book Discussion group** --come share your thoughts and make some suggestions as to titles for future reading. We are looking at possibly changing the meeting time from Friday afternoon to Monday evening. Let us know if this would work for you.

### For Children

**Playboard and Card Game Days** -- Friday, June 3, Friday, June 17, and Thursday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m. Mystery Mondays - June 6, 13, and 20 at 2:30, Mondays. Join us to find out what the mystery is.

**Bug Day** -- Tuesday, June 7 at 2:30. Are you a bookworm? Got ants in your pants? A bee in your bonnet? Explore the world of insects with a good book and a bug-themed craft.

**Butterfly Wind Catchers**-- Wednesday, June 8 at 1:30 p.m. Make some fun summery decorations.

**Bug Bingo!**--Friday, June 10 at 2:30 p.m.

**Flag Day**--Tuesday, June 14 at 1:30 p.m. Celebrate Flag Day with us by making your own colorful felt flag. Create your own unique flag or make one based on a real flag.

**Father's Day Craftmaking**-- Wednesday, June 15 at 1:30 p.m. Need something awesome to show your father how great he is on Father's Day? Make some

cool crafts for dad.

**Watercolor Day**-- Tuesday, June 21 at 2:30 p.m. Celebrate the first day with watercolor paintings, then sprinkle them with salt to make interesting designs.

**Wimpy Kid Day**- Wednesday, June 22 at 1:30 p.m. Celebrate the release of the latest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* movie with games and fun activities.

**Make Beaded Bracelets** -- Wednesday, June 29 at 1:30 p.m.

### Activities for Teens/ Tweens:

**Duct Tape Wallets** -- Monday, June 13 at 3:30 p.m. Need a present for your father, but short on funds? Come make a duct tape wallet at the library. Ages 10 and up.

**Summer Reading Book Talk** -- Monday, June 20 at 4:00 p.m. Ages 13 and up.

**Stories in the Park** July 6-August 10, Wednesday mornings at 11:30 p.m. We'll meet across from the Lamberton Conservatory. Bring a blanket to sit on. Weather permitting. For ages 2-5.

**Enjoy Rubber Stamping** -- Wednesday, July 6 at 2:00. Try your hand at creating a picture or a card with rubber stamps. Ages 5-10. \*Please register\*

**MAGNA Fest** -- Monday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m. For teens and tweens. Call for details. \*Please register\*

**Paint a pet rock!** -- Wednesday, July 13 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 5-10. \*Please register\*

**Cartooning** -- Thursday, July 14. Learn how to draw car-

toons with a professional. For older kids and teens. Call for details. \*Please register\*

**Minute to win it** - Monday, July 18 at 2:00 p.m. Based on the popular tv show. Try your skills. Ages 10-17 \*Please register\*

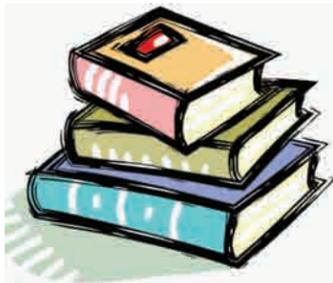
**Make a book** -- Wednesday, July 20 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 7-13 \*Please register\*

**The Magic Guy** - Thursday, July 21--Professional magician, Chris Wilkinson will amaze you with his magic tricks. Ages 6 and up. \*Please register.

**Masks**-- Monday, July 25 at 2:00 p.m. Ages 6-10 \*Please register\*

**Origami**-- Wednesday, July 27 at 2:00 p.m. Asian paper folding to create a dog, a penguin and a boat. Ages 7-14. \*Please register\*.

**Games around the World** -- Thursday, July 28 at 2:00 p.m. Join Jan Daitz and play some games that kids in other countries play. This will take place at Highland Park. Call for details. Ages 5-20, accompanied by adult. \*Please register\*



## The South Wedge Needs You!

Mark your calendars for Wedgestock 2011 on Saturday, August 20. Join us for a day long festival of live music, shopping local artist wares, an entertaining kids' area, street performers, a pet parade, tasty food, great beer and a whole lot more! Better yet, volunteer to help out on the day. All volunteers receive a Wedgestock t-shirt, a warm, fuzzy feeling, and beer coupon. This is a great way to help make our neighborhood even better. So come one, come all down to SWPC headquarters on Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m. and sign up! For more information [www.wedgestock.org](http://www.wedgestock.org) or call SWPC at 585.256.1740.

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- 4 bedrooms on the second floor
- Summer porch off the rear 2nd floor bedroom
- One completely remodeled bathroom on the second floor with new tub, vanity, shower and commode
- Freshly painted walls and ceilings with low VOC paint
- Circuit breakers with 150 amp electric panel
- Energy efficient 40-gal. gas hot water heater
- 93% high efficiency gas, forced air furnace
- New roofing with architectural shingles
- New baked aluminum gutters and downspouts
- New energy efficient light fixtures throughout
- New asphalt driveway
- Spacious rear yard with plantings



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