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## South Wedge Named NY State Historic District

by Nancy O'Donnell

The State and National Registers of Historic Places are recognizing what the community has known all along—the South Wedge is a significant historic area filled with gorgeous architecture from Gothic to Queen Anne.

The long road to recognition began several years ago when BASWA President Chris Jones led a group of neighbors in researching the Linden Street/South Avenue neighborhood for data to confirm

that the area was “significant in history, architecture, engineering, landscape design, archeology and culture.” In 2010, the area was accepted by the State and National Registers of Historic Places. Later that year the Linden-South Historic District received a Rochester Area Community Foundation grant to research and nominate properties within a broader swath of South Wedge.

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and archi-

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### Hamilton Street Rehab Update

The South Wedge Planning Committee's rehab of 293 Hamilton Street continues with an expected completion date of August 31. Already the porch has been re-opened, asbestos has been removed from the house; the roof is on; new windows are in place, and work inside continues apace.

“We're excited to be able to offer a home to a first-time home buyer who wants to live in the great South Wedge community,” said SWPC Executive Director John Page.

SWPC's Community Development Project is made possible through the support of the City of Rochester's Neighborhood & Business Development, NYS Affordable Housing Corporation, Clarion Opportunity Fund, Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation, Konar Properties and Rochester Management, Inc.

### Highland Market Future Uncertain

by Nancy O'Donnell

On May 20, the City of Rochester Planning Commission denied a request by Highland Market owner Damianos Stephanou to rezone three properties at the corner of Linden Street and South Avenue. If granted the rezone, he proposes to demolish the Highland Market and rebuild a new brick two-story food market and cafe.

The existing store has been a neighborhood eyesore for decades, and some neighbors initially were elated at the possibility of a new building when the project was announced at a January NBN6 meeting while others had serious concerns about whether re-zoning was appropriate for the neighborhood, especially the properties other than the market.

Stephanou will be allowed to ask the Commission to reconsider their decision.

The project before the Planning Commission requested that three South Ave. properties owned by Stephanou be rezoned from R-1 residential zoning to C-1 commercial, which would allow a small, 3,400 square foot commercial enterprise such as a market, retail store, restaurant, or bar (with limited hours). The existing store is a pre-existing,

## South Wedge Farmers Market Opens on June 6



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by Sue Gardener Smith

It's time again for the Food Less Traveled as the South Wedge Farmers Market returns for its seventh great year! Once again it's sponsored by the Genesee Co-op Federal Credit Union. Opening Day is Thursday, June 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. As always, it's held in the shaded parking lot of Boulder Coffee Company at 100 Alexander St. (at S. Clinton Avenue). Stop by after work, after school or if you're just looking for the best place to be in Rochester on a Thursday afternoon.

Several wonderful new vendors join the market this year. You'll find gluten-free baked goods, jams and jellies, cut flowers, garden plants, organic teas, more fruits and vegetables plus South Wedge Soap

nonconforming structure that was “grand fathered” in, and so could remain on the site.

Stephanou's plan was presented at the meeting by two representatives from Plan Studio Architects. The Commission had also received one letter of support.

Based on public meeting input and a public survey, the South Wedge Planning Committee opposed the proposal. Eighty-eight people responded to the survey, 99% of whom lived or worked in the neighborhoods directly surrounding the market (South Wedge, Highland Park, and Swillburg). Of the respondents, 72% opposed the proposal as written. The biggest concern from neighbors was rezoning the residential home at 818 South Ave. Another major concern was that C-1 zoning has too many permitted uses and after the properties

(about as local as you can get). Le Petit Poutine, Snow Daze/Eat Me Ice Cream, and the Wafel Cart will offer market treats for your enjoyment.

Favorite returning vendors include Fisher Hill Farm, K&S Bischooping Farm, Flour City Pasta, Lagoner Farms, Leonard Oakes Estate Winery, Seven Bridges Farm, Small World Bakery, Pasta Classics, Lakestone Family Farm, Ambrosia Acres and Wohlschlegel's Naples Maple Farm.

A great line-up of local musicians is planned for the season. Opening day will feature jazz from the *Charlie Mitchell Group*, with future performances from the *Wild Root String Band*, *Watkins & the Rapiers*, *Cabbage &*

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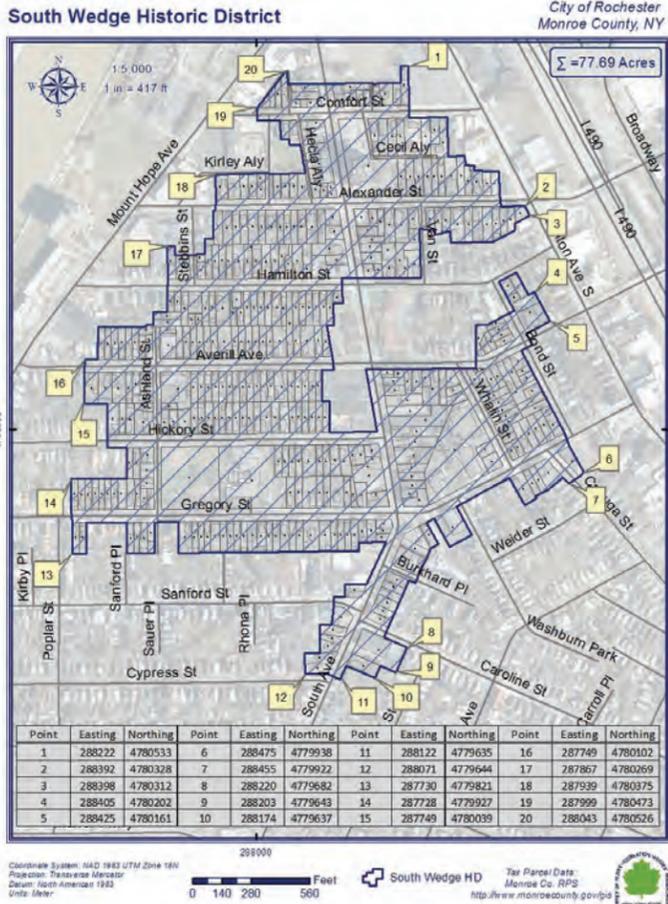
were re-zoned the neighborhood could end up with any allowable C-1 use, whether it was desirable or not.

During the evening, testimony against the project was given by eight members of the audience. In addition, the Commission had received 18 emails and/or letters opposing the project. Some of the neighborhood's sentiments have been voiced on Highland Park Neighborhood Association's Facebook page.

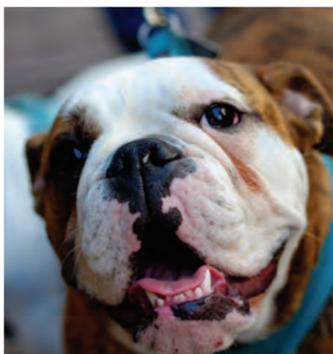
One of the Commission's objections given on the night of the meeting was that the project was “not enough of a benefit” to the neighborhood to merit rezoning; instead the commission felt “it looked more like a commercial intrusion.”

Since the denial, Stephanou's architectural firm has been in contact with the office

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## Jason Curtis Finds Dream Job

SWPC Board member and co-treasurer Jason Curtis has found his ideal job at the financial services firm Edward Jones, recently named the No. 1 large company on the "Best Companies to Work for in New York" ranking. Curtis is a financial advisor for the company.

Curtis explained how his company received the honor. "The New York State Society for Human Resource Management State Council teamed up with the Best Companies Group of Harrisburg, Pa. to rank the state's best employers. Fifty companies were named Best Companies to Work for in New York for 2013, divided into 20 large companies and 30 small or medium-sized companies based on the number of people they employ in the New York," said Curtis.

Ranking was based on an employer inventory of practices and an anonymous survey of associates, who were asked to agree or disagree with dozens of statements about the firm, teamwork and their individual experience at the firm.

"I've been with Edward Jones now for 4 years, and I cannot imagine a more supportive and encouraging environment to grow both personally, and professionally," said Curtis. "I feel so fortunate to be working for a company that values both mine, and more importantly my client's best interests. I truly believe that a firm that values the financial future of its clients



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Meetings are held at 224 Mt. Hope Ave.  
The community is invited to attend all meetings.

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Tues., 6/18 7/16, 6 p.m.

#### Community Engagement (Neighbors & Block Clubs)

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[hapenrose@hotmail.com](mailto:hapenrose@hotmail.com)  
E-mail for dates and times.

#### Artist Seeks Indigogo Funding

Local artist Matt Rogers has launched Transit Apparel, an art driven initiative celebrating Rochester's historic subway system and proudly diverse neighborhoods. Roger's is seeking funding through an Indigogo.com campaign that runs

through June 22, 2013, with a goal of \$13,500.

The company will strive to use American-made materials and equipment, and the t-shirts will be printed in Rochester.

Visit "Transit Apparel" on Indigogo.

### Highland Library in June & July

Help your child maintain and improve her/his reading skills by joining the Library's Summer Reading Program. Pick up a reading calendar to keep track of how much your child reads at home, then stop in each week to pick up a small prize from our prize box.

"Stories in the Park" for ages 3-5 continues on Wednesday mornings at 11:30 if the weather is good.

Craft programs for children on Mondays: On June 8, veggie stamping. On the 15th, we'll make tin can planters. On the 22nd we'll paint rock critters, and on June 29 we'll do some gem crafts.

Back by popular demand—Build a fairy house or bug village in Highland Park on Wednesday, July 10.

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A scavenger hunt in the park is planned for Wednesday, July 24.

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by Nancy O'Donnell



## ROC Transit Day

ROC Transit Day on June 20 encourages Rochesterians to leave their cars at home for one day and use public transit instead. Some 1,000 free, all-day fare cards will be given away through local employers and community groups. ROC-Transit is asking local businesses to offer their customers a discount if they are presented with an RTS fare card. Any offer at all will be accepted; it's entirely up to the business. In exchange, ROC Transit will add them to its interactive map, and we will encourage people to visit those businesses. For more info, visit <http://www.roctransitday.com/roc-transit-day.php>.

## Neighborhood Sales

Join Lilac Neighbors for a great community Garage Sale on June 7 and 8. Its boundaries are from Reservoir Ave to the Highland Park Condominiums, between South and Mt. Hope Avenues. On Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Highland Park Neighborhood Association holds its 3rd neighborhood wide yard sale rain or shine. The Greek Orthodox Church, 833 South Ave., holds huge yard sale June 7 and 8. Join your neighbor for a great opportunity to upcycle unwanted items.



CSA Food Ministry (Photo by Brady Dillsworth)

## Calvary St. Andrews Church Food Program

In December 2011, CSA has expanded their food programs to include Foodlink's Mobile Pantry reports food Food Ministry Director Robert Lauterbach. Foodlink received a grant that allowed them to make truck deliveries to the church each week.

Each Tuesday morning Foodlink drops off 7-9 pallets of produce and baked goods (and sometimes meat) at the church. Volunteers bring the food into the church and prepare it for distribution. People in need from around Rochester (there are no restrictions as to where people live) arrive at the church beginning at 6 am and enter the church about 8 am and go through the distribution line based on first come, first served. The event ends about 10 a.m. when all the people have been served and the food is gone. In addition, CSA offers help with SNAP (food stamp) ap-

plications, and other needs that people might have. Over the past year, the number of people served has grown from about 50 each week to over 130. The other program the church offers is the Emergency Food program (once every 90 days) that has been around over 30 years. Thirteen years ago, the Emergency program feed only 500 people a year and it is now up to 3,700 people annually. Foodlink has been a wonderful partner as they have managed to keep up the supply to meet the rising demand over all these years.

For more information, email [Lauterbachrblauterbach@gmail.com](mailto:Lauterbachrblauterbach@gmail.com)

## CSA Has a Cow

Calvary St. Andrews Church raised over \$500 to purchase a heifer from Heifer International. The church has a long tradition of buying through the program. In 2012, Calvary's four relief programs fed 13,400. The 30+ year old emergency food cupboard program fed 3,375 people, the Foodlink Mobile pantry program fed 10,000 people, the new community garden program grew over 100 pounds of produce, and now, via the Heifer program. CSA will feed a family for years.

Heifer International details how important a cow is: when a family has a cow, every morning there's a glass of rich milk for the children to drink before heading off to school. School fees are paid for with the income from the sale of milk. A good dairy cow can produce four gallons of milk a day - enough

for a family to drink and share with neighbors. Milk protein transforms sick, malnourished children into healthy boys and girls. The sale of surplus milk earns money for school fees, medicine, clothing and home improvements.

Better still, every gift multiplies, as the animal's first offspring is passed on to another family-then they also agree to pass on an animal, and so on.

And because a healthy cow can produce a calf every year, every gift will be passed on and eventually help an entire community move from poverty to self reliance.

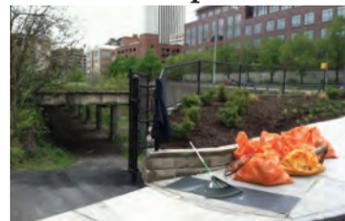
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Literacy Volunteers of Rochester has several one-hour preview sessions scheduled for anyone interested in becoming a tutor. After attending a preview, you may participate in one of our training workshops. Many adults are waiting for a tutor to help them to learn to

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Upcoming Tutor Training Workshop to be held at our 1600 South Avenue office on the corner of South and Elmwood Avenues: Fridays, starting July 12, 2013 9:00 a.m. to noon (7 sessions). Check [www.literacyrochester.org](http://www.literacyrochester.org) for information.

## Washington Square Pk. NA Cleans Up



City Clean Sweep courtesy of Washington Square Park NA

The Washington Square Park Neighborhood Association, a fairly new collective group of residents, businesses and non-profits in one of Rochester's oldest neighborhoods, recently participated in the city's Clean Sweep program on May 11th.

Approximately 50 volunteers from the neighborhood -with the assistance of the Rochester Young Professionals, the Monroe County Young Democrats, and even members of the proposed Roc City SkatePark - all pitched in to help beautify their little section of the city. We thank them all for their efforts!

Be on the lookout for this growing neighborhood in the near future. While there are many things planned in terms of commercial development in the WSP neighborhood, the Association itself is embarking on an ambitious project to creatively, and uniquely brand the area. Watch for traffic boxes to be painted, new signage and banners going up, and even a neighborhood logo being developed to better unify and tell the story of this historical area. If you have any questions or would like to help the WSPNA in its efforts, please contact Jason Schwingle, Chair of the WSPNA, at [washingtonsquare-neighborhood@gmail.com](mailto:washingtonsquare-neighborhood@gmail.com).



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## Crossroads Ice Cream Opens June 16

Crossroads Coffeehouse is spreading out to create Crossroads Ice Cream in a space once held by Tattoo Kamikaze. Pittsford Farms Dairy is the supplier of delectable ice creams.

Owner Cailin Willey said she's pleased with the neighborhood's support for her business and credits it with allowing her to expand and add a fully-certified kitchen.

"We think that the timing is right, and the need is there ever since Granny's Ice Cream closed," said Willey. "This is a niche that we are proud to fill. From the beginning we had

wanted to add ice cream, but needed the space to do so."

"We know that new menu food offerings are in the future, and we also have been looking into adding wine and beer to the coffeehouse drink menu," Willey added. "All the way around we have created a place for the neighborhood to enjoy. We are enthusiastic about coffee and will be equally enthused about the ice cream."

A grand opening is slated for Father's Day on June 16. Visit Crossroads Coffeehouse's Facebook page for hours and additional info.

## Meet Police Cadet Joshua Hunt

Police cadet Joshua Hunt, 19, recently joined the City's Southeast Neighborhood Service Center as a police intern under the mentorship of CPO Garth Mitchell.

"I've wanted to be a police officer as long as I can remember," says Hunt. "I thought the lights on the police cars looked cool." Even his cars--a Dodge Neon and a Crown Victoria--show his passion for police life.

But, the death of his best friend, Paul Vasconcellos, in 2010 solidified his desire for a career in law enforcement.

"He was a good friend through Victory Baptist Church. He was 42-years-old and just getting his groceries out of car when he was killed. That's when it hit home. I want to do what I



Joshua Hunt  
(Photo by Nancy O'Donnell)

can to prevent crimes like this."

The Rush Henrietta graduate first became a Police Explorer through a RPD program for individuals, 14-21. Explorers learn about law enforcement through training and police ride-alongs. He also takes part in PAC TAC (Police and Citizens Together Against Crime).

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## Summer Meals

by Lauren Morelle

Summer in the South Wedge means more than just sun and fun – it also means the return of the Summer Meals program! Thanks to a free program sponsored locally by the City of Rochester, the Rochester City School District,

and Foodlink, all kids 18 and under, can access free, healthy meals at locations right in their neighborhood.

A recent report by the Center for Governmental Research (CGR) shows that local participation is low. Last year, only 4,700 children received meals through the Summer Meals Program. That's only 22% of eligible children in the city.

Wedge residents can do their part by spreading the word to their families, friends, and neighbors that this program is available to children beginning June 24.

Meals will be available at Rochester City Schools and Rochester Recreation Centers throughout the summer. For additional sites across the city or to check dates and times, please call 211 or visit [healthkids.org](http://healthkids.org) after June 1.

## Introducing Evan Robert Greenwald



Evan Robert was born on April 28 in the afternoon. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 ounces and measured 20 inches long. Parents Brandon and Megan Greenwald report: "Evan is a loving, easy-going baby. He is loved by

all, including his two dogs Ubu and Sadie." Evan's dad says that "he can't wait until he's old enough to work at Harry G's." Brandon, co-owner of Harry G's New York Deli on South Ave., is creating a sandwich to name after Evan.

### Summer Meal Locations in the Southeast Rochester Zip code 14620

School #12, South Ave. Rec Ctr.

9-10 a.m., 12-1 p.m. 6/25-8/24

School #35, Field Street Rec Ctr.

9-10 a.m., 12-1 p.m. 6/25-8/17

Zip code 14607

School #15, Averill Ave., 9-10 a.m.,

11:30-12:30 p.m. 7/9-7/27

Monroe Middle/H.S., Breakfast

TBA, 11:10-12:10 p.m. 7/5-8/15

SOTA, Breakfast TBA, 10:45-11:45

a.m. 7/8-8/10

Zip code 14609

Humboldt Rec Ctr. 8:30-9:30 a.m.,

12:20-1:30 p.m., 6/25-8/24

Zip code 14610

School #28 (Humboldt St.) 8:45-

9:45 a.m., 11-12 p.m., 7/9-8/3

Lake Riley Lodge, Cobbs Hill

Park, 8:45-9:45 a.m., 12:30-1:30

p.m. 7/2-8/24.

### Vegetables are good for you...



## Renewing Massage-It's Healthcare & Ayurvedic, too!

The National Institutes of Health has long recognized excessive stress is bad for our health. Closer to home, the State of New York recognizes that massage therapy is a licensed health care profession. One of the reasons? Professional massage therapy uses scientific developed techniques to improve muscle tone and circulation and works to reduce stress. Who doesn't have too much stress in their lives?

For nearly five years, locals have been walking to their massage therapy appointments at Renewing-Massage, at the same \$50 price for an hour of treatment. Owner and Licensed Massage Therapist Colin Coffey works to help reduce stress and bring the health benefits (both physical and mental) to residents of the South Wedge. (For residents of other neighborhoods, could this result in 'massage envy?')

"Massage therapy is not just for professional athletes or wealthy spa goers. It's a health care service that ought to be available to men and women of all backgrounds. Often, the



Colin Coffey  
(Photo by Johannes Bockwoldt)

people who can benefit most have been convinced it's a luxury, not for them. Think again!" says Coffey.

Having had massage therapy regularly for over 25 years on four continents, Coffey knows something about massage. Now he's added an ancient Indian technique to his tool kit for Wedgers to improve stress reduction during massage.

Ayurveda-- the Indian "science of life"-- a system of health maintenance practiced for over 3,000 years and strongly related to yoga, includes specific massage therapy techniques. Coffey is now incorporating Ayurvedic face and head massage with the highest grade organic oils for even deeper relaxation. Trido-sha (energy balancing) oils and massage techniques he studied in depth at the Kripalu Institute in Massachusetts, can be particularly helpful for reducing stress, and alleviating headaches, even migraines.

Being healthy and feeling good is a challenge for all of us. With regular clients, ranging from their 20's to their 80's in his full-time practice, Coffey says, "Massage therapy is one of those healthy habits you can maintain for a lifetime and in the Wedge it's affordable, no gimmicks."

Whether you have massage occasionally, once a month, Coffey says you can benefit - "it's health care, and it's here in the South Wedge."

To read what the New York State government has to say about massage therapy, visit <http://www.op.nysed.gov/prof/mt>. You can book your massage at 709-6725 and find out more about Ayurveda and Massage at [www.renewing-massage.com](http://www.renewing-massage.com).

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by Nancy O'Donnell



## Meet Fr. Kennedy

Once upon a time, it was one church per priest. In the changing landscape of the Catholic Church, Fr. Robert Kennedy has two and one-half.

With the creation of the Monroe-Clinton Tri-Parish program, Fr. Kennedy juggles pastoral duties with Blessed Sacrament and St. Boniface Church and serves as assistant pastor at Old St. Mary's Church on Washington Square.

Today an average week for him is 50-60 hours a week as he serves Mass, visits nursing homes, attends weddings and funerals and baptizes babies. A big part of Father Kennedy's goal is to make the churches friendlier, more welcoming places.

"I love children," said Fr. Kennedy. "Who doesn't like babies? I think it's important to make the church a friendlier place. It's a scary place if you're two years old. It's also part of reaching out to their parents."

Father Robert Kennedy, the oldest of four, was born in Waterloo, New York. He remembers his father commuting from Waterloo to Rochester for his job at RG&E for six years. "This was before the Thruway," said Father Kennedy.

Finally the family moved to Rochester where Fr. Kennedy attended St. Salome's School where he first felt a calling to the priesthood.

"I never heard any voices. I loved being an altar boy," said Fr. Kennedy. "My family was active in the church. As I went on, through school, I loved it.

I thought I can do this. I think God wants me to do this"

In 1961, he entered St. Andrew's Seminary while he was only in 8th grade, a practice no longer allowed in the Roman Catholic Church.

"I'm referred to as a lifer," laughed Fr. Kennedy.

From St. Andrew's he moved on to St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, where he studied history and theology, with a minor in English. He was ordained a priest in 1974. He went on to serve as a "priest intern" at St. Mary's in Canandaigua where he literally hit the ground running.

"It was my first weekend in Canandaigua, and I was celebrating Mass," said Fr. Kennedy. "No one had told me the depth of the altar steps down to the aisle. I started to lose my balance and threw out my arms and the [Communion] hosts go everywhere. I made a mad scramble [to pick them up]. People gasped. I was so, 'Oh, my God. Good impression on my first weekend.'"

Fr. Kennedy later earned an M.A. in theology from Notre Dame University, and when he returned to Rochester, he was tapped to join the staff of then Bishop of Rochester Joseph Hogan.

"I helped parishes with the new rituals in baptism for infants, rites of Penance, from individual to face-to-face," said Fr. Kennedy, who was named director of liturgy. He stayed in that role when Matthew Clark was named Bishop.

In the intervening years, Fr. Kennedy worked on his Ph.D. at Notre Dame doing his dissertation on the sacrament of Penance, reconciliation and forgiveness.

In the intervening years, Fr. Kennedy taught theology and ministry at St. Bernard's and worked as Director of Continuing Education in the Rochester Diocese and became pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church.

Several years ago the Diocese of Rochester started discussion about combining parishes, and Fr. Kennedy applied for the job that would join Blessed

Sacrament, St. Boniface and St. Mary's.

At St. Boniface, Fr. Kennedy replaced Fr. Brickler, who had been Pastor of St. Boniface since the early 1980s. "Nobody wants change, but they've been welcoming and patient with me. We had to change the Mass schedule which impacted everyone. Different personnel, a combined newsletter. I was the new kid on the block."

Beyond church duties, Fr. Kennedy has served in the Southeast community as well. For several years he sat on the Board of SEAC (South East Area Coalition). "I love the city of Rochester and I love the [South Wedge] neighborhood. Nothing would attract me to the suburbs."

"There are two different parish personalities," said Fr. Kennedy. "St. Boniface is still a neighborhood parish; many families have been here for generations. It has an older, smaller profile. I want to expand our young adult ministry and reach out to younger families with children.

Blessed Sacrament has a different personality. "[It's] is no longer identified with its neighborhood; people come from all over the county. Many come for the [physical] beauty of the church."

However, Fr. Kennedy sees an untapped population of young adults in the community. "Blessed Sacrament has a tremendous amount of young families. We've made a concentrated effort to have programs for young singles and the engaged."

Part of the outreach grew into "Theology on Tap," an evening of discussion about the Catholic Church he held at Johnny's Irish Pub. "I need to get over to Lux to see if they would have space for [Theology on Tap]."

"I must say I am delighted with the development in the [South Wedge] and the credit goes to BASWA and SWPC." He has especially enjoyed several of local restaurants: Zeppa Bistro, Tap & Mallet, Mise En Place and

## World Book Night

Karen Van Meenen, director of Special Projects at Writers and Books, joined scores of people in the U.S., Germany, England and Ireland in giving away books in late April. She dropped in at the City of Rochester's Southeast Neighborhood Service Center. Others were seen around the Wedge in Mise En Place and Solera doing the same thing

Van Meenen's choice of giveaway was Me Talk Pretty One Day by David Sedaris.

"I was one of many dozens of 'givers' locally who passed out free books on World Book Night (WBN). Each 'giver' chooses from a list of about 30 possible titles, all printed and donated by different publishers," said Van Meenen.

"On the night of World Book Night, we all distributed them at locations that are not necessarily places you would normally find books. In terms of the South Wedge, I gave mine at Lux Lounge on South Ave."

Van Meenen heard about the program through Writers



David Sedaris provides cover during book giveaway for Karen Van Meenen (Photo by Michael van Meenen)

& Books, which served as a pickup location for givers, who were invited to a get-together before WBN to pick up their books and get to meet each other (and talk about their favorite books). Of course, lots of conversations happened at the give-aways as well. This is the second year of the program, and it has been so well received there will no doubt be a third.

To learn more, visit [www.us.worldbooknight.org](http://www.us.worldbooknight.org).

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After 39 years as a priest, Fr. Kennedy has weathered many of the changes within the Church. He is ever willing "to get people talking" even a bit of "stirring the pot" on controversial topics. Blessed Sacrament is the only parish in Rochester with a married priest. Fr. Scott

Caton was a married father of five children and an ordained Protestant minister when he converted to Catholicism.

"Pope John Paul II created a loophole that allowed married Catholics to become priests,"

*continued on pg. 10*

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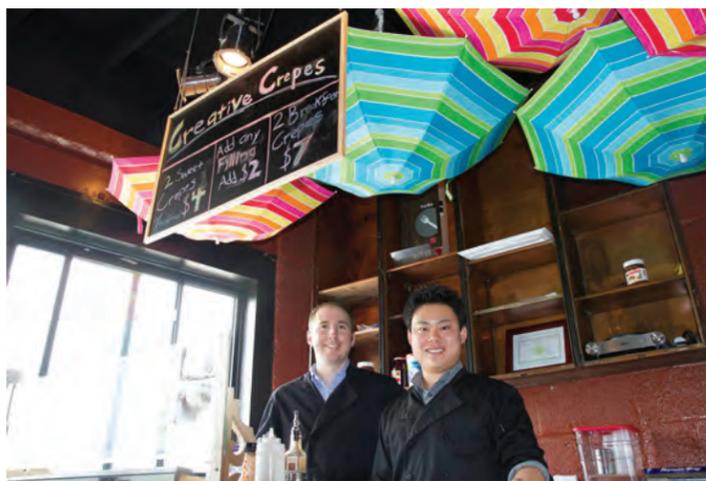
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Andrew Woodward & Li Xiang Poncz (Photo by Johannes Bockwoldt)

## Creative Crepes Bring Paris Élan to Public Market

By Nancy O'Donnell

Every Saturday South Wedge residents Andrew Woodward and Li Xiang Poncz offer European-style crepes at Creative Crepes just inside the door of Boulder Coffee at the Rochester Public Market.

Every week the crepe makers wrap crisp European style crepes around a variety of fillings from fruit jams and Nutella to eggs, melted cheddar cheese and ham. Each week may bring another new special recipe like S'mores crepes filled with Marshmallow Fluff and choco-

late or Nutella. Other recipes may call for a drizzle of chocolate or dark cherry balsamic vinegars from their neighbor in Boulder, Cosimano e Ferrari Olive Oil Company. Since most of their ingredients come from the Public Market, they emphasize "the very, very fresh" quality of their crepes as they "prep everything the same day," said Woodward.

The European quality of their crepes is found in their consistency said Poncz.

"Most [American] crepes

are eggier, denser like a pancake. Ours are lighter, crispy on the edges. A friend from Cyprus said ours taste like ones he had in Europe."

Poncz comes to the new crepe empire after moving east from "Evergloom" Seattle, Washington to study economics in Philadelphia. U of R came recruiting for a Simon School Early Leaders MBA program, and Poncz moved to Rochester earning his degree in finance in 2011.

"I was looking for a job and torn between moving back to Seattle..." said Poncz, who was consulting in a telecommunication business. Helping him make the decision to stay put in Rochester was girlfriend, Wendy Hernandez, now working as a market analyst in the Dominican Republic. "We Skype, and she comes up here every three to four months," Poncz said.

Poncz turned to Simon School classmate and friend Andrew Woodward to start a business but one that they would "have fun with it."

"Every business needs to be fun," said Poncz, "But the underlying principle is that it still needs to be profitable. So we did a business model—what were the startup costs, the break even points, how much traffic would we need, sales per one day a week."

His crepe partner Woodward, a Virginia native, shares an undergrad degree in economics. In 2004 he was working as a financial advisor for American Express in New York City. From there he moved back to Virginia to work in a family business before beginning study at U of R. (Today, when he's not making crepes, Woodward works in electronic manufacturing.)

"We had the idea of opening [a business called] 'Just Bacon,'" said Woodward, [selling] "all sorts of good bacon products." Next, the Virginia native remembered a successful crepe shop back in Charlottesville. "We wanted something that would pivot to other things, something tried and true and not get stuck with one thing."

First the partners had to take a course in food handling and do some research on restaurant management, tax accounting and marketing. Next was purchasing the "crepe stones that guarantee a steady temperature." The best research was in "eating crepes" said Woodward.

"We were force-feeding our friends different crepes until they worked," said Woodward. One of their newest creations is Red Velvet crepes (recipe fol-

lows).

Now in business at 9 Pennsylvania Avenue in the Rochester Public Market, the crepe makers tell their customers they'll custom make what they want in any combination or even if its "butter only."

"We're competitive," said Woodward. "We'll continue to make our crepes more awesome."

"I'd love to flambé bananas," added Poncz.

As the weather gets warmer, the crepe duo plan on adding "fro yo" (frozen yogurt) or ice cream to the booth. For the 4th of July look for a red, white and blue crepe with blueberries and strawberries. In cooler weather, look for pumpkin crepes.

Already, Creative Crepes has its fans. "We had one customer who bought two orders and then when her husband ate most of them, she came back and ordered another one," said Poncz. Another favorite customer is under 10 and drags her father along to buy her weekly Nutella-filled crepe.

Like the Creperie online Facebook.com/creativecrepe and visit at 9 Pennsylvania Avenue at the Rochester Public Market, Sat. 6 a.m. - 2 p.m.



### Red Velvet Crepes with Grand Marnier Cream Cheese

#### Ingredients

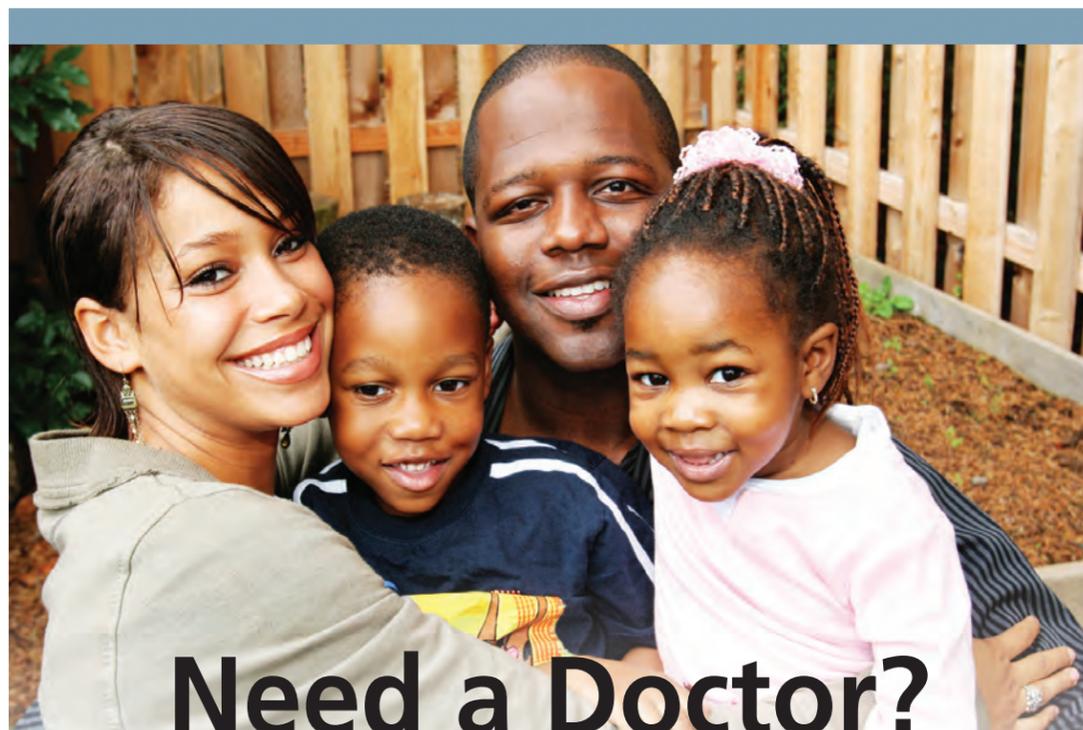
(1 Batch makes 20 Crepes)  
1/3 Cup of sugar  
1 T of cocoa powder  
1 and 3/4 cups of flour  
1 t of salt  
1/3 cup of water  
2 1/4 cups of low fat milk  
2 eggs  
1 T of melted butter  
1 t red food coloring

#### Filling

16 ounces (2 - 8 oz packages) Cream Cheese  
1/2 cups Confectioners' Sugar  
2 t Pure Vanilla Extract  
1 1/2 T of Grand Marnier  
2 cups Heavy Cream

Directions for Filling  
Beat heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Mix the cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until well mixed. Fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese mixture. Slowly stir in the Grand Marnier and vanilla extract.

Batter: Mix all ingredients until smooth and no longer lumpy. The mixture should be more liquid than regular pancake recipe.



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**Squeal for Hedonist  
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gift for a bacon lover than bacon truffles, bark and ice cream.

"It may sound unusual, but it's classic. Who hasn't put chocolate on pancakes along with [eating] bacon. It's salty, savory and sweet," said co-owner Jennifer Posey.

**Wedge Book Review  
Momma Love, How the Mother Half Lives.  
Text and photographs by Ali Smith**



By Nancy O'Donnell

Probably the best Mother's Day present I've ever received came in the mail this year from my baby girl Rachel, who is currently 30 years old, probably the median age of all but one of the mothers in Momma Love, How the Mother Half Lives by photographer Ali Smith.

The 155-page coffee table book is a love story about motherhood. The photographs are gorgeous and the stories are ancient and moving and powerful and speak to mothers of all ages.

Here's an excerpt from the very first profile, Michele Quan's essay, "In Bed the Other Night, A Flash in the Head":

"We were hiking upstate at North Lake, where the big rock cliffs overlook the Hudson River, and Elsie Tree ran right off the edge. It was so fast and

there was nothing I could do except run after her.

Once it played in my head, I couldn't get it out and I couldn't make anything else happen. My friend said, it's "the shift" -when all of a sudden there's somebody else in your life who you really can't live without. Elsie's loss would just be the end, and I would die. That's when I knew everything was forever changed."

Profiles range from the conventional married mother with husband to one momma who co-parents with "two gay best friends, papa and daddy. Some are heartbreaking-- Diana Joy Colbert learns she has leukemia when her daughter Lily is six months old--while another mother, Hannah Bright, talks about wanting "to get her body



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## Children Act Fast...So does Poison!

By Dr. Alexie S. Puran,

We all want to keep our children safe and secure and help them live to their full potential. Knowing how to prevent leading causes of child injury, like poisoning, is a step toward this goal.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every day in the United States nearly 87 people die as a result of unintentional poisoning, and another 2,277 are treated in emergency departments. In 2010, poison control centers reported receiving calls about

2.4 million human poison exposure cases.

During 2004 and 2005, an estimated 71,000 children under 18 years of age were seen in emergency departments each year because of medication poisonings excluding abuse and recreational drug use. Over 80 percent were because an unsupervised child found and consumed medicines.

Among children, emergency department visits for such medication poisonings use) are twice as common as poisonings

from other household products such as cleaning solutions and personal care products. Emergency department visits for medication poisonings are most common in children under 6 years of age. One out of every 180 two-year-olds visits an emergency department for a medication poisoning.

A poison is any substance, including medications, that is harmful to your body if too much is eaten, inhaled, injected or absorbed through the skin. Any substance can be poison-

ous if too much is taken either intentionally or unintentionally. If the person taking or giving a substance did not mean to cause harm, then it is an unintentional poisoning. These kinds of poisoning include the use of drugs or chemicals for nonmedical purposes in excessive amounts, such as an "overdose." It also includes the excessive use of drugs or chemicals for non-recreational purposes, such as by a toddler.

Most poisonings occur when parents or caregivers are



Dr. Puran

home but not paying attention. We all know young children may put anything in their mouths. This is part of learning. Many household products can be poisonous if swallowed, in contact with the eyes or if inhaled. The most dangerous potential poisons are medicines, cleaning products, antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, pesticides, furniture polish, gasoline, kerosene and lamp oil.

Extra vigilance should be taken when there is a change in routine. Holidays, visits to and from grandparents, and other special events may bring greater risk of poisoning if the usual safeguards are not in place.

More than 90 percent of the time, poisonings happen in people's homes. The majority of these poisonings occur in the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom.

Here are some tips from the American Academy of Pediatrics that can help you poison-proof your home and protect your children.

- Store medicine, cleaners, paints/varnishes and pesticides in their original packaging in locked cabinets or containers, out of sight and reach of children.

- Install a safety latch that locks when you close the door on child-accessible cabinets containing harmful products.

- Purchase and keep all medicines in containers with safety caps. Always replace the safety caps immediately after use.

- Never refer to medicine as "candy" or another appealing name. You do not want to confuse the child and make medicine sound tasty.

- Check the label each time you give a child medicine to ensure proper dosage.

- Keep products in their original containers. Never place poisonous products in food or drink containers.

- Keep coal, wood, or kerosene stoves in safe working order.

- Maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

- Take extra care during stressful times.

- Never leave alcohol within a child's reach.

- Teach children not to drink or eat anything unless it is given by a trusted adult.

- Check your home often for old medications. Monroe County residents can now drop off their unused, unwanted or expired medications to the sheriff's Zone C substation on

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(l-r, front row) SWPC Board member and Troop Leader 19 Jason Curtis with Eagle Scouts in training Tom Dellinger, Colin Cubitt, Aristan Hart, Alex Brunelle, Jobin Philip, (back row) Paul Dellinger, Randy Carlson. Not pictured Bailey Hawk, Matthew Blejwas.

# South Wedge Victory Garden Launches the Growing Season



Lorrie Brato and Joanna Cummings (Photos by Nancy O'Donnell)



Cypress Street Victory Garden

gardening to be more conveniently accessible by foot or bike for people that live a bit further south in the neighborhood.

A good deal of time and effort went into this project. It was a long time in the planning, and the groundwork was a collaborative effort between members of Victory Garden Committee, a couple of folks that had been using the Cypress St. lot to garden already, and the South Wedge Planning Committee. The raised beds were built with lumber, topsoil and compost procured using funding from a NeighborGood Grant. The grant also funded the expense of having a city water tap installed on the site, and the City of Rochester provided mulch for us to put down between the raised beds.

Our build day at Cypress St was April 13, and we could not have pulled off the project without quite a few people who volunteered their time and elbow



1st row (l-r) Alex Landry, Lorrie Brato, Heather Penrose, Joanna Cummings 2nd row (l-r) John Page, Donna Lenhard Roethel, Jason Curtis, Alex Brunelle, Jobin Philip, Colin Cubitt, James Papapanu 3rd row (l-r) Hunter Page, Tom Dellinger, Scott Wagner, Randy Carlson, Paul Dellinger, Aristan Hart.

By James Papapanu,

It's been a very busy spring for us at The South Wedge Victory Garden getting everyone into the garden and planting. By far the biggest and most exciting project that kept us occupied was the April construction and opening of a second Victory Garden at 162 Cypress St. The new garden's 21 raised beds, when added to the 34 beds at the garden at 122 Hamilton St., significantly increases the space we can make available for South Wedge residents to vegetable garden. Having a second location a few blocks away from the Hamilton garden also allows community

grease. First and foremost, we got a big boost from a number of boy scouts from Tay House Troop 19 who volunteered to help with the project. Members of the Victory Garden Committee, other victory gardeners, and board members and staff from the South Wedge Planning Committee also turned out to help. Both Victory Garden Committee co-chair Heather Penrose and I want to sincerely thank all of our volunteers. The new garden would not have been possible without you!

We were back at work again on May 4. City Clean Sweep volunteers and our victory gardeners, partnered together to

lay down mulch between the raised beds and to do some general clean up like weeding and raking up leaves. This work was done at both the Hamilton and Cypress Gardens. Later this spring or summer we'll work to put a flower bed and a picket fence in on the street front of the new Cypress St. garden.

These projects may make it sound like we're all work and no play at the South Wedge Victory Garden, but that's not the case. We hold several social events throughout the season that are just for fun and relaxation. Gardening and food go hand in hand, so one of the most popular events with our gardeners is

the periodic pot luck lunch. We held our first one of the season on May 18 at Marie Daley Park, and it had one of our best turn outs yet. These are a great way for our gardeners to get to know each other, and we're looking forward to several more during the 2013 growing season!

For Victory Garden news and to get connected with fellow gardeners, like our "South Wedge Victory Garden" Facebook page. Want to get involved? The Victory Garden Committee meets monthly (email james.papapanu@gmail.com or happenrose@hotmail.com for dates and times).

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## Downtown Express Screens at Annual Jewish Film Festival, Dryden Theater, July 27



by Nancy O'Donnell

Described as the American version of the Irish indie film, *Once*, *Downtown Express* takes a comedic, yet poignant look at "Big Apple dreams and Brighton Beach personalities." The film screens the Dryden Theater on July 27, 7:30 p.m., during this year's Jewish Film Festival

Russian violinist Sasha (Grammy Award nominee Philippe Quint) has a Juilliard scholarship and the green card in his future. He performs with his family on New York City subway platforms but he's bound for something much bigger. Suddenly, he finds himself drawn to the rhythms of a different New York in the person of Ramona (recording artist/songwriter Nellie McKay). Soon he's playing in her band and the bright future his family planned for him hangs in the balance.

Music from *Downtown Express* will be released by Roc-elle Records (Full disclosure: my daughter Rachel Mary Cox is founder and CEO) on June 25.

The soundtrack reflects the ultimate fusion of classical and pop that emerges from Quint and McKay's on screen union.

Original compositions by McKay and composer-producer Michael Bacon are performed by the on screen band (McKay, Quint, Declan Bennett (American Idiot), Jade Synstelién, and Chris Eddleton), alongside classical pieces performed by Quint.

The music in *Downtown Express* has been praised across the board as a highlight of the film. The *New York Times* said it "Radiates with love" while NPR noted, "It was refreshing to see someone on screen who was actually performing, and quite beautifully at that."

The lead single, "Ain't No Train" was under consideration for the 2013 Academy Award for Best Original Song.

A director, writer, producer and cinematographer David Grubin has produced documentaries for 40 years, winning many prizes including 10 Emmys. *Downtown Express* is his first fiction film.

Michael Bacon, an Emmy Award-winning composer with numerous other awards to his credit, has scored over a dozen feature films and hundreds of hours of prime time television.

In addition, Michael is a singer-songwriter and musician in The Bacon Brothers, with his brother, actor Kevin Bacon. He is also a professor of film scoring at Lehman College in the Bronx.

Nellie McKay has released five critically acclaimed albums, won a Theatre World Award for her performance in the Broadway production of *The Threepenny Opera*, performed onscreen in the film, *PS I Love You*, and contributed original music and covers to the Rob Reiner film *Rumor Has It*. She has also written two critically acclaimed musical bios and two non-fiction books: *I want to Live!*, the story of Barbara Graham, the third woman executed in the gas chamber of San Quentin; and *Silent Spring-It's Not Nice to Fool Mother Nature*, on the life of Rachel Carson.

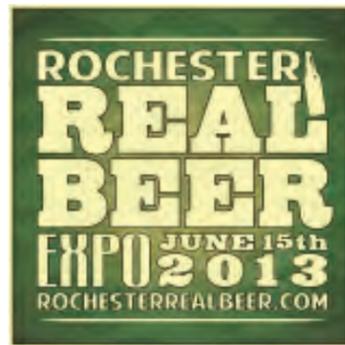
A two-time Grammy Award nominee, violinist Philippe Quint has performed before audiences in six continents with what *The Times* (London) describes as his "bravura technique and unflagging energy." He plays on the 1708 "Ruby" Antonio Stradivari violin on loan through The Stradivari Society®.

"Ain't No Train" is available on Tunes: [itunes.apple.com/us/album/aint-no-train-feat.-nellie/id586234699](http://itunes.apple.com/us/album/aint-no-train-feat.-nellie/id586234699).

For more info on the *Downtown Express* soundtrack, visit: [www.downtownexpressalbum.com](http://www.downtownexpressalbum.com) or contact Rachel Mary Cox at Roc-elle Records 347.687.7155 [publicity@roc-elle-records.com](mailto:publicity@roc-elle-records.com)

CDs of *Downtown Express* will be available for sale after the screening on July 27.

For info on the other films at the Jewish Film Festival, visit [www.rochesterjewishfilmfestival.org](http://www.rochesterjewishfilmfestival.org). July 21-July 29.



Local South Wedge businesses and BASWA (the Business Association of the South Wedge Area) bring back the street party with over 80 of the most exciting craft beers currently available and food from local restaurants. Sat., June 15, 6 p.m.- 10 p.m. VIP hour at 5 p.m. \$45, VIP \$65. Visit <http://rochesterrealbeerexpo2013.eventbrite.com/#>.

The Real Beer Week 2013 calendar includes beer launches, tastings, pairings, socials, pig roasts and more, all in City Papers June 5th issue.



The 2013 Rochester Real Beer Week, a weeklong series of craft beer related events including tastings, food and beer pairings and dinners, socials, concerts, craft beer launches, a Burlesque Show, clam bakes, pig roasts, concerts, a Keg Toss-Off, and a 5K Race will be held June 14-23. The Real Beer Expo (see above) launches the froth filled week. A 5K Race held at RIT, and sponsored by Sierra Nevada and Lovin' Cup, will conclude the week. Other venues launching new beer are Joe Bean & ROC Brewing; Rohrbach's and the Genesee Brewery; Southern Tier Brewing, Rogers; Naked Dove; and Three Heads.

## Fr. Kennedy

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said Fr. Kennedy. "I told Fr. Scott, 'you and your wife are pioneers.'"

"Gays and lesbians are welcome," said Father Kennedy. "A loving committed gay couple, married in the eyes of the New York State, or heterosexuals on their second marriage without an annulment? Why can't they come to community if they're coming with goodwill. Everyone needs the strength? If we're not welcoming all in the spirit that Jesus would, we're not doing our job."

## Historic District

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tectural historian Katie Eggers Comeau of Bero Architecture PLLC reviewed residential neighborhoods in the South Wedge and tentatively outlined a proposed South Wedge Historic District. Buildings that had not undergone drastic exterior changes such as synthetic siding or replacement windows and retained their "original character" were eligible said Jones.

"In March of this year, the National Register nomination for the South Wedge Historic District was accepted by the State Review Board and has been sent to the National Park Service. So technically, the district is now officially listed in the State Register of Historic Places; National Register listing is pending," said Comeau.

Residents are enthusiastic about the designation which makes them eligible for tax credits for renovation on both the interiors and exteriors of their homes.

## Highland Market

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to find out how much they can renovate with the current R-1 zoning.

While there are many rules governing a rehab, an owner can gut the inside, install new windows and remodel the outside but may not add on dramatically to the current footprint, for example, a renovation could not add another floor to the current structure.

In a phone interview, Stephanou expressed his disappointment with the Commission's denial. He was especially upset because he had not actually wanted to rezone all three parcels of his properties as C-1.

"I took out a \$500,000 loan and used some of it to pay for the architect," said Stephanou. "I put my money where my mouth is, and the money would go for the community good."

Stephanou says he will make one more attempt to convince the Commission to allow the project to go forward.

"We all should all work together to get a brand new building," Stephanou said.

And if the request for re-zoning fails again?

"[Opponents] give me no choice but to leave..." said Stephanou.

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## Banzai Brunch

by Nathaniel Mich

Sunday brunch. It's hard to imagine a meal so important to American eating, whether an after-church family gathering or an after-Saturday recovery with friends, that so often gets such lackluster treatment. Imitation syrup, Bisquick, eggs from a bag and unseasoned rouxs posing as gravies all bedevil what should be a beloved meal.

Well, dear reader, weep not! I am happy to report that Banzai, the sushi and cocktail bar that is the South Ave sister to Park Ave's Piranha, now offers a completely delightful Sunday brunch. On this menu, technique and aesthetics elevate classic dishes while still leaving room for whimsy and experimentation.

To start our meal, my two companions and I split the biscuits and sausage gravy. The best I've had always come from south of the Mason-Dixon line, but Banzai's were a real treat too. The biscuits' golden brown and crispy crust gave way to a tender and buttery interior. I prefer a flakier texture but the flavor was true. The gravy was golden and well seasoned: it picked up the richness of the



Banzai Eggs Benedict (Photo by Nathaniel Mich)

sausage, while white pepper and nutmeg gave it an aromatic lift. However, while it made for a great appetizer, we agreed that the portion was too small for an entree; the scale didn't match our later dishes.

Many of the dishes on the Banzai brunch menu rotate, but their website promises that the Banzai Benedict will always be there for you. A refreshing take on the classic Eggs Benedict, at the time of our meal this was the only dish on the menu that hinted at Banzai's night job as an Asian fusion joint. The English muffin is replaced by a split

steamed bun, and is adorned by a pair of perfectly poached eggs. There is no Canadian bacon between the two, rather, there are two finger-lengths of house cured pork belly beside them. A wasabi-laced hollandaise and pink shreds of pickled onion finish off the dish. The pork belly and the pickled onions starred, contributing caramelization, piquancy and texture that aren't usually found in Benedict-type dishes. As delicious as they were, these intense elements overshadowed the milder flavors and textures of the sauce, eggs and bun. In fact,

I could only taste the wasabi in the hollandaise when I tasted it on its own.

On this particular visit, the waffles came topped with a couple scoops of Hedonist Artisan Ice Cream's Bacon Caramel Peanut ice cream (Full Disclosure: I made that ice cream). As flavors, the two meld nicely: bacon and peanuts with wheat and butter, all underlain by caramel and smoke. However, I felt that the two distracted from each other texturally. Like the biscuits, the waffles had a crispy golden crust and a tender buttery crumb, but they quickly became soggy in the ice cream. The heat of the waffles, on the other hand, made short work of the ice cream, forcing my companion to search the expanding puddle for morsels of bacon and candied peanut. Additionally, the ice cream should have been included in the description, to accommodate meat/pork-averse diners. The waffles were ordered with a side of house-made sausage, which had a nice texture and meaty flavor, and were on the lighter and milder side as far as sausages go.

My favorite dish of the meal was the Brioche French Toast. Flour City Bakery brioche was made into bread pudding, which was then sliced and

fried for the plate. Again, there was a perfect balance of crust and crumb: the exterior nicely crisped, the insides practically melting. I loved the textural element the bread pudding step added, with each slice being composed of many individual pieces that had their own layers of texture and flavor. The menu described it as Kahlua-battered, but that flavor largely escaped me. I did enjoy the accompanying orange butter, though; the flavor of the zest lightened what could easily have been a heavy dish. While the dish was appealingly presented, however, I would have liked my syrup (the real stuff, thank goodness) and orange butter on the side, so that I could have applied them as I wished.

We very much enjoyed our Sunday brunch at Banzai. The service was attentive; the ambiance pleasant; the food tasty and beautiful. I appreciated the balance between lightly adjusted classic dishes and inventive offerings like the Banzai Benedict. I would, however, be very interested to see more Asian-inflected brunch dishes appearing on the menu: more dialogue between night-Banzai and morning-Banzai. But, based on this meal, we can rest assured that, at Banzai, brunch is in safe hands.

## Pack-4-Success Works to End Educational Inequality One Backpack at a Time



Siblings Emily & Matthew Cohen with Zachary White-Stellato (UR Grad, former South Wedge resident), Claire Ennist (UR Grad, current South Wedge resident), and Pete Dalpiaz make children's school day easier.

Pack-4-Success was founded in 2011 by siblings and U of R graduates Emily and Matt Cohen to end educational inequality.

"I started Pack-4-Success to give back to a community that had provided me with so much while I was growing up. Pack-4-

Success is my small contribution to that larger goal," said Emily Cohen. "When I first started Pack-4-Success I just wanted to make a difference in the lives of a few children across the area, now I hope we can ignite a commitment among the citizens of Rochester to help our students

succeed." Joined by three other former and current educators, the organization's mission is to ensure that all students have the supplies necessary for a successful school year. They identify public schools with low-income populations and donate backpacks filled with school supplies and additional educational material to each student.

In addition, Pack-4-Success has donated money directly to help fund various after-school and summer programs. It has expanded beyond Rochester to New York City and Baltimore. Last summer, Pack-4-Success helped fund the brand new Young Women's College Prep's summer program as well as donated over 200 backpacks to the Wilson Foundation Academy.

To get involved in their summer donation campaign, check out their website at [www.pack4success.org](http://www.pack4success.org) or email [emily@pack4success.org](mailto:emily@pack4success.org) to see how you can help.

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## Poison Prevention

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Here are some tips about treatment of poisonings:

-Stay calm and act quickly.

-If your child is unconscious, not breathing, or having convulsions or seizures due to

poison contact or ingestion, call 911 or your local emergency number immediately.

-If your child has come in contact with poison, and has mild or no symptoms, call your poison control center at 1-800-222-1222. This number will connect you right away to your nearest poison center. A poison expert in your area is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

-For swallowed poison, remove the item from the child and have the child spit out any remaining substance. Do not make your child vomit. Do not use syrup of ipecac.

-Poison on skin--remove the child's clothes and rinse the skin with lukewarm water for at least 15 minutes.

-Poison in eyes--flush the child's eye by holding the eye-

lid open and pouring a steady stream of room temperature water into the inner corner for 15 minutes.

-Poisonous fumes--take the child outside or into fresh air immediately. If the child has stopped breathing, start cardiopulmonary (CPR) and do not stop until the child breathes on his or her own, or until someone can take over.

Put the national poison control center phone number, 800-222-1222, on or near every telephone in your home. You should also program it into your cellular phone.

Remember children are our future and we must protect them at all times especially from unintentional poisoning.

## Jason Curtis

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## Third Thursdays

Free outdoor concerts will be enhanced this year by the presence of food trucks announces BASWA (Business Association of the South Wedge Area). Each month, a different band (or two) will play at Star Alley Park from 8-10:30 pm. and a different food truck will be on hand to help draw more people to the neighborhood. The Nightstalkers play June 20

## Zeppa Bistro's Dark Night of Comedy

Eddie Pepitone appears at Zeppa Auditorium in the German House on June 14, 9 p.m. Doors open at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$15 advance/\$20 at the door (Open Seating/Reserved Seats with Dinner)

Eddie Pepitone is hailed as Don Rickles meets Eckhart Tolle. Appearing alongside Eddie Pepitone will be members of Rochester's own 3 Guys Walk Into A Bar.

## South Wedge Market

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Baggage, the Mounafanyu Percussion and Dance Ensemble, and many more.

New this year will be "Cook It at the Market," a special event when local chefs demonstrate how to cook the fresh-from-the-farm ingredients found at the market.

The Kid's Wedge Veg Passport program returns, as does the EBT Bonus program. EBT customers purchasing \$10 in tokens with their EBT card receive \$5 in bonus tokens (limit one per family per market day).

Once again, the market will host a food drive on the fourth Thursday of each month to support the food ministry program at Calvary St. Andrews church. In past years, marketgoers have given generously to those in our

community who need our help.

The South Wedge Farmers Market is pleased to partner with the Genesee Co-op Federal Credit Union, this year's market sponsor. We are grateful for the support of Genesee Credit Union, which is member-owned and offers low-cost financial services to Rochester residents from its offices at 395 Gregory Street. The South Wedge Farmers Market is a project of the South Wedge Planning Committee. For more information, sign up for email newsletters at [www.swfm.org](http://www.swfm.org) (new this year). Please also note our new email address: [info@swfm.org](mailto:info@swfm.org). More information is available if you "like" the market's Facebook page.

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