



Maplewood Times

Celebrating Rochester's Historic Northwest Neighborhood

October 2008

Flower City Garden...

On Thursday, August 14 our community came together to celebrate the creation of a new public garden at the corner of Dewey Avenue and Flower City Park. Flower City Garden was designed and created by the volunteers of the Maplewood Gardening Team.

Much of the components found in the garden (topsoil, mulch, fertilizer, and a portion of perennials) were purchased from funds raised by the Gardening Team's annual yard sale in July and plant and embellished window sale at the Rose Festival. A grant from Sector 2 and a donation by the Maplewood Neighborhood Association supplemented the garden's funds. Many architectural plants were transplanted from the gardens of MGT volunteers.

Several clergy of diverse faiths participated in the dedication ceremony, including Rev. Mary Ramerman of

Spiritus Christi, Carl Appleton of the Baha'i Faith Community, and Father Loncle of Sacred Heart Cathedral. Rev. Peggy Meeker, a long-time Maplewood resident, recently ordained by the Unitarian Universalist Church, along with her partner, Marie Gibson,



performed a Native American sage and flute blessing.

The garden serves as a testament to what a handful of dedicated individual's can accomplish. A sentiment both guest

speakers, City Councilmember Carla Palumbo and Neighborhood Service Center Director (formerly NET) elaborated on.

In honor of their dedicated service to beautifying the neighborhood, the Maplewood Gardening Team received a Certificate of Recognition by County Legislators Stephen Eckel and Cynthia Kaleh.

The Maplewood Gardening Team has great ambitions to continue their work and hope they can recruit more volunteers and secure further resources to make it happen.

Mary Lou Frank, who served as Master of Ceremonies, closed the dedication ceremony by aptly quoting a portion of a Zbigniew Herbert poem that reflects the Gardening Team's perspective:

"I know it's hard to be reconciled
not everything is exactly
the way it ought to be

but please turn around
and step into the future
leave memories behind
enter the land of hope."

River Romance 2008 In Maplewood

River Romance has been around for years and with each year the celebration grows a bit larger and more inclusive of the entire Genesee River in the Metro area. That's approximately 18.5 miles from Genesee Valley Park to Ontario Beach. Maplewood is pretty much located at the center and has been long been involved with River Romance. The Maplewood Gorge Guides offer free historical walking tours of the Lower and Middle Falls by the Driving Park Bridge. This year, as in the past the tours start in the Rose Garden at 11 am, last tour leaves at 3pm on Saturday October 11th.

The Gorge Guides are Maplewood residents who volunteer their Saturdays to tell the history of Genesee River, Rochester and the Maplewood neighborhood area. This area of the river has Native American history ties, was the site of two early villages on either side, a resort and an important part of the Freedom Trail. Having taken the tour a number of times, I can say that each guide has a unique style, perspective, and length. Most of the tours are 40 to 45 minutes and packed with interesting history.

The weather report is looking great, but the guides will be there rain or shine.

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Neighbors are encouraged to roam the garden which boasts walking paths, beautiful landscaping — including a Dwarf Korean Lilac, Tree Form — and an Aborigine-inspired sculpture, created and donated by Maplewood artist, John Wilson.

A special note of thanks to Maureen Rocky, Enrica Fleming, Dory Driss, Sheron Gardner and Barbara Astorga-Schmidt for faithfully nurturing this inspiring addition to our neighborhood.

Something New This Year Cobbs Hill Park

Pumpkins in the Park, a joint venture between the city of Rochester and Fleet Feet Sports, will consist of a number of youth races and partial proceeds going to benefit the Tony Jordan Youth Sports Foundation. The new sporting event geared toward Monroe County youth will kick off this November 1st at Cobbs Hill Park.

The event will begin Saturday, November 1st at 9:00 a.m. and will commence with a 5-K run/walk from Riley Lodge, Norris Drive at Culver Road in Cobbs Hill Park, and continues around the Cobbs Hill Reservoir and through the City and finally returning to Cobbs Hill Park. In addition there will also be a number of youth events varying in length from a 50 yard run for youths five and under to a one mile run for older children.

Further details and registration can be found at www.yellowjacketracing.com until October 29th at 2:00 p.m., with reduced registration offered until October 4th with a free t-shirt going to the first 200 registrants. Participants can also find race applications at Fleet Feet Sports until October 31st. Registration the day of the race will start at 7:30am at Lake Riley Lodge.

For further information call 311 (outside Rochester call 428-5990) or Fleet Feet Sports, 697-3338. - *Article submitted by Jordan Kaleh*



Flower City Looking Good Program

Summer may be over, but the “Flower City Looking Good 2008 Program” is still going strong. Now in it’s 17th year the Looking Good program began in 1998 as a means to celebrate Rochester’s rich gardening tradition as well as celebrate a seed and horticulture industry over a century old. Originally organized by the City Parks and Recreation Bureau, this year sponsors include, the Democrat and Chronicle, the Garden Factory, Abbots and the Rochester Landscape Technicians.

To find

a list of upcoming events please visit the Maplewood Neighborhood Associations calendar.

- October 1st: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Wed., Garden Talk: “Community Gardening is Growing!” City Horticultural Technician Stacey Estrich, Rochester Civic Garden Center, 5 Castle Park, Highland Park. 585-473-5130, <http://www.rcgc.org>

- October 4th: 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Sat., Rochester Blossoms! City wide bulb planting.

- October 8th: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Wed., Garden Talk: A Gardener’s Roundtable. Horticultural, forestry and landscape professionals available to answer your gardening questions. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Auditorium, 249 Highland Ave.

- October 11th: 10:00 a.m.—12 noon, Sat., Rose Workshop: Winterizing Your Roses. The City’s rosarian and Greater Rochester Rose Society members will give expert advice on roses and answer questions. Meet at Maplewood Rose Garden (by the fountain), Lake Avenue and Driving Park.

- October 15th: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Wed., Garden Talk: Winter Blooming Plants. Extend the season of color into the winter months! Monroe County Cornell Cooperative Extension staff and others. Cornell Cooperative Extension, Auditorium, 249 Highland Avenue.

River Romance - cont’d

There will also be light jazz and refreshments at the garden around noon. The Darryl Parker Trio’ ’s performance is free-the refreshments are not.

Join us and don’t forget your camera, the vistas are gorgeous this time of year! For an entire schedule of over 45 activities offered, watch the Thursday D& C, grab a circular at the Maplewood Library, or call 311 for more information. - *Article submitted by Cindy Kaleh*

Church of the Ascension

Annual Roast Beef Dinner

Everyone is welcome!

Church of the Ascension

2 Riverside Street

Saturday, November 1st from
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults \$9.00; Children 6-12 \$5.00; Children under 6 are free

Dinner Includes: Roast Beef and Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salad, Rolls and Butter, Ascension Apple Cake, Coffee or Tea. (Soda/Wine for purchase).
Reservations Please: Call 585-458-5423

New Neighbors?

Welcome and help your new neighbor with a Maplewood information folder compiled by the Maplewood Neighborhood Association. Folder includes Maplewood history, list of local schools, churches, medical offices, municipal services, NET brochure, Seneca Park history, and yes, MNA membership information. Contact the MNA office, 458-3460 or MNAoffice@frontiernet.net.



COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

1549 Dewey Avenue
 Friday, October 3rd - 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, October 4th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

LOTS OF STUFF

Popular Stardust Ballroom Dance Series Returns with Afternoon & Evening Dances

The **Stardust Ballroom Dance Series** returns **September 30th** at **Edgerton Community Center, 41 Backus St.** The City will offer two afternoon programs for adults and seniors monthly and a Tuesday evening program.

Dances on the first Tuesday of each month, November 4th - April 7th, held 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. will be **FREE** November through March. This is possible with funding from the Music Performance Trust Fund and the Rochester Musicians Assoc. Dances are also held 7:30 p.m.- 9:30 p.m., each Tuesday evening (except the first Tuesday), beginning September 30th - April 21st and Friday dances are at 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., generally on the third Friday of each month.

Admission for all dances (except for the Tuesday afternoon free dances) is **\$3 per person**. City "senior" residents, age 60 and over, may attend for **\$1.50 with their "Feel Great Pass."** For information on the Stardust Ballroom

Dances call 311 (outside of Rochester, call 428-5990) or Edgerton Community Center, **428-6769, Monday - Friday, after 2:00 p.m.** For information on the "Feel Great Pass" call 428-6755, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Dance Schedule:

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m., Tues. Evening Dances (Not the 1st Tuesday)

October: 14th-Bob Ames; **21st**-Johnny Matt; **28th**-Nostalgic Reunion
November 18th: Jack Allen

December: 9th-Johnny Matt; **16th**-Nostalgic Reunion; **23rd**-Nate Rawls
30th-Len Hawley

January: 13th-Dick Stacy & Rhythm Aces Band; **20th**-Joe Pera; **27th**-Jon Seiger & the All-Stars

February: 10th-Nate Rawls; **17th**-Len Hawley, **24th**-Joe Pera

March: 10th-Dick Stacey; **17th**-Len Hawley; **24th**-Metropolitan Stompers
31st-Joe Pera

April: 14th-Len Hawley; **21st**, Johnny Matt

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Get Involved!

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Jim White 458-7169.



Dewey Avenue

Litter Clean-Up: Dave Baxter, resident, has organized over 18 volunteers to pick up litter along Dewey Avenue. Call Dave at 621-2343.

Maplewood Gardening Team: A group of residents who plant and maintain flowers in planters and tree wells along Dewey Avenue. If you would like to "adopt" a tree, please call Barbara Astorga-Schmidt 647-9504.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association (MNA Board, Rose Weekend, Home Tour, Gorge Guides, Playground) Town Meeting, first Wednesday of the month, Aquinas Cafeteria, 1127 Dewey Avenue, 7:00 p.m., 458-3460.

NIMROD (Neighbors In Motion to Root Out Drugs). Every third Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., 858 Dewey Avenue, 458-1310.

P A C - T A C (Police and Citizens Together Against Crime) A group of volunteers who work closely with the Rochester Police Department to provide a citizen presence on the street. Lake NET office, 428-7610.



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PCIC (Police Citizen Interaction Committee) Community meeting focusing on crime and drug enforcement. Opportunity to voice concerns and hear detailed police reports. Every third Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. Lake NET office, Lt John Prewasnicak, 428-7613.



Announcing Homework Helpers at the Maplewood Library

Students in the Maplewood Community now have a new place to turn for help with homework. The Maplewood Library, located at 1111 Dewey Avenue, recently launched a Homework Helpers program designed to assist school-aged children with homework three times a week. Students are invited to “drop-in” to the library to work with Homework Helper Volunteers on Mondays from 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. when public schools are in session.

The program is designed to foster the kind of one-on-one learning relationships that have been proven to build self-confidence and retention in other successful programs. Homework Helpers will answer questions when they are able, but most of all offer encouragement to the children that they work with each week. We hope through this program to reestablish the library as the center for learning and literacy in our community.

Any questions can be directed to Carina Sawyer, Literacy VISTA worker, at 428-8233.



Stardust - cont'd

FREE First Tuesday Afternoon Dances (First Tuesday only)

November - March
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

October 7th-Metropolitan Stompers;
November 4th-Dick Stacy (Free);
December 2nd, Musique (Free);
January 6th-Johnny Matt (Free);
February 3rd-Johnny Matt (Free);
March 3rd-Bob Livingstone (Free);
April 7th-Dick Stacey (not free).

Friday Afternoon Dances

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

October 17th-Joe Pera; **November 21st**-Nice-n-Easy; **December 19th**-Joe Pera; **January 16th**-Nice-n-Easy; **February 20th**-Bob Ames; **March 20th**-Nate Rawls; **April 17th**-Nostalgic Reunion.



What Would You Prefer?

There is lot's to do in Maplewood with activities offered through the City of Rochester Recreation & Youth Services. So much so, it is impossible to list them all in this issue. In an effort to let our residents know just what is available. The schedules for the area Recreation Centers' programs will be listed on the MNA website, www.maplewood.org. But to pique your interest, here are the locations and just a bit of what the Recreation staff has to offer you and your family. This is the September to December 2008 schedule. The 2009 will be highlighted in the next issue.

#41 School starts off October 6th and Mike Corey, supervisor, (428-1480 or 254-4472 x1250). And runs after school Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 3:30 p.m.- 6: p.m. Wednesday from 2:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Highlighted Activities: Homework Help, Double Dutch, Nerf Football, Computer Class, Kid Cafe.

Pierpont Rec Center at #7 School begins September 8th with Derrick Fraiser & Rick Mercendetti (428-6859) running after school & evenings Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 3:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., Wednesday & Friday from 2:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Highlighted Activities: MNA Boxing Club, NFL Flag Football, Bidy Basketball League, Floor Hockey, Group Games, PPK Trials.

The Edgerton Com. Center started September 8th and is headed by John G. Picone(428-6769). After School and Evenings Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 2:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Wednesday from 1:30p.m.-9:30 p.m., Friday from 2:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

There are lots of activities for you at the Edgerton Community Center as well, including Movies and the Dance series. Schedules are at each center and at the Maplewood Library. So check it out, and take a look at the MNA website for more information, www.maplewood.org. No reason to sit on the sidelines this season.

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