



# Maplewood Times

Celebrating Rochester's Historic Northwest Neighborhood

April 2009

## “Sally” Heads South

*The following article was submitted by the Nazareth Academy Journalism Staff.*

Nazareth Academy's Robotics Team, Nazarex, is proud of their work! “Sally” their robot is headed to a national competition in Atlanta this spring. “Sally” went into construction in January under a rigid six-week completion deadline. Students worked with Nazareth Academy teachers Barb Barker and Mary Ziewers and were sponsored by women engineers from Xerox.

“Sally’s” first test was at the regional competition at the Rochester Institute of Technology on March 5, 2009. “Sally” preformed well throughout the many qualifying matches, accumulating enough points to earn a trip to the International competition in Atlanta, Georgia.

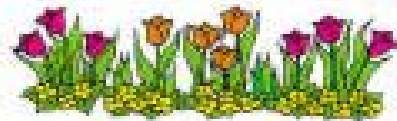
Upon arriving South, Sally will have to adjust to the four various playing fields for practice, which will be followed by two intense days of competition. Teams from across the country and around the globe will be assembled to compete against one another.

Frankie Spina, a two-year member of the Nazarex team quotes “It’s so exhilarating and exciting! It’s a lot of hard work and effort but it is definitely worth it.”

Robotics demands mathematics, teamwork, patience and engineering. Along with ingenuity and creativity, scholarships are a possibility due to involvement with such a beneficial experience.



*Nazareth Academy's Robotics Team with "Sally."*



## Churches in Solidarity Against Violence and Injustice

Greater Rochester Community of Churches, (office in Ascension Episcopal Church on Lake Avenue), and the Episcopal Diocese of Rochester, will sponsor an ecumenical Walk of Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, April 10, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Three bishops from our mainline denominations will walk: Bishop Matthew Clark, (Catholic); Bishop Prince Singh, (Episcopal); Bishop Marie Jerge (Lutheran). Other religious leaders will walk from other denominations, as well as people from the Maplewood community and other areas in Rochester. All are welcome.

The walk will begin at Ascension Church, move south to Driving Park Avenue, to Dewey Avenue, then north on Dewey to Flower City Park where it will end at Sacred Heart Cathedral; approximately 2 miles.

For further information call GRCC: 254-2570 or email: [grcc1@frontiernet.net](mailto:grcc1@frontiernet.net). Additional information on page 3.

## The Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

1549 Dewey Avenue

### Holy Week 2009



Palm Sunday/  
Sunday of the Passion  
Sunday, April 5th  
Blessing and Process of the Palms  
Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m.



Noontime Prayer Services  
Holy Monday, April 6th  
Holy Tuesday, April 7th  
Holy Wednesday, April 8th  
12:00 noon  
Church Chapel



Maundy Thursday  
April 9th  
Rite of First Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m.



Good Friday  
April 10th  
Remember the Crucifixion  
Stations of the Cross March - 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service - 7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday  
April 12th  
Easter Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.  
Pre-Service Concert - 9:30 a.m.  
Festival Eucharist - 10:00 a.m.

## New Parent Web Site

The Flower City Parents Network is a new web site and forum started by and for city school parents at <http://www.flowercityparents.org>.

The Flower City Parents Network was created by three city school parents — Hilary Appelman, Elizabeth Bakari, and Lori Bryce. The heart of the network is the parent-run forum, where city school parents can support each other by sharing experiences, advice and support, and where families thinking about city schools can get first-hand information and opinions.

Parents and others interested in city schools are invited to visit the site and post. It's a great place to ask questions of other parents - wondering about high schools? tutoring programs? summer camp recommendations? school uniforms? - and share resources.

Come check us out at <http://www.flowercityparents.org>



### Phase III and IV of Maplewood Playground Ordered

The components for Phase III of the Maplewood Playground at Lower Maplewood Park have been ordered and will be shipped in May.

Monies secured by Assemblymen Morelle and Alesi have made it possible to complete the original replacement design for the playground at the lower pond location. Installation has not been scheduled as of yet and may wait until Phase IV is ordered and onsite. Phase III equipment is for ages 12 and up. Funding for Phase IV for was secured by Councilman John Lightfoot and is part of a plan to install an exercise trail.

When all components are in, installation for both will be scheduled. Maplewood Times will keep you informed.

## Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of the Cross Churches In Solidarity Against Violence and Social Injustice

**Good Friday, April 10th at 9:15 a.m.**

Gathering Prayer and 1st Station - Episcopal Church of the Ascension Lake Avenue & Riverside Street.

We will walk two miles through the Maplewood Neighborhood up Lake Avenue to Driving Park to Dewey Avenue, ending on Flower City Park at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Join Bishop Matthew Clark, Bishop Prince Singh from the Episcopal Church, Bishop Marie Jerge from the Evangelical Lutheran Church and Reverend Alan Newton the Executive of the American Baptist Church, along with other pastors and church leaders, as we pray for all those affected by violence and for the strength and courage of those involved in community outreach efforts in our city.

For more information call Greater Rochester Community of Churches, Marie Gibson at 254-2570 or e-mail [GRCCI@frontiernet.net](mailto:GRCCI@frontiernet.net).



## Here Comes The Fun!

The Maplewood Rose Festival, Home Tour and Party on the Bridge are just around the corner.

The Driving Park Bridge on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. is the place for all family fun. Watch for details! But here is a little bit of detail to pique your interest, music, food, performances, fun at the Y all ending with Fireworks exploding over ...The Party On The Bridge!

The Maplewood Home Tour on Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> will guide you through some of the loveliest homes anywhere! Details will be posted on the MNA website, [www.maplewood.org](http://www.maplewood.org). Tickets will go on sale soon and you can call 585-458-3460 for information or to order!

And finally, the Maplewood Rose Festival is back for the Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to entertain you with roses, history, kids entertainment and fun, lot's of food, crafts and entertainment! More for kids to do this year and we are busy finalizing a wine tasting in the garden. The Dady Brothers will be back for a free Father's Day concert. So don't miss the fun in Maplewood!

## Congratulations Naz Lasers!

The Nazareth Academy Lasers Basketball team are the Class C State Champions!

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> the Lasers defeated Hoosic Valley 43 to 41 winning the school's first state championship. The title game was played at Hudson Community College, Albany. The Laser's Porsche Gavin was named the Tournament MVP.

Needless to say the everyone at the academy are proud of the Laser's accomplishment. Congratulations to the Laser's and the Nazareth Academy!



## Special Thanks!

Thanks and a tip of the hat to:



What are these men doing on Albemarle Street? Changing light blubs? No! They are Wally Schlecht and Dennis Reed, and they are ones who put up and take down the street's holiday decorations each year. Dennis even stores the decorations until the next season.

"Thank YOU!" to Wally and Dennis from their neighbors.

## Annual Chicken 'n' Biscuit Dinner

Church of the Ascension  
2 Riverside Street

Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Adults: \$8.00

Children ages 6 - 12: \$4.00

Children under 6 Free



Menu includes: Chicken (breast meat only) with biscuits, mashed potatoes, salad, vegetable medley, dessert, coffee or tea. Wine and soft drinks available for purchase before and during dinner for \$1.00.

Call the church office with reservations (458-5423).

## 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 gardens along Dewey and Lake Avenue. If you would like to help water, email: [maplewood.gardening.team@gmail.com](mailto:maplewood.gardening.team@gmail.com) or call 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). Volunteers who work closely with the Rochester Police Department to provide a citizen presence on the street. Info-Lyell NSC - 428-7620.



**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. Aquinas Café. Info-Westside RPD - 428-9810.

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## The "Market Watch" – Green Sales

Add to your pocket not your carbon footprint!

Rochester's Public Market may be able to help your bottom line and help us all to reduce our carbon footprint. The Greatest Community Garage Sale and Super Flea series at the City's Rochester Public Market, 280 N. Union Street is about to start for 2009.

Turn those items in your closet and attic into cash or raise funds for your church or non-profit group and be "Green" while you're at it. For the last 10 years thousands of buyers have visited these Sunday sales. Think of it as a Green Family activity.

Community Garage Sale and Super

Flea dates run throughout the spring, summer and fall on Sundays beginning April 19th from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Vending spaces measure 10-ft. by 30-ft. and are available for a rental fee of \$25 per week. Rent space for five Sundays and get the sixth Sunday free.



Vendor applications and space reservations can be made by calling the Market Office at 428-6907 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday.

*Article submitted by Cindy Kaleh, Monroe County Legislator, 28th District*

### Need Help With Your Business? or Help Getting Started?

Business Advice is Here - Dewey Avenue Businesses  
&  
It's on Us - No Charge

George Gotseik, Maplewood Neighborhood Association's Business Consultant, will work with Dewey Avenue businesses: established, new or under development.

Call 458-3900 for an appointment

Take advantage of this service offered by your neighborhood!  
There's a new cafe opening soon!  
The Next Success could be you!

## New Coffee House in Maplewood

Look for the opening of a new coffee house at 1182 Dewey Avenue across from Aquinas High School. Dark Horse Coffee will soon be serving breakfast, lunch and an assortment of drinks and food.

