



Maplewood Times

Celebrating Rochester's Historic Northwest Neighborhood

June 2009

Mayor Duffy Announces 175 Festivities to with Maplewood Rose Celebration

Mayor Robert J. Duffy today announced a full program of activities for the 2009 Maplewood Rose Celebration, slated for Fri., Sat. and Sun., June 19, 20 and 21. The event, which is coordinated by the Maplewood Neighborhood Association and sponsored by the city, other northwest neighborhood organizations and corporate groups, kicks off with a "Party on the Driving Park Bridge" featuring family entertainment, food and fireworks, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., Fri., June 19.

The event continues with a weekend long celebration (9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun.) of Rochester's distinctive horticultural heritage, which led to Rochester's noted nickname, "The Flower City." The celebration occurs during the peak rose blooming season for over 300 rose varieties located at the historic Maplewood Rose Garden. Tours of the historic homes and gardens in the Maplewood neighborhood will also be given. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this northwest Rochester area is the location for hundreds of elegant homes built around the turn-of-the-century, as well as urban landscaping and gardens designed by the firm of Frederick Law Olmsted, known as America's greatest landscape architect.

"In our 175th year as a City, events like the Maplewood Rose Celebration showcase Rochester's remarkable neighborhoods, its historic residences and outstanding gardens," said Mayor Duffy.

"Horticulture was responsible for our city's great entrepreneurial transformation into the Flower City (from the Flour City) in the late 1800's. This ability to adapt our economy to the changing realities of the times continues to be an important strength as we once again reshape our city today."

"Rochester is gifted with many outstanding neighborhoods, filled with fabulous homes, excellent neighborhood associations and active and caring families," said Cindy Kaleh, chairperson of the event for the Maplewood Neighborhood Association, "The Maplewood Rose Celebration gives us a chance to enjoy and boast about our city's tremendous assets—it's a perfect reminder of why Rochester is a great place to live and raise a family.

The Maplewood Rose Celebration is sponsored by the Maplewood Neighborhood Association and the city of Rochester, with corporate support from TOPS and MVP Health Care. For more information: Call 311 (outside the city limits, call 585-428-5990) or visit: www.cityofrochester.gov.



Party on the Bridge

Experience the fun of city living!
Friday, June 19th, 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Maplewood Neighborhood
Driving Park Bridge, off Lake Avenue

Free family fun shared with numerous adjoining city neighborhoods including Group 14621, Maplewood & Edgerton Neighborhood Associations.

Enjoy a Lower Gorge fireworks display, storyteller drum circle convey tales of early Rochester, free popcorn and cotton candy, entertainment stage, face painting and more.

Parking: East side of river at Hawkeye lot; west side of the river at the Maplewood Rose Garden and along Lake Ave. **Sponsors:** City of Rochester, TOPS Friendly Markets, Action for a Better Community, NIMROD, Maplewood YMCA. Call 311 (outside of Rochester, call 585-428-5990) or visit www.cityofrochester.gov.

Schedule

Maplewood Rose Celebration

Saturday, June 20

From 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m:

Gardeners may participate in a FREE Perennial Swap by bringing labeled divisions, one to leave and others to trade.

From 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m:

Enjoy children's inflatables, with proceeds going to the Maplewood YMCA. Also offered will be children gardening activities such as seed planting, insect scavenger hunt, and garden craft projects. Horticultural and craft vendors will be present. In addition tours will be given of the Rose Garden and garden workshops.

A Lower Gorge guided bicycle tour will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Guided walking tours of the Genesee River Gorge will leave every hour beginning at 10 a.m. with a final tour at 4 p.m. (No reservations required.)

Schedule - cont'd

A "Garden Photography," workshop by city photographer Ira Srole is scheduled from **11 a.m. to noon**. Bring your camera!

From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Maplewood Neighborhood Assoc. will lead a Maplewood Home and Garden Tour. See article for details.

"Wine and Jazz in the Garden," features some of Rochester's best jazz musicians in the Rose Garden along with local wineries for a tasting, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A small donation per person is suggested. Local wineries will have bottles of wine for sale.

Sunday, June 21

On Father's Day, enjoy a picnic in the park and musical entertainment. **From 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, music and comedy entertainment will be provided by Rochesterians Pete Provenzano and John Culligan; **from 2:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, the "Dady Brothers" perform Irish and folk music.

Lower Gorge tours continue from 11:00 a.m. until the final tour which leaves at 3:00 p.m. Other activities such as children's inflatables, horticultural and craft vendors, food vendors and rose garden tours and workshops.

Welcome New MNA Board Members!

On Wednesday May 6th, elections were held and the following residents were elected to join the MNA Board of directors. Returning to the Board of Directors are Sarah Burton and Sheron Gardner. New to the Board are John Bersch, Barbara Astorgia-Schmidt, Dennis Reed and Bill Collins.

Our thanks go out to all for their commitment to the Maplewood neighborhood.

Hands of Christ Award - Article by Katy Wurman

The Hands of Christ Award, presented every year to High School Seniors recognizes young students who have been the "Hands of Christ" in their home, church, school, and surrounding community. The seniors, nominated by youth ministers, Catechetical Leaders, or Pastoral Leaders were invited to a ceremony held at local parishes in March.

During this special ceremony, young students were recognized for their involvement in their parishes and school communities, their positive influence on their peers, and their consistent demonstration of Christian attitudes by word and example. The acknowledged seniors received a plaque, presented by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, inscribed with St. Theresa of Avila's prayer offering an inspiring reminder that Christ works through young people: seeing, walking, and working through our acts to bring compassion to the world:

"Christ has no body now, but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks with compassion into the world.

Yours are the feet Christ walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world."

St. Theresa of Avila 1515

The following Nazareth Academy seniors were honored with this award in March 2009: Katherine Bailey, Amber Champlin, Shannon Culligan, Mara Kouides, Megan Morrell, Christina Salvias, Evelyn Shepard, Gretchen Smith, and Kathryn Wurman.

Maplewood Neighborhood 2009 Home & Garden Tour

The 2009 Historic Maplewood Home & Garden Tour has six private homes, and the newly renovated Aquinas Institute open for viewing on June 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tour proceeds benefit the programs of the Maplewood Neighborhood Association.

Maplewood boasts a broad variety of architectural styles, the quality of which is recognized by being listed in the prestigious National Register of Historic Places. This year's tour opens the doors of Georgian Revival, American Foursquare, Dutch Colonial and everyone's favorite, Queen Anne.

Kodak executives and entrepreneurs built showcase homes in this northwest Rochester neighborhood, close to downtown and close to Kodak Park. Whether the home was built for a business executive or a factory worker, these houses have attributes in common: stained glass windows at the stair landing, servants quarters, back staircases,

pantries, elaborate woodwork, Pocket and French doors and color – always color.

WHAT IS IT? An invitation to visit several homes included on the National Register of Historic Places. You will appreciate the traditional beauty of six Maplewood residences, whether renovated yesterday or preserved for 100 years. On June 20, the tour headquarters will be at Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Avenue. Additionally, the tour will feature homes on Dunsmere, Bernice, Seneca Parkway, Lake Avenue, and Lakeview Park.

WHEN IS IT? Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

WHERE CAN I BUY TICKETS? Tickets are on sale at the Peppermill Restaurant, 1776 Dewey Avenue, Parkleigh 215 Park Avenue, Dark Horse Coffee shop, 1182 Dewey Avenue and Historic House Parts, 540 South Avenue.

NorthWest Provisional Rotary Charters

It has taken a few years for members of the NWPR to lose the 'Provisional' moniker and to be officially recognized as Rochester North West Rotary Club. Members of this club hail from the entire NorthWest Quadrant of the city of Rochester, meeting at 7:15 a.m. on Wednesdays at the Charles Settlement House on Parkway just off Dewey and Lyell Ave.

Rochester North West Rotary Club joins over 65 clubs in western New York, covering 11 counties from Lake Ontario on the north to the NY/PA border to the south. The Rochester North West club has been a provisional club for three years and was chartered by Rotary International on April 23, 2009.

The Charter event will be held on Friday, June 12, 2009 at the Stardust Ball Room. The Charter members of the club will be recognized by the New York Governor of Rotary International, other Rotary clubs as well as receive a proclamation from Monroe County

New or Relocated Businesses in Maplewood

Give Them The Business!

Dark Horse Café located at 1182 Dewey Ave. (across from Aquinas) opened for business in early May. Bonnie Haley, owner is scheduling a grand opening for later in the month. Watch for it but don't wait for it to visit, great coffee and much more! (585) 730-8035.

Creative Hands at 1011 Dewey Ave. Debbie DiFrancesco and staff celebrated their relocation with a Grand Opening earlier this month. Creative Hands is well known for custom draperies and design. (585) 254-5484 or creativehands.com or www.creativehandsinfo.com

West Ridge Liquor Store celebrated the return of a liquor store to the West Ridge Plaza, at 630 West Ridge Road, with their grand opening on May 21, 2009. Formerly Century, the

Legislator Cynthia Kaleh.

The main objective of Rotary is service — in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. Rotarians develop community service projects that address many of today's most critical issues, children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence. They also support programs for youth, educational opportunities and international exchanges for students, teachers, and other professionals, and vocational and career development. **The Rotary motto is Service Above Self.**

In following the tenets of RI, the NWRC had already jumped in feet first with many projects for the northwest quadrant as well as international support. They have developed a literacy program, partnered with OACES at RSCD Hart Street. Holiday programming, in both Edgerton and Maplewood neighborhoods as well as G.U.M. and supported neighborhood events.

West Ridge Liquor store is operated by Jimmy Ren, who also owns the plaza. (585) 621-7001.

Caribbean Mexican Grill located at 1485 Dewey Ave. has recently opened. The new restaurant offers a wide variety of great tasting favorites & occupies the former "Ester's" location at Ridge & Dewey (585) 563-7624.

Help!!!

Volunteers are urgently needed for Adopt-A-Block litter pick-up and Maplewood Gardening Team.

Just a couple of hours per week at your convenience can go a long way toward improving our neighborhood!

For more information contact: maplewoodGardeningTeam@gmail.com or Enrica Fleming, 458-5737.

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.

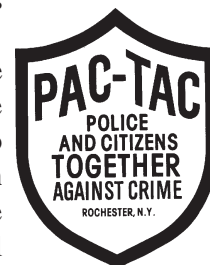
Maplewood Gardening Team:

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 or call 647-9504.

Maplewood Neighborhood Assoc. (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. **There will not be a MNA Community Meeting in July. The next MNA Community Meeting will be August 5, 2009.**

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

PAC-TAC (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.



Increased Eligibility Requirements for Child Care Subsidies Will Give More Kids a Great Start

Working parents need and deserve to know that their precious children are safe and well cared for during those crucial hours when they must depend upon child care services for the additional support they need. That's why, as a City Councilmember concerned with the quality of life for my constituents, nothing pleases me more than to inform you that more of our working families are now eligible to receive child care subsidies.

As of Monday, May 11, families with incomes of up to 165 percent of the Federal Poverty guideline are once again eligible to receive child care subsidies from Monroe County. This is extremely welcome news for many of our community's working poor, those who are working hard to make a living for their families, yet cannot afford the hefty price tag associated with decent child care.

The new eligibility requirements mean that a family of 2 (one parent and one child) can make up to \$24,040; a family of three (1 parent, 2 children or 2 parents, 1 child) may make up to \$30,211; a four-person family (2 parents, 2 children or 1 parent, 3 children) can have income up to \$36,382; and a family of five (2 parents, 3 children or 1 parent, 4 children) may have a household income as high as \$42,553.

Families may receive child care subsidies for full-day care or "wrap around" school-age care. Children between the ages of six weeks and 12 years qualify.

To apply for a day care subsidy, call the DHS Application line at (585) 753-6960 and request a Child Care Application. Fill out the application and send the completed application to: Assessment Team, Room 120, 111 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620. The application will be assigned to an Intake Worker for review and eligibility determination.

For families with incomes slightly

above 165 percent of the poverty guideline, there is some good news for you, too. There is some funding available for child care subsidies for people who fall in this category through a special facilitated enrollment program. If your income exceeds the above guideline by 20 – 30 percent, you may still qualify for help. To find out more about your eligibility, call (585) 295-1000, ext. 296.

Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or concerns you may have on this important issue. Your comments are always welcomed. I may be reached at (585) 647-4072 or by email at Carla.Palumbo@cityofrochester.gov.
Article written by Councilmember Carla Palumbo.

Have Items You Don't Need Want? But Don't Want To Have A Yard Sale?

Donate them to the
Maplewood Gardening Team
for their sale.

Contact:
maplewoodGardeningTeam@gmail.com
for more information.

World Refugee Day 2009



Local Event:

Don't Fence Me In: Major Mary and the Karen Refugees*

30 minute documentary filmed in
Burma and Thailand
about the struggle of the Karen
refugees for independence.
A panel discussion will follow.

Also featured:

Food and refugee handicrafts

**Saturday, June 20, 2009
5:00 p.m.**

*Free and open to the public.
Donations greatly appreciated

**Lake Ave Baptist Church
70 Ambrose St. - Rochester, NY
(On-street parking off Lake Ave.)**



Sponsors: Rochester Committee
on Refugee Resettlement,
University of Rochester Medical
Students, Lake Avenue Baptist
Church, Westside Health Services,
Catholic Family Center.

Mark your Calendars! Maplewood Sellabration Our Community-Wide Yard Sale

**Saturday, July 18th & Sunday, July 19th
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Register your sale and join the neighborhood! Have your sale location mapped with other participating homes and more bargain seekers will find you.

To register and have your sale placed on the map of participating homes, please submit your **name, address, email address and telephone number** to this address, maplewood.events@gmail.com.

Deadline for registration is Monday, July 13th. Special thanks to Jeans's Jamaican and American Cuisine, 1168 Dewey Avenue (across from Aquinas) for their generous support, enabling us to place a classified ad in the Democrat and Chronicle.
Participation on both days is not required.

