

The Azalea View

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Welcome to the Winter Azalea View!

The Azalea Neighborhood is a diverse mix of owner occupants and renters of all ages and the ANA encourages all who live here to become active in our community. This is a community newsletter. If you have news items, ideas to contribute or simply questions about the neighborhood, give Sue O'Neil a call at 442-8586 or send an email to theazaleaview@yahoo.com. The Azalea View is brought to you by the Azalea Neighborhood Association with support from the Neighbors Building Neighborhoods Sector 6 Organization.

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Plans to Expand St. John's Meadows Move Ahead

St. John's is planning a new community featuring various residential options with an indoor village square including small shops. David Day (Laney Rd.) attended an informational meeting and submitted the following article:

There was a good turnout of Azalea Neighborhood Assn. residents at a mid-December meeting to preview plans for the proposed expansion of St. John's Meadows on Elmwood Avenue. Residents expressed concerns that any expansion of the complex should avoid any blatantly commercial signage, unduly bright lighting or increased traffic exiting onto Elmwood near South Goodman street. Most neighbors felt positive about the overall design of the project, which is anticipating a spring or summer startup, pending final approval by the Brighton Town Planning Board. Additions to the existing nature trail will also attract local residents.

Who Represents Us?

With so many layers of government, many of us don't know who represents us at the state and local levels.

At the state level, it's a mixed bag. We all have the same Assemblywoman, Susan John (johns@assembly.state.ny.us, 244-5255)

In the Senate, most of the neighborhood has Senator Joe Robach (225-3650, robach@senate.state.ny.us) but the odd numbered Meadowbrook homes as well as 279 and 285 Highland Ave and 1094 and 1104 Elmwood Ave has Senator Jim Alesi (alesi@senate.state.ny.us, 223-1800) due to clever gerrymandering.

At the local level, we live in the 24th County Legislative district represented by Harry Bronson. (harry@bronsonatlaw.com, 753-1940)

In the city, we live in the South district, represented by councilmember Adam McFadden (428-7538, Adam.Mcfadden@cityofrochester.gov)

Police-Citizen Open House

In the last month of each quarter, neighbors have an opportunity to voice their concerns to the Rochester Police Department at the PCIC meeting at the East Division office, in the Tops Plaza on the corner of North Clinton Ave and Upper Falls Blvd. Lt. Frank Churnetski writes: "At this 'open house' type meeting, we will have members of the different shifts available to talk about concerns, etc. similar to 'City Hall on the Road' as well as providing crime information. It will be an opportunity to meet the officers and supervisors 'one on one'. These will be the people who work in your area. We will also expect feedback from the community on our performance and suggestions for improvement." The next open house will be Wednesday, March 12th at 5:30 pm.

Citizens for Better Government in New York is sponsoring a free presentation by Blair Horner about Project Sunlight at the Greece Town Hall on January 29th at 6:30 pm. www.cbgnny.org

Azalea Neighborhood Winter Tips

Once again the six months of relative darkness is upon us. If we all do the following, we may not have to suffer the traditional vehicle slalom after digging out from a snowstorm.

- * If you must park on the street, please follow the alternate parking regulations.
- * It is against the law to shovel or plow snow onto sidewalks, roads or fire hydrants. Please help keep fire hydrants clear.
- * Keeping the sidewalk in front of houses clear is the property owner's responsibility. The sidewalk plows come through only after a significant snowfall.
- * Refuse and recycling bins belong at the ends of driveways, or in shoveled paths. DO NOT place them on top of snow banks, in the street or on the sidewalk, blocking traffic and snow removal activities.

Volunteer Opportunities

Mary Cariola Children's Center seeks well-qualified individuals to volunteer their time and talents to some extraordinary children and young adults. Volunteers provide a supportive role in our classrooms or residences and get to know some exceptional children while working with a top-notch team of professionals. Volunteer opportunities are available at both our school program as well as our community services program, which places volunteers evenings and weekends in one of our 5 residences in Monroe County. Applicants must have experience working with children and experience with the special needs population is preferred. Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and will need to complete necessary paperwork and a background check. If you are interested, contact *Mary Cariola Children's Center* at 271-0761 ext. 475

Do you know of a new neighbor? If so, please give Claudia Conley a call at 319-3649 to let her know.

Winter Blahs?

The Lamberton Conservatory (in Highland Park) is open for those of us who need to see some plants. Admission: Ages 0-5 - free, Seniors (62+) and youth (6-18) - \$1.00, and \$2.00 for adults aged 19-61. The Conservatory is open 10:00 am until 4:00 pm Call 585 753-7270 for more information.

Upcoming Events

Sunday 1/27 - Azalea Neighborhood Winter Potluck Dinner, Sunrise Room, St. John's Home, 5:30pm

Tuesday 2/12 - Pruning Effectively, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Ave, 1:00. Registration recommended - 585-461-1000 x 225 \$5.00 at the door.

Tuesday 3/11 - Renovating a Perennial Garden, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 249 Highland Ave, 1:00. Reservation is recommended 461-1000 x 225. \$5.00 at the door.

Wednesday 3/12- Rochester Police Department Community Open House, East Division Office, Tops Plaza on the corner of N. Clinton Ave and Upper Falls Blvd. 5:30 pm.

Saturday 3/22 - Mount Hope Cemetery Tour, part of Rochester's Coldrush celebration, 12pm. Meet at entrance across from the Distillery.

Ongoing

NBN6 meeting, second Monday of the month at the NET office, 846 S. Clinton Ave. 5:30pm.

The ANA wants you on their contact list. If you have not been contacted by one of our neighborhood representatives



please call Lisa Martone at 461-3031 or Claudia Conley at 319-3649 with your name, address, phone number and email address.

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