

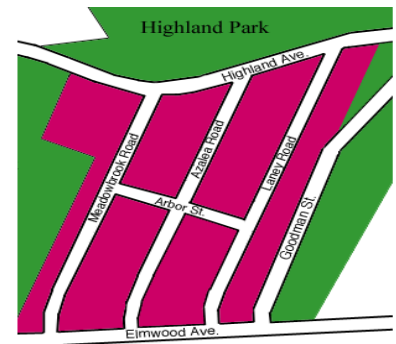
The Azalea View

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Welcome to the Holiday Azalea View!

The Azalea Neighborhood is a 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.

A Holiday Reminder from the Rochester Police Department

The holiday season is historically the time of year when there is a dramatic increase in the number of larcenies from vehicles. Holiday shoppers and those attending holiday celebrations often leave valuable items in plain view inside their cars. Please follow these tips to reduce your potential of becoming a victim.

1. Never leave valuables inside your car. If items must be left in the car, secure them in your trunk before you park at your destination. Never allow "would be" thieves to observe you locking items in the trunk as they will easily surmise that they must be valuable.
2. Always park in well lit areas and in view of the public whenever possible.
3. Use an anti-theft device such as "The Club" or a visible alarm system when leaving your car parked. These items may deter a thief enough that he chooses an easier target vehicle.
4. Be aware of suspicious activity or persons in parking lots. Call 911 immediately to report crimes or suspicious persons.

In addition, our area has seen a significant increase in the number of thefts of Global Positioning Systems (GPS) units. If you have one in your car, here are some tips to help keep it safe:

- Remove the GPS from the dashboard.
- Wipe down the suction mark.
- Always lock your vehicle.

Winter Tips

- * If you must park on the street, please obey the alternate parking laws so that plows and emergency vehicles can get through.
- * Do not 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 responsibility of the property owner. 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.
- * During a thaw please remove debris from sewer grates so streets can drain properly.

Winter Events

Swing in the New Year – Fundraiser for the Business Association of the South Wedge Area (BASWA) Dec. 31, German House (see info on next page)

Winter Farmers Market – Artisan Church, 1235 S. Clinton Ave. 4 - 7pm
Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 19

Mt. Hope Cemetery Winter Tours -
Jan. 10, Feb. 7 and Mar. 7 at 1pm. Meet at entrance across from The Distillery.

Rochester Tours – *Underground Railroad*, Sundays Jan. through Apr.
Presidents in Rochester Jan. 19 and 20.
For information call 461-8335, email RochesterTour@hotmail.com or visit RochesterTour.org.

Renew Monroe!

The Monroe County Clerk's Office recently launched "*Renew Monroe!*", an initiative to keep **our** money in **our** community. When you receive your car registration renewal notice, renewing in Monroe County is **not** one of the options. When you renew on line or by mail (to Utica), Monroe County does not receive a penny. All of your money goes directly to the State.

Through *Renew Monroe!* there are three local and easy ways to renew your car registration. You can:

1. Mail your renewal to the local office in Henrietta, instead of the State's office in Utica.
2. Use the drop box located inside each of our permanent DMV offices.
3. Use the Express line at any DMV branch to get back your registration on the spot.

When you choose *Renew Monroe!*, 12.7 % of your fee is kept in our community!



Swing in the New Year!

The Business Association of the South Wedge Area (BASWA) will be hosting a New Year's Eve party at the German House, 315 Gregory Street from 7:30-1:00 am.

There will be music from The Hi-Risers and The John Cole Blues Band; hors d'oeuvres, desserts, a champagne toast, swing lessons, AND a silent auction! All this for only \$25 advance / \$30 at the door. Tickets are available at The Keg, Boulder Coffee, Mise en Place, Historic Houseparts, and Coffee Connection or you can order online at www.BASWA.org.

This is a big fundraiser for a very important local organization. BASWA thanks you for shopping local this holiday season!



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

St. Anne's Ultimate Super Bowl Raffle!

Saint Anne Church on Mt. Hope Avenue has to undergo some unexpected but necessary building maintenance. They're doing a fundraiser raffle for the Parish Building Maintenance Expenses. The drawing will take place at the Playoff Kickoff Party on January 11, 2009 from 1 – 5 pm in St. Anne Social Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$25.

- The Grand Prize will be 40" Samsung TV and Super Bowl Party. 40" Samsung flat screen LCD TV by Rowe Photographic, Video and Audio. They will install it anywhere in Monroe County in time for the Super Bowl. Game Food for 25 of your closest friends for your personal Super Bowl Party will be donated by The Distillery Restaurant and Bar.
- The second Prize will be a 2 ½ -3" Cal. Autumn Blaze Red Maple Tree. Large Red Maple shade tree (\$500) by The Garden Factory. They will be deliver it and put it in.
- The third prize will be a Sports Package with a sweatshirt, pants, blanket & more from the University of Rochester.

Contact Sue O'Neil at theazaleaview@yahoo.com or 442-8586 for tickets.