

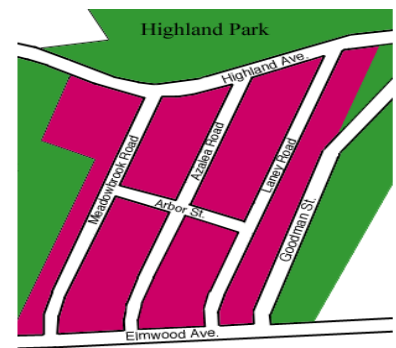
The Azalea View

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Azalea Neighborhood Association

Quarterly Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring Azalea View!

The Azalea Neighborhood is a mix of homeowners and renters of all ages and the ANA encourages all who live here to become active in our community. This is a neighborhood 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.

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Divinity School Tour

The Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School has invited the Azalea Neighbors to a tour of the campus!

President Gene Bay will meet with us and discuss the school's history, its current events and plans for the future. We will be able to ask him questions, and then we'll be given a tour of the school.

This is a great opportunity to learn about "our neighbors on the hill"!

The tour will be **Tuesday, April 21 at 5:00pm**. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP by April 17 to Sue O'Neil at 442-8586 or theazaleaview@yahoo.com.

LILAC FESTIVAL

What You Need to Know



It's that time of year again!
The Lilac Festival is May 8 to May 17.

- **Look for parking changes as soon as Monday, April 27. Alternate side parking will be suspended with no parking on the west (odd numbered) side of Laney, Azalea, and Meadowbrook. As always, there will be no parking on the north side of Arbor.**

- **Parking is prohibited:**
 - on lawns
 - within 5 feet of a driveway
 - blocking the sidewalk
 - within 15 feet of a fire hydrant

Neighbors can call the Rochester Police Department Festival Command Post at 442-0755 to report any violations.

Terrence Building Update

As you know, a few weeks ago graffiti appeared at the top of the building. Several Azalea Neighbors contacted the Neighborhood Service Center to inform them. NSC sent out an inspector, re-secured the building, and sent out a notice of violations. The building's owners and their lawyers have been in contact with the City and are working together on a solution.

The City wants to assure everyone that progress is being made and thanks the Azalea Neighborhood Association for working with them on this issue.

Highland Park News

The **Lamberton Conservatory** is open! After several months of renovation, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on April 3. Several neighbors attended. Lamberton will be open daily from 10am to 4pm. Admission is \$3 adults, \$2 seniors (62+) and children age 6 through 18; free for children 5 and under

A **birthday party for Frederick Law Olmsted**, the designer of Highland, Genesee and Seneca Parks, will take place at Lamberton on Saturday, April 18 at 5pm. There will be a guided tour of the Poets Garden, a chance to enjoy the newly renovated Conservatory, and, of course, birthday cake.

Ribfest will take place again this year. The dates are July 9-12. It will be held at the Highland Park South Festival site (same as last year)

Last year the **sunflowers** were a big hit, so the Parks Department will be planting them again!

Upcoming Events

Lilac Festival May 8-17

Saturday May 9 10:30 am - Parade
Sunday May 17 8 am - 5K race
9 am - 10k race

Plant Sales

May 8- May 17 Master Gardener sale at Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), 10am-8pm daily.

May 23, Civic Garden Center's Proud Market and Lilac Neighbors plant sales. Both on Reservoir Ave.

April 21, 5pm Colgate Divinity School Tour. RSVP by April 17 to Sue O'Neil.

April 22, 7-8:30 pm Urban Farming workshop, CCE, free.

April 24, 8:45 am-4 pm Earth Day Seminars and Expo, CCE, free but pre-registration required.

May 2, 8:30am-1pm Clean Sweep. Meet at Cobbs Hill Park.

May 2, Mount Hope Cemetery tours begin
(see article on page 4)

June 20, 9am-12pm, Composting Workshop, CCE, free.

July Shakespeare in the Park - Hamlet



Do you know of a new neighbor? If so, please give **Lisa Martone** a call at **461-3031** to let her know.

Ribbons for Officer DiPonzio



Blue and gold ribbons are being sold on behalf of the Rochester Police Department to benefit and show support for Officer Anthony DiPonzio and his family. Minimum donation is \$1. If you would like to purchase any ribbons, please contact Sue at theazaleaview@yahoo.com or 442-8586.

Brickstone to Break Ground

Construction of Brickstone, a St. John's Senior Community, is expected to begin in May or June. Brickstone will be on 16 acres adjacent to St. John's Meadows on Elmwood Avenue. During the 22 month town (Brighton) approval process, several modifications were made and St. John's believes the changes have made Brickstone an even better project! There will be 102 living units including town-houses, bungalows, and apartments. Also walking trails and a "village square" will be available for residents as well as members of the community. The project is expected to take about 16 months.

Congratulations and Thank You!



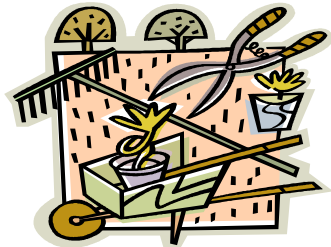
Congratulations go out to Claudia Conley and Lisa Martone on the recent additions to their families! The Conleys welcomed their son Bennett Phillip on January 1 and the Martones welcomed daughter Avery Jeane on January 21. Thank you Lisa and Claudia for contributing so much to our neighborhood's social life over the past year!

Azalea Opportunities

Opportunities abound in the Azalea neighborhood! Spring is in the air and summer will be here before you know it. Claudia Conley, our official neighborhood welcomer, will be moving soon and Lisa Martone has graciously offered to take over distributing the welcome bags. Thanks, Lisa! But **we could use more volunteers** to help with the social events. Last year we had a winter potluck dinner, our first community garage sale and a summer ice cream social. It would be great if a couple more neighbors would help out with planning and putting on events! If you are interested in participating in or coordinating the garage sale or any other event, please contact Sue O'Neil at: 442-8586 or theazaleaview@yahoo.com .

Master Gardener Garage Sale

Cleaning out your garage this spring? Do you have hand tools, power tools, wheelbarrows, trellises, decorative planters, garden art or gardening books and magazines you want to get rid of? Consider donating your garden treasures to the Master Gardener Garage Sale, to be held July 26, 10am-2pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension. For more information call 342-3323.



DOG DAYS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



From the City's Quality of Life Services website:



The following information is being supplied to residents because animal control issues are often a source of great concern to residents. Animal Control is a unit of the Rochester Police Department.

The majority of animal owners in the City of Rochester are responsible and considerate. They know that they need to:

- License their dog every year.
- Use a pooper-scooper to pick up dog feces when walking their dog.
- Keep their dog leashed or in a fenced-in yard.
- Keep their dog from barking.
- Have no more than four dogs at a property.



It is a violation of the City Code **if a dog howls or barks uninterrupted** for more than **5 minutes** between the hours of **10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.** or for more than **15 minutes** uninterrupted between the hours of **8:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.** If the dog barks or howls for shorter periods of time on more than five occasions within a ten-day period, a violation can be cited if attested by two or more complainants from separate properties.

The fines for the violations are \$100.00 for the first offense, \$200.00 for the second offense and \$300 for any subsequent offenses.

In order to report a howling or barking dog, you must call 911.

Editors' Note: Several neighbors have requested "responsible dog owner reminders" as warmer weather approaches and windows are open. Please be considerate.

Mount Hope Cemetery Receives Wildlife Certification

If you've ever strolled through Mount Hope Cemetery, you've probably encountered some of its abundant wildlife. Besides squirrels, chipmunks and groundhogs, there are also deer, red foxes, several types of amphibians, and dozens of bird species. The cemetery is a vibrant wildlife habitat, and now has certification that acknowledges this fact.

This past October Mount Hope Cemetery was awarded "Certified Wildlife Habitat" status by the National Wildlife Federation. In order to earn this recognition, several criteria had to be met.

First, food must be available for wildlife. Mount Hope Cemetery has many plants providing a wide assortment of seeds, berries and fruits that many different animals enjoy throughout the year. In addition, pollen and nectar attract bees, hummingbirds and butterflies.

Another essential component is water. Sylvan Waters, a geologic formation called a kettle, is the cemetery's largest source. Many animals and birds can be seen drinking there, and it is also a favorite swimming spot for ducks. In the summer you can find birds splashing in the Florentine fountain and throughout the cemetery there are several shallow bowl-shaped monuments which catch rain and serve as additional water sources for butterflies and birds.

The next requirement is shelter, and Mount Hope Cemetery offers quite a variety. Thousands of trees, patches of dense shrubs, rock piles, burrows, and ground covers are ideal places for wildlife to live and raise their young. Also, volunteers manage over 20 bluebird houses and nesting boxes for owls.

Besides providing these three essentials, a Certified Wildlife Habitat must demonstrate sustainable gardening practices. The Friends of Mount Hope Gardening Committee and Adopt-a-Plot volunteers conserve natural resources by choosing drought-resistant plants which require less watering and by using mulch, which has the dual benefit of retaining water and suppressing weeds. Projects such as hillside rock gardens and bank stabilization prevent soil erosion, and the annual fall leaf clean-up yields plenty of nutrient-rich compost for the garden beds.

With its rich history, artistic monuments, and a beautiful landscape, Mount Hope Cemetery has so much to admire. The next time you're in Mount Hope, take the time to appreciate some of the often overlooked treasures: a rock pile here, a shrub laden with berries there. The wildlife certainly does.

Help Count Birds at Mount Hope Cemetery

The Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery are planning to do a bird inventory. If you enjoy watching birds, please consider volunteering. Anyone interested should contact Marilyn Nolte by leaving a message through the Friends web site (www.fomh.org) or a phone message at 461-3494.



Mount Hope Cemetery Tours

Tours of historic Mount Hope Cemetery are given every Saturday and Sunday from May through October. Saturday tours begin at 1:00 PM. Sunday tours begin at 2:00 and 2:30 PM. The free tours begin at the North Gate House (opposite Robinson Drive).

In addition, there will be several Theme Tours and Thursday Twilight Tours offered throughout the season. These tours are \$4.00 / person, free for FOMH members. For a complete schedule of tours, visit www.fomh.org or call 461-3494.