



Maplewood Times

Celebrating Rochester's Historic Northwest Neighborhood

December 2008

Annual Maplewood Tree Lighting Festival

Once again, just as in the previous two years, Maplewood will again host the Annual Maplewood Tree Lighting Festival on Sunday December 21st from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Aquinas Institute. As with most events it takes great effort, planning, and community participation to not only make an event happen but in also ensuring its success.

While the event will host the traditional festivities—DJ'd music, the lighting of the community tree, a visit from Santa, food and drink, and great company -it will also for the first time in its 3 year history offer a horse-drawn hayride, face painting, children arts n' crafts, and a community give-back as well as some other festivities.

Because of the anticipated growth in both festivities and attendance, support is needed and would be appreciated in the following ways if you are so inclined and able to do so:

- Event facilitators (volunteers to assist with children activities, food/beverage handling, and general event support)
- Christmas Decorations (ornaments, garland, lights, etc)
- Holiday Costumes (Mrs. Claus, Reindeer, Nutcracker, Snowman, Angel, etc).

And as always, if you would prefer and are able to do so, you can also donate in a financial manner (arrangements can be made to accommodate this as a tax right-off).

In closing, if you can be of any assistance in ensuring the success of this year's 3rd Annual Maplewood Tree Lighting Festival please feel free to contact mna@frontiernet.net.

Charlotte & Maplewood "State of the Sector" Reports

Thursday, December 4, 2008; 6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Aquinas Cafeteria

The Charlotte and Maplewood "State of the Sector" event is sponsored by St. John Fisher College and the City of Rochester. Students from the Bittner School of Business will be giving the reports, which will offer residents of Charlotte and Maplewood an objective snapshot of their neighborhoods, consider obstacles to economic development, and assess what needs to be done for the future. George Gotcsik, Mike Coniff, Steve Varone, Jim Best, Glenn Gardner, and others will be on hand to discuss the reports. The agenda for the evening is as follows:

6:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Reception

7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Presentation of the "State of the Sector" Reports

8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Q & A Period

Bring your friends and neighbors for this important community event.

Greetings Maplewood!

As the snow falls a little earlier this year we turn to our year end activity and all of our preparations for the holidays. Our days become more hectic as we prepare for whatever traditions we maintain in our families. City Hall is no less busy because the holidays are around the corner. City Council meets Tuesday night, the 25th of November and then on the Tuesday before Christmas. There are several issues on the table, the sale of the delinquent tax liens, consideration of a landlord registry and new laws involving when the City can enter a house if there is a housing code violation.

As with any new law or proposal there are two – sometimes more – sides to the issue. Many times City Council has to strike a balance between competing interests, between neighborhood stability and private property rights. As always I will do the due diligence necessary to make sure that I understand all sides of the issues, that I weigh each issue and make decisions that are in the best interest of the community as a whole.

As always I look forward to hearing from you. I encourage you to call me or send me an email of a letter. My home number is 647-4072 and my email is Carla.Palumbo@cityofrochester.gov. You can always write to me at City Hall 30 Church Street 14614.

Wishing you and yours the very best during this holiday season.

Carla Palumbo, NW District
City Council



Holidays at the Market

The City's Rochester Public Market, 280 N. Union St., will come alive with the season's spirit, for the twelfth anniversary of the Sunday tradition, "Holidays at the Market."

Sales take place, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Sundays, December, 7, 14 and 21, and feature the largest selection of fresh cut holiday trees and wreaths at one location in all of western New York. The market will be decked out with seasonal decor, horse drawn sleigh rides, alpacas and visits from Santa. It is one of Rochester's most unique and popular gift buying destinations--sales continue to grow at the 101 year-old marketplace.

Enjoy the flavor of the holidays with homemade baked goods and ethnic delicacies in a unique shopping experience that only the Market can offer. Local wines, cheeses, maple syrup and honey along with a wide selection of produce will provide the perfect complement to any holiday meal.

New this year, a community holiday cookie bake-off. On Sunday, December 14th, a trio of Rochester food writers will

choose Rochester's best holiday cookie. The contest includes professional and amateur divisions and cash prizes for the winners.

Also have your children bring an ornament with their name on it to help decorate our community holiday tree display or show your holiday spirit by taking a name of a youth who needs assistance this holiday season from our "Giving Tree" in the Market office. The Giving Tree is a cooperative program with The Center for Youth Services.

Make a day out of this holiday shopper's paradise, with the most unique foods, gifts and decorations that you won't find anywhere else in Rochester. Take the family on a horse drawn sleigh ride and Santa will be waiting to see you from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.!

Vendor space is still available for \$25 for a Sunday or \$65 for all three Sunday events. Call the market office at (585)428-6907, Tuesday-Saturday, 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. for more information.



Back by Popular Demand!

Saturday, Dec. 13th will be a special morning for families. The Religious Education staff, in conjunction with the Cathedral Shop, will be hosting our second annual Family Christmas celebration. There will be music, crafts, holiday treats, shopping opportunities for the kids as well as the adults, "special visitors" for the children, and an opportunity to "travel to Bethlehem" for the birth of Jesus.

Since this day falls on the Feast of St. Lucy, there will be information on St. Lucy as well as information on other Christian holiday traditions.

The day's events will be fun for young and old alike. Watch for more information!



The Halloran-All Saints Organ 2008-2009 Concert Series

Sacred Heart Cathedral - 296 Flower City Park

(All concerts are free unless otherwise indicated. All are welcome!)

Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 7th at 2:00 p.m. - The promise of a Savior in scripture and music, from Creation through the prophets, featuring the Cathedral Community Choir, organ, instruments.

Advent Concert with the Dady Brothers & Friends

Sunday, Dec. 14th, at 2:00 p.m. - Everyone enjoys this popular musical group!

The Halloran-All Saints Organ Sings with Choirs!

Sunday, Jan. 11th at 2:00 p.m.- Choral Festival celebrating the end of the Christmas Season on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, featuring choirs from around the Diocese of Rochester. Free will offering to benefit St. Joseph's Northside and Mapelwood/Edgerton Ecumenical Cupboard.

The Halloran-All Saints Organ Sings with Chorus and Orchestra!

Saturday, Mar. 21st at 7:30 p.m. - Lyric Chorale, Chrisanne Yule, director, with Stephanie Honz, organist; Poulenc's Organ

Concerto and Langlais' Messe Solennelle. Ticket information to come.

The Halloran-All Saints Organ Sings with Voices and Instruments!

Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m. - The Eastman Newman Community vocal and instrumental students perform. Free will offering to benefit Eastman Newman Community.

The Halloran-All Saints Organ Sings with All Its Stops!

Friday, May 1st at 7:00 p.m. - Organist: Dr. H. Ricardo Ramirez, director of music at the Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago. Freewill offering.



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The Cathedral Community Celebrates Advent/Christmas 2008

Sacred Heart Cathedral - 296 Flower City Park - 585-254-3221
www.cathedralcommunity.org

Nov. 30th-Jan. 11th: 7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - *“An International Expression of Faith”* creches from around the world.

Dec. 7th: 2:00 p.m.- *“Advent Lessons and Carols”* reflect on the promise of a Savior in scripture and music.

The Cathedral Shop: *Holiday Open House* - 8:00 a.m.– 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13th: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - *“Family Celebration with St. Nicholas”*

Learn about holiday traditions through stories, songs and crafts.

Dec. 13th: *Holiday Craft Show* - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 14th: 2:00 p.m. - *“Advent Concert with the Dady Brothers & Friends”* A thoughtful pause in a busy season.

Christmas Eve Masses:

4:00 p.m. - Family Mass with Pageant

6:00 p.m. - Vigil of Christmas

11:30 p.m.- Caroling by the Cathedral Choir

Mass at Midnight, Bishop Clark Presiding and Preaching

Christmas Day Masses: 7:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Dec. 31st: 4:00 p.m. - *“Holy Day Mass for World Peace”* Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Presiding and Preaching

Jan.11th: 2:00 p.m. - *“The Halloran-All Saints Organ Sings with Choirs from Around the Diocese”* Offering benefits St. Joseph’s Northside and MEEK (Maplewood/Edgerton Emergency Kupboard)

Jan. 19th: 7:00 p.m. - *“Ecumenical Prayer for Our Country, President-Elect, and All Elected Leaders”* Bishop Matthew H. Clark, Presiding and Preaching; Derrick Smith, baritone, guest soloist.

Calling All Craft Show Shoppers!

The rectory hall is booked, and crafters are feverishly creating their final crafts for our first annual craft show and sale, Saturday, Dec. 13th from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

We have 23 crafters booked, who will be selling their wares from baskets to candles and everything in between. Specially selected craft items will be raffled off during the show, as well.

There will also be a “snack bar” where you can purchase a little something to eat to sustain your energy while you continue to shop!

Come take a look, and get some of your holiday shopping done early! We look forward to seeing you there!

All proceeds from this craft show and sale will be evenly divided between our junior & senior high youth groups as well as between our faith formation program and our VBS program.

Join your neighbors for Annual Maplewood Tree Lighting Festival on Sunday December 21st from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Aquinas Institute.



Calling All Children

The Traditional Christmas Pageant Continues!

All children in our community are invited to take part in our annual Christmas Pageant. This pageant has grown out of a tradition from Holy Rosary and Most Precious Blood Churches. As a community we are working to keep many of the traditions alive, that have made us who we are.

To that end, Nancy Sanzotta has generously agreed to coordinate this year’s pageant, which will be held at the 4:00 p.m. Family Mass on Christmas Eve, at Sacred Heart Cathedral. There will be many of the props and costumes that you are familiar with from both Holy Rosary and Most Precious Blood.

If you are interested in participating in

this year’s Christmas pageant at Sacred Heart Cathedral, call Marianne Himmelsbach in the Faith Formation Office, at 254-3221 x108. Registration forms for the pageant are also available on the Faith Formation bulletin board in the cathedral narthex.



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 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) A group of volunteers who work closely with the Rochester Police Department to provide a citizen presence on the street. Lake NET office, 428-7610.



PAC-TAC Lyell NET office, 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. Lake NET office, Lt John Prewasnicak, 428-7613.



New Year's "Early Eve" Festivities

Mayor Robert J. Duffy announced today that New Year's "Early Eve" festivities will be held on Main Street and the Riverside Convention Center, 123 E. Main St., from 8:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. This celebration will also officially inaugurate Rochester's 175th Anniversary year - "One City, One Future."

"We want to extend an invitation to residents throughout the region to come to this unique "Early Eve" double celebration as we begin to observe the yearlong 175th Anniversary of our great city and welcome 2009," said Mayor Robert J. Duffy. "The spirit of our city shines bright as we come together as One City with One Future."

New Year's will be even more spectacular this year with the addition of "The Big Wish," an invitation to the community to send in their hopes and wishes for the city. These will be placed in a 10-foot steel globe that will be located on the Sister Cities pedestrian bridge downtown. In Native American fire ceremonies, intentions and hopes are burned to replace the past with something new. In honor of that tradition, the wishes placed in the globe will be dramatically set ablaze on New Year's Eve at 10:00 p.m.

Revelers will gather on the Main Street and the Sister Cities pedestrian bridge to witness "The Big Wish" fire ceremony as the First Federal Building's exterior elevator rises to the countdown and sparks the New Year's spectacular aerial fireworks display. The Main Street Bridge will be filled with fun and closed to traffic throughout the evening. Refreshments and food will be available for purchase.

Party-goers will also be invited to "KazooFest" in the New Year with Camp Good Days. In addition, attendees are welcome to bring a "Toy for Teens" which will benefit City Recreation youth, for details please visit www.piratetoyfund.org.

Early New Year's Eve Skate will be held at the Manhattan Square Park Ice

Skating Rink, 353 Court Street, Rochester, New York, on December 31. Patrons may enjoy two FREE skate sessions: the Early New Year's Skate session from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. and the Open Skate Late Evening session from 9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Both skate sessions include music, festive lighting and refreshments. Skate rental is \$3 per session and quantities are limited.

Ample parking is available nearby in both city-owned and private-owned downtown garages and on-street meters are free after 6:00 p.m. For further information on parking and street closures call 311 (outside of the city, call 428-5990) or visit the city's website at www.cityofrochester.gov.

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