

ABC Streets Fall Newsletter



The ABC Streets Neighborhood Association is a non-profit organization that encourages a vibrant, well-connected neighborhood which exhibits pride of ownership, celebration of diversity and a strong sense of community.

From Our President

Dear neighbors,

This is my first “letter from the President” and I would be lying if I said I don’t feel any pressure! It has been a pleasure getting to know everyone better over the last six months. We’ve had a lot of fun events, and our plan is to continue to bring everyone together at least once a month going forward. We also want to continue our fundraising efforts for both local projects as well as selected charities. We are fortunate to be in a position to give back to others in need, and I am proud to say I live in a neighborhood that cares.

I’d like to take a moment to remind everyone that there are more ways than ever to stay connected to the ABC Streets! In addition to our email blasts and semi-annual newsletters, you can check the calendar on our website at www.abcstreets.org. We can be found on Facebook under “ABC Streets Neighborhood Association”, and we are now on twitter @ABCstreets!

With the limited space I have, there is one last thing I would like to say to you all, and that is “Thank You”. With the holidays approaching, I am coming from a place of gratitude - thankful to be surrounded by wonderful people and grateful to be a part of a community that cares about all neighbors (even the furry ones!). A HUGE thank you goes out to every member of our Board, each who works tirelessly to make sure we have memorable events, a strong web presence, a beautiful park and a financial surplus so that we can afford more local projects. And last but not least, thank you to all of you for volunteering your time at events and for your support of our fundraising activities. Thank you for making our neighborhood a place in which so many want to live!

See you around the block,
Susan



Meet the ABC Streets NA Board

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We’re planning for 2014 and would like EVERYONE’s input on events and fundraisers. Please fill out a short survey by November 18th to help ensure the Board is working for you.
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GSZFPJ2>

Highlights from previous events April through the Halloween parade October 26th 2013

BEER TASTING

On Saturday April 27th, the Hamblin's hosted this years beer tasting event. About 30 neighbors were at the event where 16 different beers from around the world were sampled on a lovely afternoon. This year there were souvenir glasses available for all attendees to purchase.



ABC Streets Neighborhood moniker on the glass designed by Irene Burnet

A \$5 donation for each glass was given back to the neighborhood association. Over \$150 was raised. Some folks stayed around afterwards and enjoyed meats from Swans, as well as the back patio area and a chimenea later that evening. Overall it was a great event that we hope to bring back next year.



Our very own Nancy and Brian Sears manned the booth on Culver and Park Avenue

BOOTH AT PARK AVE FESTIVAL

On August 3 and 4th the ABC Streets Neighborhood Association participated, for the first time, at the Park Avenue Festival with a booth at the corner of Park and Culver. Our objectives were for neighborhood recognition,

attracting new members and fund raising. And we met ALL of our goals. The fundraising benefited Project Scion, Foodlink and Morrison Park. Over the weekend, through sales of water, hosta plants harvested from Morrison Park, and a 50/50 raffle, we raised a little over \$400 – \$100 was donated each to Project Scion and to Foodlink with the balance to be used for Morrison Park maintenance and upkeep (new plants/trees/annuals, mulch, fertilizer, signage). The Board would like to publicly thank all of neighbors who volunteered during the weekend – Tom Pastecki, Sue Hondorf, Brian Sears, Tom Hasman, Kathryn Gardner, Tom Groff, Marie Maloney, Parker Ormerod, Barb Kraus – and all of those that stopped by the booth to offer support and make a donation. We look forward to this event again next year.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

The ABC Streets Neighborhood Association Board would like to acknowledge the following people for all their help in putting up and taking down the YES & NO Parking Signs during the Past Ave Festival. All and all, the streets looked pretty good and seems “most” of our visitors could read!

Audubon: Maureen Duggan & Jim McIntosh
Beverly: Paul Casterline
Calumet: Tom and Marianne Pastecki
Darwin: Lisa Kretzer
Ericsson: Genine Carvalheira, Mike Pretty and Parker Ormerod
Faraday: Carolyn Riley
Girard: Greg Bell
Homer: Joe Lill
Marianne Pastecki - overall coordinator

LEAF PICK UP NOV 18-22

Please sweep your leaves to the edge of your treelawn and not into the street





ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Several neighbors gathered to beat the heat and share a cool treat at the ABC Streets Ice Cream social, which was held on Thursday June 26th at 1011 Harvard street.

SUMMER PICNIC

On August 17th, our neighbors on Ericsson Street warmly welcomed our annual Summer picnic. On a picture-perfect Summer day, over 60 neighbors (and many of their furry friends) gathered for an



Several neighbors help chip in to set up tents for our annual picnic, held this year on Ericsson street

afternoon of socializing, playing, and eating. The day started off with a visit from Mayor Tom Richards and neighbor/politician Lois Geiss, who took the opportunity to listen to our neighborhood concerns. In addition to our standard grill fare, Peter Scribner of Park Avenue, added to the feast with his movable grilling station providing scrumptious chicken legs,

veggie and kosher options. As usual, the neighbors pitched in with an assortment of appetizers, side dishes and desserts. Two standout desserts were the sunflower/ladybug cupcakes (Sue Hondorf) and the Canadian Flag themed sheet cake (Allison & Libby), in honor of their move back to Canada – we wish them well. Several new activities entertained both the kids and adults - garden tours, a hula hoop contest and learning some new dance moves courtesy of Esther Brill. This was in addition to a traditional favorite – the balloon toss. Later in the afternoon, our Board President, Susan Glenz, publicly recognized the service of our outgoing board members – Tom Hasman, Maureen (Mo) Duggan, George & Lorrie Lorson, and Matt Alexander – by presenting them with plaques designed by Dave Burnet. Lastly, as a



Pictured above - wonderful sunflower cupcakes as one of the wonderful desserts and ornamental rabbits from the garden tour; new this year

new fundraiser to support our neighborhood activities, we held a silent auction with items donated by both the board and our neighborhood businesses. We are happy to report that with your generous support we raised over \$300. A big thanks to everyone who helped organize, setup, takedown, cook, greet and entertain. A fun day which we look forward again to next year !!

Do you have a new neighbor or tenant moving in? Contact abcstreets@gmail.com to have a Welcome Packet delivered!

Includes a map of nearby Park Avenue businesses, recent neighborhood Newsletter, helpful city ordinance info and a Neighborhood Association Membership form.

MOVIE NIGHT

On August 27th, about 30 neighbors met up at the “Hondorf Drive(way)-In” to enjoy a movie and a short. Jack Garner, retired D&C film critic and neighbor, selected and introduced two films – a 1938



Projector and screen check - ready to go!

Mickey Mouse short entitled The Brave Little Tailor (Mickey Mouse was voiced by Walt Disney himself) and Fantastic Mr. Fox - a stop action animated movie directed by Wes Anderson, based on a novel by Roald Dahl. Both films suited and entertained both the adults and kids that attended. No movie event would be complete without fresh popped popcorn, hotdogs and drinks. Big thanks to the Pasteckis for manning the food counter, Kevin Hamblin for AV services, and the Hondorfs for the use of their driveway.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

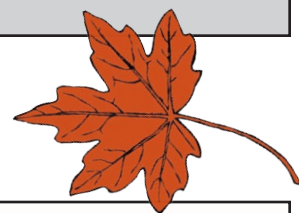
Ghouls and goblins swooped in Saturday October 26th to Castle Alexander for their annual parade through the town. The leaves were swirling and the winds carried the witches, fairies, dragons, princesses, super heroes and their guardians down the cobble street toward the foggy Kraus family cemetery where their images were captured for all eternity. The howling hound called them to Herr Hasman’s cozy Inn for a feast of mulled cider, mummified remains, newt’s eyes, and sweet black spiders.



SAVE THE DATE - UPCOMING ASSOCIATION EVENTS

1. Join us Saturday Nov 16th at 10AM for a fall neighborhood clean-up. Doughnuts and Coffee will be served at the park
2. Holiday Home Tour - Sat Dec 14th starting at 5PM
3. Chili cook-off coming in February
4. Easter Egg Hunt - coming in April
5. ABC Beer tasting - coming in April

Additional details see our site: www.abcstreets.org



Other Local Events

“Give Thanks for Education” 5K

The race will be held November 16th at Wegmans Lodge in Seneca Park. Pre-registration is \$25 and race day registration will be \$30.

Last year approximately 3,200 students were served by Urban League educational programs, including tutoring, mentoring, afterschool academic assistance, college preparation and graduation programs, and scholarships,

To learn more about the event visit www.ulr.org

You may also register online at www.active.com

To view the course: visit <http://www.mapmyrun.com/routes/fullscreen/286720153/>

CHESS FOR KIDS

The Community Chess Club of Rochester (CCCR) event for kids is held weekly on Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. \$5 per child.

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Thank you,
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Join/Renew Your Membership in the ABC Streets Neighborhood Association

Membership is only \$5 for renters and \$10 for homeowners. Membership includes free admission to all neighborhood association social events. Your dues also help fund association activities, such as printing newsletters, maintaining our website, upkeep of Morrison Park and providing food and supplies for our summer picnic and winter holiday party.

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