



Culver Road Bridge over Eastern Wide Waters, Rochester, N. Y.
Dated: 1910

We Made “the leap” over the 490 Bridge!

By Vicki Brown

It is never easy to move, especially if you live in a house you’ve worked on and loved for decades, have immediate neighbors who are the definition of what it means to be “great neighbors,” and your grown kids really don’t want you to sell “home.” But downsizing and moving to the ABC Neighborhood, as we did last fall, makes us feel not only lucky, but also very much at home.

Except for two of the 47 years we’ve been married, we’ve lived in Rochester. Our first apartment together was on Barrington Street, and we fell in love with the Park Avenue neighborhood. We absolutely wanted to buy a house in the area, but couldn’t because the dollars simply didn’t work.

Instead, we bought a house on Castlebar Road and loved it so much, we stayed 43 years! The house is in the neighborhood referred to by ABC Streets residents as on “the other side of the bridge,” since the expressway bridge divides the area that feeds students to what used to be School #1.

Last year, it was time to part with our house because of logistics, *i.e.*, no bedroom or bath on the main floor, two-tiered backyard, but we were lucky to move “over the bridge.” A friend on Audubon Street had mentioned she thought the first floor of a Calumet house might soon be available to rent. She introduced us to owner Tom Pastecki (via email) and when we went to see the apartment, we stayed a long time. One of the renters returned and she and I got into a conversation. Megan told me she and Jason were soon to be married, were house hunting and that Castlebar Road was a street they loved! We invited them over for bagels and coffee and showed them our house. They immediately asked what we wanted for it, but we hadn’t even figured that out for ourselves.

Fast forward some months. My husband measured the apartment. We talked to the landlord about potential changes and worked out a mutually-agreeable arrangement with him. We made an offer to the couple and quickly agreed on a price.

Today, Megan and Jason love our Castlebar house and we’re delighted to be on Calumet on one floor of a beautiful house that’s in the heart of a neighborhood we’ve long known and loved. We feel warmly welcomed and very much at home in this great neighborhood!



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The boundaries of the ABC Streets Neighborhood are the east side of Culver Road (between Harvard & Park), Audubon, Beverly, Calumet, Colby, Darwin, Ericsson., Faraday, Girard, Harvard, Homer and Park Avenue (from Culver Road to East Avenue).

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

➔ ➔ Please Note That Our Neighborhood Meeting has moved BACK TO 1600 EAST AVENUE!

You can find us in the basement conference room (parking available in lot at rear of building).

Entrance on University Ave.

Join Us at the Neighborhood Meeting!

April 11, 2019

6:30 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

Our bi-annual Neighborhood Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 11th** from **6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at 1600 East Avenue** (basement conference room).

Come and learn what's going on in YOUR neighborhood and hear about upcoming events and projects!

Please **RSVP to abc.streets@gmail.com**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Featured Speakers:

Caitlin Meives, Landmark Society

Captain Lloyd Cuyler, Goodman Section

Nancy Johns-Price, Administrator, NSC

Elaine Spaul, City Council Member: *The Bon-Voyage Tour*

Refreshments Will Be Available

COMING SOON!

We are excited to announce that we've been awarded a grant from the Rochester Area Community Foundation, which will be used to install a Message Board in the Garden @ Calumet to display a 1910 map of the ABC Streets Neighborhood!



Hey Neighbor!

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Plans are underway for Garden Walk 2019! Volunteers Needed!

About ten of your neighbors have graciously agreed to open up their yards for Garden Walk 2019. Let us know if you'd like to participate! Always looking for more yards/gardens to show off to the public and we sure could use some volunteers to help out during the event!

Contact Esther @ 585-721-8684 if you can help out in any way!



ABC Streets Neighborhood Association

≧ Sunday, July 14, 2019 ≦

ABC GARDEN WALK 2019!

Stroll (or bike) the ABC Streets neighborhood and experience the variety of creative approaches for city front, side and back yard spaces: perennials & annuals, inviting porches, patios & decks, shade gardens, grassless yards and tree lawns, found objects, water features...

TIME: 12:00 noon-4:00 p.m., (rain or shine)

LOCATION: The ABC Streets Neighborhood is bounded by Culver Road, Park Avenue and Harvard Street

CHECK-IN: OBTAIN MAP GUIDE at: Morrison Park: (Culver Rd & Harvard St);
East Avenue Dentistry: 1641 East Ave (at Park Ave)

PARKING: Park Avenue and alternate-side street parking; East Avenue Dentistry parking lot: 1641 East Ave

ADMISSION: Free

OFFERING: Michael Hannen's Rare & Different Plants (*available at Calumet Triangle Garden*)
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The Neighborhood Association relies on membership dues for upkeep at our gardens, insurance, special event supplies and charitable donations.

Dues are only **\$10 per year** and can be paid via PayPal, cash or check. You can visit our website at www.abcestreets.org to print a membership form or used the copy on the back page (with envelope) to send in your payment!

If you'll be attending the Neighborhood Meeting on April 11th, you may also make your payment at the door!

What's YOUR History?

If This Old House Could Talk . . .



51 Calumet was designed by Architects Hutchison & Cutler in 1910 for Jacob L. Freeman and his wife Isabella.

Jacob Freeman and Jeremiah Hickey launched their business, **Hickey-Freeman**, in 1899 with \$25,000 in capital. Sales reached \$93,000 that first year. Jacob was the chief factory executive and a company director until his death in 1923.

He and Isabella were married in 1896 and had two daughters, Helen (1898-1981). Helen married Maurice H. VanBergh of VanBergh Silver Plate Company (*and who resided at 32 Calumet Street*) in 1918.

Gertrude (1901-1957) married Joseph A. Marcus in 1921.

Jacob's great-great granddaughter currently lives in MA.

Did you know

As reported in the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, 1903, that

ROCHESTER IS TO HAVE A SPEEDWAY

A 1/2-mile track straightaway, 138 feet wide on one end and 119 feet wide on the other end is to be built in the Leighton Lea Tract (*now the ABC Streets*), due to the efforts of Mr. James Lockhart, President of the Flower City Driving Club.

The speedway itself will be eighty feet wide with entrance gates. The cost in 1903 was estimated between \$6,000-\$7,000.

Horsemen in the city eagerly await its opening!



PARK AVENUE HISTORIC DISTRICT PROJECT NEARING THE FINISH LINE!

Our consultant team is well underway with the extensive research and writing that goes into a National Register historic district nomination. You may see them out taking photo's of homes as they continue their research.

They could use your help!

If you live in the neighborhood or own a home or a commercial building and have information on the history or construction of your building, please share it with us!

The consultant team is particularly interested in the following:

- Information on the original/early occupants of your home/building
 - Information on the architect who designed your home/building (if known)
 - Historic images of your property (any images that are about 40 years or older)
- Architectural drawings of your home/building

If you have info or documentation to share, please email **Caitlin Meives**, Preservation Planner with The Landmark Society.

Not sure if you have important information? Send us an email and find out!

Caitlin will be at our Neighborhood Meeting on April 11th to answer any questions!

TAG YOUR TREE!

Identify the tree in YOUR tree lawn! The City Forestry Department has supplied us a list of all trees currently planted in tree lawns throughout the ABC Streets. Purchase a tree tag to identify your tree's common name and species.

The tags have been approved by Rochester City Forestry personnel and measure 3" x 5". They are manufactured here in Rochester and made of architecturally anodized aluminum. Mounting options are: *hung from tree branch with wire; mounted on spike inserted in ground; or spring/screw mounted* (two springs with stainless screws into tree trunk). These are black with silver lettering.

Tree Tag (*spike mount*): @ \$17

Tree Tag (*wire or screw mount*): @ \$15

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____



Spring/Screw Mount



Spike Mount



Wire Mount

Checks to be made payable to: ABC Streets Neighborhood Association and mailed or dropped off (with this form) to: 51 Calumet Street

SAVE THE DATE!

Spring **CLEAN SWEEP** is scheduled for **Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** at Morrison Park! We'll Need Some Helpers!



Join/Renew your Membership in the ABC Streets Neighborhood Association

Yearly membership (January through December) is only \$10 and includes free admission to all neighborhood association social events. Your dues also help fund association activities, such as printing newsletters, maintaining our website, garden upkeep, insurance and associated costs for neighborhood social activities.

Please return completed form and your check* (*made payable to ABC Streets N.A.*) to:

51 Calumet Street, Rochester, NY 14610

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Years in neighborhood? _____ \$10 Payment Enclosed New member Returning member

I can help by: Volunteering at events Delivering newsletters
 Serving on the board Other _____

I don't wish to join right now, but please add my email address to your distribution list so I can stay updated on neighborhood news and events.

Name: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

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