



Fall Newsletter

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INCREDIBLE HALLOWEEN Party!

Hurricane Sandy put a damper on outdoor plans for our *second annual Children's Halloween parade* this year, so the party moved indoors at **Tom and Linda Hasman's** home.

Witches, dinosaurs, tigers, clowns, firemen, fairies, zombies and even Harry Potter made appearances! A surprise visit by the **entire Incredibles Family** (lookin' good in those tights!), eased the disappointment for the kids of not being able to have their parade down Harvard Street.

Donuts, cider, mummy fingers and even worms were served to guests, not to mention plenty of candy and fun!

Special thanks to **Dr. Aaron Rosen** of **East Avenue Dentistry** for the zombie cards for the kids!

Photos from the party can be viewed on our website at: www.abcstreets.org

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We'd like to thank all of the businesses who have advertised with us! Please show your appreciation and support by visiting their businesses.



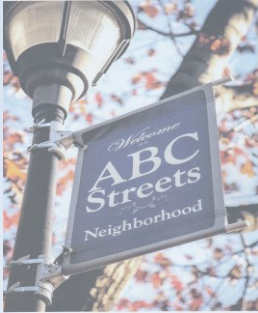
Annual Holiday Party!
Save the Date!

December 15, 2012

See Page 12 For Details!

The ABC Streets Boundaries include:

The east side of Culver Road (between Harvard & Park), Park Avenue (beginning @ east side of Culver Road and continuing to East Ave), Audubon, Beverly, Calumet, Colby, Darwin, Ericsson, Faraday, Girard, Harvard & Homer



THANK YOU BANNER BUDDIES!

The **Board of Directors** of the ABC Streets Neighborhood Association would like to thank each and every one of our generous and supportive neighbors listed below for their donations towards the purchase of the street banners for the ABC Streets.

Installation is Complete!

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A Message from the President

... by Tom Hasman

Hello ABC Streets Neighbors! Where has 2012 gone? Time seems to go by faster and faster as I'm getting older...my parents warned me this would happen once I had kids!

We've had a great year in the ABC Streets. After storing our ABC Streets sign during the winter, it went up in April. Ironically, it snowed the day we put up the sign (so much for avoiding the harsh weather during the installation)! In May, we added a flower bed at the base of the sign and we now have a great focal point and welcoming entranceway for neighbors and visitors entering our neighborhood.

We also held our first-ever **Easter Egg Hunt** for the kids. Mother nature decided to deliver a steady rain, but we managed to hold the event by moving indoors. Our first **Outdoor Movie Night** was held in August and which now will become an annual event! Everyone in attendance had a great time. Likewise, our **Summer Picnic** broke previous records with over 90 guests in attendance this year. **Let's try to break the record in 2013!** We also held our second **Children's Halloween Parade** where we were, again, thwarted by Mother Nature and had to move the event indoors. All enjoyed donuts, cider and sweets.

Finally, we closed out this year with the installation of our street banners. **They are up!**

I would also like to reiterate a request that I've made in my weekly email blasts. With the recent *aggressive behavior* of bottle collectors in our area and a few recent home/garage break-ins, I want to remind everyone to please continue to look out for each other. If you see someone acting suspiciously, such as walking around a property with a valid reason, please **DO NOT HESITATE** to call 9-1-1 so that the police can check it out. We can **ALL HELP REDUCE CRIME** by staying aware of the happenings in our neighborhood.

I'm very excited about our upcoming **Holiday Party**, which will be held on **Saturday, December 15th** this year. **See Page 12 of this Newsletter for a list of hosts and times.** I would also like to remind everyone that it's time to **renew your neighborhood association membership!** I hope all current members will consider renewing their memberships for 2013 and for non-members reading this newsletter, please consider joining us in 2013. Dues are only \$5 for renters and \$10 for homeowners. **A Membership Form is included on Page 12.** This amount covers everyone in your household and allows you free entry to all neighborhood association events.

I'm looking forward to a great 2013!

Happy Holidays to All

Tom Hasman, President

Traffic Signal Boxes Getting Pretty in the Spring!

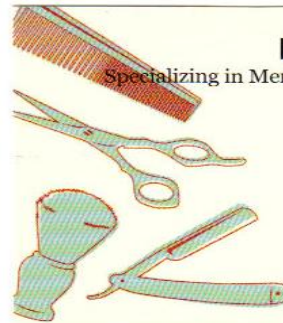
Final approvals are underway for permits to paint the traffic signal boxes at Colby & East Avenue and the box on the exit ramp of 490 westbound on Culver Road.



Frank Lloyd Wright inspired design by Irene Aiztrauts of Harvard Street. (Colby Street & East Avenue location)



Chevron design by Mara Domenico of Calumet Street. (at westbound exit ramp to 490 at Culver Road)



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Compost & Mulch Those Fallen Leaves!

...by Kim Romeo, Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care

While it appears as if all activity in the garden has stopped, there's a lot going on under the soil until it freezes. Newly-transplanted trees and shrubs, divisions of perennials and hardy bulbs are all growing roots, drawing on soil nutrients and moisture around them. Earthworms and various microbes in the soil are still processing the organic material they're finding. Most likely, the organic mulch you spread to protect the soil during the summer months has substantially decomposed.

It's important to spread new mulch now – a thicker winter layer – to protect plants and soil over the winter months. The idea is not so much to keep the soil warm as it is to keep the temperature even. Once the soil is frozen, mulch keeps it frozen. So, if you have shade trees, convert the fallen leaves to mulch and use it throughout your property.

*** CRIME PREVENTION TIPS from the RPD ***

...this information NEVER gets old....

The RPD would like to again remind all city residents to follow these basic tips to deter crimes:

- Keep your doors locked at all times. Never open your door to a stranger without first identifying them. Legitimate callers will be able to provide identification and WILL NOT take offense to your asking to see it. This is an important rule to follow for ALL strangers. Scam artists will often appear friendly and courteous to gain your trust. Even City Inspectors and utility company workers should be asked for ID and will provide it willingly.
- If you'll be away from home for an extended period of time, set timers for lights inside your home. Keep an outdoor light on (especially near doorways. Notify a close neighbor that you'll be away and have them keep an eye on things. Stop mail and paper delivery so they don't pile up (or have a neighbor or friend pick up for you). Have a neighbor park in your driveway.
- NEVER give cash to a solicitor. Persons soliciting for a charity will be happy to take a check or provide you with a contact phone number for you to call and arrange a donation through official channels. Legitimate door-to-door salespeople must carry a permit issued by the City and should always provide the service or product BEFORE expecting payment.
- Be skeptical of "get rich" schemes, secret deals or any offer that requires you to turn over large sums of money before you get what is promised.
- Don't be rushed into a deal! Never sign any contract until you, your lawyer, banker or other expert has read it thoroughly.
- Trust your instincts! If something seems "too good to be true," it probably is!
- Report ALL SUSPICIOUS PERSONS IMMEDIATELY to 9-1-1! Officers will respond in an effort to identify and apprehend these criminals BEFORE they prey on someone else.
- Don't be taken in by a stranger's "sob story." Many scam artists will play on your good nature and your desire to help someone in need. If a total stranger approaches you and asks for your help, the best response is to call 9-1-1. The 911 center is able to dispatch many forms of aid, including: police, fire, medical, social and mental health experts. These responders are properly trained to assist persons in legitimate need. We are also able to deal with those who are just trying to "con" you out of your hard-earned money.

Do you know your next door neighbors name? Do you know who lives behind you?

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS!

First "Movie Night" in ABC Streets Big Success!

For those of you that were unable to attend, our first outdoor movie night was a great event!

Retired D&C movie critic, **Jack Garner** was our Master of Ceremonies and began the evening with an introduction and viewing of one of his favorite short animation favorites! **Thanks Jack!**

Our feature film, **Finding Nemo** began around 8:15 p.m. at **Hondorf Theater** (thanks Jim & Susan!) on Harvard Street. Special thanks to **Jim Hondorf** and **Kevin Hamblin** (our AV guys!), for their technical expertise in readying the theater for guests.

Adults and children alike enjoyed fresh popcorn and peanuts by **Hasman Amusements**.



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ABC Streets 2012 Summer Picnic

Attendance at our annual Summer Picnic surpassed previous years, with approximately 90 neighbors attending! Our picnic raffle raised a total of **\$293**, which was added to our street banner fund.

Plenty of fun, food and laughs were had by all. Thanks go out to *grill masters*, **Peter Scribner** and **Tom Pastecki**, and to **Jim McIntosh** for manning the check-in table all day long. To all the volunteers that helped with set-up and tear down...many, many thanks! We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you, also, to **John & Becky Rudy** for hosting the cocktail corral in their driveway!

Thanks to **Dave Burnet** for all the fantastic "action" photo's during the event. If you haven't seen them, please visit our website at: www.abcstreets.org.

Special thanks! go to several local businesses and Newsletter sponsors that donated items or services for our raffle: **Doug's Barber Shop**, **East Avenue Auto**, **Wong's Kitchen** and **Park Avenue Picture Framing**.

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East Avenue Dentistry had its origin in Irondequoit, where Dr. Harry Rosen began in practice. After graduating dental school (with a brief stint in Juneau, Alaska), I joined the practice. Although our patients were wonderful, the Irondequoit location was no longer a good fit, due to lack of space. When we found the vacant building at East and Park Avenue, the great location, wonderful neighborhood, visibility and room for expansion sealed the deal!

We moved into our newly-renovated space in November of 2008 and we welcomed Dr. Fleissig in 2008 as well. Dr. Caroselli, a former classmate of mine, came aboard in 2011 and in December, the practice will welcome Dr. Lindsey Keck, a pediatric dentist. If the number of baby strollers being wheeled by the office is any indicator, then the addition of a pediatric dentist is a win-win!

We are currently renovating space in the building for the addition of a dedicated pediatric-sedation and dedicated adult-sedation room.

In October, 2011, my brother-in-law, Dr. Rittenberg opened his Chiropractic practice in the building, where he specializes in muscle and soft tissue therapy.

When people ask me what I like best about the office, it is most definitely our patients and our team! Several members of the team live in the neighborhood and walk to work. The neighbors have been extremely supportive and many have become patients. Some ask to tour the building (we LOVE that!) and several neighbors took photos of our snow sculptures last year. In our current setting, we are able to focus on creating healthy and beautiful smiles and I must say that the neighborhood has brought US so many smiles!

I'd like to personally thank the ABC Streets Neighborhood Association for making us feel at home and welcome!

.... Aaron Rosen, DDS, FAGD

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HIGHER PARKING FINES NOW IN EFFECT

Higher parking fines went into effect on October 25, 2012 in the City of Rochester.

These increases are part of Mayor Thomas Richards' 2012-13 budget, which was adopted by City Council in June.

Expired parking meter tickets went from \$25 to \$35, illegal parking (such as parking on the wrong side of the street on alternate parking days) went from \$35 to \$45.

Failure to display a handicap placard increased from \$100 to \$145 and blocking a fire hydrant or fire lane went from \$70 to \$100.

Be a responsible resident and host! When entertaining, advise your visitors where they should be parked.




**18TH ANNUAL PARK AVENUE
 HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**
Thursday, November 29, 2012
5:00-9:00 p.m.

Stroll beautiful Park Avenue and enjoy the cheerful sight of sparkling lights, free entertainment, seasonal fun and open-house hospitality at more than 80 Park Avenue businesses.

The **Opening Ceremony** is at **5:00 p.m.** in the Park Avenue Green @ Barrington Street. Rochester School #23-**Family Sing Along** will perform. **Santa Claus** arrives by horse-drawn wagon to help light the Christmas tree before going to his heated Candy Cane Chalet at 600 Park Avenue.

You can visit Santa following the opening ceremony until 9:00 p.m. You can pick up your *complimentary* glow stick or glow necklace from PAMA (Park Avenue Merchants Assoc.) and candy cane from Stever's Candies. There is a \$2 fee for photos with Santa (to benefit the Media Club @ Rochester School of the Arts).


Horse-drawn wagon rides (\$1 per person-tickets available on wagons) can be boarded at the following locations:

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 - 403 Park Ave (near Rutgers St-drop off @ Brunswick)
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Cover drafty windows: Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames. Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows.

Adjust the temperature: When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable. When you are asleep or away, turn your thermostat back 10-15° for eight hours and save about 10% a year on your heating & cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make the job easier!

Find and Seal Leaks: Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes, gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets. Caulk or weatherstrip around leaky doors and windows.

Reduce heat loss from your fireplace: Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window open during the winter. When you use the fireplace, reduce heat loss by opening dampers in the bottom of the firebox or open the nearest window slightly (approx. one inch) and close doors leading into the room. Lower the thermostat setting to between 50° and 55°F. *If you never use your fireplace*, plug and seal the chimney flue. If you do use the fireplace, install tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room. Check the seal on the fireplace flue damper and make it as snug as possible. You can also add caulk around the fireplace hearth.

Lower your water-heating costs: Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°). You'll save energy and avoid scalding your hands.

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Sundays: December 2, 9 and 16
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.



Be a Courteous Neighbor!

- Please pick up after your dog. Nobody likes "surprises" in their yard.
- Once the snow flies, please spend a few extra minutes and brush off your ENTIRE car! Nothing worse than following a "mini-snowstorm" down the street!
- Please alert guests and visitors, **AHEAD OF TIME**, which side of the street they should be parked on, not to park across or too close to driveways and to keep the noise level down when leaving. This is a **NEIGHBORHOOD**, not a campus, dorm or concert venue.

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Welcome to the Neighborhood!

Toilet Paper Roll Turkey Craft



You will need: Toilet Paper Roll; Red, Yellow & Orange Construction Paper; 2 Googly eyes; Glue & Scissors

Cut feather shapes out of the construction paper (you'll need 2-3 feathers of each color)

Cut a small triangle out of orange paper for beak

Cut small peanut shape out of red paper for a waddle

Cut two feet out of orange paper

Tape feathers to back of the paper roll. Glue the eyes, beak, waddle and feet to the front of the toilet paper roll.

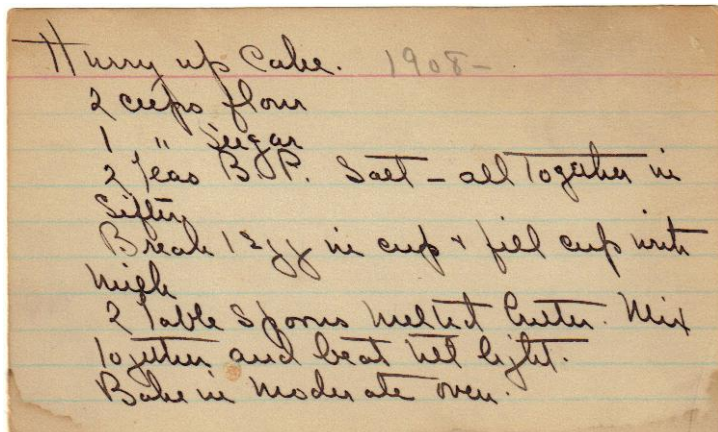
This 'n That



Over 200 daffodil and tulip bulbs were planted in the flower bed at Morrison Park by **Jim Hondorf** and **Nancy Sears**.
It should be a beautiful Spring!



After a request by **President, Tom Hasman**, the city has added two new trash receptacles on Park Avenue (at **Ericsson** and **Colby Streets**). Thanks Tom!
(photo captured by **Dave Burnet**)



Hurry Up Cake recipe, dated **1908**, found at the former home of **Sibyl Henshaw** of **Calumet Street**



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.

Please return completed form and payment to: **Maureen Duggan at 30 Audubon Street**

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Year Moved into Neighborhood: _____ Renter (\$5) Homeowner (\$10)

New Member Returning Member

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Other _____

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★ ABC STREETS Holiday Open Home Visits & Holiday Party! ★



Hope You Can Join Us for the Annual ABC Streets Neighborhood Holiday Party!
Saturday, December 15, 2012

ABC Members can join the open home visits at any point, based on the schedule below. We have some "overlap" time between the homes, so you can finish that cookie before moving on to the next open house! Food & beverages will be offered at each home. RSVP's are appreciated, but not mandatory. As with all N.A. sponsored events, membership is appreciated. Not a member? You can join (or renew) via our website at: <http://abcstreets.org>.

Dues are \$5 for renters and \$10 for homeowners.

Open House Times & Locations

Time	Address	Your Hosts
5:45-7:00 p.m.	56 Beverly Street	Ed & Ellen Haak
6:45-8:00 p.m.	763 Harvard Street	Tom & Linda Hasman
7:45-9:00 p.m.	825 Harvard Street	Jim Hondorf & Susan McNeil (upstairs apt.)
8:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m.	63 Calumet Street	John Rudy & Becky Simmons

Please RSVP to abc.streets@gmail.com or phone Tom @ 563-7237 by December 12, 2012 to insure adequate supplies are on hand for all!

Open houses: 5:45 – 9:00 p.m. ★ Holiday Party: 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

⇒ Guests are asked to bring a *snack-to-pass* or *beverages* to the Holiday Party at 63 Calumet ⇐