



Fall Newsletter

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Ghosts & Goblins Parade Through ABC Streets!



For the first annual Halloween Parade, over 30 goblins, witches, vampires, pirates, princesses, skeletons, lady bugs and many more paraded down Harvard Street on October 30th led by Head Sorceress, Barb Kraus, in celebration of Halloween!

Donuts & cider were enjoyed by all at the end of the trail!

ABC Streets N.A. General Membership Meetings Now Held Four Times Yearly!

Members voted to hold our General Membership Meetings four times a year.

*Our first meeting will be held on **January 25, 2012***

Meetings begin @ 6:30 p.m.
 1600 East Avenue
 Basement Conference Room
 Social: 7:30-8:00 p.m.
 Light refreshments served
 Members & non-members welcome!

Save the Date!

Annual ABC Streets Holiday Party!

The Annual ABC Streets Holiday Party is scheduled for **Saturday, December 17, 2011.**

Due to the overwhelming success of last years' **"Warm Up" house tours** prior to the grand finale, we are again planning visits to three homes in the neighborhood, where attendees can sample some light snacks, holiday beverages and decorations, prior to moving on to the final destination at **Jim & Maureen's @ 30 Audubon Street.**

(page 7 for details) RSVP's are appreciated, but not mandatory



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

Renew Your Membership for 2012

Not a member in 2011? Join now for 2012 and we'll include the remainder of 2011 for free!

Your membership dues help to defray the cost of printing this Newsletter, upkeep and fees for our website, our Summer Picnic and December Holiday Party and various other activities throughout the year. Checks to be made payable to ABC Streets Neighborhood Association and can be mailed or dropped off to our **Treasurer, Maureen Duggan @ 30 Audubon Street** (we also accept PayPal-visit our website @ www.abcstreets.org for PayPal payment info).

As of this writing we have 125 Paid memberships this year!... ⇒ let's break some records!!!!

....see page 8 for Membership Form...

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It's Time to Rake the Leaves!

.....Maureen Duggan

With the change of seasons, it seems the leaves won't be blowing into your neighbor's lawn any time soon. Here are some simple tips to keep our streets safe for both pedestrians and drivers.

1. When you rake leaves, please don't rake them into the street. This only narrows the street and makes driving hazardous. Leaves left in the street, plus water and snow (yes, snow!), equals a "funky" sludge that makes it difficult for cars to get traction.
2. If you live near one of the storm drains on your street (remember that *safety thing* we talked about above), pull the leaves and sticks out of the drain. The water will drain and we won't have ice-skating rinks at the end of our streets and crosswalks.
3. Know your leaf collection rules. Here in the southeast section of the city, **leaf pick-up is scheduled for November 21-25**. Leave your un-bagged leaves between the sidewalk & curb.
4. *What if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate* and dumps them after the pick-up date? Just pop them in your trash tote for normal refuse pick-up.

...and when no one is looking, put down your rake and jump in a pile!

Doggie Do-Doo's and Don'ts.....

..and speaking of leaf piles.... BEFORE your neighbors rake up their leaves and jump in those piles, be a good neighbor and clean up after your pet while walking through the neighborhood!
 Nothing ruins a jump in a leaf pile more than finding out that one of your neighbor's dogs has been there before you!

We thank you from the bottom of our "soles."

Park Avenue Summer Festival

No Parking Signs Helped Alleviate Parking Issues!

Those of you who were lucky enough to have a volunteer that offered to affix NO PARKING SIGNS on your street during the Park Ave Festival, please be sure to extend your thanks for their help in hanging up signs!

All involved felt it greatly relieved the illegal parking and congestion on our narrow streets.

It doesn't take much time and all you need is a roll of masking tape, a ladder and perhaps a helper. We'll need volunteers for 2012, so please contact **Marianne Pastecki** @ mpastecki@aol.com if you can help!

We would LOVE to get enough volunteers to help our neighbors the entire length of Harvard Street next year....

Our thanks to: **Ed Haak, Carolyn Riley, Todd Perkins, Katie Schmitz & Lisa Kretzer**

Get Ready for Winter!

...George Lorson

Now that summer is fading and the chill of the fall season is in the air, thoughts turn to the impending winter and how we can better make our homes warm and cozy as the snow falls. Below are a few thoughts on how to prepare your home for a Rochester Winter!

Furnace: Have your furnace professionally cleaned and inspected to be sure that it performs efficiently this season. Purchase a supply of air filters and change them once a month from October through March. Be sure your furniture or drapes do not block the registers and that the registers are open to allow for sufficient air flow. Install a humidifier on your furnace and adjust it for the outside air temperature. The proper amount of humidity in your home in the winter months will make you feel more comfortable and will also help your furniture from drying out.

Windows: Inspect your storm windows to be sure they are lowered and closed tightly. If all your windows do not have storm windows, consider purchasing new units to help prevent heat loss. Replace any broken or cracked glass in your window sash. Close and lock your windows for a tight seal and at night, close your drapes to reduce air movement around the windows. Inspect the outside of your window frames to be sure they are caulked tightly to the siding.

Lighting & Electrical: Where possible, install compact fluorescent bulbs to help reduce electrical consumption. Run your dryer and dishwasher on full loads only to achieve maximum efficiency. Turn off lights in rooms that are not being used.

Gutters & Downspouts: Have your gutters and downspouts professionally inspected and cleaned, so that there will be no standing water in them that may freeze and contribute to ice-damming on your roof. Be sure they are fastened tightly to your home so they do not pull off or away from your home during the winter. Extend the downspouts away from your foundation, in the event they are not tied into the cast iron drain lines at the house. If these cast iron drain lines appear to be clogged, have a plumber snake out the lines.

Air Penetration: Inspect the rim joist cavity in your basement between the foundation wall and the first-floor joists. If there is no insulation, install 6" Kraft paper-backed fiberglass insulation in those areas. Inspect your exterior doors for tight weather stripping and install new material if necessary. Your exterior foundation walls should be inspected for cracks or voids and if your foundation is masonry, use mortar to point the cracks. To seal joints between the wood framing and masonry, you may want to use the expanding foam that is available in an aerosol container. This may also be used for any pipes that may penetrate your siding.

We hope you find these suggestions informative and helpful as you are readying your home for the winter season!

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Annual ABC Streets Summer Picnic a Success!

Once again, attendance was great at this summer's neighborhood picnic! Over 80 members attended and all enjoyed great food and fun.

The water balloon toss had "special moments" captured by neighborhood photographer, **Dave Burnet**, and can be viewed on the website. Winners in the toss were **Jim & Vicki Gleason** and new neighbors, **Victor & Lori Scipioni**.

Our recycling efforts went very well. We were able to fill up several bins with used electronics to be recycled.

A Big THANK YOU! to neighbors who volunteered and helped with set-up, tear down and canopies for the picnic!

Patrick & Bernadette Rega, Carolyn Riley, George & Lorrie Lorson, Alison Durocher, Libby Hsiao, Jim McIntosh (for manning the sign-in tent and raffle ticket sales all day long), **Maureen Duggan, Tom & Sam Hasman, Tom & Marianne Pastecki, Dave & Irene Burnet, Kevin & Christine Hamblin, John Martello, Mary Kay Winchell.**
Special thanks to our grill masters, Matt Alexander and Tom Pastecki!

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Getting Results on Ordinance Issues

...by Matt Alexander

Whenever you have issues/problems with noisy neighbors, illegal parking, etc., you should ALWAYS call **911**. Be sure that you have the correct address of the property with the issue and ask to speak with the responding officer!

If you DO NOT get the results that you expect from the RPD, call **911** again, ask for the Supervisor and ask to have them call you. Review the issue with the Supervisor and state that you want a ticket issued to the offending party.

If officers DO NOT show up at the time of the incident, call 911 first thing in the morning and an officer will be sent to your home to file a **Supporting Deposition**. Be sure that you know the times and dates that you've called 911 about the incident (*you may think it's Friday night, but in actuality, it's Saturday morning*). This is critical information for the deposition.

Officers will sometimes deliver the ticket to the offending party or will turn the deposition into the NSC (Neighborhood Service Center on South Clinton Avenue). It will then be given to the NSC Lieutenant or Crime Prevention Officer. One of these officials will deliver the ticket and explain the law that is being enforced by the City of Rochester and the City Noise Ordinance. This is a \$200 fine.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. I will follow-up with the NSC and Nancy Johns-Price. Persistence is key to controlling ordinance issues. If everyone stays on top of the situation and follows through, we will succeed in correcting ordinance issues.

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A Message from the President *(continued)*

Thanks to everyone who made our **first Annual Halloween Parade** such a success! We had about 30 kids come out, along with parents, grandparents and friends. The kids walked along Harvard Street in their costumes and the parade ended with cider and donuts for all in attendance. I'm pleased to say that this will now be an annual event! So, if you weren't able to attend this year, you can join us next year (which gives you a whole year to plan your costume)!

Our **Annual ABC Streets Holiday Party** will be held on **December 17th** this year. **Maureen Duggan and Jim McIntosh** have graciously offered to host the party for the third year in a row. We will also have the **Holiday Open House Tour** again this year. It was such a great success last year, we're going to do it again!

(times and locations on page 7)

As we close out 2011 and look forward to 2012, I hope you will consider joining and/or renewing your membership. We have over 125 paid member households this year, which increased our revenue and allowed the neighborhood association to sponsor some extra events (such as the Halloween Parade) and to provide refreshments at all four General Membership Meetings for 2011. The board is very excited to have this kind of support from the neighborhood. We hope to have this continued support in 2012.

See you around the neighborhood!

A Message from the President

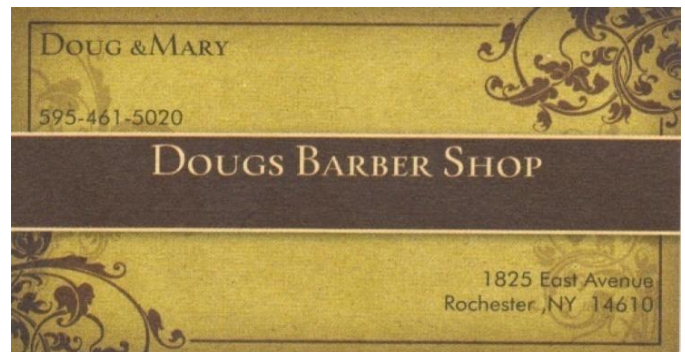
...Tom Hasman

Welcome to the fall edition of the Newsletter! I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. It seems like only yesterday that I was putting away the snow blower...and now the leaves are falling off the trees.

Before I get to the fall, I want to talk a little bit about the summer. I want to thank **everyone** that made the summer picnic a huge success, especially Vice President, **Marianne Pastecki**, who did a majority of the planning. We blocked off Calumet Street again this year for a block-party-style picnic, had two grills set up in the street, had prizes for the kids and even had our first water balloon contest, where each team of two tossed a water balloon back and forth, while taking a step back after each successful catch.

Neighborhood members, **Jim and Vicki Gleason** and **Victor and Lori Scipioni** tied as the winners (as both balloons broke during the same throw). Somehow, both **Jim** and **Victor** set it up that their partners were those that got wet from the balloons.... Imagine! Both **Vicki** and **Lori** were good sports about getting soaked at the ABC Streets Water Park....*I meant picnic....* and each team received a \$25 gift card for being the victors in the water balloon toss.

...and now onto Fall.....



Do you have a new neighbor or tenant moving in? Contact **George or Lorrie Lorson** 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.

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Save the Date!
18th Annual Park Avenue Holiday Open House
Thursday, December 1, 2011
5:00-9:00 p.m.

The **Park Avenue Merchants Association** invites you to "The Spirit of the Holidays." Stroll beautiful Park Avenue and enjoy an evening Of free holiday entertainment, season fun and take a horse-drawn wagon ride! Join us for "open house" hospitality at more than 80 Park Avenue businesses. It's the perfect time to visit your favorite spots along the street and make some new discoveries. There are outdoor festivities throughout the evening, from Alexander Street to Culver Road. The street is decorated with Beautiful lights and it's a great way to begin the Holiday Season!

5:00 p.m.: Opening Ceremony @ Park Avenue Green @ Barrington Street (Lighting of Christmas tree)
5:30 p.m.: Visit with Santa!

Characters with candy cane treats, entertainment groups and ice-sculpture demonstrations



★ **Holiday Home Tour & Holiday Party!** ★

Hope You Can Join Us for the Annual ABC Streets Neighborhood Holiday Party!

Saturday, December 17, 2011

ABC Members can join the tour 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.

Tour Times & Locations

Time	Address	Your Hosts
5:45-6:45 p.m.	1009 Harvard Street	Bethany & Erik Matzky
6:30-7:30 p.m.	967 Harvard Street	Matt & Elizabeth Alexander
7:15-8:15 p.m.	951 Park Avenue	Matt Haag & Bill Schaefer
8:00-'til they kick us out!	30 Audubon Street	Maureen Duggan & Jim McIntosh

Please RSVP to abc.streets@gmail.com or phone Tom @ 563-7237 by December 14, 2011 to insure adequate supplies are on hand for all!

Open houses: 5:45 – 8:15 p.m. ★ Holiday Party: 8:00 p.m. - ?

Events & Festivals in the City....

- thru 12/29: **Max at the Gallery Tapas Night** (recurring on Thursday's @ Memorial Art Gallery Pavilion- no charge admission- 5-8p.m.) Live music! (*enjoy some wine, beer & tapas for purchase*). *No reservations required.*
- 11/10-12/15 **Sweet Creations Gingerbread House Display** @ George Eastman House
- 11/20: **Holiday Laser Show** @ RMSC Strassenburgh Planetarium
- 12/1-2: **PARK AVENUE Holiday Open House:** 5-9 p.m. "Spirits of the Holiday." *Enjoy sparkling lights, holiday entertainment and open house hospitality @ over 80 Park Ave businesses (Alexander to Culver). Opening Ceremony @5:00 p.m., by Mayor Tom Richards*
- 12/3-5;12/10-12; 12/17-19: **Yuletide in the County** @ Genesee County Village & Museum
- 12/5, 12 & 19: **Holidays "At the Market"** @ Rochester Public Market
- 12/7: **Holiday Party at the Conservatory** (5-7 p.m.) Come see the Lamberton Conservatory bedecked in its holiday finery! 180 Reservoir Ave
- 12/30: **Kwanza Family Day** @ Memorial Art Gallery

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

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

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I can help by: Volunteering @ Events Delivering Newsletters Serving on the Board

Other _____

Give a Gift of Membership to a Neighbor!
Attention Landlords! Several in the neighborhood have paid memberships for their tenants!

The ABC Streets is now officially Incorporated!

The ABC St. Board has been discussing the idea of incorporating the association and/or registering as a "non-profit" entity for some time. Attorney **Jay Essley** graciously offered his services "pro bono" to discuss the ramifications of pursuing one or both of these avenues. Registering as a non-profit has many benefits, such as the ability to accept tax-deductible donations. However, it also carries the burden of keeping detailed tax records. The board has, therefore, unanimously decided that the best option for the time being is to incorporate the neighborhood association. Incorporating gives us legal protections, as well as adding credibility to the organization from the perspective of vendors and partners. We will continue to research non-profit status and keep this as a possible option for the future. In the meantime, let's congratulate the ABC Streets Neighborhood Association as being incorporated!