

The Corner Place

The Corner Place at 983 Monroe Avenue continues to serve the community with revitalized and expanded programs. We have three areas of focus:

Arts Academy: We opened in July with an 8-week session of Art and Music classes for children, ages 3-12 years. Close to 100 children from more than 60 households registered for classes taught by certified teachers, assisted by a core of volunteers. Thanks to funding from The Arts & Cultural Council of Rochester and Third Presbyterian Church, all classes were offered free to families from School #35 and the Upper Monroe neighborhood. Others may participate by donation. The program continues with after-school classes beginning on September 20, 2004. For more information or to register, call Joyce Perry at 244-3125.

Volunteer Tutoring Program at #35 School: Initiated in 2003-2004, we served more than 30 children with one-on-one instruction that is provided by a team of tutors working on-site during school hours. Tutors work with the same child throughout the year to establish a comfortable and trusting relationship. To encourage family literacy, we had a school-wide book party which included a story teller's performance for each class, followed by a trip to the library where each child could choose a gift book to take home.

Economic Development for the Upper Monroe Neighborhood: For the past several months we have worked with the Upper Monroe Neighborhood Association, NET Office, SEAC, the City and other community leaders to lay the groundwork for a Design Charrette to be held October 16 at New Life Presbyterian Church on Monroe Avenue. Topics for the charrette will include use of the Armory site, study of the neighborhood "gateways", and residential and commercial architectural design factors contributing to the economic conditions in the Upper Monroe area.

All of our programs rely on volunteer support from the wider community.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

1. #35 School Tutoring Program: work with elementary school children at school between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.. Tutors set their schedules with the Tutor Coordinator for 1 hour or more per week. Some tutors come on their lunch hour. High school or college students may use time toward community service requirements. Any level of Spanish is especially helpful. All training and supplies are provided. Tutoring begins in early October. Can you help a child? Call Joyce Perry, 244-3125.

2. The Corner Place Arts Academy at 983 Monroe Avenue: volunteers assist teachers as needed for Music & Art classes, Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons, after school. No arts background is necessary, just an interest in working with a diverse and engaging group of children, pre-school through 12 years old. Fall classes run September 21 to December 15. To volunteer, call Joyce Perry, 244-3125.

The City Walk

The City Walk is a grassroots organization committed to making Rochester a better place to live, work, and play by building a strong foundation of connectedness in the community. The City Walk does this by engaging people through social, professional, volunteer, and community activities.

The Walk is The City Walk's flagship event with over 30 Walks held to date! The first Thursday of every month, The City Walk walks as a group to three local downtown restaurants, bars, and music venues. They provide a safe and relaxing way to meet new people and experience the flavor of our city. Attendance at these events ranges from 40 to 110 people, with the summer months attracting the biggest crowds. Walks are held no matter what the weather—although some prefer to drive. Expect fabulous free food, exclusive drink discounts, awesome live concerts, and free prizes! No two events are ever the same. But most of all, the goal is to make memorable events with themes like Ladies Night, Crazy Hat Networking Night, Art & The City Walk (Memorial Art Gallery and concert featuring Kinky), I See A Walk In Your Future (astrology), The Walk Gets SuperBad (70's costume theme), and The Walk Mixes It Up (an exclusive studio party with live DJ spinning house music)!

Visit The City Walk at www.thecitywalk.com for more information.



Web Site

C'mon, use us!

We want to give people more reasons to check out our Web site, so if you're a business in the neighborhood, please consider advertising. Add a coupon to attract more customers. We're adding a special section for advertisers at www.uppermonroeavenue.org.

For more information (business cards can be copied and posted for \$25), call Frank Regan at 442-5420.



Old Photos Wanted

We are gathering old neighborhood photos to put on our Web site. Photos of interest include Cobbs Hill Park, the Armory and streetscapes. Please send your photos to lhermans@rochester.rr.com along with your name, address and topic of picture.



Curb Appeal

Curb Appeal Contest, Jane Kemmer is our winner!

The 82-year-old resident of 255 Crosman Terrace won our gardening contest, nabbing a \$25 gift certificate to Crosman Seed Co. in East Rochester. She dug up her front yard this spring, with help from her daughter, creating a beautiful landscape of baby's breath, phlox, black-eyed Susans, bee balm, Gloriosa daisies and more.

Jane insists she's no gardener: "I've been fooling around in the dirt ever since I was young.

I like being outdoors - it's an excuse to let the dust build up inside." In fact, she swears she can't grow anything from seed, so she bought 100 pounds of bird seed with her certificate!

Congratulations, Jane!

Elections - WE NEED YOU!

Elections for UMNA vice president and president this fall.

Being involved in Upper Monroe is a great way to give something back to your community and a way to get to know your neighbors. At this time UMNA needs someone to run for the vice-president position. Joshua Bauroth from Alliance Avenue is running for president. Elections will be held at our November 2nd UMNA meeting at the Corner Place, 983 Monoe Ave. Linda Hermans (serving president) and other UMNA members are willing to help volunteers settle into these positions. If you have any questions please call Linda (242-8905) or contact your street representative.

Elections for UMNA president this fall.

My name is Joshua Bauroth and I live on Alliance Avenue with my wife Catherine and daughter Anastasia. I am running for President because our neighborhood has a lot going for it and I hope to help UMNA continue to positively contribute to our lives here in the Upper Monroe Neighborhood. See you at the next meeting!

