

Feb 2009

- 1) **BASWA Work Plan revision** – we've adjusted our 2009 work plan around some funding changes (which we'll explain). We'll review the changes and decide on priorities. (Events? Advertising? Street Furniture? Promotional Items?) Let us know what is important to you as members so we make sure that our plan represents what you want. **Proposed Changes:**
 - a. **Purchase 2 benches only** – for Mt Hope at U of R/Episcopal Church Home end (Linden & Cypress if there is space)
 - b. **Remove Recycling totes from plan until next year**
 - c. **Add doggie disposal bags (green) for star alley**
 - d. **Add a marquee for Star Alley**
 - e. **Add Lilac Festival group advertising**

- 2) **Changes in our neighborhood** – Updates on local development projects by Bob Boyd
 - a. Major changes are also coming to The Keg in upcoming month,
 - b. updates from our new businesses, Eco Bella, Small World Bakery, Rochester Yoga, Rochester Acupuncture, Renewing Massage, and Pinky's Pet Connection.

- 3) **Changes to City Hall Department Structure:** There have been major changes to all city departments that will affect all of us, we'll try to explain the new structure and identify the new commissioners of each new department. **New Departments:**
 - a. **Business & Housing: Bret Garwood**
 - b. **Planning & Zoning: Art Ientilucci**
 - c. **Inspection & Compliance: Gary Kirkmire**
 - d. **Admin & Finance: Joe Mustico**
 - e. **Southeast NSC Admin: Pete Saxe**

Key Changes:

- **Inspections/Enforcement moved out of NET office**
- **"Voice of the Customer" – leadership team will all handle problems together**
- **permits – one permit instead of multiple**
- **paperwork/contracts all handled by admin dept**
- **Quadrant system for business associations**

There are several City Hall sponsored public input meetings scheduled that business owners should consider attending:

- ❖ **Feb 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Council Chambers at City Hall**– a meeting to evaluate the current Zoning Code
- ❖ **March 3 at 7:00 PM at South Ave Rec Center** – a budget input meeting at which people will be asked to voice their priorities in light of the \$32 MIL budget gap.

- 4) **Seeking Feedback:** The South Wedge Farmer's Market is planning their future. They have become a great asset to the community, as both a provider of food items and also a source of

community sharing. What comments would you like relayed to them about the Market, in regards to their

- a. schedule
 - b. size
 - c. location
 - d. prices
 - e. inventory
 - f. What changes would you ask them to consider?
- 5) **Clean Sweep: Saturday May 2nd** – Time to get the streets looking great in time for the upcoming planting season, summer, and the Lilac Fest. We need some volunteers to help out with the following on Saturday May 2nd, can you help?:
- i. Weeding, cleaning, and mulching in Star Alley Stacy Shannon/Sonia Tafoya – Team Leader
 - ii. Finishing painting the bandstand in Star Alley – need Team Leader-ideas?
 - iii. Cleaning & weeding the Byron St median- Bob Boyd?
 - iv. Cleaning our street benches – Bob Boyd?
 - v. **Need volunteers to be team leaders on Clean Sweep**
- 6) **Garden Plan update** – new planters are ordered – two different varieties
- o Lantana
 - o Petunia
 - o Grasses
 - o Sweet potato
 - o Licorice
 - o Delivered around Mothers Day
 - o Stacy Shannon will keep an eye on them, prune them
 - o Watering tech – MOCO Parks Dept? or Adam? Need ADULT with truck - \$10/hr, 5 hrs max per week, May through October.
- 7) **Need volunteers to pull old plastic pots out of concrete planters by the end of March, dump dirt in a pile at back of Star Alley for garden beds**
- 8) **Tree Pit – Adopt a Tree Pit and BASWA will buy the flowers/plants – up to \$25 per tree pit. Suggested plants – impatiens, ivy, pachysandra, petunias, etc. Perennials would be great!**
- 9) **Events-**
- a. **Mardi Gras Mingle:** South Wedge Pub Crawl, Tuesday Feb 24 6:30 – 10:30, details at <http://www.savourourflavor.com/Events.htm>
 - b. **Totems 2009:** Deadline for submissions is February 28th – go to <http://www.savourourflavor.com/totems2009.htm> for details.
 - c. **Third Thursdays:** Now booking the line up – our free concert series starts May 21st at Star Alley. We'll post the final schedule on <http://www.savourourflavor.com/3rdthurs.htm>, so check back often for updates.

Tentative schedule includes The Hi-Risers, Lobster Quadrille Band, Varnish Cooks, Jive Mamas, Genesee Jug Sliders, Gifted Children, and more. For booking info please call Karrie at 314-2365.

- d. **Swillburg/HPNA Lucky Thirteen Friday March 13 at GH** – seeking silent auction donations. Contact David Chappius