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MEETINGS & EVENTS

3/07 (W) Code Task Force, 6pm
TH

3/07 (W) Fire Commissioner Board
meeting, 7:30pm AcF

3/08 (Th) Environmental Commis-
sion, 7pm TH

3/12 (M) Historic Preservation
Commission, 4pm TH

3/13 (Tu) Zoning Board of Appeals,
7pm TH

3/20 (Tu) Planning Board, 7pm TH

3/21 (W) Youth Commission
Board, 9:30am CC

3/21 (W) Code Task Force, 6pm
TH

3/21 (W) Fire Commissioner Board
meeting, 7:30pm AcF

3/28 (W) Town Board Audit/
Workshop meeting, 4:30pm TH

3/28 (W) Code Task Force, 6pm
TH

4/04 (W) Fire Commissioner Board
meeting, 7:30 AcF

4/05 (Th) Public Hearing on
amending TOR Code Chapter 78,
7pm TH

4/05 (Th) Town Board, 7pm TH

TH=Town Hall

CC=Community Center

AcF=Accord Firehouse

Plans Presented for Veterans Park

Construction to start in Accord when weather permits

In an enlightening presentation to the Rochester Town Board and a crowd of some 125 citizens, the Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission, Alice Cross, unveiled details of the group's plan to establish a Veterans Memorial Park just off Main Street in Accord. A large "birds-eye-view" illustration of the park's primary features was displayed by local architect Nancy Copley, who specializes in designing sites where modern construction blends harmoniously with nature.

Beginning with an area 75-ft. wide and 200-ft. long near the Friends of Historic Rochester Museum, Ms. Copley determined that the park's centerpiece would be a "reflecting pool" 20-ft. by 30-ft. in size. Set into an elevated area, the pool will be approached via an elevated walkway/bridge, and will be ringed by a low wall highlighted with a series of carefully-spaced cubes of granite. The granite blocks, about 3-ft. square on each side, were mined from the area more than a century ago

and will be contributed to the project by a local resident.

An electric pump located in the basement of the museum will cause a continuous cascade of water to ripple gently across the pool from a stone-filled basin at one end. The surrounding area will be planted with trees and decorative flowers. "The overall aim," said Ms. Copley, "is to provide a place for meditation; a setting where everyone can come to reflect in

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Information Needed on Local Veterans

★ Know of a man or woman from Rochester who has served – or is serving – in the nation's military forces? (Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marine included.) If you do, your help is urgently required.

★ Please stop by the Town Clerk's office and ask for the 3-ring binder that's being used to collect information for the historical record that will be part of the new Veterans Memorial Park. The lists of servicemen and women who served during World War I and WWII often provide only a first-name initial, and historians working on the project would prefer to have a full name. Additionally, some records are sketchy for more recent conflicts – Korea, Vietnam, and even including the Gulf War and the present conflicts in Iran and Afghanistan.

★ Councilman Francis Gray – at 626-4527 – also plans to scan borrowed photos of the area's courageous service people into a data base, and would be delighted to hear from friends and relatives of men and women in uniform.

Earth Day Clean Up Set for April 21 & April 28 (Saturdays)

Saturday, April 21 and 28 are TOR Earth Days. Join us on one or both Saturdays for a community clean up of our town roads. Last year, many area residents, town officials, and organizations volunteered their time to clean up area roads. The cleanup was a huge success. Why not plan a "Block or Street" cleanup with your neighbors?

Along with adopt-a-road volunteers, we also need volunteers to pickup and deliver to the Transfer Station throughout the day. Arrangements will be made for Group Leaders to pick up Orange Bags at the Community Center prior to Earth Day. Please sign up your road(s) by calling the Youth Commission at 626-2115.

(Veterans' Park, Cont'd from page 1)
tranquility on all the men and women, living and dead, from this area who served in the armed forces."

With Rochester Councilman Francis Gray spearheading the memorial park endeavor, residents are being called upon to help provide the names of family members or acquaintances known to have a record of military service while residing in the area. The names and details as to each individual's branch (Army, Navy, etc.), conflicts (WWII, Korea, etc.), and honors, citations, etc., along

with pertinent photos, will be kept on record in two commemorative volumes on view at the museum. Mr. Gray and Ms. Cross note that records already gathered include names dating as far back as the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. They are particularly anxious, however, to obtain additional data on Rochester service people (including those in the Coast Guard) who served during the last century and right up to the present moment.

Most importantly, it was emphasized by Ms. Cross that the construction of the

park will require only a minimal outlay by the Town of Rochester – a modest budget of \$7,500 was mentioned during the presentation – since much of the necessary material and equipment is already on hand. Additional items are expected to be donated, and consideration is being given to such ideas as asking a small fee from individuals to have the names of particular servicemen or women inscribed on paving stones in park walkways.

At all times, Ms. Copley says, the project will utilize materials from the Roches-

ter area. Her own home in Accord, which has been called "an architectural wonder" and a "masterpiece," combines elements of stone, wood, glass, and copper into a structure that seems to emerge naturally from the earth. "We believe we will have something equally as beautiful," said Ms. Cross, "in a park that is not a memorial to the men and women who served in any single conflict, but a place to pay tribute and give silent thanks to all those from here who have answered – and continue to answer – the call of duty to our country."

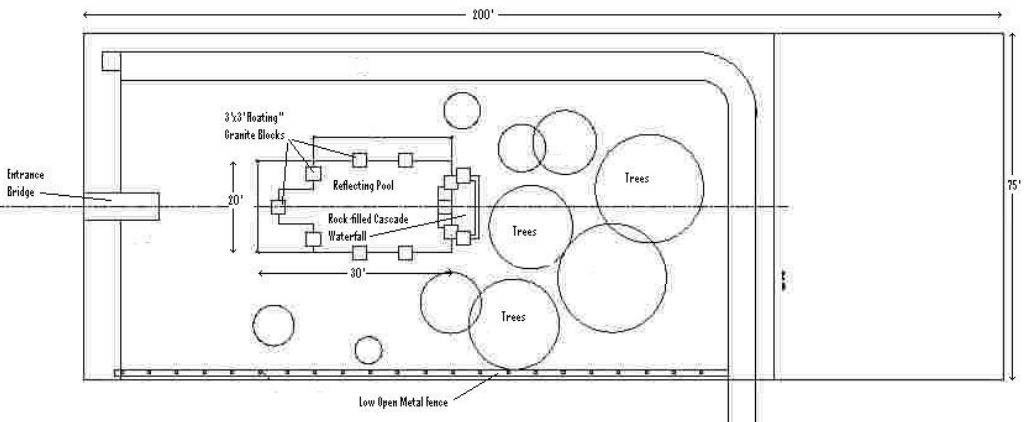
Irish or Not — Enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Meal

Sure, and what else would y' be wantin' on St. Patty's Day than corned beef and cabbage? That and more will be on the menu at this year's feast at the Community Center on Sat., March 17. The luncheon affair — noon until 2:30 — is a crowd-pleaser, and reservations are required. Try to make yours by Tues., March 6, or as soon thereafter as possible. Phone 626-2115 right away! The cost for seniors is \$3.00; all others, \$5.00.

Always Say "Dye"

Showing plenty of "eggs-citement," kids of all ages will be looking for those colorful presents from Peter Cottontail on Saturday, April 7, but only if they're signed up for the town's big Easter Egg Hunt. It starts at 12:15 PM in the Town Park. The annual affair typically brings out a sizable crowd of youngsters and their moms and dads. You must sign up by March 31, and specify the ages of your children. Phone Carol or Valerie at 626-2115.

Proposed Veterans Memorial Park Site Plan



Recreation Center Job to Valerie Weaver

Having served diligently for some time on temporary status as an assistant recreation director, Valerie Weaver passed a Civil Service Examination, and the Town Board unanimously voted that she should have the position on a permanent basis. Valerie will continue to work closely with Recreation Director Carol Dennin at the offices in the Community Center.

New Public Hearing set for Fire Safety & Property Maintenance Inspections

All Towns and Municipalities in New York State are required to amend their building codes to include new fire protection and property maintenance inspections. This means that Chapter 78 (Fire Inspections and Building Construction) of the Town's code

has to be amended. In order to accomplish this, a Public Hearing must be held to receive public comment on the proposed changes to the Code. An initial hearing was held last March 1, but since all matters were not resolved, another hearing is scheduled for April 5 at 7pm at the Town Hall. When modifications are made, the proposed amendment to Chapter 78 will be made available from the Town Clerk and the town website.

List Your Business (It's Free!) Place information about your local business on the Town's website. If you have your own website, a direct link to it will be offered. Go to www.townofrochester.net and click on the **Business Directory** link for more information and to sign up.