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LANDMARK SOCIETY'S YOUNG URBAN PRESERVATIONISTS INVITE PUBLIC TO CEREMONIAL OPENING OF GATES AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARK IN ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER, NY July 23, 2014 —A public celebration on Friday, August 1 will mark the ceremonial re-opening of the gates at St. Joseph's Park, North Clinton at Pleasant Street, just behind Liberty Pole Way in Rochester. The park is now available for the community to enjoy again.

In partnership with Bella Weddings of Rochester, The Landmark Society is renting out this beautiful urban park for photo shoots, weddings and other celebrations. The free event on August 1, hosted by the Young Urban Preservationists, runs from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. and will be open as part of the First Friday Citywide Gallery Night. It will be a chance for the public to view the park and enjoy music, lawn games, photography by Richard Margolis and chips, salsa and mojitos courtesy of Abundance Cooperative Market.

St. Joseph's Park began as a Catholic church, built in 1843 by German immigrants. After it burned down in 1974, the facade was preserved and the interior was made into a public park.

Generous funding from the Rochester Area Community Foundation and the Davenport-Hatch Foundation has allowed The Landmark Society to make some needed repairs to the structure so the public can again enjoy this serene space. Ted Collins Tree & Landscape also donated services and materials to spruce up the plantings inside the park.



The Young Urban Preservationists are a group of youngish folks interested in preservation and community revitalization. The YUPs and The Landmark Society welcome people of all ages to come and celebrate this momentous occasion. The event is free and open to the public.

About The Landmark Society: *The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc. is one of the oldest and most active preservation organizations in America, serving nine Western New York counties. Formed in 1937, The Landmark Society continues to protect the unique architectural heritage of our region and promote preservation and planning principles that foster healthy and sustainable communities. For additional information about The Landmark Society, visit www.landmarksociety.org. The Landmark Society is supported in part by New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.*