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NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER  
SINCE 1974

*"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant; if we did not sometimes have a taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome.*

*~~Anne Bradstreet~~*

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*"Si no tuviéramos invierno, la primavera so sería tan placentera; si en ocasiones no tuviéramos el sabor de la adversidad, la prosperidad no sería tan bienvenida.*

*~~Anne Bradstreet~~*

*Se Habla Español*

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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



# NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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## News in our Neighborhoods

### Duffy plans to run again, has 'more to do'....

Mayor Duffy is seeking a second term as our city's top administrator. There are mixed feelings as to his progress addressing the social-economic issues that we face as a community. From the financial to local legislative support to education were address in the Democrat and Chronicle dated March 21, 2009.

G14621 was quoted in the article as follows: Eugenio Cotto Jr., executive director of the Group 14621 Community Association Inc., sees improvement, in subtle ways that he said many in his Wilkins Street neighborhood likely do not see. Maybe it is fewer people loitering. Flowers planted. A block club formed. But last February, two 15-year-old boys were shot and killed on Wilkins. "The fear is going to be there because we can't cover the sky with our hands," said Cotto, 53. "What I've seen from the mayor," Cotto continued, "and what he's (done), is we have gotten over one little hurdle where people now know we are not going to tolerate certain things in our neighborhood. We've got to take it to another level ... so that people can take pride in their neighborhoods."

The above mentioned is my opinion of the larger scale needs that face our immediate community and city.

What are your thoughts? Feel free to visit our website at [www.group14621.com](http://www.group14621.com) and comment on the future of our fare city's continued leadership. □

### Going after additional funding to continue revitalizing our residential neighborhoods ..

Our housing infrastructures' in many parts of our neighborhoods are in need of repair and as we know in these economic times

many of our home owners, and even landlords can not afford to make the repairs necessary to keep up with the health and safety issues we face.

The City's Emergency Repair Assistance Program is only but a small drop of help that can aid low-moderate income folks keep up with property maintenance demands.

Target investment, I guess, is the key to revitalize our residential structures to create an impact that may not be very high on the minds of some of our community members, because the impact of the improvements are not seen when we address scattered sites in our city that are in dire need of help.

Many of them fall through the cracks until something is targeted in their immediate neighborhood. Issue difficult to grasp for those residents who have a serious leak in their roof or poor air flow in their homes that inflate their utility bills.

We currently have Project Renovación 14621 targeted around the School #22 catchment area which will only serve around 30 properties and we just went after a HOME grant to rehab around 20 properties around the Conkey/Clifford Pocket Park and the El Camino/Butter Hole Trail project that has not been approved yet.

We would like to address Remington Street and other arteries around N. Clinton Avenue between Clifford and Ave D, perfect opportunity to compliment "La Avenida" Project. But there are some many area within the 14621 zip code that need help that we can do is have faith, hope and the assertion the we as a community and as a City can come to the help of those in need.

Moving forward all we can offer our residents is the hope that we will be able to address needs in their neighborhoods as we progress in the future. Let's keep the

faith and call on us so that we may give out information that may make the wait more tolerable. □

### New things to help law enforcement...

Graffiti: The Rochester Police Department (RPD) may bring to town "Merlin Anti-Graffiti Detector", a devise that is installed in graffiti pronged areas for the detection of the actual crime being perpetrated. The way the devise works is by detecting the aerosol of the paints cans and the proximity of the individuals that want to display their expressions.

Our RPD Chief Moore explains that this is just another measure that we can use to address the public safety issues that plague our neighborhoods.

If approved by City Council, the plan is to install 20 of these devices in different areas in the City at the cost of a \$25k grant from the Federal Government.

*On another front, those of us who try to run that yellow light, be careful not to run the red one.*

The City is entertaining installing cameras in some of our high accident intersections in different parts of the City. One the 100 proposed sites that has been mentioned is Elmwood and Mt. Hope intersection.

Talk about bringing in extra revenue to the State and locally! This measure, if passed and proposed last month by our very own Assemblyman David Gantt, can be expect to bring in an additional \$3.5m in revenue to the City of Rochester.

So, if passed, drivers beware, an RPD officer does not necessarily have to stop you for running a red light. A picture of "your" vehicle going through a red light is all it takes to receive the \$50 fine in the mail. □

For more info call: 585.266.4693

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## SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY

APRIL 16, 2009

QUARTERLY

MEMBERSHIP

MEETING

6:30-8 PM

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE

CENTER

500 NORTON ST

### ***From the Executive Directors desk....***

Recently I was invited to give a short presentation to the Rochester City School District (RCSD) Superintendent Brizzard and his Cabinet on how we at G14621, as a community agency, perceive how best practices can be utilized to help in the success of our dual language students in our district. As I gave this “best practices” thing more thought I found that all of our students should enjoy the opportunity to be successful as we address the educational challenges of the diversity we face in our community.

It is costing well over \$30k to educate a student—per year in the City’s school district, while in the “burbs” that amount can be almost be divided by three times to obtain the same educational results desired by any school district in achieving high graduation rates.

As part of the presentation, I mentioned health, physical fitness, physical impediments, learning disabilities, family incomes, one parent households, student acceptance of neighborhoods and quality of living environment as social ills that hamper the educational development of many of our inner city students. My focus was on housing, which is but a sample of some of ills that our students are exposed to as they travel between home and school.

During the presentation I explained that speakers of other language populations’ can have a projected population increase of 45% by 2010 in the 14621 zip code area. The numbers were derived as a result of the difference between the 1990 census (American Community Survey) and 2000 Census (Dataplace) and used as a projected percentage for the next ten years. Staggering numbers, when we are to deal with the unknown educational needs in working with diverse populations as they increase within RCSD. In the 2000 census it was also found that while the City’s population for under 18 year olds was 28.1% of the total city’s population, the amount of under 18 year olds for the 14621 area was 37.7% of its total population, this is without figuring out how many youngsters we are projected to have by 2010. Mind boggling, huh!

Another phenomena that I found was, while the projected population for 2010 in the City of Rochester will decline an astounding 19%, the 14621 zip code area is projected to increase .08% based on the City’s projected population for the same time frame. This means that we will have more residents come into 14621 while the population is declining in other parts of our metro area. And the trend of an increase of speakers of other languages is inevitable.

The economy with all its foreclosures and abandonment of properties is sky rocketing our vacancy rates, but it does not stop people from moving into our neighborhoods. The properties and rents are cheaper, not to mention the upkeep of some of our neighborhoods make them look even more impoverished which also dispels the opportunity for some of us to take pride in them.

Many of our students are exposed to poorly maintained properties and neighborhood streets that may be detrimental to there success when they do not see much or perceive lack of success around them. Our hands are full and RSCD can not do it all. It takes resources, not only financial but personal supportive efforts as well.

We live in times that our sons, daughters, grandsons and granddaughters require much more than the classroom environment. We have many successful youth programs that have afterschool and summer programs but they are not able to repair their street and living environment where needed.

I’m fully aware that as a community organization our responsibility is to improve the quality of life of all residents within our jurisdiction. But with limited resources this may be impossible, but it is not impossible to mobilize volunteers who are willing to give a little bit of their time to make that improvement come to fruition. Sometimes all it takes is cleaning up an absent neighbor’s front yard just to make your neck of the woods look better.

Think of the impact that that would create in a youngster coming home from school. Or offering to help someone fix a little something in their home, just to make it better for their kids. What “best practices” can we come up with to make it better for our kids? I guess it’s up to all of us.

May the Lord bless the education of our future leaders.....

Eugenio Cotto, Jr., Group 14621



**The El Camino "Butter hole" Trail Project is on the MOVE**

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC MEETING** ON Tuesday April 28, 4-6 PM at St. Michael's to receive feed back from the community and share the anticipated schedule for construction.

Conkey Corner Park – Spring cleaning is on the horizon and new plants to go in the coming month. Stop by and take in the air and have a game of chess.....

Earth Day, April 2; Broccolo, who is our main landscaping player for our pocket park will be there organizing clean-up that day. Genesee Land Trust (GTL) and Broccolo will try to have students from School #8, 22 and 50 there with us. Rodregus and Terry (Broccolo employees) are volunteering (with support from Broccolo) to work with students again with planting and other activities.

Neighborhood Block Club is also coming together. They will meet at the park on April 4th for the clean up. Trying to build local neighborhood support of garden and neighborhood – first meeting was March 10, next is April 4 at 10 at Conkey Corner Park, Laurie Broccolo volunteered to provide layout of plantings and basic schedule of needed maintenance.

"Ribbon Cutting" with the Mayor – we're trying to get it on his calendar... GLT applied for funding to complete the playground – has received \$10,000 from Greater Rochester Health Foundation, pending applications to John F Wegman Fund and M&T Charitable Foundation

**Upcoming activities:**

Thursday, May 7 Day of Caring: Signed up for two projects to clean up trail – North End and Ibero area Garden Club?

May 16 Clean Sweep - Northeast –9- 1 PM (look on City Clean Sweep page for pictures of folks cleaning up the trail last year.)

Saturday, June 6 National Trails Day -

Tuesday, June 9 Genesee Land Trust Annual Meeting at St Michael's Apartments Community Room Tom will do tour of St Michael's Church at 5:15. After brief meeting we will walk to the Corner Park and walk the trail. Trails committee invited to come and be recognized for your effort and support of the trail project.

-Gay, Tom, Pat, Alan and others, on behalf of G14621—KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!



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**Computer Training Classes-Location Change**



Group 14621 Community Association is currently accepting enrollment into our free computer training classes at the CTC (Computer Training Center). Basic to Advanced courses are available Mondays and Wednesdays at the our offices at 1171 N. Clinton Avenue Ave. (**Currently under construction**) For more information you may call 266-4693 or visit our office.

**Youth Visions: Media Education Program**

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G14621 is pleased to announce that we continue our endeavors to engage the YV participants in actively learning many useful multimedia disciplines that can be applied to a variety of skill sets. It is our mission to continue to offer an array of proficiencies in order to develop a greater scope of community involvement.

Youth Visions will convene as school sessions time permits. Please contact us with any concerns. We do have a number of students who enrolled last year and have already acquired such skills as interviewing techniques and writing story boards. We are in the process of calling them back for completion of the program.

Any young person between the ages of 13 to 18 and who live in the 14621 zip code neighborhood and assist one of our RCSD schools is welcome to inquire into possible participation in the program. Call us at 585.266.4693

The Youth Visions program is a component of the Community Technology Center; which is located at 1171 North Clinton Avenue, Rochester, New York 14605. We will be contacting

*"Through knowledge and wisdom comes understanding." Luis Acosta  
Program Coordinator*

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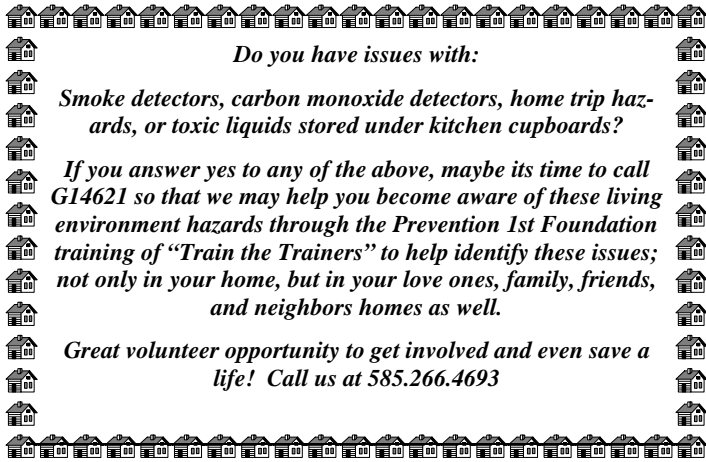
752 Avenue D  
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585.467.0218  
General Grocery Store

*La Avenida Project is a GOOOOO!!!!*

PUBLIC MEETING ON UP COMING IMPROVEMENTS TO  
N. CLINTON AVE BETWEEN UPPER FALLS AND AVE D

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2009 — 4-6 PM.**  
**ST. MICHEAL'S CHURCH**  
**869 N. CLINTON AVENUE**

COME AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS



*Do you have issues with:*

*Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, home trip hazards, or toxic liquids stored under kitchen cupboards?*

*If you answer yes to any of the above, maybe its time to call G14621 so that we may help you become aware of these living environment hazards through the Prevention 1st Foundation training of "Train the Trainers" to help identify these issues; not only in your home, but in your love ones, family, friends, and neighbors homes as well.*

*Great volunteer opportunity to get involved and even save a life! Call us at 585.266.4693*

**School 36-Henry W Longfellow Monthly Calendar  
APRIL**

- 10** Good Friday—No School
- 15** Possible date for written part of Science Exam
- 18—26** Spring Break
- 28 or 30** Day of Caring Events

As of October 08'  
Clubs / Youth Groups

- Monday's Girls Power - 15 girls to learn etiquette
- Diamondettez - 20 girls and boys learning step dancing
- Tuesdays Toastmasters - Public Speaking
- Wednesday Basketball for boys and girls (30 total)  
Cheerleaders (10)
- Thursday Civil Air Patrol - for boys and girls (30 total)  
Friday possible game or event days
- April 2—Drill and aerospace lesson
- April 16—Tour of Rochester Int'l Airport (to be arranged)
- April 30—Drill and aerospace lesson

For more information contact Dr. Smith at 585-342-7270.

**Group 14621 Community Association, Inc.  
Community Housing Development  
Organization Projects  
For information on the listed properties  
please call us at 585.266.4693**



147 Turpin Street  
Recently Acquired to Go  
Green Energy Efficient  
1511 sq. ft. 8 Rooms /  
4 Bedrooms  
1 Bath



114 Randolph Street  
Recently Acquired to Go  
Green Energy Efficient  
1831 sq. ft. 8 Rooms /  
4 Bedrooms  
2 Baths

**Block Clubs and Meeting Dates**

<b>Alphonse/Bernard</b> (Alphonse, Bernard)	<b>2nd Thurs of every month</b>
<b>Barberry</b> (Barberry)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Berlin/Wilkins/Friederich</b> (Berlin, Wilkins, Friederich)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Dorbeth</b> (Dorbeth)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Dunn/Nester</b> (Dunn, Townsend, Moulson,	<b>varies</b>
<b>E. Ridge Rd</b> (E. Ridge Rd)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Evergreen</b>	<b>varies</b>
<b>Ferncliffe</b> (Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Huntington</b> (Huntington, Evergreen)	<b>3rd Mon. of every month-</b>
<b>Ketchum</b> (Ketchum)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Kohlman/Farbridge</b> (Kohlman, Farbridge)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Lefrois</b> (Northlane, Kilmar, Shadylane, Van Olinda, Rexford, Valois, Sayne, Milan, Buonomo, Malone, Baird, Carter, Lefrois)	<b>3rd Wed. of every month</b>
<b>Mead</b> (Mead)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Mohawk</b> (Mohawk)	<b>varies</b>
Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Wanda, Zygment, Norton)	
<b>Norran</b> (Norran)	<b>varies</b>
<b>South of Norton St</b> (Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen)	<b>varies</b>

For specific time and date or for more information or to start up a block club call our office at 266-4693.



***From the desk of the Housing Coordinator***

*By: Luis Acosta*

Many residents in the 14621 area have expressed interest in being proactive within the community. G14621 has responded to the dangers of Lead Poisoning hazards by administering Lead Wipe Tests @ **NO CHARGE!!!**, for some time now.

Whenever possible we welcome the support of those in our community that have shown a desire to help others and volunteer. Only in this way can we help detour the danger that has plagued our children for so many years. Please do not take this threat lightly, lead poison is proven to cause brain damage and has affected hundreds in our communities.

Participating in the Lead Wipe Tests program is very beneficial to our families and the community in general in the detection of lead in our properties. If you would like to participate in this, completely confidential, survey feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns and to schedule an appointment.

147 Turpin, our latest extensively rehabbed home marketed for First Time Home Owners

with tremendous incentives, and is now available for viewing. This affordable four bedroom secluded property has a spacious back yard and off street parking. For information regarding this opportunity and/or others contact us.

Group 14621 Community Association continues to administer grants that will help revitalize portions of our neglected and distressed community. We have started to assist numerous homeowners in a targeted 14621 area with major home renovations through our newest grant; Project Renovación 14621. More properties are scheduled for repairs in the upcoming months, we will keep you informed.

Just as a reminder to our residents in the G14621 service area we are currently administering grants to specific targeted areas. Our desire would be to serve all our 14621 residents, unfortunately certain restrictions necessitate that we operate within specific boundaries. We appreciate your understanding in this matter and look forward to be able to assist you in the future. If you would like to stay informed regarding any grants opportunities in your area, become a member of G14621 so that you may receive continued notifications (there is a \$10 membership fee). □

**“Business Listing Servicing Your Neighborhood ”**

**Auto Shops/Repair**

Blaesi's Automotive	981 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.8100
Banks Brothers Collision	771 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.342.8000
Getty Auto Service	556 Norton St.	14621	585.342.3720
J.G. Autowerks	160 E. Ridge Rd.	14621	585.338.2886

**Banking Institutions**

HSBC Mortgage Corporation	1200 Jefferson Rd.	14607	585.797.0338
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**Churches**

Northside Baptist Church	2052 St. Paul St.	14621	585.338.7810
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1089 Joseph Ave.	14621	585.467.2725
St. Andrew's Catholic Church	923 Portland Ave.	14621	585.342.8686
St. Stanislaus Church	34 St. Stanislaus St.	14621	585.467.3068

**Community Outreach**

Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach	339 North St.	14605	585.426.7093
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**Food & Beverage**

Greg's House of Chicken	1014 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.5840
Hartmann's Old World Sausage	1256 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585.266.4960

**Grocery Stores**

Discount Food Market	752 Avenue D	14621	585.467.0218
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**Human Service Organization**

St. Vincent de Paul Society	923 Portland Ave.	14621	585.338.2330
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**Income Tax Services**

Burgos Income Tax, Inc.	1816 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585.266.2680
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**Insurance**

Combined Insurance	Perinton Hills Office Pk.	14625	716.380.7085
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**Industrial Companies**

Allied-Action Limited	182 Avenue D	14621	585.342.4700
Dupont	69 Seneca Ave.	14621	585.339.4200
McAlpin Industries	255 Hollenbeck St.	14621	585.266.3060

**Legislative Officials**

Susan John	840 University Ave.	14607	585.244.5255
<b>Neighborhood Preservation Companies</b>			
Neighborhood Service Center	500 Norton St.	14621	585.428.7660
North East Area Development	360 Webster Ave.	14609	585.482.7320
<b>Social Entertainment</b>			
4 Brothers Tavern	1080 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.6797
Bobo's Sports Bar	479 Carter St.	14621	585.544.6780
Hancock's Hudson Tavern	1034 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.2661



**ADD YOUR BUSINESS TODAY!**

Anyone who would like to have their business listed in our monthly newsletter may do so for only \$10.00 a year. You can fill out the membership form below and just mail it back to us or stop into our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave.

**MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL INFORMATION.....**

Group 14621 receives funding from United Way (Donor Option #530) and New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal, the Division of Criminal Justice Service, and the City of Rochester. Our organization also relies on member dues and community fund raising events and activities to supplement these sources. Your membership is important! If you have not yet joined Group 14621, we invite you to become one of Group 14621 “**neighbors working together.**” To join or renew, clip the form below and return it to our office with payment.

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- ( ) \$10 enclosed for 1 year regular **HOUSEHOLD** membership with receipt of newsletter
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- ( ) \$10 enclosed for **BUSINESS** 1 year Business Listing in newsletter enrollment **ONLY**
- ( ) \$25 enclosed for **BUSINESS** membership with 1 year Business Listing enrollment with receipt of newsletter
- ( ) \$50 for **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP** (Includes above Business membership with business card size promo in newsletter for 1 year)
- ( ) I also include \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as an additional contribution

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_ **CELL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH OR LEARN MORE ABOUT:**

- ( ) PUBLIC SAFETY ( ) PARKS & RECREATION ( ) FUNDRAISING ( ) NEIGHBORHOOD PROMOTION
- ( ) BLOCK CLUB ( ) NBN IMPLEMENTATION ( ) HOUSING ( ) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ( ) SCHOOLS
- ( ) OTHER TELL US YOUR IDEAS \_\_\_\_\_