

GROUP 14621  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



# NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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## GROUP 14621 QUARTERLY MEETING



**Focus:** Fire Safety &  
Neighborhood Block Clubs Unite  
(promoting existing block clubs & creating new ones)

**Guest:** Rochester Fire Dept.  
Chief John Caufield

Thursday, April 10, 2008  
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Carter Street Rec

## COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES

Group 14621 Community Association is now offering Free computer training classes at their new CTC (computer training center) located at 772 N. Clinton Ave. Classes being offered are Intro to Computers and Intro to Word. In the month of March classes are on Wednesdays 1-3pm and on Thursdays 6-8pm. In April the times will be Mondays (7th, 21st, 28th) 6-8pm and Wednesdays (9th, 23rd, 30th) 1-3pm, **Closed the week of April 14th.** The month of May the schedule will be Mondays (5th, 12th, 19th) 6-8pm and Wednesdays (7th, 14th, 21st) 1-3pm, **Closed the week of May 26th.** For more information or to enroll call 266-4693 or visit our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave.

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*from the Interim Director's desk....*

It is obvious that to fill Ms. Joan Roby-Davison shoes is an arduous task; for she leaves with many, many years of community involvement experience that will be missed. However, with that not withstanding, the work to continue to improve the quality of life in the 14621 neighborhood continues.

It is the hope, along with faith, of this your servant that we continue on the road of improving in areas such as public safety, housing, social economics and education for our residents utilizing the existing resources we have at hand; not to mention in exploring new ones. With the help and support of, not only, local government organizations and agencies, but with the help of our local businesses and up and coming entrepreneurs we hope to propel 14621 to newer heights.

Our doors continue to be open to new and innovative ideas to address the needs of our neighborhoods. Campaigns such as "You bet I told", the new enhanced City of Rochester 311 call in center, the 211 informational center are but of few of the choices that we have as a community to effectively inform our local governing agents of our needs. Let's use them to the max! We have a solid working grass roots Board of Directors. They can bring to the forefront the diversity and the dynamics of the issues that can help our ability to continue to thrive as a prosperous and healthy neighborhood.

I'm sure that the existing block clubs will continue to help us in our endeavors. The Community Organizer / Crime Prevention Specialist, Solomon Taylor will strive to find new ways to attract folks to come to the table to address the specific needs in their block neighborhoods and create new groups as well to represent their interests. We will continue to communicate "community" to our neighbors, neighborhoods, association members, supporters, agencies and local government through our administrative office operative Bilinda Escalante preparing newsletters, flyers for block clubs and informative organizational pamphlets to continue to inform folks of what we are all about.

In closing, the challenge that is before us of shrinking funding sources, promoting community engagement, helping to keep our streets safe, and looking out for each other are but of few of the short term milestones we face. My heart is very close to all these issues and more as I step out everyday from my residence into this my; and your neighborhood. As always, at your service.

God bless,

Eugenio Cotto, Jr.

Interim Executive Director



*From the desk of*

*Community & Crime Prevention Organizer...*

*The Community of 14621 & the City of Rochester has my full support in making our neighborhoods a better place to live, and where our children play and go to school.*

*This effort will not only have my full support, but will need the full support from all of it's committed citizens along with those whom are elected officials, educators, community leaders and merchants in our business district.*

*Together we will make change, we will stand firm and we will make our community safe for our families and neighbors.*

*Thank you,*

*Solomon Taylor*

*Community & Crime Prevention Organizer*

## CITY TO SPONSOR KID-TECH COMPUTER CLASSES

City youth ages 6--14 can earn a **FREE** refurbished computer and develop computer skills during a free, 10-week KidTech computer course. Two sessions, Jan. 8 -- March 20 and April 22 -- June 26, will be offered by the City's Bureau of Recreation at Avenue D Community Center, 200 Avenue D. During each session, participants will meet for one hour after school on both Tuesday and Thursday. Specific times will be determined once enrollment is completed.

"Developing computer skills is essential to school success and life-long learning," said Mayor Robert J. Duffy. "We want to provide these and other asset-building opportunities to city youth through our recreation programming."

Participants will be introduced to graphic design, word processing, spreadsheet development, internet use and other computer skills. Those who successfully complete the course will receive a free refurbished computer with software. For enrollment info. call 428-7934, Mon.-Thurs. 2:30 p.m. -- 9 p.m. or Sat. 11 a.m.-- 6 p.m.

## NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK CLUBS INCREASING

We have many neighborhood block clubs in the community but in order to keep our neighborhoods safe and organized we need more of them. In order for the neighborhoods to make a positive change for a better life it's going to take you as a concerned neighbor to help make that change. Here at Group 14621 we can guide you in organizing a block club in your area if there is not one already. We currently are forming another block club in the Berlin St., Wilkins St., and Friederich Pk. area, we need you as neighbors and concerned citizens to get it up and going and to keep it strong.

For more information on joining a block club in your area or organizing one please call our Crime Prevention Organizer Solomon Taylor at 266-4693.



## SLATER'S RAIDERS

This group was created due to the untimely death of James Slater. This grass roots movement of black men (all groups are welcome) who now represent all of those families who lost their loved ones. The Slater's Raiders are driven to make a positive change in the city of Rochester. This movement is an effort to address the violence and criminal acts of black youth and young adults, which has captured and enraged a once mild mannered city. Slater's Raiders for Peace will conduct surveillance in those sectors of the city where violent crimes have taken place and where known criminals & gang activity have been identified. In order for the city of Rochester to remain safe we must protect our children, elders, and other community members at large by not permitting them to become desensitized to violent behavior. Our community along with our elected officials and law enforcement must unite to eliminate or reduce all acts of violence in our city! We must rebuild the fabric of our Neighborhoods, block by block, sector by sector. We shall have one common goal, to raise our families in a safe and productive community.

For more information on the Slater's Raiders you can call Solomon Taylor at 266-4693.



## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER RESPONSE TEAM

The Rochester Police Department is recruiting volunteers for our Community Volunteer Response Team. CVRT goes out a few days after a homicide and canvasses the neighborhood to talk to the residents to see if they are experiencing stress. This program has been well received by the community. Volunteers would report from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on a weeknight. An orientation is provided. For applications call Anne Powless, Volunteer Coordinator, at 428-7496 or e-mail powlessa@cityofrochester.gov.

## RHYBL

(Rochester Hispanic Youth Baseball League)

It's that time of the year again!! Time to register your child in a baseball league and enjoy watching them have fun. Children and Youth from ages 4 to 18 come register **Saturday, April 12, 2008 at St. Michaels Hall, 869 N. Clinton Ave.** Rochester, NY 14605 from **12:30 PM to 3:30 PM.** When you come to register make sure to bring with you: **your birth certificate, 2"x 2" photo, and \$40.00 fee.** Incomplete registrations **will not** be accepted.

For more information call 585-266-4772.

## CITY LIVING SUNDAYS

Learn how easy and truly affordable it is to own a home by joining us at **City Living Sundays.** City living provides you with world-class services, convenience and great values on beautiful homes. Over 100 homes in the city of Rochester will be open for your inspection.

Join us for:

- How-to-buy seminars
- Affordability Counseling by Lending Experts
- Loan details
- City school and Neighborhood information
- And the Open Houses!

**Time: 12 noon - 4pm**

**When and Where:**

(northeast) **April 6th** - East High School  
1801 E. Main St.

(northwest) **April 13th** - Aquinas Institute  
1127 Dewey Ave.

Questions? Call 428-2489

### Group 14621 Community Association, Inc.

### Community Housing Development Organization Projects

For information on the listed properties please call us at 585.266.4693



76 Delamaine Drive

Sale Price \$54,900

Available March 08'

1148 sq. ft 7 Rooms / 4 Bedrooms

1 Bath / Indoor Garage



114 Randolph Street (city archived photo)

Recently Acquired to Go Green

Energy Efficient

1831 sq. ft 8 Rooms / 4 Bedrooms

2.5 Baths

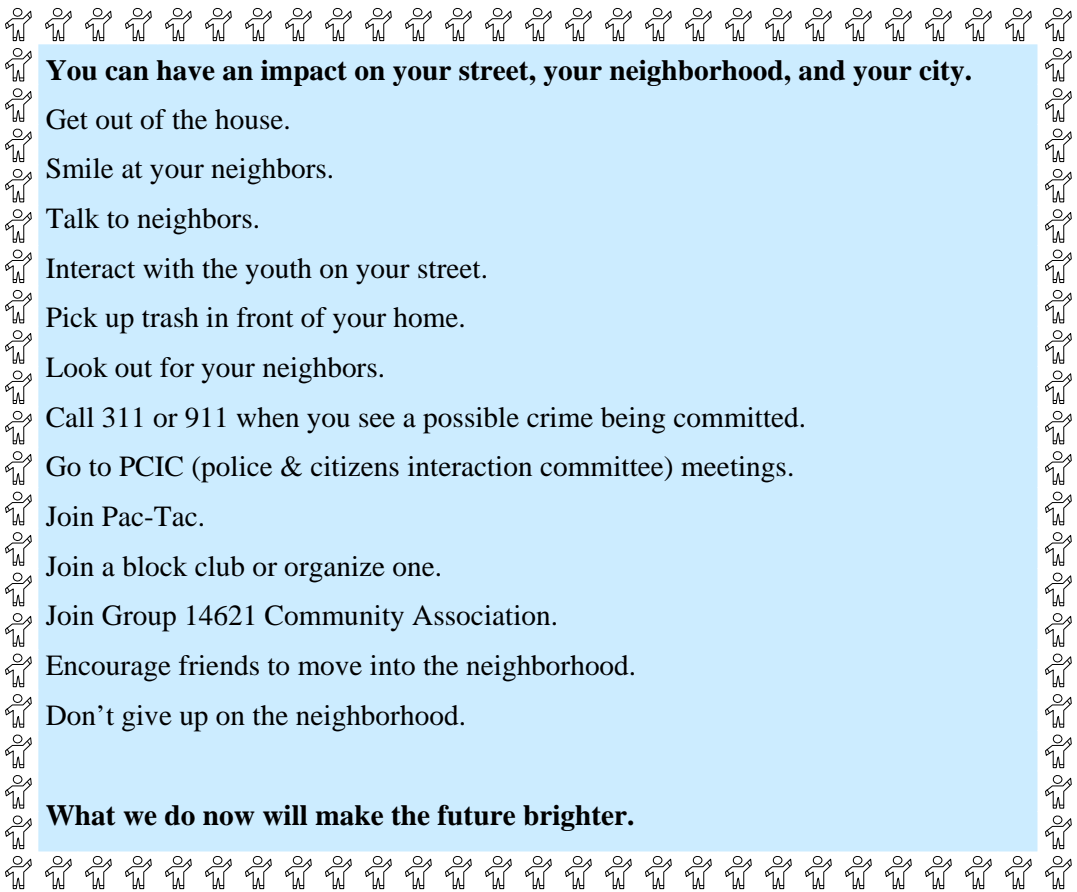


128 Jackson Street

For Sale \$49,900

1122 sq. ft 6 Rooms / 3 Bedrooms

1 Bath / 2-Car Garage



**You can have an impact on your street, your neighborhood, and your city.**

- Get out of the house.
- Smile at your neighbors.
- Talk to neighbors.
- Interact with the youth on your street.
- Pick up trash in front of your home.
- Look out for your neighbors.
- Call 311 or 911 when you see a possible crime being committed.
- Go to PCIC (police & citizens interaction committee) meetings.
- Join Pac-Tac.
- Join a block club or organize one.
- Join Group 14621 Community Association.
- Encourage friends to move into the neighborhood.
- Don't give up on the neighborhood.

**What we do now will make the future brighter.**

**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.

**Group 14621 Community Association**

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- ( )\$10 enclosed for 1 year regular **HOUSEHOLD** membership
- ( )\$18 enclosed for 1 year regular membership and **TOOL BANK** enrollment
- ( )\$25 enclosed for **BUSINESS** membership ( ) \$50 for **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP**
- ( ) I also include \$\_\_\_\_\_ as an additional contribution

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE#** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **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 \_\_\_\_\_



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ON YOUR CHILDREN IS  
YOUR TIME.

- Louise Hart

