

GROUP 14621
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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Some Things Going on at Group 14621 and in Our Neighborhoods..

Group 14621: The Board of Directors has appointed Eugenio Cotto, Jr. the Executive Director of our organization effective May 1, 2008. The Board will commence the process to fill the Housing Position that has been left open by Mr. Cotto.

Mildred Johnson Estates: This area that comprehends the boundaries between Hudson Avenue (east) and Maria Street (west) with Wilkins Street on the north and Clifford Avenue on the south will have ribbon cutting ceremonies coming up in June 08' for 23 newly built rental properties. The major players for the project are Rural Opportunities and the Alphonse/Bernard Street Block Club; not to mention the City of Rochester and other area stakeholders. More news to follow.

El Camino/Butterhole-Seneca Park Trail: With construction slated to begin in April 09'. Greatly needed input will be welcomed from the folks who live along Conkey Avenue and not to mention all the intersections where the old railroad track existed from the Trestle bridge at St. Paul Street south traveling north to the Seneca Park Zoo. Outreach initiative will be addressed as we move forward. (See add for corner park herein)

Joseph Avenue Improvement Project: The reconstruction has hit our neighborhood from Avenue D to Clifford Ave. Structures in need of demolition will come down to make way for a more attractive look. The avenue will be somewhat wider and have bump outs as some corner for better traffic control. New tree lawns will definitely enhance the whole green outlook of our curve appeals. Currently the two-way traffic set up, the potholes and the construction equipment may hamper our abilities to get up and down Joseph Ave., but once it is complete it all be worthwhile.

Hudson Avenue Corridor Study: A group of merchants and concerned citizens have come together to develop an improvement plan to make Hudson a more viable commercial strip. And it is not only for the travelers who use this main city artery on a daily basis; but also especially for its merchants and the residents who will benefit from their businesses. The United Way is aiding in the funding for the study. Let us remember that we have other business associations that represent our neighborhoods as well. Also give support to Goodman Street Business Association, North Clinton Business Association and the Portland Avenue Business Association. *More to come.*

DON'T FORGET

ROCHESTER'S CLEAN SWEEP to hit our area

Showing Pride in our City!

Some call it art. We call it vandalism.

It's about showing pride in our city.

Spring is in the air, City crews are out in force and we need your help. Join us as we sweep, remove graffiti, plant and beautify our way to a better Rochester.

Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 9 AM to 1 PM

**Commencing at Norton NET Office; 500 Norton Street
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From the Executive Directors desk....

I would like to thank all of those who participated in our Quarterly Meeting. The event showed promise and commitment on behalf of our community to come together to address the issues that plague our neighborhoods.

Mr. Don Wood, a neighborhood watch promoter from Irondequoit (at right) talked to us through many issues that we as residents have to take under consideration when addressing issues that effect the quality of life in our "barrios". Also it was very encouraging to hear our residents interact and share ideas as to how to curve neighborhood negative activities and at the same time use tactics to protect themselves from those whom may have negative intentions towards them. We at Group 14621 are very grateful for the input received which will be shared at other meetings.



Beautification became a panoramic form of discussion when our City Forestry rep, Mr. Ian Nadar shared with us information on upcoming tree and flower plantings to go on our street tree lawns when requested. All in all the residents were very enthusiastic in the opportunity to obtain trees and plants in the not too far future for their areas. You may call our offices for more information.

One of very own, Ms. Chris Gorecny of the Dunn-Nester Neighbor's block club shared on PAC-TAC duties as they relate to the needs of the areas they walk. They are seeking volunteers to help in their endeavors, you can reach them at 585.544.6692. You may also contact us at our offices for more information.

The big issue of the night was to promote and create new block clubs so that folks can come together to work on existing issues in their immediate neighborhoods; with the intent to filter information through our Community Organizer/Crime Prevention Specialist Mr. Solomon Taylor. Mr. Taylor delivered a message of current status of our street corner activities and other negative issues that hamper our people to safely roam the neighborhoods they live in without fear.

In promoting and creating our block clubs within the Group 14621 boundaries a few issues of importance were entertained during our discussions. From information consistency deliverance; electing block club leaders and co-leaders; outreach to new neighborhoods; working with realtors; informing about resources and stats; opening communications/contacts with influential leaders; being approachable in relationship building; to having clergy participate at block clubs. These were but a few the resounding echoes of the participants in order to foster our block building in the future.

In the hopes that city officials, departments and other agencies, who may be working in the same areas; may continue to embrace the communications vehicle and create the relationships we need to be a community viable force as we address the issues to continue to improve the quality of life in all our identified block club areas and the new ones that are about to blossom.

God bless,
Eugenio Cotto, Jr.
Group 14621 Community Association, Inc.
Executive Director



***From the desk of
Community & Crime Prevention Organizer...***

Spring is upon us and we have no other choice but to deal with it and all that comes with the fair weather.

First we must take off our winter garb and roll our sleeves up and get ready to do engagement, in and around our neighborhoods in order to have a safe and peaceful summer. As one community, in one city, we must always be watchful of our surroundings and keep track of our children as they play and have fun during there time in the sun.

NOTE:

Still with the violence on our city streets, we must, and we will continue to address those whom feel that its ok to conduct illegal acts upon our community.

We will have the support of local and state law enforcement as well as the outreach from Slater's Raiders and other community organizations for PEACE.

Let's get ready to have fun this summer and enjoy our neighbors.

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. 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.



IN MEMORIUM:

Our condolences go out to Pat Canty and her family for the loss of her brother "Samuel Canty, Jr." (March 31,1937-April 17,2008). Samuel Canty Jr., was born in Birmingham, Alabama on March 31, 1937 to Samuel Canty and Lila Canty. He often told of his journey to Rochester, NY in a woolen suit which caused him to "itch" from Alabama to New York. As a youngster he attended School #9 and graduated from East High School in 1957. He was looking forward to attending his 50th year class reunion in September 2008. He was a proud father and dependable husband. He holds the distinction of being the first African American to be licensed as a first class Stationary Engineer and Refrigeration Operator in Monroe County.

Our condolences go out to Bilinda Escalante and her family for the loss of her grandfather "Juan Luciano" (March27,1924 - April 21,2008)He is survived by his wife Ana Luciano, 11 children, 42 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren.

Our condolences go out to the family of Gilberto Ramos (May 4,1935 - March 25,2008). He is survived by his wife Maria Ramos, 4 siblings, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Mr. Ramos lead by example: made his work count in the neighborhood by keeping surrounding area neat and clean. He will be missed.



MESSAGE FROM SLATER'S RAIDERS FOR PEACE

The Slater's Raiders has found a home at
473 Hudson Ave.

This new grass roots organization of men will be operating out of the Conea building upstairs office space.

The Raiders has also partnered with the Office of Probation, the District Attorneys Office, and a few local churches to assist 1st time offenders and there families in the process of making better life choices and providing them with those resources to help restore the family.

The Slater's Raiders for Peace are finalizing their plans for community walks and the deadline is May 4, 2008.

The Slater's Raiders for Peace will soon be coming to your neighborhood.



Just a friendly reminder to all our readers:

The call-in date for our **Emergency Home Repair Grant** for homeowners is approaching quickly. The date is June 4, 2008 between 9am - 5pm, make sure you call to get your name into the lottery for the assistance. Also, with the warm weather approaching we want to remind you that here at Group 14621 we have the tool bank available to all residents in our community with current memberships for an additional \$8 a year in our community. The fee is \$18 a year for someone new to our membership and that will include receiving our monthly newsletter which keeps you informed and connected about issues and events in your neighborhoods and access to borrowing tools to help fix your home or clean up your property or just do some gardening.

Please remember that Group 14621 is here to assist you or direct you to someone who may.

RHYBL

(Rochester Hispanic Youth Baseball League)

Baseball is just around the corner. Over 150 participants have registered thus far for the 2008 campaign. League President Carlos Torres and League Coordinator Angel Alicea have set forward the operating parameters with the help of their board and volunteers for the upcoming season. Registrations have culminated for this season, however a waiting list is always built based on late sign ups. If you have children and adolescents between the ages of four and fifteen years, boys and girls alike and you're interested in signing someone up, you can visit Burgo's Tax Office at 1765 N. Clinton Ave or call 585.266.2680. **PLAY BALL!!!!**

Dear Fellow City Residents:

I am pleased to announce that the City Council is preparing to review the Mayor's Proposed Budget for 2008-09. In mid-May, Mayor Duffy will present this document to the City Council for our analysis, which I believe is the most thorough public review conducted in Monroe County. This year we have scheduled two all-day budget hearings (see schedule below) that will be broadcast on City's Cable Channel 12. My Council colleagues and I hope that the broadcast will provide City residents and business owners with a close look about how we review spending priorities for the City. Please feel free to attend these meetings in person in City Council Chambers.

Thursday, May 29

- 9:00-9:10 Council/Clerk
- 9:15-9:40 Emergency Communications
- 9:45-11:10 Fire
- 11:15-12:25 Police
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch break
- 1:30-2:25 Recreation and Youth Services
- 2:30-3:20 Library
- 3:25-5:00 Administration (NET, Law Dept., Mayor's Office, Communications, Office of Management and Budget)

Monday, June 2

- 9:00-9:55 Community Develop
- 10:00-10:55 Economic Develop
- 11:00-11:55 Information Tech
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-1:40 Finance
- 1:45-2:25 Undistributed expenses
- 2:30-4:00 Environmental Services

We expect that the public hearing on the City's and the City School District's Budgets will be held during the week of June; the exact date will be available soon. Council's final vote on the two budgets will be held during the June 17 Council Meeting. If you should have any questions, feel free to call the Council office at 428-7538.

Sincerely,
Carolee A. Conklin
Finance Committee Chair

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

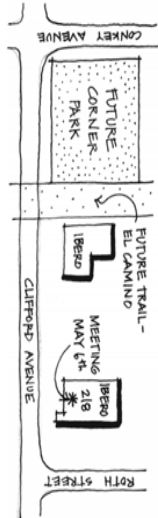
Come see what's happening in your neighborhood!

We need your help to plan
A NEW CORNER PARK
 at **Clifford and Conkey Avenues.**
 Public meeting to be held at the Ibero Building
 at 218 Clifford Avenue
 Tuesday, May 6th at 7:00pm

Come share your ideas and concerns! Families & children are welcome. For more information, please call Ellen Micoli Soffa at 271-0040.

Organized By:

- Genesee Land Trust (256-2130)
- Group 14621 Community Association (266-4693)
- Ibero-American Development Corporation (467-6410)
- Environmental Design & Research (271-0040)



Save the date! The next public meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7th at 10am.

Block Clubs and Meeting Dates

Ferncliffe (Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount)	varies
Barberry (Barberry)	varies
Lefrois (Northlane, Kilmar, Shadylane, Van Olinda, Rexford, Valois, Sayne, Milan, Buonomo, Malone, Baird, Carter, Lefrois)	varies
Dorbeth (Dorbeth)	varies
Mohawk (Mohawk)	varies
Dunn/Nester (Dunn, Townsend, Moulson, Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Norton)	3rd Tues. of every month
Kohlman/Farbridge (Kohlman, Farbridge)	varies
Ketchum (Ketchum)	varies
(Huntington) (Huntington, Evergreen)	3rd Mon. of every month
Berlin/Wilkins/Friederich (Berlin, Wilkins, Friederich)	varies
Mead (Mead)	varies
Norran (Norran)	varies

For more information call Solomon Taylor at 266-4693.



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A Message from Our Schools in 14621

Community Organizer, Solomon elementary schools in the 14621 understanding to our students

In school #36, we have This program works with those support in dealing with conflicts. This program also works with the families of the students in other areas of community support.



Taylor has been very involved in our area. He has been establishing trust and and parents.

implemented the Peacekeeping Circle. at-risk students, who need that moral classroom disruption and other in school support.

At school #39, the new Youth Sports Mentoring sessions has been moving very well. This program has over 75 students, up to the next grade level. This with each student until they each Sports Mentoring sessions has participants families.



These students do not only play on what it means to be a student and every one of them has a commitment not only to their teammates, but to their school, their community and to the success of their program.

and all the students are on track to move program has been developed to work graduate from high school. The Youth also gained the full support from all the

sports, but receive the full understanding athlete. The understanding of how each

CONGRATULATIONS!

Firefighter awards

Quint 6 & Engine 16 received multiple awards. Firefighter of the year went to Tony Gutilla at Quint 6. Firefighter Juan Sierra (Engine 16) has been on the job less than a year and received a Distinguished Service Award for his response at a fire on Friederich Park (he entered the building and rescued a man even though he could not see through the smoke (at that time, he'd been on the job only 3 months). Captain Rick Vos, Quint 6, also received a Distinguished Service Award. These are just a few of the awards that were given out at the Firefighters awards dinner. We thank all our firefighter for their outstanding work and effort they provide us on a daily basis.



"Your Neighborhood Business Listing"

Auto Shops

Blaesi's Automotive	981 Hudson Ave.	266-8100
Banks Brothers Collision	771 Hudson Ave.	342-8000
Getty Auto Service	556 Norton St.	342-3720

Food & Beverage

Chimo's Sandwich Shop	1038 N. Clinton Ave.	266-1405
Greg's House of Chicken	1014 Hudson Ave.	266-5840
Hartmann's Old World Sausage	1256 N. Clinton Ave.	266-4960

Industrial Companies

McAlpin Industries	255 Hollenbeck St.	266-3060
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Social Entertainment

4 Brothers Tavern	1080 Hudson Ave.	266-6797
Bobo's Sports Bar	479 Carter St.	544-6780
Hancock's Hudson Tavern	1034 Hudson Ave.	266-2661

Community Outreach

Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach	339 North St.	426-7093
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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
- () \$18 enclosed for 1 year regular membership and **TOOL BANK** enrollment
- () \$25 enclosed for **BUSINESS** membership () \$50 for **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP**
- () \$10 enclosed for 1 year Business Listing enrollment
- () 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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