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News in our Neighborhoods

Pulaski...anticipated new future home for G14621

Over the past month we have been looking at the Pulaski project (old Pulaski Library located on the corners of Hudson Avenue and Norton Street) as economic development puzzle piece of our future framework progress. It will take approximately \$700-750k to renovate the whole building including historical preservation of the library façade, interior and exterior. If approved, we expect to use Urban Initiative funding, to restore interior to certificate of occupancy status. The vision is to move our offices to this local including our Computer Technology Center and invite a possible tenant or tenants to promote business opportunities.

Currently we are in the process of starting a steering committee chaired by G14621 Board Members Ms. Pat Canty and Mr. Ted Wood. It is the hope that more community volunteers will come on board to make this happen.

If you are interested in being part of this exciting project, feel free to contact us at 585.266.4693. ☐

Brownfield; what an opportunity for economic development! Cont'd....

We are on the move to make this happen.

This month we will have our first organizational meeting. The purpose will be to stabilize a steering committee and entertain proposal samples to bring on a consultant for the first Pre-Nomination phase. This phase will encompass the assessment of

the targeted area.

Many have expressed interest in participating, even our past executive director Ms. Joan Roby-Davison.

For more information or if you wish to participate on the steering committee feel free to contact us at 585.266.4693. ☐

City's RAP Emergency program to change its name and process....

Quadrants! That's the new language of how our City Hall will be disseminating funding in focus investments strategy process to better serve the city as a whole.

For the folks who called in this past June 4th to be part of our RAP (Residential Assistance Program) lottery list, the wait for the fortunate ones will be at least another two months, if, we, G14621 receive the funding.

The program's new name will be EARP (Emergency Assistance Residential Program) which will address emergency situations as defined in the RFP (Request for Proposal) that is due to go out at the end of August 08' beginning of September 08'. We will have to submit an RFP and compete for the funds. It seems that collaboration amongst the Neighborhood Preservation Companies is key for its success.

In the 14621 area the home owner recipients will still receive \$3k; up to \$4k if Lead work is involved, they will have to have lived at least three years in the residence, property taxes must be up-to-date and meet program income guidelines to be eligible for the grant.

We are in the process of hiring our Housing Program

Coordinator who will be administering this and all our housing initiatives including our single family home rehab Community Housing Development projects for first time home buyers through the Greater Rochester Housing Partnership.

Should you have questions regarding any of our programs feel free to contact our office. ☐

25th Annual National Night Out

**Take a stand against
crime and promote
drug prevention**

**Mark your calendar-
Tuesday, August 5,
2008**

**Join your block clubs
or our organization.
Call 585.266.4693 and
find out how to get
involve.
Simple participation
can be done by leaving
your porch light on
that evening.**

**Citizens and
Community working
together can take a bite
out of crime!**

From the Executive Directors desk....

Our quarterly meeting sparked much enthusiasm as we adjourned by sharing some of the positive accomplishments that we are experiencing in our 14621 neighborhood. Many of the participants expressed that we have viable businesses; our neighborhoods have improved; we have a multicultural neighborhood and folk are friendly; we have long term residents that believe good things can happen; we have encouraged clean-ups; seen decrease in drug traffic in some areas with police patrols; can feel safe as long as you do not carry a purse; that our parks and recreation are accessible by walk or bus; our Joseph Avenue Library has a friendly staff, and some of us enjoy paying lower taxes. We thank all of those who participated on July 10th knowing that their positions on neighborhood concerns are being heard and that they will definitely impact our future social/economic development.

The Rochester Police Department continues working with our NY State Troopers and Monroe County on the No-tolerance and Project Impact initiatives that have created a positive stir in the majority of our neighborhoods, in spite of some of the recent criminal issues that have occurred. Not to mention the newly installed cameras that have enhanced on how we deal with public safety issues with modern technology. All in all this is improvement. From the Mayor's office to the resident that uses the resources at hand to inform us of the ills of our neighborhoods, again this is improvement. Let us not lose this movement of hope as we continue on this road of betterment.

The main focus of our meeting was "Fire Safety". Our very own City of Rochester Fire Department Chief, John Caufield was the guest speaker and asked us a question: what can we do to help you? He expressed his department's commitment to send his executive staff to community meetings in working with concerns. The participants posed questions and concerns as they were duly noted by the Chief. Vacant houses, use of hydrants for our kids on hot days and a smoke detector distribution grant are some of the items that are on his priority list to keep us abreast of what the RFD has to offer to 14621 residents. The reorganization of the department has caused a major shift in personnel as well as improvements to some of our firefighting facilities that have been approved by City Council. In Chief's estimation; service delivery will not suffer as a result of the personnel and equipment movement. He is very excited about the approval of a \$94k grant to administer the installment of smoke detectors in residences where they may be in need of this life saving device. The grant received will be targeted to the 14621 area and more details will be forwarded when the program is to take place.

Two of the HOT topics that were not discussed at length, but are as important were the vacant structures and how we report activities around them; and fireworks. With the vacant structures we have to be on the look out when suspicious folks or vehicles are parked around them and call 911 when abnormalities are witnessed. Fireworks are difficult to control once they have been purchased on the street, also with the sophistication that they are produced and with the fire power that some of them have, nearby structures can be susceptible to fire damage. Is it time to look to at tougher legislation to protect our properties, but more importantly protect our kids and families from harm? So let us be on the look out!

Fire safety is crucial in all our lives from smoke detectors to having escape routes of your residence in the event of an emergency. Our next steps are to assure that open communication and collaboration with our Rochester Fire Department is maintained. Not forgetting the good things that bind us as mentioned in the opening paragraph. This will help us to better serve our residents as our great City of Rochester can become, as it is, an example for other cities; that if we all strive and work together to achieve common goals of a better quality of life....we will obtain them.

Please feel free to contact me, your servant, should you have any comments, concerns or need further information at 585.266.4693.

May we be blessed in our neighborhoods and community
Eugenio Cotto, Jr.,
Group 14621



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

Summer is here and the weather is fair, our community has been moving in all directions trying to keep our neighborhoods safe as our kids go to summer schools, camps and community centers. In the mist of all the positive things that are happening, we, as in community, must still keep our guards up for all the negative people that live around us.

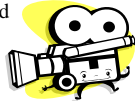
We have community people that just don't get the message. We must and we will continue the efforts to keep our city safe and clean.

**Solomon Taylor
Group 14621 Community Association**

**Youth Visions:
Media Education Program
August Update**

Thank you Baden Street Project Odyssey that have brought on board thirteen 16-18 year olds and nine 13-15 year olds who have enrolled in the program. Special thanks to Ms. Dade and Ms. Edwards who have graciously accepted to share their time with us as we administer this program to their project participants.

It is our mission to equip the participants with skills that will enable them to use media equipment and interact with neighborhood folks with the objective to obtain stories and/or documentaries to broaden their scope of community involvement. Not to mention how they can impact what we do here at G14621.



The Youth Visions program is a component of the Computer Technology Center; which is located at 772 N. Clinton Avenue, Rochester, New York 14605.

Computer Training Classes

Group 14621 Community Association is still offering Free computer training classes at the new CTC (computer training center) located at 772 N. Clinton Ave. The schedule for August is Tuesdays at 4:45pm till 6:10pm and on Thursday from 6pm to 7:20pm. For more information you may call 355-4686 or 266-4693 or visit our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave. to enroll in the program.



**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 Now
1148 sq. ft 7 Rooms /
4 Bedooms
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

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)	3rd Wed. of every month
Dorbeth (Dorbeth)	varies
Mohawk (Mohawk)	varies
Dunn/Nester (Dunn, Townsend, Moulson, Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Wanda, Zygment, Norton)	varies
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
E. Ridge Rd (E. Ridge Rd)	varies
Alphonse/Bernard (Alphonse, Bernard)	varies
North of Norton St (Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen)	varies
Evergreen (Evergreen)	varies

For more information call Solomon Taylor at 266-4693.



Helpful Homeownership Tips:



Ted Wood's Tip of the Month:

Money! Money! Money!!!

Did you know that if you live in a home that you own, that you can apply for New York State's S.T.A.R. Program? That stands for School Tax Rebate. That will save you approximately \$600. a year off your City (school) taxes. WOW!! That's \$50 a month off your mortgage payment. You can get the application form "on line" at http://www.orps.state.ny.us/star/star_forms.cfm Or call me, Ted Wood, and I'll mail you the form @ 338-3501
All information is deemed reliable but not guaranteed

GARAGE SALE!!

WHERE: St. Andrews Church (School Gym)
923 Portland Avenue

WHEN: August 22, 23, & 24, 2008

TIME: Fri. & Sat., Aug. 22nd & 23rd, from 9 AM - 4 PM
Sunday, Aug. 24th, from 11 AM - 2 PM

(furniture, toys, jewelry, clothes, household goods,
electronics, yard tools, etc.)

Hope to see you there!!

ARE YOU A FIRST TIME HOME BUYER?



Receive \$3,500-\$30,000 in grant funds from HSBC to buy your home within & outside of the city limits.

- HSBC Shop Rochester: \$3,500
- SONYMA: \$5,000
- HSBC First Home Club: \$7,500
- Closing Cost Low Income Grant: \$7,000
- Purchase Rehab Grant Funds Up To: \$30,000



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

Banking Institutions

HSBC Mortgage Corporation	1200 Jefferson Rd.	797-0338
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Community Outreach

Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach	339 North St.	426-7093
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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

Allied-Action Limited	182 Avenue D	342-4700
McAlpin Industries	255 Hollenbeck St.	266-3060

Neighborhood Preservation Center

North East Area Development, Inc.	360 Webster Ave.	482-7320
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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



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 IMPLEMENTION () HOUSING () ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT () SCHOOLS
- () OTHER TELL US YOUR IDEAS _____



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**“DON’T BUY THE HOUSE, BUY THE
NEIGHBORHOOD”**

~Russian Proverb quotes

