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News in our Neighborhoods

Cutler Street Block Club decided to focus on positive works for their neighborhood. Club President Jim Thompson stated members discussed street-clean ups and planting flowers which morphed into a discussion and planning of decorating the street for the Holiday Season. All members agreed that this was a good idea.



Members of the block club attached decorative present boxes, bulbs, candy canes and red bows to pre-made wreaths!



Cutler Street Block Club in Action.



Come and see how festival our street looks



Members of Cutler St. Block club below (left to right): Vivian Thomas, Mary L. Smith, Jim Thompson, Jeff McLamore and Shirley Thompson

EXPERIENCE THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT ROCHESTER STYLE!

Join Mayor Duffy, Santa Claus, Rudolph and help kick off the season with a celebration at Sibley Bldg Sat. Dec. 5 (3-5 p.m.) Visit Santa in his Midtown Chair! Fun-filled activities, including face painting, arts, crafts. Get pictures taken with costumed characters. Holiday music by School 17 and East High School. Prime Time Bass will be on hand at 4:45 p.m. to help Mayor Duffy launch Rochester's holiday season with the annual lighting of the Liberty Pole.

HOLIDAYS AT THE MARKET

Sundays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, 2009
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Rochester Public Market
280 N. Union St.

Sundays throughout December the entire market will be transformed into a holiday shoppers' paradise. The event feature vendors with art, crafts, decorations, holiday food delicacies, gift items and stocking stuffers. Visit with Santa and even take free horse-drawn sleigh rides!

175TH ANNIVERSARY NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION AND BIG WISH

Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009
6:30 – 10 p.m.



Start at 6 p.m. with free ice-skating at Manhattan Square Park. Cap off night with the "Big Wish"

Globe Fire Ceremony on the sister Cities Bridge overlooking the Genesee River. Questions? Call 311 or visit www.cityofrochester.gov

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G14621 office will be closed:

Fri: Dec 25, 2009 -
Christmas Day!

Dec 28-Jan 1, 2010

Re-open Mon: Jan 4, 2010

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SAVE THE DATE:

G14621 Quarterly
Membership Meeting

Thurs: Jan 21, 2010
Location/Time: TBA



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NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER

“ Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love! ” Hamilton Wright Mabie

“ Bendita es la época la cual enlaza al mundo entero en una conspiración de Amor! ” Hamilton Wright Mabie



From the Executive Director's Desk....

Tis' the season to be jolly, was my opening remark as we look towards our future economic development efforts for 2010 in the G14621 portion of the northeast. But as many of you may know the enemy is always ready to throw a monkey wrench into improving what we have. And this was a big one! This is like one of those blows that someone receives when they are already down. I'm referring to the loss of five business and damage to others of the total ten that operated out of the Clinton Ridge Plaza. Many folks lost their jobs at the brink of the holidays. Let's keep them in our prayers.

Mayor Duffy expressed it best in saying "It was a devastating loss for local residents and that it was an economic pipeline for this area".

As we look at our neighborhoods for revitalization we cannot overlook the efforts of many businesses on our major thoroughfares such as Clinton Avenue, Hudson Avenue, Joseph Avenue, Portland Avenue, St. Paul Street; not to mention Norton Street and Clifford Avenue, which are our main streets. We have many block clubs and street leaders who have fought the good fight to advocate for the betterment of the quality of life in their neighborhoods. There are a lot good things happening in 14621, but; Are they all coming together so that we can see the positive impact in the entire area?

The fact still remains that of the approximately 320 acres of real state that is represented by G14621, a very high percentage is in dire need of infrastructure economic development, and not only that, viable plans of sustainability to continue our endeavors in improving our housing and commercial structural stock in the future. And, as you know; education, health and employment also play a big role in the survival of said plans.

People continue to leave the city limits and it is our job to market what we have and in some instances "think out of the box". What are people missing in their surrounding areas that would make it an attractive resource of daily living? This is a question that I've heard in many venues, but it seems that for some it is a painstaking process to compile the proper information. Some would like to see things happen sooner than later without obtaining the true community analytical objectives that would truly change a neighborhood for the good for many, many years to come.

With our limited resources here at G14621 we are reaching out to many sources in an effort that funding outlets would entertain to help our most impoverished areas for economic development. We are currently undertaking a homeowner occupied project around School #22 only to find that one of our funders is assuring themselves that all i's are dotted and all t's crossed before releasing funds. Difficult, but as I always say, "good things happen to those who wait". Our BOA project is no different, which by the way, the pre-nomination stage is targeted in the area where we have just suffered this economic loss. We are still waiting for an executed contract from the State to move forward on the project.

And if the two above mentioned projects are slowly running, imagine what this loss is going to do for "El Camino Trail", (a bike and running trail) that has been fostered by Genesee Land Trust and surrounding community. This project is due to go to construction next year and runs right behind the fire damaged plaza. This is a small area of the G14621 neighborhood but has been impacted in many ways.

Where do we go from here? As fate would have it, we have to stay positive and continue to forge solid relationships, partnerships and plans to make something good come out of this loss. It is hard to say to those who have had the losses, have a happy holiday season, but what comes to mind is our ability to look forward and comfort those who are in need.

So from our hearts to yours hoping that this season brings comfort and joy to those who are in need in our neighborhoods.

We invite you to visit our website at www.group14621.com and post your comments.

May the LORD bless our neighborhood in this time of hardship....

Eugenio Cotto, Jr., Executive Director G14621



From the desk of the Housing Coordinator

Rehab construction has started at 159 Townsend Street and should be completed in the first quarter 2010. If you are interested or know someone that may be interested in buying this 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 8 room 1,358 square footage home. List price \$64,900. Call Home Buyer Services at 428-6888 to get involved with the various programs that can assist first time homebuyer.



Daylight savings time is here and it is dark by 5:00pm, here are some tips to keep you and your family safe at night:

- * Get involved in your neighborhood block club. If there aren't any block clubs in your area, contact us, we can help establish one.
- * Leave your back and front yard lights on at night. Use auto timers that will turn on the lights when you aren't home or install motion lights that turn on as they pick up movement.
- * Keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
- * Establish where your child can/cannot go in the neighborhood.
- * Be suspicious of an adult who seems too friendly.
- * If you see any illegal activity in your neighborhood Call 911.

Stop by our office to pick up free lead test kit. Lead poison can cause brain damage and affects hundreds. If you would like to participate in Lead Wipe Tests program, completely confidential, Please contact us at 585-266-4693

Behind the Scenes: by G14621 resident M.A. Heroux

On 10/30/09, I attended the G14621 Convention at School #50. On entry, the systematic and always efficient Shirley Boone and her daughter (Nikita) greeted us warmly and with a smile at the registration table. Principal Tim Mains was most congenial and friendly to us as we entered the area assigned to the convention. As I sat there, Maria Cotto came over and invited me and others to come have some cheese & crackers. Maria always make us feel welcome. To us who are shy, who came alone, or our first time, a warm greeting puts us at ease and makes us feel welcome. We are blessed with many kindly and caring people in our inner city. May I say a good time was had by all! Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas.

Block Clubs (Streets) and Meeting Dates

Alphonse/Bernard	Alphonse, Bernard	2nd Thurs of every month 7pm @ 614 Clifford Ave
Barberry	Barberry	Varies
Berlin/Wilkins/Friederich	Berlin, Wilkins, Friederich	Varies
Carl St	Carl St	Monthly
Clifford/Conkey	Clifford, Conkey	Varies
Cutler Street	Cutler St	3rd Sat of every Month
Dayton Street	Dayton, Fairbanks, Baumann, Ave D, Hudson Ave, Hoff	Varies
Dorbeth	Dorbeth	Varies
Dunn/Nester	Dunn, Townsend, Moulson, Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Wanda, Zygment, Norton	Monthly
Durnan St	Durnan St.	Varies
E. Ridge Road	East Ridge Road	Varies
Evergreen	Evergreen, Scrantom, Durgin	Varies
Ferncliffe	Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount	Varies
F/L/R/T	Flower, Lill, Radio, Treyer	Twice a Month
Huntington PK	Huntington Pk, St. Paul, Athens, Ariel Pk, Harris	3rd Mon of every month
Ketchum	Ketchum	Varies
Kohlman/Farbridge	Kohlman/Farbridge	3rd Wed of every month
Lefrois St. Neighborhood Association	Northlane, Kilmar, Shadylane, Van Olinda, Rexford, Valois, Sayne, Milan, Buonomo, Malone, Baird, Carter, Lefrois	3rd Wed of every month
Manchester	Manchester	Varies
Mead	Mead	Varies
The Portland Block Club	Portland Ave, Mohawk, Furlong	Varies
Mohawk	Mohawk	Varies
Norran	Norran	Varies
Sobieski St	Sobieski	Varies
South of Norton St (S.O.N.)	Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen	Monthly
St. Jacob St	St. Jacob St	Varies



For specific time/date of a meeting, call our office at 266-4693. Or visit our website: www.group14621.com



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From the Office Administrator: Please check your label for membership expiration date. Any 2009 expired membership will no longer receive newsletter in the mail. However, newsletters are available on G14621 website. Remember, your membership pays for newsletter manufacture and mailing costs. See back page for membership form. If you have any questions, please call 266-4693. Thank you for your support!



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Churches			
North Baptist Church	2052 St. Paul St.	14621	585-338-7810
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St. Stanislaus Church	34 St. Stanislaus St.	14621	585-467-3068
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City Computer	2011 East Main St.	14609	585-747-5704
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GoChi (Salvado & Mirta Del Toro)	344 Bay St	14605	585-737-4400
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Bacher's Renovation and Home Repair			585-284-7197
Human Service-Health Care Organization			
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Healthcare Education Project	225 W. Broad St	14614	585-520-6542
Income Tax Services			
Burgos Income Tax, Inc.	1816 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585-266-2680

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Combined Insurance	Perinton Hills Office Pk.14625		585-298-7688
Industrial Companies			
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McAlpin Industries	255 Hollenbeck St.	14621	585-266-3060
Legislative Officials			
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Brian M. Kolb	PO Box 835, Canandaigua, NY	14424	315-781-2030
Councilmember-Northeast District			
Lovely A. Warren	30 Church St	14614	585-428-6488
Neighborhood Preservation Companies			
Neighborhood Service Center	500 Norton St.	14621	585-428-7660
North East Area Development	360 Webster Ave.	14609	585-482-7320
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Social Entertainment			
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Group 14621 receives funding from United Way (Donor Option #530), New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal, GRHP and the City of Rochester. Our organization also relies on membership dues and community fund-raising events and activities to supplement these sources. Your membership is important! If you have not yet joined G14621, we invite you to become one of Group 14621 “**neighbors working together.**” To join or renew, fill out form below and return it to our office with payment. You can help with membership by referring a neighbor, just clip the bottom section and share with your neighbors, friends or family. Thank you for your support!

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