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# NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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## News in our Neighborhoods



**10 QUESTIONS  
MINUTES**  
TO DEFINE WHO WE ARE AS A NATION

**WHAT:** Census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. **WHO:** All U.S. residents must be counted-both citizens and non citizens.

**WHEN:** March 2010 either by mail or hand delivery. **WHY:** The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**HOW:** Households should complete/mail back their questionnaire upon receipt. Census takers will visit households that do not return questionnaire to take a count in person. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approx. 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic info, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages and races of others living in the household.

By law, The Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone. Your answers are protected by law and are strictly confidential. No court of law, not even the President of the United States, can access your individual responses. Census workers must pass security & employ-

ment reference checks. The Census has tested and approved 1,013 census takers and still looking for more. Apply Now! [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov) or call toll free 1-866-861-2010.

### **Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant movin'**

This past February 4<sup>th</sup> we held our kick off meeting where our steering committee, consultant and the department of state representative were present. The focus was on the scope of work, project timeline, roles and responsibilities and background information with data collection.

One of the major conversations stemmed around community involvement. We have scheduled several meetings for the steering committee and will also schedule input/data collections meeting envisioning the target area at the northwest corner of the 14621 neighborhood close to the 104 expressway, Ridge Rd. E and St. Paul.

The El Camino Trail, which is scheduled to go to construction in the third quarter of this year along with the Ibero El Camino Estates new renter-construction build project coupled with G14621 homeowner occupied rehab will definitely enhance that area of our BOA neighborhood.

Thanks to all who have helped to move The BOA process forward. □

**Pulaski Library on the move...** Our hope is to rehab this building in the not to far future and make it our new home along with computer tech center, youth programs, cyber café, and community meeting room. The truth of the matter is that it will cost over \$1m to rehabilitate.

The City has stepped up to the plate and is helping us to secure the exterior envelope and an assessment of the interior clean-up that needs to happen to move forward.

The steering committee met with several stakeholders. Among the most important items to address were to assign a project name, funding, capacity and receiving support from government and the private sector.

A lot of work needs to be done, but we are confident that the vision for the property will move forward within this year. □

**Remington "Super" urban Project..** G14621 is looking for community involvement. This project will promote new housing, rehab of existing housing, streetscape, new business, children play areas and Multi-Purpose open rec. area. If you want to help, please call our office 585-266-4693!

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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
**Remington "Super"  
urban Project Meeting**  
**Sat: Mar 6, 2010**  
**NSC-500 Norton St**  
**4:00-7:00pm**

**Member's Meeting**  
**Thu: April 15, 2010**  
**6:30-8:00pm**  
**Location: TBA**

### *From the Executive Director's Desk....*

Let's talk community building shop! This past month I met with Community Building in Action sponsored by Action for a Better Community to envision a collaborative effort to have those who have the capacity to pursue community organizing so that they may have a more viable role in our neighborhoods.

In order to put forth positive efforts we need YOU, the community resident or the business owner, that would be willing to give of your time to improve the quality of life in your neck of the woods. We know that many of our membership readers are involved or get other folks involved, however, we have had a decline in as much as 9% from our previous month membership enrollment which is a testament that we are either losing residents or that the interest is not there in community involvement. As we look towards going green with our newsletter (see insert), this should not be an indicator that we do not represent our total 14621 neighborhood community as we know it.

On February 18<sup>th</sup> we had a very positive block club/street leaders meeting where approximately 40-50 people came to receive information on the media and parolee re-entry, which many of you may know, of the latter, we had a very high percentage located in 14621 during the 2008 year.

Mr. Jason Frazer, reporter from Channel 8 came to give us some pointers on how to get the media more involved in the process of informing the public on the positive news that occurs on our streets. Some of the topics covered, but not limited to were: contact information, reporting stories, the planning process for positive stories (which they, the media, may not be always accessible), the importance of connections made amongst residents to push forward stories, ask what the objectives are to be met for a specific story so what is said is not written out of context, covering certain events and that Sunday was the best day because of higher viewership and lastly, it was iterated that they cannot cover all stories. All in all, it was very informative and successful.

Also Mr. Charles Bour of the NYS Division of Parole came to give us a brief presentation about the process for parolee re-entry. That the Recidivism rate was one of the hot topics where percentage of parolee returns to the incarceration system has not really changed over the course of the years. There are some programs in place to help the parolees find jobs (some parolees are fortunate, others are not as lucky and the predominant factor is the conviction record for denial of employment) with a specific mention of the Monroe County Re-Entry Task Force housed in the Catholic Family Center, and yes, located on St Paul St. in the northeast quadrant. Questions can be directed to them in reference to the program process. There is an ongoing effort to connect information pertaining to parolee's re-entering our communities. Levels of concern about information dissemination on the individuals was brought to light, that depending on the severity of the convictions is how information is forwarded to interested parties. There are websites such as the Sex Offender Registry and NYS Doc Lock Up that gives information on offenders and inmates that may be in the judicial system which are public knowledge sites. The budget cuts have affected staff but not the case load; which are around 80 parolees to one staff. It was asked how exit interviews were conducted and their effectiveness? There is an effort in downstate New York through the Vera Institute for Justice doing research to address deficiencies in the system, something that can be entertained for review in Western New York. As the first session this proved to be informative and successful.

Both sessions instilled encouragement in the participants that we have some very viable vehicles to aide in the improvement of the quality of life in our neighborhoods. But as I have always advocated on; it is up to us to use these tools and inform, inform, inform. In community building and civic engagement is where the fish bite for proper nourishment for our neighborhoods. Hope this helps.....

Suggested topics or invited guests for future meetings include: Economic Development, Mayoral control of schools, vacant properties, Assistant District Attorney/Judges, DES (Department of Environmental Services), in case you want to come by and be with us!

We invite you to visit our website at [www.group14621.com](http://www.group14621.com) and post your comments.

**Neighborhood Voice Goes Digital!** G14621 is pleased to announce the start of a project to deliver our monthly newsletter to your inbox rather than your mailbox starting with the April 2010 issue. This endeavor will help our association to "GO GREEN" and will also help cut costs for printing and mailing of the newsletter!

May the LORD permit us to use all our resources....

Eugenio Cotto, Jr., Executive Director



*From the desk of the Housing Coordinator - R.S. Nieves:*  
 “Greetings Group 14621 members and neighbors. In this month’s column, I would like to once again talk about Neighborhood Safety. Unfortunately, crime & disturbances are not going away. If you would like to learn more about what you can do to address the issues in your 14621 neighborhood, please contact your Neighborhood Service Center (NSC) at (585) 428-7660, or Group 14621. The following are some tips that can help keep your neighborhood safe.

- Get involved in your neighborhood block club. If there aren’t any block clubs in your area, then contact us, we can help you establish one. In block clubs you can establish relationships with your neighbors so that you can look out for each other if there are any concerns, alerts or any suspicious behavior going on in your neighborhood.
- Leave your back and front yard lights on at night. Or use auto timers that will turn on the lights when you and your family aren't home. Or install motion lights that only turn on as they pick up movement.
- Keep doors/windows locked at all times, never open the door to someone you don't know. Never, ever leave your spare key under the doormat or in your mailbox.
- Establish where your child can and cannot go in the neighborhood. Tell them not to speak to strangers. Teach your child that it is okay to be suspicious of an adult. Just because someone knows their name doesn't mean the child should or can trust that person.
- Make sure that your children know their phone numbers and address.
- ALWAYS CALL 911** to report any and all illegal or suspicious activity.

### Block Clubs (Streets) and Meeting Dates

Alphonse/Bernard	Alphonse, Bernard	2nd Thurs / 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
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or

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9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

\*\*Attendance is mandatory for both Saturdays in either session.

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**March Calendar:**

- 3/6 Remington Project Meeting
- 3/13 St. Patrick’s Day Parade
- 3/14 Daylight Savings Start Set clocks ahead 1 hour
- 3/15 Roch-City Planning Commission Public Hearing
- 3/17 St. Patrick’s Day
- 3/20 First Day of Spring
- 3/28 Palm Sunday
- 3/30 Passover begins



For specific time/date of a meeting, call our office at 266-4693. Or visit our website: [ww.group14621.com](http://ww.group14621.com)


“Common Sense”-MA. Heroux: Why all the furor over mayoral control? Comments as “Only 50% graduate”, “Can it get any worse” are from residents. We cannot stay stagnate in situations that show no improvement. I feel Mayor Duffy is honest, sincere, capable, good at finances, thus he should have mayoral control. There is, from a prior school administration a question of illegal payment of 36 million dollars for construction. This upsets me. I want every dollar spent efficiently and honestly. My suggestion is make Franklin an All Boys Trade School with uniforms. Why was Edison Tech taken out of our area & Paul Revere Trade school closed? 2 schools gone from 14621!



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