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*Colin Powell* - first African American Secretary of State and the youngest man and first African American to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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G14621 Closed  
Mon. Feb. 15, 2010  
President's Day

G14621 Block Club  
Street Leaders  
Meeting  
Thurs. Feb 18, 2010  
6:30-8:00pm  
NSC-500 Norton St

## News in our Neighborhoods

**CELEBRATING BLACK HERITAGE:** Feb 4 Art & Jazz 5:30pm  
Fri Feb 9 Food Tasting 5:30 pm  
(City Hall): Sat Feb 20 Heritage  
Gospel Concert 6 pm, Mt. Olivet  
Baptist Church 141 Adams St.: Sat  
Feb 27 Black Heritage Gala 6pm  
Reception 7pm Dinner/Program.  
Hyatt Regency Hotel Ballroom.  
For info call 428-9857 or visit  
[WWW.BLACKHERITAGEROCHESTER.ORG](http://WWW.BLACKHERITAGEROCHESTER.ORG).

Henry W. Longfellow School 36,  
85 St. Jacob St will be celebrating  
Black Heritage on Fri Feb 26 @  
9am. All are welcome!



**Key Dates:**

March 2010: Census  
forms mailed or de-  
livered to homes.

April 1st 2010: National Census  
Day.

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In Jan newsletter wrote about city  
planning efforts discussed in meet-  
ings held (2009) in each quadrant.  
Prior to quadrant meetings I at-  
tended a lecture sponsored by  
Rochester Design Center which  
put forth approach to address  
some fundamental issues facing  
many urban communities. Was  
very encouraged by approach and  
plan discussed as it gave a vision  
that could apply to city as a whole  
while respecting the special quali-  
ties of neighborhoods. Also want  
to clarify the primary idea pre-  
sented. The plan developed from  
an idea of diversity, which is one  
of the elements that urban areas  
such as Rochester shows strength  
and can be proud of. But it does  
not just refer to ethnic or racial  
diversity, if community is to be  
healthy and sustainable, it must  
demonstrate diversity in all areas.

Specifically, when planning areas  
both downtown and in neighbor-  
hoods. Diversity should include  
diversity of housing, mixed in-  
comes, opportunities for social  
interaction, green space and rec-  
reational opportunities. This  
would include small businesses  
within neighborhoods (represent  
higher quality and connection to  
the neighborhoods). Communities  
have developed urban farming,  
additional job creation and train-  
ing, and a wide variety of green  
and garden sites. Process to  
achieve can be considered with a  
new or redeveloped plan. It does  
not mean eliminating buildings or  
sites as the current structures  
could serve to be part of the mix.  
What would be exciting is if local  
residents are informed about the  
details of using this approach, they  
could actually be an active part in  
its implementation. LOOK FOR  
MEETINGS IN EACH QUAD-  
RANT TO PLAN FOR AREAS  
TO DEVELOP COMMUNITY  
GARDENS/ URBAN FARMING  
AS PART OF CITY'S GREEN  
PLAN. Bonnie Cannan

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**Our City School District Chal-  
lenged for Change:** Over past  
few weeks the buzz has been about  
Mayoral Control of the Rochester  
City School District. Many mixed  
feelings have arisen as a result of  
this proposed overtaking. Many  
are opposed to this transformation  
of city school business. And if it  
weren't timely, an audit of nine  
schools has put them under NYS  
performance review, adding to  
already brewing situation. The  
Rochester's Teachers Assoc.; and  
a Coalition of Faith Based Organi-  
zations have already expressed

disapproval. Coalition has held  
forums to discuss their position.  
From Mayor's office they have  
expressed concern about how the  
City's invested (your) tax dollars  
have been employed over the past  
several years to improve our  
graduation rate over 50%, which  
has been on of the major issues.  
Gov. Paterson has given his sup-  
port for Mayoral Control. There  
will be four forums, all at 6pm:  
**Please mark your calendars.**

**Northeast -Tues Feb 2: Clin-  
ton/ Baden Community Ctr. 485 N. Clinton Ave.**

**Southeast -Thurs Feb 4:  
School of the Arts 45 Prince  
St**

**Northwest -Tues Feb 9:  
Edgerton Community Ctr. 41  
Backus St**

**Southwest-Wed Feb 10: Ad-  
ams St Community Ctr. 85  
Adams St**

We urge you to be a part of the  
discussions and let your voices be  
heard ☺

**Relief for**



**Haiti...** We are  
fortunate people in  
our neck of the

woods in spite of the public  
safety issues, economic crisis,  
housing/homeless needs and  
other situations that affect our  
daily lives. Let us keep in mind  
the loss of life and devastation  
that has hit "Haiti". It will take  
many, many years to recover. If  
you haven't done so yet, please  
give something to help heal and  
rebuild Haiti. Call the American  
Red Cross 585-241-4490 to see  
how you can help.

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

2010 has begun and the challenges in our neighborhoods continue to be the same. And as things seem to calm down, we also see a downward trend in civic engagement which can be due primarily to the holidays, the weather and possibly even the new year's resolutions. HOWEVER:

My friends the work to advocate on behalf of our neighborhoods is never finished. We can find a cure for one situation and two more spring up. Let me give you an example, it was recently brought to my attention that no matter how many times 911 is called because a group on a corner is suspected of being involved in illegal dealing. It seems that the problem continues in spite of all the many calls to 911.

Well, in the case mentioned above, this is a reality check. Reality, illegal dealings (drugs) is a business, to the point that folks have witnessed even shift changes. Let me explain: there are a couple of people that we know are involved in some type of activity when they are out there at 6 AM in sub-zero temperatures, and then if that wasn't all, you can actually see them as others come to relieve each other of their duties. This is ongoing in many neighborhoods areas, corners and side streets alike. Law enforcement utilize different tactics to arrest these types of situation and the vendors change their modus operandi and adapt. And this is also true of other situations we face such as; un-kept properties, vehicle and traffic infractions, not to mention just plain loitering to name a few.

It is up to us to continue to inform, not snitch, in order to keep our streets safe for our young ones, elderly and all alike. Because things seem to be getting better, it really does not rid us of the responsibility to put off on informing on activity that is actually hampering the peace in your neighborhood and others.

We have many dedicated people in our neighborhoods that get the word out on unwanted activities, but we still need more. We are hosting the quarterly Block Club Street leaders meeting on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Neighborhood Service Center (NSC), 500 Norton St. If you are interested in continuing our quest for peace in our neighborhoods, please join us. Also as a reminder G14621 holds quarterly membership meetings, the first for 2010 was held on Thurs January 21, 2010 at Henry W. Longfellow School 36 and we discussed 14621 Vision (Under Construction). If you wish minutes from this meeting, please call our office. We need all members to attend quarterly meetings as your attendance, concerns, comments, questions are important to us as we advocate for improvements in 14621. The date, time and location are published in our monthly newsletter or can be found on our website. Again, your attendance is very important and we encourage you to attend G14621 quarterly meetings. Please join us!

We at G14621 are currently going through some visioning sessions. As many of you know we have a HUGE neighborhood and we haven't even touched the tip of the iceberg in addressing the social-economic ills we suffer. It is imperative that we receive new ideas to help us think out of the box and connect the dots with all of the good things that are happening in our neighborhoods, so that we can not only market our community, but the City of Rochester at large as a great place to live.

It takes courage and patience, and I quote "It is not about running and winning the race but finishing it" So I leave you with that thought that we are running a race that untimely has a finish line, but it is up to us as a community to reach it. Inform, inform, inform; if you do not trust some sources find some that you do and inform to keep our neighborhoods safe, healthy and full of pride.

May the Lord bless those of us who care,  
Eugenio Cotto, Jr., Executive Director



**From the desk of the Housing Coordinator**

“Silent Killer”; Carbon Monoxide (CO) a gas that is produced when fuel gasoline, propane, natural gas, oil, wood, or coal is burned. CO is extremely dangerous and when breathed, it is absorbed into the bloodstream and displaces oxygen necessary to vital organs. CO is especially dangerous because it cannot be seen or smelled. Winter is when most CO poisoning incidents happen.

Poisoning can happen when:

- A furnace, that is faulty, installed improperly, back drafts or has a cracked heat exchanger.
- Improperly installed or faulty gas stove or water heater.
- The outside vent to a fuel-burning appliance becomes covered with snow.
- A fireplace chimney or stove pipe becomes clogged, blocked or leaks.
- A charcoal grill is used indoors.
- A car or gas-powered snow-or leaf-blower is left running in a closed garage.
- A car is running while parked with snow blocking the tailpipe.
- Un-vented kerosene and gas space heaters
- Tobacco smoke

\* With electric heaters and appliances, you do not need to worry about CO

Steps to reduce exposure include:

- Having a professional inspect the home furnaces and heating systems annually
- Have the chimney and flue cleaned professionally
- Open flues when fireplaces are in use
- Use proper fuel in kerosene space heaters
- Make sure burner flames on furnaces and stoves are blue- not yellow-orange
- Never run an automobile or gas engine in an enclosed space
- Discourage or prohibit smoking indoors
- Install a carbon monoxide detector.

If the carbon monoxide detector alarm sounds, immediately open windows and doors for ventilation, leave your home and call 911

Going Green-M.A. Heroux (G14621 resident): I like seeing open green spaces between houses. Do you reader? There are many vacant lots in the city, many between houses and it looks more spacious and less crowded and cramped. There is a large vacant lot at the corner of Bremen (near Norton). Questions have been rise at meetings: What to do with it? My answer is nothing. Leave it to mother nature, the birds, bees, squirrels and plants. In summer, many clover plants bloom, filled with honey making bees. Did you know that bees are in short supply and they are dying off? An important part of nature, bees pollinate fruits, vegetables and nut crops and without bees what would we eat that’s healthy. There are violets in spring and gorgeous sweep pea plants, pink, white which climb the fence all summer. In winter, it is a lovely landscape of unbroken snow. We as area residents of 14621 enjoy our green space areas as we walk our neighborhoods enjoying nature.

**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](http://www.group14621.com)



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**Churches**

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Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1089 Joseph Ave.	14621	585-467-2725
St. Andrew's Catholic Church	923 Portland Ave.	14621	585-342-8686
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Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach	2660 Chili Ave	14624	585-426-7093
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**Grocery Stores**

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