

**Goodbye 2009  
Hello 2010**



**January**

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*"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words  
await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning". T. S.  
Eliot*

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*"Porque las palabras del año pasado pertenecen al lenguaje del año pasado y  
las palabras del próximo año esperan otra voz. Y para llegar a un final es  
hacer un comienzo." T. S. Eliot*

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# NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## News in our Neighborhoods

The City of Rochester is in the process of developing the 2010-2015 Consolidated Community Development Plan. This plan includes a community profile, a housing and homeless needs assessment, housing market analysis, strategic plan and annual action plan. As part of the process, The City was seeking input to identify needs of the community. To that end, The City scheduled several meetings in each of the four city quadrants to meet with interested parties to discuss the Consolidated Planning process and gather input on community needs. G14621 will provide updates as this process continues. See page 3 for a resident's perspective.

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**CENSUS JOBS:** US Census Bureau recruiting employees for 2010 Census. Expect to need 2000 people for Western New York and Finger Lakes region. Different positions (Census Takers, Crew Leaders, Assistants and Clerks available). Various start dates and schedules. Earn Good Pay and Get Paid Weekly.

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**"IT'S IN OUR HANDS"**

**BUS FARENESS COALITION** by Bonnie Cannan (G14621 resident). Meeting held on Nov 5, 2009. The Commissioners indicated a number of the new City buses do not have the plastic window screening with ads but that there is no agreement that all will follow the same practice as ads create revenue. Will monitor to determine to what extent screening eliminated. Regarding installation of an auditory/visual system for destination announcements. An automatic date/time display has been added to some newer buses. Overall bus fares and possible creation of small hub system were tied to reducing all fares to \$1.00. Changes or improvements to current bus system might raise fares. We indicated fare reductions were not equitable to many city riders. Specifically, city riders who depend on bus as only means of transportation. (Multiple bus changes \$1 for each change or \$3 day pass). Many in the city are not benefiting the same way from reduction to a \$1.00 fare. Why didn't RGRTA create more graduated fare structure for those living in the suburbs (have access to personal vehicles) and lower day pass for city riders who have fewer options. Allow citizens to come speak at monthly RGRTA Board. The Commissioners indicated that speaking at Board meetings may not achieve what we expect as most meetings address

financial and other matters that do not include RGRTA personnel. Suggested arranging other means to address concerns. RGRTA holds monthly town hall meetings in different locations and have no independent or rider affiliations leaving little control to riders. Reinstatement of free zone on Main St. significant now that more services have left, moved out or to opposite end of Main St. (mid-town post office). Factors as winter weather, having to pay addition fare pose additional burden. Free zone was paid for by merchants on Main St. when they closed, there was no longer funding source. The City hired consultants to look at garage capacity, possible shuttle system and reinstating free zone. RGRTA had not been contacted by the City in this regard. The Bus Fareness requested from City Hall the right to participate on the yet to be named committee that will study this issue.



**Business Re-open in Clinton/Ridge Plaza:**

**MOVED:**



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**G14621 Quarterly  
Membership Meeting  
Thurs. Jan 21, 2010  
School #36-85 St. Jacob St.  
6:30-8:00pm**

**SAVE THE DATE:  
G14621 Block Club Street  
Leaders Meeting  
Thurs. Feb 18, 2010  
Location/Time: TBA**

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

2010 will prove to be a very challenging, yet exiting economic development year. As development projects come to fruition, so do employment opportunities. We at G14621 want to be a very integral part of this process in order to infuse some economic recovery in our neighborhoods knowing that we are one of the highest poverty stricken neighborhoods in the City of Rochester.

We have a few economic development engines in the visioning and planning stages. The Remington "Super" Urban project where we intend to rehab four home homes to full green status; and if approved acquired 10 vacant properties and vacant land (to make yards bigger) for total rehab for first time home buyers and change the dynamics of 15 blocks between Clifford, Ave D, N. Clinton and Joseph. It's a large development bill, but all things are possible for those who wait. We are also planning to do some home owner occupied rehab around the 20 new houses for first time home buyers that Ibero plans to build around the Conkey/Clifford corner and adjacent streets. As many of you know we have the Brownfield Opportunity Area grant pre-nomination phase which focus around the El Camino Trail project west of St. Paul and east to N. Clinton close to E. Ridge Road. And lastly, The Pulaski Library, with the proper leadership and the help of the City of Rochester, we can make it our next home. We also plan to have other services to help our vision to continue to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. In addition, we will move forward with Renovacion 14621 which is focusing on scatter sites home owner occupied rehab around School #22.

We will continue to offer computer classes to those residents in order to acquire computer knowledge in these modern technology times. On-going work with our youth in a "Youth Visions" program which will foster future media operators, but more importantly get the testimonies of our residents in the form of interviews for the improvement of our communities.

Organize, organize, organize which is the backbone of our civic engagement to motivate more individuals to step up to the plate and combat public safety and take ownership of our community, which will foster more growth of G14621 membership. The numbers or increasing numbers is where the strength is. We may not have all of the tools to help our residents with their diverse needs, but there are many out in city and county that do. We must continue to voice our concerns, needs, questions, suggestions for improvements to our public officials.

What about lead, health care, continued unemployment for those who do not fit into these before mentioned project employment opportunities? The job is far from over but we are making great strides. If you haven't done so yet, visit our offices at 1171 N. Clinton Ave, meet our staff, view what is going on first hand and you'll see that G14621 still has a lot to offer this community.

In working on such aggressive projects we at G14621 need all the help and support we can muster. Once again, we do have an ear to listen, may not have all the answers; but believe me we will give it our best even knowing that the odds for survival and improvements may hampered by different forces, I tell you we shall prevail in 2010 and beyond.

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

May the LORD bring us prosperity and peace in this new year....

Eugenio Cotto, Jr., Executive Director G14621



**From the desk of the Housing Coordinator**

Rehab construction for house at 159 Townsend Street 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 a first time homebuyer.



**WHAT IS OUR VISION? From a residents perspective.**

The meeting of the Consolidated Development Plan was held on Dec 2, 2009 at the NSC office-500 Norton St. As a resident member of the Brownsfield planning committee for the 14621 zip code, I attended this meeting. Since becoming involved with planning in the northeast section of the City, I expressed concern about what appeared as a variety of planning groups but it was not clear if there was an overall connecting vision. What other than improving general business and appearance was the objective and direction that connected the City as a whole? One of the concerns I expressed involved the homeless. As stated there are funds to address housing for the homeless, however, I was concerned about a recent article published in the city paper. It described a plan being pursued in San Antonio, the development of a separate section outside of the city to house the homeless. Those settings produce people who do not learn to their optimal, were distanced by the general citizenry and often mistreated. I strongly suggest the people in official positions of power examine that history by looking at the information/archives available. I believe that there was a lack of discussion in this planning effort. I shared an event that I recently attended (series of presentations called Re-Shaping Rochester), this is a part of the Rochester Regional Design Center's educational series. The plan encourages greater public spaces to enhance shared experiences, recreation etc. Projects such as green spaces, gardens, urban farming are seen as very important and viable for vacant lands. Local green businesses could be nearby with possibilities for training and jobs. Consideration of the importance of having the central area of a location designated for common usage was presented and for the City of Rochester, the center point would be somewhere in the 14621 area, not downtown. One of the other participants suggested we encourage the City of expand information about such ideas and possible models to all neighborhood groups so they are aware of what is possible. The idea is return to social neighborhoods that minimize segregating each other and building on all our strength. The Rochester Regional Design Center's web site will shortly have an audio recording of the speaker who highlighted the diversity idea. Please check it out. G14621 resident-Bonnie Cannan

**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                                          |



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