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“Democracy is the government of the people,
by the people, for the people”

Abraham Lincoln

*“Democracia es el gobierno de el gentío,
por el gentío y para el gentío”*

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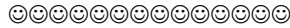
JULY 2009

News in our Neighborhoods

Dayton Street residents come together to celebrate!

It was a mild day with no rain in sight this past June 13th. The tents sprung up, the trainings were given on the popcorn, cotton candy, and snow cone machines, and we were ready to go. The City also came through with permits, preparing the empty lots and with the participation of RPD law enforcement and the PACTAC squad, it was all good... Over 100 youngsters and 100 adults came out to eat, talk, and play as a neighborhood. Two bounce houses and several games literally kept the children occupied as we enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, and ice cream. This was all made possible through a \$650 donation from Discount Food Market (located on the corner of Ave D and Baumann St) and with the support of a Rochester Area Community Foundation Neighbor-Good grant that was left over from the previous funding year. For close to five hours the neighborhood as well as the volunteers (over 15 of them), which were from the University of Rochester Urban Fellows Program, Christ Divine Assembly Church, Pathways to Peace and local residents, as well as the G14621 staff, gave the block party the family atmosphere needed to make it such a great success. Adonai Community Fellowship Service provided the basic needs for the block party. The Lopez family, who was in charge of the rented amenities, was on-site and dedicated to making the day happen as well as our own volunteers. Therefore great thanks go out to all who made this successful, but more importantly the Dayton, Fairbanks, Baumann, Ave D, Hudson Ave and Hoff neighborhood residents for allowing us to make this all possible by coming together as one to have some fun. A block club party is a mechanism that we can use in creating a positive communication vehicle to improve the quality of life that is badly needed on some of our neighborhood streets.

If you or your group has not done so yet, and wish to have this type of festivity in your neck of the woods, feel free to give us a call at our office at 585.266.4693 or visit our website at www.group14621.com. We'll be more than happy to help you make it happen. □



Hudson Avenue Business Association (HABA) to take corridor study to the next phase...

The planning process for economic development takes time. The Brooks Landing Project in the southwest part of the City is an example of how folks can come together and have the patience and perseverance to see the fruits of their efforts. The Hudson Avenue Phase I Corridor Study (which can be viewed on our website www.group14621.com in the article dated 06/23/09) was completed in March of 2008 and gives a good snapshot of what the avenue has and what it needs to become a more viable and vibrant commercial strip to serve the local residents, the city and out-of-towners as well.

City officials, HABA merchants, local leaders, and legislators will meet to review the avenue status for possible future development, re-development of much needed enhancements, especially as we go green in this trying economic time.

The HABA group under the leadership of Alfredo Ortiz and wife Elizabeth, owners of Silk Creations, are poised to take this avenue to a higher level of service, beauty, and pride as we move forward to improve the quality of life of those around us. □ GO HABA

Let's Clean-Up Our Neighborhood

By: P. Canty - Group 14621 Resident

I guess this isn't the first time someone has suggested an ideal and possible solution to cure the litter problem that we have on some of our streets in the 14621 area. So, this is my first attempt to help solve the problem and I hope that it is well taken and gives some insight into the problem. First, all residents be they tenants, homeowners or business establishments have a legal responsibility to keep the front of their property and the sidewalk from the tree lawn to the curb CLEAN AND FREE of debris. Second, by keeping these areas clean and litter free promotes respect from individuals, neighbors and others residents of 14621. Lastly, clean streets with thoughtful caretakers deter neighborhood crime and create unity within the community. Also, the City administration and services view these areas differently. So let's join together and make area code 14621 the cleanest neighborhood in Rochester. Help your neighbor! Don't be ashamed or embarrassed to pick-up trash and remind your children not to litter and pass the word around that we are making a clean start to a spotless neighborhood.

Bus Ride By Mary Ann Heroux

One of our major blessings in the 14621 area is the excellent bus service. This past winter I went to the public market by bus, taking 2 buses to get there seems daunting, yet once you get downtown to Main/Clinton you have a choice of 4 buses (#2, 3, 8, or 9) and one is always there ready for you to hop right on. Many of us in 14621 don't have cars and I find Rochester Transit Service gives excellent service, always on time, the drivers friendly, helpful and its wheelchair accessible. It's great to people watch and many times young people have gotten up and given up their seats when its "standing room" crowded. I've also heard words of wisdom from other riders. See you on the # 11 Joseph - Fare is \$1.00

**G14621 Survey attached
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Candidates Forum

(City Council)

Thursday

July 16, 2009

6:30PM - 8:00PM

Henry W. Long-

fellow School #

36

85 St. Jacob St.

Open to All City

Residents

From the Executive Directors desk....

Who is in charge of many of our inner-city streets and avenues after 11 pm on weekdays and 12 midnight on weekends, where we have children who choose to hang out around empty lots, vacant properties, corners, and/or building fronts? It certainly is not the city (law enforcement) or city residents that have encountered unsupervised youngsters after the aforementioned hours. We all know whose responsibility this is!

Yes, we have lost the curfew that was created to assure the safety and the whereabouts of many of those children who choose to use our city streets as a safe haven to spend time. It was found to be unconstitutional. According to one NYS Supreme Court Justice, it trampled on parents' rights. In other words, no one can tell youngsters what to do when they are out late, after dark on our city streets.

Many of our youngsters of older age are out there for legitimate reasons. Some have employment, others participate in sports, music, church and other organized events, but unfortunately there is a handful that just hangs out with no particular purpose. And this is the concern that we as adults have, that, not having anything on their agenda to do out there can open the door to temptation in doing the wrong things such as: congregating in groups speaking at levels that are heard by residents (even with their windows and doors shut); having younger children with them in the single digit age range who run around, sometimes through private properties and not to mention being out there during the school year when they should be preparing for the following day's academics. I could go on with many other reasons why they should not be out there, but let's talk about what we can do as a community.

We all know that with the independence that some of our children have obtained or they believe they have obtained over the years to do what they want has created a very broad door that defines "to do what they want." In my experience dealing with a youth baseball league, I found that with all the legislative constraints that are placed on parents as to how they can discipline their children, it is tough for parents to keep their children home after certain hours. This may be primarily due to the common belief "that is what everybody else does" and keeps the parents diplomatically safe with their offspring. In addition, the lack of a father figure in single parent homes contributes to this societal duress.

Therefore, the question is "what do we do to control the extracurricular unwanted activities of some of our youth after certain hours?" Our Mayor Duffy and other public officials are distraught at the fact that we have lost such a vital tool- - "the youth curfew" that helps to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods, not only for today but for generations to come.

Residents do not be discouraged. While the curfew during its life cycle in Rochester proved to be that vital tool, it is up to us to continue the vigilance in protecting our residences and the quality of life as it should be in our neighborhoods. However, oftentimes we take matters into our own hands and what we receive are adverse and rebellious reactions from some of our young people that leave a lot to be desired. So, again "what do we do?"

Therefore, if it is the fear factor, I'm here to tell you that many of our residents' tolerance levels have reached a point of no return. They are more actively calling 911, 311, the Neighborhood Service Center, or our organization (anonymously) when they see too many young people hanging out in areas they should not be without any adult supervision. Kudos goes to those who take that extra step to improve the quality of life on their street and in their neighborhoods in the late night hours that were created for rest. We must continue to pursue the peace that surpasses all understanding so that our future generations can have great vibrant communities to live in.

Oh, one last word, RESPECT should be for everyone regardless of age....

May the LORD bless our children and the peace that we strive to achieve!

Eugenio Cotto, Jr.,
Executive Director



Do you have issues with:

Smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, home trip hazards, or toxic liquids stored under kitchen cupboards?

If you answer yes to any of the above, maybe its time to call G14621 so that we may help you become aware of these living environment hazards through the Prevention 1st Foundation training of "Train the Trainers" to help identify these issues; not only in your home, but in your love ones, family, friends, and neighbors homes as well.

Great volunteer opportunity to get involved and even save a life! Call us at 585.266.4693

Upcoming activities:

July 3rd. 11th Annual "Day of Remembrance" - Vendors, Food, Children Activities and more. Susan B. Anthony Square. For info: Call Lula 585-454-2680

July 4th FIREWORKS 10- 10:30pm Downtown Skies. Sponsored by City of Rochester

July 10th EAST END LIFE FESTIVAL. East End District. Sponsored by Downtown Fitness Club


July 11th LATINO DAY at Frontier Field. (Featuring EL Gran Combo).

July 11 & 12 CORN HILL FESTIVAL. Sponsored by the Corn Hill Neighbors Association 262-3142 or www.cornhill.org

July 15- 19. MONROE COUNTY FAIR at the Monroe County Fairgrounds 2693 E. Henrietta Road. 585-334-4000.

July 24, 25, 26 PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL. Frontier Field VIP Parking lot. For info: Call 234-7660 or www.prfestival.com / **July 25 PUERTO RICAN PARADE:** Main Street, Downtown Rochester Route: Liberty Pole to Main St to N. Plymouth Ave to Morrie Silver Way. Sponsored by the Spanish Action Coalition 232-4050

July 25 TEN UGLY MEN FESTIVAL. Genesee Valley Park (585) 943-1843.



Computer Training Classes

Group 14621 Community Association is currently accepting enrollment into our free computer training classes at the CTC (Computer Training Center). Basic to Advanced courses are available Mondays at the our office located at 1171 N. Clinton Avenue Ave. For more information you may call 266-4693 or visit the Group 14621 office!

**** Youth Visions: Media Education Program ****

G14621 is pleased to announce that we continue our endeavors to engage the YV participants in actively learning many useful multimedia disciplines that can be applied to a variety of skill sets. It is our mission to continue to offer an array of proficiencies in order to develop a greater scope of community involvement.

Any young person between the ages of 13 to 18 and who live in the 14621 zip code neighborhood and assist one of our RCSD schools is welcome to inquire into possible participation in the program. Call us at 585.266.4693

"Through knowledge and wisdom comes understanding."
Luis Acosta Program Coordinator

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From the desk of the Housing Coordinator

By: Luis Acosta

Group 14621 Community Association, Inc. is currently accepting applications from owner-occupied **multi-unit** properties for the Renovacion 14621 grant. Applicants must live in the targeted boundaries between Hudson and Joseph; Avenue D and Norton; and have a combined total annual income not exceeding \$37,500. If you are looking for major home renovations please contact our office to determine your availability.

LEAD AWARENESS PROGRAM: PROTECT YOUR CHILD FROM LEAD POISONING

By: Hilarie Henry, Urban Fellow

Hundreds of children in our community have elevated lead levels in their blood and endure life long suffering due to unidentified lead hazards in their homes. Group 14621 is implementing a **FREE** confidential lead wipe test program to detect the lead levels in one's house. This program will help residents to identify whether their homes pose potential health risks. Please take advantage of this extremely beneficial and **FREE** service that Group 14621 is providing for its residents so that we, as a community, can secure the safety of our loved ones. Group 14621 is also in search of more volunteers to help administer its **FREE** confidential lead wipe tests within the 14621 neighborhood. This is a great way for members of the community to become actively involved in helping to improve their community and positively affecting fellow residents' lives. So call us today at 266-4693 to volunteer and make a difference in YOUR community!

Block Clubs (Streets) and Meeting Dates

Alphonse/Bernard	Alphonse, Bernard	2nd Thurs of every month
Barberry	Barberry	varies
Berlin/Wilkins/Friederich	Berlin, Wilkins, Friederich	varies
Cutler Street	Cutler St	varies
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	varies
E. Ridge Road	East Ridge Road	varies
Evergreen—14605	Evergreen	varies
Ferncliffe	Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount	varies
F/L/R/T	Flower, Lill, Radio, Treyer	varies
Huntington	Huntington/Evergreen	3rd Mon of every month
Ketchum	Ketchum	varies
Kohlman/Farbridge	Kohlman/Farbridge	3rd Wed of every month
Lefrois	Northlane, Kilmar, Shadylane, Van Olinda, Rexford, Valois, Sayne, Milan, Buonomo, Malone, Baird, Carter, Lefrois	varies
Mead	Mead	varies
Mohawk	Mohawk	varies
Norran	Norran	varies
South of Norton St	Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen	varies

For specific time and date or for more information or to start up a block club call our office at 266-4693.



FOR SALE

Community Housing Developments Opportunities through
Group 14621 Community Association, Inc.
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 FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS

159 Townsend Street
 Rochester, New York 14621

\$TBD

Property Information
 Year Built: 1937
 Square Footage: 1,358
 Bedrooms: 3
 Full Bathrooms: 1
 Total Rooms: 8
 Lot Size: 41' x 120.'

Additional Information
 New Roof
 New Electrical
 New Plumbing
 New Windows
 New Carpeting
 New Security System



For more information call, **585-266-4693**
 or Visit us at **www.group14621.com**

From the Office Administrator; Shirley Boone

Here is the local contact information for the Governor of New York State -Governor David A. Paterson. Please feel free to contact his office with any issues or concerns that you may have.

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 Citizens Services Representative
 Office of Gov. David A. Paterson
 Department of State—Region 2
 55 St. Paul St.
 Rochester, NY 14604
 Telephone: 585-395-8100



“Business Listing Servicing Your Neighborhood ”

Auto Shops/Repair			
Blaesi's Automotive	981 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.8100
Banks Brothers Collision	771 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.342.8000
Getty Auto Service	556 Norton St.	14621	585.342.3720
J.G. Autowerks	160 E. Ridge Rd.	14621	585.338.2886
Banking Institutions			
HSBC Mortgage Corporation	1200 Jefferson Rd.	14607	585.797.0338
Churches			
Northside Baptist Church	2052 St. Paul St.	14621	585.338.7810
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1089 Joseph Ave.	14621	585.467.2725
St. Andrew's Catholic Church	923 Portland Ave.	14621	585.342.8686
St. Stanislaus Church	34 St. Stanislaus St.	14621	585.467.3068
Community Outreach			
Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach	339 North St.	14605	585.426.7093
Computers/Copiers Service			
City Computer	2011 East Main St.	14609	585.747.5704
Food & Beverage			
Greg's House of Chicken	1014 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.5840
Hartmann's Old World Sausage	1256 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585.266.4960
Grocery Stores			
Discount Food Market	752 Avenue D	14621	585.467.0218
Human Service Organization			
St. Vincent de Paul Society	923 Portland Ave.	14621	585.338.2330
Income Tax Services			
Burgos Income Tax, Inc.	1816 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585.266.2680
Insurance			
Combined Insurance	Perinton Hills Office Pk.	14625	716.380.7085
Industrial Companies			
Allied-Action Limited	182 Avenue D	14621	585.342.4700
Dupont	69 Seneca Ave.	14621	585.339.4200
McAlpin Industries	255 Hollenbeck St.	14621	585.266.3060

Legislative Officials

Susan John	840 University Ave.	14607	585.244.5255
Neighborhood Preservation Companies			
Neighborhood Service Center	500 Norton St.	14621	585.428.7660
North East Area Development	360 Webster Ave.	14609	585.482.7320
Social Entertainment			
4 Brothers Tavern	1080 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.6797
Bobo's Sports Bar	479 Carter St.	14621	585.544.6780
Hancock's Hudson Tavern	1034 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.2661



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 with receipt of newsletter
- () \$18 enclosed for 1 year regular membership and **TOOL BANK** enrollment with receipt of newsletter
- () \$10 enclosed for **BASIC BUSINESS** 1 year Business Listing in newsletter enrollment ONLY
- () \$25 enclosed for **BUSINESS PLUS** membership with 1 year Business Listing enrollment with receipt of newsletter
- () \$50 for **PREMIER BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP** (Include above Business membership w/business card size promo in newsletter for 1 year)
- () I also include \$ _____ as an additional contribution

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CELL:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **DATE:** _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HELP WITH OR LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- () PUBLIC SAFETY () PARKS & RECREATION () FUNDRAISING () NEIGHBORHOOD PROMOTION
- () BLOCK CLUB () NBN IMPLEMENTATION () HOUSING () ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT () SCHOOLS
- () OTHER TELL US YOUR IDEAS _____