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*"Do more than belong: Participate! Do more than care: Help! Do more than believe: Practice! Do more than be fair: Be kind! Do more than forgive: Forget! Do more than dream: Work!"*

*William Arthur Ward*

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*"Haga más que pertenecer: participe. Haga más que importarle: ayude. Haga más que creer: practique. Haga más que ser justo: sea amable. Haga más que perdonar: olvide. Haga más que soñar: trabaje."*

*William Arthur Ward*

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# NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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## News in our Neighborhoods

### Lincoln Branch Library

851 Joseph Ave/428-8210  
2010 Children's Summer Reading July 6th to Aug 13th. Read or be read to FOR a least 20 minutes a day. **WIN BIKES!** Registration begins Tuesday July 6th. Age Level: Preschool to 6th grade. Kick off Pizza Party 3pm on Tues. July 6th. Have Fun as you register for Summer Reading. Don't Miss other Exciting Programs at Library!  
**GRAND FINALE** Fri-Aug 13th: Celebration/Award of Prizes.

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Tuesday, July 20th-2pm

704 Hudson Ave: Celebration for the completed renovation and expansion of one of Rochester's Oldest Fire Houses and a cornerstone of the Hudson Avenue neighborhood.



Is someone you love serving in the military in Afghanistan, Iraq or Kuwait? You can schedule a video confer-

ence with your soldier at the library for REE!  
**FREEDOM CALLS.**  
Call 428-8304 to find our how



to schedule a call to your soldier today! *This service is provided courtesy of the Rochester Public Library, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20, the Freedom Calls Foundation and the County of Monroe.*

### Clifford & Conkey Farm

**Stand:** On Sundays from 12-4pm. Locally grown



Fresh Fruits and Vegetables will be sold by Freshwise at

the Conkey Corner Park. Please come out and support this endeavor.



SAT- July 16th: **RADIO ST** (F/L/R/T) is having **BLOCK PARTY** from 12-6PM.

FOOD, Activities for children and adults, including Zoo-Mobile, Fire Safety, Health Hero's. School Supplies will also be given away.

*All are Welcome to Join!*

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### Shrinking of cities

**catches traction:** By Phil Fairbanks-News Staff Reporter Published: June 14, 2010.

Rochester is getting smaller and re-examining what it is and could be. The result is an ambitious downsizing strategy to eliminate at least 40 residential city blocks, relocate

residents and "green" the vacant land left behind. Reinvigoration starts by recognizing city's dramatic loss of population and deciding to consciously and intelligently shrink; which means closing down dozens of residential city blocks, tearing down at least 3,000 vacant houses and turning those large swaths of land into parks, greenways, gardens and farms. The city has identified two neighborhoods-Bull's Head and North Marketview Heights - as areas that could be targeted as part of **Project Green**. The number of vacant homes in Rochester is at a historic high. "We have to push this forward," said Eugenio Cotto Jr., Executive Director Group 14621 Community Association Inc. "People want to see things happen." City Hall hopes to ease opposition by relocating people within the neighborhood or allowing them to return once the greening is complete. Rochester has the benefit of being a city with a history of community-based planning and development with a legacy of positive working relationship between City Hall and grass-roots community groups. Activists say that mutual trust helped pave the way for the public's acceptance of Project Green.

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### Member's Meeting

Thurs: July 15th

NSC-Community Room

500 Norton St

6:30-8:00pm

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Block Club Street**

**Leaders Meeting**

**Thurs: Aug 19th**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

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

Although our Group 14621 fiscal year is from September 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> we are at the mercy of the NYS because their fiscal year is from July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> and as many of you may know a budget has not been passed as of today June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010. This means that one of our major funding sources, Dept. of Housing and Community Renewal can not disburse funds until we have a state budget. Also the amount that we are to receive is also in jeopardy.

This is one of the areas that we covered in our Board Retreat; with the help of Dr. Leonard Brock and Ms. Elizabeth Martin from Community Place, the participants were able to understand some of the intricacies of organizational budgets. We also looked at Civic engagement and Economic Development as part of our strategic planning.

In today's not-for-profit world financing is getting scarcer as we move forward, but more importantly we know that there are sources out there willing to give in the certain areas that we need to improve and achieve the good quality of life we all desire. Its' dynamics change from neighborhood to neighborhood, from block to block and from street to street. So what key elements do we need to make this happen?

Ms. Pamela Reese-Smith from Path Stone facilitated the session on Civic Engagement. She gave testimony of how she has engaged residents in a positive way with patience and perseverance and how she has been able to change the outlook of some Market View Heights neighborhood streets through empowering the residents to take charge. She also explained the importance of one-on-one relationship building and how it can impact the quality of life in parts of a neighborhood.

In order to get some of the funding dollars to impact the quality of life in our neighborhood, the outreach has to be there, not only from organizations, but more importantly from the grass roots people who live in the neighborhoods and who collectively can create change when their voices are heard in unison. What a novel idea to bring funds into a neighborhood!

We as a group discussed Economic Development and how our housing and commercial infrastructure is greatly deteriorated about 30-40% of our neighborhoods within the 14621 Zip Code. The State has the money to make good things happen in the distressed parts of our community. The key is: when writing proposals that would appeal to their requirements and not loose sight that what we are going through and competing for the funds here in Western NY; as well as Central NY and Downstate NY. Where the civic engagement push is the greatest usually they would be funded first. This is also true of other development projects such as our Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant that will identify future sites for development. This will create employment and affordable housing opportunities. Without the community's voice, the developers will go with the more lucrative projects (of which are downstate) and, we, the small projects get left out of the mix. A neighborhood that is more cohesive, collective and have the louder voice from residents can make a big difference on how State monies are disbursed. And obviously the proposal writing has to be there as well.

Finances, civic engagement and economic development are the key areas that we as community residents have to come out in droves to address during this faltering economy. The money is made, all we have to do is go out and get it. So, therefore we have to understand the finances, get involved at higher levels which will create economic stability for the future.

We welcome your comments. Feel free to contact us at 585.266.4693 or visit our website at [www.group14621.com](http://www.group14621.com) and use our email contacts.

May the LORD give us wisdom to get more deeply involved and find the funds....

Eugenio Cotto, Jr., Executive Director G14621



*From the desk of the Housing Coordinator - R.S. Nieves*

**INEXPENSIVE WAYS TO HELP KEEP  
YOUR BASEMENT DRY!**

**Rain gutters:** Maintain the gutters each spring to repair damage from snow loads and each fall to clean out leaves and debris.

**Grading:** The soil should slope away from the house on all sides of the foundation.

**Window wells:** If they drain poorly, install window well covers. Or dig out and install drain pipes down to footing drains.

**Asphalt driveway:** Patch cracks in the driveway using cold-mix asphalt patching compound. Replace old concrete walkways, driveways or patios that slope toward the foundation.

**Leaking water pipes:** Call your water company to have them check it out.

**Clean the footer drains:** Hire a drain cleaning contractor to clean them with an auger snake or by high-pressure water jetting.

**Clean the floor drains:** Make sure the floor drain is not clogged.

The most common complaint from homeowners "Water is coming up from the corner floor-to-wall joint!" The solution is easy – SEAL the walls with Radon Seal to stop the water migration!

Birthstone: Ruby **July 2010** Flower: Water Lily

7/3-7/12: 12th Annual "Day of Remembrance" 4-6pm shoreline of Durand Eastman Park

7/4: **4th of July (Happy Independence Day America)**

7/5: G14621 Office, City Hall, NSC and other Government offices closed—July 4th HOLIDAY

7/7: Project Hope Walk Against Drugs/St. Michael's 5:30p

7/11: Clifford & Conkey Farm Stand-Opening Day 12-4p at Conkey Corner Park

7/13: PCIC Meeting— Police Station/TOPS Plaza-Clinton Ave

7/17: Radio St. Block Party 12-6pm on Radio St

7/18: Clifford/Conkey Farm Stand 12-4p at Conkey Corner Pk

7/20: City Council Meeting

7/20: Hudson Ave Fire House Celebration at 2pm

7/25: Clifford/Conkey Farm Stand 12-4p at Conkey Corner Pk

7/30: PRYD Safe Summer Event at Seneca Pk 10-4p

**Block Clubs (Streets) and Meeting Dates**

<b>Alphonse/Bernard</b>	Alphonse, Bernard	2nd Thurs / month 7pm - 614 Clifford Ave
<b>Barberry</b>	Barberry	Varies
<b>Berlin/Wilkins/Friederich</b>	Berlin, Wilkins, Friederich	Varies
<b>Carl St</b>	Carl St	Monthly
<b>Clifford/Evergreen/Scantom/Durgin</b>	Clifford, Evergreen, Scantom, Durgin	Varies
<b>Cutler Street</b>	Cutler St	Monthly
<b>Dayton Street</b>	Dayton, Fairbanks, Baumann, Ave D, Hudson Ave, Hoff	Varies
<b>Dorbeth</b>	Dorbeth	Varies
<b>Dunn/Nester Neighbors</b>	Dunn, Townsend, Moulson, Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Wanda, Zygment, Norton	Monthly
<b>Durnan St</b>	Durnan St.	Varies
<b>E. Ridge Road Assoc</b>	E Ridge Rd to Irondequoit line, Hollenbeck St, N. Clinton Ave and St. Paul from 104 Expressway to Rutledge Dr	Varies
<b>Ferncliffe</b>	Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount	Varies
<b>F/L/R/T</b>	Flower, Lill, Radio, Roth, Treyer	7/12 @6p - 218 Clifford Ave
<b>Huntington PK</b>	Huntington Pk, St. Paul, Athens, Ariel Pk, Harris	7/19 @ 7p - 57 Huntington
<b>Ketchum</b>	Ketchum	Varies
<b>Kohlman/Farbridge</b>	Kohlman/Farbridge	Monthly
<b>Lefrois St. Neighborhood Association</b>	Baird, Buonomo, Carter, Dunn, Kilmar, LeFrois, Malone, Milan, Northlane, Rexford, Sayne, Shady Lane, Valois, Van Olinda	3rd Wed May-Nov. 500 Carter St. 6:45pm
<b>Manchester</b>	Manchester	Varies
<b>Mead</b>	Mead	Varies
<b>The Portland Block Club</b>	Portland Ave, Mohawk, Furlong	Monthly
<b>Mohawk</b>	Mohawk	Varies
<b>Norran</b>	Norran	Varies
<b>Sobieski St</b>	Sobieski	2nd Thurs of month 26 Sobieski St
<b>South of Norton St (S.O.N.)</b>	Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen	7/6 @7p-500 Norton St
<b>St. Jacob St</b>	St. Jacob St	Varies




For specific time/date of block club meeting, visit our website: [www.group14621.com/](http://www.group14621.com/) or call 266-4693.



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**Is your 4 year-old school ready?**

Family Resource Centers of Crestwood Children's Center is now accepting registrations for September Universal Pre-K classes for 4-year-olds.

Classes are held in your neighborhood at one of Family Resource Center's two Rochester City School District community sites:

**Southwest Family Resource Center**  
Bishop Kearny Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
89 Genesee Street, attached to  
St. Mary's Hospital  
Contact: April Baker (585) 436-0370, ext. 301

**Peter Castle Family Resource Center**  
555 Avenue D, behind Lincoln Branch Library  
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**Please call for more information or to register for September classes.**




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**Beauty Salon**

Katie's Hair Boutique & Beauty Supply	1071 Portland Ave	14621	585-342-0100
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**Churches**

NorthRidge 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
God's Vision Ministries, Inc.	694 Hudson Ave	14621	585-467-2645

**Community Outreach**

Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach	2660 Chili Ave	14624	585-426-7093
Family Resource Centers of Crestwood			

**Computers**

Fixed Or Free (Karen Himes PC Computer Doctor, Tutor)		14621	585-317-2842
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**Education**

REOC	305 Andrews St	14604	585-232-2730 x 235
www.REOC.brockport.edu			

**Food & Beverage/Nutrition**

GoChi (Salvado & Mirta Del Toro)	344 Bay St	14605	585-737-4400
Chicken Plus	165 East Ridge Rd	14621	
Salvatore's	149 E. Ridge Road	14621	585-342-7580

**Grocery Stores**

Discount Food Market	752 Avenue D	14621	585-467-0218
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Healthcare Education Project	225 W. Broad St	14614	585-520-6542
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**Income Tax Services**

Burgos Income Tax, Inc.	1816 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585-266-2680
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**Industrial Companies**

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Dupont	69 Seneca Ave.	14621	585-339-4200
McAlpin Industries	255 Hollenbeck St.	14621	585-266-3060

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