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NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER SINCE 1974

“We can always find something to be thankful for, no matter what maybe the burden of our wants, or the special subject of our petition.” Albert Barnes

“*Nosotros/as siempre encontraremos algo por lo cual estar agradecidos, no importa el yugo de la necesidad, o cual sea el objetivo especial de nuestra petición.*”

Albert Barnes

**From our family to yours:
Happy Thanksgiving!**

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NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

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News in our Neighborhoods

We all had a great time at our Annual Convention on Friday, Oct 30, 2009 at school #50, 35 years "Neighbors Working Together". Our thanks to members, guests and volunteers who helped make this evening a success.



We had the distinct pleasure of hearing our City Council Northeast Rep. Lovely Warren deliver a positive speech of the good things that are happening in our neighborhoods.



We were pleased to have Mayor Robert Duffy and Senator Joseph Robach attend and give us uplifting words of encouragement. Senator Robach gave G14621 a plaque honoring our 35 years of service to the community.

G14621 honored it's own. Seven participants completed our 16 week Introduction to Computer course: Yanick Crumpler, Vera Crumpler, Gene Dale Delorm, Joyce Hamilton, Annie Hollins,

Pearl Jones, and Carmen Rodriguez. In the Appreciation Award category for neighborhood involvement, the recipients were: Christine Goreczny, Wilma Harris, Miguel Melendez, Vince Russello, Mark Sewhuk, and J.C. Wilson. There was also an Acknowledgement Award to the Hudson Avenue Business Association for their involvement in improving the quality of their commercial strip.

The Good Neighbor of the Year Award for outstanding community spirit, dedication and involvement was presented to Manuel Colon of the F/L/R/T Block Club.

The Gloria Jean Travis Business Award was awarded to Maxwell's Resto-Lounge for outstanding support and commitment from a 14621 neighborhood business.

The Outstanding Volunteer of the Year Award went to James Feliciano for his commitment to the CTC participants in helping them accomplishing their goal.

We have to mention: E.I. Dupont presented G14621 with a \$ 8,000 donation to help with our Brownfield Opportunity area grant. Also, Maxwell's presented us with a \$250 check as seed money towards our Pulaski Bldg. Project.

Many thanks go out to businesses and all others who have help make our commitment to improve the quality of life a continued success.

G14621 members in attendance elected Board Members for the 2009-2010 year term:

Returning Board:

- Ernest Flagler-President
- Shirley Thompson- Secretary
- Pat Canty-West Region Rep.
- Mary Lewis-West Region Rep.
- Robert Djed Snead-Central Region Rep.

New Board members:

- Etta Nesmith-Central Region Rep.
- Manuel Colon-Central Region Rep.
- Pastor Carlos Rosa-Central Region Alt.
- Maggie Nieves-East Region Rep.
- Sabrina Johnson-East Region Rep.
- Mark Mathieu-West Region Alt.

G14621 member Frank Tritto submitted motion to accept new board and member Ann Daniels second the motion.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing board members: Ted Wood, Kisha Albarran, Isaac Collins, and Artis Simpson as they did not seek re-election.



You will all be missed!

Board Members 2009-2010

President

Ernest Flagler

Vice President

Secretary

Shirley Thompson

Treasurer

Regional Representatives

East

Maggie Nieves
Sabrina Johnson

West

Patricia Canty
Mary Lewis
Mark Mathieu (Alt.)

Central

Robert Djed Snead
Etta Nesmith
Manuel Colon (Alt.)
Pastor Carlos Rosa (Alt.)

Business

Hugh Vandegriff
Ernie Dankert (Alt.)

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G14621 office will be closed as follow:

Wed: Nov 11, 2009 in honor of Veterans Day!

Thur-Fri: Nov 26-27, 2009 Thanksgiving weekend!

From the Executive Director's Desk....

We as a community have made great strides in looking at ways to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods and it couldn't have been better portrayed as it was on Friday, October 30th at our 35th Annual Convention. Over eighty neighborhood residents and stakeholders came to celebrate our successes as well as our failures for the 2008-2009 year. From handing out awards to bringing in new G14621 board members to represent the diversity of our neighborhoods to receiving a positive messages. One positive was delivered by Eileen Broderick of Conifer, a real estate and development and management company who informed us that the bldg located at 140 Fernwood (which has been vacant for far to long) will be demolished. On display was the history and rich heritage of the Carthage neighborhood. From our own northeast representative Councilwomen Lovely Warren who motivated us to continue our endeavors in the promotion of working together for our community. This was just a few of the good things that happened that evening. Not to mention the great and tasty food!

But as we move to the 2009-2010 year many of our challenges continue to be the same. In spite of the fact that we have fewer residents and we have more police officers, but public safety still remains to be one of our top priorities. Housing, blight, education, youth, employment and health care issues have not found adequate or total resolve to meet the needs of some of our most impoverished neighborhoods. ***What do we do to continue our struggles against these social ills to continue to improve that quality of life in our neighborhoods?***

Something that I have found out, and it is not a novel idea; is the fact that in numbers we can achieve great things. I have also learned that if we, as a community do not promote the resources that we have, we can not increase those numbers needed o produce a solid civic engagement movement. Let the truth be known, if there are too many people in the mix, some entities believe this could hamper more than help the process. I believe that some of us do not totally engage ourselves to actively find ways to involve more folks in all of our processes. To aide them in their endeavors, in spite of the fear factor, their voice is important and should be heard as well. If these folks, who by other circumstances would not normally participate in said processes, their lack of participation has demonstrated in the past that we loose a crucial piece of the puzzle when we are planning to improve (systematically) what we have, socially and economically.

There are many organizations and agencies out there that their main focus is to improve the quality of life for our citizens in diverse and specific ways. Group 14621 Community Association is no exception. We applaud the efforts of our members and supporters, but when our G14621 newsletters is received, are we letting other folks know that we are here to advocate to and for ALL our residents to improve the quality of life in the 14621 zip code area (and a big area it is!)? Yes, as I mentioned earlier, we have made great strides in our endeavors, but our struggles are far from over.

When some asks the questions: ***Who or what is Group 14621?*** Do we have the answer? We've only been around for 35 years (ONLY 35 YEARS). I lived in this neighbor for approximately forty of my 53 years of age and I've know about G14621 since 1983. How about the people around us, ***Do they know about G14621?***

A new fiscal year: a new challenge. The challenge is to let 14621 residents know about us and our efforts of advocacy, computer training, housing, and education just to name a few. Let them know! We can continue to make positive changes in our neighborhoods through understanding the issues, making our voices heard by getting involved. **This newsletter has three extra membership applications. Promote your neighborhood....**

All things are supplied according to the available riches and glory, just ask.....

Eugenio Cotto, Jr.,
Executive Director



From the desk of the Housing Coordinator

I want to spend time talking about something that we all battle in the coming winter months.... **HIGH ENERGY BILLS!** Sensible and cost effective ways to “Beat the Bill”. “Winter Energy Tips” provided by RG&E Public Affairs Specialist, Ivette Torres and some tips found online.

1. **Clean Your Furnace** - A clean furnace is an efficient furnace. If you're looking to save money on energy bills, you should start with having your furnace checked and cleaned. While this isn't the cheapest way to save on home heating costs, it is one of the most effective.
2. **Change Your Air Filter** -For less than \$20 you can change the air filter on your furnace. A dirty air filter will block the airflow from your furnace and can actually decrease the furnace's life expectancy.
3. **Use Your Ceiling Fans** -A ceiling fan set in reverse can draw warm air through your home, helping to keep it warm.
4. **Use Washing Machines/Dishwashers Wisely** -When running washing machine or dishwasher, only do full loads of laundry or dishes.
5. **Use Compact Fluorescent Lighting** -Compact fluorescent light bulbs use less than half of the energy of incandescent light bulbs, and they last longer as well.
6. **Keep Shades Up and Blinds Open** -Take advantage of natural daylight/solar heat through your windows. Rather than having light bulbs running all day, keep your shades and blinds open and you'll be able to make use of the natural sunlight and the warmth that naturally comes from the sun.
7. **Insulate Your Water Heater** -If you have an older model water heater, buy insulation wrap and insulate your water heater. It will help the heater retain heat and will help reduce your energy bill. When you need to replace your water heater, buy an energy efficient model.
8. **Install/Use a Programmable Thermostat** -One of the best things to do in order to save money on your energy bills is to install a programmable thermostat. You'll be able to program the thermostat to reduce the heat of your home when you're away and when you're asleep.
9. **Seal Leaks** -If you have air leaks in your home, locate and seal them up with caulk or weather strips. Drafts can add significantly to your home heating costs during the winter.
10. **Turn It Off** -A simple rule of thumb is if you're not using (lights, TV, appliances) it, turn it off.
11. **Secure entryways**- Place a "draft dodger" or a rolled-up towel at the base of windows and doors.
12. **Close Closet Doors** -Why spend money heating a closet? Simply close the door.

To learn more about other energy saving tips, go to www.rge.com and click on the “Usage and Safety tab on top, then click on the “Using Energy Wisely” tab.

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
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—14605	Evergreen	varies
Ferncliffe	Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount	varies
F/L/R/T	Flower, Lill, Radio, Treyer	Monthly
Huntington	Huntington/Evergreen	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 and date of a meeting, call our office at 266-4693. Or visit our website: www.group14621.com

The following resources are available to qualified participants.

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) 585-753-6477

Residential Energy Consumer Assistance Program (RECAP) 1-877-266-3492

The Red Cross/RG&E Heating Fund 585-241-4476

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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			
North 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
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
Computers/Copiers Service			
City Computer	2011 East Main St.	14609	585-747-5704
Food & Beverage/Nutrition			
Greg's House of Chicken	1014 Hudson Ave.	14621	585-266-5840
GoChi (Salvado & Mirta Del Toro)	344 Bay St	14605	585-737-4400
Grocery Stores			
Discount Food Market	752 Avenue D	14621	585-467-0218
Human Service-Health Care Organization			
St. Vincent de Paul Society	923 Portland Ave.	14621	585-338-2330
Healthcare Education Project	225 W. Broad St	14614	585-520-6542
Income Tax Services			
Burgos Income Tax, Inc.	1816 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585-266-2680
Insurance			
Combined Insurance	Perinton Hills Office Pk.	14625	585-298-7688
Industrial Companies			
Allied-Action Limited	182 Avenue D	14621	585-342-4700

Dupont McAlpin Industries	69 Seneca Ave.	14621	585-339-4200
	255 Hollenbeck St.	14621	585-266-3060
Legislative Officials			
Susan John	840 University Ave.	14607	585-244-5255
Brian M. Kolb	PO Box 835, Canandaigua, NY	14424	315-781-2030
Councilmember-Northeast District			
Lovely A. Warren	93 Woodman Park		585-428-6488
Neighborhood Preservation Companies			
Neighborhood Service Center	500 Norton St.	14621	585-428-7660
North East Area Development	360 Webster Ave.	14609	585-482-7320
Real Estate			
Prudential—Antonella Daniels	1303 Marsh Road	14534	585-381-7322
	Pittsford, NY		585-305-3421
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
Maxwells Resto-Lounge	149 E. Ridge Road	14621	585-697-3555
Storage			
HI-QUAL Zoo Trail Storage	152 E. Ridge Road	14621	585-261-7901



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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 mail it back to us or stop by 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, GRHP and the City of Rochester. Our organization also relies on membership dues and community fundraising events and activities to supplement these sources. Your membership is important! If you have not yet joined G14621, we invite you to become one of Group 14621 **“neighbors working together.”** To join or renew, fill out form below and return it to our office with payment. You can help with membership by referring a neighbor, just clip the bottom section and share with your neighbors, friends or family. Thank you for your support!

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- () \$10 enclosed for 1 year regular **HOUSEHOLD** membership with receipt of newsletter
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- () \$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
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