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Please join us as we celebrate 35 years of
NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER
G14621 Annual Meeting & Convention
Fri. Oct 30, 2009 @ School #50
301 Seneca Ave
5:30pm-8:00pm

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.”

Booker T. Washington

“Éxito no es para ser medido por la posición que se ha alcanzado en la vida sino por los obstáculos que sobrepasa”. Broker T. Washington

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News in our Neighborhoods



On Wed Sept 16, 2009 G14621 hosted a Tenants Association meeting for residents of Mildred Johnson Estates (MJE) at 694 Hudson Ave. Residents of Alphonse, Bernard, Maria and Thomas St "You Make a Difference". Special Thanks to Councilmember Lovely A. Warren and Anne Babcock Stiner of PathStone Corporation for attending this kick-up meeting. Also Thanks to God Vision Ministries for their time and the use of the church.

A Latin Jazz concert was conducted Sept. 20th, 2009 with performance by the Eastman Community School faculty. The Genesee Land Trust and El Camino/ Butterhole Trail sponsored this event.

Musicians:
Howard Potter, vibes;
Freddy Colon, congas;
Juan Incarnacion, sax;
and Dave Baron, bass.

Senator Robach and granddaughter enjoyed the music.



Hello, My name is Ricardo S. Nieves and I am the new Housing Development Coordinator. I know that we are all facing issues in our neighborhoods but we must do our part in order to return prosperity. If there is a nuisance on your street, CALL 911. Get involved in your local block club. Take pride in the appearance of your street. Pick up litter on or around your property. I am a big believer in recycling; which is not only healthy for the community but for the earth as well. If you don't have a recycle bin call 311 or (585) 428-5990. I recently celebrated 10 years as a homeowner and encourage homeownership. It gives you a sense of accomplishment and pride. Group 14621 can help your dream of owning a home come true. Finally, I encourage all 14621 residents to stop by and pick up a **FREE** Lead Test Kit. Lead is a threat and danger that plagues our children. If you would like to participate in this, completely confidential testing or any of our other housing programs, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns or to schedule an appointment. Be Proud, Be Respectful and Be Blessed,



Ricardo S. Nieves

Bus Fare- Ness by Bonnie Cannan

In the Spring of 2006 a coalition was formed to respond to the changes being implemented by the Regional Transit Authority. One of the major changes was FARES namely the END of the use of transfers. This was replaced with a \$3.00 day pass (the previous round-trip transfer system totaled \$2.80). The following is a list of the agenda issues presented at the first meeting:

- Equal Process for establishing bus fares
- Safety hazard presented by use of mesh screening that cover the bus windows
- A plan to re-examine current bus routes and the use of primarily Downtown for the only HUB center.
- The implementation of new technology to announce bus stops that will assist all riders and those with visual and hearing impairments.

New technology is planned for use in 2010. The plan for reviewing other options for HUB centers other than downtown is underway and equity regarding bus fares will remain an ongoing topic. We will be communicating more with you as we progress.

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Next Meeting
MJE Tenants Association
Wed. Oct 21, 2009
694 Hudson Ave
Rochester, NY 14621
6:30 pm—8:00 pm
All Residents of
Alphonse, Bernard, Maria
and Thomas Street
JOIN US !!!

From the Executive Director's Desk....

As a follow up to our last Block Club / Street Leader's meeting in August 2009, I would like to continue informing about the parolee entry program. Currently we have made the intent to contact the Monroe County Parole Office to set up a meeting where we can be made aware of how the program works and its impact on our neighborhoods.

In the past we have brought to the forefront that in a study that was presented by Dr. John Kloufass of RIT; over 200 parolees were released to live in the 14621 area in 2008. This was one of the largest quantities released in our neighborhoods compared to other City neighborhoods. 14605 and 14609 also had high volumes released to them as well.

Our mission is to advocate for and to involve our community residents so that we can improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. If this means to help monitor parolees that are released to our neighborhoods; than we at G14621 will make every effort to help in the process when we are informed of unwanted "illegal activities" such as drug sales, noise infractions, speeding vehicles on our streets and the like. The key phrase here is "*when we are informed*" which is critical to the success on how we curve or detour the above mentioned issues.

Re-entry program means just that, to re-enter into something. We are aware that once someone has gone through the judicial system for committing a crime, there are consequences they face as they come back into the community. Unfortunately there are a select few that will not adhere to the directions that they have to follow given them by their parole or probation officers which leave these officers with no choice but to incarcerate them once again.

It is my belief that with proactive residential/community members we may be able to help those who have gone through the judicial system come back into society and lead productive lives. But here is the kicker, how do we handle those that do not want to change their lives and disrupt the lives of those who want to live peacefully on their streets?

We are working towards finding more information on the parolee re-entry process to better inform you, the resident, but in the meantime you can let them (the parolees) know, that we know, who they are and that we are willing to help them as long as they help themselves. For those who fear, we understand, but please let someone know what is going on.

We invite you to visit our website at www.group14621.com and post your comments.

May the LORD bless our neighborhood streets....

Eugenio Cotto, Jr.

Executive Director G14621



From the desk of the Housing Coordinator

Construction on 159 Townsend St. (our latest CHDO) will start shortly. This is a beautiful three bedroom house with natural woodwork, a fireplace and spacious backyard. As with all our properties, this home will be extensively rehabbed and moderately priced.



For info. call 585-266-4693 or visit www.group14621.com

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585-354-3481 for more information

Stop and Smell the Flowers *By Mary Ann Heroux*

Did you ever do anything you felt was a duty but it turned out to be a pleasure? At a recent meeting, we were asked to join a anti-drug walk and I did. We started from St. Michael's Church and as I walked down Evergreen St, Scranton St I was pleasantly surprised to discovered many house with beautiful flower gardens. I would like to compliment the dedicated gardeners who bring beauty to our inner city neighborhoods. As a gardener, I know the time and work it takes these residents (who are not rich) to make their lawns beautiful.



Yes, drugs and violence are major problems and must be addressed and instead of talking negative and calling our streets "the ghetto or 'the hood, which to me implies hopelessness, the residents of these streets takes pride and gives us all beauty to look at; which I hope we all take time and appreciate their efforts. For all residents that provide these beauty flower gardens, I applaud you. Thank you!

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

From the Office Administrator: *Shirley Boone*



Did you know that we have tools? Our Tool Bank consists of Rakes, Hedge Trimmers, Ladders, Hand Saws, Post Hole Diggers, and much more. To obtain tools you have to be an active member with Tool Bank privileges. Call or Stop by our office to check out the Tool Bank!

Upcoming Activities/Events:

October 2009

Mon Oct. 12th: No School Columbus Day Holiday
 Sept 15th-Oct 15th: National Hispanic Heritage Month
 Fri. Oct 30th: G14621 Annual Meeting & Convention
 Sat Oct 31st: Daylight Savings End (Set clocks back 1 hour)

Group 14621 Computer Training Classes



The next Basic Computer Training class will begin on Mon. Oct 19, 2009 6-8pm at our office -1171 N. Clinton Avenue.

We are currently accepting enrollment for the basic and advance computer training class. Please stop by or call our office at 266-4693 for more information!

Sylvia Styliades—Agent

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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			
Greg's House of Chicken	1014 Hudson Ave.	14621	585-266-5840
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	585-298-7688
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
 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

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 just 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, the Division of Criminal Justice Service, 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 Group 14621, 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.

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

ADDRESS: _____ **CELL:** _____

EMAIL: _____ **DATE:** _____

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