



Group 14621 Community Association
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 would like to express deep appreciation
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34th Annual Neighborhood Meeting & Convention

For a Community Coming Together



~Neighbors working together since 1974

G14621

- Advocate for residents of 14621 area
- Neighborhood & Crime Prevention
- Housing Opportunity Program

October 24, 2008

“Achieving sustainable development is perhaps one of the most difficult and one of the most pressing goals we face. It requires on the part of all of us commitment, action, partnerships and, sometimes, sacrifices of our traditional life patterns and personal interest.”

~Mostafa Tolba, Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development

Group 14621 Community Association



Serving the Group 14621 area.....

I have seen many people serving our neighborhood.....

I have been living in the Group 14621 area since the 1950's. I have seen other people living here as well. Then I saw many people move away. I saw jobs move away from the area. I have also seen our local newspaper talk down the area so they could push our Red Wings Baseball Stadium to the downtown area. Sure there are some problems, like in any City or County. That's why we appreciate our volunteers and our partnerships. And of course I have seen many people serving our neighborhood.....

I see partnerships with the City and State to provide good clean affordable housing.

I have seen the Federal Government bring monies to help fix up our homes, to shore up our neighborhoods. I have seen The City's Economic Development Department bring in resources to create and sustain jobs in our area by developing our 14621 Industrial Park, helping local companies to stay in our area.

I can see a lot of growth and stability in our area mainly because...

I have seen many people serving our neighborhood.....

Thank you for your service.

Ted Wood,
President of the Board of Directors



Executive Director's View

Economic Development & Social-Economics

Thank you to all who continue to make Group 14621 Community Association, Inc. a viable asset in improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods.

Where are we headed as the Baby Boomer's next generation comes to fruition? The economic struggles of these times depict us as a low-moderate income people within a great portion of our neighborhood. We have seen many changes in our neighborhood over the last ten to twenty years. The most noticeable one is the decline and decay of our housing stock in many of our streets, not to mention that many have moved out of 14621 which has decreased our homeownership percentages. Business have not been exempt to this phenomena as well.

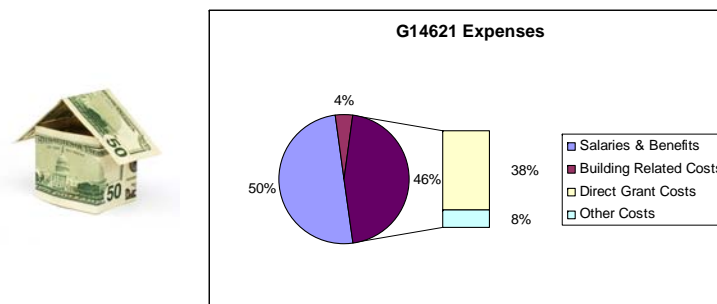
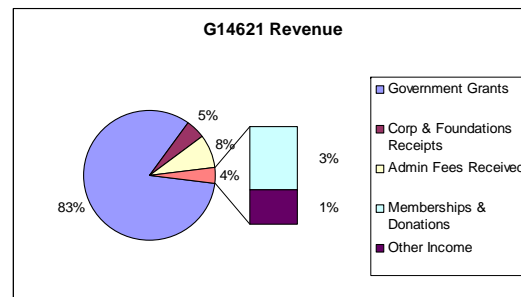
We are living challenging times. Not only economic development seems to be in a standstill, but on a good note; we are witnessing some positive strides towards a better social climate. One of the attributes that hamper good solid social climate is sound public safety for a better quality of life as we have experience in the level of crime, which has declined in some of our blocks as a result of resident and law enforcement involvement. The answer to our future state is basically here!

In closing; this is the message for the next year of community involvement in our Group 14621 area: The longevity of good sound economic development is denoted by the involvement to curbe the social issues that hamper the process for bringing in new people into our great neighborhoods. "Without vision the people perish". Hope to see you at our meeting tables.

*May God bless the vision of our neighborhood,
Eugenio Cotto, Jr. ED G14621*

Group 14621 Financial Report 2007-2008

Government Grants	189,059
Corp & Foundations Receipts	11,006
Admin Fees Received	18,882
Memberships & Donations	6,417
Other Income	3,355
Total Income	228,719
Salaries & Benefits	114,920
Building Related Costs	10,120
Direct Grant Costs	86,440
Other Costs	18,274
Total Expenses	229,754
OVER / Under	(1,035)



Special Thanks (continued)

- ◆ Lincoln Branch Library
- ◆ Micrecycle (Nortel Networks)
- ◆ Maplewood Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Maplewood YMCA
- ◆ Monroe Community College
- ◆ Monroe County Health Department
- ◆ Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- ◆ PAC-TAC
- ◆ Puerto Rican Festival Committee
- ◆ Rochester City School District
- ◆ Rochester City Schools 8, 22, 36, 39, 50, Franklin HS
- ◆ Rochester Gas & Electric
- ◆ Rochester Fire Department
- ◆ Rochester Police Department
- ◆ Science Linkages in the Community
- ◆ St. Andrews Parish
- ◆ St. Michael's Parish
- ◆ St. Stanislaus Church
- ◆ Teen Empowerment
- ◆ Tops Market
- ◆ Wegman's Food-Hudson-Titus Store
- ◆ United Way
- ◆ University of Rochester
- ◆ Walmart Super Center
- ◆ Xerox

*Without the generosity & community support of these –
and many other individuals & friends-
The success of this year 2008 would not have been possible.*

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Mary Lewis, West
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Business Representatives:

Hugh Vandegriff, DuPont

GROUP 14621 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION:

-Neighbors working together since 1974

Mission Statement

Our mission is to advocate for and to involve our community members in collective efforts to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. By so doing we enhance education, employment, housing and recreation opportunities for residents and foster personal responsibility, understanding and appreciation of our diversity and similarities.

Group 14621 is a membership organization open to those who live, work, worship, volunteer, or own property in the neighborhood generally bounded by the 14621 ZIP code.

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Special thanks to past Executive Director

Joan Roby-Davison

For 10 years of service

Special Thanks.....

Group 14621 gratefully recognizes the following businesses, agencies and groups for contributions, assistance and support during 2008.

- ◆ ABC: Group Work Camp, Community Building in Action
- ◆ City of Rochester Department of Parks, Recreation & Human Service
 - Avenue D Recreation Center
 - Carter Recreation Center
 - Department of Environmental Serv
 - Department of Community Develop
 - Department of Economic Develop
 - Neighborhood Service Center
- ◆ Clean Sweep Volunteers
- ◆ Coalition to Prevent Lead Poisoning
- ◆ DuPont
- ◆ Eastman Kodak Company
- ◆ Edgerton Neighborhood Association
- ◆ Environmental Education Associates
- ◆ Flower City Habitat for Humanity
- ◆ Flower City Work Camp
- ◆ Four Brothers Tavern
- ◆ Genesee Land Trust
- ◆ Hancock's Hudson Tavern
- ◆ Hartmann's Old World Sausage Shop
- ◆ Home Depot
- ◆ Ibero American Development
- ◆ Jordan Health Center
- ◆ Kiefer's Hardware
- ◆ Leadership Rochester

What 2008-2009 Holds in Store...

- ◆ Affordable Housing Corp. around 22 School area
- ◆ Federal Home Loan Bank around 22 School area
- ◆ RESTORE (Residential Emergency Assistance for 60 and over) Pending approval
- ◆ Prevention First, CERT Training and Smoke Detectors, Pending
- ◆ RACF, Youth Visions, Computer Tech Center
- ◆ BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Grant), Approved

For more information on these and other grants call our office or visit our website at www.group14621.com (in progress)

G14621 Board Voting Slate for 2008-2009

Executive Committee
Ernest Flagler, President
Ted Wood, Vice President
Shirley Thompson, Secretary
Isaac Collins, Treasurer

East Representatives:
N. Goodman to the East; Carter to the West;
E. Ridge Rd. to the North and Clifford to the South.
Alma Bliss
Thermon Bliss (Alt)

Central Representatives:
Carter to the East; Joseph to the West;
E. Ridge Rd. to the North and Clifford to the South.
Kisha Albarrán
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West Representatives:
Joseph to the East; St. Paul to the West;
E. Ridge Rd. to the North and Clifford to the South.
Patricia Cauty
Mary Lewis
Artis L. Simpson (Alt.)

Business Representative:
Hugh Vandegriff, DuPont Operations Manager
Ernie Dankert, DuPont Manager (Alt.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

G14621 2009 QUARTERLY MEETING DATES

JANUARY 15, 2009
APRIL 16, 2009
JULY 16, 2009

G14621 35TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 30, 2009

LOCATION AND TOPICS TBD

Group 14621 Community Association's

Annual Convention

Friday, October 24, 2008

Helen Barrett Montgomery School #50
301 Seneca Avenue, Rochester, New York

A Community Coming Together

PROGRAM

5:30 PM	Registration & Reception
6:00 PM	Welcome & Invocation Opening Remarks
6:45 PM	Keynote Speaker: Carlos Carballada Commissioner of Economic Development
7:30 PM	Presentation of Community Recognition Awards
7:45 PM	Introduction of Officers & Board Members of 2009 Eugenio Cotto Jr., Executive Director
	Message from our Board

Annual Report 2008

Public Safety in the 14621 Neighborhood

Group 14621 was founded in 1974 as a way of meeting challenges in the community. Having Solomon Taylor, Crime Prevention & Community Organizer, as part of the G14621 team has helped our efforts immensely on continuing to address safety in our area.

During this past fiscal year we have seen a lot of change take place in our community. More residents are aware of what is happening around this organization and getting involved in the process. However, change is a very slow process, unless the whole community works as a well oiled machine and have one focus and agenda, "to look out for each other." We as one community must continue to fight against crime and low level drug dealers on our streets. We must also address the issue of those whom live around us that use drugs, and those that sell drug paraphernalia. Over this past year we have had over 150 residents call into the desk of Crime Prevention, which tells me that our residents are concerned about what happens in the community. We have also had some very active block clubs to address some issues. Also during this fiscal year G14621 had adopted a few other programs in order to address issues for our youth. This process was done through Youth Visions, Youth Mentoring, and Peace Keeping Circles. The city schools that have been involved in this process are Schools #39, #36, and we are continuing to work with Schools #8 and #22. Remember lets stay focused and continue to move forward as One Community.



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*Congratulations to all my friends at Group 14621
for 34 years of dedicated community service,
and Neighbors Working Together”*



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2008 Block Clubs



their streets.

The strength of a neighborhood is in its residents. When the residents come together as a block club, they become even stronger. The following block clubs worked this year to take up the challenges of

Huntington Park - Continues to address community concerns and keeping its neighbors informed of what is going on. Huntington Park was also a part of National Night Out.

South of Norton - This group has taken the initiative to include the new teen watch and keep the youth involved. This group also took part in National Night Out.

Dunn Nester - One of the largest block clubs continues to address all concerns for their area.

LeFrois - Has been busy keeping peace in their area with a number of issues. Working on the traffic on Carter St. and speed humps on some others. LeFrois has also addressed a number of community drug and resident complaints.

Farbridge / Kohlman - Has also been very busy with some neighborhood concerns which have been addressed on daily by merchants and residents. They also took part in National Night Out.

Ferncliffe - Continues to stay strong and they're also addressing some of the traffic issues in the neighborhood. Ferncliffe took part in National Night Out.

Resolute - The newest block club to G14621, however the club has been meeting for a number of years on its own. They now join the ranks of the community. This block club just recently had new speed humps installed on its street.

East Ridge - A new addition to the G14621 block clubs. They are addressing all concerns for their area.

Schools in G14621 area update

School #39 has joined the Peace keepers Circle. The school #39 Youth Mentoring Program which last school year served 74 students had a 100% advancement rate. Students were introduced to community service by being involved with National Night Out, Community Clean Up, and flyer distributions. Some students were also presented to the Franklin High Alumni at their Reunion as the Class of 2013. The following schools are scheduled for collaboration:

School #8 - Youth Sports and Crime Prevention & Mentoring

School #22 - Youth Sports and Crime Prevention

School #36 - Peace Keepers Circle and Mentoring

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2007-2008 Annual Housing Report

Group 14621 would like to thank you for your interest in the development of our community through the rehabilitation of our housing stock. Without your patience and support it would be impossible to administer such a grueling endeavor. As many are aware, G14621 has taken on the daunting task of revitalization by way of the Residential Assistance Program (RAP) and Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) program.

RAP allows us to assist 14621 owner-occupied residents by offering much needed health, safety and emergency repairs to their property. While it is impossible for us to service all our residents, we are committed to offering the best of services and continue to support those in need. I know for many of you that have applied for assistance, our lottery system has been somewhat frustrating. Yet please keep in mind, there are an excess of 14,000 housing units in the 14621 area and the lottery is the fairest way for us to render our services.

It has been a great pleasure to participate in the G14621 CHDO program. With the assistance of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Greater Rochester Housing Partnership (GRHP) we are able to make a tremendous impact in the 14621 housing stock. This single family dwelling rehab program for first time homebuyers is the type of program that will rejuvenate our blocks and infuse the proper stakeholder mentality into our community. While an average 10-12 per houses a year might not seem like such a momentous number, it is not just that these houses were placed on the market. It is a matter of these once vacant and in many cases, deplorable edifices not being used for decadent purposes. These fully remolded structures are now habitable properties, no longer blights to our neighborhoods and the owners are contributing members of society. Furthermore, G14621 commissions local contractors and the homeowner pays local taxes putting revenue back into our community.

Last but not least, I would like to thank all the organizations and agencies that have in one way or another contributed with our efforts to educate residents and identify properties containing lead hazards. Although the dangers of lead are clearly known in our communities, many of our residents fail to take advantage of numerous free programs to identify and resolve this threat. Therefore, I would like to inform all 14621 residents that we are administering 900 unrestrictive FREE Lead Wipe Tests. This service is just another example of

our dedication to eradicate the dangers of lead poisoning in our homes. In like manner we continue to use only Lead Certified contractors and remain to inform residents of free informational workshops and training through organizations like Lead Connections and Lead Safe by 2010.

RAP	APPLICATION REQUESTS	ACTUAL PARTICIPANTS	COMPLETED	FUNDS SPENT	FUNDS PENDING
07-08	26	26	26	80K	0
08-09	*RFP Pending	0	0	X	X
CHDO	UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION	UNITS SOLD BY G14621	UNITS COMPLETED	TOTAL REHABS	UNITS PENDING
2008	2	2	1	5	1

*As of 9/30/2008 City of Rochester RAP Funds have not been dissimilated.



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