



GROUP 14621  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

1171 North Clinton Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14621

Phone: 585-266-4693

Fax: 585-266-6971

Email: [group14621@group14621.com](mailto:group14621@group14621.com)

[www.group14621.com](http://www.group14621.com)

NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER  
SINCE 1974

*Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.*

*~ Benjamin Franklin*

*Siempre este en guerra encontra de sus vicios, en paz con sus vecinos, y que cada año nuevo lo encuentre como un nuevo(a) hombre/(mujer).*

*~ Benjamin Franklin*



Se habla español

GROUP 14621  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



# NEIGHBORHOOD VOICE

ISSUE #359

JANUARY 2009

*Happy New Year*



GROUP 14621  
QUARTERLY MEETING



NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING

THROUGH

PUBLIC SAFETY

Guest Speakers:

\* Commander Jeff Clark  
of the North East Section RPD

\* Lt. Wilson Johnson  
of the Neighborhood Service Center

\* Vincent McIntyre Sr.  
Chief of Security  
Operations at City of Rochester

Thursday, January 15, 2009

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Carter Street Recreation Center

500 Carter Street

**Board Members 2008-2009**

President

Ernest Flagler

Vice President

Ted Wood

Secretary

Shirley Thompson

Treasurer

Isaac Collins

Regional Representatives

East

Alma Bliss  
Thermon Bliss (Alt.)

West

Patricia Canty  
Mary Lewis  
Artis L. Simpson (Alt.)

Central

Kisha Albarran  
Robert Djed Snead

Business

Hugh Vandegriff  
Ernie Dankert (Alt.)

Group 14621 Staff

Eugenio Cotto Jr.  
*Executive Director*

Luis P. Acosta  
*Housing Program Coordinator*

Bilinda Escalante  
*Office Administrator*

14621 Neighborhood Voice  
Published By  
Group 14621

Community Association  
1171 N. Clinton Ave.  
Rochester, N.Y. 14621  
Phone: 585-266-4693  
Fax: 585-266-6196

Email :group14621@group14621.com  
www.group14621.com

### *From the Executive Directors desk....*

Over the past several months I have addressed issues of social economics such as public safety, housing, and economic development, just to name a few; but none of these can come to fruition without a solid educational foundation that can support the economic growth of a neighborhood.

The New York Teacher (NYSUT), a membership biweekly newspaper with a press run of 600,000, published an article on a recent visit from Gov. Paterson to a Summit that was held here in Rochester in October 08' on drop out rates. I'm not sure what the full scale of strategies that they walked away from the summit to address the issues was, but one thing I am sure about is that Rochester has one of the highest poverty rates and the highest drop out rates in New York State.

Many Rochester City School District (RCSD) officials, parents, employers, other educational institutions and even our own students have come together on many task forces to address the issues since I have been involved in the community for the past fifteen years and the results continue to be the same. The opportunities that some of our youngsters have to graduate from high school are about a 50/50 chance let alone having the chance to go to collage. From my perspective it seems with all the studies done, we are treading water and fortunately have not totally sunk yet!

Being able to take pride in our neighborhood could be the stunt of educational growth for many of our residents when they see the deteriorating streets in some of our neighborhood blocks. The truth is that where many of the students live the deteriorating infrastructure may be a predominate factor. Motivating our youth to excel in their personal educational lives has been a lifelong commitment from many who have worked to improve education system for them. Unfortunately many of them do not see much progress in their neighborhoods that equates to the old syndrome, *what you see is what you get*".

Over the past two decades offering students incentives to stay in school, like going to college, having jobs for them when they graduate, working with their parents and families for the betterment of their futures have left imprints like that of ship in the water. Once it has gone by, you didn't even know it was there. This does not mean that our efforts have been futile, because RCSD have turned out at least half of our graduates to go on and succeed, but let's not forget the other half.

We know the numbers, what do we do to correlate with today's economic struggles? Do we cut back in areas that we know for sure that the fat is there and that can be placed where we are lean in our budgets? From the same NYSUT article mentioned above from the Summit, and I quote from one of our own "*Edgar Anthony Brown, a junior at School Without Walls in Rochester, suggested schools would be better off paying teachers overtime than paying for beefed-up law enforcement.*" *We're putting money in the wrong places," he said*". I mostly concur with the latter part. This is but an example of how one of our students reacts to the current crisis in view of the safety in our schools that affects their educational climate. Are programs being served to meet the needs of our current student population in all of its diversities?

The University of Rochester announced back in January 08' (from the U of R website) *a new program to expand higher education opportunities for students from the Rochester City School District (RCSD), the district with one of the highest poverty and school dropout rates in New York State. The University will provide \$25,000 per year for four years to every graduate of the school district who is admitted to the University's College of Arts, Sciences and Engineering; this is equivalent to an award of \$100,000 for each student. We estimate approximately 40 RCSD students will be eligible the first few years, representing a commitment of \$1 million annually from University funds.* These are opportunities that exist; are our lower income students being offered these options? This is but another avenue of incentive to help in our drop out crisis. Does it work?

It takes more than task forces, summits and educational institutions offering incentives. I believe that the living quarters have been left out of the mix for many of our folks. I'm personally going to try to be the best example I can be to make good things happen for the youth and their families that live around me to take pride in once were thriving neighborhoods in 14621.

Please feel free to contact me, your servant, should you have any comments, concerns or need further information at our website email [group14621@group14621.com](mailto:group14621@group14621.com) or telephone us at 585.266.4693.



2009 a New Year and New Goal....  
Eugenio Cotto, Jr.,  
Group 14621

### Helpful Homeownership Tips:

#### **Ted Wood's Tip of the Month:**



## The Yule Log

The burning yule log is symbolic of the light that will return after the dark days of early winter and gives us an excuse to gather with family and friends before a roaring fire.

The tradition is an old one, going back to the Druid custom of choosing a large log from an apple or oak tree, lighting it afire, and praying that it would burn forever. In England, the log was selected months before Christmas. Because it was believed that all who brought it in from the woods would be protected against harm for the year, everyone lent a hand, making the event itself a festive time.

*All information is deemed reliable but not guaranteed*

## 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 and Wednesdays at the CTC located at 772 N. Clinton Ave. For more information you may call 266-4693 or visit our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave.



SUSAN JOHN  
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY  
131<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT  
CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON LABOR

840 UNIVERSITY AVENUE  
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK 14607  
(585) 244-5255  
FAX (585) 244-1635

ROOM 522  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BLDG.  
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12248  
(518) 455-4527  
FAX (518) 455-5342

E-mail: [johns@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:johns@assembly.state.ny.us)

#### **Avenue D Community Center**

200 Avenue D  
Rochester, NY 14621  
(585) 428-7934

#### **Hours of Operation**

Mon—Thurs  
2:30pm—9:30pm  
Fridays  
2:30pm—9:00pm

#### **PROGRAMS**

##### **Accelerated Reading Program**

Earn gifts and prizes while increasing your reading and comprehension

##### **M - F 3:00pm - 6:00pm**

##### **Avenue D Youth Council**

Avenue D Youth Council is a part of the City Youth Voice One Vision Program

##### **M & W 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

##### **Other Programs Provided:**

- “Girls Night Out”
  - Every Thursday @ 4:30pm - 5:45pm  
ages 10-12 & 13 - up
- Double Dutch
- STEP
- Cheerleading
  - Wednesday, Friday, & \*Saturday (once a month)  
@ 4:00pm - 5:15pm ages 8 - 16yrs.
- Pee Wee Basketball League - ages 6 - 10yrs
  - League play Saturdays in February 12 noon - 1pm
  - Registration deadline is January 24, 2009
  - Call to register @ 428-7934

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

G14621 is pleased to announce that the YV participants are 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. Youth Visions will continue to convene into the school session as time permits. Please contact us with any concerns. The Youth Visions program is a component of the Community Technology Center, which is located at 772 North Clinton Avenue, Rochester, New York 14605.

“Through knowledge and wisdom comes understanding.”

Luis Acosta  
Program Coordinator

**BURGOS**  
**INCOME TAX, INC.**

**Alfred Burgos, EA**  
President

Ridge Clinton Plaza  
1765 N. Clinton Ave.  
Rochester NY. 14621  
(585) 266-2680  
Fax (585) 266-2058  
E-mail: [al@burgostax.com](mailto:al@burgostax.com)

[WWW.BURGOSTAX.COM](http://WWW.BURGOSTAX.COM)



Happy holiday to all our community residents,

Group 14621 would like to extend our heart warmed gratitude to all those who have participated in one capacity or another in the effective establishment of our local block clubs. It has been a great pleasure to establish a working relationship with such a concerned body of citizens. G14621 believes that it is necessary for our community as a whole to become actively involved in the empowerment of productive residents. We would like to acknowledge the efforts and accomplishments of outstanding block clubs like Lefrois and Alphonse/Bernard that have worked independently to continuously address neighborhood issues and make significant changes for the betterment of our communities. We acknowledge that it is not always an easy task to stay the course, pursue the cause, and be dedicated to issues that seem to bear little fruit. Yet, we here at Group 14621 see your efforts and congratulate you on another year of hard work.

Group 14621 Community Association, Inc. would also like to congratulate the 16 block clubs that are already established, meet regularly, and collaborate with us. Group 14621 Community Association is dedicated to continue to grow as a (NPC) Neighborhood Preservation Corporation and as such we are determined to establish new block clubs consisting of devoted and enthusiastic, caring residents. There are many benefits to forming a block club in association with 14621 such as information sharing, direct access to government agencies, marketing and participation referrals. G14621 also employs a Crime Prevention Specialist that will assist the formation of block clubs and work as an intermediary between the block club and the law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, 14621 is able to link block clubs to certification programs such as Pac-Tac (Police and Citizen Together Against Crime), CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) and PCIC (Police and Citizen interaction committee). These are some of the various tools that can be implemented to assist the successful union of manpower and service efforts. For anyone interested in the creation or participation of an existing block club please contact Group 14621 at 585\*266\*4693.

G14621 Staff

**Group 14621 Community Association, Inc.**  
**Community Housing Development**  
**Organization Projects**  
**For information on the listed properties**  
**please call us at 585.266.4693**



147 Turpin Street  
 Recently Acquired to Go  
 Green Energy Efficient  
 1511 sq. ft. 8 Rooms /  
 4 Bedrooms  
 1 Bath



114 Randolph Street  
 Recently Acquired to Go  
 Green Energy Efficient  
 1831 sq. ft. 8 Rooms /  
 4 Bedrooms  
 2 Baths

**Block Clubs and Meeting Dates**

<b>Ferncliffe</b> (Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Barberry</b> (Barberry)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Lefrois</b> (Northlane, Kilmar, Shadylane, Van Olinda, Rexford, Valois, Sayne, Milan, Buonomo, Malone, Baird, Carter, Lefrois)	<b>3rd Wed. of every month</b>
<b>Dorbeth</b> (Dorbeth)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Mohawk</b> (Mohawk)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Dunn/Nester</b> (Dunn, Townsend, Moulson, Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Wanda, Zygment, Norton)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Kohlman/Farbridge</b> (Kohlman, Farbridge)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Ketchum</b> (Ketchum)	<b>varies</b>
<b>(Huntington)</b> (Huntington, Evergreen)	<b>3rd Mon. of every month</b>
<b>Berlin/Wilkins/Friederich</b> (Berlin, Wilkins, Friederich)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Mead</b> (Mead)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Norran</b> (Norran)	<b>varies</b>
<b>E. Ridge Rd</b> (E. Ridge Rd)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Alphonse/Bernard</b> (Alphonse, Bernard)	<b>varies</b>
<b>South of Norton St</b> (Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen)	<b>varies</b>
<b>Evergreen</b> (Evergreen)	<b>varies</b>

For more information call Solomon Taylor at 266-4693.



***From the desk of  
 Housing Program Coordinator:***

Happy Holidays All, I would like to express my thanks and congratulate all of our 14621 residents that have participated in the Lead Wipe Tests. Participation in this service is a benefit to our families and the community as a whole. G14621 will continue to respond to the dangers of Lead Poisoning hazards by administering Lead Wipe Tests at no charge. To those that desire to partake in this completely confidential survey, feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns and to schedule an appointment. Group 14621 has yet another CHDO advertised for sale and are in the process of completing our latest rehab which is scheduled to hit the housing market in early 2009. Remember that all our homes are extensively rehabbed and are marketed for First Time Home Owners with tremendous benefits... Last but not least, many of our constituents have expressed concern in regards to the RAP (Residential Assistance Program) grants. Unfortunately, at the present time we are still unable to perform this invaluable service. We continue to wait for the City of Rochester, (who oversees the funds for the program), to disseminate the funding. Please bear in mind, that although we administer the RAP grant for the 14621 area we are powerless to perform any services without said funding. Nevertheless, we continue to be very attentive to the needs of those that require such services and desire to participate in the RAP program. As soon as we know which agency will be awarded the funding and what the parameters are, we will do our best to serve with the efficiency and dedication we have shown in the past.

**Luis Acosta**  
**Group 14621 Community Association**

# ARE YOU A FIRST TIME HOME BUYER?

Receive \$3,500-\$30,000 in grant funds from HSBC to buy your home within & outside of the city limits.

- HSBC Shop Rochester: \$3,500
- SONYMA: \$5,000
- HSBC First Home Club: \$7,500
- Closing Cost Low Income Grant: \$7,000
- Purchase Rehab Grant Funds Up To: \$30,000

\* Income/location restrictions may apply



"The World's Local Bank"

**LESLIE Y. CURRY**

leslie.y.curry@us.hsbc.com • (585) 797-0338  
Contact me today for a free pre-approved.



### Corporate Headquarters:

255 Hollenbeck St., Rochester, NY 14621

Telephone: (585) 266-3060 | Fax: (585) 266-8091



McAlpin Industries provides Total MetalWorking Solutions for your metal working problems. Our vertically integrated metal processing operation combined with our progressive and innovative approach will assist in fulfilling your needs in a timely and cost effective way.

**“Your Neighborhood Business Listing”**

**Auto Shops**

Blaesi's Automotive 981 Hudson Ave. 266-8100  
 Banks Brothers Collision 771 Hudson Ave. 342-8000  
 Getty Auto Service 556 Norton St. 342-3720

**Banking Institutions**

HSBC Mortgage Corporation 1200 Jefferson Rd. 797-0338

**Churches**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 1089 Joseph Ave. 467-2725  
 St. Andrew's Catholic Church 923 Portland Ave. 342-8686  
 St. Stanislaus Church 34 St. Stanislaus St. 467-3068

**Community Outreach**

Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach 339 North St. 426-7093

**Food & Beverage**

Chimo's Sandwich Shop 1038 N. Clinton Ave. 266-1405  
 Greg's House of Chicken 1014 Hudson Ave. 266-5840  
 Hartmann's Old World Sausage 1256 N. Clinton Ave. 266-4960

**Human Service Organization**

St. Vincent de Paul Society 923 Portland Ave. 338-2330

**Income Tax Services**

Burgos Income Tax, Inc. 1765 N. Clinton Ave. 266-2680

**Industrial Companies**

Allied-Action Limited 182 Avenue D 342-4700  
 McAlpin Industries 255 Hollenbeck St. 266-3060

**Legislative Officials**

Susan John 840 University Ave. 244-5255

**Neighborhood Preservation Center**

North East Area Development, Inc. 360 Webster Ave. 482-7320

**Social Entertainment**

4 Brothers Tavern 1080 Hudson Ave. 266-6797  
 Bobo's Sports Bar 479 Carter St. 544-6780  
 Hancock's Hudson Tavern 1034 Hudson Ave. 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.

**Group 14621 Community Association**

**\*1171 North Clinton Avenue \* Rochester, New York 14621\*266-4693 \* FAX 266-6196\***

- ( ) \$10 enclosed for 1 year regular **HOUSEHOLD** membership
- ( ) \$18 enclosed for 1 year regular membership and **TOOL BANK** enrollment
- ( ) \$25 enclosed for **BUSINESS** membership ( ) \$50 for **BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP**
- ( ) \$10 enclosed for 1 year Business Listing enrollment
- ( ) I also include \$\_\_\_\_\_ as an additional contribution

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **TELEPHONE#** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_ **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 \_\_\_\_\_