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“If the community is happy, then they support your business and if your business is doing well, then you can give back even more to the community.”

-- Magic Johnson--

“Si su comunidad está contenta, entonces ellos apoyan su negocio y si su negocio está prosperando, entonces así usted puede aun devolver mas a la comunidad.”

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News in our Neighborhoods

Conkey Corner Park and El Camino on the move...

By: *Gay Mills and Tom Frey, Genesee Land Trust*

The grass is starting to green up at Conkey Corner Park promising that spring will come. When it does, we will see the results of all of the work neighbors and school children did last fall. Thousands of bulbs were planted so beautiful daffodils will be up early on. Perennial plants – too many to count – will also start to grow when it gets warm!

COMING SOON! Look for the announcement for a Public Meeting about El Camino – the new trail from Scrantom Street to Seneca Park. Plan to come to see the proposed design and to share your questions and concerns. Construction of the trail is planned to begin in the fall.

A new Neighborhood Club in the Conkey Corner Park area has just been started to help improve the neighborhood, take care of the new gardens and keep the Park looking good. If you would like to join call Tom Frey 256-2130 or Luis Acosta 266-4693

Mark your calendars:
April 22 – Earth Day Celebration at Conkey Corner Park, May 7 -- Day of Caring Clean-up along the Trail, June 6 – National Trails Day Hike
Details in next newsletter!

Contact Genesee Land Trust 256-2130 or gmills@geneseeandlandtrust.org for more information or check our web site www.geneseeandlandtrust.org □

Property Inspection Administrative Warrants' Legislation is law.

After much discussed and debated concerns at public meetings, hearings and speak outs, City Council has approved the measure to follow up on inspections of prop-

erties that may have health and safety violations. It was passed with amendments that delete the word “search” and inserting the word “inspection” found in Sections 1 & 2 as well as also incorporating a measure to review the progress of the legislation at six months and annually.

It is our expectation at G14621 that this will give us a viable tool to strengthen our housing stock. To review a copy of the legislation visit our website at www.group14621.com. Or you can call or offices for further information at 585. 266.4693. □

First Block Club / Street Leaders meeting a success...

Eighteen block club / street representatives, RPD, NSC and City Council with other community representatives came together to hear and view presentations on home health and safety issues stemming from smoke/CO2 detectors, home fire escape routes, trip hazards in home as well as securing chemicals and poisons out of the reach of children. We also touched on subject matter that deals with all kinds of scams that take our folk for their hard earned money.

Mr. Bob Crandell of the Prevention 1st Foundation, a not for profit that works with residents to address the home issues as well as Mr. Carlos Rodriguez from the NYS Attorney General's Office were our main speakers.

We also had a chance to view maps pinpointing our 15 established block club, four new groups that want to get established as well as sharing where the main service providers are in the G14621 area.

If you are interested in joining us, our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2009. Call 585.266.4693 for more information. □

From the Executive's Directors desk...

Just a brief anecdote as this month we go through personnel woes!

What is happening around us with the devastating economic times that is impacting our neighborhood residents as we do business?

Loss of employment, loss of wages, foreclosures, and even bankruptcies. As we in our G14621 are suffering as the rest of the nation; one thing that we can not overlook is the fact that the great many of folks who live on our neighborhood streets are wondering how to survive.

The task before us, government, public and private agencies alike is; where do we go from here? Do we cut or stop funding critical needs such as education, medical coverage, civic engagement administration for housing programs, not invest in some of our grassroots businesses or do we follow the status quo. Before we were doing a lot for less, now we are doing a lot more for even a lot less.

Even before this economic crunch was visible, some of our neighborhood streets were feeling and receiving the punishment of lack of products and services desperately needed to make them vibrant as they once were.

It seems to me that we have to get very creative as we address the social-economic ills that impede some of our residents, owner occupants, landlords, tenants, business owners, and agencies to take a closer look to find resolve.

If you are invited or know of some community meeting that's going to happen to take a peek at improving the quality of life in your neck of the woods, by all means become a part of the solution.

May the Lord richly bless our progress. By Eugenio Cotto, Jr.

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G14621 Employment Opportunities Vacancies

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For more information feel free to contact our office or send us a resume via mail or email.

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Way Back When: A Story of Group 14621's Remarkable Past

By Connie Valk, President of Group 14621 in 1979, and again in 1991

Group 14621 (before the group was named) started out as a series of town meetings in the early 70's. The northeast section of the city, bordered by Clifford Avenue, Goodman Street, the river, and Irondequoit was in turmoil. Houses, that had been owner occupied, were rapidly being carved up into rental apartments to accommodate the many victims of urban renewal, where housing south of Clifford Avenue was rapidly being leveled. Zoning laws were either ignored, or new zoning designations slipped through without input from residents.

I was a teacher at No. 6 School then, on the corner of Hudson and what is now Upper Falls Boulevard. When I would make home visits to see why children in my class were absent, I often found that their houses were demolished – sometimes their whole street had been leveled. The children were moving to my neighborhood, north of Clifford Avenue. My neighborhood of home owners was rapidly becoming a neighborhood of absentee landlords – many of whom allowed the properties to deteriorate.

When a town meeting was called, close to where I lived, I joined a packed room of neighbors at St. Matthews Church on St. Paul Street. Zoning was the hot issue. Plans were made to speak at City Council meetings, and pack the council chambers with neighbors. It took much effort, over several months, to get the attention of the zoning department.

It was obvious that this group, which was drawn from the 14621 code, needed to form a more structured organization. First, the group had to come up with a name. About a dozen possible names were brainstormed, but each one was eliminated. Finally, with much laughter, it was decided to stay with the 14621 name.

"Way back when", Group 14621 gathered strength from its grass roots membership, a commitment to improving the quality of life in our neighborhood, and later when the organization was able to hire, through the dedication of staff. It is still strong for the same reasons.

Group 14621 has a remarkable past. Stay tuned for other occasional stories from Group 14621's early history. □

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Computer Training Classes-Location Change



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 our offices at 1171 N. Clinton Avenue Ave. (**Currently under construction**) For more information you may call 266-4693 or visit our office.

Democrat and Chronicle, February 18, 2009

From Section: Local & State

City salutes kids who 'Do The Right Thing' (One of our own From School #36)

Gary McLendon, Staff writer

The Rochester Police Department has honored school-age children with "Do The Right Thing" awards. The "Do The Right Thing" program recognizes the positive impact of Monroe County youth who distinguish themselves by their behavior as role models, or for their random acts of kindness.

Chief David Moore has presented awards to January and February winners.

Cheyenne Pifer: The fifth-grader from School 36 was nominated by Dianna Starr who described Cheyanne as a "special child." Cheyanne continued the Pencil Project started by her late teacher, Lynn Hoyt, to collect 10,000 pencils for their school. She took the initiative to write personal letters extending the invitation to families, local businesses and companies across the country. She enlisted the help of her entire class, who worked hard to accomplish Hoyt's dream, far exceeding their goal.

Great job Cheyanne on behalf of the Group 14621 Community Association Neighborhood.

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General Grocery Store

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 1171 North Clinton Avenue, Rochester, New York 14605.



LET'S BE PREPARED
Time Spring ahead 1HR on 03/08/09
Change Smoke Detector Batteries



Quarterly Meeting

Save The Date

- Information Sharing
- Special Guests

April 16, 2009 at 6:30 PM

Place TBD

Make plans to be with us!!!

School 36-Henry W Longfellow Monthly Calendar-

MARCH

Women's Month

16 Liberty Day Assembly in the PM for speaking contest for sections of the Constitution and what they mean to the student.

17 St. Patrick's Day

20 Superintendent's Day; No Students

21 Violence Prevention Training Day at School 36; Saturday from 8AM—4PM

As of October 08'

Clubs / Youth Groups

Monday's Girls Power - 15 girls to learn etiquette
 Diamondettez - 20 girls and boys learning step dancing

Tuesdays Toastmasters - Public Speaking

Wednesday Basketball for boys and girls (30 total)
 Cheerleaders (10)

Thursday Civil Air Patrol - for boys and girls (30 total)

Friday possible game or event days

For more information contact Dr. Smith at 585-342-7270.

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

Alphonse/Bernard (Alphonse, Bernard)	2nd Thurs of every month
Barberry (Barberry)	varies
Berlin/Wilkins/Friederich (Berlin, Wilkins, Friederich)	varies
Dorbeth (Dorbeth)	varies
Dunn/Nester (Dunn, Townsend, Moulson,	varies
E. Ridge Rd (E. Ridge Rd)	varies
Evergreen	varies
Ferncliffe (Ferncliffe, Nichols, Clairmount)	varies
Huntington (Huntington, Evergreen)	3rd Mon. of every month-
Ketchum (Ketchum)	varies
Kohlman/Farbridge (Kohlman, Farbridge)	varies
Lefrois (Northlane, Kilmar, Shadylane, Van Olinda, Rexford, Valois, Sayne, Milan, Buonomo, Malone, Baird, Carter, Lefrois)	3rd Wed. of every month
Mead (Mead)	varies
Mohawk (Mohawk)	varies
Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Wanda, Zygment, Norton)	
Norran (Norran)	varies
South of Norton St (Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen)	varies

For specific time and date or for more information or to start up a block club call our office at 266-4693.



From the desk of Housing Program Coordinator:

G14621 remains in the forefront responding to the dangers of Lead Poisoning hazards by administering Lead Wipe Tests @ **NO CHARGE!** Partaking in this service is advantageous to our families and the community in general. Whomever desiring to partake in this completely confidential survey may feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns and to schedule an appointment.

Group 14621 as a CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) is pleased to present 147 Turpin, our latest home extensively rehabbed and marketed for First Time Home Owners with tremendous incentives. This pleasant piece of property is discretely located, has a good size back yard and off street parking. For information regarding this opportunity and/or others contact us.

After successfully initiating the first phase of our newest grant; Project Renovacion, Group 14621 Community Association is proud to announce that we are in the process of assisting a good number homeowners in the target area with major renovations. Repairs are scheduled to commence in March of 2009. It is our hope that the administration of this grant will help revitalize a portion of this neglected and distressed community.

Luis P. Acosta
Group 14621 Community Association

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Banks Brothers Collision	771 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.342.8000
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
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Churches

Northside 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

Community Outreach

Just 4 U 2 Comm. Outreach	339 North St.	14605	585.426.7093
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Food & Beverage

Greg's House of Chicken	1014 Hudson Ave.	14621	585.266.5840
Hartmann's Old World Sausage	1256 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585.266.4960

Grocery Stores

Discount Food Market	752 Avenue D	14621	585.467.0218
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Human Service Organization

St. Vincent de Paul Society	923 Portland Ave.	14621	585.338.2330
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Income Tax Services

Burgos Income Tax, Inc.	1816 N. Clinton Ave.	14621	585.266.2680
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Insurance

Combined Insurance	Perinton Hills Office Pk.	14625	716.380.7085
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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
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



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.

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- () I also include \$_____ as an additional contribution

NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

ADDRESS: _____ **CELL:** _____

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- () BLOCK CLUB () NBN IMPLEMENTATION () HOUSING () ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT () SCHOOLS
- () OTHER TELL US YOUR IDEAS _____