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News in our Neighborhoods....

Please welcome new Block Clubs....

As a reflection of the commitment that our neighbors demonstrate as we move forward to preserve and protect our neighborhoods, let us welcome the Norran Drive, Mazda Terrace and East Ridge groups to our ongoing effort to improve our community as a whole. If you reside in one of these areas and wish to participate or would like to start a block club in your area please call our offices at 585.266.4693 for more information. We look forward to new additions to our Group 14621 family. Please view page four for additional block clubs in your area.

The City of Rochester does its thing...

By now you have probably seen City trucks planting trees in your area. Neighborhood beautification is on the priority list for the City's Forestry Department. Not only have they planted trees, but they have also distributed flowers and plants to those who request them. The objective is to improve the tree lawns in our neighborhoods and if you wish to see an example you may visit our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave where a tree that was planted and damaged in recent years has now been replaced to beautify our location front.

If you would like to see this happen on your street call the City's Forestry Department at 585.428.7581 while supplies last.

Home sales and home ownership on a decline...

We know that the economy is taking a downfall especially when we see the price for one of the most important commodities that is ridiculously on the rise (GAS), which affects our ability to afford to go from our residents to other locations.

With home sales dwindling and foreclosures on the rise we ask ourselves when does it stop. Group 14621 has been fortunate in selling some of its Community Housing Organization Development projects in the past, helping some homeowners with small emergency grants, but the market's situation does not improve the rest of the neighborhood homeownership ratio where we see that rental property investors are growing. It is our hope that they too *all* take pride in their investments and for those of you who do, our hats go off to you.

It was refreshing to have a tenant representing one of our block clubs in getting information out to address the quality of life issues that affect their street. This sends a message that tenants are willing to do their part as well as our existing homeowners. This is call at arms that together, homeowners and tenants a like can band together to address the issues until the homeowner market can stabilize once again. Let us keep in mind folk that we know who would like to have their own home some day by encouraging and letting them know that they can invest in our neighborhoods.

The new corner park public meeting...

Come One - Come All! Saturday June 7, 2008 from 10am - 12pm. The meeting will take place outside at the site of Conkey Ave. and Clifford Ave. We will expose architectural drawings to obtain input from you, our neighborhood residents. There will be some special refreshments.

Hope to see you there!!!

DON'T FORGET **PARTY ON THE BRIDGE**

Bridging Neighborhoods between Maplewood and 14621

It's about showing pride in our city.

Friday, June 13, 2008 from 6 PM to 10 PM

**Live entertainment, DJ's, clowns, face painting, balloons, food vendors,
free popcorn, and as always a great time!!**

Fireworks will begin at 9:30 PM



From the Executive Directors desk....

From Group 14621 administration changes and the “how we used to do things syndrome” to meeting with the street level leaders to get a feeling for the heart beat of our neighborhoods, I cannot stop but to think of the importance of what it means to preserve them. Many of us who live in the areas of the City of Rochester, not only 14621, sometimes desire what true peace is all about. And it seems to me that peace comes through preservation of what has been put in our hands. As we look at all the angles of what it is to preserve what we have, sometimes the chaos forces some just to pick and run. But for those of us who stay, preservation means a lot more to us than people can imagine.

The word preservation in the (Merriam Webster’s Dictionary) Latin=*preservare*, or preserve means to keep, guard, observe – to conserve; or my personal favorites: 1). to keep safe from injury, harm, or destruction: to [protect](#) 2). to keep alive, intact, or free from decay: to [maintain](#). Somewhere down the road it has been a very menial task to follow up on the aforementioned because of the servitude involved and how it affects one’s personal life.

Let me share what I mean. Recently coming home from work I found some kids climbing on my garage. The fact that they were on private property denoted that the respect factor was violated. That put me in a position of letting them know (shouting at them from a distance, which I shouldn’t have done, as my loving wife reminded me) that what they were doing was unlawful and disrespectful, fortunately, they immediately disappeared. They probably just ran scared because they were caught in act and by someone who could communicate with them. I went about my evening business and something just moved me to look outside, and yes, you got it, they were there again. This time I called the police, who responded fairly quickly. The kind officer went as far as climbing on my garage with me where we had the chance to view the possible suspects a couple of properties down the street. Of course they denied perpetrating the acts of which were also difficult to prove because of the distance, and more importantly they were kids. Now this happened in an area where there are two boarded up houses, another garage where these kids climb on and with two other abandoned properties exist near me, how can I get motivated to fix the gutter on the back of my garage which was probably damaged by them? Even the following day they tried to claim territory by hanging around on their bikes in front of my property. I approached and queried them on their identities with no avail, but I did let the older one know that whatever he did the younger ones would follow suit; whom later I saw riding his bike alone.

As I review the definitions for preservation, I found myself practicing many of them during the incidents with the kids. This was an attempt to just to get the message across to these youngsters that I was protecting my property, their safety and the possibility of the further destruction to our neighborhood which did not phase these young individuals completely. So where do we take it from here? I must be aware, if I am not watchful, in the future it could be my grandbabies climbing on someone else’s garage I guess.

Preservation is not only taking care of what is next to us, but also preservation goes a lot deeper than that to address our social status quo. As an example sometimes it is impacted by how we use the monies that are before us to address a preservation issue such as rehabbing a home. We ask the question; are we always rehabbing the neighborhood as well? Large task but not impossible. How can we connect these factors to address the social economics of one street with the acts of random kindness that we do to improve our neighborhood? Are the acts of a random kindness our motivating factor in improving public safety, education or our living quarter’s infrastructure of one individual or one family at a time? What is the motivating factor? Too many issues to address, but the most underlying factors here are that we cannot give up. There are too many lives at stake, and too many of them are too close to us.

So in closing the true word to conquer our preservation ills is perseverance, in the area that mostly affects your surroundings, which I guess comes from: to preserve. Let us address the issues around us in a preservation mode always; as I, your servant believes that the status quo has no other alternative than to get better and improve.

May the Lord richly keep and bless our neighborhoods and community,
Eugenio Cotto, Jr.,
Group 14621



*From the desk of
Community & Crime Prevention Organizer...*

Summer is just around the corner and school will soon be ending for summer recess.

That means less buses on the streets and more kids in the neighborhoods, which means lots of community supervision as parents continue to work and the bad elements of the community try to recruit our youth.

We must remain dedicated in the efforts to keep a watchful eye on our children in the community.

We must continue to encourage our children!

Encourage them to get involved in community and city events, encourage them to stay positive during times of adversity. We must continue to encourage our children to dream and have visions.

**We are the Peace Keepers
Our children..Our Future**

Lets get ready to have a safe and peaceful summer!



MESSAGE FROM SLATER'S RAIDERS FOR PEACE

The Slater's Raiders will be coming to your neighborhood soon.

The grass roots outreach organization that is committed to help keep the streets of Rochester safe will be patrolling and conducting neighborhood surveys plus getting the opinions of all citizens in the community.

Slater's Raiders are also planning a city-wide march and rally for the month of July. So get your walking shoes on and lets march to **Stop the Violence and the killing in the city of Rochester!**



COMPUTER TRAINING CLASSES

Group 14621 Community Association is still offering Free computer training classes at the new CTC (computer training center) located at 772 N. Clinton Ave. The schedule for June is still pending but you may call for more information or to enroll at 266-4693 or visit our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave.



Community Festival

For: 14605 and 14621 Community
When: June 7, 2008
1pm - 6pm
Where: St. Paul Believers Holiness Church
63 Thomas St., Roch., NY

Come and Join Us



Neighbor Speak Out Corner

"Hope"

Neighbor if you are reading this article - you may be the only one on your street who cares - about the gang meeting at the corner, the loud music all night at the newly rented double house, the broken windows, the kids that should be in school but their mothers or parents don't care and let them stay up late and watch cable! (A fact) Come to a block club meeting (anyone) and, you will meet brave people who feel like you do plus will be supportive and tell you how to get help!

We need at least two activist people on each or any street in 14621 to either "take the street back" or nip new problems in the bud and confront the offenders. Activist city people also need the support of the Police, NET office, Group 14621, Pathways to Peace, City Council, etc.

It's like a hand shake, you need two hands meeting. Let us hope, watch, and PRAY because we don't want Rochester to get like California (especially Oakland, CA) where gangs are so entrenched and intimidating, that the police can't get them out.

Sincerely,

M.A. Heroux
14621 resident

**RHYBL
(Rochester Hispanic Youth Baseball League)**

13th Annual RHYBL Inauguration

Come and celebrate Saturday, June 7, 2008 another season of RHYBL baseball where over 150 participants, boys and girls alike; will have a parade starting at 10:45 AM in the PRYD parking lot located at 997 North Clinton Ave., and will culminate at Don Samuel Torres baseball diamond (corner of N. Clinton and Oakman) with the inaugural actives from 11 AM to 12 noon followed by several games. Hope you can come and support our kids, whom many of them reside in our very own neighborhoods.

Block Clubs and Meeting Dates

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

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10/1/2007 - 9/30/2008

Learn How To Improve Your Health & Make
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- Fire & Carbon Monoxide Prevention
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Beechwood

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To Schedule A Home Visit Call:
753-5070

For more information call Solomon Taylor at 266-4693.



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Community Housing Development Organization Projects

For information on the listed properties please call us at 585.266.4693



76 Delamaine Drive
Sale Price \$54,900
Available March 08'
1148 sq. ft 7 Rooms / 4 Bedrooms
1 Bath / Indoor Garage



114 Randolph Street (city archived photo)
Recently Acquired to Go Green
Energy Efficient
1831 sq. ft 8 Rooms / 4 Bedrooms
2.5 Baths



128 Jackson Street
For Sale \$49,900
1122 sq. ft 6 Rooms / 3 Bedrooms
1 Bath / 2-Car Garage

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

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A Message from our Schools in the 14621

On Wednesday, May 21st, 22 of our basketball players had the opportunity to show off their musical talents by participating in the school #39 school band and choir concert.

The students did an outstanding job and showed that with hard work and determination all things are possible. Some of the students even proved that they are multi-talented by playing instruments as well as sing and play basketball.

Mykesha Knight - Trumpet, Rodney Allison - Percussion, Qualique Cuyler - Percussion 2, Marcus Cook, Kayla Duval, Imani Monroe, Courtlyn Rodgers & Sierra Reid - Flute, Akila Dukes & Earl Williams - Cello

Congratulations to our musical and talented student athletes whom all are on track to moving forward to middle school.

<div style="text-align: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">CELEBRATION OF LIFE WEEKEND FESTIVAL</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Fri. - Sun. June 6,7,8 Charity Bible Baptist Church 220 Ave. D Our Theme: John 10:10</p> <p style="margin: 0; color: red; font-size: small;"> <u>Friday 7pm Tent Meeting:</u> (Officiated by Bishop Orville Beckford) <u>Saturday 7pm Tent Meeting:</u> (Officiated by Pastor Jose Rodriguez) (Bilingual service provided) <u>Sunday 11am Tent Meeting:</u> (Officiated by Pastor Anthony Saxton) </p> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">Carnival: Saturday 11am - 5pm</p> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">Events:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; font-size: small;"> <tr> <td>Basketball tourn.</td> <td>Strong man exhibition</td> <td>Popcorn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Double Dutch tourn.</td> <td>Gospel singing</td> <td>Trophies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Table tennis tourn.</td> <td>Gospel hip hop</td> <td>Carnival games</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food/Clothing give away</td> <td>Gospel preaching</td> <td>3 legged races</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clowns</td> <td>Cotton Candy</td> <td>Raffles/Gift cards</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Face Painting</td> <td>Puppets</td> <td>Petting zoo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Free tv's</td> <td>Prizes</td> <td>Pony rides</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inflatable</td> <td>Displays</td> <td>Much More</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!</p> </div>	Basketball tourn.	Strong man exhibition	Popcorn	Double Dutch tourn.	Gospel singing	Trophies	Table tennis tourn.	Gospel hip hop	Carnival games	Food/Clothing give away	Gospel preaching	3 legged races	Clowns	Cotton Candy	Raffles/Gift cards	Face Painting	Puppets	Petting zoo	Free tv's	Prizes	Pony rides	Inflatable	Displays	Much More	<div style="text-align: center;">  <h2 style="margin: 0;">FESTIVAL DEL FIN DE SEMANA CELEBRACIÓN DE LA VIDA</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Viernes - Domingo 6,7,8 de Junio "Charity Bible Baptist Church" 220 Ave. D Nuestro Tema: Juan 10:10</p> <p style="margin: 0; color: red; font-size: small;"> <u>Viernes 7pm Reunión:</u> (Dirigido por Bishop Orville Beckford) <u>Sábado 7pm Reunión:</u> (Dirigido por Pastor Jose Rodriguez) (Servicios en Bilingue) <u>Domingo 11am Reunión:</u> (Dirigido por Pastor Anthony Saxton) </p> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">Carnaval: Sábado 11am - 5pm</p> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">Eventos:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; font-size: small;"> <tr> <td>Torneo de baloncesto</td> <td>Exposición del hombre fuerte</td> <td>Palomitas de maíz</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torneo de "double dutch"</td> <td>Canto del evangelio</td> <td>Trofeos</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Torneo de mesa de tennis</td> <td>"Hip hop" del evangelio</td> <td>Juegos del carnaval</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Comida/Ropa para regalar</td> <td>Predicación del evangelio</td> <td>Carrera "3 legged"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payasos</td> <td>Algodón azucarado</td> <td>Rifas</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pintura de las caras</td> <td>Marionetas</td> <td>Tarjetas de regalo</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Televisión gratis</td> <td>Premios</td> <td>Animales domesticados</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Inflatables</td> <td>Exhibiciones</td> <td>Potros para cabalgar</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Mucho Mas</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">DIVERSIÓN PARA LA FAMILIA ENTERA!</p> </div>	Torneo de baloncesto	Exposición del hombre fuerte	Palomitas de maíz	Torneo de "double dutch"	Canto del evangelio	Trofeos	Torneo de mesa de tennis	"Hip hop" del evangelio	Juegos del carnaval	Comida/Ropa para regalar	Predicación del evangelio	Carrera "3 legged"	Payasos	Algodón azucarado	Rifas	Pintura de las caras	Marionetas	Tarjetas de regalo	Televisión gratis	Premios	Animales domesticados	Inflatables	Exhibiciones	Potros para cabalgar			Mucho Mas
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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
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Community Outreach

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

Industrial Companies

McAlpin Industries	255 Hollenbeck St.	266-3060
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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



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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 into our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave.

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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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- Alan Autry

