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Annual Meeting and Convention

Friday evening, October 24, 2008

Helén Barrett Montgomery School #50

301 Seneca Avenue - - Rochester, New York

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Reception with light refreshments and
dessert

Keynote Speaker: Carlos Carballada

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From the Executive Directors desk....

“Sustainability” This can mean many things to and for many different people. Sustainability in the Merriam Webster Dictionary is defined as “sustainable” **1: capable of being sustained** **2 a:** of, relating to, or being a method of *harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged* <sustainable techniques> <sustainable agriculture> or **b:** of or relating to a *lifestyle involving the use of sustainable methods* <sustainable society>. As we ponder on these definitions as it relates to: not depleting resources and lifestyles involving the use of sustainable methods: “what does that mean to us?”

In our recent Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant Steering Committee meeting, Ms. Bonnie Cannan once again has insisted on the understanding of what sustainability means to different people. Education is one of the keys in knowing and applying this concept. As it was well depicted in definition 2 (a) above, very simply put; when something is started, “what is going to take to assure that it will be around for awhile?” And more importantly; what are people who know the concept, going to do to support it in the future? The truth of the matter is, in the minds of many; it may be good today, but tomorrow “what”?

In these trying economic times, one of the most difficult tasks that we have is assuring that there is enough money to go around addressing the infrastructure decay (as an example). Knowing that many low-income home owners are exposed to losing their long time investments because of lack of rehab dollars and increased “tapped out” mortgages and their rates, just to name a couple. Our concentrated working poor are paying the price for the past inflated housing expenses, which to many, does not give good incentives to stay in our neighborhoods.

When does sustainability become a crucial aspect of our lives and quality of life? It is when people have no choice but to have a vision that goes beyond just rehabbing a home. It stems around all the other needs that make neighborhoods vibrant. Addressing public safety issues in a timely fashion, beautification techniques that make streets appealing, employment creation, and working with and communicating to governmental service agencies to maintain the upkeep of our neighborhoods which are but a few of the areas that can actually create sustainability.

The damaging effects are enormous of something that gets started for the greater good and the momentum is lost because of lack of vision. We will have to live, not only with the stigma of failure, but also with the repercussions of not being able to put in place the items that can sustain something that has been created for the betterment of the quality of life of its intended users.

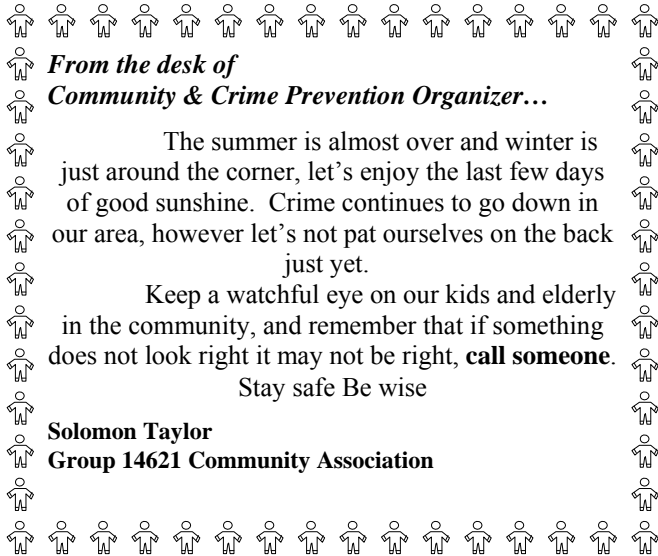
“Where there is no vision people perish”. So, sustainability comes from having long term vision and beyond. Sometimes it is even feasible to have participants that represent the next generation so that what is built today is not necessarily gone tomorrow.

How can we help? Again, sustainability means different things to different folks, but what can we do so to make the processes easier to digest? I believe that we have to be part of that process. Not to give up if we do not understand the process. And for those of us, who understand the process, take other people, who may not feel part of that process and bring them along so that they may become acquainted with said process. This may take some time, but it will probably assure that we have a cross-representation of all those that should be at the table when projects are going to effect, not only our current living style, but also the living styles of those who will come after us to enjoy the improvements made over time to adequately maintain, but more importantly sustain those improvements for generations to come. Just my opinion....

Please feel free to contact me, your servant, should you have any comments, concerns or need further information at 585.266.4693.



May we all be blessed to see the vision.....
 Eugenio Cotto, Jr.,
 Group 14621



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

The summer is almost over and winter is just around the corner, let's enjoy the last few days of good sunshine. Crime continues to go down in our area, however let's not pat ourselves on the back just yet.

Keep a watchful eye on our kids and elderly in the community, and remember that if something does not look right it may not be right, **call someone**. Stay safe Be wise

**Solomon Taylor
Group 14621 Community Association**

**Youth Visions:
Media Education Program
September Update**

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

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. For more information you may call 355-4686 or 266-4693 or visit our office at 1171 N. Clinton Ave. to enroll in the program.



NEIGHBOR SPEAK OUT CORNER

"My Mother Used to Say"

Many times I find myself quoting the bible and wise sayings to address life, as does Mr. Cotto. Reader, when you think of your mother, what were her favorite "words of wisdom", quoted many times, when you were growing up? My mother has passed, but her quotes remain originally hers,

1. Don't be a parasite
2. Be diplomatic (to me)
3. Remember you always walk alone (to my younger sister)
4. We have to agree with the "WILL OF GOD" (at funerals)
5. There's a law of compensation
6. Keep at a distance
7. Always look beautiful
8. If you don't study, you're going to wash the toilets
9. You'll always regret quitting piano lessons (to me)

My father said:
"A doctor will always find something wrong with you"

Reader, will you share your mothers or relatives quotes to inspire us, guide us, or just make us laugh! An old African American saying is "Short visits make long friends". I like "We can judge a man's heart by the way he treats animals." -Emmanuel Kant-

Maybe next issue Mr. Cotto, Alma, Bilinda, Solomon, Luis and staff will share theirs. I leave you with one that I grew up with "If you laugh a lot, you're going to cry" (a polish saying)

Mary Ann Heroux
14621 Resident



**Speak to Council
September 16, 2008**

During the summer, two reports came out on poverty in Rochester. I was distressed by the report from the Census Bureau. Poverty in Rochester is growing at a time that high end housing is being developed and occupied. I had hoped for different results.

The study from the Brookings Institution made me angry. It shows poverty growing at an alarming rate in concentrated areas. Not only is it growing, but it is happening to the working poor. These are people who file income tax returns, not to pay taxes, but to collect government subsidy because their incomes are so small.

It feels like the community has separated the most vulnerable from the rest of society in order to make them easy targets for predators. This is where slum landlords can collect rent and then walk away rather than make repairs. This is where rent-to-owns can sell furniture and appliances and charge loan shark interest rates. This is where insurance companies can refuse to insure by red-lining. This is where contractors can do shoddy work and get away with it. This is where the corner store has replaced the supermarket.

Fines from code violations don't always work. Adding them to taxes isn't any better if the property owner plans on abandoning the property. I know an attorney who recommended pursuing the fines through the civil courts. A judgment gets the landlord's attention. Lenders and insurance companies need to be better regulated. The current financial crisis may bring about these reforms. I had a roofer who did a beautiful job at a friend's house in Irondequoit. He did a shoddy job cleaning up after re-roofing my house on Roycroft Drive. Location makes a difference.

This kind of treatment saps hope. And without hope, any of us is capable of illegal or immoral acts. Worse yet, children never learn that hope can exist. Dr. Phil would say that you can't change what you don't acknowledge. We need to acknowledge that not all of the poor are lazy and uneducated. Neither are all the wealthy, deserving and generous.

I'd like to end with a quote from Samuel Johnson. I went to Bartlett's today. "Where there is no hope, there is no endeavor".

~Bernadette Mack
14621 Resident

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Helpful Homeownership Tips;



Ted Wood's Tip of the Month:

Hey, I have a Bright Idea!



They say that it takes 10 minutes of electricity to turn on a light bulb. So if you're going to be back in the room in less than 10 minutes, leave the light on. On the other hand, every time you open your refrigerator door a light bulb turns on. How many times a day do you open the refrigerator door? Multiply that by 10 minutes. Oh my heavens, what a waste! You really don't need a light in the fridge. Usually the kitchen light is on, or its daytime and you can see anyways. So let's all unscrew those light bulbs (don't take the bulb out, you'll leave an open electric socket in there, ouch!). You'll save money, energy and help keep the Earth green!

All information is deemed reliable but not guaranteed



Save the Date!

**5th Annual Teen Empowerment
Youth Conference & Speak Out**

"Breaking Generational Curses"

Saturday, November 8th

11:30 am-4 pm

Monroe High School

164 Alexander Street, Rochester, NY

Official flyers & info to come...

**If you have questions or would like additional information,
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Lefrois (Northlane, Kilmar, Shadylane, Van Olinda, Rexford, Valois, Sayne, Milan, Buonomo, Malone, Baird, Carter, Lefrois)	3rd Wed. of every month
Dorbeth (Dorbeth)	varies
Mohawk (Mohawk)	varies
Dunn/Nester (Dunn, Townsend, Moulson, Bremen, Klein, St. Casimir, Roser, Nester, Wakefield, Wanda, Zygment, Norton)	varies
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
South of Norton St (Klein, Bremen, Townsend, VanStallen)	varies
Evergreen (Evergreen)	varies

For more information call Solomon Taylor at 266-4693.



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

Greetings, as G14621 staff it is my pleasure to extend to our community members the services we offer. As an NPC (Neighborhood Preservation Company) we administer the RAP grant to qualified applicants. Unfortunately, at the present time we are unable to perform this invaluable service until we receive word from the City of Rochester, who oversees the funds for the program's preservations. We continue to be very attentive to the needs of those that desire to participate in the RAP program. Rest assured that it is our intention to manage this program with the greatest efficiency in order to maintain our effectiveness and serve you with knowledge and dedication. G14621 is pleased to inform you that our collaboration with the GRHP (Greater Rochester Housing Partnership) has produced yet another opportunity to develop a Go Green CHDO (Community Housing Development Organization) Project. Look for the completion of this rehab to hit the housing market early 2009... Dearest community members, please become aware of the dangers of Lead Poisoning. It is a great threat to our little ones and is a danger that can be avoided. In response to this hazard G14621 will continue to administer Lead Wipe Tests at no charge. Always feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the above mentioned.

**Luis Acosta
Group 14621 Community Association**





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Getty Auto Service	556 Norton St.	342-3720

Banking Institutions

HSBC Mortgage Corporation	1200 Jefferson Rd.	797-0338
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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
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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

Income Tax Services

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

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

Neighborhood Preservation Center

North East Area Development, Inc.	360 Webster Ave.	482-7320
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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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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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*A community is like a ship; everyone
ought to be prepared to take the helm.*

~Henrik Ibsen~

