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The dedication of the garden at Kenwood/Kirkland And Before and After Planting at Rapids Cemetery



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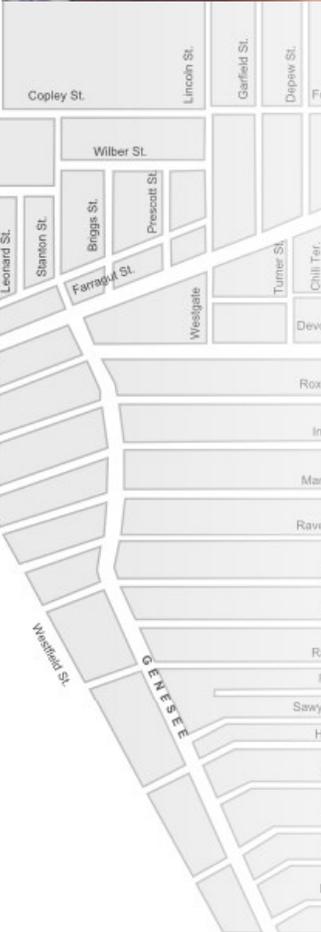
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Editor: Jackie with help - this could be you

President's Message



Welcome to November!

Diane Watkins
President, 19WCA



Politicians in America are, by design, public servants so I have not usually held the view that they should be celebrated like rock stars but my sentimental role as 2008 delegate for the first Black President, Barack Obama adjusted my thinking on the issue ever so slightly. Ordinary people do things that seem ordinary to themselves but prove to be amazing and change their families, communities and sometimes even the country. If you are anything like me, as the holiday season approaches, you have begun to think about all of the things that you need to do in order to make sure that the people and issues that you care about are appropriately addressed. So ask yourself, are you giving yourself credit for behaving in ways that seem ordinary to you but have or will have extraordinary effects?

I recently had a few precious moments to meet and greet with sitting U.S. Congresswoman, Louise Slaughter and Civil Rights icon Congressman John Lewis. It was pleasure to have the opportunity to be in the room with these two because they are pleasant people. More importantly, before John Lewis was a politician, he chose to behave in ways that got his head bloodied but unbowed and that changed the culture of America. Many of us accept the suffering is redemptive, but have you acknowledged yourself for the times that you have suffered on the behalf of others?

Some in the Ward are still reeling from the loss of one of our great minds, Chris Lindley. Spending last year's candlelight dinner at the home of this impressive, imposing figure was a life experience that I am happy to have experienced. He was smart, witty and charming. Chris proposed that night that the Association adopt a family of refugees. I had no clue of how to even start such a thing. An evening of hanging with Chris had me feeling as if I needed to go and read more books LOL! I appreciated his constant challenge for us to know and do more. The contributions that he and his wife Betty have made to the 19th WCA have impacted all of our lives because they have taught us that we must work together. What lessons are you giving yourself credit for teaching?

So, instead of embracing the little voice in my head that constantly reminds me of what I have not done, this holiday season, I am to give myself a hug for what I have been able to do.

Give yourself a pat on the back for all of the things that you do. You deserve it!

2016 Officers

President: Diane Watkins

1st Vice President: Harlan Ost

2nd Vice President: John Boutet

Treasurer: Carleen Wilenius

Secretary: Sheila Driscoll

Past President: LaShay Harris

Sign up to host International Students for Thanksgiving Dinner

Rochester Global Connections has 100 students who have requested a Thanksgiving Host. Enjoy the unforgettable experience of sharing this American holiday with college students from all over the World. Share this opportunity with family, friends, and colleagues who might be interested. Deadline to sign up is November 4.

Call the RGC office, 275-8779, or email ROCglobalconnections@gmail.com for more information or for an application.

Rides to Polling Places

Not everyone can get to their polling place. Let's help them. Call the office, 328-6571 if you are willing to take someone to their polling place here in the neighborhood.

If you are someone who needs a ride, call 328-6571, and we will drive you to your polling place on November 8. Spread the word—let's get out the vote!

Election Watch at Brue

At the end of the day on November 8, after our votes are cast, let's gather at Brue Coffee to watch the returns. Laughter, cheering, yelling, applause will all be tolerated. Let's hold onto our seats together and get ready for the ride! Food and beverage available for purchase. See you there at 9ish.

Volunteers needed for Convention

- ♦ Donate money for pizza
- ♦ Contribute an appetizer or dessert
- ♦ Work at the auction table
- ♦ Work at the registration table
- ♦ Make phone calls
- ♦ Procure auction items

Barbara Deane-Williams, Superintendent RCSD

Plan now to be present on **December 5** to meet and greet Barbara Deane-Williams, the Superintendent of Rochester City School District. Superintendent Williams is on a listening tour throughout the City. On December 5 she will be at School 44, seeking input from us on what we envision for the schools in our community. Our presence at this event is crucial. We want Superintendent Williams to hear our cry to keep schools open in our neighborhood, and to create neighborhood schools that serve and support the community.

From John Curran

Thank you to all the twenty Naval Reserve Officer Training Candidates who participated in community service at the Saints Peter & Paul rectory at 720 West Main Street on Wednesday, October 26th. The photos taken that day show the painting process that will make the rectory lower level functional and welcoming again. It was amazing how much got done in just two hours.



Harlan Ost—Candidate for President

Harlan Ost has been the First Vice President of the 19th Ward Community Association for the past year. He served as a Delegate to the thirteenth district before his role as vice president. He has worked on various committees and community events such as the housing committee, square fair committee, garden party, and helped in the Ravenwood and Chili gardens.



During the past seven years, Harlan has volunteered as a New York State certified Ombudsman. He advocates for the rights of 250+ nursing home residents each month. He was honored in 2014 with the New York State Ombudsman Advocacy Award for his commitment to the mission of the Ombudsman program and his exceptional services in advocating on behalf of residents.

He has volunteered the past 7 years for the town of Brighton Veteran's luncheon collecting men's clothing to aid homeless veterans in need.

He wants to continue improving the 19th Ward Community Association working with the executive committee and delegates to enrich the quality of life for its residents. He is a trustworthy, kind, caring, thoughtful, loyal and an organized person. Harlan leads by example and perseveres until he has achieved positive results. He brings out the best qualities in people. (just ask his neighbors).

The little spare time Harlan has, he likes hiking, walking his dog, gardening and making stained glass.

Chris Buitrago, Candidate for 1st Vice President

Chris Buitrago has been the Delegate for district 13 for the past year and also sits on the Executive Committee as a delegate representative. Chris has been in the Telecom industry for the past 15 years, currently an engineer with Earthlink in downtown Rochester. Chris and his husband Jason purchased a home and moved into the 19th ward with their two rescue dogs two years ago, quickly discovering what a fantastic area they chose to become a part of. With a desire to make his new home and neighborhood the best it can be, Chris was drawn to the 19th Ward Community Association and all of the great work the volunteers do all year long. Chris is looking forward to continuing and expanding all that the 19th Ward Community Association does in the coming year.



Anthony Grissett, Candidate for 2nd Vice President

Anthony Grissett is a husband, father of four, whose ambition is to inspire others through public speaking and community engagement. Anthony was born and raised in Newark NJ. After marrying Keisha, his high school sweet heart, he moved to Rochester, NY. While working as a line cook at Chili's in the town of Greece, Anthony met several 19th Ward residents who helped him to grow as a Christian, husband, father, professional and friend. Three years ago, Anthony moved his family to the 19th Ward to be closer to his church and was offered a position at Simplified Safety located on West Ave -- a company started by Chris Pollock, a 19th Ward resident.



Since Anthony has lived in this community, he has volunteered at His Branches in outreach events, been a karate instructor as part of a neighborhood ministry, coached for the Genesee Valley Little League, and helped emcee the Square Fair for the past several years. Anthony loves speaking to people, motivating and inspiring people to grow as individuals and to do good to each other. Anthony knows first-hand what street life is all about, and he aims to help others rise from poverty and build a better community.

CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE—2017
Vote for new Officers at the Convention
Friday, November 18
Nominations will also be taken from the floor

Sheila Driscoll, Candidate for Secretary

Sheila Driscoll grew up in the Philadelphia area and moved to Rochester in 1979. She has lived in the 19th Ward since 1985. Sheila is the Director of Metro Council for Teen Potential, and the mother of three young adults. She enjoys baking, reading and arguing about politics. Sheila has served as Delegate for District 1, and is presently the Secretary for the Association.



Deb Wight, Candidate for Treasurer

Deb has lived on Melrose Street since August, 1988 with her husband, Landy Atkinson and her son Ryan (now launched in California) and any number of cats and dogs. She worked at Xerox doing financial planning and analysis since coming to Rochester in June, 1987 – essentially that means that she does forecasts, compares actuals to those forecasts, explains the variances and partners with Operations in achieving their goals in a fiscally responsible manner. Prior to coming to Rochester, she has worked in accounting / finance for smaller companies and has full Balance Sheet and Income Statement experience. She also was on the Board of Directors for Cobblestone School from 1999 to 2008 holding various roles – yes, initially the Finance Chair / Treasurer along with other roles in HR and Marketing as well as Board Chair. She is a member of a local investment club where she has been the financial partner (treasurer) and recently the senior partner (chairperson).



19th Ward Community Association's

CONVENTION 2016

6:00 PM - Friday - November 18
Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy

200 Genesee St. (formerly Madison—parking in front and in South lot)

- Pizza, Snacks, Desserts, Beverages
- Bid on Exciting Silent Auction Items
- Elect New Officers/ Vote on the 2017 Budget
- Enjoy the fellowship of neighbors.

6:00-6:45pm Social Hour and Silent Auction

7:00-8:45pm Program and Business Meeting

Keynote Speaker – Kit Miller

Director, M. K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

No cost, no RSVP necessary

*New this year - Brue Coffee will host an 'after party'!!
So, after the Convention don't go home, go to Brue*

Open to all 19th Ward residents, businesses and friends.
Only registered members of the 19th Ward Community Association are eligible to vote
on official 19th Ward business

NOTES FROM DELEGATES' COUNCIL, OCTOBER 13, 2016

Guests:

--Mary Lupien introduced herself. She will be running for City Council. She is an advocate for renewable power and energy efficiency.

--Housing Council/Pathstone, Leslie Harvey: Mr. Harvey distributed information about lead poisoning and a lead poisoning home checklist. ...a concern for homes built before 1978.

Announcements:

--UR is hosting a community-oriented speaker series at Brue. On Oct. 24, there will be a discussion about health, hunger and food banks. 7:30 pm.

--**Annual Convention** will be Nov. 18. Event starts at 6pm. Meeting starts at 7pm. Kit Miller is the speaker. Location is Wilson Foundation. We need auction items. People will be asked to bring dessert or appetizers, and pizza will be purchased

--**Proposed budget for 2017, Angie Burch**

Proposed budget was distributed, along with 2015 and 2016 budgets. Proposed 2017 budget shows a net income of \$75. We are expecting a \$3,000 sponsorship from City for Square Fair, but less in kind support from City for the event. The budget projects taking \$5,000 income from endowment at RACF. We have not taken income from endowment for the last three years; instead, we have spent down the checking account. The surplus in the checking account is now gone.

We are planning to enter into two contracts with City...one for Street Managers (John DeMott and Don Hanks) and one for civic engagement in the planning of Bull's Head redevelopment. Both contracts will be revenue neutral....some admin costs will be covered.

The proposed budget includes a House Tour. We need a chairperson. We are not planning on repeating the Little Theatre fundraiser.

A motion was made to raise the compensation for the office manager by 25 cents per hour. The motion carried. A motion was made to approve the proposed 2017 budget. The motion carried; with no objections or abstentions.

We need two votes at convention re the budget: The first vote would be to approve taking 5% from RACF endowment in future years.

The second vote would be to approve the budget for 2017.

--**Nominating Committee:** A slate of officers is presented to members at convention. Nominations can also be made from the floor. At this point, the following have expressed interest in running for officer positions:

Harlan Ost, President (has lived in 19th ward for 23 years. Has been first vice pres this past year.

Chris Buitrago, First vice president. Has lived in 19th ward for two years and currently is a delegate rep to Exec Committee.

Dave Culeton and Anthony Grissett are both interested in 2nd vice president

Dave believes that development should be designed to improve things for local residents.

Anthony has lived in 19th Ward for five years and just bought a home. He volunteers as a little league coach.

Sheila Driscoll, secretary. Has lived in 19th ward for 31 years. Has been secretary for a couple years.

possibly Deb Wight for treasurer.

--**We need a volunteer coordinator** who would reach out to members.

--We need a **volunteer to put the newsletter** together every month.

--**Bull's Head** charrettes: we are waiting for City to prepare a contract.

--**Rapids Cemetery:** work continues to go very well.

--**Citizen Merchant of the Year.** Thank you to Mary Fran Kolbuc

--**Arnett Blvd renovations:** traffic light at Arnett and Rugby will remain. Plan is for diagonal parking

--**Square fair 2017:** Send Doreen your ideas about a theme.

SW Quad: City will be distributing larger totes for recyclables; recyclables will be picked up every other week. Garbage will still be picked up every week.

Sew Green (retail store and classes) is moving to West Main Street.

November

ARNETT BRANCH LIBRARY



Rochester
Public Library
www.library.wob.org

Kids Programs

STORYTIMES:
Every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. &
Every Saturday at 1 p.m.

ARTS AND CRAFTS:
Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.
Ages 12 and under



Homework Helpers
Mondays: November 7, 14 and 28, from 3 - 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: November 2, 9, 16 and 30, from 3 - 6 p.m.



Sponsored by RTA/Dial-a-Teacher.
Please note that Homework Helpers will
not be at Arnett during Thanksgiving week.
For any student K-12

Tail Waggin' Tutors
Wednesday, November 16 at 3:30 p.m.

Book-loving dogs are coming to the library to listen to kids read stories. Reading to calm, trained dogs who love to listen is a great way for kids to build confidence reading out loud. Ages 12 and under



Creative Minds
Thursday, November 3 at 4:30 p.m.
University of Rochester student Jenny Sun will be visiting the Arnett Branch Library and helping kids get creative while doing fun literacy activities! Grades K-6



LEGO Club
Thursday, November 17 at 4:30 p.m.
Kids can make stuff and make friends with LEGOs.
Ages 5-12. Kids younger than 5 can also participate if accompanied by an adult.

Teen Programs



Teen to Teen Mock Interviews Day
Thursday, November 17 at 4 p.m.
Teens will interview one another, rate each other, and give constructive advice. The best and most improved interviewees will receive a prize.

Adult Programs

Literacy Navigator
Every Monday and Wednesday from noon - 3 p.m.
Every Friday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Having trouble with paper and computer forms? A member of Literacy Volunteers of Rochester will be at the Arnett Branch Library to provide assistance!



Computer Tutor
Every Tuesday from 4 - 5 p.m.
Adults are welcome to come to this computer lab. A librarian will be available to work with you on your computer projects. Please bring in specific goals and a USB drive to save your work. Registration is required, class size is very limited. Call (585)428-8214 or stop by the library to sign up!

Flash Drive



Adult Coloring Club
Thursday, November 10, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Adult coloring offers a fun and unique way to unwind and express creativity with intricate patterns and designs. Coloring pages, colored pencils, and light refreshments will be provided; participants are welcome to bring their own coloring supplies. This program is open to adults, age 18 or older.

Autumn Leaf Mason Jar Craft
Wednesday, November 16, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Add some warmth to your autumn decorating with this beautiful leaf-covered candle holder. Supplies will be provided, but you must register in order to attend. This program is limited to the first 10 patrons to sign up. Call 428-8214 to register. If you cannot attend the class and would like to make one at home, instructions can be found on the "Arnett Public Library" Pinterest page on our "Craft Programs" board.



This library is accessible to people with disabilities. To request specific accommodations call 585-428-8304 ten days prior to the program.

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Believe.



Breaking the Bubble

The new community conversation series, **Breaking the Bubble**, continues on Monday, December 5th at 7:30 PM at Brue Coffee, 960 Genesee Street with **Park Your Car: Toward a Car-Optional Rochester: The Future of Transportation in the Flower City**

Erik Frisch, the Transportation Specialist for the City of Rochester, and Mike Governale of Reconnect Rochester will be speaking about short-term plans and long term visions for our streets and our public transportation. The series is sponsored by the U of R's Residential Life Office, the Rochester Center for Community Leadership and the UR students' Community Service Network. It's free and open to all.

The Accidental Hero at Downstairs Cabaret – November 3-6

The extraordinary true story of Matt Konop who grew up speaking Czech on a farm in Wisconsin, ashamed of his humble background. Thrown into WWII, he hits Omaha Beach, is a hero in the Battle of the Bulge and survives to the final days of the war. Then his story takes a turn from yet another soldier's tale to something more epic when he is given the dangerous assignment to go behind enemy lines into Czechoslovakia. His life would never be the same, as one coincidence after another brings him face-to-face with his identity. What once was a source of shame becomes his greatest pride as he liberates the people of his grandparent's hometown - and they, in turn, liberate him. Told with rare color movie clips from WWII, vintage music and photos.

World War II veterans admitted free, military discount available for other veterans.
Free talkback with the actor following every performance.

Bearing Witness at Downstairs Cabaret – November 10-27

In honor of our country's veterans and in the true spirit of Thanksgiving, Downstairs Cabaret is proud to present Thomas Bird in his new play *Bearing Witness*. He went to the Mauthausen Concentration Camp to honor the memory of his father, a doctor who was part of its liberation at the end of WWII. As he conjures the spirits of his father and the camp's victims, Tom, a Vietnam vet, recalls his own wartime experience, along with a long-held secret his dad revealed just before his death. In "bearing witness" himself, Tom is finally able to find some peace. **Military discount available for veterans. Call regarding special offer for Veterans Day performance.**

Downstairs Cabaret Theatre at 3450 Winton Place, Brighton
Call (585) 325-4370 or visit website www.DownstairsCabaret.com for information

Do you have Publisher skills? Do you like deadlines? Do you have time each month you could devote to some writing and editing? Then you are the person we are looking for to publish *Update 19* ten times a year. It isn't difficult, just a bit time consuming and needs a bit of creativity. Pay is not negotiable (there is none). Call the office for more information. Very rewarding!

If you are willing to help but don't know Publisher, volunteer to come to the office just before the end of the month and 'be Jackie' while she works on *Update 19*.

Call the office if you need recommendations for snow-plowing, childcare, raking.... We will try to help

Thank You
To Jacob Adams, Carleen Wilenius, and Kathy O'Neill
for covering office hours while Jackie was away.

Recycle this newsletter by sending it off to someone who does not receive it.

Invite a new neighbor to join the 19th Ward Community Association

Bring a new attendee to the Convention

Call the Office if you would like information on holiday gift baskets and donations

An Update on the progress in Rapids Cemetery.

Thank you to John Curran who has faithfully directed work crews each Sunday for many weeks. And Thank you to the many people who have dug deep, cleaned out weeds, planted a garden, unearthed gravestones, and worked tirelessly each week. Stop by to see it. It is amazing what has been accomplished. **Sunday, November 6, is your last chance to volunteer there this year.** John and his crew will be there from 1:00—4:00.



Cold, rainy but the workers continue



Left: a little bit of cold, rain and mud



Right: Plantings provided by the City of Rochester



So much to plant! Donations from City and from 19th Ward residents kept the volunteers busy for many hours



An update from John Curran

After grueling weekend work sessions on 9/25/16 and 10/2/16 under difficult weather conditions, the wild vegetation removal at Rapids Cemetery was followed Sunday, October 9, 2016 by a very successful planting day .

Deep appreciation goes to City Of Rochester Parks & Buildings for arranging the donation of shade-loving plants. City Arborist Brian Liberti purchased and delivered the plants. City Horticulturist Sara Lynn Scott and 19th Ward gardeners provided planting suggestions. Neighbor JoAnn Belle-Isle helped with providing a supply of water and a tempting treat of cookies.

Mary Dan and Bob Cooper coordinated the planting of the donations from 19th Ward residents.

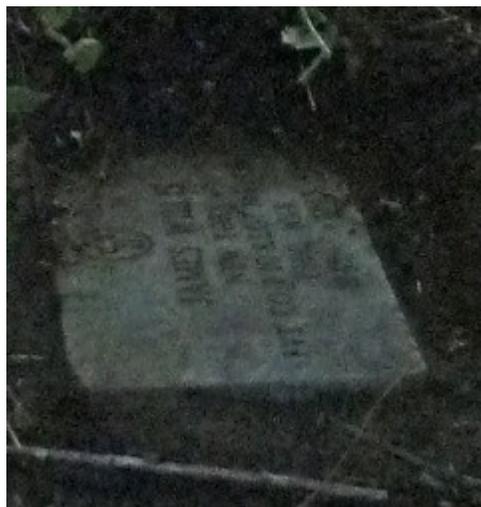
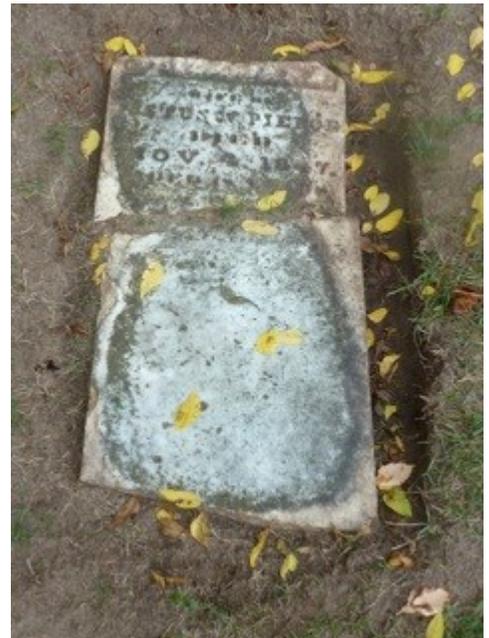
We showed that a collaborative effort involving the City of Rochester, 19th Ward Community Association & residents plus the energy and enthusiasm of Scout Troop 240 can achieve great accomplishments



Some gravestones that have been unearthed:

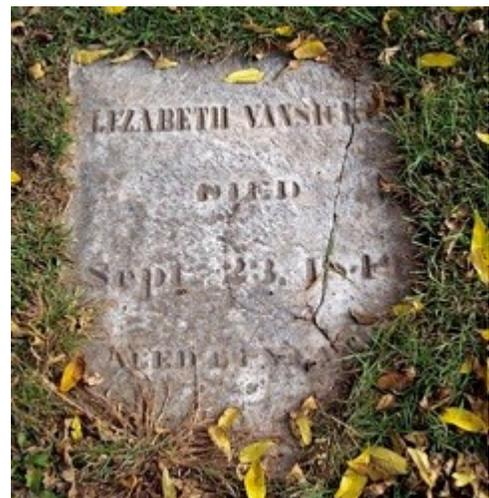
Left: Edward Marshall
Died 1871

Right: Eliza Pierce
Wife of Justus Pierce



Left: James Willis
Civil War Centennial Headstone

Right: Lizabeth Van Sickle





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 p Square Fair planning meeting, 216 Thurston	2 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett merchants at RPH	3	4	5
6 1-4 Last 2016 work day in Rapids Cemetery 2p District 8 meeting	7	8 9:00p Watch the Election Returns at Brue	9 8:00a Genesee ST Merchants at NSC 7:00 PM Schools Committee at Office 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge 7 PM District 21 meeting	10 11:00 AM Housing Com at NSC 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Library	11	12
13	14	15	16 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	17	18 19WCA Annual Convention	19 9:45a History & Archives Committee @ Brue
20	21	22	23	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30 No 19WCA Public Safety meeting in November			



The 19th Ward Neighborhood

Call the Office for contact information. Be sure your Delegate is aware of your interests and concerns.

- District 1 Marta Driscoll
- District 2 OPEN
- District 3 Penny Griffin
- District 4 Deb Hudnell
- District 5 Zola Brown
- District 6 Don Hanks
- District 7 Jay Ross
- District 8 Mary Fran Kolbuc
- District 9 Austin Pettigrew
- District 10 Donna Sarnacki
- District 11 Ron Stallworth
- District 12 Leigh McMullen
- District 13 Chris Buitrago
- District 14 Charlotte Giebel
- District 15 Laura Suda
- District 16 Lauren Caruso
- District 17 John DeMott
- District 18 Harriette Royer
- District 19 Bryan Babcock
- District 20 Angie Burch
- District 21 Joanne DeMarle
- District 22 OPEN
- District 23 Beverly Usher

Please don't toss this newsletter; pass it on to someone else who might be interested in the information.

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