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Presidents Message

The month of May brings three things to mind, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day. While all of these things are important, I am going to talk about Mother's Day.

If you look at the history of Mother's Day, it is interesting as to how it has changed over the years. Anna Jarvis is credited with starting Mother's Day in 1908. Her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis died in 1905 so Anna Jarvis wanted to find a way to honor all the good that her mother had done for people. So on the second anniversary of her mother's death, Anna had a celebration at her Mom's grave and passed out her mother's favorite flower - white carnations for mothers who had passed and red carnations for mothers who were still alive. Anna Jarvis kept on writing letters until 1914 when President Woodrow Wilson made the second Sunday in May Mother's Day.

This brings a short story to mind, which should be a lesson to us all. So here is the gist of the story.

Mother's Day 2016

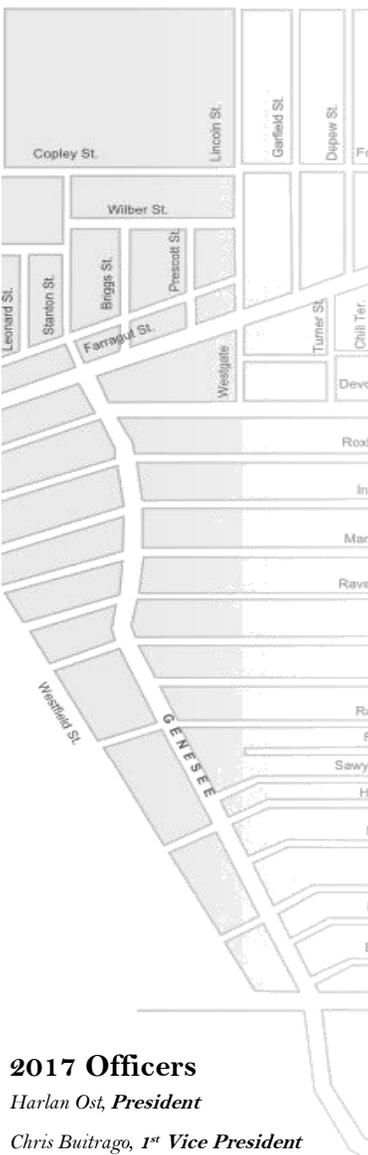
Mother's Day 2016 was just a few days away and Frank had been working hard on getting a promotion, working overtime for a couple weeks to complete a project. Perhaps he would not have time for Mother's Day that year but he was sure she would understand. After all, she was always supportive of Frank since his dad died when Frank was 4 years old. Frank reasoned that he would not have time to buy commercial gifts and there would be many more Mother's Days in the future. Frank chose to stop by a flower shop to order some flowers for his Mom. He was not sure what flowers his Mother would like so he decided to ask the shop to choose the most expensive flowers to be delivered to his mother who lived 200 hundred miles away. As Frank got out of his car he noticed a young boy sitting on the curb. Frank asked the boy what was wrong and the young boy replied, "I want to buy a red rose for my mother on Mother's Day but I only have seventy cents and they cost three dollars." Frank invited the boy in and said he would buy the flower for him and ordered his own flowers at the same time. As they left the store he offered the boy a ride home. The young boy said, "yes, please! You can take me to my mother. I want to spend Mother's Day with my Mom". The boy directed Frank to a cemetery, where the boy placed the red rose on the freshly dug grave. The boy uttered, "Finally, Mother, I got the gift you like for Mother's Day. Frank went back to the shop, cancelled the flower order, chose flowers he thought his mother would like and drove the two hundred miles to be with his mother.

Mother's Day we should honor the one person that has given us so much. Some may say "that is all well and good but I did not have a good mother". Perhaps that is true, but you can still honor the fact that she gave you the awesome gift of life. I was lucky for my mom was my hero, mentor, guide and inspiration to be who I have become. My mom has been gone nearly 25 years so I honor her in a different way. I can't give her a gift so I send a check in her memory to the Wilmot Cancer Center. I plant a flower in a special color and when I see it, it reminds me of her.

Celebrate Mom not just on Mother's Day but every day of the year.

Don't forget Armed Forces day. Thank a military person, especially the third week of the month for their service to our country.

Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day to remember fallen soldiers but has changed to remember all who have gone before. So at 3:00 pm on Memorial Day stop for a minute of silence to remember them.



2017 Officers

Harlan Ost, *President*

Chris Buitrago, *1st Vice President*

Anthony Grissett, *2nd Vice President*

Sheila Driscoll, *Secretary*

Deb Wight, *Treasurer*

Diane Watkins, *Past President*

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT: 19th Ward Community Association, Foodlink, Girls on the Run, Sojourner House at Pathstone



BEER MILE ROCHESTER CHUG. RUN. REPEAT. CHEERS!

What is a "Beer Mile"? If you're unfamiliar with a traditional Beer Mile, the event has historical roots in the running community. The Beer Mile was usually only held underground but was held as a professional event for the first time in 2014, finally legitimizing a long-standing but previously unofficial race. The rules are as follows: Drink 1 beer. Run 1/4 mile. Repeat Repeat Repeat

Compete individually, in a 2 person relay, or in a 4 person relay.

Individual race entry fee: \$25

2x2 relay race entry fee: \$40 (\$20 each)

4x4 relay race entry fee: \$40 (\$10 each)

We will be charging a \$5 entry fee for spectators.

All entry money will be donated.

There will be prizes for each category.

Additionally, we will have fun prize categories...

When you sign up you will choose to run in the name of 1 of 4 local charities:

[19th Ward Community Association](#)

[Foodlink](#), [Girls on the Run](#), [Sojourner House at Pathstone](#)

We'll be donating proceeds to all four charities. 50% of proceeds will go towards the 1st place team, 25% towards 2nd place team, 15% towards 3rd place team and 10% towards 4th place team.

We can't wait to see all of Rochester's Runners come out and participate in this historic and fun event.

*****NO RUNNERS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 WILL BE PERMITTED TO COMPETE. IDs WILL BE CHECKED AT THE DOOR*****

****Safety is our number one concern! All individual participants should not intend to drive during or after the activity since participation will elevate blood alcohol content to exceeded legal limits. Participants are solely responsible for arranging a safe ride home from the event.****

We are in no way encouraging binge drinking. For those of you who would like to participate with less than 4 beers, you are welcome to compete in the lightweight category! Just know that you will be considered in a different prize category than those who complete a mile with 4 beers. Come one, come all!

More information and registration, visit www.beermilerochester.com or <http://www.rochesterrunningco.com/>



For the fourth year in a row, the City of Rochester is partnering with the Rochester Red Wings to host a one-day, all-city Clean Sweep.

Volunteers are encouraged to sign up in advance, but everyone is welcome to join the day of the event, too! For more information or to register with a team visit <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/cleansweep/>

If you're new to Clean Sweep, here's how the day works:

- Sign-in begins **at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 6** at Frontier Field.
- Volunteers park free during Clean Sweep and the game in the Oak Street lot. Transportation is provided from Frontier Field to projects and back.
- Come in the main entrance and find your group or join a project
- Pick up your free t-shirt, coffee, juice, muffins and Danish
- Take a seat in the stands for Mayor Lovely A. Warren's welcome and the group photo
- Buses leave Frontier Field at 9 a.m.
- Work gloves, tools and bags are provided at each job site

Buses bring volunteers back to Frontier Field for the game

Clean Sweep is community in action!

Reconnect with old friends and make new ones

Do some team-building with your neighborhood association, church group, school group, club, team, family or civic organization

Get volunteer credit (ex: for Participation in Government class)

Residents can take advantage of Clean Sweep, too. Place yard debris at the curb and a City crew will soon come by to retrieve it

City crews remove graffiti, clean City properties, repair sidewalks and fill potholes during the event

Meet and work alongside Mayor Warren, City Council members and community leaders

NEWS FLASH

Dr. Colleen Gordon, Dentist Extraordinaire, and Officer of the Thurston Brooks Merchants Association, will be the Grand Marshall of the Square Fair Parade!

Delegates' Council Meeting, April 13, 2017

Harlan Ost, President, chaired the meeting

- Mitch Gruber introduced himself; he is running for a seat on **City Council**. Note: Candidates for office are welcome to come to Delegates Council meetings and to briefly introduce themselves. Contact the office to get on the agenda.
- Bruce Tehan from the Arnett Library encouraged Delegates to nominate their favorite library for **Library of the Year** contest.
- Barbara Lacker Ware and Ted Forsyth presented their report in favor of an independent **Police Accountability Board**. A summary of the report had been emailed to Delegates. Barbara and Ted's report sets out the problems with the current system, which relies on the RPD Professional Standards Section to investigate complaints. The findings are submitted to the Civilian Review Board and Chief of Police. The Civilian Review Board cannot independently investigate reports. The Chief of Police makes the final decision about whether the complaint is justified and any discipline of officers. The report recommends establishing a Police Accountability Board, which would be independent and have subpoena power, and which would make a final decision about the disposition of complaints, with involvement of RPD Chief. The proposed process is similar to the process used in Syracuse. Delegates Council passed a motion to provide a letter of support for the Police Accountability Board proposal.
- Upcoming events: Block Party at Public Market, **June 5**, 5pm, all welcome.
 - **May 2, fundraiser** for Westside Farmers Market at Swiftwater Brewery on Mount Hope Ave. Stop by. Tips go to the market
 - **May 11 is Day of Caring**. We need members to work with the volunteers on our community gardens.
 - **April 21**, fundraiser for **Sweet Beez at the Wok**. 20% of proceeds will be donated. Stop in any time.
- 19th WCA is sponsoring a **Little League Team**.
- The **Spelling Bee** on April 8 was a great success, and involved students from Schools 10, 16, 19, 29 and 44. The original Spelling Bee students are now high school seniors and two will be receiving scholarships towards college costs.
- **Palm Sunday breakfast** raised \$630 for R Community Bikes.
- We need **volunteers for Square Fair on June 3!** Contact LaShay Harris.
- A Committee is planning **House Tour 2017**, which will be held on **Oct. 14**.



Volunteer for the 19th Ward's Square Fair

Saturday, June 3, 2017

Join your neighbors for the "Best of the 19" themed event. We will host local vendors, crafters and non-profit agencies. We also will provide live entertainment, a community parade, and fun games and activities for people of all ages. Neighbors coming together for our very own fair.

Volunteers are needed to help with the:

- Parade
- Peter Evans Arcade Zone
- Dunk Tank
- Event Set up/Break-Down
- Book Zone
- Pancake Breakfast
- Hot Dog Stand

All volunteers will receive a t-shirt, bottled water, and service hours!

Please contact Zola Brown at zolabbrown@gmail.com or 585 210 9370 to sign up today!

Who can help with the food booth at Square Fair?

Do you love to put things together, take things apart, talk to people, cook on the grill?

If you like any or all of those things, we have a job for you....

There are many jobs available at the 19th Ward food booth at Square Fair. You will not be required to stay all day, but you are welcome to if you wish

The first crew starts early, setting up the booth, the grill, and getting 'fired up' and ready to serve by 8:00 or 8:30AM

The second crew takes orders and starts flipping the famous 'Square Fair' pancakes.

Next the grills get cleaned off, and the third crew cooks hot dogs and sausage for the lines of 'hungry-for-lunch' folks.

When the hotdogs are gone, the take down begins. Clean up happens, and everything gets disassembled and returned to storage.

***The food booth crew is a special crew of people who love to work a grill,
are friendly, have fun together, and THEY NEED YOU.***

USE THIS OFFICIAL GAME CARD TO WIN PRIZES

← BROOKS →



EASE ON DOWN

THURSTON | BROOKS | ARNETT

A TREASURE TOUR

Coming Soon!
Saturday, May 20, 2017
10AM - 4PM

← THURSTON RD →

→ ARNETT BLVD →



- PRIZES
- FOOD
- ENTERTAINMENT
- DISCOUNTS
- SIDEWALK SALES
- SERVICES
- TOURS
- REFRESHMENTS
- FAMILY ACTIVITIES

TWO WAYS TO ENTER TO WIN!

RECEIVE DISCOUNTS, FREE GIVEAWAYS, AND MORE!

1. Sign your game card then deposit it at any business with the GIANT SILVER BALLOON for a chance to win!
2. Present your free raffle ticket at these participating businesses to get instant discounts & free gifts with your purchases!

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Downtown Brooks Merchants Association | Community Foundation
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Highways to Peace





Join the team and their followers at the Genesee Valley Little League Parade
9:30 AM May 13 at the Neighborhood Service Center, 923 Genesee St.

Follow the parade to Genesee Valley Park
where Opening Day gratitude and introductions will take place
Stick around to cheer on the teams as they PLAY BALL!
!!Gotta love these kids, and their leaders and coaches!!



SAVE THE DATE - JUNE 17th

Spring Cleaning? Decluttering? Please save all your unwanted treasures (no clothes please) for the upcoming 19th Ward Community Cats Annual Yard Sale. The sale will be Saturday, JUNE 17 from 10 AM - 5 PM. Donations accepted at 881 Genesee Park Blvd. on Friday evening, June 16 and after 6:30 AM on the 17th. Questions?? Contact Jinny Spencer at 328-8473 or jsp28@yahoo.com. Volunteers Needed For Variety of Tasks - No Experience Required! But You Know The Drill.....Sorting, Tagging, SalesA Fun Time - Consider It Time Well Spent For a Worthy Cause! Contact Inge Mallory @ malloryim63@gmail.com or PM Her via Facebook

Thank You!

Thank you to Steve Mickle for the extensive work on our sign. The sign came down during one of the windstorms this year, and needed a lot of work and muscle power to be repaired. Steve is almost finished with the job, so you will see the sign standing up and looking good very soon. Thank you Steve!



Westside Farmers Market

Watch for the market to open on June 13. New farmers and past farmers will be joining us each week. The Walk and Talk with a Doc is better than ever, with informative themes set for the season. As the market celebrates 10 years on Genesee St, you will find new bags, coupons, fun for the kids, and so much more. Watch our website www.westsidemarketrochester@gmail.com and facebook page for information, and a calendar

Squash Rocs

Want to know more about squash? Squash is at the top of the list as a healthy sport. College scholarships available for top squash players in the US. See for yourself:

Free Open Day – May 6, 3-5 PM Harro East Athletic Club, 400 Andrews Street

No experience necessary, instruction and all equipment provided. Get an introduction to squash and play games. Free and open to all students from grade 5 and up. Visit www.squashrocs.org or contact john.walsh@squashrocs.org, 354-9330 for more information See youtube channels: psasquashtv, england squash, protlandcommsquash.

Books for \$1.00

Remember that we always have a wonderful display of books at the Office, thanks to Lee Krist. For a donation of only \$1.00 you can own a very nice book of your choice.

And speaking of books.....

Yes, there will be a **booksale at Square Fair**. We have begun collecting, but would like to have more.

Bring your book donations to the office by May 23 any time during open hours. We need them.



Join us for

SWEM Stroll

**A walk to raise awareness about hunger in
Rochester**

AND

**Raise funds to support SWEM programs
that feed neighbors!!**

Date: Sunday, May 21, 2017

Time: Registration - 1:30 pm

Walk begins - 2:00 pm

Place: St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church

831 Genesee St., Rochester, NY 14611

Walk Routes: 1.5 mile and 3 mile walks through the 19th
Ward and Genesee Valley Park

Donate Online at:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/swem-stroll-2017>

Fruits, Vegetables, and Beers – oh my!



Can't wait for your neighborhood farmers market to start? Join us on Tuesday, May 2 from 5-8 at [Swiftwater Brewing, 378 Mt. Hope Ave](#), as market managers and volunteers from the [Westside Farmers Market](#) and [South Wedge Farmers Market](#) take over behind the bar. **All tips** and a portion of the proceeds from each beer go to support two great neighborhood markets. Plus... how often are you served by a 6' carrot?

This is a fundraiser with free admission, but those tips are important. The beers at Swiftwater are especially wonderful, with plenty of choices. They are opening that day just for us, so we hope you will come out and show your support.

Tips will be gratefully accepted whether you drink beer or not.

If you can't join in the fun at the fundraiser, but want to contribute, you can mail a check to either market, or visit https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=3FJ73RSZCCGGG

Westside Farmers Market c/o 216 Thurston Road 14619

South Wedge Farmers Market, 224 Mt Hope Avenue 14620

Thank you to the fine folks at Swiftwater Brewing

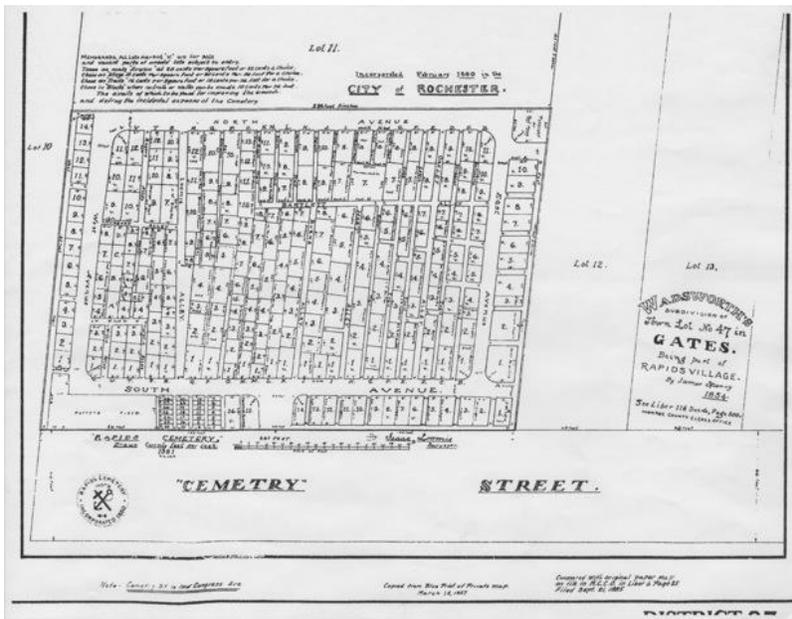
Work in Rapids Cemetery has begun after a short winter break.

Local Veterans groups, City personnel, 19th Ward History and Archives members, UR students, and volunteers from the community are meeting at the cemetery on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM**

Join the team. It is a rewarding project. What you can do: meet at the garden any of those times to give a helping hand clearing vegetation, gardening, probing buried headstones; plant perennials in your own garden to be transplanted at the cemetery.

Watch for a date for the gravestone restoration workshop. Participate if you can.

A map of the burial sites, and some recent photos taken at the cemetery



Ravenwood/Thurston Garden



When the snow melts, the Ravenwood/Thurston Garden will again be a little haven of green and peace in our busy neighborhood. Faithful workers have been keeping it alive for 17 years.

If you would like to be on the volunteer list to help, even occasionally, this year, please email Charlotte at giebeld@gmail.com. We will be trimming, raking, planting, cleaning, and weeding throughout the growing season. I would love to hear from you!

Charlotte Giebel

House Tour 2017

Save the date: October 14, 2017

The house tour committee is in the midst of planning an exceptional tour.

We are still searching for 1 or 2 well-maintained, interesting homes to include in this year's tour. Joining us as a patron provides pre-tour support, which will allow us to print tour booklets and cover other incidental expenses. Please contact Joanne DeMarle to nominate and suggest possible homes or to become a Patron. jddemarle@frontiernet.net , 585-748-2294

For updates on progress and sneak peeks follow us on:

[19th Ward Community Association House Tour Facebook.com \(Launches Early June\)](#)

19TH WARD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

PRESENTS

"THE BEST OF THE 19TH WARD" SQUARE FAIR

Saturday, June 3rd 2017 | 8:30am - 4:30pm



PERFORMING LIVE
JIMMY HIGHSMITH JR.
AND OTHER LOCAL ARTISTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST @ 8:30AM
ALL BOOTHS OPEN @ 10:00AM

SQUARE FAIR PARADE STARTS AT 11:00AM
THURSTON → SAWYER → WELLINGTON → SQUARE FAIR

"ROC-STARS" DUNK TANK | PETER EVANS ARCADE ZONE | OVER 30 VENDORS

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SAVE THE DATE!

2nd Annual Spring

Urban Agriculture Conference

**Saturday, May 13,
10am-4pm**

*Louis A. Cerulli School #34,
530 Lexington Ave,
Rochester, NY 14613.*



Join us for a day of hands-on workshops,
demonstrations and garden tours.

All individuals, groups and skill levels welcome!
Lunch will be provided.

Registration details to follow!

Find us at [facebook.com/RocUAWG/](https://www.facebook.com/RocUAWG/) for more info.

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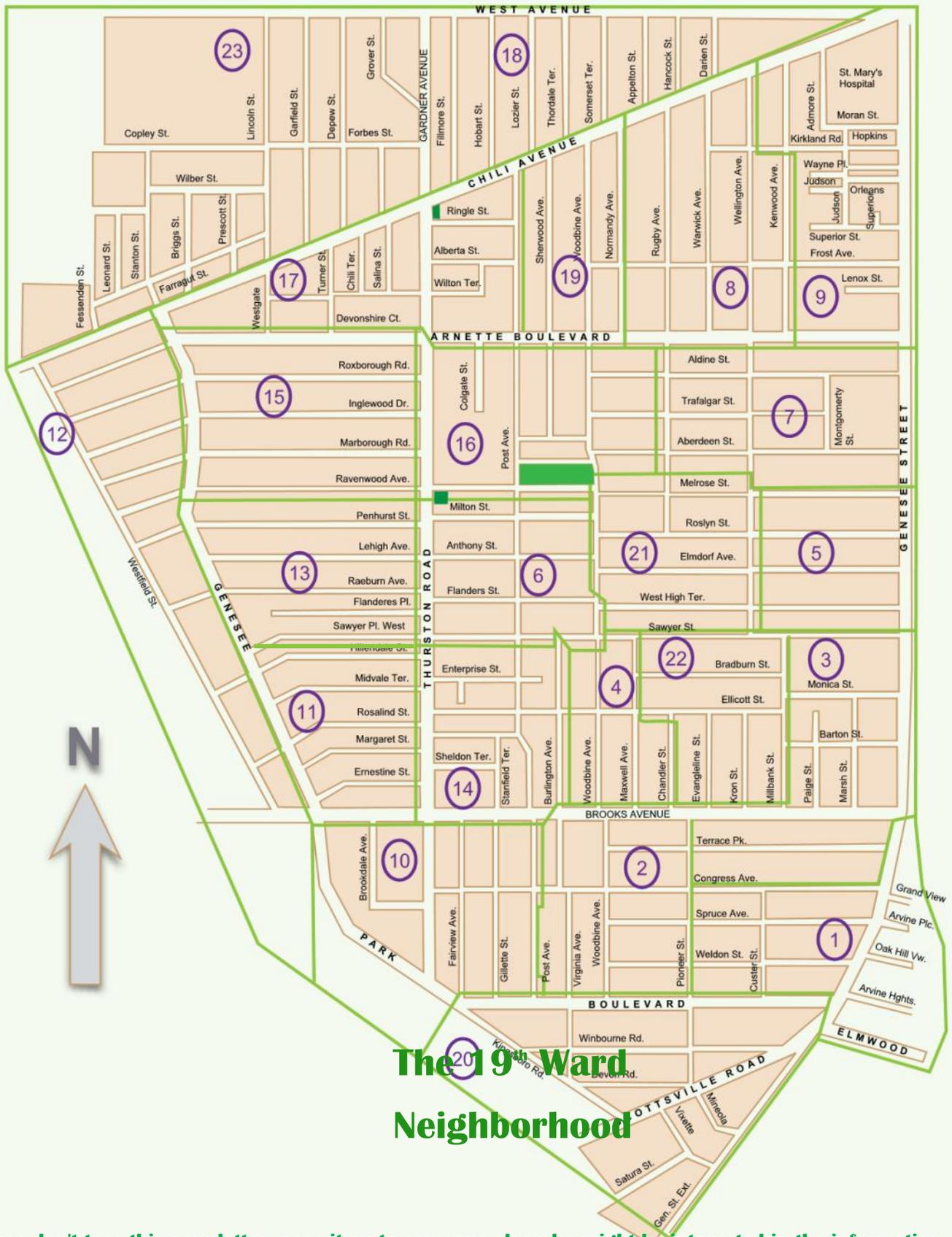


**Urban Agriculture
Working Group**

 **foodlink**
abundance shared

May

April		May 2017					June
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Happy May Day	2 5-8 PM Market fundraiser at Swiftwater	3 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett Merchants at RPH	4	5	6 8:00 AM Clean Sweep 1:35 PM Red Wings game for Clean Sweepers	
7	8	9	10 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at NSC 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	11 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Arnett Library Day of Caring	12 Beer Mile Run at the Rhinos Stadium Pick up Y flower order	13 9:00 AM GVLL Opening Day Watch the parade – cheer on the teams 10-4 Urban Ag Conference Pick up Y flower order	
14 Be nice to a Mom today 1:00 work at Rapids Cemetery	15 Deadline for Square Fair Vendor application	16	17 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	18 1:00 Housing Committee at NSC	19	20 9:45 AM History and Archives at Brue 10AM -5PM Ease on Down Thurston	
21 1:30 SWEM Stroll at St. Monica Church	22	23	24 Welcome Naomi, 2017 Urban Fellow	25	26	27	
28 1:00 Work at Rapids Cemetery	29	30	31 6:30 PM 19WCA Public Safety at RPH	Notes:			



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

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