



# Update 19

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Were you there? We had loads of fun at these events:

- the celebration at the Arnett Library, and the luminary evening honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr
- the igloo building in Aberdeen Square Park
- the opening of the Tin Roof on South Plymouth



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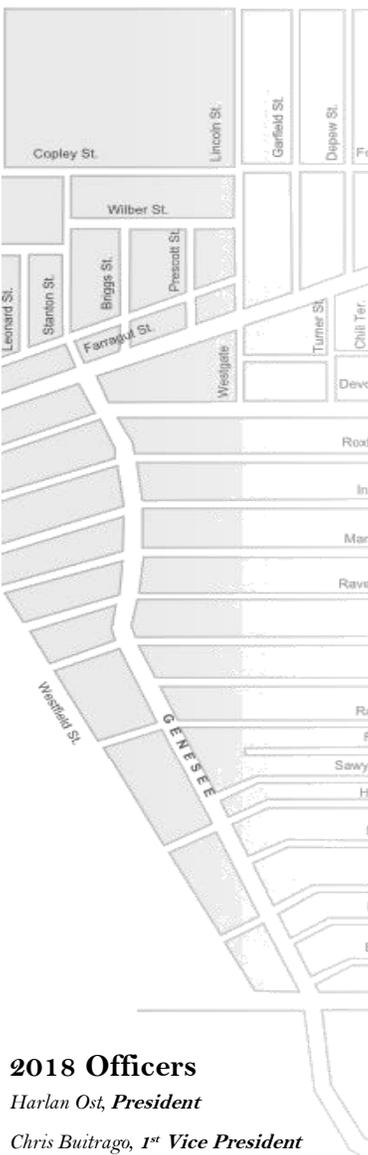


# President's Message – February

When we think of the month of February, we often think of “ground hog” and “valentine’s day”. Even though it is a short month there is lots to celebrate and talk about. We have the birthdays of Elizabeth Blackwell (first woman doctor) George Washington (our first president) Abraham Lincoln (President against slavery) Rosa Parks (arrested for not giving up her seat on a bus to a white passenger) Charles Lindbergh (first to solo the Atlantic Ocean) Babe Ruth (baseball player) Charles Dickens (author) and Harlan Ost (your 19<sup>th</sup> Ward President) to name a few. There are a lot of national days as well. We have “National Frozen Yogurt Day”, “National Weatherperson’s Day”, “National Homemade Soup Day”, “National Send a Card to a Friend Day”, “National Kite Flying Day”, “National Do a Grouch a Favor Day” and something for every single day of the month.

Most of us think of February for “valentine’s Day” or the month of love. We plan romantic dinners or a special get-away for the love of our life. We buy chocolates, cards with a perfect message, flowers- usually red roses, the symbol of love and if you are lucky enough maybe a trip to an exotic place or a piece of jewelry, hopefully diamonds. Being the month of love there are other ways to love. You can love by helping a friend or neighbor or visit an elderly person on your street. You can volunteer for the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward as we need lots more of you to help in many different capacities. Volunteering is a gift of love you give and in doing so you help to enrich our community. So think about this month of love and stretch yourself just a little more and in doing so you will enrich your own life beyond words.

We all know that February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine’s Day”. Did you know it was the day Frederick Douglass picked for his birthday? We are celebrating him this whole year and many things are being planned across our city and country. So let us take a few minutes and talk about this extraordinary man who spent 25 years in Rochester, New York. Born a slave, Frederick Augustus Washington Bailey came into this world 1818 (real date unknown) in Talbot County, MD. He changed his name so his old master would not think it was him on those books and papers he wrote. His mother, Harriet Bailey was a field slave from whom he was separated during his infancy. He only saw his Mother a couple times after that. She walked 12 miles after work to see him in the evening, and worked the next day without rest. She died when he was about 7 years old. His master stopped his wife from teaching him because he thought he would become a discontented slave. He sent him to work for a man named Covey, a “slave breaker” in 1834 to break his spirit and make him accept slavery. He tried to escape but was discovered. In 1838 he escaped and went to New York City and married Anna Murray. Several children were born. He was attracted to Susan B Anthony’s women’s movement and moved to Rochester. The North Star newspaper was established in 1847. His first wife, who was older and not well, died in 1882. His friend and lover of 26 years, Otilie Assing thought he would ask her to marry him after his wife died. But in 1884 he married his secretary, who was 14 years his junior. Assing suffered from breast cancer and killed herself. She left Douglass her sole heir. He was nominated for vice-president of the United States by the Equal Rights Party in 1872. He married Helen Pitts from Honeoye, New York. Their marriage was not well received by his children or her family. This caused many issues at that time. Douglass’ response to this was “ My first wife was the color of my mother, my second the color of my father”. He died on Feb. 20, 1895 from a heart attack in his Cedar Hill home in Washington D.C. His home is now a National Historic Site. A self- made man who overcame an unthinkable beginning to rise to great accomplishments. Take some time to learn more about his life and gifts. Some great lessons here, if we don’t give up and keep trying we can do far more to better our community and ourselves. **The 19 Ward Community Association will be partnering with RCTV and Shawn Dunwoody to celebrate Frederick Douglass at a special event in April. Watch for details.**



## 2018 Officers

Harlan Ost, *President*

Chris Buitrago, *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

Zola Brown—*2nd Vice President*

Sheila Driscoll, *Secretary*

Deb Wight, *Treasurer*

Diane Watkins, *Past President*



# Family & Student Ice Skating Party

UR Shuttle service between  
3:45 and 6:15 for the event

Fun for all Ages\* with

Free Everything!!

Admission & Skate Rental

Parking

Food & Drinks



Sunday, February 18th

4pm to 6pm

Genesee Valley Sports Complex  
131 Elmwood Ave



Call 328-6571 for more info

This event is co-sponsored by the 19th Ward Community Association and the University of Rochester

*\*Persons under 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian*



## **Welcome to SW ROC A Taste! We are excited for our first event, SW ROC a Taste of the Islands.**

We will have Caribbean Restaurants from around Southwest Rochester in one place –

BRUE COFFEE- for one night - 2/23/18 from 7-9pm

Restaurants will offer you a tasting of what makes them ROC!!! Sample each restaurant and vote for your favorite of the evening. The winning restaurant gets bragging rights, a 1st place certificate, and a cool prize.

We will have some great Caribbean music  
and beverages (alcohol and non alcohol) available for purchase at BRUE.

Tickets will soon be available online, as well as at the door the night of. Stay tuned for details!

<https://www.facebook.com/swrocataste/>



## School 16 is returning to the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward—Spread the Word

The modernization of school 16 on Post Avenue is well underway. The construction is on schedule to re-open in September 2018. The goal of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association Schools Committee is for our school to return to the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward as a successful neighborhood-based community school. By neighborhood-based we mean that it will be attractive to and draw many of its students from the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward rather than having our students scattered all over the city as they are currently. This will help your child(ren) and you to develop positive relationships with the school and our neighbors—a benefit to both the school and the community. By community school we mean “A *community school* is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities.” As you are selecting the school for your children to attend in September ‘18 we encourage you to select school 16 as your neighborhood school. For further information, contact the school district or the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association office.



# 19th Ward Community Cats

Several local neighbors have inquired about the activities of the 19th Ward Community Cats and January of the New Year is a good time to reflect on the past year.

For those of you who may be new to the Ward or not familiar with our work, the 19th Ward Community Cats is part of the 19th Ward Community Association. Our Face Book page currently has 270 members with an active core group of about 30. The focus of the group is to Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) feral and stray cats found in the 19th Ward. Last year we identified 5 sizable colonies of adult cats and kittens and they were part of our total of 72 TNRd cats.

Using our own equipment, our volunteers trap and transport the cats and kittens to pre-set clinic appointments. They are neutered or spayed, vaccinated, and treated for fleas, worms and ear mites. While under anesthesia their left ear is clipped to show they have been neutered. All cats are checked for an ID microchip. The cats are then returned to their caretakers in the locations where they were originally trapped.

Last year we collaborated with several animal services including Rochester Animal Services, Lollypop Farm, Four Legged Friends, Cats Exclusively, Animal Service League, and Pet Adoption Network. These groups provided medical care and also assisted in placing several cats and kittens in adoptive homes.

In October we held our annual Cat Food Drive to collect and distribute food to neighbors who provide food and shelter for feral cat colonies, easing the cost to them. Our annual Yard Sale was very successful with proceeds going directly to the TNR programs. Generous and modest donations were also received from concerned residents.

Our group offered a wealth of information throughout the year to our neighbors; while we are not a rescue or adoption group, we can and do provide information, direction and support to residents having a “cat crisis.”

From over 287 cats in 2015, 100 cats in 2016 down to 72 cats TNRd this year, cats lives and health in over 90 areas of the 19th Ward has greatly improved – a benefit to the cats and their human neighbors. If you have any questions please contact us via the 19th Ward Community Association. Donations for our on-going work are greatly appreciated and may be mailed or taken to the 19th Ward Community Association office at 216 Thurston Rd, Rochester 14619. Please mark your checks in Memo Area: For CATS. Thanks

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A major part of the funding for the 19th Ward Community Cats is their annual yard sale.

This year the Group would like to try a different venue to expand the sale and not have to worry about the weather.

The Group is seeking an indoor space in the 19th Ward, ideally a church basement, school annex or other open large room that would be available for a 3 or 4 days including a Friday and Saturday. One or two days would be used for sorting of donations with the sale being held on Friday and Saturday.

If you have such a space and would consider it for the yard sale, please contact Jinny Spencer at 328-8473 for details.



# Delegates' Council Meeting, Jan. 11, 2018

Harlan Ost, President, chaired the meeting

--**Arnett Library schedules multiple programs** for kids, teens and adults: A knitting class for adults and teens is starting Thurs Feb. 1 at 5:30.

--**The Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration (Jan. 13)** will take place at the Arnett Library on Jan 13, Saturday, at noon to 1pm. All are welcome.

--**Luminary Evening will be held Jan. 15**; residents are asked to put luminaries out in front of their houses at 6pm, to honor the legacy of Dr. King. A limited number of luminary kits will be available at the MLK Celebration at the Arnett Library on Jan. 13. The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Assoc. office at 216 Thurston Road will be open on Jan. 15 from 6pm to 9pm...stop by to see neighbors and have some hot chocolate. The pedestrian bridge to the UR will be lit.

--**Treasurer Report**: Deb Wight, Treasurer, sent a written report, reconciled through Dec. 31, 2017. We have \$32,600 in our checking account, and \$2,277 in our savings account. \$15,400 of these funds are restricted.

--**The annual Candlelight Dinner** event will be held on Sat., Feb. 10.

--**Skating Party** will take place on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 4 to 6pm. Volunteers are needed. UR will once again help to sponsor and staff the event.

--The City is undertaking some **long term development planning**. The Delegates' Council would like to sponsor a community meeting with a representative of the City to discuss. Harlan Ost will follow up.

--**Speed limit on residential streets**. Healthi Kids is leading an advocacy effort to reduce the speed limit on residential streets in Rochester to 25 mph. City Council does not have jurisdiction over setting the speed limit; instead NYS Dept. of Transportation sets most speed limits. Local communities around NYS have obtained the authority to set speed limits through Home Rule legislation. Delegates Council voted in favor of a motion to seek home rule so that the City of Rochester can have the authority to determine local speed limits in residential areas.

--The 19<sup>th</sup> WCA contracted with the City to continue the **Street Manager** program through June 30, 2018. This program supports local businesses on the business corridors in SW Rochester.

--Jeremy Coleman and Karen Emerson were elected to be **Delegate Council representatives** to the Executive Committee of the 19<sup>th</sup> WCA.

--**Save the Date**: An event is planned for Feb 23 (7 to 9 pm) at Brue Coffee to showcase local Caribbean restaurants.

--Delegates Council developed a list of key people to be invited to Delegate Council meetings to speak for a few minutes about a variety of issues.

--James Demps is the new director of the **SW Neighborhood Service Center**.



## Rapids Cemetery Exciting News and Research Opportunities

The 19th Ward History and Archives group, working with students at RIT, needs to provide content about those buried at Rapids Cemetery for inclusion in a self-guiding cell phone tour of the cemetery, and we would welcome your research and input.

Four teams of seniors from RIT have completed their analysis and have presented John Curran and myself (representing the History & Archives committee) with their proposals. Each team plans to take a slightly different approach to the problem of creating a self-guiding cell phone tour of Rapids Cemetery.

Some of the teams called out the need for reaching classes of young students who might come with their teacher on an expeditionary learning outing. There was mention of possible scavenger hunts. Some of the proposals emphasized testing, user interfaces, and security features. Some promised a “dynamic map.” Some talked about “pop-up prompts.” Some talked about forwarding event postings to Facebook.

We are looking forward to being surprised and delighted! We will be working closely with the students over the course of their 14-week spring semester.

Now, here’s the thing: While they work on the app itself, we need to provide the content.

Who: Individuals interested in research

What: Regular Historical Research Opportunities on behalf of Rapids Cemetery burials

Where: The Local History Division at the Rundel Library building, Second Floor of the Central Library (west side of South Avenue)

When: We intend to have a consistent presence at Rundel. Beginning February 5, 2018, through the month of March, and we need the assistance of other researchers for two-hour sessions, Mon, Wed, or Fri, any time between the hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Why: The 19th Ward History and Archives group needs to provide content about those buried at Rapids Cemetery for inclusion in a self-guiding cell phone tour of Rapids Cemetery.

Parking: Two hours free parking is available at the South Avenue Garage (proximate) and the Court Street Garage (nearby). Parking validation needed.

Please email John Curran ([jeccurran@rochester.rr.com](mailto:jeccurran@rochester.rr.com)) or MaryDan Cooper ([marydan@frontiernet.net](mailto:marydan@frontiernet.net)), or call 585-436-4417, prior to the day you plan to come, so that we can be there to assist you.

# WELCOME TO GENESEE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE IN ROCHESTER NEW YORK

*Playing Little League Baseball in the 19th Ward and Southwest Since 1955*

## The 2018 Season is Ready To Start!

**Register Today**. You'll Be Glad You Did.

*Our league boundaries are the southwest quadrant of Rochester. If your child lives or attends a school within those boundaries they are eligible to play.*

*If you live in the northwest quadrant of the city and would still like to play city Little League Baseball contact Genesee Valley Little League. We will see what we can work out.*

Look for us at the following locations beginning in January and February on Saturdays 10AM to noon for walkup registration:

**Arnett Branch Library** on Arnett Blvd.

**Boys and Girls Club** on Genesee Street.

You can also register online. Click the **REGISTER** button at the top of the homepage.

Registration material is also available at your local recreation center, the **Arnett Branch Library**, and the **Southwest Neighborhood Service Center**; 923 Genesee St.

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### A Personal Note to Our GVLL Families

As we prepare for the 2018 baseball season the Genesee Valley Little League board of directors would like to ask each registering family to think about what you as an adult can do to help GVLL. We are ALL volunteers. A quality program depends upon family members committing to be coaches and umpires, work our concession stand, handle equipment and whatever else goes with Little League. Men, women, DADS, grandparents, aunts, uncles; all are welcome. *We've brought Genesee Valley Little League back from extinction; now we need you to make it flourish.* Please, stand with us. If you do we will have a league that we can all be proud of.

### GIRLS FAST PITCH SOFTBALL

Genesee Valley Little League is offering girls fast pitch softball in 2018. The division will be in the minors; ages 7 to 11 years old and will be either "coach pitch" or "player pitch". To find more detailed information about girls softball click on the website below. If you have questions don't hesitate to send us an email. We'll get right back to you. To register just select register at the top of the page.

For more information and online registration, visit our website





# Rochester Public Library ARNETT BRANCH

# February

FREE programs and events for all ages.

## Kids Programs

**Saturday Story Times**  
Every Saturday  
1 – 1:30 p.m.  
Ages 2 yrs - 5 yrs.



### Photo with Frederick Douglass

**Monday, February 19, from 2 – 5 p.m.**

Kids can pose for a picture with our mural portrait of Frederick Douglass. We will print out the photo and give kids a frame for their picture that they can decorate. Ages 12 and under

**Tuesday Story Times**  
Every Tuesday  
11:15 – 11:45 a.m.  
Ages 2 yrs. - 5 yrs.



### Tail Waggin' Tutors

**Wednesday, February 21 at 4 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

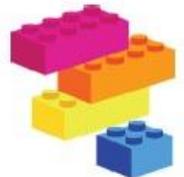
**Arts and Crafts**  
Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.  
Ages 12 and under



### LEGO Club

**Thursday, February 15 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.



### Money Matters Book Club

**Thursday, February 22 at 4 p.m.**

Kids 12 and under will enjoy a financial literacy book and a snack with the Flower City AmeriCorps volunteers. Ages 12 and under



## Teen Programs

**Wii Gaming Fridays**  
Fridays from 3 – 5 p.m.  
Open play in the teen area.



**Valentine's Day Card Making**  
Tuesday, February 13

Join us to make valentines and have a snack.



## Adult Programs

**Computer Tutor**  
Every Monday from 4 – 5 p.m.  
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 to sign up!

**Free TASC Tutoring**  
Every Monday  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Do you want to prepare for the High School Equivalency Exam known as TASC (formerly GED)? Free Tutoring is available at the Arnett Branch Library every Monday except holidays.



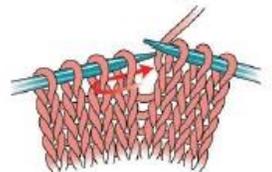
**Eastman Community School Youth Ensembles**  
Saturday, February 3, from Noon – 1 p.m.

Join us for a wonderful program for music lovers of all ages and a chance to meet the musicians after the performance. This is part of a series of four concerts (running January – April 2018) being presented by the Friends of the Arnett Branch Library. Refreshments will follow this family-friendly concert.



**Friends Teaching Friends: Learn to Knit!**  
Thursdays: February 1, 8, and 15  
5:30 – 7 p.m.

Have you always wanted to learn to knit? Arnett Friend Deb Leary and some knitting friends will be getting you started on a cozy cowl that will teach you the basics. Yarn and needles will be supplied. The group will meet on the first three Thursday evenings of February from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. The class is open to teens (grades 7-12) and adults with all levels of skill. If you're already a knitter and want to learn more, join us!



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

ARNETT BRANCH LIBRARY • 310 Arnett Boulevard • 585-428-8214

## SAVE THE DATE....

The annual Palm Sunday Breakfast will be held on Sunday, March 25, from 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM at the Rochester Presbyterian Home. More information will be coming to you shortly. Tickets will be available at the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Office, by phone at 328-6571, at the Southwest Family YMCA on Thurston, and at St. Monica and Stephen Churches. Our speaker this year is Dana K Miller, newly appointed Director of Development Services for the City of Rochester. That position includes development of neighborhoods and businesses, and can directly affect the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. Funds collected will be donated to Southwest Ecumenical Missions (SWEM)



**Need a Volunteer** who can change a ballast in the overhead light fixture. (I have the ladder, the ballast, and the grateful smile)  
Call Jackie, 328-6571

Dear friends and potential supporters;  
We have recently opened up a consignment shop and boutique on Arnett Blvd. We would love and appreciate your help in making donations, bringing things to consign and your purchasing power. Our goal is to sell items at a nominal price to impact our neighborhood. We are currently on FB under Arnett Treasure Hunt.  
Like us on FB and call us with any donations. We will also pick up; saving you gas and time  
phone # is (585) 355-7285

Thanks for your anticipated cooperation:

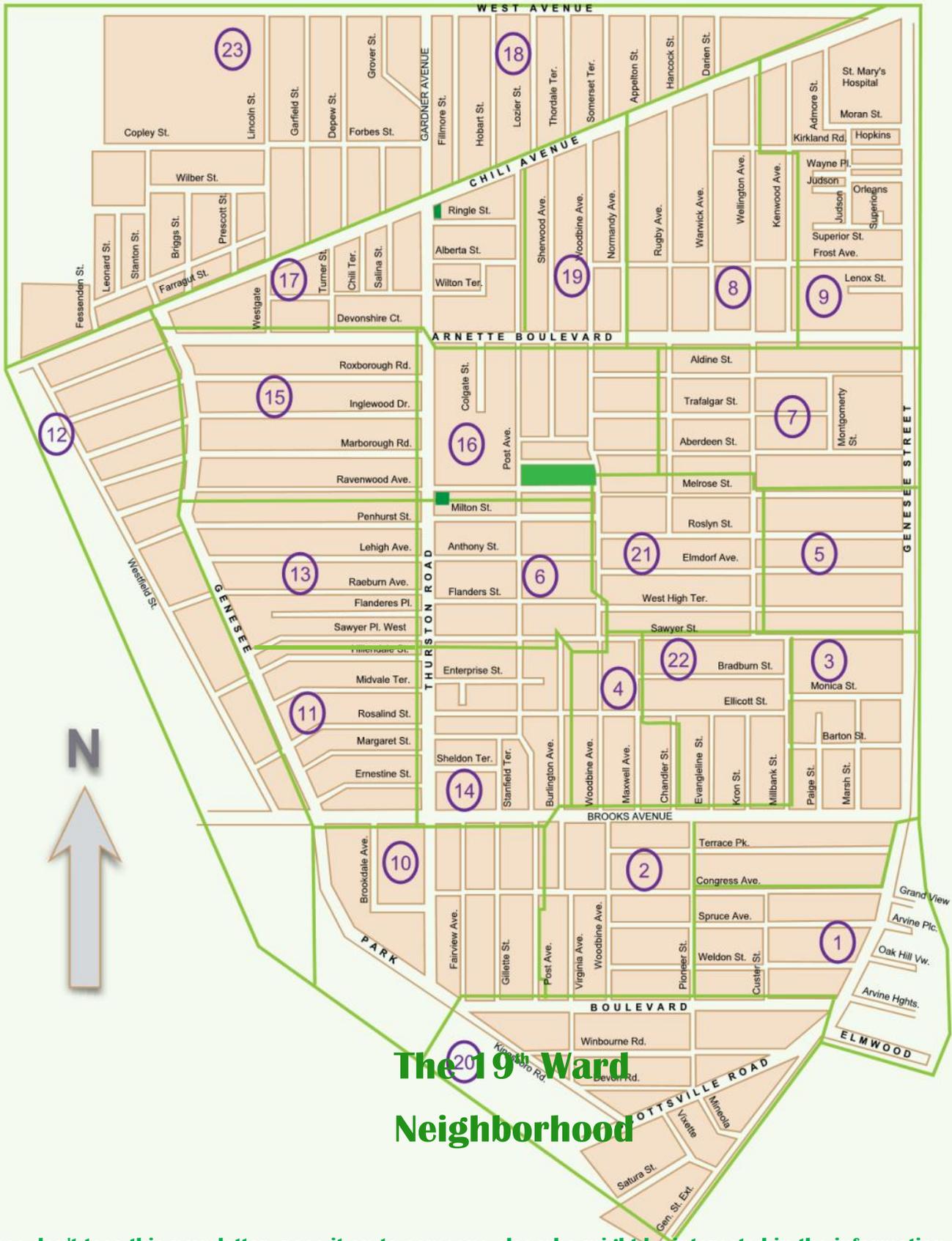
### **Call to Action: Reclaiming Fatherhood**

Saturday, February 10, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM  
David Gantt Community Center, 700 North St  
Presentations by David Miller, author of “Dare To Be King: What if the Prince Lives?”  
and by Matt Stevens, author of “Welcome Work: Preparing Today’s Youth for the Workforce

For more information, or to RSVP:  
Renee Joyner 585-262-8568;  
renee.joyner@RCSDK12.org







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

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