



# Update 19

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## President Message December 2018

Farewell my 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Family

Two years ago I stepped way out of my comfort zone as a shy person and became president of the organization. I was not sure what then president Diane Watkins meant when she asked me “are you ready for this”? I would soon understand the question. The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association is a very large organization that has hundreds and hundreds of volunteers that support and give of their time and talents to make the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward the best place to work and play. I have had the fortune to sit in many meetings and learn about the needs, concerns and quality of life issues that our residents brought forth. I better understand the vast richness of our diverse community be it in education, religion, socio-economics or their ethnic background. These differences are what makes our organization a strong community-driven success story.

I want to thank the 23 districts delegates, all the various committee chairpersons, and our Office Manager –Jackie Farrell. I -also want to thank the Executive Board Officers, 1st Vice President- Chris Buitrago 2nd Vice President- Zola Brown, Secretary- Sheila Driscoll, Treasurer- Deb Wight, Past President Diane Watkins, and Karen Emerson and Jeremy Coleman representatives for the delegates for their endless work that allows us to accomplish the things that the residents have voiced a concern about. I also want to thank you, the volunteer that works on a small project be it a mailing or other office task, or working in our beautiful Ravenwood or Chili-Thurston garden. It is all the members who come together throughout the year and step up when there is a need to fill. It is the people who find help for neighbors in need, or volunteers who work on the various events that the organization supports. These commitments bring us closer together, broaden our outlook on life, and improve us as individuals and as a community.

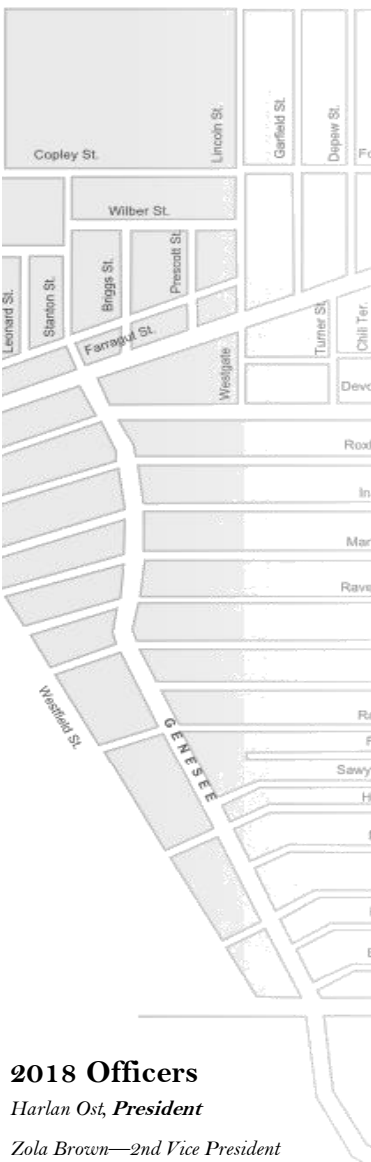
It is once again time to elect new officers and pass the torch. A time for another beginning and new challenges for our organization in the coming year. We will come together as we have for the past 50+ years to face the needs and concerns that will rise in our community. We will meet these challenges and continue to enrich our organization and the community because of you- the residents of the 19<sup>th</sup> ward.

I will be stepping away from the organization for a while at the end of my term for personal reasons. I am sure you will give the new officers the same support as you have shown me the past two years. This shy guy will be forever grateful to everyone for helping him grow through your sharing of your wisdom, knowledge, kind words and encouragement.

Thank you and God bless each and every one of you

Harlan Ost

President



### 2018 Officers

Harlan Ost, **President**

Zola Brown—2nd Vice President

Sheila Driscoll, **Secretary**

Deb Wight, **Treasurer**

Diane Watkins, **Past President**

It's time to think about making luminaries for our Martin Luther King Jr celebration in January. Save milk jugs, canning jars, etc. If you have an excess, drop them at the office for someone else to pick up and use their creative talents.

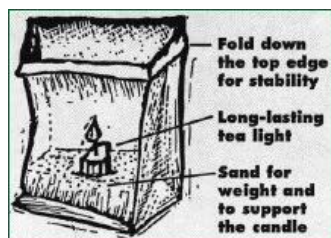
Some ideas for making luminaries:



Canning jars with tealights or candles inside work very well

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Luminaries can easily be crafted at home from white or pastel paper bags embellished with cutouts, enough sand to keep the bag upright, and a votive candle placed inside. Most homes need at least 10 bags out front to be effective.



## General instructions for putting together your luminary kit

*(Rock salt, stones, or kitty litter can be used in place of sand)*

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### The following instructions use a ½ gal plastic milk jug:

Slice a long narrow 'hole' in plastic jug just below bottom of handle, and not slicing all around. Place rock salt, sand, stones, or kitty litter in bottom of jug to serve as a weight.

2. Center the votive candle (or battery-powered tea light) in the rock salt. Press down lightly to nest in place. Only a quarter-inch of the candle's base is surrounded by the rock salt. Keep candle visible, not covered.

3. Light the candle outdoors.

4. Do not cover the carton with a cap or stopper. The open top works like a chimney.

5. Hold the carton at the base. Don't use the bend-able handle to carry the lit luminary. Place the plastic carton base where you want the luminary displayed. The plastic carton permits the luminary to nestle in the snow.

6. Keep the air-entry hole away from the wind. Let a solid side face the wind.

7. Keep the luminary level. Tilted candles burn unevenly and more quickly.

8. For best results, use a votive candle or tealight.

10. To save for next year, remove candle, pour the rock salt into a plastic bag. Put the luminary instructions in the rock salt bag and seal tightly. Place the bag inside the plastic carton. Store the luminary kit upright in a dry place away from children's reach

## Notes from Convention

The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Convention was a huge success!! The newly renovated School 16 is beautiful, and the staff was very welcoming. We filled the cafeteria with people, food, raffle baskets, and information. The music was lovely, the cheerleaders were exceptional, and the food was outstanding.

The business meeting was well attended, the 2019 budget passed, new officers were elected, and Richard Feldman spoke on the relationship between UR and our community.

After the meeting, the lucky raffle winners collected their prizes, and many of us continued on to the after-party at Brue.

New officers as of January 1, 2019 are Zola Brown, President; Jesse Knoth, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Karen Emerson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Sheila Driscoll, Secretary; Deb Wight, Treasurer.

It was a great evening, and we can look forward to a repeat same time next year.



## A Special Visitor

I am a descendant of some 19th-century residents of the area known as the “The Rapids”, now part of Rochester’s 19th Ward. I have been aware of my ancestral connection to this neighbourhood for many years and have long wished to visit. A combination of life circumstances and living 2000 miles away meant that the fulfillment of this desire was delayed for about 17 years.

In May 2018, I was doing internet searches to see if any new research sources for the area had been put on-line. I came across a November 2016 article from the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle* concerning the restoration efforts at Rapids Cemetery. I was very excited to discover this as I had been informed back in 2001 that the cemetery had suffered from vandalism and was largely neglected. The news item mentioned that the 19th Ward History and Archives Committee was involved in the process, so I searched some more, found the <http://19wca.org> website and the “Update 19” newsletters. One issue listed contact information for John Curran, so I e-mailed him to outline my connection to the cemetery and to thank those who were working on the rehabilitation project. One thing led to another, and I began doing more research and exchanging information with John and Dr. Dan DeMarle. As it happens, Rochester is an excellent place to conduct research from afar as so much source material is accessible on-line, particularly through the Local History & Genealogy portal of Rochester Public Library. As ongoing research increased my knowledge, my fascination deepened, and I determined that I should head to Rochester as soon as possible to see the cemetery and to do further on-site research.



My long-delayed plan to visit The Rapids came to fruition in September when I was able to spend six busy days in Rochester. By comparing old and new maps, I discovered that the location of my great-great grandparents’ property is now under the parking lot of the Staybridge Suites, so naturally I stayed there. John Curran very kindly gave me a tour of the cemetery and immediate neighbourhood, pointing out items of interest as we walked. I saw the grave markers of great-great grandmother Luana Maria (Willis) Burne and great-great uncle James McGuckin, a veteran of the Civil War. It was fabulous to meet 19th Ward resident and third cousin, Donna Sarnacki, who like me, is a great-great granddaughter of Percy and Luana Burne. Interestingly, Donna’s great-grandfather George Wilbur Burne and his brother Adelbert operated a meat market and grocery for a period of years at the corner of Brooks and Genesee - the present location of Brue Coffee. John introduced me to Dana Miller, proprietor of Brue, during our Rapids walk. I paid a visit to the 19th Ward Community Association office and met the delightful (and very helpful) Jackie Farrell. John also put me in touch with Amy Brand, a descendant of the Ballentine family members buried at Rapids Cemetery, and I thoroughly enjoying meeting up with her and exchanging research “war stories”. Genesee Baptist Church generously allowed me access to some of their historical material as three of my direct ancestors were charter members in 1871 of the “First Regular Baptist Church of the Rapids”, predecessor of the current church.

I would like to convey my sincere thanks to the 19th WCA History and Archives Committee, their cooperating partners and other contributors to the Rapids Cemetery restoration project: Christine Ridarsky, Rochester City Historian; Dr. Al Smith, Veterans’ Memorial and Executive Council/United Veterans of Rochester and Monroe County; Brian Liberti, Rochester City Forester; Bill Gillette, Town of Gates Historian; John McMahon, City of Rochester Southwest Quadrant Service Center; Rochester Institute of Technology students; and many volunteers who have worked on the cemetery grounds. Your collaboration is vital to conserving a piece of history and benefiting the local area.

Eileen McElroy

During the month of December, office hours will be limited to the true hours on the door: 9:30—2:30 Tuesday through Friday, with some break time during the Christmas holiday.

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Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Convention a huge success—office workers, shoppers, cooks, transportation people, set-up, clean-up, food set-up and servers, entertainers, raffle donors, raffle ticket buyers, pizza donors, and the community representatives.

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We apologize if you have called the office and not been able to reach a person or our voicemail system.

We have experienced problems with Frontier since Nov 14. We are trying to get the situation corrected.

Call the Arnett Library, 428-8214 for more information about this program

A brown pill bottle with a white label. The label has a red 'Rx' symbol at the top, followed by the text 'Need an Affordable Care Act Healthcare Plan?' in large, bold letters. Below that, it says 'Get free one-on-one help & enroll today!' in smaller text. The bottle is set against a blurred background of white lab coats.

**Need an Affordable Care Act Healthcare Plan?**  
Get free one-on-one help & enroll today!

**Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment Period:**  
November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019

Sign up by December 15, 2018 to ensure coverage by January 1, 2019

A Certified Application Navigator will be available to assist you in enrolling for health insurance through the New York State of Health Exchange (Affordable Care Act).

Please bring ID, the previous year's tax return and the Social Security numbers and birth dates for all family members you will be enrolling.

See back for times and library locations.

For more info. and full schedule visit  
[www.cityofrochester.gov/aca](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/aca)

Special Thanks to: LawNY, Fidelis Care and Coordinated Care Services Inc.

## Available Space at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Are you part of a worship community which is looking for a meeting space? St. Stephen's Church, located at 350 Chili Avenue, might be able to help. We have shared our worship space in the past with other congregations and would welcome the opportunity to do this again. The church is available on Sundays after 12:00 pm with meeting space available before that. Space, timing and rent are all negotiable.

We have always welcomed our neighbors and look forward to hearing from you. Please contact the church office at 328-0856 or at [ststephensoffice@frontier.com](mailto:ststephensoffice@frontier.com) for additional information. Thank you very much!



# Rochester Public Library ARNETT BRANCH

# December

FREE programs and events for all ages.

## Kids Programs

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

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



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

**Tail Waggin' Tutors: Kids read books to dogs!**  
Wednesday, December 19, from 4 - 5 p.m.  
Ages 12 and under



**LEGO Club**  
Thursday, December 20  
4:30 p.m.  
Ages: 5 - 12

**The Puppeteering Awards**  
Wednesday, December 26  
Noon - 4 p.m.

Our puppet theatre will be set up in the children's area. When our librarians spot kids playing with the puppets, they will reward and surprise them with small prizes. Ages 12 and under



**Kwanzaa Bingo**  
Thursday, December 27 at 3 p.m.  
Kids will have fun playing this holiday-themed game.  
Ages 5 - 12



BINGO							
14	29	38	52	74			
4	18	33	46	62			
7	16	★	60	71			
9	27	44	51	67			
12	23	35	47	73			

## Teen Programs

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



**Handmade Gifts**  
Thursdays: December 6, 13 and 20  
4:30 - 6 p.m.  
Teens will get crafty as they create gifts for the holiday season.



## Adult Programs



**TASC Tutoring**  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Adult students receive help preparing to take the High School Equivalency Exam during this drop in program.

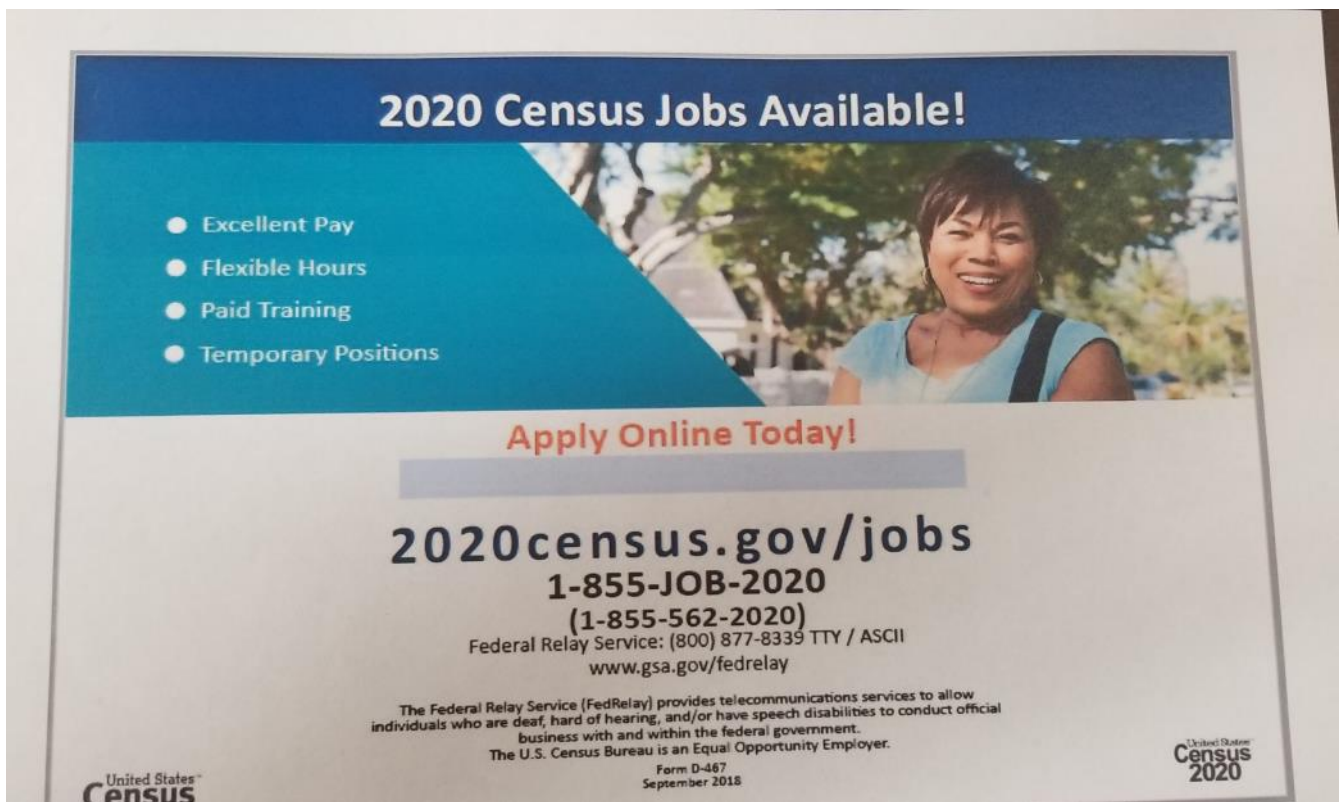
This library is accessible to people with disabilities. To request specific accommodations call 585-428-8304 ten days prior to the program.

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**Relieve**



**Lovely A. Warren, Mayor**  
Rochester City Council



## YOUTHBUILD

### Has moved to Lincoln Avenue

A program of the Rochester Workforce Consortium:

- Hands-On Construction Training
- Construction Certification
- Leadership Development
- Career Development
- Opportunity to attend College and participate in advanced training
- Computer Training
- Job Support Placement
- High School Equivalency Classes
- Weekly stipend
- Ages 17-24 can enroll
- Orientation sessions—Tuesdays at Noon

Call Reg Walton at 376-2295 for information

*"On my first day, I didn't even know how to read the marks on a tape measure. When I graduated, I was OSHA-certified and building energy-efficient homes for local low-income families, very much like my own."*

- Ruben Castro

## Delegates' Council Meeting, Nov 8, 2018

Guests: Reg Walton and Eleanor Coleman from YOUTH BUILD presented. They partner with Habitat to serve youth 17-24 with construction skills. They also work with REOC to help participants complete TASC, the new GED. Youth Build is located at 121 Lincoln Ave. They currently have 11 in class. They are asking for our help to spread the word, and for referrals to the program.

Deb Leary presented on behalf of Empire Justice. She is asking that the Association send a letter of support to Governor Cuomo to support a statewide initiative for housing, counseling and legal service provider to be included in the state budget. Previously has federal subsidy but those funds are currently not available. Tyrese made a motion to send letter, seconded by Karen E. passed unanimously.

Announcements: Brooks Landing 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nov 9-10, 2018. Friday at Brue Coffee Social Gathering with music by the Bureaucats. Saturday at Staybridge there will be a free Family Fun Day with music, games, food and fun for all. Collaboration with UR. Staybridge has gotten tents and heaters since the weather is predicted to be on the cold side. Encourage any neighbors to enjoy the fun. The UR students will be providing children's activities.

### Reports:

Mary Dan Cooper and Angie Burch presented 2019 Budget. Discussion and questions followed. Motion made and passed to pass budget.

Jackie reported on Westside Farmers Market fundraiser, suggested discussion of 2019 events at December Delegates' Council, asked everyone to be sure new delegates have necessary information and dates.

Jeremy Coleman reported on the Police Accountability Board. Discussion followed regarding arming UR Peace Officers. 19WCA will draft and send a letter to UR regarding this issue, and requesting a seat on UR decision-making bodies as decisions are made that affect our neighborhood.

Diane Watkins reported on Convention – still looking for volunteers, food, and raffle items.

John DeMott reported on the Street Manager program – still waiting for contract – program began in October.

John DeMott reported on the Bulls Head Development program – the City will take over 15 properties using eminent domain.

Some discussion regarding district meetings, and concerns addressed at those meetings. Charlotte reported that her district is concerned about lighting and parking at Rite-Aid on Thurston. Due to bar crowd, there have been problems there. Charlotte spoke to manager who reported that they are working on better lighting, and repair of parking lot gates.

Jackie reminded everyone that we are still looking for Delegates in Districts 3 & 4.

Lauren Caruso announced the topic for the next Breaking the Bubble lecture is "How to run for Office". 7:30 November 11, Brue Coffee



## SENIOR HOUSING

Rochester Management and Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church will be holding a series of public meetings to get community input on a proposed 54 unit Senior Citizens housing facility (ages 55+) on Dr. Samuel McCree Way. Come to one of the 4 public meetings to learn more about the proposed project. All meetings will be held at Zion Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 250 Dr. Samuel McCree Way

Tuesday, Dec. 4 Noon

Tuesday, Dec. 4 6:00-7:30 PM

Thursday, Dec. 6 Noon

Thursday, Dec. 6 6:00-7:30



## UR—Making A Difference –

December 7

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Class of '62 Auditorium G-9425, UR Medical Center

### Topics include:

Living the Brand: *A Culture of Respect*

Working while Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Disability: We're All In

Women and Men of Color: We are not Invisible (Panel Discussion)

## University Resource Group Summit

**Lunch Keynote** - Kevin McDonald, JD, EdD

Vice Chancellor for Inclusion, Diversity & Equity and Chief Diversity Officer at the University of Missouri

**Panelists:** Sasha Eloi, EdD, UR; Melany J. Silas, MCC; Jose Ortiz, UR; Olajiwon McCadney, Nazareth College; Calvin Grant, MCC; Kesha Carter, Coordinated Care Services, Inc.



## Still need snowplowing?

The phone continues to ring because so many people have been asking about plowing. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking on plowing or shoveling jobs, please call the office, or send an email. We will be happy to spread your name around.



Here are some names and contact information for plowing that we have gathered so far. We are happy to share these contacts, offered by neighbors. Since we are not familiar with them or their work, the 19WCA is not recommending them, simply passing on the contact information. Please give us feedback, and continue to send us recommendations.

Clifford Florence 305-3148

Kevin Brinson 414-9049

Bob Ensman 352-8779

Also, check the '19th Ward Neighbors' Facebook page

December 2018

PLEASE DONATE a Christmas dinner  
**SWEM needs you to make a difference!**

**Drop off dates:** Sundays, December 2 and December 9, 2018  
between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**Drop off location:** Montgomery Neighborhood Center, 10 Cady St.,  
Rochester, NY 14608. **Use side entrance.**

Christmas baskets are designed for families of three to four people. *Please donate standard sized cans and 16 ounce boxes for each item.* For each basket, please provide the following:

- ☐ 1 fruit cocktail or canned fruit
- ☐ 2 soups
- ☐ 1 large fruit juice
- ☐ 1 instant mashed potatoes (two 6oz or one 15oz)
- ☐ 2 regular or 1 large can of sweet potatoes
- ☐ 3 canned vegetables (e.g., corn, peas, beans)
- ☐ 1 cranberry sauce
- ☐ 1 bag stuffing (or boxed- two 6oz or one 12oz)
- ☐ 1 boxed dessert (e.g., gelatin or pudding, cake mix/ frosting, or pie crust/ filling)

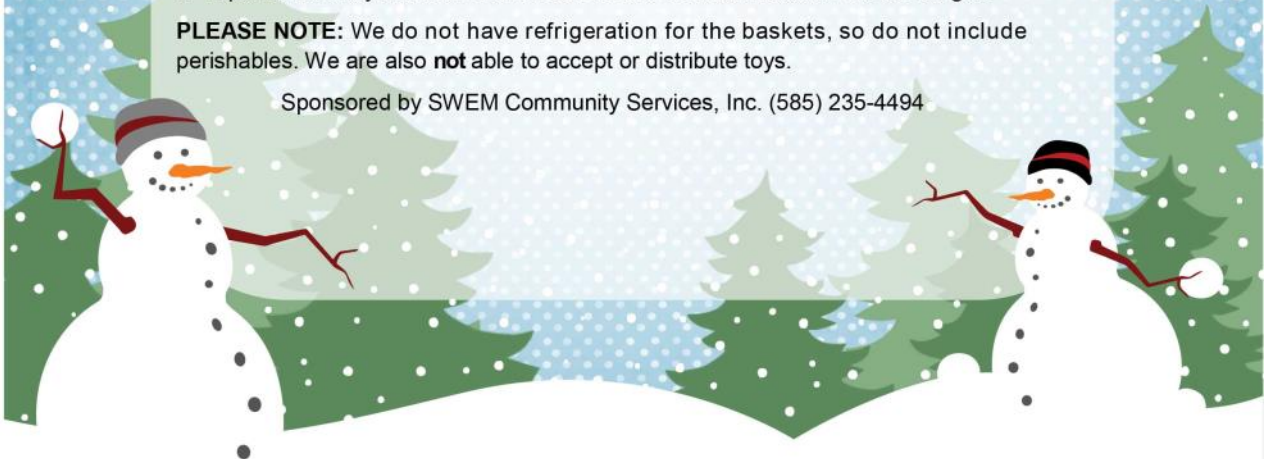
Additionally, please add \$10 cash or check donation per basket to cover the cost of meat, eggs and margarine that SWEM will provide.

Please do not put the money in your basket, please give it to your organizer or to the SWEM representative.

Feel free to include holiday touches of your own, such as coffee, tea, candies, mints, or napkins. Laundry baskets or totes to hold the contents make an additional gift.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We do not have refrigeration for the baskets, so do not include perishables. We are also **not** able to accept or distribute toys.

Sponsored by SWEM Community Services, Inc. (585) 235-4494



*Are you wondering about the special border colors that sometimes appear on the printed edition of Update 19? The Editor would like to take credit for the lovely colors, but indeed the printer has special capabilities to create that all on its own. The disadvantage is that it uses lots of ink, and sometimes blurs out the actual printing.*



**Arnett Blvd  
THURSTON Road  
& BROOKS Avenue!**



**DISCOUNT DAYS!**



**November 24<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**\* SHOP THESE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES!**

 <b>Gil Tegg Mobil MART</b> 671 Brooks Ave	 <b>People's Choice Restaurant</b> 685 Brooks Ave	 <b>SENSUOUS SATIABLES</b> Aromatherapy Gift Shop 659 Thurston Rd	 <b>Colleen M. Gordon, DDS</b> 612 Thurston Rd	 <b>YMCA Active Family Center</b> 597 Thurston Rd
 <b>Classy Cuts Barbering</b> 569 Thurston Rd	 <b>Maureen's Magic Touch Boutique</b> 567 Thurston Rd	 <b>Sharp Eye</b> 543 Thurston Road	 <b>Chell's Liquor</b> 530 Thurston Rd	 <b>The Thurston BAR &amp; GRILL</b> 529 Thurston Rd
 <b>Music</b> <b>Crosskeys Tavern</b> 521 Thurston Rd	 <b>FORTE STYLES</b> 517 Thurston Rd	 <b>Forty Acres / Forty Lashes</b> 515 Thurston Rd	 <b>VISIONS Barber Shop</b> 511 Thurston Rd	 <b>Ali's Tailor &amp; Retail Shop</b> 390 Thurston Rd
 <b>Hot Cuts Barbershop</b> 376 Thurston Rd	 <b>eclipse</b> <b>Club Eclipse</b> 372 Thurston Rd	 <b>Styling You Head to Toe</b> 346 Thurston Rd	 <b>Abby's St. Kittchen</b> 340 Thurston Rd	 <b>James Crowley Plumbing</b> <b>James Crowley Plumbing &amp; Heating</b> 334 Thurston Rd
 <b>19th Ward Community Assoc.</b> 216 Thurston Rd	 <b>LAUNDRY</b> <b>Laundry on Arnett</b> 362 Arnett Blvd	 <b>His BRANCHES inc.</b> <b>Grace Family Medicine</b> 342 Arnett Blvd	 <b>Arnett Treasure HUNT</b> 268 Arnett Blvd	 <b>DaVine</b> <b>DaVine Hair Designs</b> 262 Arnett Blvd

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS! \* DISCOUNTS will vary store to store.**

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAY**

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Up to**

**40%  
off\***

**Holiday**

**GIFTS**

**Custom  
T-Shirts  
Greeting  
Cards!**

**DRINK  
SPECIALS!**

**DELICIOUS  
FOOD!**

**&  
More!!!**

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

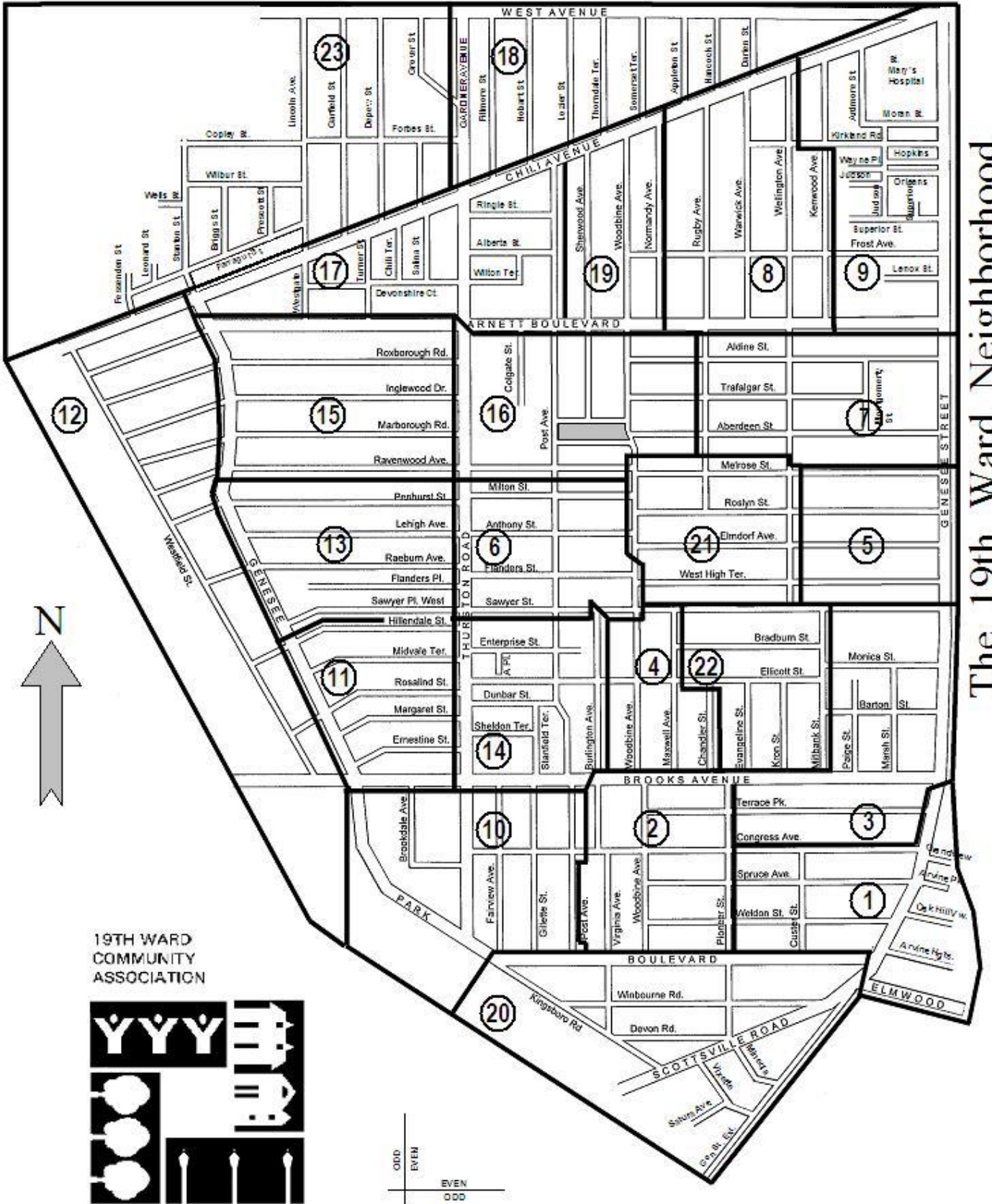


# DECEMBER



					6:00 PM Bureau-cats at Brue - fundraiser for Wilson Magnet X-Cats	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> Drop off date for SWEM holiday baskets  Hanukkah begins at sundown	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston Noon and 6:00 PM Proposed senior housing meeting at Zion Hill	<b>5</b> 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett Merchants at RPH	<b>6</b> Noon & 6:00 PM proposed senior housing meeting at Zion Hill	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Drop off date for SWEM holiday baskets	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at NSC  7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Arnett Library	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	<b>20</b> 1:00 Housing Committee at NSC	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b> Kwanzaa	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	2019!! Here we come!				

# The 19th Ward Neighborhood



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