

Update 19

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November 2015

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Raffle Baskets

Dancers—Rapper Anniversary Cake

Youth Performers
Volunteer Appreciation

Vote for Officers
Pass 2016 Budget
Meet your Delegate

It's more than business
IT'S A PARTY!!

WIN original design hand crafted 19wca T-shirt Quilt

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Diane Watkins
President, 19WCA



President's Message

Welcome to November

Every now and again I hear someone say that there is nothing to do in Rochester. I always challenge them on this because I find that there is always something going on in the Nineteenth Ward. This month, we will continue the celebration of our 50th Anniversary at our annual convention.

We plan to have a ball!

Over the past month, representatives from the executive, housing and zoning committees of the 19WCA along with neighbors went to meetings held by the City's planning commission to discuss a plan by the Open Door Mission to convert the church on the corner of Post and Sawyer into a living facility for 48+ people. Some of our neighbors spoke in favor of the project and some neighbors spoke against it. The take away message for me in going through that process is that while I already know and appreciate that our neighborhood is ethnically, culturally and economically diverse, together, we are also courageously diverse enough to speak to all sides of any given issue and still work together for the common good. The Open Door Mission will continue in their search to locate an appropriately zoned facility in which women and their children can be served with the dignity of space, privacy and high quality of life that they deserve.

An upcoming conversation that you might want to be a part of will happen on Monday, Nov. 30 at Danforth Community Center. The RPD Genesee Section along with the Mayor wants to hear what residents have to say about police cameras. Considering that there are limitations to reviewing and storing video data, privacy concerns on the part of citizens and issues contextualizing video footage, I am sure that once again, we will have neighbors who will speak to all sides of this important issue.

If zoning or police issues aren't your thing, then you might consider that the 19th Ward is experiencing a period of gentrification or generally speaking, the process of renovating and improving houses and business' in the Ward so that they conform to middle-class taste. While it is great to see business investments and improvements to the housing stock in our neighborhood, there are unintended consequences to gentrification. Higher property assessments which come with higher tax rates, changing racial demographics and the displacement of low income and people living in poverty all have been associated with gentrification. Although I don't have all of the details of meeting times and dates yet, we should be aware that they are coming.

Lastly, as we go into a new year, in addition to our traditional annual events, we need to begin to do some strategic planning about the goals and projects that we want to work on as a neighborhood association. Some of these goals include working with Teen Empowerment on youth employment, reconnoitering to define what the return of number 16 school will look like and other items that might be of interest to you. I hope that you are willing to stay involved and encourage your friends and neighbors to keep busy helping to keep the 19th a great place to live.

2015 Officers

President: Diane Watkins

1st Vice President: Greta Mosley

2nd Vice President:
Mary Daniel Cooper

Treasurer: Rich Damick

Secretary: Sheila Driscoll

Past President: LaShay Harris

Diane Watkins
President





Ground Breaking Saturday, November 7, 11:00 AM Community Arts Garden corner Ravenwood and Thurston

Be part of the excitement as we install this beautiful Peace Art Pole, created by Mary Fran Kolbuc, at a chosen spot in the Ravenwood Thurston Community Garden. The pole represents 50 years of community building. The name of each resident awarded Citizen of the Year is engraved on a plaque on this pole. Also mentioned are the merchants, churches, and non-profits that have been in the 19th Ward for 50 years or more. This will be a heartfelt family friendly ground breaking, and we can all take part. Someone needs to dig (or we can take turns), someone needs to install the oz post, then the pole. And we all need to stand back and take note of how remarkable it is. Light refreshments will be provided.

House Tour 2015

The 39th 19WCA House tour took place October 17th, on a beautiful sunny fall day. Our neighborhood



looked great! Streets had been cleaned the previous day by City street cleaners and Mother Nature cooperated fully with the colorful fall foliage against the clear blue skies. Based on survey results sixty percent of the tour goers were from outside the ward. Our tireless, generous and friendly Home Owners welcomed the visitors chatting with and answering questions throughout the tour.

Cynthia Howk, from the Landmark Society, inspired us with her enthusiasm for our neighborhood and our architecture at her morning talk at the Aenon Baptist Church, our headquarters for the tour.

A basket of Market goodies, an incentive for filling out a survey, was won by Dottie Mason, a Hilton Resident who works at Strong Hospital. House tour is an event that builds community, and showcases our superior housing stock and neighborhood to the greater Rochester region. The fall of 2017 will be the next tour. Volunteers and interesting, well maintained homes are always needed. Think about it!

Holiday Open House - Save the Date

Saturday, December 12, 2:00 – 5:00 PM 19th Ward office, 216 Thurston Road.

Decorating for the party will take place at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 28. You are welcome to help with that. If you contribute decorations that you want returned to you, be sure they have your name and contact information on them. If you would like to bake and share cookies for the party on the 12th, contact the office by phone or email. Great activities are planned for the party – crafts for kids, mitten, hat and non-perishables collection for elementary school students, possible snowbuilding contest, possible caroling. Definitely a tree, and hopefully Santa will surprise us. More information coming in our next newsletter – mark the date now, and call the office if you can help with the planning and orchestration.



PLEASE DONATE A CHRISTMAS DINNER
SWEM needs you to make a difference!

Drop off dates: Sundays, December 6 and December 13, 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
- 2 regular or 1 large can of sweet potatoes
- 3 canned vegetables (e.g., corn, peas, beans)
- 1 cranberry sauce
- 1 bag stuffing
- 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.** Rather than putting 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. 235-4494.



Not your average Convention – Press Release

According to the 19th Ward Community Association's Annual Convention Committee, this year's convention has surprises in store. When asked about the Convention, co-Chair Sharon Conheady said "We want the message to come across that **IT'S A PARTY!** We will be celebrating the past and looking toward the future." It has become tradition over the years for the 19th Ward to invite a speaker to its annual convention, but this year will stray from that norm. Instead of listening to a speaker's presentation, the group will be entertained by talented youth from the community, a Rapper, and some period dancing, to give a hint of how the party is shaping up. There will be a cake to celebrate 50 years of community building. Hor's oeuvres and dinner will be served. A one-of-a-kind 19th Ward T-shirts quilt, original design handcrafted by Cele Jackson, will be raffled off, and word has it that many will be envious of the winner.

We asked Diane Watkins, 19^{WCA} President and co-Chair of the event, "What does one need to know about the 2015 Convention"? Her response:

- "If you want to vote for Officers and budget, **come early** – the agenda will be turned around this year. The business meeting will be first!
- Democrat and Chronicle Community Engagement Editor, Sheila Rayam, will emcee.
- Entertainment will be so much fun you might want to join in!
- Themed raffle baskets will creatively replace the auction.
- Although only members can vote at the business meeting, the convention is open to everyone, and promises to be a great evening, with good old 19th Ward socializing.
- And finally, **don't miss out.**"

The annual convention will be held on Friday, Nov 20, 6:00 PM at Danforth Community Center, 200 West Avenue (enter from Ames).

For more information call the 19th Ward office, 328-6571



50th Anniversary Merchandise



YES! We still have merchandise proclaiming our 50th year as an organization.

Glasses, wine glasses and mugs are \$6.50. Shirts range from \$12.00 to \$22.00.

Quantity discounts apply to all of the above!

Raffle tickets for our 50th Anniversary Handcrafted Quilt are only \$1.00 each/ 6 for \$5.00.

Stop by the office to purchase. They make great gifts. And we can now accept credit cards.

November at the Arnett Branch Library

Literacy Navigator

Every Monday, noon - 3 p.m.

Having trouble with paper and computer forms? A member of Literacy Volunteers of Rochester will be here to provide assistance!

Storytimes : Every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.

Every Saturday at 1 p.m.

Ages 12 and under.

Computer Tutor

Every Tuesday, 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 requested, class size is very limited. Call (585) 428-8214 or stop by the library to sign up! Ages 18 or older.

Homework Helpers

Mondays: Nov 2, 9, 16, 30 3 - 6 p.m.

Wednesdays: Nov 4, 18 3 - 6 p.m.

Sponsored by RTA/Dial-a-Teacher

For any student K-12

Free Home Energy Efficiency Workshop with PathStone

Tuesday, November 10

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Are you a homeowner, renter or landlord? Do you want to know how your home uses and loses energy? Want to know more information on how to help make home energy Improvements? Are you interested in learning about financing options such as low interest loans and grants? If so, attend our workshop to get answers to your questions and learn how you can qualify for a free or reduced cost home energy audit! RSVP today by calling (585) 442-2030 ext. 213 or email cklee@pathstone.org. Visit the PathStone website at www.PathStoneEnergyInfo.org.

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

Adult Coloring Book Fun

Thursday, Nov 12 5 - 6:30 p.m.

The latest artistic craze is coloring books for adults. Featuring more intricate designs and patterns than books designed for children, adult coloring books offer a fun and unique way to unwind and express creativity. Are you curious about this new trend? Join us for some coloring fun! Coloring pages, colored pencils, and light refreshments will be provided; participants are welcome to bring their own coloring supplies.

Registration is requested. Call (585) 428-8214 or stop by the library to sign up! This program is open to adults, 18 or older.

Thursday, Nov 12 - 4 - 5 p.m.

Effective Communication – FOR TEENS This skill building workshop focuses on helping young people understand the importance of being an effective communicator. Discussion topics include: active listening, body language, verbal and non-verbal cues, miscommunication, consent, and articulating your needs and wants.

Family Science Day

Saturday, Nov 14 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Meet with professional scientists and get hands on scientific experiences in a fun informal setting! Family Science Day is sponsored by the Rochester Preschool Parent Program and the Rochester Public Library.

Wednesday, Nov 18 4 - 5 p.m.

Self-esteem – FOR TEENS

This workshop uses activities and discussion to discuss self-esteem and body image issues facing young people. Participants learn the definition of self-esteem, take personal inventories, and discuss the effects of societal influences and other factors on a person's self-esteem.

Thursday, Nov 19 4 - 5 p.m.

Healthy Relationships – FOR TEENS

Participants will receive information to increase their understand of dating violence/abuse, challenge misconceptions or beliefs that "support" abuse, and increase knowledge of and access to support services for those who may be affected by abusive relationships.

Tail Waggin Tutors: Kids read books to dogs!

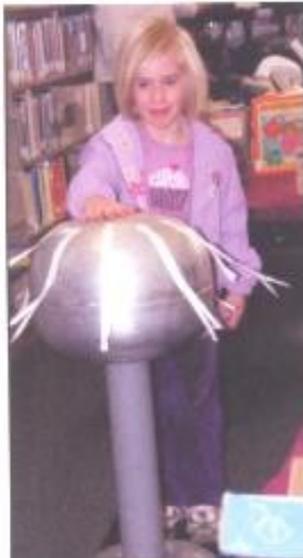
Wednesday, Nov 18 4 - 5 p.m.

Ages 12 and under.

LEGO Club Thursday, Nov 19 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Ages 12 and under.

FAMILY SCIENCE DAY



**Saturday,
November 14, 2015**

11:30 am - 12:30pm

**Arnett Branch Library
310 Arnett Blvd. • 428-8214**

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Volunteer Information & Girl Scout sign up with Williams-Park Service Unit!

GIRL SCOUT INFORMATION DAY!
Thursday, November 5th, 2015 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Arnett Library
325 Arnett Blvd. Rochester, NY 14619
\$15 Annual Registration Fee **Partial Financial Aid Available**

Any questions? Please contact Tiffany Mincey 585-239-7921
or tiffany.mincey@gswny.org



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Rochester Service Center
1000 E. Inwood Ave. Ste. 200
Rochester, NY 14620
585-239-7910
www.gswny.org



University of Rochester students Chee Kong & Jenny Sun will be on hand Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-6:15pm and Wednesdays from (except November 24 & November 26) to help kids get creative! Grades K-6

This fun weekly program will continue through December 10, 2015

**Arnett Branch Library
310 Arnett Boulevard
Rochester NY 14619
585-428-8214**

Gas Pump Skimming

The Greater Rochester Region has experienced an influx of credit and debit card information being stolen through the use of skimmer devices. One way is through the use of gas pump skimmers. Skimmer devices can be attached to the inside of a gas pump and connected to the magnetic strip reader. Skimmed credit and debit card information is collected by the device and can be retrieved from internal memory, blue tooth, or cellular depending on type of device utilized. These devices are mounted internally and cannot be detected from visually inspecting the outside of the pump.

How to Guard Your Card against Skimming Devices:

- The easiest way to avoid gas pump skimmer devices is to pay inside the gas station instead of at the pump.
- When paying consider using a credit card instead of a debit card. Credit cards usually have better fraud protection and the money is not immediately deducted from your bank account.
- If available use the closest gas pump to the attendant as they are the least likely to have been tampered with. Also, try not to use pumps that are out of the attendant's sight or poorly lit.
- Regularly monitor your bank account and credit purchase history for fraudulent withdrawals or charges in order to detect if you have been a victim of a skimmer or other fraud.
- Some gas stations use security stickers on pump access doors. Avoid pumps that have damaged security seals and report issue to attendant.
- Consider using a prepaid card that you keep a limited dollar amount on.
- When in doubt use cash when purchasing gas.
- If you see any suspicious activity or people around the pumps please call 911 or notify the gas station attendant.



ROCHESTER, N.Y. POLICE DEPT.

Saturday, November 7
12 noon – 5 pm
Miracle Deliverance Faith Center
69 Whitney Street,
Rochester, NY

GUN BUYBACK

- \$100 Gift card for Wegmans for a **HANDGUN**
- \$50 Gift card for Wegmans for a **LONG GUN**

Guns must be operable to receive gift card.
Non-functioning guns may also be dropped off.
Drop off is anonymous. \$300 limit per person.

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Highlights from October Delegates' Council meeting

Here are some highlights from Oct 8 Delegates' Council meeting

--Library report: Homework helpers are back; this is a great program. New AmeriCorps volunteers are expected later in the Fall. There have been some problem behaviors around the library. Staff are trying to address those behaviors; there have been more calls placed to 911.

--ROC the Day: Donate to 19th WCA on Dec. 1.

--Delegates reviewed the proposed budget for 2016, made some minor adjustments, and approved the budget. Members will vote on the budget at the Convention in November.

--Volunteer activities: Thanks to all our volunteers who are keeping up the gardens at Chili and Thurston and Thurston and Ravenwood. Also, volunteers are needed to repair and maintain our picnic tables.

--All of our Districts will be holding member meetings in October to elect delegates. Nominations for officers are also welcome.

--Sibley Tract and Chili West have been approved for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

--19th Ward House Tour will be Oct 17, 7 houses and Aeon Baptist Church are on the tour. Cynthia Howk from the Landmark Society of Western NY will speak on 19th Ward architecture.

--City Planning Commission will meet on Oct. 19 and is expected to vote on application of Open Door Mission for variances for Post Avenue property.

--Our 50th Anniversary Convention will be held on Nov. 20 at Danforth Community Center. Sheila Rayam from Democrat and Chronicle will host.

--To date, our 50th Anniversary Year events have been very successful.

--19th WCA School Committee is focusing on supporting School 44, which is in receivership. Renovations are planned for School 16 building. Delegates reviewed recent ELA and math scores for 19th WCA schools. See NYS Education Dept web site for "report cards" for NY schools and school districts.

--News from Sector 4 CDC: contracts for the street managers are being renewed.

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Need some help with raking and shoveling

Last year the snow came before the leaves were raked. That made shoveling very difficult. The ramp was full of leaves, the snow came down, and kept coming. My back couldn't deal with it. I am looking for a strong volunteer with some flexibility in his or her time who can help me out with shoveling. The stairs and ramp at the back door are most important. I usually try to clear a spot for the mail carrier to deliver at the side door, and also try to keep the front walk and steps clear of snow. If someone can help with that I will be most grateful.

Thank you so much to Nieve, our volunteer who is coming in and doing some cleaning. She washes walls and windows faster than I can wash dishes. And thanks also to Liz Rich, who was our contact with Nieve, and works along side of her when she can.

IMAGINE IT RECYCLING- fundraising for 19WCA

Bring in any of the following. Items will be collected, and we will actually receive money for them.

Cell Phones & PDAs

Including all cords, batteries, accessories, and anything else that goes with your device.



- Cell phones
- Smart phones
- PDA's
- Charging ports
- Batteries
- Cords

Electronics

Including all cords, batteries, cases, headphones, charging ports, and anything else that goes with your device.



- Cameras & Camcorders
- I Pads & Tablets
- Satellite Radios
- E Books
- GPS Devices
- USB Devices
- Mp3 Players
- Gaming Devices
- 3D Glasses

Printer Cartridges

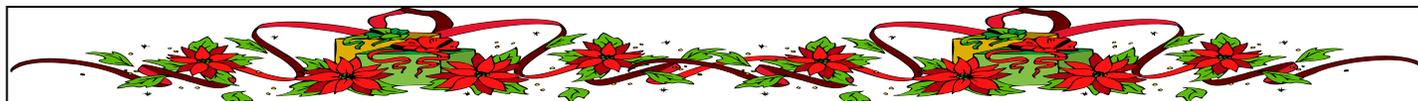
Everything that goes into or is taken out of a printer, copier or fax machine.



- Ink cartridges
- Toner laser cartridges
- Drums and imaging units
- Fusers and maintenance kits
- Transfer units and transfer belts

So bring in your ink cartridges, cameras, cell phones, and other items listed above. Please DO NOT bring in your monitors or computers or other large equipment. They won't fit into the collection box, and the office does not want the responsibility for disposing of them. Thanks.

**2015 The Salvation Army
of Greater Rochester
Holiday Toy Assistance
For Active Duty Military, Veterans,
and their Families**



Are you active duty military or a veteran in need of toys for the holiday season? If so, Sign Up at The Veterans Outreach Center:

When: November 11th from 9am-3pm

Where: The VOC Stars and Stripes Store 445 South Avenue

What is needed to Apply (you must bring these items with you):

Photo Identification for head of household.

Proof of veteran or military status

3. Proof of current address.

4. Identification for any additional household members (ID must confirm date of birth, such as a birth certificate or benefit card).

5. Proof of any income (DHS budget sheet, pay stubs, SSI document, etc).

Christmas Distribution –

There is a special toy shop for veterans.

At time of sign up, the applicant will receive scheduled date and time to pick up toys at The Salvation Army at 100 West Avenue

Questions? Call Mike at 987-9500 x. 2329

Holiday Information Bulletin – 2015

Check the Information Center

Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County

115 South Ave, Rochester 14604

585-428-7300

For information on:

Where to go for free Thanksgiving Dinners

Where to apply for Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Baskets

Where to donate/volunteer during the holiday season

(copies of this bulletin are also available at the 19th Ward office, 216 Thurston)

Food items, warm clothes, and tires for our neighbors

Beverly Usher, our Delegate for District 23, is collecting non-perishable food items for families at School #44. They will be making up Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets for children in need at the school.

Warm clothing, especially gloves and hats, would also be appreciated.

Beverly is also collecting old car or truck tires. She plans to paint them and make a removable obstacle course for the school.

All items can be taken to Beverly's home at 55 Copley Street (off Lincoln). Food items should be delivered by early December for organizing and distribution on December 18.

9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Notification System Information

Information regarding an emergency situation can now be sent to our home phone, our cell phone, or our email. Notifications may include situations like crime prevention, emergency evacuations, missing person alerts, natural disaster alerts, neighborhood emergency incidents, and more. If you would like to register your email or cell phone (texting and TTY/TDD available also) visit www.monroecounty.gov and click the 911 cell phone registration link under the on-line services section

Where can I get a good meal?

The "Wok" has re-opened and the food is just as delicious as it ever was. The people are hard working friendly folks. One of our members stops there often for scallion pancakes, and fresh spring rolls. She said "I love talking to the owner, and am so happy to have a good restaurant in the neighborhood that my family likes".

"It's All Love" at 366 Thurston has long hours and great food.. They use quality ingredients, and their prices are very affordable. Oh, and by the way, they make a great breakfast sandwich.

And rumor has it that a favorite Jamaican restaurant will be moving to the corner of Thurston and Brooks. We already know they have a great reputation for good food and friendly service.

The Arnett Café and Unkl Moe's continue to please, with a variety of menu choices that are all popular and delicious. We are so fortunate to have them in the 19th Ward.

And let's not forget Menezes' Pizza, Brue Coffee, and Brooks Landing Diner, all 19th Ward supporters with good food and friendly atmosphere.

November 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Change Your Clock	2	3 ELECTION DAY Don't forget to VOTE	4 8:30a TBMA @ 167 Flanders 7:00p District 7 at 405 Wellington	5 7:00 PM District 17 at 1295 GPB	6	7
8	9	10	11 8:00a Genesee Merchants @ NSC 7:00p Schools Committee @216 7:00p PCIC @ Staybridge	12 11:00a Housing Committee @ NSC 7:00p Delegates Council @ Library	13	14
15	16	17	18 8:00a Chili Avenue Merchants @ Livie's	19	20 6:00 PM 19WCA Annual Convention —vote for officers & budget; eat, win quilt, have fun Danforth Center	21
22	23	24	25 6:30 PM Public Safety Committee Mtg at Rochester Presbyterian Home	26	27	28
29	30					



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 OPEN
- District 5 Zola Brown
- District 6 Don Hanks
- District 7 Carleen Wilenius
- District 8 Mary Fran Kolbuc
- District 9 OPEN
- District 10 OPEN
- District 11 Ron Stallworth
- District 12 Leigh McMullen
- District 13 Harlan Ost
- District 14 Charlotte Giebel
- District 15 Laura Suda
- District 16 Marita Smith
- District 17 John DeMott
- District 18 Harriette Royer
- District 19 Bryan Babcock
- District 20 Angie Burch
- District 21 John Boutet
- 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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ROC the Day
Tuesday, December 1
24 hours of giving
Mark your Calendar
Donate online to 19WCA

www.roctheday.org