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Our community knows how to work and play together



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Editor: Jackie with help - this could be you



Diane Watkins
President, 19WCA



President's Message

Welcome to October!

Election season is upon us both for the national election and our 19th Ward Community Association. Please submit your name to myself or Don Hanks if you are interested in running as an officer of the Association. As usual, we will hold our elections at the 19th WCA annual convention.

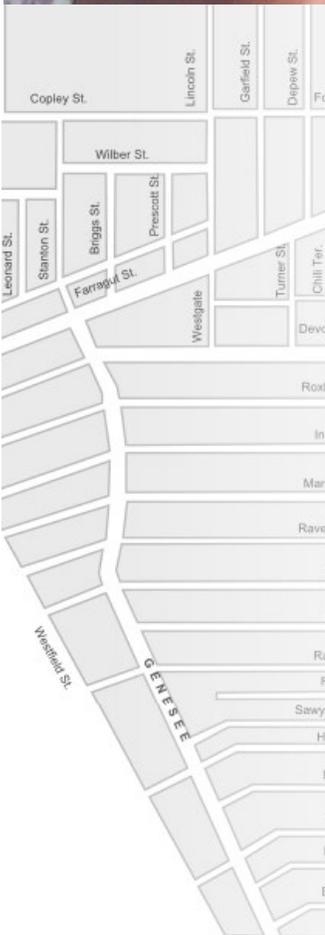
As I reflect back on my tenure as President, the lesson that I learned most clearly is that there is always more work to do than there are volunteers to do it.

It was my hope that during my time as President, the 19th WCA could initiate a workforce training and job program for young people in our community; a program that would allow young people to work under the tutelage of local craft and tradesmen repairing the fronts of neighbors' homes and property and make some pocket money along the way. The idea of putting youth to work has the support of the most active cogs in the wheels of our city and county government as well as other groups and organizations such as B.L.A.C.K., Teen Empowerment, Pathways to Peace and Flower City Work camp but this kind of program requires full time attention. It is terribly difficult to muster up this level of attention when one is working fulltime.

All is not lost though. If we are able to get a church in the 19th to sponsor the Flower City work camp and get some of our neighbors to volunteer their homes for repairs for the 2017 FCWC season, then we might be able to dip our proverbial toes in the water of youth training after all. Also, members of the Executive Council have considered ways that we might tap into the resources involved with the Summer of Opportunities programs for neighborhood young people. If this is work that peaks your interest and you have the time for, please let us know.

Because of the committed volunteers in the neighborhood, I am enthusiastically confident that the next President will continue the work of the five decades of work done by the Association. I cannot express the same confidence about getting work done at the national level after this upcoming election. One thing that would drastically improve our efforts to get work done is a volunteer coordinator. So once again, if this is something that is in your wheel house of expertise, give us a call at the office.

Enjoy these last days of warm weather!



2016 Officers

President: Diane Watkins

1st Vice President: Harlan Ost

2nd Vice President: John Boutet

Treasurer: Carleen Wilenius

Secretary: Sheila Driscoll

Past President: LaShay Harris

What a wonderful time people had at the Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner. The very deserving Charlotte Giebel humbly accepted her award as Citizen of the Year. Brian McManus, Merchant of the Year, and his son both wore black tie tux shirts for the event, and we all learned so much about the group of volunteers who call themselves the 19th Ward Community Cats. Unity St Mary's once again proved to be a gracious host, accommodating our every need, and cooking a delicious dinner. It was simply a great night!



Above—Many of the members of the 19th Ward Community Cats , Sheri Tehan and Robin Glenski accepting the Hall of Fame award

Below left—Brian McManus and his Son accepting the Merchant of the Year Award. Pete Witkovicz gave the testimonial, and LaShay Harris presented a proclamation from the County

Below right—Dana Miller giving a proclamation from the City to Charlotte Giebel, Citizen of the Year.





Left: JoAnn Belle-Isle, neighbor and volunteer. JoAnn has been the happy caretaker of the cemetery for a number of years.

Right: John Cottrell Member of Bloomin' Optimists at St. Monica Church, uses soil probe tool to successfully find gravestones.



At left: UR student members of CKI, Circle Kiwanis International, clearing vegetation at the cemetery. CKI members are making a weekly commitment to this project

At right: Family members of Eagle Scout candidate, Morgan Cunningham, probing for subsurface headstones



At left: Darren Webster and Son Dominiic discovered a previously unknown stone of John Kingsley Jr who died in 1858 at age 33. Darren is a regular worker at the cemetery, and has been very helpful.

At right: one of our members, Bob Cooper, gets to the roots





Rapids Cemetery Update

We are grateful to City Historian Christine Ridarsky for coordinating the Wilson Day work at Rapids Cemetery on Aug 29. There was a good turnout of neighborhood residents and veterans to work with the two dozen UR Freshmen. Electronic detection in July used ground penetrating radar to highlight potential subsurface artifacts. One persistent group of freshmen uncovered buried treasure: a gravestone in segments that was heretofore completely below grade. It was exciting and rewarding to see their hard work reveal a hidden gravestone in good condition, for restoration at a later date.

We were pleased that Carlet Cleare of 13 WHAM News covered the Wilson Days event. Her coverage can be viewed here: <http://13wham.com/news/top-stories/restoring-one-of-rochesters-first-cemeteries>

Several local veterans' groups have a special interest in this pioneer cemetery on Congress Avenue because, in addition to civilian burials, there are documented graves here of veterans who served in the following wars: Revolutionary, War of 1812, Civil War and the Spanish-American War.

John Curran of the 19WCA History & Archives Committee has committed to being at the cemetery every Sunday this Fall until snow covers the ground (1 p.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine). His work party will continue to reclaim cemetery land with burial plots overgrown with wild vegetation. He is looking for volunteers to give up **one hour OR MORE of any Sunday afternoon** to join him (after all, it wouldn't be a work party without a group!). You'll need garden/work gloves and sturdy footwear. You do not have to call ahead to say you are coming. Just show up.

The following two October weekends will be devoted to specific tasks.

Sunday, Oct 9: Shade-loving plants such as ferns and hostas will be planted on the gentle slope under the trees where undergrowth has been removed. **Do you have ferns or hostas or other woodland plants to donate on that weekend?** Call the office to let us know. 328-6571

Weekend of Oct 29-30: A restoration workshop guided by a professional will take place on-site at the cemetery. Costs are being borne by the city, and they are graciously inviting neighborhood participation. If you participate, it is guaranteed to be a highlight of your year. Call the office 328-6571, for more information; or reserve your spot by calling or emailing Christine Ridarsky at 428-8095 or christine.ridarsky@libraryweb.org (limited spots available).



Elementary School Volunteers Needed

No Experience Necessary; Immediate Rewards

The 19th Ward Community Association is looking for volunteers to help in our neighborhood elementary schools. We are convinced that community schools are one key to maintaining the diverse, exciting neighborhood that we love.

Most elementary school volunteers work for a few hours per week (as little as one) and work with a few students the teacher identifies as needing special help or attention. Depending on the needs of the child (as identified by the teacher) this can be relatively short term tutoring in an area where a child needs special attention or a yearlong relationship (sometimes longer) with children who are struggling. The teachers identify what needs to be done and develop a “lesson plan” for the volunteer.

The Rewards of Volunteering for students and volunteers are clear, as testified by some current volunteers:

The teachers are wonderful at explaining what they want me to do with the kids - no prior teaching experience is needed. The most fun is giving the kids a little help and a lot of encouragement. They are so appreciative of a kind word and an adult telling them that they should keep trying. Their smiles are priceless!

I truly enjoy the time I spend at #16. I enjoy getting to know a couple of kids well each year. I love it when they make great strides. I agonize when they don't. My heart breaks to hear a first grader say: “I can't do this. I'm dumb.”

When they have been working on something and it finally “clicks” the kids just glow with pride.

Once you have tried it, walking into the school and being greeted by lots of hugs will keep you coming back!

For me, one benefit is not feeling guilty all the time. The school situation just kept getting worse and I kept saying: “It's a crime.” And not doing anything. So now at least I'm doing something with immediate benefits for the kids and instant rewards for me.

I was nervous at first, after 3 years I wouldn't miss it. I'd love to encourage everyone to spend a bit of time this way—it will be good for the schools and good for you.

Knowledge that the City School District needs improvement is no longer abstract, but very real. The teachers are beleaguered by unrealistic requirements, and by kids who have real issues. When I'm there, I try to give the teachers a bit of relief, for which they are very grateful

I value the exposure to what a teacher actually deals with each day and to the home environments I hear about. I think I have a more balanced and accurate idea of what city schools really are like--both the good and the areas for concern.

How do I volunteer? If you want to volunteer in a 19th ward elementary school (16, 29, 44, or 10) you can contact the 19th Ward Community Association Schools Committee by phone 507-1159 or e-mail jlain1@rochester.rr.com or you can contact the principal of the school at which you would like to work.

If you are interested in other volunteer opportunities you can contact the Rochester City School District, Office of Community Partnerships at <http://www.rcsdk12.org/Page/28007>

In either case you will need to fill out an application, allow RCSD to complete a background and reference check, and attend a 1-hour orientation session. The orientation sessions are offered during the day and in the evening a couple of times each month, as needed. If there are enough 19th Ward volunteers, they will schedule a special training for us.

Do it for the kids; do it for yourself; do it for your neighborhood. Just Do It!

NOTES FROM DELEGATES' COUNCIL, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016

Guests:

—Katie Swingly, Young Adult Services Librarian at the Arnett Branch Library announced new programs, and recapped the success of the summer programs for young people
--UR Off Campus Housing Ambassadors. Robin Doughty (UR Off Campus Housing Coordinator) (rdoughty@reslife.rochester.edu) introduced two student Off Campus Housing Ambassadors. This program has operated for six years; this year, ten student ambassadors are living in the 19th Ward; one ambassador is in PLEX and two are in the white coat district. These Ambassadors encourage their fellow off campus students to be considerate re: noise, parties, etc. They can act as a liaison between students and others.

Budget: Square Fair netted \$1,000 more than budgeted. A preliminary budget for 2017 will be reviewed at the Oct. Delegates' meeting.

Office Report: Volunteers from Father's House and from UR Wilson Day have done great work at our community gardens. Another UR groups is scheduled to come on Sept. 10. Thanks to Charlotte Giebel and Marta Driscoll for their work in the Thurston Road garden and volunteer supervision. Thanks also to all who helped out in the office this summer. Eliza Duberstein completed her Urban Fellow assignment with us and wrote a report, which was distributed. Porch Fest was terrific!!!but there should have been more people engaged with it. The performers appreciated the event and want it to continue. Re the convention....Harlan and Chris are co-chairs....items are needed for the auction.

Volunteers: We need some exciting new strategies to recruit new members and volunteers. In the past, we have had a membership committee....we have used door hangers, and conducted walks targeting certain blocks. We need a volunteer coordinator to bring in more volunteers right now; and we should bring back the Membership Committee to maintain a focus on this.

Annual District Meetings: should be held in October...for election of Delegates! Jackie will send Delegates an updated list of the members in their district. Meetings can be held at the office, in a coffee shop, at a house, etc.

Nominating Committee will recruit candidates for officer positions for 2017. Diane will ask Don Hanks to coordinate. Potential officers should tell Diane of their interest.

Annual Convention will be Nov 18. Guest speaker...to be announced.

Budget for next year; input from Committee Chairs is needed

Bulls Head redevelopment process: John De Mott has been attending meetings re formation of a citizen advisory committee. A public engagement event will be held in about five months to solicit input re Bull's Head reconstruction. City would contract with 19th WCA to organize the community engagement efforts.

Street manager program. Council will vote on Sept 13 re street manager contracts. Each quadrant will have a contract with City for a street manager.

Rapids Cemetery: There has been a lot of press coverage of the efforts to restore Rapids Cemetery. A group of volunteers meets each Sunday afternoon to do gardening work there. In a few weeks, training for volunteers and City staff will be scheduled.

October

ARNETT BRANCH LIBRARY



Rochester
Public Library
www.libraryweb.org

Kids Programs



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

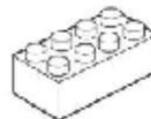
Tail Waggin' Tutors
Wednesday, October 19 at 3:30 p.m.
Book-loving dogs are coming to the library to listen to kids read stories. Reading to calm, trained dogs who love to listen is a great way for kids to build confidence reading out loud. Ages: 12 and under



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



Homework Helpers
Mondays: October 3, 17, 24, 31 from 3 - 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: October 5, 12, 19 26 from 3 - 6 p.m.
Sponsored by RTA/Dial-a-Teacher. For any student K-12



LEGO Club
Thursday, October 20 at 4:30 p.m.
Kids can make stuff and make friends with LEGOs. Ages 5-12. Kids younger than 5 can also participate if accompanied by an adult.

Teen Programs

American Red Cross Youth Leadership
Wednesday, October 12 at 3:30 p.m.
A representative from the American Red Cross Youth Leadership Program will be onsite in the teen area. Teens will learn about getting their required high school community service hours, leadership skills, field trips, resume building, public speaking and much more!



Geometric Wall Art Project
Tuesday, October 11 at 4 p.m.

Teens can create wall art on canvas using paint and tape in a Pinterest-inspired craft.

Adult Programs

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



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

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

Flash Drive



Kiva Loans for Entrepreneurs
Thursday, October 13, from 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Are you a small business owner or startup in need of funding? Mayor Lovely Warren is excited to announce a new and exciting resource called Kiva Rochester, an initiative that offers loans of up to \$10,000, with no interest and no fees, to local entrepreneurs. Project Coordinator Brad Willows will be presenting information on what this program offers and how you can apply for a loan to get your business idea up and running!



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

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Believe.



CONVENTION AND AUCTION

Start preparing now for our annual convention in November.

Date: Friday, November 18

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Wilson Foundation Academy, 200 Genesee Street

Election of Officers – Slate to be announced very soon

Vote on budget

Speaker: Kit Miller, Director, M.K. Gandhi Institute for Nonviolence

And YES we will have a silent auction this year.

In fact, if you are out at your favorite restaurant, winery, merchant, etc., please ask them to contribute to our auction. There is a form on page 12 of this issue that can be filled out with the item description, value, etc.

New this year – an After Party !!!!

Each year we hear comments from people who wish they could continue the party. This year when the meeting ends, we are all invited to continue the party at the other end of Genesee St., at Brue Coffee. It will give us an opportunity to thank past officers and welcome new.

It's that time of year again. We are developing the slate of officers for 2017. Call the Office if you would like more information about available seats and the level of commitment.

Saturday September 24 was a very special day for me. It was the annual Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner, and I am certain that is absolutely my favorite 19th Ward sponsored event of the year. The honorees are always so special, and this year was no exception to that. It was an emotionally filled evening for me as people gave testimonials proclaiming the wonderful contributions made to this community by the award-ees. People spoke of commitment, community building, and friendship. I couldn't be more pleased to share the evening with such a wonderful group of people. Mary Fran Kolbuc, the Chair and organizer of this event, made it special, and even created centerpieces for each table that reflected the gifts these people bring to the community. The evening was another reminder for me of how special our neighborhood is, and how blessed I am to share these friendships. Thank you to all of the wonderful residents of the 19th Ward who continually work to maintain the beauty and greatness of this neighborhood.

—Jackie

IT'S SQUARE FAIR PLANNING TIME – NEED YOUR IDEAS!!!!

Let the festivities begin.....Waitwhat are we celebrating? Square Fair! How can we celebrate if we don't know what the theme is? The new tradition is to have a theme. Two years ago we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the 19th Ward Community Association. Last year we had a Carnival. What should our theme be for 2017? This is your chance to have input by suggesting a theme for the Committee to consider.

The 2017 Square Fair Committee is already in the planning stages for next year's fair and would like your input.

We are asking for ideas as to a theme for the fair. We will take all suggestions under consideration and then choose a number of reasonable ones to be voted on by the Square Fair Committee.

Please share with us your idea for a theme for Square Fair.

Are there special colors or decorations you would like to see to express this theme?

Are there any special guests/vendors/entertainment that you see going along with this theme?

What, if anything, are you willing to do to help make this Square Fair a success?

Additional Comments:

You can email this form to dscanlanjoyner@yahoo.com
Or drop it by the office at 216 Thurston Road

Thanks once again to the University of Rochester. On September 10, the Greek Community from UR joined some of our volunteers and worked in the community gardens and at the office grounds. And they worked VERY hard! These students cut up tree trunks and branches, dragged them to the curb, dug out weeds, did some transplanting, raked, picked up trash, and spread stone on the paths at the Ravenwood Garden. Thanks so much to Riva Yeo, the organizer, and to John DiSarro, their Advisor.



Call the Office If...

You can give me names of contractors, handypersons, etc. I get numerous calls from people looking for referrals. I would love to be able to give them some names. If you have hired and have been satisfied with someone for painting, electrical, front step rebuilding, roofing, gutter cleaning, etc etc, could you call the office, 328-6571? I would be happy to pass on their names.

Bring a Little Sunshine

We have a number of people in the neighborhood who are in need of just a little bit of help. It might be an occasional dinner, transportation, a phone call, or simply a greeting card. Call the office if you can add your name to a list of people who can bring sunshine into the life of someone who is struggling a

Notes from the Office Manager

Thank you to all the people who have helped out at the office, in the gardens, at recent events. The list is so long that I hesitate to name them in fear of leaving someone out, but to name a few: Harlan Ost, Mary Dan Cooper, Carleen Wilenius, Donna Sarnacki, John and JoAnn DeMott, Barb Sullivan, Marta Driscoll, Charlotte Giebel, students from UR, John DiSarro, Jacob Adams, and so many more.

During the **week of October 17** the office will be open limited hours, staffed by more wonderful volunteers. We are hoping to be open from 10-2 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, October 18, 19, 20. Check the member mailing the week before or call the office for definite hours.

Needs that we have: carpet shampooing, moving of 3 picnic tables,

District Meetings—Check with your Delegate. District meetings happen in October. They are fun, informative, and our chance to vote for a Delegate to represent us in the Association.

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

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

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW—OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

AND YES THERE WILL BE AN AUCTION. IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO MAKE A DONATION TO OUR AUCTION. FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW, OR JUST DROP BY THE OFFICE WITH YOUR ITEM.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS. THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

19th Ward Community Association Auction Contributor Form

Name _____

(Donor will be listed as shown above unless otherwise noted)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Yes, I want to Donate to the Auction!

Below, please provide a detailed description of the item(s) or service(s) that you are donating, including the retail value of each item. Should you need more space, please continue on back. If this is a gift certificate please make sure to list the expiration date; if not we will assume one year from date of auction.

Quantity	Description of Item	Value Per Item
	Expiration date for Redemption _____	

Please mail or email this form on or before **October 15** to:
216 Thurston Road, 14619 19thward@19wca.org



IT'S PARTY TIME!

There are two more Presidential Debates

- Sunday, October 9 at 9:00 PM
- Wednesday, October 19 at 9:00 PM

Join the fun at Brue Coffee as we yell back at the movie screen. Friends and neighbors will meet at 8:30 or after to watch the debates together. Beer, wine, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and food will be available for purchase.

And the fun will continue on November 8, Election Day, as we watch the returns together!

Once again meet at Brue at 8:30 as we hold our breath waiting for our candidate to be announced as the winner.





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2 1-4 Rapids Cemetery Rosh Hashanah	3	4 Westside Farmers Market	5 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett mer- chants at RPH	6	7	8
9 1-4 Rapids Cemetery 8:30 Debate at Brue	10 Columbus Day Holiday (observed)	11 Westside Farmers Market—Last market of 2016 Yom Kippur	12 8:00a Genesee ST Merchants at NSC 7:00 PM Schools Committee at Office 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	13 11:00 AM Hous- ing Com at NSC 7:00 PM Dele- gates Council at Library	14 Office closed	15 9:45a History & Archives Comm @ Brue
16 1-4 Rapids Cemetery Sukkot	17 Boss's Day	18 Office open Limited hours	19 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's 8:30 Debate at Brue Office open Limited hours	20 Office open Limited hours	21 Office closed	22
22 1-4 Rapids Cemetery	24	25	26 6:30 PM 19WCA Public Safety meet- ing at RPH	27	28	29 Headstone Restoration Workshop
30 Headstone Restora- tion Work- shop	31 Halloween					



The 19th Ward Neighborhood

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

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

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

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