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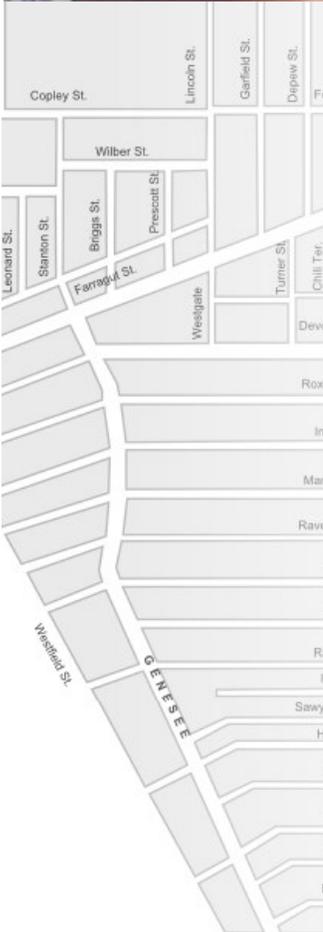


Diane Watkins
President, 19WCA



President's Message

Beginnings and Endings Welcome to December



I want to share a few of the things that I learned in my tenure as President of the most active and therefore the best neighborhood association in the entire city. First of all, there are literally hundreds of people who participate in the association in one way or another every month. Whether that participation is manifested by running committees, making phone calls, responding to emails, attending meetings or licking envelopes etc. each and every act, no matter how small it may seem, contributes to the sustainability of the neighborhood. The 19th WCA is a very valuable community resource so the efforts of each individual is much needed and appreciated. I also learned why past President DeWain Feller earned the tag line “I have a full time job”. The 19th WCA gets many, many requests to participate in neighborhood and city-wide activities and sometimes even with all of our volunteers, we just don’t have the capacity or people-power to bring those activities to fruition. Still, we should be proud of the reputation that we all worked to achieve.

The founders of the 19th WCA had the wisdom to engrain into the mission a thirst for diversity. That thirst was then churned into the foundation of the organization along with diversity of thought, religion, socio-economics, ethnicity, education level etc. They designed it so that this organization would be responsive and flexible to change. Where else would the Black daughter of an unemployed garbage man and a factory line worker, a girl who once stood in line for government cheese & peanut butter, get to share a meal and discuss politics with the son of a Presidential advisor like Chris Lindley? And then have that little Black girl ...all grown up; leave that dinner feeling like what she thinks and feels and experiences is valid and relevant in meaningful ways. I appreciate my experience with the 19th WCA immensely.

The 19th WCA is now partnered with the City of Rochester in both the street manager position, community liaisons on the Bullshead BOA project and the Westside Farmer’s Market. Not only that, because of the work of the schools committee, we were one of the first organizations to receive a memorandum of agreement with the RCSD. This community trusts us because we always do our best to build and nurture relationships in this community. We should continue that legacy.

I don’t want to take for granted the work that our volunteers contribute. This association would not exist without the tremendous work of all the event and committee chairs, volunteers like yourselves, and most importantly our office manager Jackie Farrell. So as I bid you farewell as President, I want to say from the bottom of my heart, thank you for guidance, for your insight and your support.

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

You are invited to Listening and Learning with Superintendent Barbara Deane-Williams

Monday, December 5

6:00 – 8:00

Activities for children

Light refreshments

Lincoln Park School No. 44
820 Chili Ave

Sponsored by

19th Ward Community Association Schools Committee
for 19th ward residents and

Faculty, students and parents at our schools

Dr. Walter Cooper Academy School No. 10

John Walton Spencer School No. 16

Adlai E. Stevenson School No. 29

Lincoln Park School No. 44

Joseph C. Wilson Foundation Academy

Joseph C. Wilson Magnet High School

B B F F - Blues at Brue for Food on Friday

A neighborhood-owned business will host a home-grown band to support a worthy local charity this Friday evening! The SWEM food cupboard will be the beneficiary Friday at 7 pm when the Bureau Cats Blues Band takes the stage at Brue Coffee. The music is FREE, but there'll be a grocery bag to fill with cash & checks for SWEM.

The SouthWest Ecumenical Ministry food cupboard needs support to deliver 375 holiday dinner baskets, give out 150 food-filled backpacks to kids in schools #2, 16 and 29 every week, take 2 full grocery bags to 50 elderly every month, operate an emergency food hot-line, mobile pantry, and community garden.

Brue Coffee, at 960 Genesee St. in Brooks Landing, will offer a variety of refreshments, including specialty coffee drinks, teas, beer, wine and cocktails.

The Bureau Cats Blues Band, featuring outgoing 19th Ward Community Association president Diane Watkins and other local luminaries, will sprinkle some holiday tunes into their mix of blues favorites.

You say you don't like blues, brews or neighborhood businesses... well just run in quickly and drop a couple bucks in the grocery bag for the SWEM food cupboard!

Blues at Brue for Food on Friday, at 7.



Support your local merchants in December

You can visit these restaurants in the 19th Ward

El Latino	Royal Ox Food & Catering
People's Choice Kitchen	Super Wing II
The Wok	Livie's Import
Chili Diner	Menezes Pizza
Brooks Landing Diner	Magic Wings
Arnett Café	Zoc's
Unkl Moe's	D'Mandu Dominican Take-Out
Campi's	Jamaican Soul
Brue Coffee	R&R
Subway	

You can buy gadgets, gifts, clothes in the 19th Ward

Kicks and Caps	761 Accessories & Records
Maysan Fragrance & Oils	Honey Child Productions
Jim Dalberth's Sporting Goods	Paula's Essentials & Aromatherapy
Kicks & Caps	Sensuous Satiabes
Empire Clothing and Footwear	

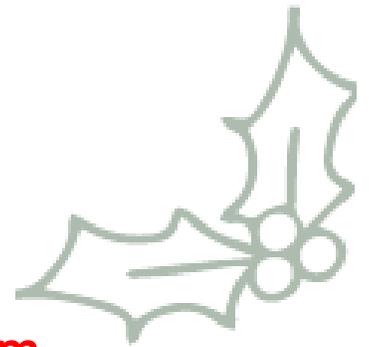
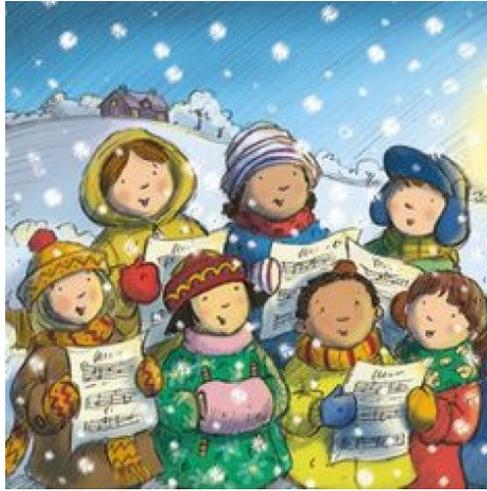
We have a popular Tailor on Thurston, a great dry cleaner on Chili, a wonderful meat market on Chili, storage facilities on Flanders, professional plumbers, Dentists, laundromats, hair salons, income tax preparation, Doctors' offices, and more.

We can do most of our holiday shopping right here in the neighborhood. – gifts, dinners, gift certificates....

And while we shop local, these are some of the places who supported our auction. Support them, say thanks....we want them to continue their support. Seneca Park Zoo, Memorial Art Gallery, George Eastman Museum, The Landmark Society of Western NY, Genesee Country Village 7 Museum, Rochester Museum & Science Center, Nazareth College Arts Center, Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion, Downstairs Cabaret Theatre, Jewish Community Center, Garth Fagan Dance, Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Western NY Flash, Jim Dalberth Sporting Goods, SW Family YMCA, the Garden Factory, Whittier Apple Farm, Thurston Garage, Crowley Plumbing and Heating, Dorrens Dry Cleaning, Stanley Jordan Salon, Freewheelers, Laundry on Arnett, Artist Robin Lehman, the Coffee Connection.

And speaking of support – **Garth Fagan Dance performs at Nazareth College Arts Center from November 29 through December 4.** They were kind enough to donate 2 tickets to our silent auction. If you have never been to this performance, you might want to attend. They are a phenomenal dance group.

At the corner of Arnett and Wellington around our Holiday Tree



Join us December 15th, 6-7 pm

Sponsored by the Arnett Block Association-436-1628 for questions

All are welcome, especially SANTA!

Have some hot cocoa, make a smore and warm yourself around our fire

SAVE the DATE

Candlelight Dinners will be on Saturday, February 12

We have quite a few reservations and can take lots more.
Call the office if you would like to participate.

More details will follow in January.

Here we go a caroling....

We are excited to announce our
5th Annual Christmas Caroling through the 19th Ward!

When: Sunday, December 18

Time: 4:30pm

Where: Meet at the Babcock's, 78 Woodbine Ave

Come ready to sing and walk!

After caroling we will have a time of celebration

We will provide hot drinks and popcorn.

We hope to see you all there!

Peace,

Bryan and Christin



A play at UR's Todd Theatre, "Circle Mirror Transformation," Dec 1 - 10.

In a community center in a small fictional Vermont town, five strangers gather to attend a six-week acting class. Over the course of their time together, they play simple theater games, through which the struggles, hopes, despairs, connections, and estrangements within the group and in their individual lives are slowly revealed. Circle Mirror Transformation quietly examines the idea that our lives and inner worlds may be both richer and simpler than we might imagine; that what binds us or drives us apart can be manifested in the smallest human detail; and that the act of telling your story through performance can be both personally liberating and publicly transformative.

UR Faculty, Staff, Alumni, and Seniors (65+) — \$12

General Admission — \$15

Phone: 273-5159

rochester.edu/theatre

Wed.-Sat. Dec. 1-3, 7 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 4, 2 p.m.

Wed.-Sat. Dec 7-10, 7 p.m.

Need a live-in worker? Someone who can shovel, rake, clean the house, do minor repairs in exchange for a room with reduced rent? Call the office, 328-6571. We might have a match for you.

The City of Rochester has held 4 meetings on the City Master Plan. They want our input. If you were not able to attend one of the meetings to share your thoughts, there is a survey available for you to fill out on line. The link to the survey is:



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rochesterplan>

This is our chance to make our opinions known and offer our wishes and priorities for our neighborhood



The Alternative Fair is a two-day event beginning on Friday December 2nd from 5 pm - 9 pm and continuing on Saturday December 3rd from 10 am - 2 pm at the First Unitarian Church, 220 Winton Road S.

Metro Justice's values are integral to the annual Alternative Fair. You can enjoy FAMILY HOLIDAY SHOPPING with a conscience at Metro Justice's 35th annual Alternative Fair, featuring thousands of unique fair trade, earth friendly, and locally produced goods that support a strong local economy and a just and sustainable world.



**COME PAINT
WITH US!!!!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3RD!
11:00 AM**



**COME PAINT A WORLD MAP ON THE WALL OF
T & DAVE'S BARBERSHOP WITH
ROCHESTER YOUTH YEAR/AMERICORPS MEMBERS!**



A UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SPONSORED SPEAKER SERIES

BREAKING THE BUBBLE

JOIN THE CONVERSATION:
HEALTH, HUNGER, AND FOOD BANKS

MITCH GRUBER, CHIEF PROGRAM OFFICER AT FOODLINK

Food banks were once solely anti-hunger organizations. With Foodlink, the Feeding America regional food bank in Rochester, helping to lead the way, food banks now operate as public health agencies with a diversity of food-based projects and programs.

Also in the Series:

12/5/16 - The Future of Rochester Transportation

2/6/17 - UR Professor and author Joshua Dubler

4/3/17 - Mayor Lovely Warren

Monday,

Oct 24th

Brue Coffee

7:30 - 8:30 PM

Sponsored by UR's Office for Residential Life and Housing Services in association with The Rochester Center for Community Leadership and The Community Service Network

Delegates' Council, November 10th

Diane Watkins, President, chaired the meeting
Rochester Fire Dept. Representatives from Gardiner St. Fire Station introduced themselves.

Library Report: Recent youth job fair (for ages 16 to 24) was a big success. Library has a new video/movie sharing service called Hoopla.

City of Rochester, Brown field clean-up program, Mark Gregor: The City is applying to Environmental Protection Agency for funds (\$300,000) to do site testing of possible brown fields. Are there lots that are blighted or suspect that 19th WCA would recommend for testing? 19th WCA can submit a letter of support to City's application, and we can offer to help identify sites. Consensus was to write the letter. The letter should be submitted by about Dec. 10. Many former brownfield sites in 19th Ward have been cleaned up and have found new uses. For example, the Ravenwood Thurston garden site was a brownfield. Taylor Instrument site is one of the largest remaining brownfields in the City.

Treasurer's report: Compared to our budget for 2016, we are about \$1,000 behind in net income as of Nov. 9. We hope to make some of that up at the convention / auction.

Most District meetings have been held, and delegates have been selected. The one year terms for the new delegates start in December.

An outreach letter will go out to the members and supporters who have not made a financial contribution in the past year, and/or who have not participated for past year or more.

The Convention will be held on Fri., Nov. 18 at Wilson Foundation Academy at 200 Genesee St., 5:30pm to 9 pm. The auction is coming together...70 items have been donated. The keynote speaker is Kit Miller from the Gandhi Institute. Many volunteers are needed.

Bull's Head redevelopment: Chris Buitrago has volunteered to participate on the steering committee. 19th WCA

is entering into a contract with the City for the community engagement work. As a first step, John DeMott will compile a list of area residents.

Rapids Cemetery: John Curran has taken the lead, and has organized volunteers to work every Sunday afternoon, removing vegetation etc. The project has received a lot of positive press. Volunteers have found head stones buried in the dirt. UR students have helped out. See written report. The work is on hold for the winter.

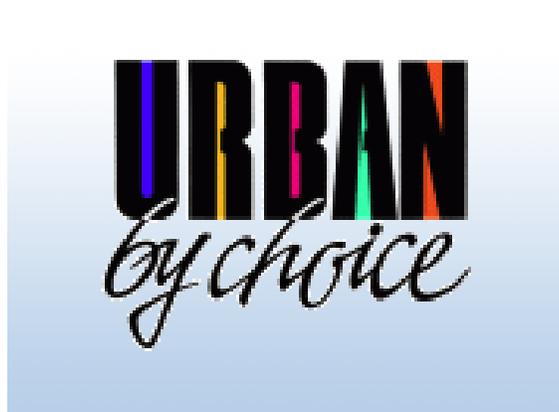
Schools Committee: Barbara Deane – Williams will attend community meeting at School 44 on Dec 5 at 6pm. 19th Ward residents should definitely be there. What is happening to the Wilson Foundation building? We need a middle school in our neighborhood. What are the plans for School 16 and School 44? See written committee report for additional information.

Public Safety meeting: see written report.



Convention

We spent a wonderful evening together at the annual 19th Ward Convention, and at the After Party at Brue (what a good idea that was!). There was no shortage of pizza, appetizers, and desserts. The Community organizations who came shared some great information with us. People started signing up for our Candlelight Dinners in February, for our Martin Luther King Jr luminary evening in January, learned more about what we do as an organization, and new people joined us as members. The meeting itself was successful – the 2017 budget was passed, and new Officers were elected. We met our new Delegates, and for some it will be their first time serving their Districts. After the meeting, we were pleased to host Kit Miller as our keynote speaker. Kit's talked included points on relationship, listening, community strength, and caring for each other. The silent auction realized a net of \$1900.00, but had a potential for making \$4300.00. We can work on this a bit for next year. Our new Officers elect, to begin their role in January are Harlan Ost, President; Chris Buitrago, 1st Vice President; Anthony Grissett, 2nd Vice President; Sheila Driscoll, Secretary; Deb Wight, Treasurer. The Convention committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the success of the evening – those who volunteered at the Office with phone calls and mailings, those who cooked, who baked, who contributed financially to the pizza, who donated auction items, who bid high on auction items, who transported goods and supplies, who set up, who cleaned up, who worked at the registration table, at the 19th Ward information tables, with the auction committee, at the food table, those who took on the roles of speakers, presenters, and emcee, and so many more. *Thank you everyone!*





Kids Programs

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

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



Homework Helpers

Mondays: December 5 & December 7, from 3 - 6 p.m.
Wednesdays: December 12 & December 14, from 3 - 6 p.m.
Sponsored by RTA/Dial-a-Teacher.



LEGO Club
Thursdays, December 1, 8 & 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.

Creative Minds
Thursday, December 1 at 4:30 p.m.
University of Rochester student Jenny Sun will be visiting the Arnett Branch Library and helping kids get creative while doing fun literacy activities! Grades K-6



Tail Waggin' Tutors
Wednesday, December 21 at 3:30 p.m.
Book-loving dogs are coming to the library to listen to kids read stories. Reading to calm, trained dogs is a great way for kids to build confidence reading out loud. Ages 12 and under

Kidfit
Thursday, December 29 at 3 p.m.
Kids can get fit during this exercise session with Rosalind Walker from Victory Fitness. Ages 12 and under



Kids Cooking
Friday, December 30 at 2 p.m.
Kids will enjoy this fun cooking class! Ages: 7-12

Teen Programs

Teen Holiday Craft
Thursday, December 15 at 4:30 p.m.
Join us for a craft project and snacks!
No registration required.



Health Educators: Teen Health Workshop
Tuesday, December 27, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Health Educators from the Highland Family Planning Teen Health Services/University of Rochester will be in the teen area to provide information on the following:
Self-esteem: 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.
Healthy Relationships: Increase understanding of dating violence/abuse, challenge misconceptions, and increase knowledge of and access to support services for those who may be affected by abusive relationships.



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!



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!



Adult Coloring Club
Thursday, December 1, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Adult coloring offers a fun way to unwind and express your creativity with intricate patterns and designs. Coloring pages, pencils, and light refreshments will be provided; participants are welcome to bring their own coloring supplies.



Holiday Ornament Craft Workshop
Wednesday, December 14, from 4:30 - 6 p.m.
Join us for a fun holiday craft night. We will have supplies to make a variety of winter-themed ornaments that can be used as holiday decorations for your home, your tree, or on top of presents. Please call (585) 428-8214 to register.

BOOK SALE! Monday, December 5 through Monday, December 12
During library open hours
Gently used books will be on sale for 25 cents!

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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Rochester City Owned



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		Nov 29 ROC THE DAY FOR 19WCA		1	2 7:00 PM Blues at Brue with the Bureaucats	3 11:00 AM Paint mural at T & Dave's – all ages	
4	5 6:00 RCSD Superintendant Barbara Deane Williams at School 44 7:30 Breaking the Bubble at Brue	6	7 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett Merchants at RPH Office closing at 12:30 for a class	8 11:00 AM Housing Committee at NSC 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Library	9	10	
11	12	13	14 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at NSC 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston 7:00 PCIC at Staybridge	15 6:00 Caroling at Arnett and Wellington	16	17 9:45 AM History and Archives at Brue	
18 4:30 PM Caroling with the Babcock's	19	20	21 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	22	23	24 Hanukkah begins	
25 Merry Christmas	26 Kwanzaa	27	28 No Public Safety Meeting in December	29	30	31	



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

- District 1 Catherine Brokaw
- District 2 LeRoy Burgess
- District 3 Sounja Edwards
- District 4 Deb Hudnell
- District 5 Zola Brown
- District 6 Don Hanks
- District 7 Jesse Knoth
- District 8 Mary Fran Kolbuc
- District 9 Austin Pettigrew
- District 10 Donna Sarnacki
- District 11 Ron Stallworth
- District 12 Lois Metcalf
- District 13 Tiffany Chandler
- District 14 Charlotte Giebel
- District 15 Laura Suda
- District 16 Lauren Caruso
- District 17 John DeMott
- District 18 Charles Haywood
- District 19 Bryan Babcock
- District 20 Angie Burch
- District 21 Joanne DeMarle
- District 22 Judith Johnson
- 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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