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Diane Watkins
President, 19WCA



President's Message

Welcome to September

Hope, Pray, Let's Roll!

In spite of great weather and wonderfully organized 19th WCA social events, this summer has been everything that we hoped that it would not be. In spite of the best efforts of many, many people to be good role models and live the example of how neighbors should interact and treat each other, we have been forced to live with increased drug sales, extreme violence and the bad choices of individuals who are too broken to help themselves.

Recently three Americans on a train in France foiled an attempted act of terror by standing up and risking their lives to save everyone on the train. They could have run and hid to save themselves but they chose to stay and fight. Even though it was not their goal, their actions made them heroes. There are a lot of everyday heroes who live in the 19th Ward.

Square Fair fell on a well-attended fun filled sunny day in June but the Farmer's Market has not been so lucky. We've got to keep hoping that rain will give the Farmer's market a break. Week after soggy week, the organizers of the Farmer's Market do the work to make sure that our families have access to fresh fruits and vegetables. All total hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent in studies and reports identifying the problems associated with extreme poverty. Living in food deserts is one of those problems. Our friends at the market are doing more than talking about that problem. They are our Healthy Heroes.

Women in the 19th Ward stood up this summer by organizing a Women's Soiree. At this event, fifty or more women of all ages, races, religions and political stripes came together with their daughters in tow to mingle with each other. There were all types of conversations some of them nice and polite, others were more politically charged, nonetheless, the Soiree proved to be an example for how women should engage each other. I did not hear one woman address another with the "B" word that we hear from some of the front yards on our neighborhood streets. These 19th Ward women proved that our girls don't have to believe Reality TV lies about women. They are role models for our children day in and day out and these heroes don't shy away from burdens that come with that.

The sun also shone for our first Porch Fest. Musicians came from all around to commandeer the porches and sidewalks of neighbors and spread their joyful noise. Less than one month later, we would all kneel on those streets and porches to pray for relief from grief and tragedy. While some stand outside of our neighborhood pointing fingers, espousing how good things used to be, we stand strong. We are fighters, heroes who will continue to stay and fight for an American Dream. A dream that includes not piling the most broken among us behind in a neighborhood and leaving them to fend for themselves. We've got a lot of work to do in the 19th Ward. Our heads bloodied but unbowed. God Bless!

Diane Watkins
President

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



Porch Fest 2015

Thanks to all the participants who made Porch Fest 2015 such a wonderful event. Walking and biking around the neighborhood and hearing music coming from so many porches was a very special treat. Anyone we asked said they hope we repeat it next year. 23 porches and approximately 70 artists and musicians participated. An estimated 180 people traveled through the neighborhood enjoying the music and art. Young people made shakers, paper dolls, and participated in a drum circle. There was chamber music, big band sound, celtic, junk jam, acoustic, classical guitar, spiritual, and more. Sooo wonderful!



Thurston Village Revitalization

The Thurston Village Revitalization Project celebrated completion with a ribbon cutting on Friday, July 31. Sector 4 CDC is proud to have been the driver in community engagement for this exciting project. We consider it an outstanding example of community collaboration with multiple City departments to transform a community commercial district. The Thurston Village Revitalization needed the contributions of several City departments as you will see in the attached planning documents. In particular we are most grateful for:

1. NSC for code enforcement, ongoing access to City resources and support
2. RPD for CPO's, cameras, details, foot patrols and special attentions
3. N&BD for \$200,000 in Thurston Road façade grants, plus business assistance and business association grants.
4. DES for the awesome \$1,800,000 Streetscape Project

It's noteworthy too that this effort transcended 3 mayors and several changes in department commissioners, with each new mayor and new commissioner pushing the project forward toward its completion.





*You are cordially invited to
the 19th Ward Community Association's
Citizen & Merchant of the Year Dinner
Saturday, September 26, 2015
Unity Health Systems at 89 Genesee Street
Reception at 5:00, Dinner at 6:00*

*Special guests, special surprises
(You might want to brush up on your 19th Ward trivia)*

*Honoring
past awardees and new*

Come and celebrate the contributions of these committed neighbors

Citizen of the Year Sarah Yaworski

Merchant of the Year Scott Beck

*Hall of Fame Merchants who have been
in the 19th 50 years or more*

RSVP by Friday, September 18

*\$18.00 per person, advance purchase required. Credit cards accepted
Send payment & names to the 19th WCA, 216 Thurston Rd, 14619
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Review: Selma event held at Arnett Library, with special guest speaker Jim DeVinney

A two part program "Commemorating Selma" which was presented to mark the 50th Anniversary of Selma as well as the 19th Ward Community Association.

By Mary Dan Cooper

This past June 15th the Arnett Library presented a free showing of the film Selma. The next day, in conjunction with that, a very special event was held: The Bridge to Freedom episode from the PBS series Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1964 was shown, with co-producer Jim DeVinney in attendance. Jim DeVinney spoke to us about the making of this documentary.

Eyes on the Prize is a famous documentary, in two parts. Series 1 chronicles the history of the Civil Rights Movement from Brown v. Board of Education (1954) to the Selma-Montgomery marches of 1965. The audience at Arnett on June 16 had the distinct pleasure of having that final "Bridge" episode personally introduced by its co-producer, Jim DeVinney, who is now a Corn Hill resident. In addition to introducing the film, he stayed afterwards for a memorable Q&A with the audience.

Jim gave us fascinating details about the making of the PBS series. The Executive Producer was Henry Hampton (1940 - 1998). Henry Hampton hired Jim DeVinney in 1985, and it changed Jim's life. "Henry ruined me. Later I worked for cable. They didn't have Henry's focus. I owe such a debt to him. That's why I always say 'Yes!' when someone, in this case Doris Meadows, asks me to show this."

"I wasn't sure if I should accept the job offer or not, as I had not worked on documentaries prior to this. But Henry persuaded me to come to "school," and then decide. Henry put us all through two weeks of school before we began. For instance, one day was on the music of the movement. Odetta was there. I was fully part of the project from that day on. And it only got better from there."

For this series, Hampton's method was to have teams of co-producers. Each team had a black editor and a white assistant editor, or vice versa. Jim's co-producer was Callie Crossley, who is still an active commentator on public radio in the Boston area. Together, they produced episodes 4 and 6 in Series 1. (In addition, Jim produced two episodes in the second series. The second series begins with Malcolm X, and covers the splintering of the movement about that time.)

Series 1 was developed in 1986, and aired in January and February of 1987. That was 22 years after the last of the chronicled events, namely, Selma.

Jim is rightly proud of The Bridge to Freedom episode, which was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature in 1988. (It was beat out for the win by The Ten-Year Lunch: The Wit and Legend of the Algonquin Round Table).

The following question, asked during the Q&A, gives the flavor of the audience comments: "Kids today don't know what we went through. I bring my grandchildren to The Susan B. Anthony House to help them learn what women went through to get the right to vote. This film is a marvelous way for young people to begin to understand what we went through to get our civil rights. Has this been shown in the City School District?"

The History and Archives Committee of the 19WCA is pleased to have sponsored this event and is hoping to organize a follow-up later this Fall. Stay tuned so that you don't miss it!!

Meanwhile, both Eyes on the Prize and Selma are available on DVD at the Arnett branch. Both are well worth seeing. Also--News Flash!--PBS World will be airing all 14 shows next January and February.



September at the Arnett Branch Library

Literacy Navigator

Every Monday, 12 - 3 pm

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

Computer Tutor

Every Tuesday, 4 - 5 pm

Adults are welcome to come to this open computer lab. A librarian will be available to help. Please bring in specific goals and a USB drive to save your work. Ages: 18-up

**Storytimes: Every Saturday at 1 pm
& Every Tuesday at 11:15 a.m.**

Ages 12 and under.

Arts and Crafts

Every Tuesday at 4:30 pm

Ages 12 and under.

Book Club:

**Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
by Anne Frank**

Thursday, September 3rd, 5 pm

For September we'll be discussing Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank. The journal of a Jewish girl in her early teens describes both the joys and torments of daily life, as well as typical adolescent thoughts, throughout two years spent in hiding with her family during the Nazi occupation of Holland. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. All adults are welcome to join in the conversation!

The Housing Council

Wednesday, September 9th, 3:30 pm

A representative from The Housing Council will be at the Arnett Library for adults and older youth. The Housing Council provides assistance with finding apartments, emergency housing services, affordable housing listings, first-time home buyers program, foreclosure prevention, fair housing education and more.

Health Educators

Tuesday, September 15th, 3:30 pm

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: Healthy Relationships, STI Prevention, Condoms, Making Proud Choices, Goal Setting, Healthy Decision Making, Be Proud Be Responsible, Effective Communication and more.

Tail Waggin Tutors

**Wednesday, September 16th
4-5 pm**

Kids read books to dogs!
Ages 12 and under.

LEGO Club

**Wednesday, September 17th
4:30-5:30 pm**
Ages 12 and under.

Arnett Library Halloween Poetry Project

Want to help us get kids excited about reading in a sneaky and spooky way? If so, create and drop off a fun, kid-friendly, 75-word or less, original Halloween poem to Arnett Branch Library by September 15. Members of the Arnett Library Friends will select some of the entries to be published as bookmarks. Those bookmarks will then be passed out along with treats by neighbors on Halloween night!

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

**Arnett Branch Library
810 Arnett Blvd 328-8214**



Photos from 2014 House Tour



House Tour Saturday, October 17, 2015

2015 is a big year for the 19th Ward Community Associations House Tour! Our fiftieth Anniversary year-long celebration continues with the headquarters for the tour at our birthplace, Aenon Baptist Church, 175 Genesee St. That's where we began. Fifty years ago the association's first organizational meetings were held in this church building. There will be a free lecture at Aenon followed by tours of the building.

Join us at Aenon Baptist Church, 175 Genesee St. at 11:00 A.M. for a free lecture. Following the lecture ticket holders can begin a self-guided tour of seven private homes scattered throughout the ward. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 on the day of the tour. Tickets may be purchased at The Creator's Hands, Menezes Pizza, Brue Coffee, Meyer's Hardware(266 Winton Rd.), and the 19th Ward Community Association's office.

This year's tour showcases homes in three of the four brand new National Register Districts in the 19th Ward neighborhood. The homes on tour showcase diverse architectural styles, spanning three decades and plot the development of the neighborhood.

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 Hand-crafted 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.



Our neighborhood Elementary Schools

As the students return to school the activities for the Schools Committee increase and provide ample opportunities for volunteers.

Back to School



The Spelling Bee, although it won't take place until next spring needs a chairperson soon to work with the fraternity brothers and U of R to select a date, work with the schools to help them organize their internal selection processes, order the word list from Scripps', and make a plan to have everything come together in the spring for the students. This is a rewarding volunteer opportunity. Contact myself or Deb Leary for additional information.

School 16 is part of the Facilities Modernization Plan phase 2, although behind schedule. Many people have signed up to provide community input and we will contact you when the opportunity arises.

School 44 is in receivership due to poor performance on state exams. In this case the receiver is Superintendent Vargas and the school has 2 years to demonstrate improvement. One segment of the improvement plan is community engagement and we will focus on building a Community Engagement Team with School 44 parents, teachers, administrators and interested neighborhood residents who are all encouraged to participate.

Lastly we can facilitate placing you as a volunteer in a 19th ward elementary school. It is a very rewarding experience to help a child make progress in math and reading. Contact me if you are interested.

John Laing jlaing1@rochester.rr.com

Nominations soon

Fall is coming. And so are delegate elections, and nominations for Officers. Watch for a date for your District meeting, and be thinking of who would make a good officer for the 19th Ward Community Association. Call the Office with names.

Books books and more books!

Keep in mind that we have free books at the Little Free Library in the front yard of the office. Take a book, donate a book. AND we have a wonderful selection of books in the office for only \$1.00 each as a fundraiser for the Housing Committee.

"Meetup" Food Share

Doreen Scanlan invites you to a Meetup on Wednesday, Sept 23 at 9:00 AM.

Each month, on the 4th Wednesday, donated food items and paper goods will be distributed to neighbors. Bring items to 167 Flanders Street to be distributed at the event. (items can be brought in daily). The distribution also needs volunteers who can help organize and distribute. Sponsored by "Creating Change Through Love", 167 Flanders St.

Need Your Perennials

As you work in your garden, please think about dividing some of your low growing hardy perennials and dropping them at the office. Or call the office, and someone will stop by your house to pick them up. We are redesigning and re-working the garden at Chili and Thurston. We need your plants and your help.

RNR Ice Cream Café



New ice cream store opened on June 9 at the corner of Brooks & Genesee Street: RNR Ice Cream Cafe. Met the owners & had a preview last night. Yummy! Both soft-serve & hard ice cream. Hours 11:30am to 8:30pm. Stop by after you buy your fruits & veggies at the Westside Market.

—by Deb Wight

Westside Farmers Market

The Westside Farmers Market has experienced some pretty nasty weather this year, but has bounced back to sunshine. We hope everyone knows that the market is open, rain or shine. If the weather gets too bad, we can move inside. The variety of produce is amazing right now. The berries and peaches are delicious this year. Apples and tomatoes have arrived, and the corn is

tasty. Also available at the market is cheese, granola, coffee, honey, jam, bread many cuts of beef and lamb, chickens, herbal soaps, eggs, seasoning packets, mead, donuts, applesauce, and a large selection of baked goods and cookies. Crafts for youth, live music for everyone, and dinner are weekly happenings at the market. MC, Visa, EBT are always accepted at our Information Booth. Do you know we have recipes available at no cost that use market ingredients? Visit us for a good time. Weekly through October 13 in the St. Monica Church parking lot at 831 Genesee St., 4:00 – 7:30 PM (7:00 when the nights come earlier)



Presentation and Discussion

Mindy Thompson Fullilove asks the community to consider the following questions:

1. What is it about this place that draws us here?
2. What could we add to this place that will keep us here?

The CDCR will partner with The Settlement Houses of Rochester Foundation to offer an evening presentation with Mindy on Wednesday September 16 at 7pm titled: "Mending our Broken Cities/Reconnecting our Communities". This event will be free and open to the public and held at School #9, 485 N. Clinton Avenue. This community conversation will dovetail with this year's theme for the 2016 Reshaping Rochester Series that will consider issues related to design equity, looking at new approaches to planning and design that tackle both the built environment and collective well-being at the same time. Mark your calendars for this exciting event!

Dr. Mindy Thompson Fullilove, is the author of "Root Shock: How Tearing up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It" and "Urban Alchemy, Restoring Joy in America's Sorted-out Cities".

While here, Mindy will be the keynote speaker at a Kick Off Luncheon presented by The Settlement Houses of Rochester Foundation on September 17th at noon at the Rochester Plaza Hotel and Conference Center.

Shall we go together?—Call the office if you would be interested in attending as a group, and planning a time for discussion afterward.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4:00-7:30 Westside Farmers Market, 831 Genesee	2 8:30a Thurston-Brooks-Arnett Merchants @ Holley's	3	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8 College Night at the Westside Farmers Market	9 8:00a Genesee Merchants @ NSC 7:00p Schools Committee 7:00p PCIC @ Staybridge	10 11:00a Housing Committee @ NSC 7:00p Delegates Council @ Library	11 7:00 PM Delegates Council Arnett Branch Library	12
13	14	15 4:00-7:30 Westside Farmers Market 831 Genesee	16 8:00a Chili Avenue Merchants @ Livie's	17	18	19 9:30a History & Archives Comm @ Brooks Landing Diner
20	21	22 4:00-7:30 Westside Farmers Market	23 6:30p Public Safety Committee Meeting @ RPH	24	25	26 5:00 PM Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner at Unity, 89 Genesee
27	28	29 4:00-7:30 Westside Farmers Market	30 6:30 P Public Safety at RPH	All meetings are held at 216 Thurston unless otherwise noted		

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

The 19th Ward Neighborhood



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

