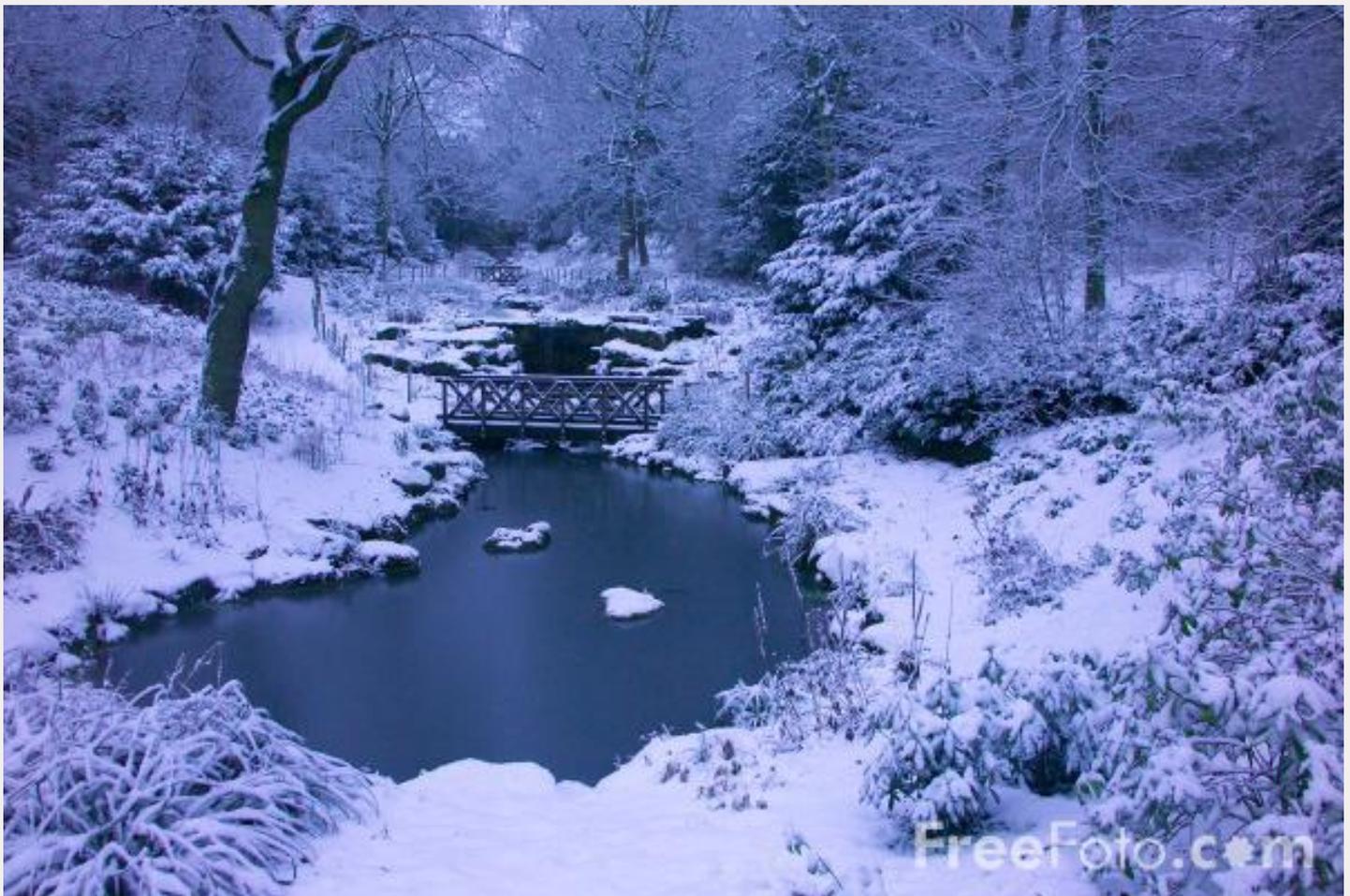




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Presidents Message –December

You Can Be Proud

It has been a very fruitful year for the 19th Ward Community Association. As I look back over this year, I worked with various committees and saw all the wonderful things we accomplished this year. Because of you, the members of the 19th Ward Community Association, we had a very successful Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. luminary evening. We brought neighbors together at the Candlelight dinners. You, the members, helped organize a fun afternoon of winter skating that brought joy to all, young and old. Together we continue to strive to make the 19th Ward a place to work, play and live. Together-we have hosted Play Roc Your Neighborhood which brought kids and adults together who spoke different languages- yet found a way to play and laugh as one community. You can be proud of our members who weekly work on the Chili/Thurston and Thurston/Ravenwood gardens keeping them beautiful for many to enjoy. You can be proud because together we had a very successful garden party which brought many people out to eat and play together. These, as many of our events, make people want to join our organization. Our 19th Ward members have spent endless hours doing mailings, organizing, or setting up and tearing down events, to encourage our neighbors and improve the quality of life for our community. You can be proud that you came together this summer when the 19th Ward was highlighted on WROC TV 8 summer picnic in the back yard. You can be proud that our Public Safety Committee under Co- Chairpersons John Borek and Greta Mosley have taught and empowered our community on safety issues and ways to address various problems. You can be proud of Co-Chairwomen LaShay Harris and Zola Brown and their committee for their work organizing a very successful Square Fair, which brought hundreds of people together for a day of fun, and brought in needed funds for our organization. You can be proud of Chairwoman Adrienne Kilc and the zoning committee for positively impacting our community, making sure zoning requirements are enforced. Deb Leary, Chairwoman of our Housing Committee, and her team have spent hours dealing with some of the worst houses in our community to either get them repaired or demolished. You can be proud of the successes of these committees. Schools Committee Chairman John Laing and his committee have worked tirelessly this year enriching the lives and growth of our younger school age citizens. You can be proud of the Spelling Bee they organize that encourages and fosters students to want to learn and grow. Our History and Archives Committee Chairwoman Mary Dan Cooper and her committee have worked hundreds of hours logging and recording our history and many more hours working on restoring Rapids Cemetery. You can be proud of our Finance Committee. That committee is led by Angie Burch, and consists of past and present treasurers. Together they make sure we stay on budget. You can be proud of the 23 delegates and their alternates who attend monthly meetings, discuss and vote on issues that affect the quality of life. You can be proud that we have an office manager, Jackie Farrell who gave endless hours for our organization and our community.

I am proud and grateful for the people you voted in as the 2017 Executive Committee - Diane Watkins, Christopher Buitrago, Shelia Driscoll, Deb Wight, and our Delegate Representatives, Jeremy Coleman and Zola Brown, for the many hours they spend in making good decisions that affect our organization in a positive light.

You, the members who financially support us year after year can be proud that your gifts provide the funds we need to carry out so many activities that enrich the lives of all of our 19th ward family. You, the hundreds of people who volunteer your time month in and month out doing endless tasks of various degrees, from one event to the next, can be proud that you made all these events possible.

I thank you for providing me the honor of serving as your president this past year. You have made me proud that together we can, and we did, make improvements that will continue to grow and develop as we make our community stronger and better in the new year.



2017 Officers

Harlan Ost, *President*

Chris Buitrago, *1st Vice President*

Anthony Grissett, *2nd Vice President*

Sheila Driscoll, *Secretary*

Deb Wight, *Treasurer*

Diane Watkins, *Past President*

Support the neighborhood merchants this holiday season

Are you hoping to continue supporting Small Business as you shop for the holidays? We have a few suggestions for you:

Give someone the gift of laundry – The Laundry on Arnett offers pick up, wash, dry, fold, and delivery. Other Laundromats in the neighborhood offer similar services.

Do you know someone who works long days, and then goes home to cook for others? How about a gift certificate for a meal-to-go from one of our wonderful take-out restaurants: Abby's St. Kittchen, People's Choice Kitchen, D'Mangu Dominican Take-Out, Jamaican Soul, Southern Comfort Café, El Latino Restaurant, Livie's Import Market, Campi's. It makes me hungry just mentioning these great places.

Looking for a restaurant to take a friend to? – Try Chili Diner, Zoc's Gourmet Burgers & Shakes, Unkl Moe's BBQ, Brooks Landing Diner, The Wok, the Arnett Café... I like all of them!

Do you have someone on your gift list who likes candles, aromatherapy, essential oils, perfume? Stop by Paula's Essentials & Aromatherapy or Sensuous Satiables. The scents fill the air, and put a smile on my face.

Call Menezes' Pizza and have a surprise pizza delivered to a busy household. Good pizza, affordable prices.

Enjoy a coffee or tea at Brue – or maybe a beer or glass of wine, or a salsa lesson, or a Panini. They offer so much more than coffee!

Give someone a gift certificate for an oil change, or car repair at Thurston Garage, or Othman's, or Gil Tegg Mobil.

How about new running or walking shoes, or a basketball, or other sporting goods from Jim Dalberth?

Maybe you could give someone the gift of plumbing service from James Crowley Plumbing & Heating

Quality meats for your holiday dinner are available at Cutaia's Meat Market, and the customer service is top of the line.

There is also jewelry in a number of stores; lovely nails and haircuts are offered right here in the neighborhood.

A Y membership might be welcomed.

Groceries can be purchased at many corner stores, or at Tops Friendly Market.

All this and more --- available right here --- in walking distance of our homes.

Call the office, 328-6571, for a complete listing of businesses in the 19th Ward, and their address and phone numbers.

The 2017 Convention was a huge success:

**Lots of fun, 65 great auction items, a wonderful speaker, good food,
and a bit of business thrown in.**

Our Auction was a huge success. People donated so many wonderful services – dog walking, shoveling, cottages, sailboat cruise, personal tour of Susan B Anthony House, Red Wings box seats, a Pedal Tour, martial arts training, garage clean out, golf lessons, a Y membership, Laundry, balancing workshop, massage, cookies, pies, biscotti, wine, meat smoking, breakfast in bed, nutritional grocery tour, shopping trip, transportation, babysitting, handyman services, reupholstering, room painting, book conservation, book binding, architectural consultation, birdwatching, workshop on urban beekeeping, on vegetable gardening, tix to Songwriters in the Round, piano lessons, harp music... and the list goes on. Many of us went home with some of the wonderful gifts to be shared throughout the community. It truly was an a “neighbors helping neighbors” auction.

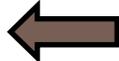
The crowd was fun, the live auction added energy to the evening, the food was tasty and plentiful, the business meeting was quick, the musician was amazing, Dr. Cedric Alexander was a great speaker. It was overall a great evening spent with great friends and neighbors. We met new people, and laughed with folks we have known for years, and continued the party at Brue after the Convention was over.

Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers – those who volunteered at the office to help with the mailing, the nametags, the printing and folding, the auction donation cards, and so much more; those who donated money for pizza and groceries, those who worked in the kitchen, those who contributed to appetizers and desserts, the smiling folks who worked at the registration table, the people who set up the auction, matched items to the top donors, and ‘sold’ the items. The set-up crew, the clean-up crew, those who transported items from the office to Danforth, the emcee, the announcers, the auctioneers, and to the ‘behind-the-scenes’ organizers under the direction of Diane Watkins who planned it out, paid attention to details, and orchestrated a great evening. Thanks to Brue for remaining open so that we could have an ‘after party’. And a special thanks to Kathy O’Neill who gets the credit for securing the majority of auction items.



Thanks to all—it was a great evening!

Participating in the live auction





Whatever is being presented, people are paying attention



Carol Kramer presenting the Delegates for 2018



Chris Buitrago, our 1st VP, putting on his happy face



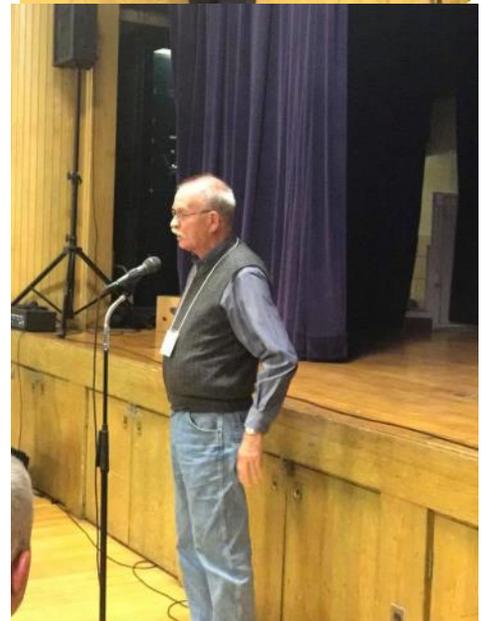
Dr. Cedric Alexander



Fun for all ages



Harlan Ost, President, giving a 'State of the 19WCA' address





Zola Brown, newly elected 2nd Vice President of 19WCA, pictured here.

Zola Brown, 1199 SEIU National Benefit Fund Rochester Area Coordinator and past Vice-president of 1199 Rochester, was awarded the prestigious 2017 Lena Gantt Award.

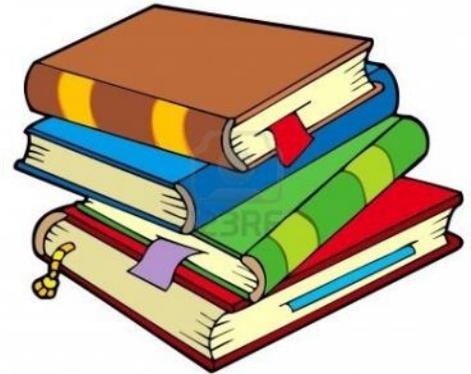
Action for a Better Community (ABC) honored Brown for her outstanding community service and extensive efforts to advocate for social and economic justice. A second-generation union activist, Zola Brown is dedicated to assisting economically disadvantaged community members.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS

We will continue to take a small amount of good books for the Little Free Library. Many of the books in the LFL are placed there by neighbors, but Sheri Tehan is the volunteer who keeps it restocked on a regular basis, and the books are stored at the 19WCA office.

Lee Krist does a great job collecting and organizing books for our bookshelf at the office. The books at the office are available for only \$1.00 each, and there are great choices of authors and topics. Many have been on the best-seller list, and all of them are in perfect condition. Each of them would make a great gift. Since Lee keeps this up on her own, there is no reason to donate books to that collection.

WE WILL NO LONGER TAKE BOOK DONATIONS FOR SQUARE FAIR. Although the book booth has been one of the most popular attractions at Square Fair for a number of years, the book purchases have become minimal, and the preparation work is always monumental. We know you understand the problem and the necessary solution, but we remain disappointed to bring that sale to an end.



*Enjoy the holiday season!
Take time to relax*

Summary—Delegates' Council Meeting, Nov. 9, 2017

Chris Buitrago, First VP, chaired the meeting

--**Arnett Library** recently offered a workshop on applying to college. A workshop on trademarks has been scheduled for Nov. 16 at 5:30. Friends of Arnett Library is organizing a new series of workshop called Friends Teaching Friends. If you have a skill to share, email dleary1@rochester.rr.com.

--Our Treasurer, Deb Wight, reported that income and disbursements are close to budget for 2017. She presented a proposed budget for 2018, which 19th WCA members will vote on at the Convention.

--Almost all Districts have held meetings to choose **19th WCA delegates** for 2018.

--About 150 people participated in the **House Tour**, held on Oct. 14. We were successful in reaching some newcomers. According to our survey, more than half of participants lived outside the ward, and 40% had never been on the tour before. Thank you to Joanne DeMarle.

--**Citizen Merchant Dinner of the Year**, held on Oct. 28, was a great success. The event recognizes people who serve the community day after day and also raised some funds for the Association. Thank you to Mary Fran Kolbuc for organizing this event for another year.

--All are encouraged to participate in United Way's **Roc the Day on Nov. 28**. Send your contribution to the 19th WCA!

--Report from **Schools committee**: School 16 will be returning to Post Ave in 2018. We need to make parents aware of this, in case they want to send their child to a neighborhood school. The school will have a new gym, which may be accessible to the community after hours. School 10 is also slated for renovations.

--The City Council is considering a proposal to lower the speed limit in Rochester to **25 mph**, in order to promote pedestrian and cyclist safety. The final decision will be made at the state level.

Notes from Business meeting at the Annual Convention

2018 Delegates were introduced.

Slate of Officer nominees was presented, and each nominee spoke briefly about his or her commitment to the 19th Ward Community Association.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the slate as presented.

All 2018 Officers were elected by vote, and are:

President, Harlan Ost

1st Vice President, Chris Buitrago

2nd Vice President, Zola Brown

Secretary, Sheila Driscoll

Treasurer, Deb Wight

Deb Wight, Treasurer, presented the 2018 proposed budget. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the budget as presented.

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

Drop off dates: Sundays, December 3 and December 10,
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.

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Following up from October

one of the best Citizen and Merchant of the Year Dinners ever!

The food was outstanding, the room was beautifully set up and decorated, and the awardees were very special. Thanks to Mary Fran Kolbuc, the Chairperson who does most of the planning and orchestrating herself, including making those beautiful centerpieces.

Carol Kramer, our Citizen of the Year, talked about her commitments and why they are important to her. We were so happy to recognize Carol and all the her accomplishments in the 19th Ward. Her proud and obviously supportive family, including her Mom who set the example for her, and her husband Ron who also continues to 'give back', were present.

Janet Elliott, the Personal Banker at the Chili Gardiner Branch of Key Bank, was so appreciative to be recognized, and receive the Merchant of the Year award. She has worked at that branch for many years, through many mergers and changes, but continues to serve her clients with personal attention, caring about each person she meets and serves.

Cele and Keith Jackson have been serving our community in a variety of ways for many years. Doris Meadows spoke of their commitment to the neighborhood, and gave testimony to the fact that they are deserving of this induction into our Hall of Fame.

Cheryl Goggins, our friendly and faithful clerk at the Thurston Road Post Office, was taken by surprise when she learned that we were awarding her Special Recognition for the way she cares about every customer who comes to her window. Cheryl expressed her deep gratitude, and assured us all that she loves her job on Thurston Road. A side story – her Dad was the Postal Clerk on Thurston a number of years ago.

It was a beautiful evening, with wonderful friends, and deep appreciation for the work that keeps a community strong.





Rochester Public Library ARNETT BRANCH

December

FREE programs and events for all ages.

Kids Programs

Saturday Story Times
Every Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Age 2 yrs - 5 yrs.

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



The Puppeteering Awards

Tuesday, December 26, from Noon - 4 p.m.

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



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

Tail Waggin' Tutors

Wednesday, December 20 at 4:00 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



Kwanzaa Bingo

Thursday, December 28 at 3 p.m.

Kids will have fun playing this holiday-themed game. Ages 5-12

Game of Pet Life

Wednesday, December 27 at 2:30 p.m.

Have fun during this financial literacy program, learning about the costs of caring for a pet while playing Pet Life with AmeriCorps volunteers. Ages 8-12



LEGO Club

Thursday, December 21 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.



Money Matters Book Club

Friday, December 29 at 2:30 p.m.

Enjoy books with AmeriCorps volunteers during this fun financial literacy program. Ages 8-12

Puppet Show Presented by the Puppet Trio of Tom Bohrer, Elizabeth Weeg and Mary Weeg
Saturday, December 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Kids and grownups will sure to be roaring with laughter during this performance! All ages



Teen Programs

Wii Gaming Fridays
Fridays, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Open play in the teen area.



SysTEMiC Science Project

Wednesday, December 20 at 4 p.m.

SysSTEMic is back to lead Arnett teens in a cool science demo.



Adult Programs



Computer Tutor
Every Monday 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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 to sign up!

Free TASC Tutoring

Mondays, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Do you want to prepare for the High School Equivalency Exam known as TASC (formerly GED)? Free Tutoring is available at the Arnett Branch Library every Monday except holidays.

Adult Craft – Holiday Card Holder

Thursday, December 7 at 4:30 p.m.

Looking for a cute way to display the holiday cards your family receives this season? We will be making reusable signs to hang in your home. Please register at the front desk or by calling (585)428-8214. This project is open to patrons 18 and older.



Adult Craft – New Year's Toasting Glasses

Thursday, December 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Cheers to the New Year! Decorate toasting glasses to add a little fun to your holiday table. Please register at the front desk or by calling (585)428-8214. Open to patrons 18 and older.

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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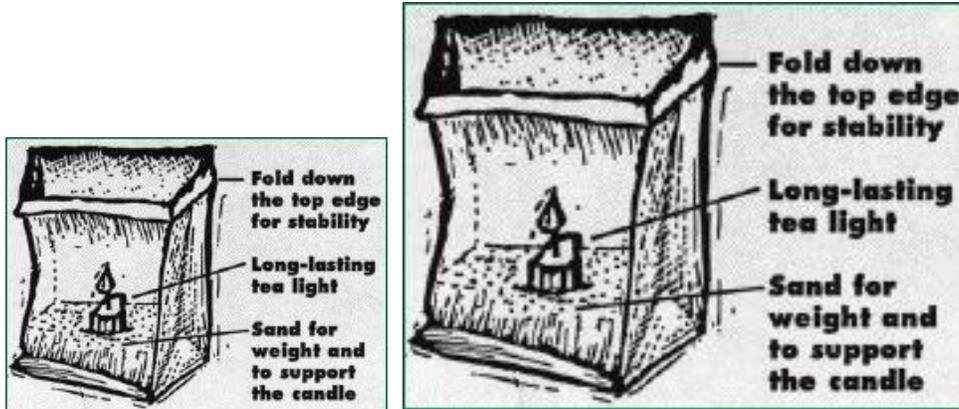
Start now collecting milk jugs, canning jars, bags...buying candles, sand, etc.

Martin Luther King, Jr luminary evening is January 15—Details in the January Update

Canning jars with tealights or candles inside work very well

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



General instructions for putting together your luminary kit

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

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The following instructions use a ½ gal plastic milk jug:

Slice a long narrow 'hole' in plastic jug just below bottom of handle, and not slicing all around

Place rock salt, sand, stones, or kitty litter in bottom of jug to serve as a weight.

2. Center the votive candle (or battery-powered tea light) in the rock salt, sand, of kitty litter.

3. Light the candle outdoors.

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

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

The plastic carton permits the luminary to nestle in the snow.

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

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

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

Save the date

Candlelight Dinners—Saturday, February 10

Host or be a Guest

It's a great way to warm up on a cold February evening. Meet new neighbors, reminisce with friends and neighbors we have known for a long time.

Call the Office for more details, or to get your name on the reservation list.



Leaf Collection:

Yes, the leaf collections are finished for the season.

Yes, they have begun the collection again.

As we know, most of the leaves never fell from the trees in their usual timely fashion this year.

The City of Rochester has begun the leaf collection again, and will continue that collection until the snow falls. Chances are unlikely they will reach us before snow does. This week (the week of November 26), they have begun Week 1 of the regular schedule. That means they could start the North end of the 19th Ward next week, and then finish the majority of the ward in the week of December 10. Get your leaves ready now, but watch the weather. PLEASE bag them if the snow comes before the leaf trucks, and NEVER rake your leaves into the street. The City of Rochester employees will pick them up from the tree lawn. Leaves in the street with piles of snow are not a good thing.

University of Rochester Chamber Orchestra

On behalf of the University of Rochester Chamber Orchestra, I would like to extend an invitation for a free performance.

On Saturday, **December 9 at 8:00 p.m.**, the URCO will perform a concert commemorating the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This concert will include Mendelssohn's, Symphony No. 5, titled "Reformation." Dr. Laura Smoller, in the UR History department, will also present a pre-concert lecture at 7:15 p.m. Both the concert and pre-concert talk will take place in Upper Strong Auditorium on the River Campus of the University of Rochester. We would be humbled if you could please share this invitation with others. Tickets are free, and the concert will be less than an hour in length, making it suitable for families.

We hope that you will be able to join us and look forward to having you as our guests.

A Cappella at the Wok

Trebellious, a Co-Ed A Cappella group from the University of Rochester will be performing at the Wok, 912 Genesee Street, on **Friday, December 8 at 7:00 PM.**

We hope you can join us to see and hear this marvelous group.

Visit <https://cdn.fedweb.org/fed-6/2/JewishFederation-CommunityRelations-RefugeeNeighbors-Final.pdf>

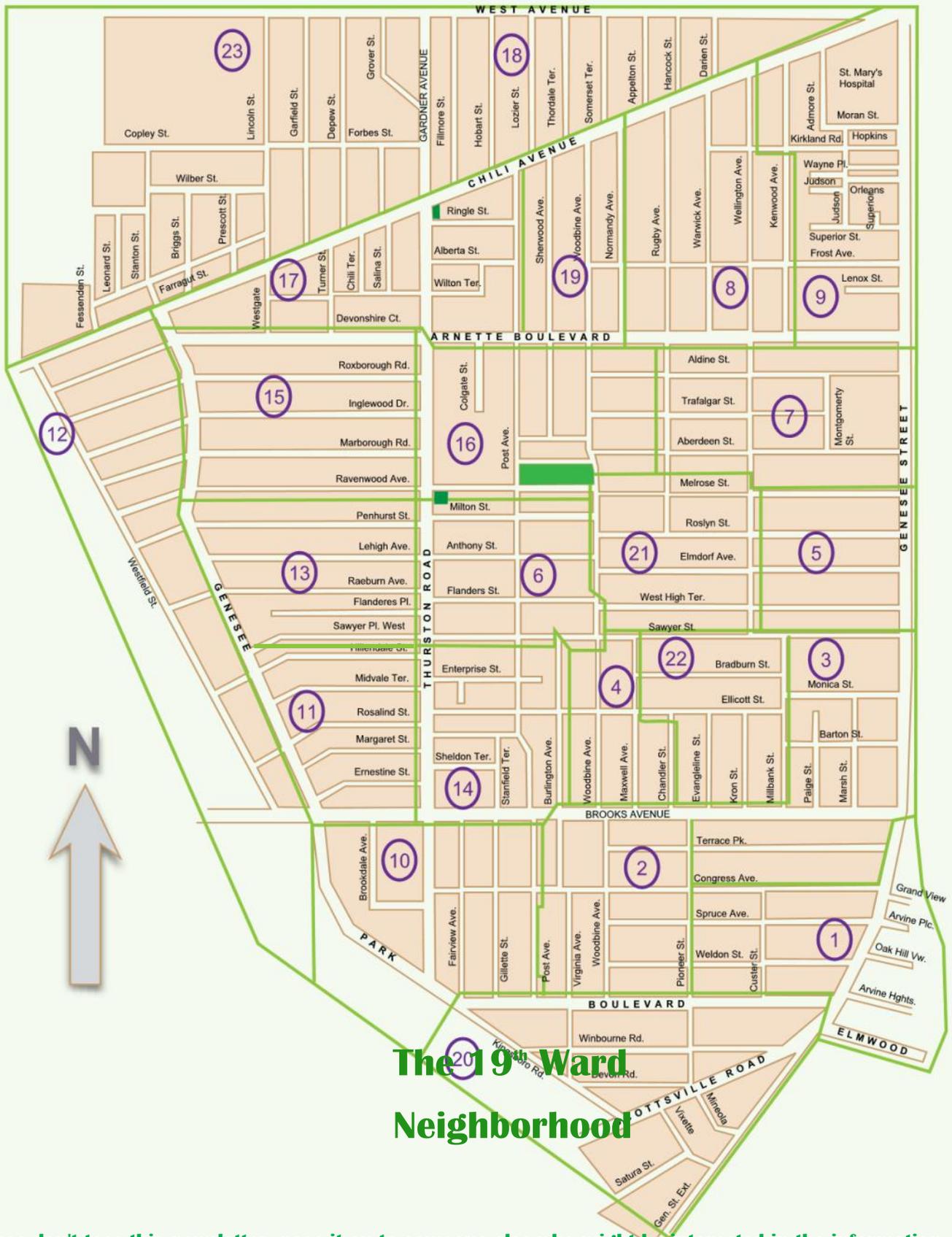
To learn more about the one day event to collect clothes and household goods for our Refugee neighbors, **Sunday Dec 3, 1:00-4:00 PM** Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester, held at Temple B'rith Kodesh, 2131 Elmwood Ave



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6:30 Bureaucats at Brue Metro Justice Alternative Fair	2 Metro Justice Alternative Fair
3 1-4 Refugee Fair at Temple B'rith Kodesh	4	5 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston	6 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett Merchants at RPH	7	8 7:00 A Cappella, Trebellious, at Wok	9
10	11	12	13 8:00 AM Gene-see Merchants at NSC 7:00 PCIC at Staybridge First Day Hanukkah	14 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Arnett Library	15	16 9:45 AM History and Archives at Brue
17	18	19	20 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	21 1:00 PM Housing Committee at NSC	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26 1st Day Kwanzaa	27 No Public Safety Committee meeting in December	28	29	30
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Please don't toss this newsletter; pass it on to someone else who might be interested in the information.

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