



Update 19

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You are cordially invited to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony
to celebrate the reopening of

John Walton Spencer School 16
321 Post Avenue, 14619



Monday, September 10
11:00 a.m.

New classroom wing, cafeteria expansion, library expansion,
and new gymnasium.

On street parking for ribbon cutting.

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President Message September 2018

WELCOME BACK!!!

Hi everyone, I trust you all had a wonderful, busy summer. I hope you also had a chance to participate in PlayRocs Your Neighborhood held at the office, or enjoyed the Ravenwood Garden Party, or one of the many wonderful 'Beats at Brooks' events, or the Westside Farmers Market. The pot-luck dinner was another nice way to spend an evening with neighbors. Many thanks to those who volunteered for these events making them fun, happy occasions.

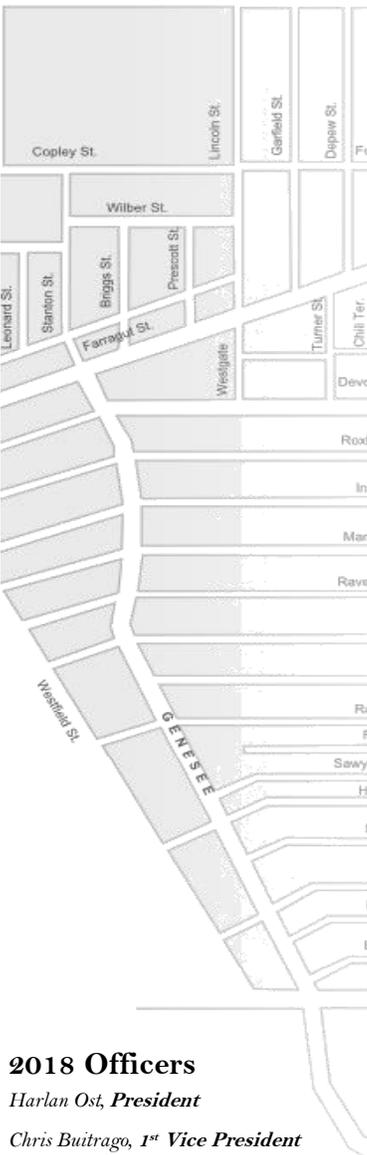
We are back to our regular schedule and kids are back to school. Please take a few extra minutes when driving to or from work to watch out for kids at crosswalks, playing or riding their bikes.

It is time for delegates to start holding their annual district meetings to elect (or re-elect) delegates for 2019. We have had new members join this summer so it would be a great time to welcome them to your district and encourage them to the annual meeting. Don't wait until the last minute to schedule these meetings.

It is also time to think about electing new officers to the executive committee. The next few months will pass quickly and elections will be here. I am sure many of you can help steer the 19th ward moving forward. Please talk to Karen Emerson, Jacob Adams, Harlan Ost or Jackie Farrell about your interests in becoming an officer. We need you!

Early October with an alternate rain date would be a good time to have a grass roots membership drive. We have not had one in a long time and we need new members. We need new members as many of our wonderful members are getting to the stage where they want to slow down or enjoy helping the organization with a lighter load. So let us make this happen.

As we are about to elect new delegates and new officers, it is time to ask ourselves what we are willing to do for our community, our 19th ward neighbors and organization. It is easy to make excuses why we can't do something. It's our way of justifying in our own mind why we are not willing to take on more responsibility. It is also a time to ask ourselves if I commit to something large or small, am I willing to give what it takes in energy and time to fulfill it. Leaving this to others is not the answer. It takes each of us to do a little more that will bring the greatest improvement. I have seen many people come together in the past year and one half to make many improvements for our neighbors and community. I can't wait to see all the wonderful things that will happen in 2019 because YOU choose to step up and go beyond the norm. Thank you.



2018 Officers

Harlan Ost, *President*

Chris Buitrago, *1st Vice President*

Zola Brown—*2nd Vice President*

Sheila Driscoll, *Secretary*

Deb Wight, *Treasurer*

Diane Watkins, *Past President*

School 16 is Re-Opening on Post Ave!!!

The School 16 building on Post Avenue has undergone an extensive renovation and is reopening this September after being closed for six years. It doesn't seem that long since 2012 when we were told that the building would be closed. The community came together and successfully lobbied to not only retain the school but to completely renovate it. We're all excited to see the building improvements and the children in a new space. The official ribbon cutting will be Monday September 10 at 11:00 am. Later in September we will have tours of the school for interested neighbors and parents. If you are interested in seeing the renovation, email the association office and we will notify you when more information is available. If you signed up at Square Fair there's no need to sign up again.

However renovated buildings alone do not ensure having a high performing school. We are looking to improve the integration of the school staff into the surrounding community. We want to make sure the staff feels at home in the community and that the community views the school as one of its most important assets. There will be a number of events throughout the year and we will communicate them using established 19th ward association channels.

Now that the school is again within walking distance consider volunteering at school 16. If you are interested, please complete the application on the RCSD web site and contact John Laing for additional information.



Suggestion: Let's be there for opening day on Wednesday, 9/5. We can stand outside and welcome the students back to the 19th Ward! Classes start at 9:00. Let's meet at 8:30



Remember the fun we had at Porch Fest

Let's do it again!!!

Sunday, September 23

Participate as a musician, or as a music appreciation neighbor

Simple – sit on your porch and play music

OR, simpler yet, walk around the neighborhood and listen to the tunes.



Watch Facebook for a complete listing of who will be playing where, or call the office the week before.





UR President Feldman and the Wilson Day organizers paid us a visit on Wilson Day. The students were hard at work when the Staff arrived.



Rochester Public Library
ARNETT BRANCH

TASC Tutoring

Mondays and Wednesdays

Sept. 5 - Dec. 19 2018

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

**Do you need help preparing to take the
High School Equivalency Diploma exam?
Then this drop-in tutoring service is for you!**

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

310 Arnett Blvd, Rochester, NY 14619 585-428-8214

Believe.

City of Rochester, NY
Lovely A. Warren, Mayor
Rochester City Council



Thank you Wilson Day students!—this is about half the students who worked in our gardens on 8/27



Fun at the Arnett Library



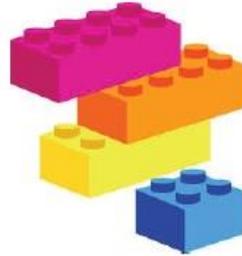
Kids Programs

Saturday Story Times
Every Saturday from 1 - 1:30 p.m.
Ages: 2 yrs. - 5 yrs.



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

Tail Waggin' Tutors
Wednesday, September 19
4 - 5 p.m.
Kids read books to dogs! Ages
12 and under



LEGO Club
Thursday, September 20
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Ages: 12 and under



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

Teen Programs

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



Adult Programs

Computer Tutor
Every Monday from 4 - 5 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 the library to sign up!



Foster Parent Information Session
Wednesday, September 5, from 6 - 7 p.m.
Are you thinking about possibly becoming a foster parent but don't know what to expect? This informative, no-obligation presentation will be given by Monroe County Foster Care. Please register at www.monroecountyfostercare.org under "First Steps."



Adult Craft Workshop
Tuesday, September 18, from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
This month we will be making a wall decoration out of wood, stones, and other materials. If you have any small rocks, stones, or other materials you would like to use in this project, feel free to bring them. Materials will be provided. Please register at the front desk or by calling (585) 428-8214. This project is open to patrons 18 and older.



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Coffee and Conversation with a Rochester Police Officer



You are invited to pull up a chair, grab a cup of coffee - or the drink of your choice - and get to know your local police officers! Ask questions, tell us about your neighborhood or share your concerns. The conversation is informal, yet informative. We look forward to learning more about you and your neighborhood!

Brue Coffee, 960 Genesee Street

- Tuesday, Sept. 25, 2018, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 23, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 27, 2018, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.



Get help filling out those FAFSA forms

FAFSAs (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) can start being submitted for the 2019-2020 academic year on October 1st, therefore the kick-off event is fittingly on October 1st.

Monday, October 1st @ MCC Downtown, 5:30-9:00...

Saturday, October 27th @ East HS, 11-2

Saturday, November 10th @ NE College Prep HS, 12-3

Thursday, November 15th @ SUNY: REOC, 5-8

Tuesday, February 12th @ SUNY: REOC, 5-8

Saturday, March 2nd @ MCC Downtown, 9-12

The dates and locations of FAFSA Fest are listed here:

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What is FAFSA Fest? FAFSA Fest is an annual series of events that will bring local volunteers to locations around the city to help students and families complete their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online, answer financial aid questions and provide individual counseling to understanding college costs. Food and refreshments may be provided, and there is no need to pre-register. Volunteers include financial aid counselors from local colleges, accountants and attorneys. !

NOTES FROM DELEGATES' COUNCIL—JUNE MEETING

--**Arnett Library, Bruce Tehan:** Lots of activities are scheduled for the summer; see calendar. Bruce announced the event showcasing the new murals.

--**Rochester Transit Authority, Joy Pacheco** presented a report on the planning process called Re-imagine RTS. They convened an Advisory Committee and collected 11,000 surveys. Ridership has decreased 12% in the past few years. For the past 40 years, RTS routes have been designed to bring people downtown. Their current priorities: More frequent service and more flexible routes and better services for disabled riders. Possibly use of smaller vehicles. A draft plan is available on RTS website.

--**Southwest Neighborhood Service Center, James Demps:** James has worked for the City for 35 years and has lived in the 19th Ward for 20 years. His goal as Administrator of SW Neighborhood Service Center is to improve the business corridors, and especially Chili Ave. Some commercial buildings need to be demolished. Residents should call 311 re noise and other complaints. James is happy to attend 19th WCA Delegate Council meetings every few months.

Jackie made a plea to recruit your neighbors to attend 19th WCA events this summer! Citizen & Merchant of Year dinner will be in October. Check out Westside Farmers Market every Tuesday night at St Monica's parking lot....there is yoga every week, and Walk and Talk with a Doc. Doug Giebel put together a list of contractors that 19th WCA members have used. Our summer intern is Ben Zuegel; he will be helping with events.

--**Square Fair, LaShay Harris:** A finance report will be shared in Sept. Generally, feedback for the event was very positive. UPrep is willing to come back and help with food service again. Moiet put together some STEM related games and activities for children; her efforts are greatly appreciated. The activities included a SWAT truck that children could enter. Some 19th WCA members objected, on the grounds that we should not normalize giving weapons of war to police departments. LaShay asked that members consider volunteering to organize next year's Square Fair.

--**Police Accountability:** A proposal to establish a Police Accountability Board with subpoena powers and the power to discipline officers has been sent to City Council. A vote is expected in August.

--**Play Rocs event:** will be held in the afternoon of July 21st, in the back yard of the office. Most of the equipment and supplies are provided by Common Ground – Healthi Kids. This event is a good way to engage families who live near Thurston Road and School 16. Donna Sarnacki, Dan Demarle and Sheila Driscoll volunteered to help.

--**School 16:** We expect that the public will be invited to tour the building in August and that the school will open on time. 19th WCA would like neighborhood families to have priority. Some School 16 teachers and the principal attended Square Fair.

--**Street Manager Program:** Don Hanks, who passed away on May 31, will be greatly missed. The program will end in June; the City may renew the program in the Fall.

--**Public Safety Committee:** Delegates would like the focus of this committee to shift from reviewing police reports to providing skills training. Harlan Ost hopes to have a new Public Safety Committee in place by Sept.

.**Memorial:** How can we honor the memory of 19th Ward heroes and sheroes who have passed away? These would include Don Hanks, Peter Evans, Grandma Collins and others. John DeMott is willing to meet with others who are interested in planning some kind of ongoing memorial.

Planning in place for PlayRocs, Porch Fest, Ravenwood Garden Party, National Night Out, Backyard Picnic

Nominations for Officers: Jacob, Karen Emerson and Harlan will solicit nominations. Tell Harlan if you are interested in serving as an officer, or if you want to nominate someone.

Convention in November: Diane Watkins is organizing.

At the Westside Farmers Market...

The market is hosting a **Candidates' night** on **Tuesday, September 11**. Normally that would be the date for the Primary election, but in fact, the **Primary** has been changed to **Thursday, September 13 this year**. Mark your calendar now so that you don't show up at the polls 2 days early.

On September 18, the 19th Ward Community Association is hosting a **Health Information Night** at the Westside Farmers Market. Many health organizations are planning to attend. Watch Facebook for more information.

The market is open every Tuesday from 4-7 in the parking lot of St. Monica Church. Check it out. You can do most of your weekly shopping there.



Think about acting as a Delegate for your 19 WCA District.



We have delegate openings in Districts 3, 4, 5, and all districts are open for election/re-election in October. Refer to the full size District map on the last page of this publication. The meeting of Delegates is at the Arnett Library each month on the 2nd Thursday. We invite you to come by and observe. If you would like to be on the agenda, call the week before, but all are welcome to attend.

We are presently looking for potential officers for 2019. Call the office 328-6571 for more information.

An exciting opportunity through Rochester Global Connections:

Rochester Global Connections is looking for volunteers to be homestay hosts for STEM Educators from Belarus, coming to Rochester on the Community Connections professional exchange program. We are looking for families or individuals who can offer hospitality from October 11 to October 26, 2018. For more information about the program or how to apply, please contact Zhanna at zivanova@rocglobal.org, or call (585)-275-8779.

Call the office, 328-6571, for a personal recommendation on this program.



The Kane-DeMott Family at Square Fair



We had a great parade at Square Fair

Save the dates!



19th Ward Community Cats **Yard Sale**

Saturday, Sept. 29 • 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, Sept. 30 • 12 noon to 4 pm

Genesee Baptist Church
149 Brooks Avenue

Can you volunteer for set up, sale or clean up?

Please text or call Robin Glenski at 709-6229
or private message her on Facebook.

Donations accepted

Thursday and Friday,
Sept. 27 & 28, 4–6 pm

- Baked goods
 - Electronics
 - Furniture
 - Perennials
 - Shoes
 - Tools
- (No clothing please)

100% of proceeds go to vet care for 19th Ward's free roaming, stray and feral cats!

Brooks Landing Block Party

Thursday, 9/13 from 5:00-8:00 PM

Corner of S. Plymouth & Genesee

Celebrate the start of the fall semester at Brooks Landing.

Open to all UR students, 19th Ward residents, and PLEX residents.

This is a free event, a neighborhood celebration to welcome our new student neighbors and the start of the fall semester at UR

Music by Siena Facciolo & Co, and Dope Sauce, and Funkingtons

Serving burgers, hot dogs, salads, dessert and drinks

Sponsored by: Brooks Landing SW Rochester, Staybridge Suites, University of Rochester Neighborhood Ambassadors, Rochester Southwest Rotary Club, University of Rochester Rotaract Club



Sunflowers at the Westside Farmers Market



Celtic Music and Dance at Beats at Brooks



Irish dancers, a tuba, a hurdy-gurdy, bagpipes, drums, 2 dulcimers

An Update on Rapids Cemetery

We are looking for hands-on volunteers at Rapids Cemetery (90 Congress Avenue off Genesee Street) on two Sunday afternoons in September, the 8th and the 22nd, from 1 to 3 p.m. (or any portion thereof). Tools and refreshments will be provided. That's the 2nd and 4th Sunday, as usual.

Many folks came out on the Saturday after Independence Day to enjoy a beautiful evening and to celebrate the first three years of renovation efforts at the cemetery. The Coreopia Choral Group delighted the crowd with 19th century favorites, including "When Johnny comes Marching Home," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "By the Light of the Silvery Moon," "Beautiful Dreamer," "America the Beautiful," and, of course, "Amazing Grace." Thanks to John Boutet for capturing the event and putting it up on YouTube: https://youtu.be/TqGd_rz3l_c

The very next day a local Girl Scout troop showed up to harvest ripe black raspberries from the north slope. This was their third annual blackberry harvest. The berries were delivered to St. Peter's Kitchen at 681 Brown Street. This event was covered by Spectrum News. Here is the great short clip:

<http://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/community/2018/07/09/200-year-old-cemetery-gets-help-from-scouts#>

The History & Archives Committee will be working again this year with RIT students on the continuation of the Mobile App project. It is a two-semester class at RIT in which seniors are given real-life problems to solve. Last year, we outlined our vision, and each of four teams designed a version of an app that would fulfill our requirements. We tested and learned from each version, and this year the best features from each will be combined. Our first meeting with the class is scheduled for Sept 18. If you want to have input into this exciting, hands-on project (no committee meetings!), please contact the office. There are limited dates during the academic year when your involvement would be needed.

Coreopia Choral Group
and Spectators at Rapids
in July



Coreopia Choral Group

Berry picking at Rapids



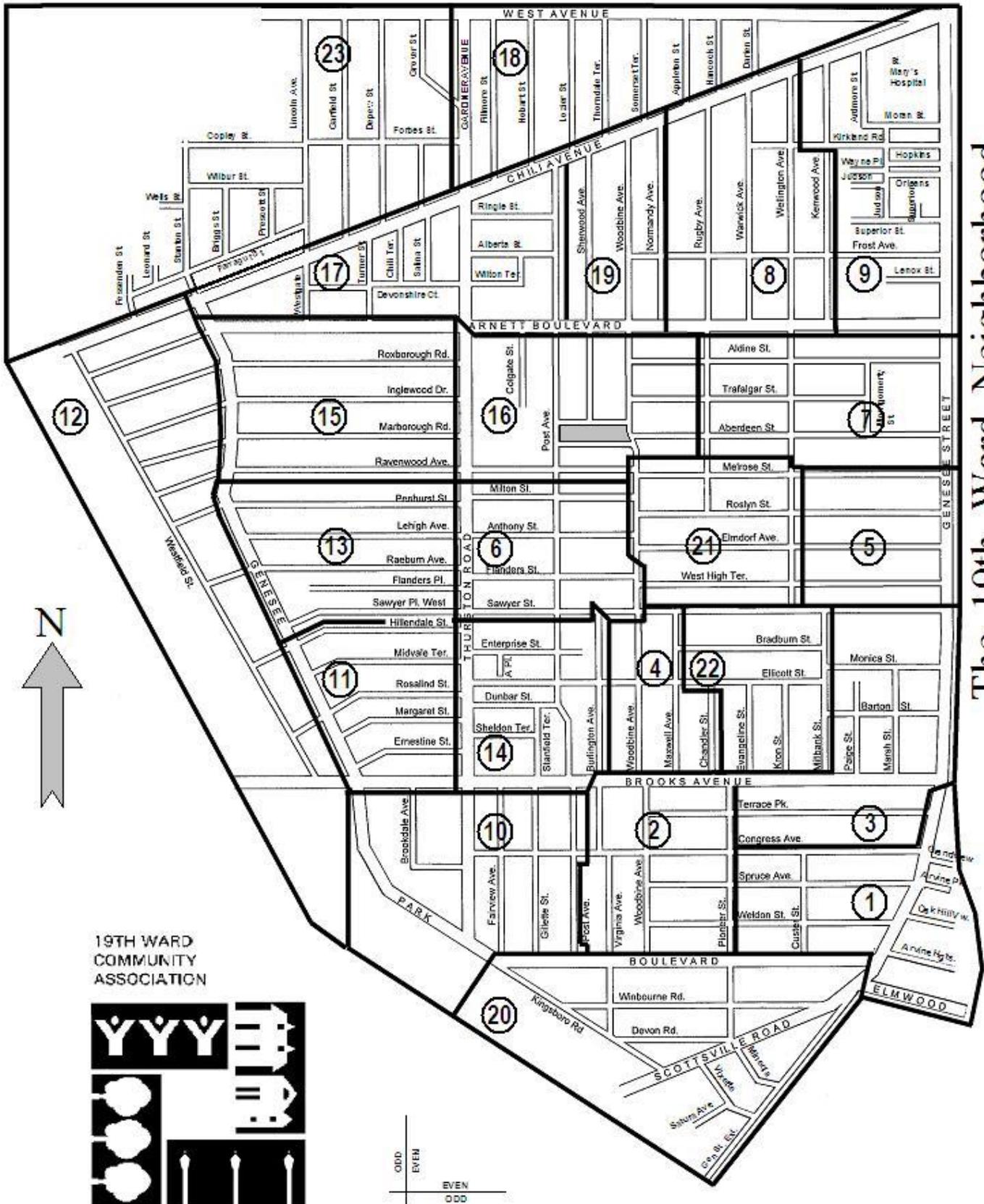
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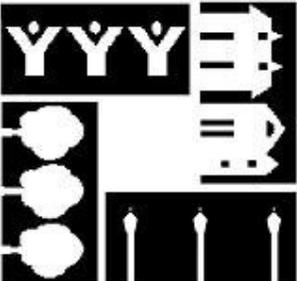


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