



# Update 19

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## Important dates to remember

Oct. 12  
Oct. 17

Mail Registration: Last day to postmark application for general election and last day it must be received by board of elections is Oct 17. §5-210(3)

Oct. 12

In person registration: Last day application must be received by board of election to be eligible to vote in general election. If you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 12<sup>th</sup>, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 27<sup>th</sup>. §§5-210, 5-211, 5-212

Changes of address received by this date must be processed. §5-208(3)

Oct. 17  
Oct. 12

Change of party enrollment. Last day to accept a change of enrollment. §5-208(3)

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## President Message October 2018

### Greetings

Wow! Soon the trees will display colors of red, orange and gold and tell us fall has arrived. It's the time of year when we prepare for the long winter ahead and we are once again in hibernation mode. It's a time that I take to reflect before I decide what I should plan for the New Year. I think about where I have been in my volunteering service. So let me take a minute and talk about volunteering. I often ask myself why am I volunteering and am I doing it for the right reason. Is it for the recognition, for what others will say about me, or for my need to really help someone else? For me, it's the later that has merit.

Look at some quotes from some great people about the subject.

We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobile, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

There is no better exercise for your heart, than reaching down and helping to lift someone up.

Bernard Meltzer

If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.

Booker T. Washington

Only when we give joyfully, without hesitation or thought of gain, can we truly know what love means.

Leo Buscaglia

When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die.

Eleanor Roosevelt

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

I shall pass through this world but once.

Any good thing therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, Let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Etienne de Grellet

Why volunteer? Because one person can make a big difference. Thank you to all of our 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association members who have given of their time, talents and gifts to enrich our 19<sup>th</sup> ward community and make it a better place. You can be proud of your accomplishments however big or small they might be. Each good deed is a seed for change and growth and we need both for our organization to flourish. So maybe next year think about volunteering and doing something different than this year so you will grow as well. I am thinking of what is next in my volunteering in the coming year. I have already been asked to head something new in my volunteering service and I look forward to seeing how I grow. I hope you will also look at your volunteering and renew your commitment to volunteer, especially for the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association. Thanks

### 2018 Officers

*Harlan Ost, President*

*Chris Buitrago, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

*Zola Brown—2nd Vice President*

*Sheila Driscoll, Secretary*

*Deb Wight, Treasurer*

*Diane Watkins, Past President*



You are cordially invited to  
the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association's  
Citizen & Merchant of the Year Dinner  
Saturday, October 27, 2018



Rochester Regional Health at Unity St. Mary's Campus  
89 Genesee Street  
Reception at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30

Fun to follow dinner

Come and celebrate the contributions of these committed neighbors

|                      |                               |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Citizen of the Year  | Donna Sarnacki                |
| Merchant of the Year | TBA, Waiting for Confirmation |
| Hall of Fame         | 19WCA Schools Committee       |

RSVP by Monday, October 15

\$ 18.00 per person, advance purchase advised. Credit cards accepted

Send payment & names to the 19<sup>th</sup> WCA, 216 Thurston Rd, Rochester, NY 14619 328-6571

Reception only tickets at \$5.00 each

Free parking and hallway entrance in the garage

## Citizen of the Year

Q. Who serves on Southwest Common Council, the Housing Committee, Delegates' Council, Southwest Quadrant, Southwest Rotary, friend of Arnett Library, shows up and volunteers for almost all events, takes on challenges, and balances all of that and more with some major life hurdles?

A. Donna Sarnacki, volunteer extraordinaire.



## Merchant of the Year

Q. Who greets every customer with a smile, treats everyone with respect, jumps in to help wherever there is a need, answers our questions, remembers our faces, trains staff to be efficient and courteous, and volunteers in the community?

A. This answer is still confidential. We are waiting for confirmation

## Hall of Fame Inductees

Q. Who worked tirelessly every week for years to be sure that School 16 was not shut down and torn down, but instead would continue to serve the Elementary students in the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward, completely renovated and modernized? And who was most instrumental in keeping School 10 on the westside? And who continues to work to keep the doors at School 44 open for neighborhood students?

A. The 19WCA Schools Committee, and especially John Laing and John Boutet

Come and celebrate these folks and the work they do here in our community.



# **Convention 2018**

## **Annual Meeting**

## **Election of Officers**

## **Auction/Food/Presentation**

Howdy Neighbors, it's Convention time! The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward is still the longest running community association in Rochester. We should be proud of all of the hard work that our neighbors do to bring great events to the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. We should also remember that we each must do our part to keep the traditions going. On Friday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we plan to make new memories together as we host this year's Convention Meeting.

We will have entertainment, food, friendship and speaker U of R President Richard Feldman at the newly renovated #16 School. It is gorgeous!! If you have not had the opportunity to visit, please make the extra effort to join us at convention and see the best designed school in the City's southwest. We owe a great debt of gratitude to our School's Committee in particular John Boutet & John Laing. They led the charge to bring #16 back home.

We need for you to invite friends and neighbors, new and old. Other ways to help are to: donate items of interest (new appliances, tickets to events, gift cards, personal services etc.) to our Convention Auction. You are also welcome to donate twenty dollars for pizza and drinks or donate an appetizer or dessert dish to pass and we definitely can use your help to set-up before, work during and break down after the Convention.

The Convention is also where we elect the neighbors who will help us guide the work of the 19<sup>th</sup> WCA throughout the upcoming year. The strong community of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward is something to celebrate for sure. When you go to the Farmers Market every Tuesday, or support local business, you are continuing a tradition we've valued for decades. Join and support the 2018 Convention by contacting Diane.watkins@gmail.com or contact Jackie at the office in order to sign up.

## Office hours

Jackie will be out of the office from Thursday, Oct 11 through Tuesday, Oct 16. Volunteers will keep the office open, but call before you drop in to be sure someone is there.

## An Opportunity for You

We have delegate openings in Districts 3, 4, 5, and all districts are open for election/re-election in October. Watch for an invitation from your Delegate to the District election meeting in October. Refer to the full size district map on the last page of this publication. The monthly meeting of Delegates is at the Arnett Library each month on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.



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**

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Lovelace A. Warren, Mayor  
Rochester City Council

**Trash –** One of our members called last week to say that she and her neighbors spend a good amount of time picking up trash on their street. She wondered if we could do something helpful about this. Not really – but we can certainly suggest that we all help in this effort. Harlan suggested once that we develop a five point plan – that means that each resident pick up trash in front of their home, and the two houses on either side; then go across the street and do the 5 houses on that side. If we would each do this on a regular basis, we can hope that it becomes contagious. That might not be realistic for everyone, but the idea is sound, and maybe some of us need to start smaller, but definitely start.



## Rochester Public Library ARNETT BRANCH

# October

FREE programs and events for all ages.

### 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.



#### Arts and Crafts

Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Ages: 12 and under

#### Tail Waggin' Tutors

Wednesday, October 17

4 - 5 p.m.

Kids read books to dogs!

Ages 12 and under

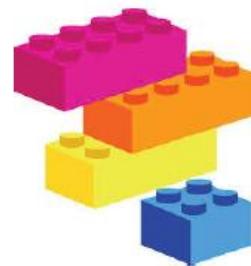


#### LEGO Club

Thursday, October 18

4:30 - 5:30 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

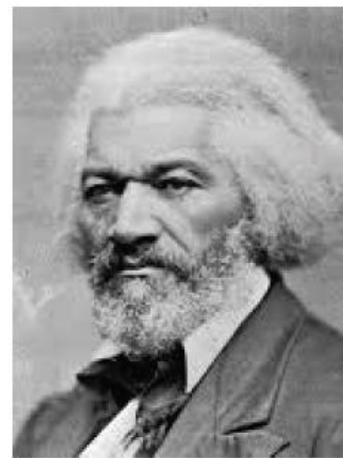


#### Rochester Oratorio Society Commemorates Frederick Douglass & Harriet Tubman Saturday, October 27, from Noon - 1 p.m.



Frederick Douglass made Rochester home for nearly 25 years. Join us as we commemorate his life and legacy and that of Abolition and Suffrage pioneer, Harriet Tubman. This evocative, one-hour musical retrospective for narrator, solo vocalists, keyboard and choir will be performed by Resonanz, the touring ensemble of the Rochester Oratorio Society.

This varied and beautiful program includes readings of excerpts from Douglass's most famous orations, spirituals, gospel music, and operatic excerpts by contemporary American composers Kirke Mechem, Steven Dobrogosz, Andre Thomas, and by former Eastman School of Music choral director, Robert DeCormier, the long-time musical director for Peter, Paul and Mary.



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Leviev A. Warren, Mayor

## 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, 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

**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.

We are in the last 2 weeks of market season for 2018. Stop by the Westside Farmers Market on Tuesday. The harvest is amazing, and you can stock up for cold weather. We will be making applesauce, and raffling off pies on October 2. The kids will be painting gourds. Lots of cool things are being planned for our last night on October 9. And watch the newsletter for an up and coming apple tasting evening.



## Delegates' Council Meeting, Sept. 13, 2018

Harlan Ost, President, chaired the meeting

--**Arnett Library**, Bruce Tehan: TASC tutoring is ongoing, to help people prepare for the high school equivalency exam.

--Report from **Urban League**, Carolyn Vitale: Urban League of Rochester plans to apply for funding for a new construction project to build 45 single family homes in a rent to own program. The rent to own program is based on a successful model used by CHN Housing Partners, based in Cleveland. The program would be for households with income at or below 60% of area median income. Households would be responsible for general upkeep and minor repairs, and families would rent the units for about 15 years; at which point they could purchase the property. The monthly mortgage amount, including insurance and taxes, would be equal to the rent payment. The houses are designed to fit in with the neighborhood, with front porches. Most will have basements, and will be built with energy efficient materials, and some units will meet handicapped accessibility requirements. The plan is to build most of the houses in the southwest neighborhood. Carolyn distributed a list of possible sites. Urban League would appreciate a letter of support. Delegates will look into the proposal and discuss it again at October Delegates' meeting.

--**School Update**: Newly re-opened School 16 is holding an open house on Saturday, from 11 to 2pm, to showcase the beautiful renovations that are not completed. The school is also looking for volunteers. ALSO, RCSD has announced that School 44 will stay open. 19<sup>th</sup> WCA has promoted neighborhood schools for years, but NYS is not paying for short distance bussing. Short distance bussing would benefit families and schools; talk to your NYS Senators and Assembly representatives.

--**Treasurer's Report** from Deb Wight: A written report was distributed, through June 30, 2018. Funds from Square fair are deposited and reconciled.

--**Summer activities**: Party at Ravenwood Garden was wonderful. Potluck Picnic was successful, but we had hoped for more participation. Play Rocs event for children was not well attended, but it was a great event for those who came. (Play Rocs event promote old-fashioned outdoor play.) Westside Market is sponsoring a health information night on Sept. 18--**Police accountability**: City Council has drafted legislation for a Police Accountability Board. There are some concerns with the draft: for example, the community is not given adequate representation on the board. The matter will be discussed at Sept 18 City Council meeting.

--**Public Safety Committee**: We need a chairperson. Interested members should talk with Harlan Ost.

-- **Upcoming events**: **Porch Fest** will be held on Sept. 23. **Citizen Merchant of Year** dinner will be held on Oct. 27.

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months. The City has purchased many lots north of Main Street. Environmental testing is underway. See City's web site for more information. 250 people attended a community fair that was held at the Salvation Army parking lot on Sept 8; purpose was to bring people together to have fun and to learn about the development process.

--We applied to City for the **2018-19 Street Manager project**, to continue to support businesses in the six business corridors of SW Rochester.

--**Annual convention** will be held **Nov.16 at School 16**, from 6 to 9pm. Members should bring a dish to pass or make a small donation for food. We will raffle off baskets. Our keynote speaker will be Richard Feldman, President of University of Rochester. We will elect officers at that meeting and potential officers are being recruited now. Contact Harlan Ost for more information.

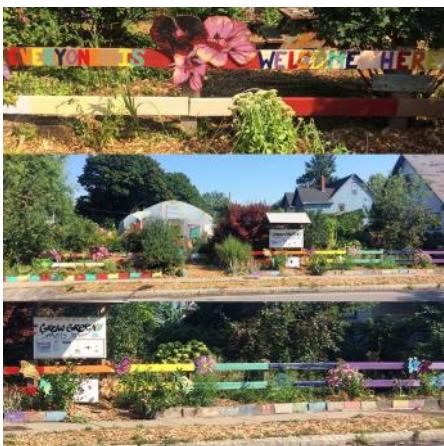
--**IT help:** We need more consistent IT help with updates, website issues, virus protection, and general trouble shooting.

--**District meetings:** **Delegates** must hold District meetings in Sept or October for election of new delegates, or re-election of current delegates.

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## 19th Ward Pride

The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association prides itself on being a volunteer-run neighborhood association. We have one employee working 20 hours/week. Those hours don't even come close to the amount of time that is required to keep the association running strong. There are regular events (many of them), fundraising efforts, grants, recordkeeping, volunteer coordination, social networking updates, IT issues, meetings and more meetings, shoveling, fridge defrosting (yes, the job includes maintenance tasks), daily office duties, newsletters, community connections,...the list goes on. Ask yourself if you have volunteered in any of these or other areas in order to continue to hold our heads high when we claim that we are a volunteer-run organization. If your answer is no, but your desire is yes, call the office and we can hook you up.



## Diversity Pot Luck Picnic

If we drive north on Genesee St, we can't help but notice the beauty and color brightening up the neighborhood at the Grow Green Greenhouse and garden, 270 Dr. Samuel McCree Way. Enjoy those colors now before the cold weather chases them away. Join the creators and gardeners on October 6, and October 13 from 1-4. Bring a dish to pass if you can, a lawn chair if you wish. Plan to help a bit in the garden if you are able, but be sure to help paint the fence. The plan is to paint "Welcome" in many languages. How wonderful!!

## Garden of Hope on Depew



The Depew Street Garden of Hope was first planted in 2014 and has successfully shared fresh organic produce with the neighborhood for 5 seasons. Unfortunately this may be its last season because the time has come for me to retire. The garden is available for adoption at the end of the season. The lot is located on the corner of Depew and Forbes Streets and has 13 raised beds for growing vegetables; the garden has trellises, compost bins, a pollinator garden, little free library, and a hydrant. Any person or group that may be interested in adopting this

community garden may contact Kristal Tillman at 585-820-0959. Otherwise, the garden will be dismantled and returned to its original condition at the end of the season.

- Kristal Tillman

## Who ya' gonna' Call

The phone has been ringing daily because so many people have been asking about plowing. We knew Brian McManus plowed many driveways, but we had no idea until now how many that actually was!

If you or someone you know might be interested in taking on plowing jobs, please call the office, or send an email. We will be happy to spread your name around.

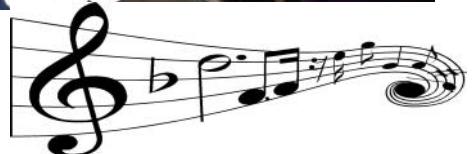
We also have some people who are looking for folks who like to shovel. We will be happy to put your name out there if you let us know you are interested.

Once we collect some names, we will add them to our newsletter. Watch the weekly newsletter for updates.





What a grand time we all had at Porch Fest!



## An Update on Rapids Cemetery

### A Visitor from Alberta

A wonderful thing happened, actually many wonderful things, but this is a story worth sharing today. Due to the restoration work that has been taking place at Rapids Cemetery, news articles and photos have been shared online. Last year Donna Sarnacki was working at the cemetery and recognized the name on one of the gravestones as an ancestor of hers. After doing a bit of research, she discovered she was correct.

About the same time a woman in Alberta, Canada was researching her family history and came across the news articles about Rapids Cemetery. Knowing that she had at least one ancestor buried there, and having heard stories about the dilapidation of the cemetery, she followed the news stories. She was quite gratified to discover that the cemetery was being restored, and made contact with us. As it turns out, Eileen from Alberta and Donna Sarnacki share the same ancestor and are 3<sup>rd</sup> cousins. Eileen recently visited Rochester, toured the cemetery, spent time doing more research, and had dinner with Donna and Donna's Sister. In fact, Donna brought Eileen to Porch Fest on September 23. It was wonderful to meet Eileen. She is a lovely and determined woman, and she is thrilled to see the work that is being done. We hope she returns.



## Holiday Happening Craft Fair

### CRAFTERS & VENDORS WANTED!

**Saturday, November 3rd**

**10 am – 3 pm**

**at**

**Joseph C Wilson Magnet High School**

**501 Genesee Street Rochester, NY 14611**

**Proceeds benefit the Student Scholarship Fund**

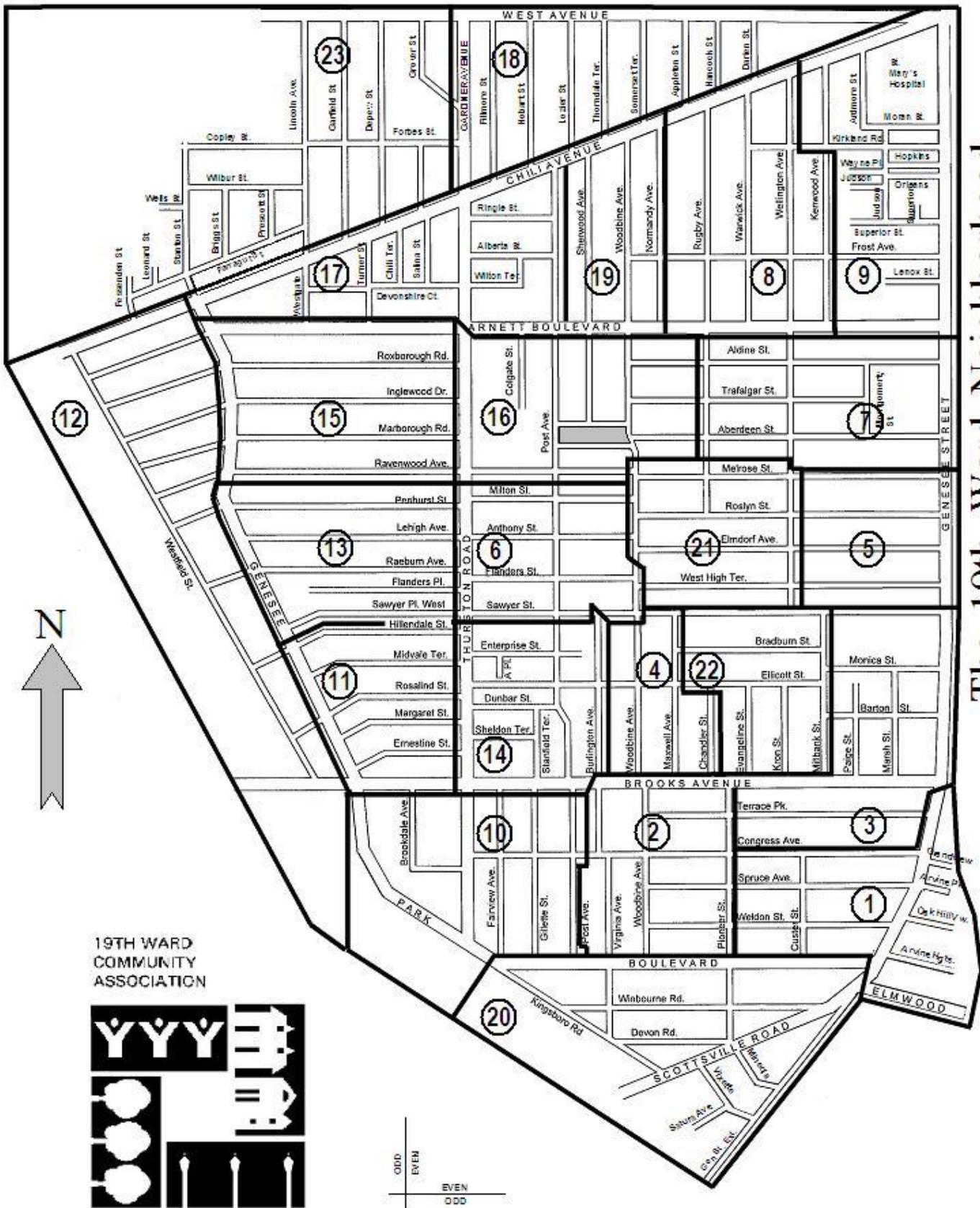
**Contact [Jean.Kozlowski-Willmarth@rcsdk12.org](mailto:Jean.Kozlowski-Willmarth@rcsdk12.org) for registration information**

# OCTOBER



| Sun   | Mon       | Tue  | Wed  | Thu  | Fri                        | Sat   |
|---|-----------|--|--|--|----------------------------|---|
| <b>Check with your Delegate for an October District meeting</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b><br>4-7 Westside Farmer Market at 831 Genesee                      | <b>3</b><br>8:30AM Thurston Brooks Arnett merchants at RPH               | <b>4</b>   | <b>5</b>                   | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b><br>4-7 LAST 2018 WFM<br>7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston | <b>10</b><br>8:00 AM Genesee merchants at NSC<br>7:00 PCIC at Staybridge | <b>11</b><br>7:00 PM Delegates Council at Library  | <b>12</b><br>Office Closed | <b>13</b><br>19WCA Community Cats food collection at 216 Thurston |
| <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b><br>8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's                      | <b>18</b><br>1:00 Housing Committee at NSC<br>SWCC | <b>19</b>                  | <b>20</b><br>9:45 AM History & Archives at Brue                   |
| <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b><br>10:30 Coffee with a Cop at Brue                               | <b>24</b>  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>                  | <b>27</b><br>5:30 Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner             |
| <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>  |  |                            |   |

# The 19th Ward Neighborhood



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