



Update 19

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**YOUR VOICE
YOUR VOTE
2018**

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President Message November 2018

Daylight savings time is just around the corner so remember to set your clocks back an hour. Oh Goodie- we get to sleep an extra hour.

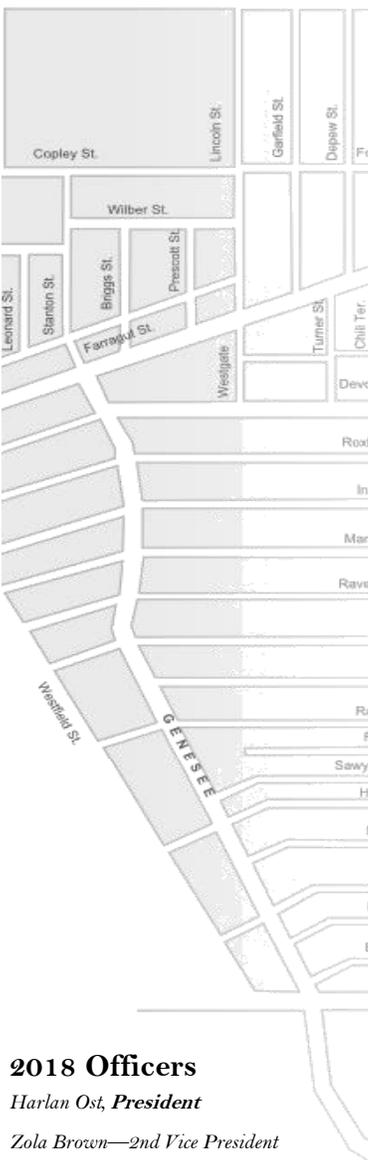
November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. So I ask you. What are you thankful for? Who are you thankful for? Questions to think about as we are nearly finished with 2018. So let me answer the question I asked you as they apply to me.

What am I thankful for? I am thankful for having the opportunity to serve as the president of the 19th Ward Community Association. I am grateful that the organization had a successful year thanks to the hard work of all of you. Your time, talent, dedication and willingness to help all of our neighbors. It has been a year that has shown me what a special place the 19th ward is. Special because events such as the parties in the Chili –Thurston garden and the Ravenwood gardens. The concert in the Rapid Cemetery and of course Square fair to name just a few.

Who am I thankful for? I am thankful for my parents who instilled in me the values of being a good person and to help others, which has served me well all of my life. I am thankful that I have a close bond with all my siblings who have been very supportive in my trials and successes. I am thankful for the friends that have been helpful in pointing out my faults so I could grow. I am also thankful for all of you, my 19th ward family, for your support and encouragement this past year. Some of you have challenged me by helping me look at things from a viewpoint different from my own. Some of you have told me what you thought of me in not so polite manner when I did not agree with your point of view. I am thankful to all of you because your differences is what makes us grow and become a better organization and for that my heart felt gratitude. I appreciate the many hours you have given the organization this past year. I am thankful I can help two friends of 40 years as they both are battling very serious illness. So take some time and reflect on your own life, and realize all the wonderful things that you have to be thankful for, even the small things.

We have, hopefully, elected new delegates in October and now we have to elect new officers for the executive committee. You can nominate someone at the convention that you feel would serve the organization well. So I hope you come to the convention and enjoy an evening with all our neighbors of the 19th ward as we celebrate our new officers. So bring some new neighbors and let's sign them up as new members. A time to see where YOU can volunteer in the coming year. There are many committees to join or perhaps you have a great idea that would enrich our community. You can volunteer for a large commitment or a small one but the organization needs you. In order for us to be successful we must have more people involved. It takes a lot of people when we are a volunteer organization to make the many things we do each year happen. So please help us to help others in our community. I thank you.

Have a wonderful happy November. Harlan



2018 Officers

Harlan Ost, **President**

Zola Brown—**2nd Vice President**

Sheila Driscoll, **Secretary**

Deb Wight, **Treasurer**

Diane Watkins, **Past President**

19th Ward Community Association's **CONVENTION 2018**

6:00 PM - Friday - November 16

John Walton Spencer School #16

321 Post Avenue

(PARK AND ENTER VIA COLGATE ST)

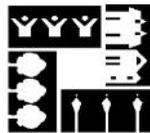
- Pizza, Snacks, Desserts, Beverage
- music and Cheerleaders
- Bid on Exciting Raffle Baskets
- Elect New Officers/ Vote on the 2019 Budget
- Enjoy the fellowship of neighbors.

6:00-6:45pm Social Hour and Raffle Baskets

7:00-8:45pm Program and Business Meeting

**Keynote Speaker - Richard Feldman
President, University of Rochester**

No cost, no RSVP necessary



Open to all 19th Ward residents, businesses and friends.

Only registered members of the 19th Ward Community Association are eligible to vote on official business.

After Party at Brue - 960 Genesee St

Our Slate of Officers running for Election to serve the 19WCA in 2019

Further nominations can be taken from the floor the night of Convention.

Zola Brown , current Vice President of 19WCA, running for President

Zola Brown Leader, Organizer, and Activist for Social and Economic Justice, is currently Second Vice-President on the 19th Ward Community Association board of directors. Her tireless efforts to work for her community include Chairperson of the Square Fair Parade, the Square Fair Planning Committee and she chairs the annual Martin Luther King Celebration each January.

Zola's commitment to her community, her city, and state includes participating as an Executive Board Member and V.P. of the 1199SEIU United Health Workers East, Executive V.P. of the Rochester chapter of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Unionists

(CBTU), CBTU Region One Women's Committee Chair and National Vice Chair & advisor to the Puerto Rican Parade Executive Board. As founder of the political activist group Sisters for Obama, this organization helped win local and national campaigns. Zola as an organizer participated in the Rochester Labor Day Parade, Clarissa St. Reunion, and the Caribbean Parade.

Zola Brown's public commitments have earned her many honors. These include the 2012 Coalition of Black Trade Unionists Honor of Distinction, 2012 Women of Purpose Award, 2013 WDKX Women to Women Award, 2013 Workforce Development Women's Award, 2015 Mayor Lovely Warren proclaimed April 18th as Zola Brown Day in Rochester, and the Lena Grant Outstanding Community Award from ABC (Action For A Better Community).

Zola is also a poet. Her work has been published in "The Power of Purple: SEIU's Poetry Jam" collection.

Professionally Zola now heads the field operation of the 1199 SEIU National Benefit Fund. She also manages the union's Earned Income Tax Program in conjunction with the Creating Assets Savings & Hope (CASH) coalition led by the Empire Justice Center & the United Way.



Jesse Knoth, current Delegate for District 7, running for 1st Vice President

Jesse has been an active member of the 19th Ward dating back to when he was a student at RIT. He has lived in the neighborhood on Barton St, where he ran the block club for 6 years and now on Trafalgar, where he will soon be purchasing his home. He served as Secretary of the Association for 2 years and has represented District 7 for the past 2 years. Jesse has volunteered at the Westside Farmers Market since its second season, starting the kids' craft program and lending a hand wherever needed. By day Jesse is the Executive Director of the South East Area Coalition and on the weekends he shows off our city as a tour guide for Rochester Pedal Tours.



Karen Emerson, current Delegate for District 11, and Delegate Representative to Executive Committee, running for 2nd Vice President

I am a 42 year resident of the 19th Ward. I have served as district delegate/alternate several times. I'm interested in continuing to make the association vital in the lives of all our neighbors. I am currently on the board of the Westside Farmers Market. I raised 2 daughters here. I am a nurse practitioner working in an urban medical practice. I ask for your support as I hope to serve as the 2nd Vice President.



Sheila Driscoll, current Secretary of 19WCA, running for Secretary in 2019

Sheila has lived in the 19th Ward since 1985 and raised three daughters here. Sheila has been actively involved in the Association, serving as Delegate, as Secretary, and on various committees over the years. She works for Baden Street Settlement and Rochester Community TV; enjoys the bike and hiking trails around Genesee Valley Park; and is trying against all odds to spend a little more time at the Thurston Road Y.



Deb Wight, current Treasurer of 19 WCA, running for Treasurer in 2019

Deborah (Deb) Wight's BBA from Eastern Michigan University and MBA from the University of Michigan has led her into careers of accounting/finance with entrepreneurial, venture capital back companies and major multi-national corporate experience with Xerox Corporation. Deb brought this wealth of financial experience to the 19th Ward's Board of Directors in the position of Treasurer.

Deb has committed her talents to other community positions. When her son Ryan attended the Cobblestone School, she volunteered her time to being chair of the Personnel Committee, the Finance Committee, chair of the Resource Development Committee, and culminating with the Cobblestone School Board Chair. With education being a major part of Deb's life and experience, she has also tutored at School 20.

Community activities are an on-going part of Deb's work and after-work life, past and present. She has been active in GWEN events, and attended Women's Conferences. At times she has helped with the XCS Angel Tree at Xerox Square, supported the United Way as a canvasser and has been the Pledge System Leader for the Monroe County drive.

Deb's leisure time (when she can find it) includes sailing, skiing, and attending University of Michigan football games with her husband Landy Atkinson and son Ryan (now living in California). In her private time, reading and gardening are her joys. Deb has lived on Melrose Street since 1988 with her family and also at times with cats, dogs, and fish.



THANK YOU

To Carol Kramer and Ron Stallworth for the beautiful new toaster oven at the office. It turns on and off as it should, and no one needs to hold the door closed while it cooks your food. AMAZING!

And THANK YOU

To Mary Dan Cooper, Donna Sarnacki, and Carol Kramer for keeping the office open while I was away in October.

And THANK YOU

To Joanne DeMarle, Mark Sweetland, and Gail Johnson who led a team of UR volunteers to work in our community gardens on Oct. 20

And THANK YOU

To Deb Leary for introducing the team from Rochester Leadership Academy to the wonders of the 19th Ward neighborhood

Call the Arnett Library, 428-8214 for more information about this program



Rx —————

Need an Affordable Care Act Healthcare Plan?

Get free one-on-one help & enroll today!

Affordable Care Act Open Enrollment Period:
November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019

Sign up by December 15, 2018 to ensure coverage by January 1, 2019

A Certified Application Navigator will be available to assist you in enrolling for health insurance through the New York State of Health Exchange (Affordable Care Act).

Please bring ID, the previous year's tax return and the Social Security numbers and birth dates for all family members you will be enrolling.

See back for times and library locations.

For more info. and full schedule visit
www.cityofrochester.gov/aca

Special Thanks to: LawNY, Fidelis Care and Coordinated Care Services Inc.

Available Space at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Are you part of a worship community which is looking for a meeting space? St. Stephen's Church, located at 350 Chili Avenue, might be able to help. We have shared our worship space in the past with other congregations and would welcome the opportunity to do this again. The church is available on Sundays after 12:00 pm with meeting space available before that. Space, timing and rent are all negotiable.

We have always welcomed our neighbors and look forward to hearing from you. Please contact the church office at 328-0856 or at ststephensoffice@frontier.com for additional information. Thank you very much!



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

LEGO Club
Thursday, November 15
4:30 p.m.
Ages: 12 and under



Tail Waggin' Tutors: Kids read books to dogs!
Wednesday, November 21
4 - 5 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



TASC Tutoring
Mondays and Wednesdays
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Adult students receive help preparing to take the High School Equivalency Exam during this drop in program.

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 • 310 Arnett Boulevard • 585-428-8214



Lovely 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, 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.

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.

A clarification on office hours:

The scheduled hours at the office are normally Tuesday-Friday, 9:30-2:30. Occasionally the office is closed on Fridays, or closed for a short time during regular hours for an appointment or meeting, or work errands. We often receive comments that members and neighbors find the hours to be inconvenient, or they wonder why we are not open longer days.

The 19WCA has one employee who was hired to work 20 hours/week. Due to financial constraints, it is not presently feasible to increase those hours.

Please understand that our one office employee cannot be available around the clock, whether that be by email, voicemail, or a meet-up at the office.

We are trying our best to serve our members and the neighborhood on a limited budget.

Thanks for understanding

Delegates' Council Meeting, Oct 11, 2018

Zola Brown, Vice-President, chaired the meeting

--**Arnett Library**, Bruce Tehan: A concert to celebrate the lives of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass will be held at noon at the library on Oct 27.

--The Urban League of Rochester plans to apply for funding to build 45 single family homes on vacant lots in SW Rochester. Carolyn Vitale from the Urban League reviewed the proposal at the Sept. Delegates Council meeting. At the October meeting, Delegates agreed to send a letter of support for the proposed project. Carolyn had said that ULR would not build on identified community garden lots. Delegates informed the ULR that **85 Woodbine and 237 Sherwood** were successful community garden sites, and should not be developed.

--**Officer Update**: The 19thWCA nominating committee has recruited a slate of candidates to run for officer positions in 2019. The election for officers will be held at the Convention, more nominations can be made from the floor. Nominees on the slate will be Zola Brown for President, Jesse Knoth for first VP, Karen Emerson for second VP, Deb Wight for Treasurer and Sheila Driscoll for Secretary.

--**District Meetings**: Delegates must hold District Meetings in October, for the purpose of choosing Delegates for 2019, and to hear concerns and ideas from members.

--**IT Support**: The Executive Committee has recognized the need for a paid IT consultant, for a very limited number of hours per month, to deal with updates, website issues, virus protection, software updates, and general trouble shooting. Relying on volunteers has impacted our efficiency and communication. A job description has been prepared, and will be circulated.

--**Treasurer's Report** from Deb Wight: A written report was distributed. Our books are reconciled through Sept. 30, 2018. The profit from the Square Fair was almost \$5,500. A committee is working to develop a proposed budget for 2019; the budget will be adopted by Delegates at the Convention.

--**Public Safety Committee**: Donald Hardaway has agreed to chair this committee.

--**Citizen Merchant of the Year Dinner** will be held on Oct. 27 at 6:30 pm.

--**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.

--**Schools Committee**: Delegates reaffirmed their support for short distance school bussing. Most parents want their children to be bussed, and many parents will not choose neighborhood schools unless short distance bussing is provided. (Currently, bussing is provided if the student lives more than 1.5 miles from school. An exception has been made for School 17.)

--**Bull's Head Development**: The City is taking control of property around West Main and Genesee Streets.

--**The Westside Market** concluded another fantastic summer, with music, events for kids, health information, and delicious fresh and prepared food. Thanks to all involved!!





Apple(s) Tasting



November 7, 2018

6:30 P.M.

379 Wellington Avenue

Rochester, NY 14619

Who: You and your friends

What: Tasting 15-20 apple varieties

Why: Benefit for Westside Farmers Market

Our neighbors Jill MacKenzie and Mark Russell, commercial apple growers, will be our guides.

Call 436-2086 for tickets.

Yes, there will also be apple treats and beverages

Suggested Donation: \$25.00



Speaking of Convention...

Raffle baskets at Convention

We are encouraging individuals and groups to prepare themed baskets for a raffle at the convention this year. We would love to have your contributions. So far, we have some great gift baskets we can all bid on. One basket of restaurant coupons might be very popular that night. Another that has been donated is a basket of books. And there is a movie basket coming also. Think about what you could donate – are you a member of a book club/hiking club/sewing group/golf group...? Ask them to be creative and put a basket together. Call Jackie at 328-6571 if you need more information.

Can you donate toward the food at the Convention?

Each year we ask a few people to bring an appetizer or dessert to the Convention. We ask a few more to donate cash toward the cost of the pizza. If you would like to be included in the 'few' that we ask, please call Jackie at 328-6571 to volunteer.

More volunteer possibilities at the Convention:

We also need volunteers at the registration table, the raffle basket coordination, transporting items from the office to the site, set-up, clean-up, and more. Call 328-6571 if you can help.

But most of all...

Plan to come, socialize, eat, and for sure vote!

6:00.11/16. School 16, 321 Post Ave, park and enter via Colgate St.

After Party—Brue—960 Genesee St



Who ya' gonna' Call—updated information

The phone continues to ring because so many people have been asking about plowing. If you or someone you know might be interested in taking on plowing or shoveling jobs, please call the office, or send an email. We will be happy to spread your name around.



Here are some names and contact information for plowing that we have gathered so far. We are happy to share these contacts, offered by neighbors. Since we are not familiar with them or their work, the 19WCA is not recommending them, simply passing on the contact information. Please give us feedback, and continue to send us recommendations.

Clifford Florence 305-3148

Bob Perry 766-1698 (just heard he is all booked)

Kevin Brinson 414-9049

Bob Ensman 352-8779





JoAnn DeMott presenting the Citizen of the Year Award to Donna Sarnacki



With each presentation it is difficult to determine who is more proud—the presenter or the awardee

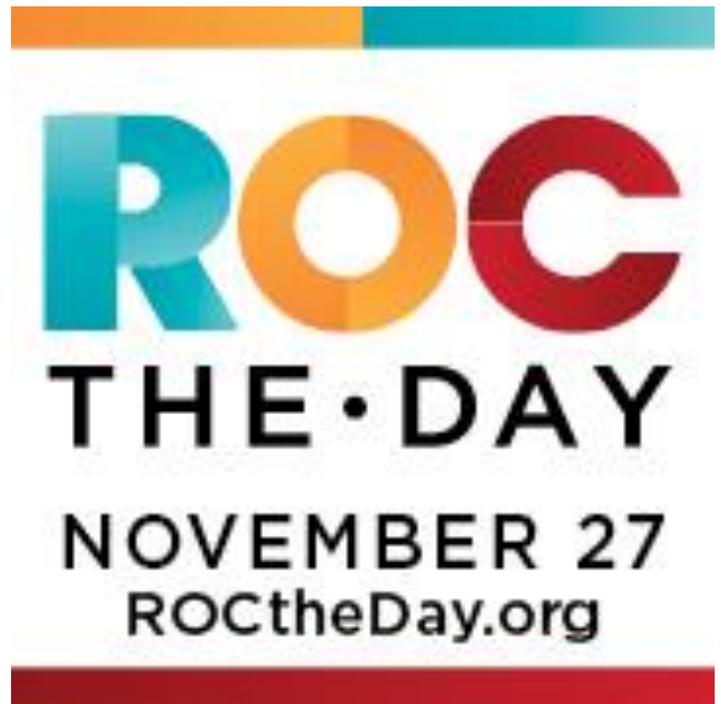
Mary Adams presenting the Hall of Fame award to John Laing and John Boutet, representing the 19WCA Schools Committee



I think I say this every year, but this might be my favorite event in all of the things we do. To see our friends and neighbors be appreciated and recognized for their accomplishments in serving our neighborhood is always so special! Without all of our wonderful volunteers we wouldn't be who we are today. Thank you to all of the people who give so much to make this neighborhood special. And a special thanks to Mary Fran Kolbuc who is the brains, the organizer, and the worker behind the scene for this event. By the way, for those of you who were there and noticed the floral centerpieces, that was all Mary Fran. She created each one.

—Jackie Farrell

Remember all of your favorite not-for-profit organizations on November 27, but especially the 19th Ward Community Association
It's easy—just open ROctheDay.org between 12:01 AM and 11:59 PM and follow the directions.



**Arnett Blvd
THURSTON Road
& BROOKS Avenue!**



DISCOUNT DAYS!



November 24th - December 22nd
* **SHOP THESE PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES!**

 Gil Tegg Mobil MART 671 Brooks Ave	 People's Choice Restaurant 685 Brooks Ave	 SENSUOUS SATIABLES Aromatherapy Gift Shop 659 Thurston Rd	 Colleen M. Gordon, DDS 612 Thurston Rd	 YMCA Active Family Center 597 Thurston Rd
 Classy Cuts Barbering 569 Thurston Rd	 Maureen's Magic Touch Boutique 567 Thurston Rd	 Sharp Eye 543 Thurston Road	 Chell's Liquor 530 Thurston Rd	 The Thurston BAR & GRILL 529 Thurston Rd
 Crosskeys Tavern 521 Thurston Rd	 FORTE STYLES 517 Thurston Rd	 Forty Acres / Forty Lashes 515 Thurston Rd	 VISIONS Barber Shop 511 Thurston Rd	 All's Tailor & Retail Shop 390 Thurston Rd
 Hot Cuts Barbershop 376 Thurston Rd	 Club Eclipse 372 Thurston Rd	 Styling You Head to Toe 346 Thurston Rd	 Abby's St. Kitchchen 340 Thurston Rd	 James Crowley Plumbing & Heating 334 Thurston Rd
 19th Ward Community Assoc. 216 Thurston Rd	 Laundry on Arnett 362 Arnett Blvd	 Grace Family Medicine 342 Arnett Blvd	 Arnett Treasure HUNT 268 Arnett Blvd	 DaVine Hair Designs 262 Arnett Blvd

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS! * DISCOUNTS will vary store to store.

HAPPY HOLIDAY

Savings!
GET Up to
40% off*
Holiday

Gifts

Custom T-Shirts
Greeting Cards!
DRINK SPECIALS!
DELICIOUS FOOD!
& More!!!

shop small business 2018





Thank you to the group of people who are working to trap and neuter the stray cats in the 19th Ward, and to people like Larry Folsbee and the many others who take them in, feed them, keep them warm, safe, and healthy until they can one day be adopted



19th Ward Community Cats Rescues
4 Young adults, 5+ Months old
2 Black male twins
2 Torti Female
All are Neutered and have had Rabies and Distemper shots
Contact Larry Folsbee
(585)739-8579



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

Drop off dates: Sundays, December 2 and December 9, 2018
 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 (two 6oz or one 15oz)
- 2 regular or 1 large can of sweet potatoes
- 3 canned vegetables (e.g., corn, peas, beans)
- 1 cranberry sauce
- 1 bag stuffing (or boxed- two 6oz or one 12oz)
- 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.

Please do not put 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.

Sponsored by SWEM Community Services, Inc. (585) 235-4494

Call the SWEM Office, 235-4494, for information on volunteering as a Senior Program Packer, a Senior program driver, a bag handler, a mobile pantry worker...



Saturday November 10, 2018

1 PM until 5 PM

@ Brooks Landing Corner of S. Plymouth Ave. & Genesee Street

Celebrating the 10 year anniversary of Brooks Landing!

Live music by Dream Float and Siena Facciolo & Company

Kid Friendly Activities hosted by UR Student Groups

Local Merchants

Free Food

Presented By:



NOVEMBER



VOTE

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00 District 9 meeting	2	3
4 1:00 District 8 meeting At Brue	5 7:00 District 21 at 206 Melrose	6 7:00 Schools Committee at 216 Thurston 	7 8:30 AM Thurston Merchants at RPH 6:30 Apple Tasting for WFM at 379 Wellington	8 7:00 Delegates' Council at Arnett Library	9	10 Fall Festival at Brooks Landing
11	12	13	14 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at NSC 7:00 PCIC at Brooks Landing	15 1:00 Housing Committee at NSC	16 6:00 Annual Meeting/Convention School #16	17 9:45 AM History & Archives at Brue
18	19	20	21 8:00 Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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