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Update 19 is published at least ten times per year from September through June for members of the 19th Ward Community Association at 216 Thurston Road, Rochester NY 14619. To become a member, contact the Association at 585.328.6571, Tuesday through Friday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm, or email 19thward@19wca.org.

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Abby Riley, owner of Abby's St. Kittchen, (left) gave free meals to the victims of the Thurston Road fire while taking in donations for them. Please support 19th Ward businesses like Abby's St. Kittchen, 340 Thurston Road.

President's Message Zola Brown

I hope you had a great holiday season. I am looking forward to a wonderful 2019.

On December 12, 2018, a five alarm fire burned down an apartment building on Thurston Road making nine adults and three children instantly homeless. The tenants lost everything. The Rochester Fire Department did their best as this devastating event took place right before the holidays. No one was seriously injured. The Red Cross stepped in with resources, but it didn't seem to be enough. I asked the 19th Ward community to help the fire victims and you reacted with an overwhelming response. Over 200 people initially responded, and we filled the Eclipse Bar & Lounge, the 19th Ward Community Association office, and four local churches with donations to support the victims.

If we continue to work together and lift each other up, we can do so much more for our neighborhood. I know that you care about where you live just as much as I do. If each of us is involved in some way in 2019, we can truly show the "Power of the 19th." We want all residents, renters, homeowners, and business owners, to feel that they are a part of a greater community where we can shop at our own stores, walk our streets, and send our children to neighborhood schools and expect the best education. The "Power of the 19th" only works if we stand up and do a little extra, just like we did for the victims of the Thurston Road fire.

There are over 22,000 residents in the 19th Ward. We welcome every one of you to join the Association if you are not already a member. Join our hard working volunteer team and become part of our yearly dues paying membership. You don't have to pay to be part of the team; but your dues help the association maintain its daily functions. The 19th Ward Community Association Delegates (representatives from each street) meet every second Thursday of the month, 7pm-8pm, at the Arnett Library. You are always welcome to join us. Come on in and take a seat to find out what is going on in your neighborhood! Please check our website 19wca.org or our Face Book page for more information about meeting schedules.

Coming up in January 2019

I look forward to celebrating Martin Luther King Jr. 's National Holiday. Rev. Dr. William Barber has lead the national call for the moral revival of Dr. King's work on The Poor People's campaign. It deals with systemic racism, poverty, and jobs. These are all issues relevant to 19th Ward. Join us Saturday, January 19th 2019 at the Arnett Library, 12 noon to 1pm, as we celebrate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Our keynote speaker will be Monroe County Legislator LaShay Harris. Enjoy the performances of the 19th Ward Kids Choir and the extraordinary work of Robert Rick's MIB (Mentors Inspiring Boys and Girls). On Monday, January 21, at 6pm, the entire neighborhood is invited to light up the night with candles on your front yard or porch. We illuminate the beloved community in honor of Dr. King and his work against racism and poverty.

Please also visit the Association's website to find neighbors and organizations who participate in Hot Spots, providing meeting places where we fellowship as a community.

The Census of 2020 is here and census program jobs are available! On November 28, 2018, I joined Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren, Monroe County Clerk Adam Bello, Richard Tobe of Governor Andrew Cuomo's Office, and other local leaders, to meet with representatives from the U.S. Census Bureau for a roundtable discussion on organizing in our communities for the upcoming census. The census count is crucial to ensure adequate services provided by our state, county and city governments. The use of technology this year will help with access to the census application. The 19th Ward Community Association and volunteers can help with getting people counted. The Regional Census Bureau representatives will be visiting Rochester again in March of 2019. We plan to talk to them about jobs and how being counted can affect our infrastructure. See 2020census.gov/jobs.

My work in 2019 will be in honor of two great long time 19th Ward residents: icon and civil rights leader Connie Mitchell and pillar of the 19th Ward Don Hanks. You will never be forgotten.

I wish you and yours a great 2019. Together we will move our community decisively forward.

In Unity,

Zola Brown, President

It's time to think about making luminaries for our Martin Luther King Jr celebration. Save milk jugs, canning jars, etc. If you have an excess, drop them at the office for someone else to pick up and use their creative talents.

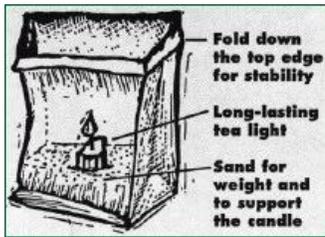
Some ideas for making luminaries:



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 1/2 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. Press down lightly to nest in place. Only a quarter-inch of the candle's base is surrounded by the rock salt. Keep candle visible, not covered.

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.

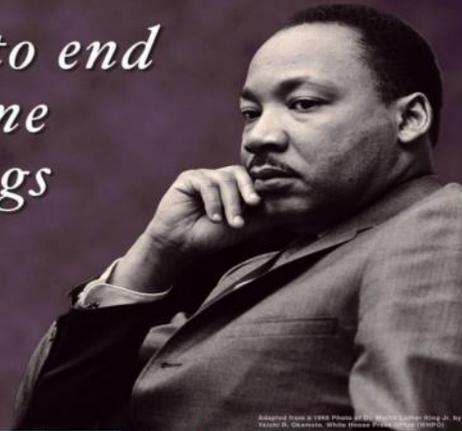
8. For best results, use a votive candle or tealight.

10. To save for next year, remove candle, pour the rock salt into a plastic bag. Put the luminary instructions in the rock salt bag and seal tightly. Place the bag inside the plastic carton. Store the luminary kit upright in a dry place away from children's reach

19th Ward MLK Celebration January 2019

*Our lives begin to end
the day we become
silent about things
that matter.*

Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Martin Luther King Jr.
Celebration
January 19, 2019
at 12n Arnett Library**



**Key Note Speaker
County Legislator
Lashay Harris**

**Light Up the Night
Neighbors light up the night
with Luminaries in honor of
Dr. King
Monday, January 21, 2019
6pm—9pm**

Neighbors volunteer to host Hot Spots on your block so you can fellowship, share in a hot beverage and more. If you would like to host a Hot Spot or find out where they are visit our website at 19thWCA.org or call the office at 585-328-6571

Rapids Cemetery Update

Neighbors have commented previously about seeing a red fox at Rapids Cemetery. Others tell of occasional wild deer foraging. John Cottrell saw a rare kinglet bird variety in addition to familiar blue jays, robins, sparrows and crows. The red fox may account for the surprisingly few squirrels seen at the cemetery. The squirrels would be attracted to the bounty of black walnuts along the north slope.

Our cemetery restoration process has made a concerted effort NOT to disturb literal foxholes and other tunnel entrances used by animals like skunk and opossum already living within the confines of Rapids Cemetery. These holes occur along the steep northern cemetery border where few visitors traverse. We already use orange plastic poles (like the ones to indicate snowplowing borders) to highlight the location of these holes). We leave them undisturbed. We want to alert our human visitors, however, to potential trip hazards.

The cemetery is a rare urban wildlife habitat that needs preservation. Our preservation of black raspberries, bloodroot, wild solomon's seal, native forget-me-nots, purple hyacinths, helianthus (sunflowers), bee balm, various forms of ivy and the majestic black walnut trees and even dandelions are part of this restoration process. We still hope to introduce a bee colony in the future. We began last year to introduce some Rochester-developed lilac bushes plus day lilies rescued from the Bull's Head neighborhood at the northern edge of the 19th Ward.

Red foxes live elsewhere in the PLEX neighborhood and along the river's east side McLean road bordering Mt. Hope Cemetery. The confluence of the Erie Canal in Genesee Valley Park, the west side Erie (Barge) Canal and the southwest river corridor create long-established natural wildlife highways surrounding Rapids Cemetery.

John Curran

Southwest Common Council

Thursday, January 17

6:00 PM Phillis Wheatley Library

The Southwest Common Council meets every 3rd Thursday of the month. The Common Council is made up of neighborhood associations and organizations that serve the southwest neighborhoods. They address issues and events that effect the residents of those neighborhoods. The January agenda will include, among other topics, a presentation and discussion on arming the security officers at the University of Rochester. This meeting is open to the public, and we are all invited to attend.

BE AWARE

Due to a process of transition through our website and email, there is a possibility that the email program will not be available for 72 hours after Sunday, January 6. Call the office at 328-6571 during that time rather than using email.

An Apology

Due to many circumstances, including some days off during the holiday, Update 19 is being published later than usual .



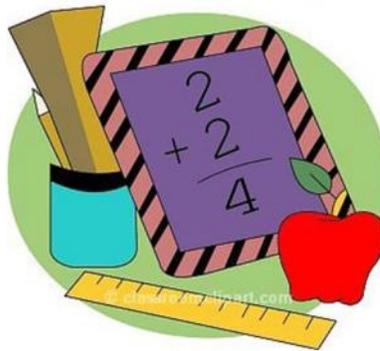
Rochester
Public Library
www.libraryweb.org

Arnett Branch Library

Homework Help

January 2018 - June 2018

Thursdays 4-6pm



Kids can receive help with their studies from
Ms. Charley in the children's area!

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 428-8214

Believe.

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

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 ststephenoffice@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.

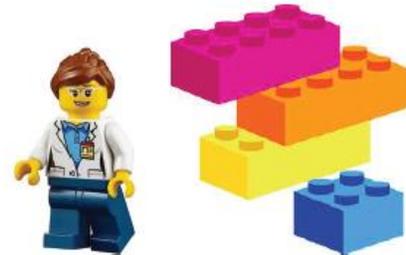
Arts and Crafts
Every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.
Ages: 12 and under



Tail Waggin Tutors: Kids read books to dogs!
Wednesday, January 16
4 - 5 p.m.
Ages 12 and under



LEGO Club
Thursday, January 17
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.



Crafts and STEAM Programs with Ms. Nancy
Thursdays from 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Ages 12 to 18 (others welcome depending on activity and supplies)



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.

Eastman Pathways Concert
Saturday, January 12, from Noon - 1 p.m.
Join us for a wonderful program for music lovers of all ages and a chance to meet the musicians after the performance. This is part of a series of four concerts (running January-April 2018) being presented by the Friends of the Arnett Branch Library. Refreshments will follow this family friendly concert.

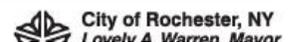


Martin Luther King Celebration
Saturday, January 19
Noon - 1 p.m.
Join us for a family friendly celebration of Martin Luther King and our community. Presented by the 19th Ward Community Association.



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Candlelight Dinners



DATE: FEBRUARY 9, 2019

Be a **HOST** or be a **GUEST**

Join your neighbors for a delightful evening

Hosts open their home, set their table, make the main dish, and let us know how many people you would like to host

Guests make a complementary dish to contribute and come to dinner at the specified time.

Call the Office, 328-6571, if you would like to participate. We can fill you in on more details, and make the assignments as the date gets closer.

Delegates' Council Meeting, December 13, 2018

Harlan Ost, President, chaired the meeting

--**Arnett Library**, Bruce Tehan: The library is now fully staffed. Many activities and programs are planned for the next few weeks, including a program and concert honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on Jan. 12.

--Report from **Center for Youth**, Sara Rogers: The Center will be opening a long-term, transitional housing program for LGBTQ youth, in a house the Center now owns on Arnett Blvd. The house will serve about six youth at a time, ages 18-24. There will be a staff person on site 24 hours per day. The house is being renovated and will open in the Spring.

--Update from **City-wide Tenants Union of Rochester**, Ryan Acuff and Mary. Many serious housing violations still exist at buildings that have been in the news--including 447 Thurston and 967 Chili. The properties may be sold soon to a new private owner. The Tenant Union legislative platform calls for: (1) giving tenants the option to petition in court for a receiver or administrator when a landlord neglects to make necessary repairs; (2) Pass a statewide good cause eviction law; (3) Allow cities and towns to enact rent stabilization laws so there is a limit to rent increases. The Tenants Union will be leading a town hall meeting in Feb. and advocating in Albany for these reforms. New York City rent control laws expire in 2019; that will be a point of leverage. (The Delegates Council passed a motion supporting these three measures at the March 8 2018 Delegates council meeting.

--**Treasurer's Report** from Deb Wight: A written report was distributed, through Nov., 2018. The contract for the Street Manager Contract with the City is in place. Membership dues and donations have been coming in at a strong pace.

--**Annual Convention** held on Nov. 16 (at School 16) was well-attended. Members approved the proposed budget for 2019. Richard Feldman, Interim President of UR, spoke about UR efforts to strengthen its ties with 19th Ward over the past fifty years.

--**University of Rochester is forming an Ad Hoc Committee** to advise the University about a proposal to increase the number of armed public safety officers. The 19th WCA sent a letter of opposition to that proposal on Nov. 12. President Feldman responded by a letter, dated Nov. 15. Those letters were circulated at the Dec. 13 meeting. UR contacted Harlan Ost (by email, dated Dec. 7) to ask him or another representative from the 19th WCA to serve on that Ad Hoc Committee. The email asked for a reply by Dec. 11. Harlan asked Diane Watkins to serve on that advisory committee and she agreed to serve. Diane said that she would like to relay the concerns of 19th Ward residents to the Ad Hoc Committee. The SW Common Council is planning a community forum to discuss the issue on Jan. 20.

-- **Public Safety Committee**: Zola reported that she will ask Donald Hardaway to convene a meeting.

--**Celebration of the 10th year anniversary of Brooks Landing** was a success.

--Our **street managers** have recently helped several local businesses (Jamaican food, pizza, auto supplies) to open.

--City Council is expected to vote on a structure for a **Police Accountability Board** in February.

--**Two Delegate Representatives** to the Executive Committee were elected: Jeremy Coleman and Lauren Caruso.

--The response to the request for support for the tenants displaced in the Dec. 10 **Thurston Road fire** was overwhelming. Thank you to all who organized this response, and to all who donated cash or supplies.

Apply Online!

Join the 2020 Census Team!

2020census.gov/ jobs

1-855-JOB-2020

(1-855-562-2020)

Federal Relay Service: (800) 877-8339 TTY/ ASCII

www.gsa.gov/fedrelay

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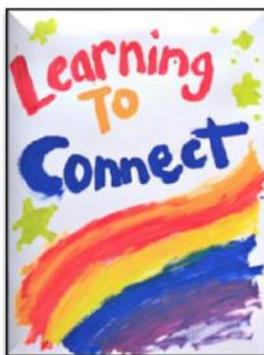


Form D-448
September 2018



Are you wondering about the special border colors that sometimes appear on the printed edition of Update 19? The Editor would like to take credit for the lovely colors, but indeed the printer has special capabilities to create that all on its own. The disadvantage is that it uses lots of ink, and sometimes blurs out the actual printing.





**To: The RCSD School 16 Community: Students, faculty and staff, families and surrounding community,
Please share this exciting message today! Thank you!
From your Principals and Art & Music Team**

What: A potential grant award might be given to School 16.

Why? Funds from New York State will come to the Rochester Monroe Anti-poverty Initiative for the Participatory Budgeting Project.

How might this happen? From January 7 – 28, residents in Monroe County will vote for projects that will help people. If our project receives enough votes, our project would happen.

Who can vote? Any Monroe County resident who is age 11 or more.

Where do we vote? The Arnett Library, Sat., Jan. 19, 2019, 11 AM-2 PM; other locations.

Our project is: “RCSD School 16 Builds Community in the 19th Ward through Service-Learning by Creating, Performing, and Collaborating via Art, Music and Language Arts”

When might this happen? If our project receives enough votes, it could occur during 2019-2020.

During the project, what could happen at our school and in the 19th Ward?

Faculty, staff would receive professional development training in poverty, trauma, structural racism, social-emotional learning. Art, music faculty learn about service-learning and creativity.

Guest Specialists in Relationships, Visual Art, and Blues and Jazz, and faculty/ staff would help Grades 4, 5, 6 students to:

Build relationships and improve character.

Explore their creativity.

Create a mural on school grounds that would be focused on character.

Express their feelings by writing and performing raps or blues songs.

Learn that the arts including art and music are a place of refuge.

Serve elders and the community via art and music collaborations with a community big band.

A new school song based on the school creed and character traits would be created.

Co-teaching and co-learning might occur with: Rochester Presbyterian Home elders and school and community participants.

Gifts for students might be available: Art supplies for home, concert polo shirt to use at school.
Students will be celebrated at public events. Food might be available.

***Please support this project, and make time to vote during January 7 – 28, 2019.
Thank you!***

JANUARY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston	9 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at NSC 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	10 7:00 Delegates Council at Arnett Library	11	12
13	14	15	16 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	17 1:00 PM Housing Committee at NSC 6:30 PM SWCC Mtg – UR presentation on arming Peace Officers	18	19 9:45 AM History and Archives at Brue Noon-1:00 Special event for MLK at Arnett Library
20	21 6-9 PM light your luminaries – stroll through the neighborhood – enjoy hot chocolate with a neighbor	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

19th Ward Community Association

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