



# Update 19

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Issues for discussion that face our neighborhood  
...and then...there are the many good times



The closing of Key Bank at Chili and Gardiner—they are going for sure, but we can ask them to leave us a goodbye gift. Stop by the office to sign the petition.



Advocating for short distance busing—keep our students in our neighborhood. Sign the petition: <http://chn.g.it/kxvLJG4Vr6>



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UR Peace Officers, westside of the river—to arm, or not to arm—Follow this link to give your opinion <http://www.rochester.edu/public-safety-review-board/share-your-feedback/>

Three 19th Ward Schools in Receivership—Call the office to work with the Schools Committee and offer help

Skating

Spelling Bee

Candlelight

Under 40

Palm Sunday Breakfast

Square Fair

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## President's Message Zola Brown

Neighborhood and Community conditions matter, a sense of community should bring positivity and belonging to strengthen our neighborhood. If we want safe streets, affordable housing, stores that provide us with healthier choices, good education for our children and other resources we must work for it collectively. So many of us have are familiar with the phrase "that's just the way it is" and our voices are not heard in numbers when conditions change around us.

One of the changes coming to the 19<sup>th</sup> ward is the closing of Key Bank on Chili Ave ending a long history of maintaining a branch in our neighborhood. This decision changes our neighborhood and its conditions; you now have to leave the neighborhood and commute to the Lyell Avenue branch or any other. The departure is leaving us with another empty building and no realistic goals for the space. On behalf of the council we sent a letter to OCC- National Bank Examiner and the Comptroller of the Currency addressing our concerns.

Education matters, last month our Schools committee was involved in a meeting about schools that may go under receivership watch by the State. School 10, 16, 19, and Joseph C. Wilson Academy. Our schools must make significant gains or an outside receiver will make decisions for us. If you're a parent or neighbor we have to figure out ways to help our children succeed. You can call the office of the schools listed and ask how you can help. Many of us share the same values, we just need more people involved to make an impact to change many conditions we face.

March is packed with special days, Easter, Passover, St. Patrick's Day and International Women's Day is March 8, 2019 the IWD campaign theme this year is #BalanceforBetter better the world. How do you plan to celebrate women's contribution to society? More women than ever are getting involved in politics because they want to make the world a better place. We are still fighting for equal pay and the respect that we deserve after many contributions to the world. I want to give a shout out to all the women of the 19<sup>th</sup> ward and especially to those who are making a difference, so we have a better place to live.

I must recognize the young people in 19<sup>th</sup> ward who are starting an under 40 group for 19<sup>th</sup> ward residents in the southwest area. Attracting the next generation can be challenging for most organizations but our young delegates on the council decided they were ready. The time is now to cultivate a new group of leaders who can take on challenges ahead and build a healthier neighborhood.

Our next social gathering is the annual family and student ice skating party celebrating 10 years of partnership with the U of R. March 2, 2019 at Genesee Valley Sports complex off Elmwood. The Under 40 social gathering March 8, 2019 (flyers attached) and Delegate Council Meeting is March 14, 2019 at 7 pm Arnett Library. All events are on our website [19wca.org](http://19wca.org) and 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association Facebook page.

***We must frequently come in contact in order to build a better community.***

Zola Brown



Meet Autumn and Libby who were brought in from our 19th ward streets. They are waiting for the purr-fect home that will adopt them together. They have a strong bond which makes caring for them easier...they cuddle and wrestle so they are less lonely. They follow their foster parents around and are the best cuddlers! Call Robin if you want to meet them 709-6229. All their vet work is done. Adoption fee and application through Kitten Korner.



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B L U E S Y O U C A N U S E

# An Update on Rapids Cemetery

Hello All,

Good start for 2019 at Rapids Cemetery. There have been two clean-up Sundays already since January. Tree limbs toppled by high winds are cleared away. New debris piles will be moved to the curb in mid-March. The piles are hidden from view. There are no obstructions for eventual lawn mowing.

My primary goal for spring 2019 will be clearing the north fence perimeter (about 6-ft wide path along fence) to aid decision-making for eventual new cemetery fencing.

St. Monica parishioners will be invited to participate at Rapids Cemetery on Sunday 3/10/19 and 3/24/19 from 1:00-3:00pm as part of a Lenten activity preparing for Easter. **The regular “second and fourth Sundays” of 19th Ward and general volunteerism will start in April (1:00pm to 3:00pm).**

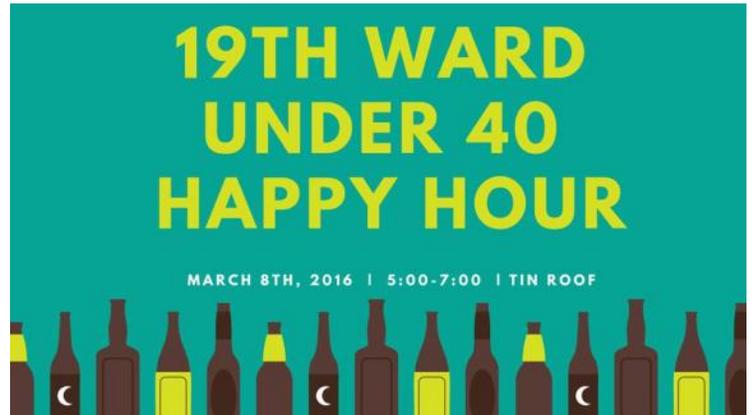
John Curran



**Mark your calendar for  
Saturday April 6, 2019.**

That’s the date for the 19th Ward Elementary Schools’ Spelling Bee , organized by the 19th Ward Community Association, in partnership with the University of Rochester Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, RCSD, and the Arnett Branch Library, with support from RACF.

And take the opportunity now from **10—11 on Saturday mornings** to assist the students in their practice sessions. Call the Giebel’s at 235-2422 to get on the schedule occasionally if not every week.



COME OUT AND MEET SOME UNDER 40 NEIGHBORS.. WE ARE A GROUP OF YOUNGER RESIDENTS OF THE 19TH WARD WHO WANT TO MEET OTHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BUILDING A HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD FOR ALL.. THERE ARE MANY OF US, AND WE WANT TO GET TOGETHER.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 5-7 PM

THE TIN ROOF, 1155 S. PLYMOUTH

# DRIVING BREAST HEALTH

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ARNETT LIBRARY  
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ROCHESTER, NY 14619  
MONTHLY: 4<sup>TH</sup> MONDAY  
(BEGINNING FEB 25<sup>TH</sup>)  
8 AM – 12 PM

## CASH FREE TAX RETURN PREPARATION

Hours of Operation starting February 4th – April 15th

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
10am-7pm Appointment Only	10am-5pm Walk-in <small>Spanish Interpreters Available</small>	10am-4pm Walk-in 4pm-7pm Appointment Only	11am-5pm Walk-in	10am-5pm Appointment Only <small>ASL Interpreters Available</small>	10am-4pm Walk-in	CLOSED

### APPOINTMENTS

Appointments are **REQUIRED** all day **Monday** and **Friday**, as well as after hours (4pm-7pm) on **Wednesdays**.

**MAKE AN APPOINTMENT**  
APPTS BECOME AVAILABLE TUE, JAN 22

<https://tinyurl.com/CASHappt>  
or call 585-242-6485 during business hours.

**New Location: We're at the Central Library!**  
115 South Avenue (Bausch & Lomb building across from Rundel Memorial Library)



# **PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, April 14**

**8:00 – 9:30 AM**



**Rochester Presbyterian Home**



**256 Thurston Road**

**Speaker: Kevin Fitzpatrick**

**Executive Director, Eastside YMCA**

**Proceeds to benefit Southwest Family YMCA**

**Hosted by the Rochester Presbyterian Home, sponsored by Westminster Presbyterian Mission, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Monica Roman Catholic Church, Southwest Family YMCA; in partnership with the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association**

**Tickets available at**

**19WCA, St. Stephen's, SW Family Y, St. Monica**

**Call 328-6571 for info**

**Make checks payable to Southwest Family YMCA.**

**Individual           \$ 7.00**

**Couple               \$11.00**

**Household          \$15.00**



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## What are people saying about the Candlelight Dinners?

On Saturday, February 9, 2019 close to 90 neighbors gathered at 11 different homes for a delightful winter evening of food, drink, conversation and fun at our annual Candlelight Dinners. To peak your interest for next year a brief explanation: Candlelight Dinners have been a 19th Ward tradition for more than 30 years. Neighbors sign up through the Association to host the dinner or attend as a guest. The committee randomly assigns guests to the various hosts' homes. The host generally provides the main course and the guests provide the appetizers, side dishes, and desserts. We try to mix up established neighbors with newcomers to expand everyone's social circle and awareness of who lives in the 19th Ward community.

This year was one of our best attended nights. Comments from hosts and guests always focus on the great conversations that carry the evening. If you are lucky enough to be at Mitzie Collins and Tom Bohrer's home you are almost guaranteed an impromptu concert or puppet show as part of the evening. This year one of their guests was a student applying to the Eastman School of Music who delighted everyone with piano and harpsicord music.



At Harriette Royer's home guests were quick to help contain a very wiley cat who wanted to join the fun and raced across the table in search of some delicious chicken! All took the surprise guest in stride. More comments and a picture from Harriette's dinner guests:



"Great conversation and meal! Loved hearing about the history of the house that still had a water pump in the kitchen when Harriet moved in in 1982. Also we all laughed with empathy about the unique challenges of an old house when Harriette told us the plaster in ALL the rooms fell off the walls when she first turned the heat on!"

If you were at Jackie Farrell's house you were able to enjoy not only a delicious dinner and wide ranging conversation, but also a beautiful fire in her lovely fireplace. At most of the dinners the topic of conversations ranged from travel and international experiences to 19th

Ward life, vegan versus vegetarian food choices, home renovations, aging gracefully, pets, school issues, and even some thoughtful political discussions.

This "wonderful gathering of neighbors" is sure to be back in 2020. Sign up starts at convention in November and continues through mid to late January. So keep this wonderful event in mind as we finish up with winter for 2019. We can promise you a good meal with delightful neighbors and a "fabulous time"!

And a few more comments, and pictures:

"This was such a wonderful evening. As a UR student I loved meeting our neighbors and learning about the history of our area, the people and the families who love it here. I'm walking away from this with so many new ideas about what to do in Rochester and I can't wait to get out more and get to know the Ward better. I had so much fun..."



Many thanks to the 2019 hosts for opening their homes to everyone and setting the stage for a great evening. This year's hosts were Amy and Howard Ressel, Lauren Caruso and Steve Terry, Karen Emerson, Amy Pugliese, Landy Atkinson and Deb Wight, Gail and Peter Mott, John Laing and Kathy King, Mitzie Collins and Tom Bohrer, Harriette Royer, Tara Wade, and Jackie Farrell.



Hope to see everyone signed up again next year and more neighbors recruited to join the fun!



Carol Kramer, Jackie Farrell, Amy Ressel - Candlelight Dinner Committee



Fun for all Ages\* with

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Food & Drinks



# Family & Student Ice Skating Party

Saturday, March 2nd

1pm to 4pm

Genesee Valley Sports Complex  
131 Elmwood Ave



*UR Shuttle service between  
12:45 and 4:15 for the event*

**Call 328-6571 for more info**

This event is co-sponsored by the 19th Ward Community Association and the University of Rochester

*\*Persons under 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian*

# Delegates' Council Meeting, February 14, 2019

**Zola Brown, President, chaired the meeting.**

--**Arnett Library**, Bruce Tehan: The next in the series of music performances at the library will be held March 9, 2019 at 10am. Rochester Regional Health, in partnership with His Braches Health Services, will be sending a mobile van to Arnett Library parking lot every fourth Monday. Certified technicians will do mammograms for free.

--**University of Rochester** peace officers: UR convened an advisory board to give feedback re UR proposal to arm certain peace officers. Diane Watkins and Donald Hardaway represent 19<sup>th</sup> WCA on that board. UR is distributing an anonymous on line survey so that members of the public can express their opinions. 19<sup>th</sup> WCA encourages people to complete that on line survey. 19<sup>th</sup> WCA sent a letter in opposition to the proposal in Nov. 2018.

--19<sup>th</sup> WCA will be undertaking a **strategic planning process**. Interested members should contact the office.

--**Police Accountability Board**: A motion was adopted to appoint Jeremy Coleman to speak on behalf of the 19<sup>th</sup> WCA at any upcoming public hearings re a Police Accountability Board. The 19<sup>th</sup> WCA has endorsed the plan of the Police Accountability Board Alliance.

--According to a report by Children's Agenda, **RCSD** suspension rates are down significantly due to steps taken by the District. Also, members of 19<sup>th</sup> WCA Schools Committee want to support schools in receivership, including Schools 10, 16, 19 and Wilson Foundation.

--**House Tour** is scheduled for Oct. 15, 2019. We need people to volunteer their houses!

--**Key Bank** has announced that the branch at 532 Chili Ave. will be closed. A motion was adopted to correspond with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to request a meeting to discuss the negative impact of this decision on the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward. We know that the loss of one of the last banks in the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward would be very harmful to residents. If bank does leave, 19<sup>th</sup> WCA wants to be part of the planning process for the future of the building.

--The **Housing Committee** meets monthly to try to deal with properties that are being neglected.

--Events to honor **birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.** were a great success...including the youth performances at Arnett Library, and the placement of the luminaries on Jan. 21. Candlelight Dinners in Feb proved to be very popular once again. About 80 people participated.

--**Skating Party** March 2, from 1 to 4 pm.

--A written **Treasurer's Report** was submitted.

--We need **volunteers** for upcoming events including Square Fair on June 1. Call the office if you can help out.

--There will be a presentation about the **2020 Census** at the next Delegates' Meeting on March 14 at Arnett Library at 7pm. All are welcome.

## **2019 Officers**

*Zola Brown, **President***

*Jesse Knoth, **1st Vice President***

*Karen Emerson, **2nd Vice President***

*Sheila Driscoll, **Secretary***

*Deb Wight, **Treasurer***

*Harlan Ost, **Past President***

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Saturdays March 23 - June 8, 2019

College may be the next step for you. Prepare at the REOC!

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- **Textbook reading skills**
- **Critical thinking skills**
- **Note taking skills**
- **College Algebra**
- **College Survival skills**
- **Basis College Computer**
- **Presentation skills**
- **Assistance with College and Financial Aid Application Process**

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5-8 pm

March 18-May 1, 2019

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"Get Cash For College at FAFSA Fest! Is your child heading to college next year but you're not sure how you're going to pay for it? Get help completing your Federal and State financial aid forms at an upcoming community event with help from the Rochester College Access Network. Saturday, March 2nd from 9-12 at MCC Downtown (free parking in lot AA). Check out RochesterCAN.org or call 585-271-5790 for more information!"



Rochester Public Library  
ARNETT BRANCH

# Arnett Library Music Series 2019

Second Saturday of the Month  
10-11am  
January-April 2019

A wonderful program for music lovers of all ages followed by refreshments and a chance to meet the musicians.



**March 9**  
Salaff String Quartet RPO  
and Eastman Performers

Ben Krug, Thomas Rodgers, Molly Werts McDonald, and Aika Ito will be giving us a program of classical music on violin, viola and cello. They are the best of the best and we are privileged to have them again!  
*Please note the early time for this wonderful concert!*

Mark your calendars for this upcoming performance:  
April 13th: "Rochester Weather" by Women of Note

*This series has been made possible by the Friends of the Arnett Library.*

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

310 Arnett Boulevard • 428-8214

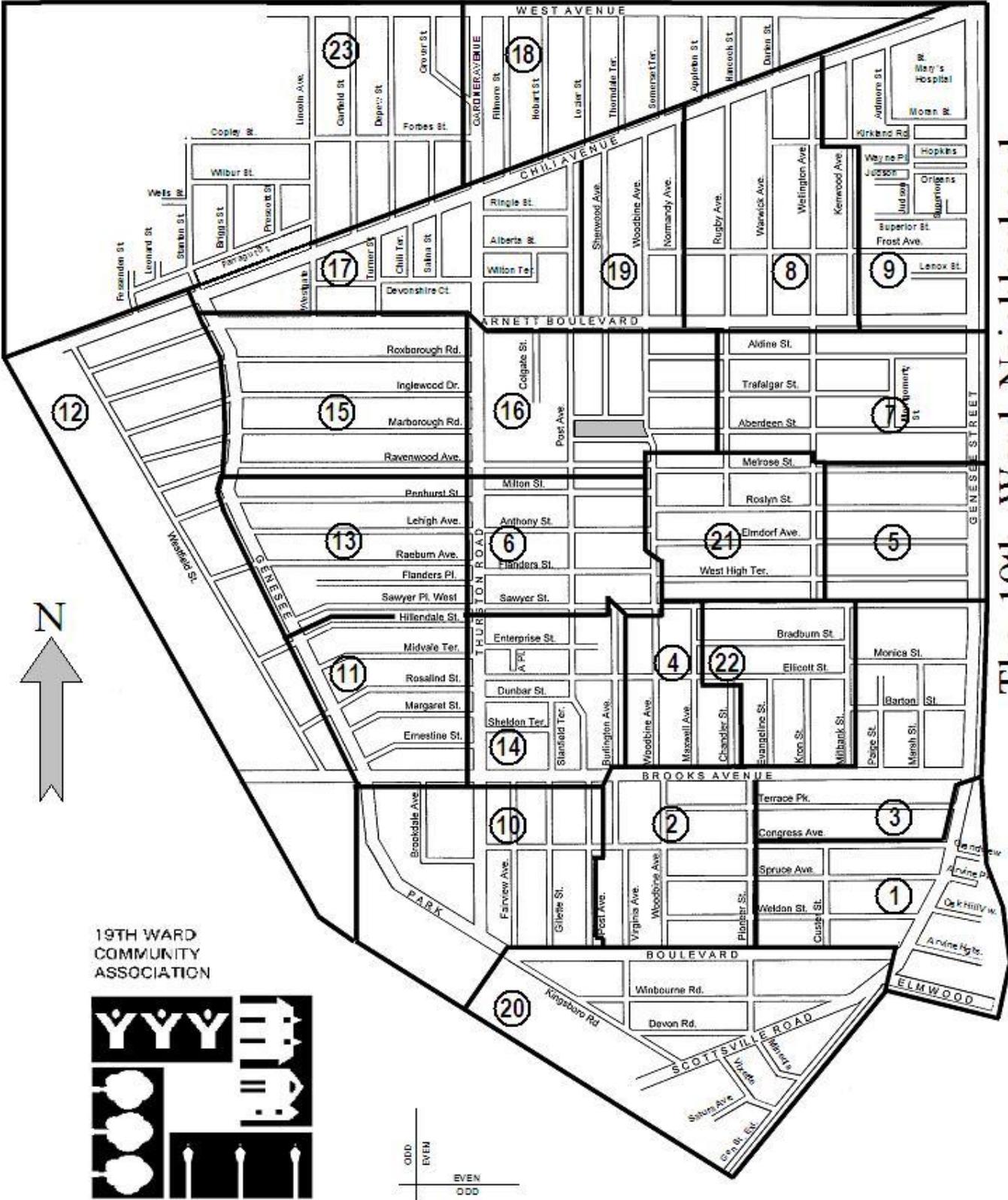
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2	Barbara St. John
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4	OPEN
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6	Quinnton Worth
7	Stuart Hencke
8	Mary Fran Kolbuc
9	OPEN
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11	Rahimah Wynn
12	Lois Metcalf
13	Amy Ressel
14	Charlotte Giebel
15	Tyrese Bryant
16	Lauren Caruso *
17	John DeMott
18	Toni Nelson
19	Tami Divers
20	Scott Beck
21	Joanne DeMarle
22	OPEN
23	Jeremy Coleman *

\* Delegate Reps to Exec Committee

# MARCH



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>2/27</b> 5:00 Skating Party planning meeting at Brue 7:00 Square Fair Planning Meeting at 216 Thurston		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Spelling Bee practice at Arnett Library 1:00-4:00 Skating Party at GVP ice rink
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Thurston Arnett Brooks Mer- chants at RPH	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 5:00 Under 40 Happy Hour at Tin Roof  6:00 Bureaucats at Brue for St. Joe's neighborhood Center	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Spelling Bee practice at Arnett Library
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 AM Genesee Merchants at NSC  7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	<b>14</b> 7:00 PM Delegates Council at Library	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:45 History & Ar- chives at Brue  10:00 AM Spelling Bee practice at Arnett Library
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	<b>21</b> 1:00 PM Housing Committee at NSC  6:00 PM SWCC at Phillis Wheatley Library	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM Spelling Bee practice at Arnett Library
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:00 PM House Tour Planning meeting at 216 Thurston	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Plan                      ahead:                      April 7—                      Spelling                      Bee</b>	<b>Plan                      ahead:                      April 14—                      Palm Sun                      Breakfast</b>



The 19th Ward Neighborhood

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