



# Update 19

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## Citizen/Merchant of the Year Awards Dinner

*Save the Date*

Saturday, June 20

Reception 5:30pm

Dinner 6:15pm

Unity Health, St. Mary's Campus Auditorium  
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This is the one chance each year the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association gets to recognize those who give so much to the community year after year.

Event Coordinators:

Mary Fran Kolbuc and Barbara Sullivan

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## Message from the President

Greetings Neighbors!

I pray that all is well! I'm going to cut right to the chase. I've been asked on numerous occasions on if I would run for an at-large seat on the Rochester City Council. I have decided to do so. This was not a decision made in haste. When asked to run, I sought council from my wife, family, friends, and most importantly, God. As President Obama's actions and the words of Dr. Martin Luther King have taught us, the power of NOW is an earth shattering concept! As you know, I am passionate about the need to take a seat at the table of social change and to work hard to change democracy from a mere theoretical exercise to one of action. Your first question, as it should be, is probably what does this mean for the health and welfare of the 19th Ward Community Association? As of now it means absolutely nothing. Why, because I am fully committed to fulfilling my commitment to an organization I love and cherish. The bylaws state that no executive committee member will be allowed to be a public official, however, I am not elected (yet), and if elected would step down immediately. I truly feel that I have earned your confidence in my leadership abilities and will respond in kind with the current situation. I directly asked for a vote of confidence from the majority of the executive committee and have received their support. I informed them that if at any time they will that I am not representing the 19th Ward I will immediately step down. My only goal is to do what is best for the entire 19th Ward and not what is merely good for me.

On another note, preparations for the June 5th 5k Run-Walk are shaping up well. The race director, Bill Kehoe, addressed the April 9th Delegates' Council meeting and gave an update. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS.** If you are interested in running-walking or helping out in some other role, please call Ann at the office, 328-6572, and give your name and contact info.

We were pleased to have the president of the Rochester City School Board, Malik Evans, address the delegates. He spoke on the issues of Mayoral control, graduation rates, and the role of the Board. Numerous questions were asked.

As well, we had two great presentations from U of R students. One group spoke about their desire to start a pub, and the other wants to open a community art gallery.

I'm truly excited about how the relationship between the 19th Ward, Sector 4, and the U of R is starting to bloom. Just like the trees in the spring, buds are springing up. At the time of this writing I have a scheduled meeting with Joel Seligman, President of the U of R, for April 24. I will provide a report of this meeting in the June edition of this newsletter.

I have to admit that it's always hard for me to limit my message because there are ALWAYS so many great things happening in our community. Don't get me wrong, I am not being Pollyann-ish here, I know we have problems, especially violence, and I was truly saddened to hear about the death of the young man in March. The Public Safety Committee and concerned residents are planning a comprehensive response. Please stay alert. I have not made contact with the grief-stricken family as of yet, but will continue to personally reach out.

'til then, JB



### Citizen of the Year

Congratulations to our 2009 Citizen of the Year, **Susan Morehouse**.

Susan's nominator wrote of the work she has done in founding and leading the "Arnett Block Club, one of the most active Block Clubs in the Ward. Susan brings in guest speakers, organizes numerous activities and maintains an ongoing dialog with the police about drug use and drug houses in the area. She is responsible for organizing the Block Club's summer event that draws people of all ages for a day of community building activities."

When informed of her selection as Citizen of the Year, Susan modestly claimed that she has a wonderful team of volunteers who work on these projects. True, but an effective team needs an effective leader. Susan is known for her persistence in working with City Hall, seeking donations and bringing people together to improve the quality of life in the Ward. Her newest project is sprucing up the foyer of the Arnett Library with a new community bulletin board and coat of paint.

If you have not yet seen the neighborhood garden Susan organized (and personally mows, weeds, waters, etc.), stop in at the corner of Arnett and Wellington. Susan's creativity has transformed a neighborhood eyesore into a restful, beautiful space to stop and enjoy the butterflies expected to visit this summer.

Susan and her husband, Bill, have lived on Wellington Ave. since 1976. Their beautiful home has been fea-

## Citizen/Merchant of the Year

tured on 19<sup>th</sup> Ward House Tours. Susan is an accomplished harpist who teaches privately and offers therapeutic music to hospitals and nursing homes. She has produced two CDs of her music, which can be purchased at Creators Hands or directly from Susan.

Thank you, Susan, for all you do to make the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward a great place to live.

### Merchant of the Year

Congratulations to the owners and staff of **Cutaia's Meat Market** for being named the 2009 Merchant of the Year.

Bonnie Cutaia and her husband, Chuck, purchased the business at it's current location at 574 Chili Ave. in 1973. Bonnie and her son, Joseph, currently operate the business, which has survived the opening and closing of large grocery stores, the reconstruction of Chili Ave. and many changes to the surrounding businesses. What is the secret to their success (and survival)? They serve only top quality beef, freshly cut their meats, charge fair prices and cater to their customers needs for produce and other groceries. The store is always clean, well stocked and the employees helpful and friendly. They hire local help, and over the years have given many of their customers' children their first jobs.

Bonnie persuaded the City to demolish the burned-out abandoned building next-door and to replace it with a parking lot for the local shops. Cutaia's leases the lot from the City and covers the cost of lighting, cleaning, maintenance and plowing so that their customers have convenient parking. Bonnie can be seen almost daily picking up trash along Chili Ave. and in the parking lot. The pride in ownership is quite evident both in and outside this market.

After 36 years of serving the residents of the 19th Ward, it is time that we recognize this neighborhood merchant which is truly an Urban by

Choice 19th Ward business. Members of the Selection Committee recommend that you stop in and try thier sausage and ribs for your next cook-out!

### Urban by Choice Award:

#### **Marian Boutet and Sheila Simmons**

Marian Boutet is recognized for her contributions as PAC TAC coordinator and her hard work as Chairperson for the Garden Tour over many years. She has also worked for the Association as Office Manager. She was well known for providing excellent customer service in handling the diverse issues that come by phone or foot, and for assisting the various committees and volunteers of the Association. Marian has served as editor of our newsletter, Update 19 and developed and maintained the Yahoo group that helps 19<sup>th</sup> Warders keep in touch. Marian is a tireless volunteer for our community. She uses her vast knowledge of community resources to support and advise other community volunteers on a regular basis.

Sheila Simmons is currently known as one of the most active members of Delegates' Council. She steps forward to volunteer whenever and wherever needed. Sheila is an active member of the Membership Committee, working on membership drives and assisting Bettie Lindley in reaching out to encourage neighborhood churches to become members. Sheila sprang into action when a shooting occurred in her district and distributed flyers inviting neighbors to a meeting with Chief Moore. She is currently serving her second term as Delegates' Representative to the Executive Committee. Sheila's nominator praised her outreach to numerous segments of the community – thank you, Sheila

### Quality of Life Award:

#### **David Hawkes and Katrina Hanson**

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David Hawkes is the administrator of the NSC (formerly NET) office on Genesee Street. In this position, David focuses his attention on a wide variety of quality of life issues from peeling paint to neighbor disputes. He has helped push for the demolition of neighborhood eyesores that are beyond hope, and accesses services from other City Departments such as DES regarding trash pick up or pot holes. David is a consistent participant at meetings of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Business Associations. He exempli-

fies the kind of commitment that public servants should show to their positions.

David is a life-long 19<sup>th</sup> Ward resident whose late parents, Viola and Robert Hawkes were among the founding members of the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association.

Katrina Hanson, program manager for NeighborWorks Rochester, has been a regular participant in all manner of 19<sup>th</sup> Ward community meetings and events, from PCIC to business association meetings. Although not herself a resident, the success of the the

Neighbor Works Healthy Blocks program is due largely to her efforts.

The success of the the NeighborWorks Healthy Blocks program is largely due to the outstanding efforts of Katrina. She started the program in June 2007 and has met residents, surveyed properties, organized social events to help residents meet one another, and encouraged neighbors to join the Community Association. Hats off to Katrina for all she has done for our neighborhood.

## Spring Membership Drive & Picnic Social

Saturday, May 16th

Join the Membership Committee in going door-to-door to meet our neighbors, learn about the issues they are facing in their corner of the neighborhood and also increase the awareness of the 19WCA.

We will meet at the 19WCA office at 2pm to distribute materials and break into canvassing teams. Districts 1 & 20 will be our target districts this year but District Delegates are welcome to walk their own districts. Location for the Picnic Social in Genesee Valley Park will also be announced.

### Picnic Social

Meet at GVP location by 5pm with chairs, a dish to pass and games to play. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to:

[angie\\_2266@yahoo.com](mailto:angie_2266@yahoo.com) or 338-2621 by Thursday, May 14th.

**URBAN**  
*by choice*

## Square Fair is Coming !!

Come join the family fun at the 19th Ward Community Associations' annual event at Aberdeen Square Park, 330 Post Ave

Saturday, June 6th

8am to 4pm

There will be a Parade, Food, Vendors, Children's Activities including Horse Rides, Live Entertainment and a few surprises!

5K Walk/Run

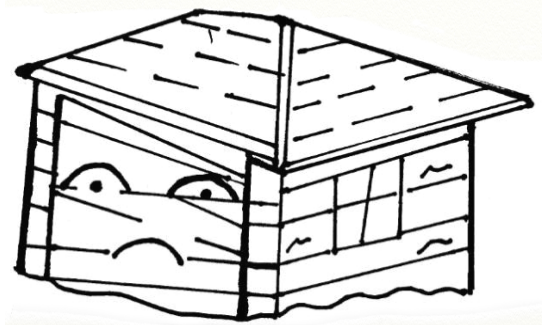
Friday, June 5th

Starting at Staybridge Hotel near Brooks Landing going through Genesee Valley Park along the Genesee River and the U of R campus

Look for details in the coming weeks!

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## Learn-to-kayak camps for City children

By Heather Adams

Kayak Adventures will be running FREE camps for City Kids out of Marshall High School all of July and August with the activities running through the end of September. For more information about the free kids' camp and (paid) instruction for adults using a similar 3-day format visit <http://www.kayak-adventures.org/CityFreeCamps2009.shtml> call 704-2372 or email [KayakAdv@rochester.rr.com](mailto:KayakAdv@rochester.rr.com)

Art Miller, the director of this program, is a kayak instructor and kayak junior olympics coach. He is the director of Kayak Aventures, a local non-profit organization that provides whitewater kayak instruction to children and adults. Art offers winter courses at the MCC pool as well as outdoor summer courses

& activities. He is the only USA Canoe/Kayak Certified Coach in New York State and runs an excellent program that not only teaches kayak skills, but also emphasizes safety, sportsmanship, teamwork, drug-free living, and other great values. I can endorse Art from firsthand experience: I have heard him speak to youth about these topics and know that he takes these issues very seriously. I've also taken kayak classes from him and know what a great instructor he is.

This is an opportunity to enroll an interested child in a FREE summer activity! For more information about the programs Art runs for adults and kids (including videos of his students!), see his website: <http://www.kayak-adventures.org/index.shtml>

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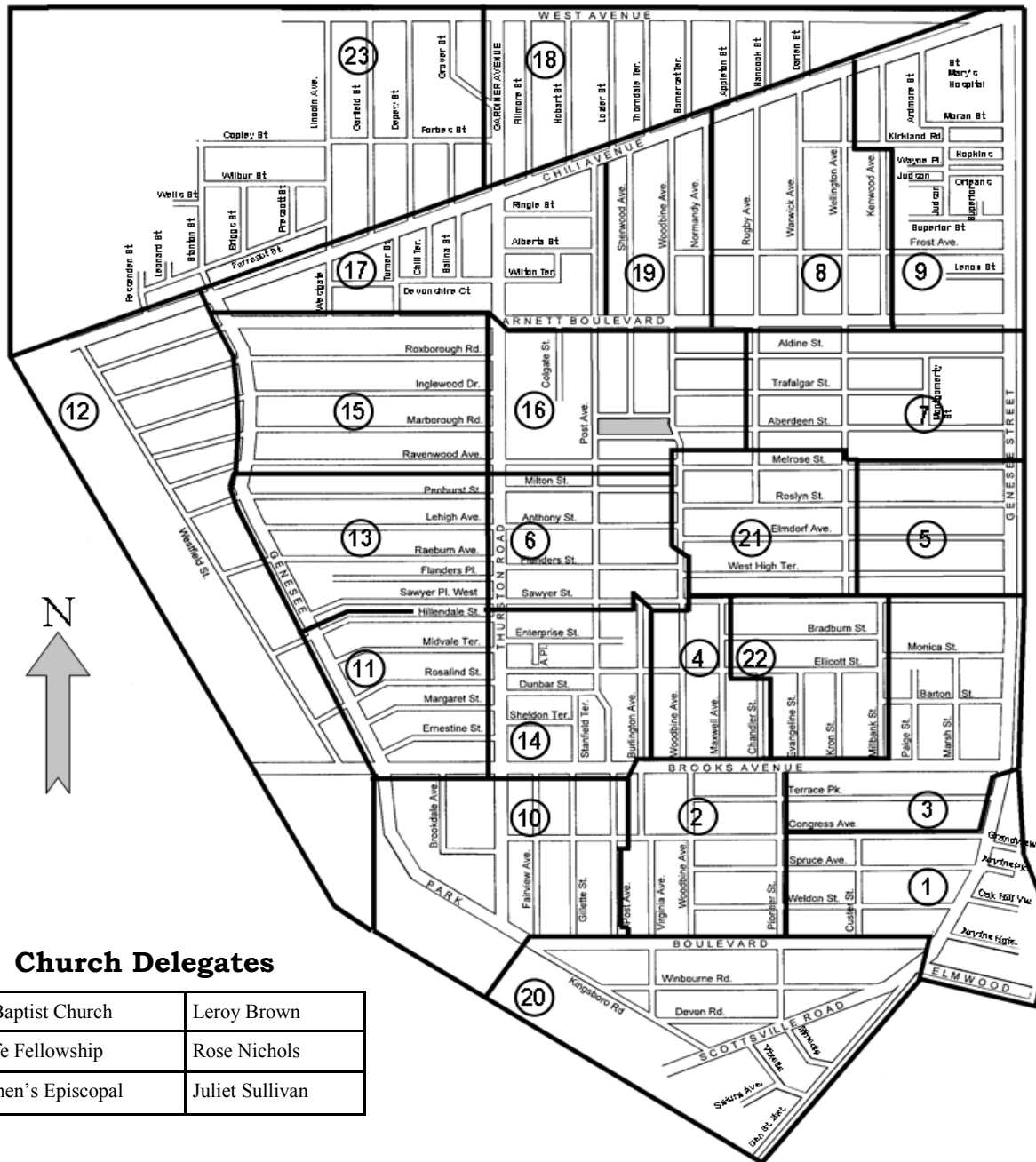


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**Church Delegates**

Aeon Baptist Church	Leroy Brown
New Life Fellowship	Rose Nichols
St. Stephen's Episcopal	Juliet Sullivan

**DISTRICT DELEGATES**

DISTRICT	DELEGATE	DISTRICT	DELEGATE	DISTRICT	DELEGATE	DISTRICT	DELEGATE
1	OPEN	7	Mary Dan Cooper Alt. Jay Ross	13	OPEN	19	Wilbert Germany
2	Wendy Johnson	8	Peter Evans Alt. Mary Fran Kolbuc	14	OPEN	20	OPEN
3	Connie McNair Alt. Ryan Acuff	9	OPEN	15	Victoria Scott	21	Don Pryor Jim Watson
4	Berda Goff Alt. Danny Rogers	10	Jacob Adams	16	OPEN	22	Sheila Simmons
5	OPEN	11	Emma Joyner	17	John & JoAnn DeMott	23	OPEN
6	Don Hanks	12	Matthew Juda	18	OPEN		

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**PAC TAC Saturation**  
Meet at NSC Office  
Monthly at 7:00pm

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**Public Safety Comm.**  
1st Wed., 6:30pm  
Staybridge Suites Hotel

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**History/Archives Comm.**  
Boulder Coffee Company  
Genesee Street 9:30am  
All are welcome!

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**PCIC Meeting**  
Staybridge Suites Hotel  
2nd Wed.  
Monthly at 7:00pm

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**Delegates' Council**  
19WCA Office  
2nd Thur. 8:00pm

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**Deadline for Update 19**  
mlb65@cornell.edu

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**Anthony Street Block Club**  
Southwest YMCA 6-7pm  
**Housing Committee**  
19WCA Office  
Third Monday 7:00pm

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**PAC TAC Saturation**  
Meet at NSC Office  
Monthly at 6:30pm  
Bikes: Must have helmets and working lights  
on bikes

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**Membership Committee**  
Boulder Coffee Company 7:00pm

## Feral Cats Trap-Neuter-Release



"Marley" a feral cat who lives on Marlborough Road and is cared for by some of her neighbors.

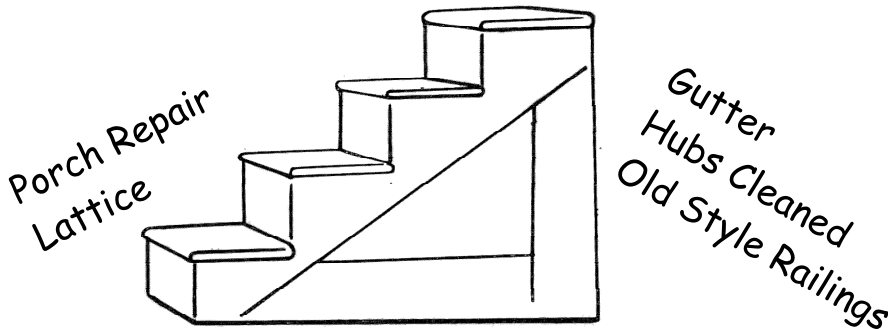
"Feral" is a term applied to any domesticated animal that has "gone wild." We all see these animals around: maybe a mother with one or two kittens hanging around in the spring or summer; maybe a single animal that you see under the car or near the bird feeder. We usually assume it belongs to a neighbor, but too often that isn't the case. Feral cats aren't the neighbor's cat or strays that have lost their way back home. They are shy, distrustful of humans, have not been socialized, and can't be handled. They scrape by on mice, birds, and handouts from kind strangers.

In the past, if people did anything at all about them, feral cats were trapped and euthanized. Unfortunately, this only leaves an opening in habitat that will be filled as other ferals move in to the vacated territory. The current thinking is Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR). The cat is live-trapped, taken to a veterinarian, neutered, immunized against rabies, and released back into its territory. Unlike trapping and euthanization, TNR has the advantage of leaving a stable, non-reproducing population in place. Their human sponsors feed them and provide shelters. Eventually, the numbers decline as animals age and die.

TNR has some costs attached in the form of veterinarian fees, traps, and shelters. The 19th Ward Community Association has agreed to provide an account and accept donations for this purpose. Volunteers will help homeowners through the process. If you would like to help by donating funds, or loaning a live trap, please contact the office at 328-6571.

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# Wooden Steps

