



# Update 19

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## *Signs of Spring*



### *Flowers*

#### *Baseball*



#### *Spelling Bee*



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Editor: Jackie with John's help

# President's Message



Diane Watkins  
President, 19WCA



## Welcome to April!

What is traditionally known as the Christian Easter season is also a time that includes religious holy days such as the Hindu Holi & Vaishkhi, the Jewish Purim & Passover, and the Jain holy day of Mahavir Jayanti. All of these holy days cele-

brate the power and humility of humans working continuously toward truth, compassion, harmony and love. The tenets of the holy days demand that we build bridges in order to weaken the strain of our differences and keep the weakest among us safe. It seems to me that this is very easy to do, when there is no money involved.

I had the opportunity to attend two press events in the neighborhood with Rochester Mayor Lovely Warren in the past month. One was at the grand reopening of the Boys and Girls Club on Genesee St. and the other was at the start of the demolition of the old United Cleaners on Genesee St. In the past, we have heard many excuses that forced us to live with blight on our main corridors but at both of these press conferences, there was good news. Leaders in the City of Rochester, among others, had agreed to spend significant amounts of money to invest in our neighborhood, in our children and in us. When one considers the long awaited completion of Brooks Landing and the significant investment in the infrastructure of Thurston Road, it becomes evident and crystal clear that even with money involved the City is operating from an ethic of care as it surrounds our neighborhood with love demonstrated by social, emotional and economic supports.

Undoubtedly we are aware of the extreme poverty in Rochester. We have our fair share of friends and neighbors in the 19<sup>th</sup> struggling under its oppressive weight, but what do we do about it? Is it in the power of a neighborhood association to have any impact on something as devastating as poverty? I believe that it is. My experience as President of the 19<sup>th</sup> has been one of seeking input, finding common ground and figuring out solutions. Finding solutions is hard. We must settle questions about how best to spend money donated to the Association, in order to get a maximum impact and sometimes that means that individuals won't agree. My hope is that as members, volunteers and/or committee members, we can all respect and appreciate that your Executive Council is operating under an ethic of care for people. The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community is strong and compassionate. The Association will continue to use our limited resources to help the weakest of our neighbors become strong contributors to the greater good because it is the right thing to do.

There is nine months left in my tenure at the helm of the 19<sup>th</sup>. During that time, we have plans to reach out to donors to get grants and funds to support healthy living, employment and other initiatives. My prayer is that as we are granted these funds we all understand that in order to operate in a community plagued with poverty, we must judge our success not on the rate of interest that we can get on the money donated to us, but on the level of care that we show in our actions and decisions when money is involved.

We have many challenges, but we have many more things to celebrate. Let's build some bridges!



### 2016 Officers

*President:* Diane Watkins

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*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:* John Boutet

*Treasurer:* Carleen Wilenius

*Secretary:* Sheila Driscoll

*Past President:* LaShay Harris

# 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Spelling Bee Holds Annual Competition on April 9

The Sixth Annual 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Spelling Bee, a competition involving students from Rochester Schools 10, 16, 19, 29 and 44, will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 in Hoyt Hall at the University of Rochester.

The event is a partnership of the 19th Ward Community Association, The Community Foundation, the University of Rochester Admissions Office, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, the Rochester City School District, and Arnett Branch Library.

The Spelling Bee was initiated by the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association, led by then President J.B. Afoh-Manin, Robin Carter-McFadden, Ken Maher, and Nick Robinson to recognize academic prowess in the neighborhood schools.

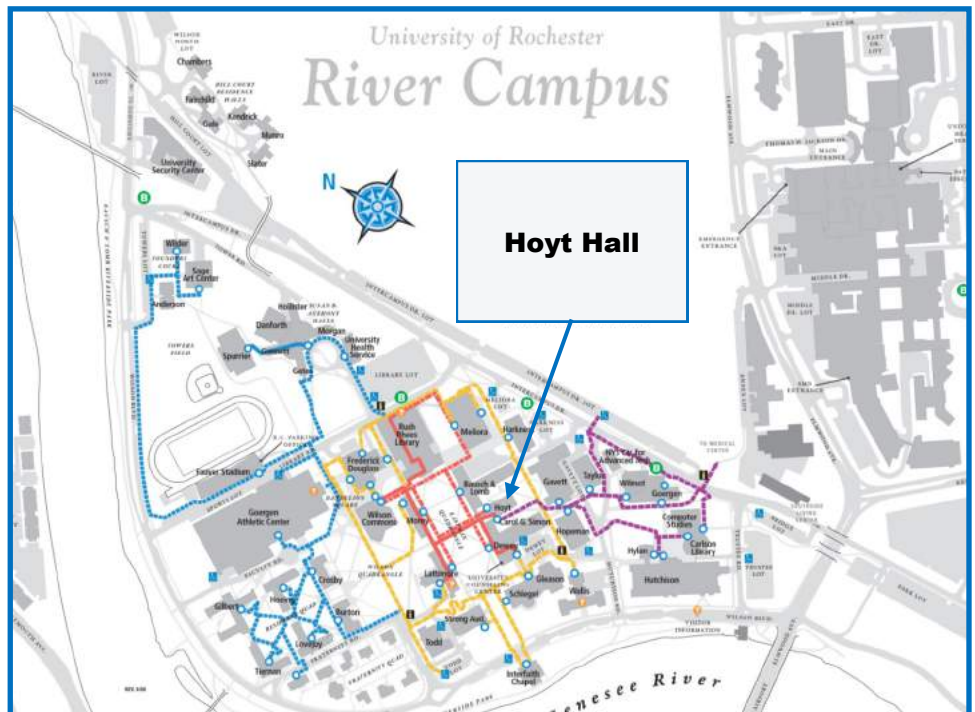
Currently, the event is organized by the Association's Schools Committee, chaired by John Laing. Students in grades 3 to 8 are encouraged to participate.

Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity members have taken a leadership role in hosting Spelling Bee finalists to a tour of the UR campus, lunch, and conducting the final competition. Practice sessions for participating students have been held since January at the Arnett Library, which is staffed by members of the fraternity and residents of the 19th Ward. The Rochester City School District provides transportation for the finalist to the UR campus. This program has grown from two schools, 16 and 44, participating in 2001 to five schools, 10, 16, 19, 29 and 44, participating this year.

The winner from each grade level is awarded a trophy and a \$500 scholarship to be awarded when the student goes to college. A fund has been established at The Community Foundation to support the scholarships.

Contributions to support the Greater Rochester Spelling Bee Fund are welcome and can be done online at [www.racf.org/Donate](http://www.racf.org/Donate) (type "spelling" in the keyword search box) or mail checks addressed to Rochester Area Community Foundation, with Spelling Bee Fund in the Memo line, to the Community Foundation, 500 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14607.

Everyone is invited to attend the Spelling Bee. We hope you will join us as we cheer on our students, support their hard work, and encourage their future.



## Honoring the Tuskegee Airmen

The 19th Ward History and Archives group continues its multi-year research on local Tuskegee Airmen who served during the Second World War. Although too soon to go into detail due to pending family notification, the grave marker of a local Tuskegee Airman was rediscovered recently and has been reset properly with the assistance of the Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery. Further research continues on additional local WWII members connected with the pioneering African-American Tuskegee Airmen.



## 19th Ward Gardens

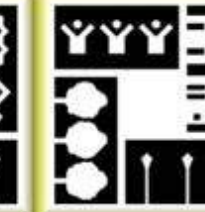
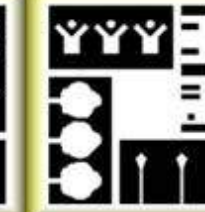
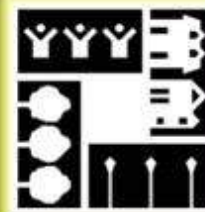
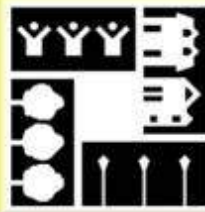
It's that time of year again. We will soon be in our gardens enjoying the beauty, and visiting with neighbors. Let's keep in mind that we have community gardens also, and we have a contract with the City or Rochester that we will maintain their beauty. We need volunteers to work in the Chili Thurston Garden and in the Ravenwood Thurston garden. We could also use a few volunteers who would be willing to work at Aberdeen Square. Call the Office, 328-6571 if you can volunteer an hour occasionally.

The Day of Caring is scheduled for Thursday, May 12. A number of people will leave their work place that day and assist us in our gardens. Thank you thank you. Please plan to join them that day. We need a few 19th Ward residents in each of those gardens to work alongside the group of volunteers from other places.

## Have you ever wondered about the small cemetery on Congress Avenue?

The Rapids Cemetery Restoration Committee has formed and includes members from the City Historian's Office, the 19th Ward History & Archives Group and local Veterans groups. Located on Congress Avenue just south of Brooks Avenue, Rapids Cemetery is a football field-sized pioneer cemetery instituted in the early 19th Century. Older than the City of Rochester, it is approaching its Bicentennial. Research is underway to determine who is buried there with a focus on the Veterans who served in the War of Independence, War of 1812, Civil War and the Spanish American War. Discussions with various City Departments will help set guidelines for potential restoration and commemoration efforts. Further information will be released as planning moves forward.

Contact the 19WCA Office if interested in the work of the Rapids Cemetery Restoration Committee.



## 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association



# LITTLE



## Fundraiser

**Sunday, April 17, 2016**

The Little Theatre | 240 East Ave.

**Tickets are \$15**

**\$8 of each ticket goes to 19WCA!**

**Groups of 10+ are \$12each**

(\$5 of the \$12 ticket goes to 19WCA)

*Grab some friends, neighbors, and family!*

*Enjoy the food and entertainment at*

*The Little Theatre!*

**Tickets may be used for any movie on April 17.**

**There will be something to suit most everyone's taste.**

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW:**

19WCA Office (216 Thurston Rd)

Your District Delegate (19wca.org)

**AFTER MARCH 29:**

Arnett Café (Arnett & Warwick)

Brue Coffee (Genesee & Brooks)

Contact Carleen Wilenius to purchase group tickets or  
to help sell tickets!

585-259-5836 or carleeniw@gmail.com

## April 2016 Programs @ The Arnett Branch Library

310 Arnett Blvd.  
Rochester NY 14619  
585-428-8214

### Storytime

Every Saturday, 1 pm Every Tuesday, 11:15 am

### Homework Helpers

Mondays, 3:00-6:00 pm April 4, 11, 18, 25  
Wednesdays 3:00-6:00 pm April 6, 13, 20, 27  
By RTA/Dial-a-Teacher. For any student K-12

### Arts and Crafts Every Tuesday 4:30 pm

Ages: 12 and under.

### Rochester Children's Film Festival

Friday April 1 2:00 pm

Kids and their grownups will enjoy short films with gentle social messages. The festival is administered by the Rochester Association for the Education of Young Children.

### Tail Waggin Tutors

Wednesday April 20 4:00 pm

Book-loving dogs are coming to the library to listen to kids read stories Ages: 12 and under.

### LEGO Club: Thursday April 21 4:30 pm

Kids can make stuff and make friends with LEGOS.  
Ages: 5-12 *Kids younger than 5 can also participate if accompanied by an adult.*

Every Child Ready to Read! A series of early reading programs for families with kids ages 0-5

Saturdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 11 am – 12:30 pm Registration required.

### JOB CORPS

U.S. Dept. of Labor Program  
Free Career Training for 16-24 Year Olds  
Admissions Counselors will be onsite at Arnett to provide an Info Session Tuesday, April 5 at 5pm

### Be a Successful At Work:

A job Corps representative will be in the teen area on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.  
Teens will learn what makes a good employee in the following areas: focus on service, be a team player, get along with your supervisor, be a go-getter, stay positive and much more.

Teen Interviews: Popeyes! Tuesday, April 19, 5pm – 6. Proper interview attire and a resume recommended to interview with the manager.

“Shoulders to Stand On” (STSO) documentary film pertaining to the local history of the Rochester, New York LGBT community presented by the Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley  
Tuesday April 12 at 5:00 pm

### Music Concert

Saturday, April 9, 12:00 pm-1:00 pm

Join us for this family-friendly concert by the Hochstein Chamber Music Ensemble that is sure to delight people of all ages! Isaac Pollock will also play some pieces on his guitar. Refreshment to follow. This concert is sponsored by the Arnett Branch Library Friends.

### Literacy Navigator

Every Monday & Wednesday, 12-3 pm

A member of Literacy Volunteers of Rochester will be at the Library to provide computer assistance!

### Computer Tutor Every Tuesday, 4-5 pm

Adults are welcome to come to this computer lab Registration is requested, class size is very limited.

Protect Your Financial DNA” – Keeping your identity safe from harm workshop.

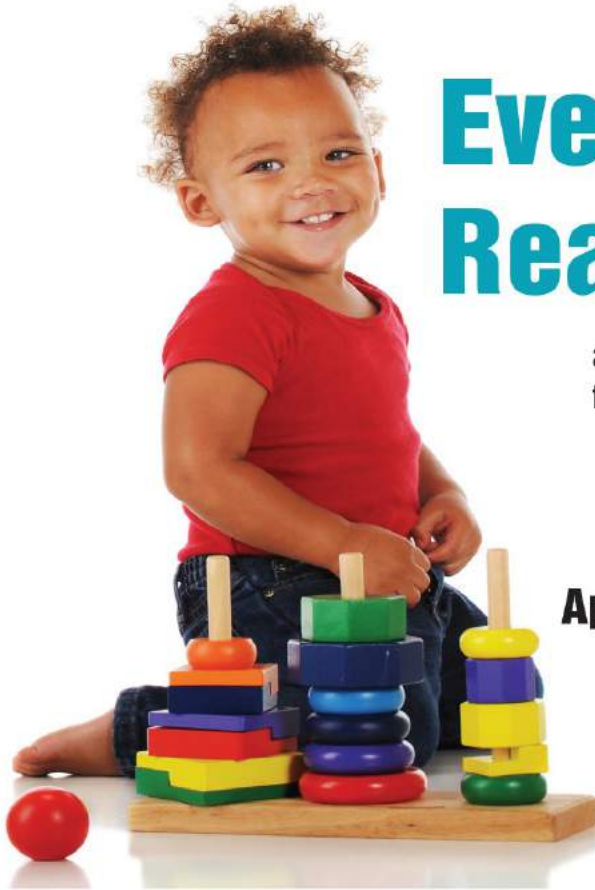
Thursday April 28 3:00 pm – 4:00 PM

Ages: 18-up

## You are invited to attend the second annual ROC Teen Summit!

**Lyric Theatre, 440 East Avenue, April 23, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM**

The purpose of this event is to feature the perspectives of young adults through 10-15 minute “TED Talk” style presentations that showcase “ideas worth spreading” as it pertains to social justice issues that impact our community. Each talk will be focused on social constructs that adolescents face (racism, segregation, misogyny, adultism, etc.) as well as thoughts on how we might come together to deconstruct and resolve these issues and make our community a better place. Registration required, Admission free <http://Rocteensummit.com/>



# Every Child Ready to Read!

a series of early reading programs  
for families with children ages 0-5

## Saturdays

April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7  
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Parents/caregivers will learn about the importance of reading to their children and using five different tools – playing, singing, talking, reading & writing. The May 7th session will be a cooking/nutrition workshop with the Social Chef.

The children will have supervised storytime and other learning activities while their parents learn about the reading tools. The families will come together to practice what they've learned at interactive experience stations.

**In addition, families will:**

- Receive a free, nutritious meal at each session.
- Have a chance to win one \$25 Wegmans gift card via random drawing at each session.
- Have a chance to win the final \$150 Wegmans gift card drawing at the end of the series!

**This FREE program has a maximum attendance of 50 (adults and children) at each session, so register now! Call 585-428-8214.**

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

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Lovely A. Warren, Mayor  
Rochester City Council

## Delegates' Council, March 10, 2016

--Arnett Library will be hosting literacy events for young children on Saturdays from 11 to 12:30 pm. Dates are April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7. Call 428-8214 to register.

--Cancer Wellness Connections is looking for volunteers. Check out their web site ([cancerwellnessconnections.org](http://cancerwellnessconnections.org)) or call 467-5727 for more information.

--Compeer is looking for volunteers to act as mentors and supportive friends. See [compeer-rochester.org](http://compeer-rochester.org)

--Mary Beth Spinelli from RIT is involved in a project to learn more about local police and community relations. RIT will be conducting focus groups for residents (ages 18 and above) in the foreseeable future. They would like to meet with block clubs, committees, etc. Contact [mbsgcje@rit.edu](mailto:mbsgcje@rit.edu) for more information.

--Treasurer's report: 19th WCA income and expenditures are within budget.

--Delegates' News: The Green house on Samuel McCree Way, near Wilson Foundation Academy, has been repaired. The Boys and Girls Club has been remodeled and is very impressive. The Good Friday Cross Walk will begin at 8:45AM from St. Monica's. Residents of Kenwood Ave. are planting flowers on their street. Exxon lost the case re the Vacuum Oil site, and hopefully will begin to clean up the contamination in the area.

--Thank you to those members who send in the addresses of new neighbors, so that new residents can receive an info packet re 19th Ward Community Association.

--It was decided that everyone running for elected office from our area will be welcome to attend a Delegates' Council meeting, and introduce themselves (very briefly).

--Tickets for Palm Sunday breakfast are available at the office....along with tickets for the April 17 Little Theatre fund raising event.

--Spelling Bee will be April 9 at 1pm at Hoyt Hall, UR Campus. This event is supported by 19th WCA, RACF, University of Rochester, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, Arnett Library and others. All are welcome to attend!

--Plans are well underway for Square Fair, to be held June 4. Volunteers are needed! Contact LaShay Harris for more information.

## Need a Rewarding Job?

Are you familiar with Publisher?

The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Community Association is presently looking for a reliable person who is willing to give up a few hours once a month to publish our newsletter, Update 19.

### Qualifications:

- familiar with Publisher, or willing to learn
- tolerance for articles submitted after deadline
- willingness to work on a deadline
- reliable, friendly

### Benefits:

- plenty of support from office staff and past editors
- your name in print

### Salary:

- no monetary pay, simply praise and smiles



# Update 19





# SAVE THE DATE:

# 6.4.16

**Square Fair 8:30AM-4:30PM  
Aberdeen Square Park**

**Parade 11AM  
Begins at Thurston  
To Sawyer  
Then Wellington  
Ends at Square Fair**

**“Roc-Stars” Dunk Tank.....Peter  
Evan’s Arcade Zone....Satisfied Selfie Photo  
Booth ...Petting Zoo... & Much More To Be Announced!**

**Variety of Good Eats:  
To Be Announced!**

Interested in being a Sponsor, Vendor, Performer, Volunteer or march in the Parade?  
Contact: 19th Ward Community Association at 585-328-6571 or email Square Fair Chair Lashay Harris

[lashayharris0@gmail.com](mailto:lashayharris0@gmail.com)





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# THE ANNUAL IONE "GRANDMA" COLLINS MEMORIAL FLOWER SALE



*To benefit the 2016 YMCA Annual Campaign*



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## Supplemental 2016 Flower Sale Order Form



For the past three years we have not been able to offer Impatiens as part of our sale due to a “downy mildew” problem that has impacted all of the local growers. However, our supplier, Chase Nursery, is now able to offer a limited number of Impatiens. If you would like to order, please use this separate form. If Chase is not able to fill your order or the plants are not good quality, you will receive a refund. We always have extra’s of many plants that we offer, so you will also have the option to substitute for other plants if Impatiens are not available.

### Regular Impatiens—6 Plants per pack: \$6.00

*Chase also has New Guinea and Sunpatiens in pots. It is \$3.70 per pot; one plant per pot. Please call Carol at 585-436-7521 if you are interested. We will check availability and colors before you order.*

Impatiens Color Options	Quantity (How Many Packs?)
White	
Red	
Pink	
Mixed	
New Guinea / Sunpatiens	

# Looking for a new gig?



Are you a person who likes community organizing? Do you expect a feeling of satisfaction from the work you do? Do you look forward to meeting new people in your place of employment? Do you enjoy making connections? The Westside Farmers Market has a position for you! We are looking for an Assistant Manager. Job responsibilities include: connecting with farmers and vendors, inputting information into spreadsheets, some budget planning and updating, ensuring the smooth running of the weekly market, promoting the market to the community, and various other tasks. Time commitment is great during the market season, tapers off a bit during the off-season. Qualifications: ideally the person should reside in southwest Rochester, have organizational skills, be computer literate, care about healthy eating and good nutrition, and have a friendly demeanor. No salary, plenty of benefits.

Visit [www.westsidemarketrochester@gmail.com](mailto:www.westsidemarketrochester@gmail.com) to learn more about the market. Call 585-436-8999 if you are interested in applying for this position.

Over 10 Years:

- \$35,000,000 Reinvested in Our City
- 1882 Owner Occupied Homes Preserved
- 1000+ Families Eating Healthier
- 271 Small Business Assisted
- 237 Vacant Houses Saved

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Be a fool for love.

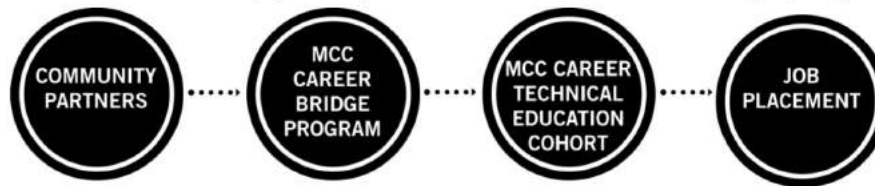
Become a **Community Sponsor** and enjoy a fantastic night of **City Love**. Promote your business and support three community-building organizations in raising funds to revitalize Rochester's Neighborhoods. **Proceeds to benefit NCS Community Development, the South East Area Coalition, and the South Wedge Planning Committee.**

friday, april 1, 2016  
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.  
The Historic German House - 315 Gregory St.  
Dancing to **Mambo Kings** Live & Silent Auction  
Tasting of Local Food & Drink /

call Jesse Knoth at the SWPC office (585) 256.1740 xt: 104

# Monroe Community College's Middle Skills Bridge Program

This program is designed to create a pipeline of college ready individuals, from Rochester's urban centers, prepared to successfully participate in career-oriented college programs.



Those eligible for Career Bridge Program include:

- Veterans.
- Unemployed and Underemployed workers.
- Residents participating in various City of Rochester remedial programs including recent TASC graduates.
- Worker employed at local businesses.
- High school graduates

This 10 week Accelerated and Personalized college preparedness program includes instruction in arithmetic, algebra, reading, and writing skills.

**Dates: May 2, 2016 – July 8, 2016**

**Location: Veterans Outreach Center, 459 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620**

## Accelerated Precision Tooling Certificate Program

**Looking for a new career?** Learn the machining trade at Monroe Community College in 22 weeks. Scholarships may be available. Upon successful completion of this 32 credit-based college program, candidates will receive a MCC Precision Tooling Certificate, along with job placement assistance from Rochester Technology and Manufacturing Association (RTMA).

**Dates:** April 11 - September 23, 2016, Monday – Thursday, from 4:00 - 10:00 PM, and Friday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at Monroe Community College, Applied Technologies Center, 2485 West Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14623.

### Requirements:

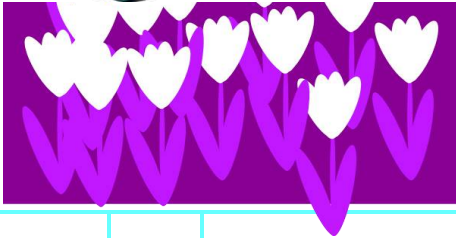
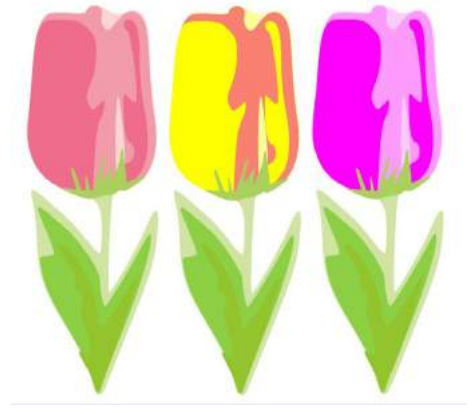
Candidates must meet the following acceptance criteria, prior to acceptance into the program.

- Complete FAFSA application
- High School Diploma or GED
- Take the Accuplacer Math & English placement assessment
- Ability to get to class everyday on time and ready to learn
- Willingness to find employment after completion
- Most employers will require a drug test and some will require background checks prior to employment
- Candidates may be required to meet additional college acceptance criteria

**Courses of study will include:** Mathematics, Blueprint Reading, Introduction to Computers, and Setup and Operation of: Engine Lathes, ProtoTrac Mills, CNC Haas Milling Machines.

**Apply Today!** Submit your resume to Ross Micali at [rmicali@monroecc.edu](mailto:rmicali@monroecc.edu).

For more information, call Ross Micali 585.292.3778, email [rmicali@monroecc.edu](mailto:rmicali@monroecc.edu), or Christina Bakewicz, 585.292.3795, [cbakewicz@monroecc.edu](mailto:cbakewicz@monroecc.edu). Space is limited. Candidates must apply for consideration, and will be interviewed.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 8:30 AM Thurston Brooks Arnett Mer- chants a  7:00 PM Square Fair Planning meeting	7 7:00 PM Made in 19 Crafters at 443 Wellington	8	9 1:00 PM 19th Ward Schools Spelling Bee, Hoyt Hall, UR campus
10	11	12 6:30 PM Porch Fest Planning Meeting at 216 Thurston	13 8:00a Genesee Mer- chants @ NSC 7:00 PM Schools Committee at 216 Thurston 7:00 PM PCIC at Staybridge	14 11:00A Housing Com at NSC 7:00 PM Dele- gates Council at Arnett Library 7:00 PM Made in 19 Crafters at 443 Wellington	15	16 9:45a History & Archives Comm @ Brue  10:00 A—3:00 PM Celebrate City Liv- ing, City Hall, 30 Church St
17 Little Theatre see you at the mov- ies	18	19	20 8:00 AM Chili Ave Merchants at Livie's	21 7:00 PM Made in 19 Crafters at 443 Wellington	22 Passover Begins	23
24	25	26	27 6:30 PM 19th WCA Public Safety at RPH	28 7:00 PM Made in 19 Crafters at 443 Wellington	29	30



## The 19<sup>th</sup> Ward Neighborhood

Call the Office for contact information. Be sure your Delegate is aware of your interests and concerns.

- District 1 Marta Driscoll
- District 2 OPEN
- District 3 Penny Griffin
- District 4 Deb Hudnell
- District 5 Zola Brown
- District 6 Don Hanks
- District 7 Jay Ross
- District 8 Mary Fran Kolbuc
- District 9 Austin Pettigrew
- District 10 Donna Sarnacki
- District 11 Ron Stallworth
- District 12 Leigh McMullen
- District 13 Chris Buitrago
- District 14 Charlotte Giebel
- District 15 Laura Suda
- District 16 Lauren Caruso
- District 17 John DeMott
- District 18 Harriette Royer
- District 19 Bryan Babcock
- District 20 Angie Burch
- District 21 Joanne DeMarle
- District 22 OPEN
- District 23 Beverly Usher

Please don't toss this newsletter; pass it on to someone else who might be interested in the information.

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Keep 19WCA in mind:  
United Way  
Donor Option #1142  
through your Employer