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COMMUNITY MEETING

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Mailings:

All property owners with a parcel land use code other than residential and vacant (i.e. Commercial, Recreation and Entertainment, Community Services, Industrial, Public Services, Public Parks) received an invitation letter.

All members of the Black Rock-Riverside GNPA received a postcard (~120 persons).

All block clubs within the Black Rock-Riverside GNPA received an invitation letter (18 Block Clubs with a total of 27 persons as contacts).

All members of record of the Black Rock Businessmen's Association received an invitation letter.

Community stakeholders received an invitation letter: Brian Reilly, Catherine Palko, Drew Eszak, Carla Kosmerl, State Senator Antoine Thompson, Michael Mogavero, Principal—Riverside HS, Wende Mix— Buffalo State College, Mayor Byron Brown, Hon. Henry Nowak, Michelle Barron—BERC, Phil Habestro—Buffalo Wellness Institute, Captain Gregg Blosat and Chief Anthony Barba—D-District Police, Antwan Diggs—Office of Citizen Services, Paula—Hair Oasis, Northwest Buffalo Community Health Care Center Director, Postmaster of Northside Buffalo Post Office, Tony Williams and Larry Pernick—Northwest Buffalo Community Center, Bill Buzak and Linda Chiarenza—Black Rock-Riverside NHS, John Fell, Allita Steward, Erie County Legislator Maria R. Whyte, Assemblymember Sam Hoyt, Julie O'Neill— Buffalo Niagara Riverkeepers

Postcards were distributed as a flyer in the neighborhood by the Dearborn Street Community Association

Newspaper Articles:

An article titled, "Residents Urged to 'Envision' Neighborhood Miniplan," appeared on November 12, 2008, in the Riverside Review, a Northwest Buffalo weekly newspaper with a circulation of over 14,000.

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Publicity leading up to the November 12, 2008 Community Meeting (continued)

An announcement titled, "Black Rock Bicentennial Plan to be Unveiled," appeared on November 12, 2008, in the Riverside Review.

Publicity following the November 12, 2008 Community Meeting

Online:

A webpage is maintained at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/plan_black_rock/ to keep interested parties up-to-date on key planning documents and key milestone dates. 45 preapproved invitations to join this Yahoo! Group were sent to community stakeholders between 11/17/08 and 12/16/08. This address was also publicized at the November 12, 2008 Community Meeting.

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An announcement titled, "Comments Sought for Black Rock Plan," appeared on November 26, 2008, in the Riverside Review.

An article titled, "Planning Alliance Welcomes Visitors Tonight: Neighborhood Plans and Riverside High Reconstruction Lead Agenda," appeared on December 10, 2008, in the Riverside Review.

Invitation Letter



Black Rock - Riverside Good Neighbor Planning Alliance

GNPA, P.O. Box 382, Buffalo, NY 14207

*Meetings Monthly at the
Northwest Buffalo Community Center*

155 Lawn Avenue, Buffalo

Working, Planning and Building a Better Neighborhood!

Join a Committee: Public Safety • Housing • City Services • Human Services • Economic Development

Dear Neighbor:

Please mark your calendar for an important event November 12, 2008 in Historic Black Rock, at St. John's United Church of Christ, 85 Amherst Street, between 6:30PM and 8:30PM. You are invited to help us, in a neighborhood planning effort, to assess what's happening, share your ideas for Historic Black Rock, build community partnerships, and join in a discussion about how to improve the community with your neighbors and representatives of the Black Rock-Riverside Good Neighbors Planning Alliance (BRR GNPA). This effort will serve as the basis for a neighborhood plan to be submitted for incorporation into the Buffalo Comprehensive Plan. The Dearborn Street Community Association is our host for the evening.

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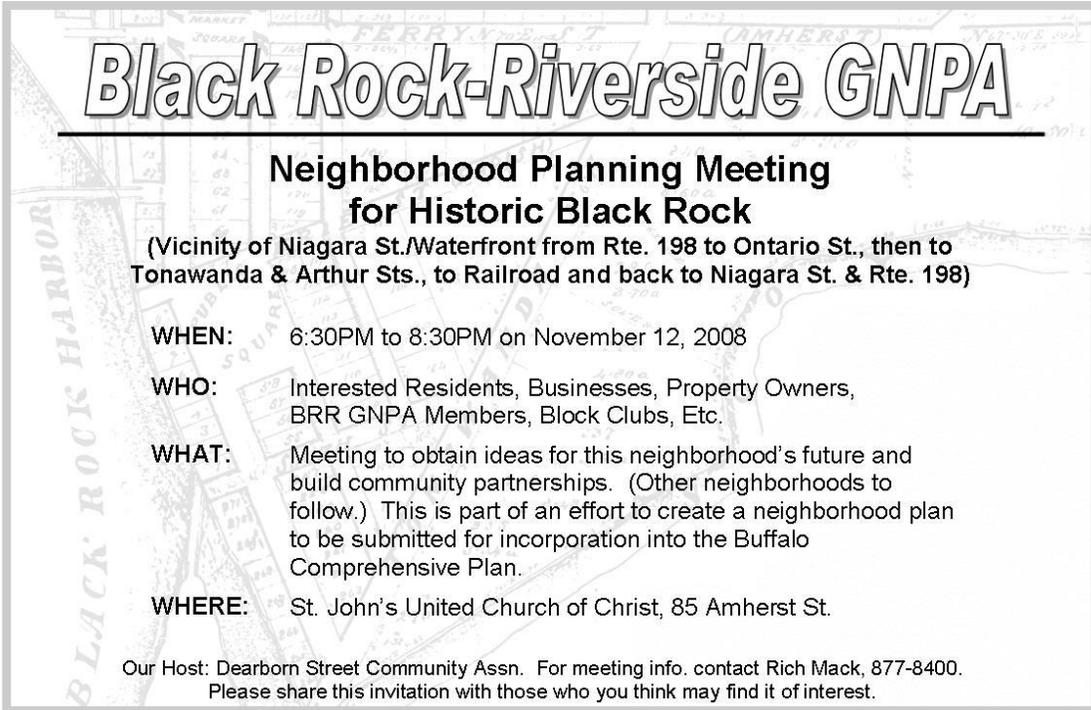
Signed,


Evelyn Vossler, BRR GNPA Co-Chair


Richard Mack, BRR GNPA Co-Chair

Organized Under the Auspices of:

Mayor Byron Brown's Office of Strategic Planning - GNPA, 920 City Hall, Buffalo, NY 14202;
call 851-5035; fax 854-0172; or e-mail: planning@ch.ci.buffalo.ny.us



Black Rock-Riverside GNPA

**Neighborhood Planning Meeting
for Historic Black Rock**

(Vicinity of Niagara St./Waterfront from Rte. 198 to Ontario St., then to
Tonawanda & Arthur Sts., to Railroad and back to Niagara St. & Rte. 198)

WHEN: 6:30PM to 8:30PM on November 12, 2008

WHO: Interested Residents, Businesses, Property Owners,
BRR GNPA Members, Block Clubs, Etc.

WHAT: Meeting to obtain ideas for this neighborhood's future and
build community partnerships. (Other neighborhoods to
follow.) This is part of an effort to create a neighborhood plan
to be submitted for incorporation into the Buffalo
Comprehensive Plan.

WHERE: St. John's United Church of Christ, 85 Amherst St.

Our Host: Dearborn Street Community Assn. For meeting info. contact Rich Mack, 877-8400.
Please share this invitation with those who you think may find it of interest.

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Operation Trick or Treat

On Wednesday, October 29, 2008 the Buffalo Police along with the New York State Police wrapped up a ten month long investigation into street level drug dealing in and around the Riverside area.

The Operation dubbed "Operation Trick or Treat" concluded with the execution of 18 search warrants, which resulted in 23 arrests for felony possession of a controlled substance (crack cocaine & heroin).

These raids were conducted by the Buffalo Police Narcotics unit, State Police Narcotics, MRU Officers, along with SWAT teams from the Buffalo, Amherst and the Erie county Sheriffs Department. The Cheektowaga PD also assisted with members of their K-9 Patrol.

Since the beginning of the investigation and including yesterday's numbers, the investigation resulted in a total of:

- 54 arrests (13 more to come)
- 40 search warrants
- \$30,000 cash seized

- 27 guns seized; 10 handguns, 9 long guns and 8 assault rifles
- 26 suspects indicted on hand to hand sales with undercover Officers (13 have been taken into custody and 13 are still outstanding).
- About 5 kilos of cocaine, 6 oz. of heroin and 4 pounds of marijuana were seized during this operation.

This was the latest successful joint operation by the Buffalo Narcotics Unit and the New York State Police. So far this year they have conducted major narcotics operations in every section of the city; North, South, East and West. Police officials promise to continue to aggressively enforce the Mayor's



Zero Tolerance crime policy, with a major focus on narcotics trafficking. Streets where arrests were made included: Grove, Grote, Amherst, Ontario, Jasper Parrish, Condon, Laird, Roesch, Crowley and Herkimer.

Councilman Joe Golombek applauded the effort, and urges residents to remain diligent, reminding them to call 911 whenever they witness suspicious activity.

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Local Neighborhood Housing Services Awarded State Grant for Significant Housing Rehabilitation

Black Rock - Riverside Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) and West Side NHS, Inc., a NeighborWorks® Charter Member, have named the recipient of a grant from the Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) and New York State's Division of Housing & Community Renewal (DHCR).

The approximately \$800,000 grant will help families west of Main Street rehabilitate their homes, with half of the grant targeted to homes on Parkdale, Hoyt, Baynes and Dearborn Streets.

"I'm very pleased that New York State is making this significant commitment to rebuilding Buffalo's West Side," said Mayor Brown. "With my Administration's commitment to increasing the rehabilitation of 500 residential units over the next five years across the city, as well as our collaborative efforts with PUSH Buffalo, Inc., we are forming the necessary partnerships to successfully transform city residential

neighborhoods that have suffered from neglect and vacant properties. I encourage anyone who lives in these areas to take advantage of this unique opportunity."

WSNHS/BRNHS applied for the grants through the Block by Block program and other DHCR programs to secure the funding for this important project. The streets selected to receive the Block by Block grant are already part of a targeted redevelopment area on Buffalo's West Side. The area also includes Ferguson Ave., which has been rebuilt thanks to collaboration between the City of Buffalo, WSNHS, Habitat for Humanity and Westminster Church. Ten of the houses are in targeted neighborhoods in the Grant Ferry area and on Dearborn Street; others will be selected scattered sights throughout the West Side, Riverside and Black Rock.

"In light of all the bad news we are receiving these days on the economic front, we are excited to offer how to moderate families' the funds needed to rehabilitate their homes," said Linda Chirensa, Executive Director of WSNHS/BRNHS.

"This is another great example of how the City of Buffalo, WSNHS/BRNHS and New York State are working together to rebuild our neighborhoods and help people make needed repairs to stay in their homes. I want to thank DHCR for their commitment to the City."



NHS Exec. Director Linda Chirensa & Buffalo Mayor Byron Brown make grant announcement

Residents can contact West Side NHS at 885-2344 to see if they qualify for the grant programs.

Boys and Girls Club Town Hall

by Dawn Schaffer

On Wednesday, October 29, the Black Rock Boys and Girls Club held a "Kids Town Hall Meeting" on crime and crime prevention. The meeting, sponsored by Senator Antoine Thompson, allowed the children of the club to ask questions, make comments or share experiences with crime they've had or their local community leaders.

Among those in attendance were: Senator Antoine Thompson, Mayor Byron Brown, Legislator Maria Whyte, Senior Detective Dennis Rozansky and Councilman Joe Golombek. Dave Spinda a local community crime advocate and members of the board of block clubs were also present.

The event began one week earlier with a poster contest held at the club. Children were invited to draw a poster about a crime they witnessed, read about or a crime prevention tip. One poster about rain water depicted water fountains with "whites only" sign above it and the words just say no to racism. Another recounted a baby being left in the garbage.

Winners of the poster contest in age category 5-11 were: ARIAN M.

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RUMMAGE SALE
 Saturday, November 8
 1845 Kenmore Avenue
 10:00am - 2:00pm
 Admission \$1.00
 Refreshments available for purchase!
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N.W. Community Center Teams With Bills to Visit Local Schools

On Sunday November 2nd, Duke Preston, Offensive Linemen for the Buffalo Bills teamed up with the Northwest Buffalo Community Center and Mr. Tony D. Williams to take three lucky students from

York Jets. This is the second act of kindness by Preston who, along with Williams, goes to various schools each Tuesday and speaks to students about making good choices



Future's Academy and their Principal Dr. Debra Stevenson and faculty to watch the Bills take on the New

and developing good character. According to Preston, this is a labor of love for him to be able to

give back to the youth of this community. So far this year, Preston and Williams, Director of Operations at the Community Center, have visited Pinnacle Charter School, Future's Academy (twice), Harvey Aultin PS #97 and most recently Mr. Preston and fellow offensive line mate Derrick Dockery paid a visit to the Charter School for Applied Technologies Elementary School speaking to 5th and 6th graders at an assembly put on by their Principal Andrew Lyle.

They talked with them about choices and friendship as it applies to good character. According to Lyle, this was a great moment for students and staff to hear members of the Buffalo Bills talk about how they got to where they are and the sacrifices that they made (choices) to get there. After meeting with the 5th and 6th graders, Preston and Dockery surprised a class of 4th grade students and shared the same

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Congratulations Black Rock - Riverside Little League Cheerleaders!



Raiders Cheerleaders - 2nd Place



Knights Cheerleaders - 2nd Place



Mustangs Cheerleaders - 3rd Place

THE TYRO CHEER SQUAD COMPETITION was held on November 9, 2008. The River-Black squads, overall, met it with great success. The coaches and parents are very proud of all who participated.

The Knights, under Coach Deborah Cery and assistant, Tammy Davidson and Alyssa Garbuck, took second place in their division. The Raiders, under Coach Lisa Ashley and assistant Lynn Cruz and Amber Garbuck, took second place in their division. The Mustangs, under Coach Jessica Garbuck and assistant Tina Diego and Jillian Ayala, took third place in their division. Just missing out were the Rams, under Coach Michelle Christensen and assistant Jeni Carpenter Francisco and Jamie Andre. They didn't place, but that's not to say they didn't do a great job! You'll get them next year.

Thanks are offered to all the girls for their hard work at practice and for supporting each other in competition. Also, thanks to the fans for their support.

In first person

Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

by Al Cooper

Recently overheard at the Black Rock Riverside Food Pantry, a young child questions, "Mother could you please give me a cookie

"I'm hungry," or "Mommy, are we going to have some food to eat tonight," or a child is seen opening a package of cereal and eating it dry while waiting. These are some of the things that the volunteers at the Black Rock Riverside Emergency Food Pantry see and hear all the time.

More and more families are coming to the pantry for help and it just emphasizes the fact that for the last three months we have had a difficult time trying to meet the demand placed on them for food assistance. Clients are allowed to visit the food pantry twice a month, receiving approximately four days food supply for each visit.

Many families are new to the neighborhood, but they have either no income or very low income. Everyone associated with the pantry is constantly picking up a bag of food here, or a box of food there. Yes, we do get food from FEMA and the State of New York, but it is a small amount and doesn't last very long, but we take it and are thankful for every bit.

We are experiencing high pantry usage and a decreasing amount of donations. This we must change with your help. We must purchase a large percentage of food from the supermarkets and pay the vast amount of money that you do. I am

urging you, your friends, and local businesses to please, please do not pass one of our Coin Jars without putting something in. If you do not see our Coin Jar, please ask for it and if the site does not have one, let them know how important they are to our operation ask that they please obtain one.

The pantry has 23 volunteers that are dedicated to making sure that no family runs out of food and that no child has to go to bed on an empty stomach. Every bag of food is nutritionally balanced and will provide at least three days food supply, however usually it turns out that there is a good four days food supply. We make sure that the amount and type of food is certain to provide children with what they need to permit them to grow physically and mentally.

We want to remind everyone that we have never charged for any of the food we give out, and also that there is no paid staff. Everyone is strictly a volunteer.

I want to implore upon you the tremendous task facing us each month and we hope that you will come to our rescue.

The pantry is open on Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 12:30pm, and on Wednesdays from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. The telephone number is 875-1323.

Black Rock Centennial Plan To Be Unveiled

TONIGHT, November 12th, a plan for Historic Black Rock will be unveiled at 50 Rock's United Church.

The evening plan will coincide with the War of 1812 bicentennial commemoration. Come help in a neighborhood planning effort to assess what's happening, share your ideas for Historic Black Rock, and join in a discussion about how to improve the community with your neighbors and representatives of the Black Rock-Riverside Good Neighbors Planning Alliance.

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Residents "Envision" Black Rock Bicentennial Plan

Over 50 people participated in a Historic Black Rock neighborhood planning meeting at St. John's United Church of Christ on Wednesday, November 12th.

Residents, businesses, representatives of elected officials, and other community stakeholders gathered to give suggestions to representatives of the Black Rock-Riverside Good Neighbors Planning Alliance (GNPA) in support of an effort to create a plan for the future of the Historic Black Rock neighborhood, which stretches from Niagara and Tonawanda Streets to Niagara and Ontario Streets, from the waterfront to the rail corridor.

Upon receiving a list of preliminary neighborhood planning ideas upon entering the meeting, attendees of the evening's events reviewed a series of presentations, each informed by meetings with local residents, consultations with experts, and research into Historic Black Rock.

First, an introduction to the Black Rock-Riverside GNPA and how citizen planners are making the area a better place to live, work, and play was given by GNPA co-chair Richard Mack.

Following was a presentation

by Bill Parke from the City of Buffalo Office of Strategic Planning. He spoke on how neighborhood-planning fits in to planning city-wide as detailed in the Buffalo Comprehensive Plan. The goal is to have the Black Rock neighborhood plan submitted as an addendum to the City of Buffalo Master Plan, and then move on to another neighborhood covered by the planning alliance.

Then, a well-researched perspective was delivered on "Why Black Rock Now?" by GNPA co-chair Evelyn Vossler. She highlighted the area's many advantages and constructive responses to current challenges.

Advantages include: ease of travel, historic buildings and sites, walkable features, a strong sense of community, and outstanding waterfront parks and access were identified. Representatives also discussed pending funding applications to reuse local brownfields through the NYS Brownfields Opportunity Area program and establish a U.S. Department of Justice-funded Weed & Seed site, to fight blight and crime and strengthen the neighborhood through collaboration with law enforcement, public agencies, local educational institu-



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tions and community and grassroots organizations.

These presentations led to a "Bicentennial Plan" concept for the Village of Black Rock "in celebration of the War of 1812 and 200 years of village life in Black Rock". This was given by MaryAnn Kedron, Housing Committee Chairperson of the GNPA.

Elements of the vision include new and revitalized housing, new green spaces, a new community space, initiatives to aid commercial properties and local business, and

new waterfront recreation activities.

After a short break, attendees gathered in small groups to discuss the questions of: What makes for a strong community?; What do you want in your neighborhood?; and What do you want gone from your

neighborhood?

This valuable community participation and feedback will be the basis of a draft neighborhood plan to be shared at the December 10 General Meeting of the Black Rock-Riverside GNPA at Northwest Buffalo Community Center at 6:15pm.

Comments on the draft neighborhood plan will be welcome from December 10, 2008 to January 1, 2009. The latest information on the draft plan is available at: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/plan_black_rock/. Comments, suggestions, and questions can be sent to the Black Rock-Riverside GNPA, P.O. Box 382, Buffalo, NY 14207 through January 1, 2009.

The evening ended with thanks expressed by all to the generosity of St. John's United Church of Christ for providing meeting space and to the Dearborn Street Community Association for their role as co-host organization for the meeting.

Seasonal Parking Restrictions in Effect

Mayor Byron Brown announced the implementation of a seasonal parking restriction for specified streets in the City of Buffalo. The parking restriction began Saturday, November 15 and continues nightly through April 1, 2009.

"The City of Buffalo enforces this restriction to guarantee that snowplows will have ample room to clear streets of excess snow and

ice," said Leonard Sciolino, Director of Parking. "This is especially important for streets that see high traffic or are included in bus routes."

The parking restriction will be in effect from 1:30am to 7am, nightly until Wednesday, April 1. Signage is posted in all restricted parking zones, and violators will be ticketed if parked illegally.

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JCPenney Afterschool Funds Awarded to Boys and Girls Clubs

The JCPenney Afterschool Fund is awarding grants to the Boys & Girls Club of the Northtowns to increase access for youth currently without access — or on the verge of losing access — to after school programs due to a lack of financial resources.

Recent studies show that 14.3 million children in the U.S. are unsupervised between the hours and 3pm and 6pm each day. These grants will allow children, who could otherwise be at risk for destructive behavior, access to safe, enriching and educational after school

programs.

Funds from the grants will cover the expense of attending a Club, including staff supervision by full-time, trained youth development professionals; exposure to tried and proven programs; access to community service initiatives; transportation; snacks; and time spent in a safe, "up-to-cool", youth-centric building.

Additionally, each mini-grant recipient will receive a \$50 JCPenney gift card, courtesy of J.C. Penney Company, Inc., to help with the purchase of clothing and supplies for the school year.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America has received funding and support from the JCPenney Afterschool Fund for ten years. High-quality after school programs keep children safe and produce life-changing, lasting benefits, including healthier lifestyles, improved social skills and enhanced academic performance.

In its continuing effort to ensure that every child in America has access to quality after-school programs, the JCPenney Afterschool Fund has given \$2.7M to Boys & Girls Clubs of America for the 2008 - 2009 school year.



THE RIVERSIDE HOME MAKERS met on Monday, and keeping in the Holiday Spirit, worked on Christmas Wreaths. Lucille Gual (center) shows her latest creation to some potential vendors for their marketplace. Next week, the same workshop will work on a project for the trays delivered by Maria On Woods, assisted by "no-know who". The kitchen will be "sponsored" by Joyce Bryson, Delana Grolowski, and Garry Skara.

Recently Remodeled Wilson Farms Store Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Wilson Farms executives along with local dignitaries marked the official grand opening of the recently remodeled Wilson Farms store, located at 584 Ontario St., near Skillen St., with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday morning, Nov. 14.

The store has nearly doubled in size with this renovation, bringing it to a total of 4,628 square-feet. It now features a full-service deli with fresh meats and cheeses and freshly-made subs, sandwiches and salads. An expanded produce, dairy and frozen line as well as an overall increase in product variety for customers to enjoy.

The location will also introduce brand name product lines including Staples, Occidental, Harris and Roadhouse. "This project represents our commitment to give back and to invest in the Western New York region," said CEO and President of Wilson Farms, Paul Namula.

"We welcome the residents of the Buffalo community and nearby neighborhoods to visit the Ontario

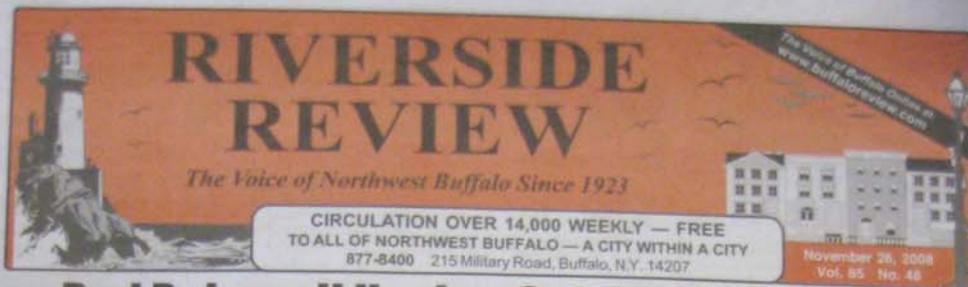
Street Wilson Farms, which has been expanded to better suit the needs of our customers. The increased product variety matched with our consistent quality customer service will make this store a shopping destination for people of all ages."

Just as the construction for the remodeling began on the local store, company representatives worked with neighborhood residents through the Black Rock-Riverside Good Neighbors Planning Alliance and the City of Buffalo Planning Board to make an already good plan even better.

Stop by to check out the store's new design. For more encouragement, check out their flyer inside this week's Riverside Review.

Wilson Farms Neighborhood Food Stores, established in 1969, currently operates 192 convenience store and gas station locations across New York State.

For more information, visit www.wilsonfarms.com.



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Bud Bakewell Hockey Celebrates 50 Years

by Kyle DeLuca
In his 16th year of service to the Bud Bakewell Hockey Club, Andrew Bienenas continues to provide the youth hockey organization with faithful dedication.

Serving his fourth consecutive year as the president of Bud Bakewell Hockey, Bienenas' main objective as president of the organization is keeping the price of hockey participation as reasonable as possible and making sure the children are the most important thing, not just wins and losses and championships.

Bud Bakewell is a local youth hockey organization which plays at the Riverside Ice Rink, around Western New York and participates in tournaments both in the United States and in Canada. The organization holds teams for players from ages 19 and younger. The program is celebrating a state

championship from 2007 from the efforts of the Pee Wee team, which is ages 12 and younger.

Although championships are nice to have, the main goal of Bud Bakewell is to teach children sportsmanship, promote physical exercise and enhancing moral character. Another aspect of Bud Bakewell that is serving the community, is the participation of Hasek's Heres.

In its seventh year with the Riverside Ice Rink, Hasek's Heres provides under-privileged children of all ages with an opportunity to learn and play the game of ice hockey. You do not have to be a full-time player at Bud Bakewell to participate in these services either. The program is held through the beginning of November to the middle of March.

For more information about the program contact Sean Green at (716)



HOCKEY ORGANIZATION FOUNDER and "Wall of Fame" - the late Bud Bakewell.

875-4820
Bill Kiblin, a parent of a former Bud Bakewell skater who now plays at the Riverside Ice Rink for high school hockey had nothing but good things to say about the

Hasek's Heres program and the Bud Bakewell organization itself.

"I have been very impressed with the organization for the past eleven years. They teach the right things to the kids and have good coaches, it's a great organization," he said.

Another concern that Bienenas has as president is keeping the solid reputation of the Bud Bakewell Hockey organization as positive as it can be.

Bienenas does this by making the expenses of a pricey sport, a bit more manageable for area families trying to put their children through ice hockey and trying to involve new people with new ideas for the promotion of the program.

"I know when Bud (Bakewell) started the club, he had the community children in mind. None of this would be possible had it not been for his dedication and that's what I am striving for," he said.

The Riverside ice rink does not only host Bud Bakewell hockey, but also Buffalo Public School Explorer League hockey, the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped (SABAH), the Buffalo Sabres sled hockey organization and is also available to the public through open skate.

The ice rink, located at 2607 Niagara Street is open seven days a week beginning the first week of August and ending the first week of April. The open skate schedule varies from week to week, due to the schedules of the youth hockey leagues and high school hockey.

leagues. The public skate schedule can be found in this week's *Riverside Review* on page six.

Secretary Mark Major, serving on the board of directors at Bud Bakewell as a secretary agrees that Bienenas is the right man for the job.

"He is a dedicated volunteer, he doesn't have any children in the program anymore and he is still out there trying to make things run as smooth as possible. He is really keeping the Bud Bakewell pride alive and strong," said Major.

Bienenas, a middle-aged father of two has watched his children grow up and learn the game of hockey through the organization. Even without his children skating for Bud Bakewell anymore Bienenas is still a mainstay at the rink. His dedication to the organization and those it reaches out to is evident in the fact that his position is completely voluntary.

It is important to understand that Bienenas is not paid for his efforts at Bud Bakewell. What Bienenas does for the organization is done out of a love of the sport, and a keen interest in keeping the programs true moral guidelines striving.

Keeping the Bud Bakewell motto alive is good for the organization itself, but also good for the Riverside and Black Rock community to which it has positively served for the past 50 years.

"Just like Bud, I want to make sure the community children are the focus of the programs we offer at Bud Bakewell," Bienenas said.

"Rediscover Riverside" Group Is Meeting with Enthusiasm

During the month of November, "Rediscover Riverside" was honored to have two community leaders speak at their meetings on Wednesday evenings held at the Amvets Post on Revere Place.

Their first guest was Nancy Cote, former agent in charge of the Buffalo Office for the DEA. She spoke concerning awareness and what to do to help local law enforcement to be in-tune with drug traffic in the neighborhood.

Antwan Diggs, director of

"Weed and Seed", an ex-con who through Sr. Karen Klimczak and the HOPE House, taught how his life was turned around and away from crime.

Weed & Seed is a positive Department of Justice program with a goal of control violent crime, drug trafficking, and to show that when people work together they can achieve a healthier, safer place to live. Currently, there is a "Weed and Seed" application submitted by the Black Rock Riverside Good Neigh-

bor Planning Alliance (GNPA) in hopes of receiving funding for crime prevention programs.

"Thank you to both Nancy and Antwan for educating our community," said Bonnie Eschborn.

The importance of youth involvement in the community will be, in part, the topic for the December 3rd and 17th meetings. The guests for the December 3rd meeting will be Virginia Clark from Xtreme Wheels and GNPA co-chaus Evelyn Vossler from St. Mark's Church and Richard Mack, editor of the *Riverside Review*.

The meetings will start at 6:00pm sharp.

St. John Eudes Knights of Columbus Spreading a Little Community Service

On November 19, 2008, St. John Eudes Knights of Columbus sent gift boxes to our troops in Iraq.

The group received a lot of donations and they want to thank the boys and girls of Our Lady of Black Rock School for the letters they wrote to the troops and the items they donated.

They also received a donation of reading material from the Assumption Block Club and donations from the Eudets - the Knights ladies auxiliary, plus extra donations from the Knights.

"Thank you all for your help,"

said Donald Striwell. "I am sure the troops will enjoy them. We need to let the troops that we support them and pray for their safe return home."

On November 22, 2008, the St. John Eudes prepared and served a Thanksgiving dinner at the troop kitchen of Assumption Church.

"We served over 100 meals of turkey with all the trimmings. I just want to thank all those who donated turkeys and those who help make our dinner a great success," said Striwell. "Thank you for supporting The Knights of Columbus. HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL."

Comments Sought For Black Rock Plan

On November 12, the Black Rock-Riverside Good Neighbors Planning Alliance, with assistance from neighborhood partners, held a community meeting to solicit planning ideas for Historic Black Rock.

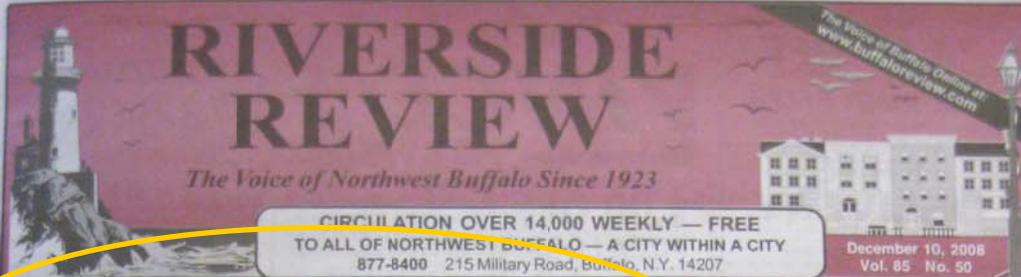
A "Plan Black Rock" Yahoo! Group can be found at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/plan_black_rock/ to review the local planning documents.

If you wish to share ideas or comments, email them to Bill Parke at bparks@city-buffalo.com before December 1, 2008.

Northwest Seniors Elect New Officers



THE NEWLY ELECTED Northwest Seniors Advisory Board (2008-2010) from the Northwest Buffalo Community Center were all sworn in by North District Councilman Joe Golorbek on Thursday November 20th. Also present in the ceremony was Northwest Buffalo Community Center Executive Director Lawrence Perneck.



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Planning Alliance Welcomes Visitors Tonight

Neighborhood Plans and Riverside High Reconstruction Lead Agenda

By Evelyn Vostler
The local Good Neighbors Planning Alliance (GNPA) will hold its annual meeting tonight at 6:15pm in the new Citizens Meeting Room inside the Northwest Buffalo Community Center on Lawn Avenue off Military Road.

There is excitement in the air as we plan to review comments made about the Mini-Plan that was presented to the community on November 12th at St. John's United Church of Christ. This is only the first of what should be four mini-plans for our entire planning district. The GNPA is actively assessing which specific neighborhood will be focused on next.

With that in mind, GNPA chairpersons, Richard Mack, and myself were guests at the Rediscoverside meeting last Wednesday at Am Vets Post 13. This fairly new group had a very good showing of interested residents.

Bonnie Eschborn led the group with great enthusiasm, emphasizing the need for positive thinking. They had a local businessperson, Virginia Clark from Extreme Wheels Skate Park, speak to the group about the type of business they run and what they bring to the neighborhood. The presentation was very informative. Clark explained that there is a

charitable side, not to mention the benefit to our community to have a place that serves the younger generation in their genre. Besides the various sporting venues, they also hold concerts in a safe environment that brings in youth from all over the Western New York area. The conversation led to forward thinking of what new businesses might benefit from this kind of "traffic" to our area.

Richard Mack then spoke, first about his position in regards to serving the neighborhood through his newspaper, but secondly about the commitment that he and many others have made to Planning for our future through the City Charter, GNPA.

I spoke about the Black Rock Mini-Plan, from inception to presentation, how the plan took form for that particular area because of community involvement factors. As we have been trying to stress, we are looking for the next neighborhood and the criteria for our search has much to do with availability of residents, community groups, and leaders to be willing participants.

Richard gave a similar but much shorter explanation to members of the Grant-Amherst Business Association on Monday night. We look forward to doing the same in the

West Hertel neighborhood in the near future.

The first plan took about 12 months to put together. There is research to be done, surveys to be made, lots of walking the area, and much data to compile. A plan needs to consider all views, meaning the participation of those who know best what they need added or removed to make a better quality of life for all. It is expected, with our newly gained experience and help from neighborhood residents, that future mini-plans will be completed in a much more rapid pace.

I encourage residents interested in seeing their neighborhood "jump on the bandwagon" to attend tonight's meeting. If you can't be there, but would like Richard and I to attend a group function, we would be glad to do that as time allows. We are charged up about what can happen so don't be left out.

Additionally, Councilman Joe Golombek has arranged for us to have Amber Dixon from Buffalo School's Superintendent, William's office come and explain to us what is happening with the reconstruction of Riverside High School.

This meeting is in place of the usual fourth Wednesday of the month for November and December. We look forward to your visit.

Grant-Amherst Business Assoc. Hosts Mayor's Visit



The Grant-Amherst Business Association held its monthly meeting on Monday, December 8th at Polish Cadets Hall. Byron Brown, Mayor of Buffalo was the guest speaker. He heard about business district projects and fielded comments from GABA members. The Mayor assured business members that one of the City's new surveillance cameras would be up soon at the corner of Grant and Amherst streets. The mayor also discussed issues including property tax assessments, the intermunicipal parks agreement with Erie County, and the devastating effect the New York State budget woes could have on local government. He did explain, however, that the City of Buffalo should be able to operate fine because of a "Rainy Day" fund the city has accumulated. The meeting was followed by a joint Christmas party with the Forest District Association. Pictured above with Mayor Brown are Councilmembers Joseph Golombek and David Rivera, County Legislator Maria Whyte (and her son), and GABA officers Caleb Basiliko, Mark Kubiniec, and Joanna Dickinson.

December Art Market on Amherst Street

by Newell Nussbaumer

When Sue "Frenchy" Cholewa first purchased the old Howie's Appliance building on Amherst Street, she knew it was going to be an uphill battle to get people to believe in her decision. Why would shoppers go to Amherst Street when Hertel Avenue and Elmwood Avenue were both right around the corner?

Those questions didn't stop her from purchasing the building, and those questions didn't stop her from testing out a few different scenarios. First, the thought was to host some artistic parties in order to draw attention to the space. That worked. It wasn't long before the folks from Lightmakers were scurrying. Eventually Lightmakers bit and set up shop, it was just for a year

After that first year in which the shop became more of a storage unit than an actual interactive operating business, Frenchy and Lightmakers went their separate ways and once again the storefront was empty. It was then that Frenchy decided to take advantage of the growing artistic community in the neighborhood. She sent out a call for artists and opted to turn her old world storefront into a cooperative art market. Thankfully, she has been overwhelmed with responses and over the last few days she has enlisted the artists, her friends and students in her North Tonawanda high school French class, to help pull the art market together.

I pipped in recently to see what all of the fuss was about. Do you remember when Tom Sawyer enlisted his friends to help him paint the fence (his choice) by making it look like the job was fun? Well, Tom was sitting under a nearby tree while his friends painted. The fence that was

the scene that I came across when I walked into the whirlwind of activity - except that Frenchy was right there helping, alongside all of her friends. The crew was working hard to prepare for Saturday evening's opening reception of the December Art Market. I took a look at the art and the handmade gifts and was honestly impressed with the quality of the items for sale.

I would imagine that the overall intention of this art market is twofold. The more visitors that get to visit the space the better. It's a beautiful interior that people just need to see and the added exposure for Amherst Street is key. As a matter of fact, the market is located next door to Artisphere Studio and Gallery. Second, I would hope that a few of these artists decide to call this gallery their "home" in the future. The location is perfect as an artist incubator one. And now that I have seen it as an art market, I can't imagine it as anything else.

The gallery is located at 464 Amherst Street between Elmwood and Grant.

Hours through December 20th:
Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm, Satur-
day 10am-5pm and Sunday 11am-
5pm. www.buffaloreview.com



St. John's Church Hosts Annual Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Service

St. John's United Church of Christ hosted the Erie County Council of Anvets for their Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day on Sunday, December 7, 2008. The purpose of the annual commemoration of Pearl Harbor is to ensure that it is "never forgotten".

Erie County Council Commander, Ron Dantelwicz stated, "As the years go by we have new memories from other conflicts which must also be remembered and especially taught in the schools for generations to come. History should never be forgotten."

The day started with different Anvets posts and Auxiliaries, Erie County Council, State Veterans Dept., Buffalo Veterans Assoc., Korean War Veterans, Navy-Marine Corps Assoc., Greater Buffalo DAV and Auxiliary, Niagara Falls Junior Military League Cadets, U.S.N., the Sullivan Division Sea Cadets, Emergency Medical Services of Tonawanda, Tonawanda Firelighters War Veterans, Tonawanda Veterans

Commission, Toronto Civic Honor Guard, Byron Byng Branch 142 and Auxiliary, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 11 and Auxiliary, Branch 22 and Auxiliary, Branch 322 and Auxiliary, District "D",

and the congregation of St. John's met in the social hall for refreshments before going upstairs to the sanctuary.

The service began with the traditional "Posting of the Colors" and the singing of "O Canada" and the "Star Spangled Banner". It was followed by a moving service led by Pastor Elaine Urish.

After the service, the veterans groups left for another service at the Servicemen's Park, after which everyone was invited to a luncheon and program sponsored by the local Anvets Post 13 and the Auxiliary. The program consisted of recognizing the different groups in attendance and special guests, members of Pearl Harbor, and Gold Star Parents.



Generational Vets Embrace PEARL HARBOR DECEMBER 7, 1941

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 2 NOVEMBER 12, 2008 COMMUNITY MEETING AND COMMENTS

November 12, 2008 Meeting Summary of Posters and Maps from Interactive Session

QUESTION 1: WHAT MAKES FOR A STRONG COMMUNITY? (Be specific)

List from Interactive Table 1:

- Pride in Home Ownership
- Forming block clubs/knowing your neighbors
- kids/neighbors helping community
- Safety, lighting, pride
- Communication between neighbors
- Supporting local businesses
- Police presence (bike/foot patrol)
- Community/cultural centers

List from Interactive Table 2:

- Porches
- Clean community
- Shared vision
- Meeting security concerns (bring the people to the street)
- Communication between groups (porch lights)
- Crime watch
- Community events
- Know your neighborhoods/neighbors
- Incorporate children into neighborhood

List from Interactive Table 3:

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| - Churches | - Historic preservation |
| - Owner-occupants | - Law enforcement |
| - Community interaction | - The arts |
| - Block clubs | - Street cameras |
| - Quality schools (neighborhood) | - Parent who parent |
| - Educated residents | - Mutual respect |
| - Vibrant businesses | - More problem solving |
| - Pride of ownership | - Infrastructure: Roads, sidewalks,
utilities |
| - Community pride | - Civic minded residents |
| - Community identity | - Cleanliness |
| - Families/children | - Adequate health facilities |
| - Health club | |

November 12, 2008 Meeting Summary of Posters and Maps from Interactive Session

QUESTION 2: WHAT DO YOU WANT GONE FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? (Be specific)

List from Interactive Table 1:

- Streets need repair (Dearborn, Niagara St. – sidewalks)
- Tree maintenance/Removal (Dearborn, Austin)
- (Add) Historic/pedestrian friendly street lamps
- (Add) garbage cans on street/bus stops
- (Add) snow removal at bus stops
- Get kids off street at night (police enforcement)
- Garbage in lots

List from Interactive Table 2:

- (*Named Commercial Establishment*) (drug activity, under investigation)
- Drug dealers
- Boom boxes (loud music, bass)
- Bus school stop on Dearborn (take back to Niagara)
- Graffiti
- Irresponsible landlords
- Identify good landlords

List from Interactive Table 3:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Drug dealers- I-190- Absentee landlords- Graffiti- Abandoned houses- Speeding traffic (Niagara Street)- Running stop signs- Garbage dumping- Apathy (lack of community involvement)- Overgrown vacant lots- Prostitution | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- (<i>Unnamed Commercial Establishment</i>)- Littering- Coordinated traffic lights- Ambassador bridge- Vacant store fronts- Vacant houses- Cats (Strays)- Dog poop- Poverty (poor families)- Uneducated children- Quality of life issues (loud music, etc.) |
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November 12, 2008 Meeting Summary of Posters and Maps from Interactive Session

QUESTION 3: WHAT DO YOU WANT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? (Be specific)

List from Interactive Table 1:

- Owner-occupied residences
- Business involved in community
- Community gathering places (BBQ pits, Pool)
- Slow traffic on Niagara Street, Make it Pedestrian friendly
- Neighborhood yearly social event to meet neighbors
- Better use of vacant lots (gardens, playground)
- City should donate vacant lots to homeowners
- Neighborhood kids to stay in local schools

List from Interactive Table 2:

- Small businesses (local owned)
- More police presence
- ACTIVE neighborhood watches
- Married student housing
- More rehabilitation (grants, loans)
- Advertise accomplishments
- Signs (tourism)
- Intense energy efficient rehab (LEED standards, straw bale code acceptance)

List from Interactive Table 3:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Tennis courts- More businesses- Safety after dark- Retail- Infrastructure (sidewalks, curbs)- School- Lighting- Crosswalks- Increased home ownership vs. renting- Housing inspection enforcement- Police walking a beat- Community center police substation- Dry cleaners- Infill housing- Curfew enforcement- Music festival/art fest- Youth center | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Movie night outdoors (Market Square)- Nice parks- Slow down Niagara Street/Tonawanda Street- Bikes on Niagara Street |
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November 12, 2008 Meeting Summary of Posters and Maps from Interactive Session

MAPS: Each Interactive Table marked up a base map showing streets, highways and highway ramps, and railroads on top of an aerial photograph.

Map from Interactive Table 1:

- Drug dealer in proximity to Tonawanda and Hertel
- Drug dealer on Dearborn between Austin and Hamilton
- Tennis courts for Gordon and Austin
- Heritage garden for Dearborn and Hamilton
- Prostitutes on East near Bridge
- Reconstruct Niagara Street between Bridge and Arthur
 - Bikepath
 - Lighting
 - Curbs
 - Sidewalks
 - Planters
 - Traffic Calming Measures
 - Reduced Lanes
 - Signage
- Signs on I-190 Advertise Neighborhood
- New Neighborhood within the Neighborhood? indicated for waterfront land west of I-190
- Houseboat Community indicated for waterfront land west of I-190
- Tennis courts for Squaw Island Park
- (*Unnamed commercial establishment*)

Map from Interactive Table 2:

- Move 190 to here?! (with arrows indicated for ramps into neighborhood)
- (Markup lines at elevated I-190 and 33 interchange)
- No Thru Truck Traffic for Austin and Niagara
- Walkable Small Business District for between Amherst and Arthur
 - Slowing traffic
 - Sidewalk improvements
 - Lighting
- Recreation indicated for waterfront land west of I-190
- Pocket parks indicated for Hamilton at Dearborn, midblock Gordon between Farmer and Austin, Thompson near Farmer, Niagara and Farmer
- Black Rock Canal Park

Map from Interactive Table 3:

- Need more developed recreation on Squaw Island
- (*Nnamed commercial establishment*) GONE
- 190 Dearborn at Amherst and Dearborn must be developed: Visible well kept invitation to the neighborhood
- 269 Dearborn Heritage Garden
- Hamilton –Learning Center

November 12, 2008 Meeting
Summary of Posters and Maps from Interactive Session

- Bring small business to Niagara Street
- Keep business district walking friendly
- Art festival: Advertise!!
- Market Square Park: Stalls around music in park
- “Black Rock Days”

Transcribed from Originals November 24, 2008

Other questions that need to be asked -

What is this community's demography?

What is this community's economic, income distribution?

Based on the answers to those two questions -

- ① what is needed by the population now?
- ② what population can be expected within the next 10, 20, 30 years?
- ③ what economic, demographic groups are missing and wanted or need to be increased?
- ④ what is going to draw and keep those groups here?

1. Look to the North Tonawanda Canal heritage area as an example of leveraging canal history in Black Rock

2. We need a Community Map, paid for advertisements of local services

Comments given by attendee at Nov. 12, 2008 meeting, Transcribed 12/3/2008

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APPENDIX 3 COMMENTS RECEIVED AFTER NOVEMBER 12 TO DECEMBER 1, 2008

Parke, Bill

From: Kraft, Renata [rkraft@BERGMANNPC.com]
Sent: Monday, December 01, 2008 1:46 PM
To: plan_black_rock-owner@yahoogroups.com
Cc: Jason McCarthy; jboneill@bnriverkeeper.org; Parke, Bill
Subject: RE: Historic Black Rock waterfront mini-plan - comments due today!!!

Oops, forgot to add a couple important items:

1. Sustainability: This could be a separate heading that lists sustainable ideas or these ideas could be included in each section: Rain gardens on vacant lots, rehabs, new builds and conversions and in re-habbed parking lots such as at Tops and Riverkeeper; bioswales in medians or in snow storage areas; encourage green roofs, flow through planters and rain barrels, structural soil under pavement restorations; permeable pavements where possible; raised planters with healthy soils that double as seat walls; community garden spaces, including container gardens on roofs and as bollards; vertical green walls, etc.
2. Universal accessibility: Should be kept firmly in mind in all planning and design activities.

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Cc: 'Jason McCarthy'; jboneill@bnriverkeeper.org; 'bparke@city-buffalo.com'
Subject: FW: Historic Black Rock waterfront mini-plan - comments due today!!!

Comments from my brief review:

1. Great overall mini-plan!
2. Under LandUse, Zoning and Urban Design add:
 - a. "Emphasize walkability with pedestrian scaled improvements and enhancements to the streetscape" and
 - b. "Integrate public art participation in planning, design, and implementation of streetscape development"
3. Under Historic Restoration add: "Promote and interpret the multi-cultural legacy of the Black Rock Community"
4. Under Transportation add:
 - a. "Utilize percent for art funding to include artists on design teams and to fund unique artistic interpretation and enhancement of the Corridor" and
 - b. "Explore the use of bump-outs and roundabouts for traffic calming and pedestrian improvements"
 - c. "Use visual cues including integrated art and wayfinding methodologies to emphasize connections to the waterfront and to inland landmarks"
 - d. Add custom transit shelters and bike racks
5. Under Commercial add:
 - a. "Emphasize or encourage "maritime" businesses and industries"
 - b. "Encourage more ethic food markets, bakeries, fish stands, restaurants"
 - c. "Provide incentives to attract the arts: lofts, studios, venues, workshops...use a broad net to include all trades in keeping with the historic character that includes metalsmiths, boatbuilders, etc.
6. Under Parks, Recreation and Waterfront add:

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- a. Incorporate the concept of adding "Placitas" and "Promenade" opportunities" that promote both passive gathering and high activity locations. These microparks should be developed in fully visible locations that encourage and support community on-street presence including seating areas, wi-fi, game tables, skatespots, nighttime luminosity, street music and street dancing venues, etc."
7. Under Public Safety add:
 - a. Encourage police sponsored events that include collaborations with local groups to provide activities such as street dancing or skateboarding demonstrations, streetside latin dance instruction, fashion shows, festivals, etc.
8. Under Marketing add:
 - a. Attract list.. add artists, musicians and craftsmen
 - b. Promote maritime, including great fishing, commercial and recreational
 - c. Emphasize multi-cultural, both historical and continued influence
 - d. Promote easy and important connection to Canada
 - e. Highlight and develop as walkable proximity to CBD
 - f. Promote safety of corridor
 - g. "Niagara Street is the City's urban waterfront Corridor"

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Subject: Historic Black Rock waterfront mini-plan - comments due today!!!

Dear Waterfront Coalition Members,

Please see the email below and respond accordingly. The comments are due today. Let me know if you need any further assistance.

Thank you,
Kate S.

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----- Original Message -----

Subject:Historic Black Rock waterfront mini-plan - send out to the waterfront coalition - comments due today!!!

Date:Mon, 01 Dec 2008 10:00:20 -0500

From:<jboneill@bnriverkeeper.org>

To:kscott@bnriverkeeper.org

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Historic Black Rock mini-plan

Date: Mon, 17 Nov 2008 15:38:08 -0500

From: "Parke, Bill" <bparke@ch.ci.buffalo.ny.us>

To: <jboneill@bnriverkeeper.org>

Here is a document listing draft goals for the Historic Black Rock mini-plan (attached). You are welcome to submit your comments.

I hope to add additional information in the coming days at this web site, so you might want to join this Yahoo! Group:
http://groups.yahoo.com/group/plan_black_rock

Rgds,

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December 1, 2008

Dear Mr. Parke:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Historic Black Rock Mini-Plan. Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper believes that the Historic Black Rock neighborhood holds enormous promise. Due to its ability to access the Niagara River at grade, historic building stock, existing marinas and maritime service facilities the neighborhood is very ripe for waterfront redevelopment.

We are particularly interested in working with both the City and the neighborhood to ensure that public access to the water's edge is protected and expanded, that the neighborhood's maritime services are preserved and that neighborhood improvements contribute to improvements in river health through the use of low impact development and green infrastructure techniques.

We are delighted that the New York State Department of State has awarded funding to the City and Riverkeeper to work with residents and local businesses to develop and begin implementation of a Niagara Street Greenway Plan. We look forward to formally kicking off the project with stakeholders as soon as the City's contract with Riverkeeper is finalized.

We look forward to working with the entire neighborhood on this exciting planning effort and pledge our resources to the implementation of a community based and river-sensitive waterfront development effort.

Your partner and Niagara Street neighbor,

Julie Barrett O'Neill
Buffalo Niagara RIVERKEEPER

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APPENDIX 4 LAND USE MAP

HISTORIC BLACK ROCK: WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY PLAN



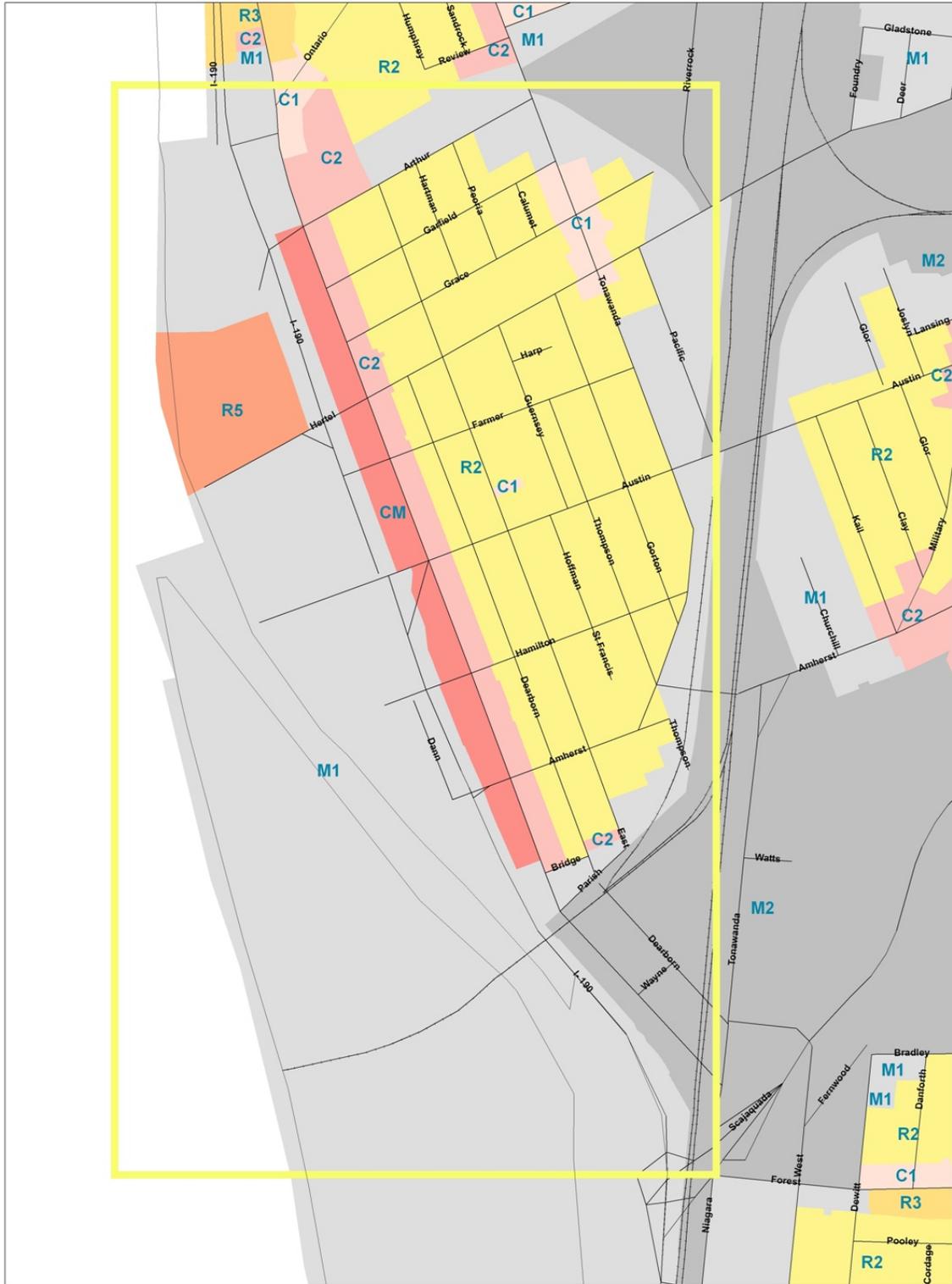
Historic Black Rock
Current Land Use

- LEGEND**
- Historic Black Rock Planning Boundary
 - Railroads
 - Street
- LANDUSE (Feb. 2008)**
- Residential single family
 - Residential two family
 - Residential three family
 - Residential other
 - Vacant
 - Commercial
 - Recreational
 - Community Service
 - Industrial
 - Public Service
 - Conservation Areas / Parks

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APPENDIX 5 ZONING MAP

HISTORIC BLACK ROCK: WAR OF 1812 BICENTENNIAL COMMUNITY PLAN



Historic Black Rock Current Zoning*

LEGEND

- Historic Black Rock Planning Boundary
- Railroads
- Street

ZONING*

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C1 Neighborhood Business District - C1 C2 Community Business District - C2 C3 Central Business District - C3 CM General Commercial District - CM M1 Light Industrial District - M1 M2 General Industrial District - M2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> M3 Heavy Industrial District - M3 R1 One-Family District - R1 R2 Dwelling District - R2 R3 Dwelling District - R3 R4 Apartment District - R4 R5 Apartment-Hotel District - R5
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*For display purposes only. For up-to-date zoning at the parcel level, consult with the Land Use Administration division, Office of Strategic Planning, City of Buffalo

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APPENDIX 6 SELECTED DEMOGRAPHICS

DP-1: Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
 Geographic Area: Census Tract 59, Erie County, New York

Subject	2000 Census Number	2000 Census Percent
Total population	3,784	100
SEX AND AGE		
Male	1,828	48.3
Female	1,956	51.7
Under 5 years	257	6.8
5 to 9 years	269	7.1
10 to 14 years	279	7.4
15 to 19 years	262	6.9
20 to 24 years	246	6.5
25 to 34 years	466	12.3
35 to 44 years	629	16.6
45 to 54 years	470	12.4
55 to 59 years	196	5.2
60 to 64 years	164	4.3
65 to 74 years	288	7.6
75 to 84 years	189	5
85 years and over	69	1.8
Median age (years)	37	(X)
18 years and over	2,822	74.6
Male	1,317	34.8
Female	1,505	39.8
21 years and over	2,663	70.4
62 years and over	640	16.9
65 years and over	546	14.4
Male	205	5.4
Female	341	9
RACE		
One race	3,652	96.5
White	3,225	85.2
Black or African American	203	5.4
American Indian and Alaska Native	79	2.1
Asian	40	1.1
Asian Indian	1	0
Chinese	7	0.2
Filipino	1	0
Japanese	0	0
Korean	1	0
Vietnamese	16	0.4
Other Asian 1	14	0.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0	0
Native Hawaiian	0	0
Guamanian or Chamorro	0	0
Samoan	0	0
Other Pacific Islander 2	0	0
Some other race	105	2.8
Two or more races	132	3.5
Race alone or in combination with one or more other races 3		
White	3,336	88.2
Black or African American	266	7
American Indian and Alaska Native	122	3.2
Asian	52	1.4
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3	0.1
Some other race	146	3.9
HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
Total population	3,784	100
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	308	8.1
Mexican	13	0.3
Puerto Rican	245	6.5
Cuban	0	0
Other Hispanic or Latino	50	1.3
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,476	91.9
White alone	3,076	81.3
RELATIONSHIP		
Total population	3,784	100
In households	3,784	100
Householder	1,741	46
Spouse	459	12.1
Child	1,141	30.2

DP-1: Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data
 Geographic Area: Census Tract 59, Erie County, New York

Subject	2000 Census Number	2000 Census Percent
Own child under 18 years	865	22.9
Other relatives	185	4.9
Under 18 years	73	1.9
Nonrelatives	258	6.8
Unmarried partner	142	3.8
In group quarters	0	0
Institutionalized population	0	0
Noninstitutionalized population	0	0
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	1,741	100
Family households (families)	884	50.8
With own children under 18 years	473	27.2
Married-couple family	459	26.4
With own children under 18 years	216	12.4
Female householder, no husband present	320	18.4
With own children under 18 years	206	11.8
Nonfamily households	857	49.2
Householder living alone	748	43
Householder 65 years and over	301	17.3
Households with individuals under 18 years	517	29.7
Households with individuals 65 years and over	474	27.2
Average household size	2.17	(X)
Average family size	3.02	(X)
HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Total housing units	2,023	100
Occupied housing units	1,741	86.1
Vacant housing units	282	13.9
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	7	0.3
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	5.1	(X)
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	9.5	(X)
HOUSING TENURE		
Occupied housing units	1,741	100
Owner-occupied housing units	667	38.3
Renter-occupied housing units	1,074	61.7
Average household size of owner-occupied unit	2.45	(X)
Average household size of renter-occupied unit	2	(X)

(X) Not applicable

1 Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

2 Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

3 In combination with one or more other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1, Matrices P1, P3, P4, P8, P9, P12, P13, P,17, P18, P19, P20, P23, P27, P28, P33, PCT5, PCT8, PCT11, PCT15, H1, H3, H4, H5, H11, and H12.

P53. MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999 (DOLLARS) [1] - Universe: Households
Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

	Census Tract 59, Erie County, New York
Median household income in 1999	19,167

U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

P52. HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1999 [17] - Universe: Households
 Data Set: Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data

	Census Tract 59, Erie County, New York
Total:	1,736
Less than \$10,000	471
\$10,000 to \$14,999	260
\$15,000 to \$19,999	167
\$20,000 to \$24,999	219
\$25,000 to \$29,999	76
\$30,000 to \$34,999	110
\$35,000 to \$39,999	62
\$40,000 to \$44,999	64
\$45,000 to \$49,999	70
\$50,000 to \$59,999	110
\$60,000 to \$74,999	48
\$75,000 to \$99,999	60
\$100,000 to \$124,999	11
\$125,000 to \$149,999	0
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4
\$200,000 or more	4
Total Count	1736

U.S. Census Bureau

DP-1: General Population and Housing Characteristics: 1990
 Data Set: 1990 Summary Tape File 1 (STF 1) - 100-Percent data
 Geographic Area: Tract 59, Erie County, New York

Subject	1990 Census Number	1990 Census Percent
Total population	4,195	
SEX		
Male	1,981	47.2%
Female	2,214	52.8%
AGE		
Under 5 years	363	8.7%
5 to 17 years	731	17.4%
18 to 20 years	167	4.0%
21 to 24 years	255	6.1%
25 to 44 years	1,267	30.2%
45 to 54 years	392	9.3%
55 to 59 years	184	4.4%
60 to 64 years	180	4.3%
65 to 74 years	368	8.8%
75 to 84 years	241	5.7%
85 years and over	47	1.1%
Under 18 years	1,094	26.1%
65 years and over	656	15.6%
HOUSEHOLDS BY TYPE		
Total households	1,860	
Family households (families)	1,028	55.3%
Married-couple families	614	33.0%
Other family, male householder	94	5.1%
Other family, female householder	320	17.2%
Nonfamily households	832	44.7%
Householder living alone	742	39.9%
Householder 65 years and over	347	18.7%
Persons living in households	4,195	225.5%
Persons per household	2.26	
GROUP QUARTERS		
Persons living in group quarters	0	
Institutionalized persons	0	
Other persons in group quarters	0	
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN		
White	3,996	95.3%
Black	66	1.6%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	62	1.5%
Asian or Pacific Islander	37	0.9%
Other race	34	0.8%
Hispanic origin (of any race)	118	2.8%
Total housing units	2,012	
OCCUPANCY AND TENURE		
Occupied housing units	1,860	92.4%
Owner occupied	766	38.1%
Renter occupied	1,094	54.4%
Vacant housing units	152	7.6%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	2	0.1%
Homeowner vacancy rate	0.8	
Rental vacancy rate	5	
Persons per owner-occupied unit	2.63	
Persons per renter-occupied unit	2	
Units with over 1 person per room	22	

DP-1: General Population and Housing Characteristics: 1990
 Data Set: 1990 Summary Tape File 1 (STF 1) - 100-Percent data
 Geographic Area: Tract 59, Erie County, New York

Subject	1990 Census Number	1990 Census Percent
UNITS IN STRUCTURE		
1-unit detached	633	31.5%
1-unit attached	24	1.2%
2 to 4 units	968	48.1%
5 to 9 units	42	2.1%
10 or more units	307	15.3%
Mobile home, trailer, or other	38	1.9%
VALUE		
Specified owner-occupied housing units	463	
Less than \$50,000	409	88.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	53	11.4%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	0	0.0%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	0	0.0%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1	0.2%
\$300,000 or more	0	0.0%
Median (dollars)	33,300	
CONTRACT RENT		
Specified renter-occupied housing units paying cash rent	1,064	
Less than \$250	625	58.7%
\$250 to \$499	431	40.5%
\$500 to \$749	8	0.8%
\$750 to \$999	0	0.0%
\$1,000 or more	0	0.0%
Median (dollars)	233	
RACE AND HISPANIC ORIGIN OF HOUSEHOLDER		
Occupied housing units	1,860	
White	1,776	95.5%
Black	39	2.1%
American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut	20	1.1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	10	0.5%
Other race	15	0.8%
Hispanic origin (of any race)	36	1.9%

(X) Not applicable

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing, Summary Tape File 1 (100% Data)

Matrices P1, P3, P5, P6, P8, P11, P15, P16, P23, H1, H2, H3, H5, H8, H10, H18A, H21, H23, H23B, H32, H32B, H41.

P080A. MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1989 - Universe: Households
Data Set: 1990 Summary Tape File 3 (STF 3) - Sample data

	Tract 59, Erie County, New York
Median household income in 1989	17250

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing

P080. HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN 1989 - Universe: Households
 Data Set: 1990 Summary Tape File 3 (STF 3) - Sample data

	Tract 59, Erie County, New York
Less than \$5,000	253
\$5,000 to \$9,999	407
\$10,000 to \$12,499	147
\$12,500 to \$14,999	48
\$15,000 to \$17,499	95
\$17,500 to \$19,999	109
\$20,000 to \$22,499	105
\$22,500 to \$24,999	98
\$25,000 to \$27,499	99
\$27,500 to \$29,999	63
\$30,000 to \$32,499	51
\$32,500 to \$34,999	27
\$35,000 to \$37,499	73
\$37,500 to \$39,999	41
\$40,000 to \$42,499	30
\$42,500 to \$44,999	56
\$45,000 to \$47,499	26
\$47,500 to \$49,999	49
\$50,000 to \$54,999	29
\$55,000 to \$59,999	27
\$60,000 to \$74,999	16
\$75,000 to \$99,999	24
\$100,000 to \$124,999	0
\$125,000 to \$149,999	8
\$150,000 or more	0
Total Count	1881

U.S. Bureau of the Census, 1990 Census of Population and Housing

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APPENDIX 7 RELEVANT PLANS AND PROJECTS

- Black Rock Canal Park Proposal
- Towpath Park Project
- Squaw Island Park Project
- Buffalo's Comprehensive Plan
- Local Waterfront Revitalization Program
- Queen City Waterfront: Buffalo Waterfront Corridor Initiative
- Niagara River Greenway Plan
- Scajaquada Downgrading Project
- GBNRTC Traffic Volumes
- NFTA Bus Service
- Reuse of St. Francis Xavier Church
- Ambassador Bridge Proposal
- Rock Harbor Village Proposal
- Jessie Kregal Bike Path Proposal
- Black Rock-Riverside GNPA Draft Plan