



# Beechwood Report

Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition (BNC)

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## Business Assistance Comes to Beechwood

If you have an idea for a new Beechwood business but don't know how to get started, Community Business Advantage (CBA) is there to help.

"All you need is the spark of an idea and energy," said George Gotcsik, CBA president. "We can provide any entrepreneur – from tattoos to high tech – with assistance in writing a business plan, financing, advertising, accounting and other services vital to a new business owner."

These services are provided free of charge through a partnership with North East Area Development (NEAD), serving Beechwood and other neighborhoods. NEAD assists with promoting CBA's services and scheduling appointments.

George sees CBA's services as a long-term relationship with its clients. "The first year of a new business is like drinking from a fire hose," he said. "I keep in contact with clients for years, becoming a supporter and friend to see results over time."

CBA has worked with entrepreneurs in the South Wedge of Rochester and the city of Geneva, NY. In both cases, the community set the tone for what kind of business environment they wanted, and CBA followed their direction. He hopes for the same in Beechwood.

George will be in the NEAD office most Wednesdays. If you are interested in meeting about your business idea, contact Shirley Boone at NEAD, 482-7321.

## Neighborhood Meetings

BNC meetings are held at the Thomas P. Ryan Center, 500 Webster Avenue, 7pm.

### February 2

Input Meeting on Connected Communities Strategic Plan

### March 2

Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) Adult Mentoring Rollout

### April 6

BNC Annual Meeting

## A New Look to Our Newsletter

The Beechwood Report is a publication of the Beechwood Neighborhood Coalition (BNC), Kyle Crandall, president. Please comment on the new look of the newsletter. Direct your comments or questions to Rebecca Fuss, editor, at 585.482.8963 or [rtfuss@frontiernet.net](mailto:rtfuss@frontiernet.net).

## 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Beechwood Holiday Party & Police/Fire Recognition Dinner

Approximately 100 neighbors gathered at the Ryan Center on December 1 for holiday cheer and to honor and thank the officers and firefighters who serve Beechwood. RPD Deputy Chief Wayne Harris, RFD Captain Ted Kuppinger and Mayor Lovely Warren spoke about the importance of working together to build community. Special recognition was given to RPD officer Frank Santiago for his thousands of hours on bicycle and foot patrol leading to the removal of illegal firearms from the neighborhood, and to the RFD Engine 9 crew for calming family members during a medical emergency.

See more photos at [www.beechwood14609.com](http://www.beechwood14609.com).



## Community Calendar

**Knitting as a Spiritual Discipline**, St. Mark's & St. John's Church, 1245 Culver Road, Saturday, February 4, 9am – 3pm. \$25, beginners welcome. Contact [Julie.Cicora@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.Cicora@gmail.com).

**Wine and Chocolate Tasting**, St. Mark's & St. John's Church, 1245 Culver Road, Friday, February 10, 7pm – 9pm. \$25. Taste and learn about wines and truffles from Laughing Gull Chocolates. Contact [Julie.Cicora@gmail.com](mailto:Julie.Cicora@gmail.com).

**Let's Talk Money Discussion Series**, Sully Branch Library, 530 Webster Avenue, 428-8208, free, refreshments served, 4:30pm – 6pm. Feb. 13 – Job Readiness; March 13 – Tenants' Rights and Housing; April 10 – Family Services/Childcare; May 8 – Social Services. [www.libraryweb.org](http://www.libraryweb.org)

**The Art of Giving Fundraising Gala for the Community Place of Greater Rochester**, Friday, May 5, Strathallan Hotel, 550 East Avenue. Tickets \$100. Contact Debbie Baker at 585-327-7200, x 113 or visit [www.communityplace.org/event/the-art-of-giving-2017/](http://www.communityplace.org/event/the-art-of-giving-2017/)

**Computer or personal device assistance** on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at Sully Branch Library. Also, free notary service.

## RMAPI to Begin Mentoring in Beechwood with Catholic Family Center

RMAPI has selected Beechwood as one of the neighborhoods for two anti-poverty pilot programs, to be delivered through Catholic Family Center (CFC). At the BNC March 2 meeting, RMAPI will describe the two programs, one using professional mentors and one with a peer model, and how it will measure success over the two-year duration. Join your neighbors at the meeting to find out more.