

neighborhoods in action

The Hildreth Hill and Western Gardens neighborhood associations organized neighborhood-wide yard sales on June 19th. Almost thirty homes participated and benefitted from the group advertising and increased traffic.

The East Lakeview neighborhood association held its first meeting. Neighbors discussed neighborhood issues and possible group activities.

architecture and landscape design services

GNRC design services continue to be in high demand. GNRC staff have been involved in over 60 projects to date. Below is a quick sketch for a porch improvement project.



2nd graders visit the GNRC

Eighty-seven West Street 2nd graders visited the GNRC. Students learned about the role of the office, activities created by the 11 neighborhood associations, and design services offered to City residents.



great geneva neighborhood challenge

The Challenge award winners were announced. Three projects were selected from Humbert Street, William Street, and Argyle Street.

Eight applications, representing fifty-three homes, were submitted for the Challenge. A panel of judges representing the sponsors reviewed the applications based on criteria such as feasibility, neighborhood impact, and the willingness of neighbors to contribute sweat equity.



The winning groups of neighbors are led by Virginia Torruella from Humbert Street, Todd Taylor from William Street, and Billie Lohr from Argyle Street.

Each project includes six to twelve homes and each will receive awards from \$7,500 to \$10,000. Working together, the neighbors will improve the "curb appeal" of their homes through activities such as painting, landscaping, porch repair, or the installation of exterior lights, mailboxes or house plaques.

The remaining five groups will receive gift cards from Wegmans' to help pay for a block party or similar event in their neighborhoods this summer.

During June, the GNRC staff met with the winning teams to review the Challenge procedures, finalize each house project, and determine schedules for the group work.

The HWS interns were busy designing and beginning to build twenty-two flower boxes for multiple challenge recipients' porches and windows (photo above).

gnrc visitor, volunteer, website & media log

282 visitors:

- 131 residents
- 23 city employees
- 13 partners
- 87 students
- 28 other

22 active architectural and 10 active landscape design resident clients

1308 website hits this month

235 volunteer hours

1 Finger Lakes Times: Front page Challenge announcement

building inspector services

The GNRC welcomed John Brennan, a certified code enforcer, from the City's former Code Enforcement office. Brennan's role at the GNRC includes assisting residents with building permit applications and construction, responding to neighborhood complaints, and helping with GNRC neighborhood programs.

partner collaborations

hws

Three architectural interns started at the GNRC. Some of their June activities included making the farmers' market booth materials, designing exterior improvements for residents, and designing the Challenge signs and recipients' flower boxes.

farmers' market

The Recreation Department donated space at the farmers' market for the GNRC. Visitors to the market can learn about the neighborhood associations and GNRC services.

