

## **Call for Artists – Fast Track Public Art Project**

### **Suspended Light Sculpture at Village Gate**

ARTWalk 2 and the City of Rochester, New York

#### **History of Buildings at Village Gate**

##### **277 North Goodman Street**

Manufacturing Metal-Plating Warehouse. Probably built sometime in the 1940's. In 1990-91 when Gary Stern bought the building it was totally empty and abandoned and was referred to as the "Beirut Hilton." These became the 1<sup>st</sup> loft apartments of Stern Properties, possibly the first loft apartments in Rochester.

##### **302 North Goodman Street**

Previously Stecher-Traung Lithography and Printing offices. See more information here: <http://www.landmarksociety.org/section.html?id=1&uid=71&pageId=224#VillageGate>

Stern Properties originally planned to tear down the buildings and have one big courtyard, a "Peddlers Village" and a parking area.

In 1993 – Douglas McCord laid the Uni-Block down in the courtyard with serpentine design this created a courtyard restaurant feel.

There used to be railroad tracks running alongside both 320 and 302 North Goodman. Recently when putting in new restaurant the "Gatehouse Café" one of workers found railroad tracks underneath existing concrete.

The building at 302 N. Goodman Street has had several occupants

- The American Chicle Company

Albert Stone made a series of photographs of the chewing gum manufacturing process on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birth of Chicle chewing gum. These photograph shows the building at that time, a man operating a rolling machine that works the chicle and other ingredients into shape, and raw materials

<http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/rochimag/rmsc/scm10/scm10977.jpg>

<http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/rochimag/rmsc/scm10/scm10218.jpg>

<http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/rochimag/rmsc/scm10/scm10780.jpg>

- The Rochester Board of Education in January, 1921, to accommodate an overflow of East High School students

- Rochester Continuation School from April-September, 1921. The Continuation School served boys and girls who, under the law, had to continue their education in part-time schools. The Continuation School moved to another factory building, at 838 Smith Street, from Sept, 1921, until 1926. In 1926, the Continuation School moved to "Building 16" in Exposition Park, which it shared with the Rochester Shop School. In 1929, it moved yet again to a factory building at Jay Street and Saratoga Avenue, where it stayed until the school was discontinued in 1943.

### **320 North Goodman Street**

The building was built in the 1900's building. It housed a furniture manufacturer before it became the Rochester Drug Cooperative in the 1950's.

### **176 Anderson Avenue**

Until 1987, this building was a Rag Factory owned by the Frankle brothers, who manufactured commercial and industrial use rags. One of the A-units in 274 was rented by one of Frankle brothers until he died and his wife rented the space for 10 years after his death in memory of him.

### **Courtyard Gate**

Artist Marty Cellura with Metamorphosis Company created the gate in the courtyard in 1986-1987.

### **Tunnels**

Were originally used as the air conditioning systems. The hot air of second floor would be circulated down through tunnels and thus cooled.

### **2 East End Way**

Apartments

### **15 Mathews**

Originally American Optics