

SPEECH EXCERPT

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For all the doom-dealers and the nay-sayers and the outright pessimists - we have just one word for you-Burroughs.

As in Community Center. You know, at 2470 Fairfield Ave. The place where 61 non-profit groups do their thing for the greater good of us all. Where more than 60,000 of your friends and neighbors came to learn and play last year?

If you were lucky enough to attend their 10th Anniversary Birthday Bash in early March you'd also know these people know how to have a party. What? You missed it? (Pause)

You missed out on the excellent food and the delightful drinkables? You weren't there to see everybody's favorite Sam LaMonica honored for all his years of loving, dedicated service? That means you didn't see (or get a taste of) the truly titanic birthday cake the kids baked as a way of showcasing some of the skills they learned from Sam.

Gee, that's not good. (Pause)

All of the Burroughs facility partners were at the party -RYASAP, SNAP, GEAR UP, Connecticut Assoc. for Human Services, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Hall Neighborhood House's "A Children's Place", Bridgeport American Youth Soccer Association, Black Rock Community Council and the Bridgeport Child Advocacy Coalition, and they were hoping to get a chance to meet you.

Well now, you missed quite a lot didn't you? (Pause)

Not to worry. Because you are personally and most cordially invited to attend the biggest 'do' of all at Burroughs on Saturday, April 26. It's the Bid-n-Boogie Event of the Year and this year's theme is Black Tie and Blue Jeans. *Everybody* who is *anybody* will be there. Which is why you should be there too.

There will be all kinds of action and auctions and dancing and fun. And we know you wouldn't want to miss out again now would you?