



Keeping You Posted

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Election 2012!



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There are two very important dates coming up that you don't want to miss - The primary election and the general election respectively. On **Thursday, September 13, 2012**, the primary election will be held. This moves away from the traditional 2nd Tuesday of the month in order to respect the anniversary of the 9-11 tragedy. If you haven't already done

so, it is too late to register to vote in the primary.

On November 6, 2012, the general election will be held. In order to vote in the general election, you must register no later than October 12th. Of course the most talked about race is that of incumbent, President Barack Obama and Republican candidate, Mitt Romney. However, there are numerous races right here in our community!

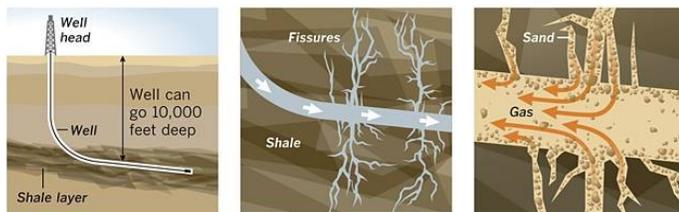
If you haven't registered to vote or don't know where to go to vote, this link to the Monroe County Board of Elections page can give you all the information you need:

<http://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/>

Hydro-Fracking in the Region?

Hydraulic fracturing

The process known as "fracking" has long been used in California to extract additional oil from depleted wells. It is now widely used nationwide to tap previously unreachable oil and natural gas locked within deep rock formations.



1. Well is bored using directional drilling, a method that allows drilling in vertical and horizontal directions to depths of over 10,000 feet.

2. Large amounts of water, sand and chemicals are injected into the well at high pressure, causing fissures in the shale.

3. Sand flows into the fissures, keeping them open so that the oil or natural gas from the shale can flow up and out of the well.

Source: Times reporting

DOUG STEVENS Los Angeles Times

I've spent several months researching "Hydro-fracking" and submitted Legislation in June, and it was passed, to place a one-year moratorium on Fracking in the City of Rochester. Hydraulic fracturing, or "hydro-fracking," is a form of natural gas extraction in which a pressurized mix of water and other substances is injected into shale rock formations or coal beds to release trapped natural gas. A fluid mixture of water and chemicals is injected under high pressure deep underground, creating or widening fissures in the rock. Then, sand or another solid, often ceramic beads, is pumped in to keep the fissures propped open so that methane gas can escape from pores and fractures in the rock.

Many people are for it, saying that it would create jobs and create a new way to harvest fossil fuels. But majority say it's not the way to go. Scientists from Cornell University conducted a study that found the drilling process created leaking wells and pipelines that could release enormous amounts of methane, thus contributing to an already deteriorating climactic conditions.

Governor Andrew Cuomo is "Pro-Fracking" and planned to approve it in a few rural NY counties, but he was bombarded with such a negative response from numerous voters and agencies, he has put the brakes on the start. I will keep you updated on the status of Fracking in the state. Decisions made in other areas will eventually affect the City of Rochester.

It's About Jobs!!!!!!

R.O.A.R – An Update

“Reaching Occupational Achievement for Residents of Rochester – R.O.A.R” definitely came into Rochester like a lion! In partnership with the Rochester School Modernization Project and with the support of the City of Rochester, the company Career Compliance and Placement - CCP (the company that runs the R.O.A.R. program), has trained over 200 Rochester Residents to enter the construction industry.

Back in February, 2012, well over a thousand people applied for a pre-apprenticeship training academy that will give them access to

construction jobs associated with the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (RSMP). CCP sifted through all of the applications and began the interview process. Once the background checks, drug tests, and skills testing was completed, the intense program began.

Individuals were trained in carpentry, masonry, painting, electrical, etc. But, some of the other benefits included getting help with obtaining G.E.D's, resume writing, finding appropriate housing and clearing lingering items with the law. Before the 12 week session

was over, many people that participated in the program, as well as the coordinators and teachers, felt like a big family.

On July 30th, 208 participants received their certificates of completion. Many have already been placed in jobs. Many more will be placed soon as the Rochester School Modernization Program—RSMP accelerates.

For more information about RSMP, visit their website at:

<http://rsmp.gilbaneco.com/Home.aspx>

Back to School – Get To Know Your Childs Teacher

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Many teachers are overworked and under-appreciated. A kind word does go a long way.

Speaking in positive ways opens up the lines of communication so you can work together to help your child succeed in school.

Open up communication with phrases such as “Can we talk about...?” Avoid criticizing and blaming the teacher with comments such as “You should have...” or “You must be mistaken.”

Make respectful requests, such “Could you send home the information about...” Avoid giving orders to the teacher by saying, “You have to...” or “You need to...”

Use kind words rather than fighting phrases. For example, “Please, could you...” and “Thank you for all you did,” go a long way in building a good relationship.

Believe it or not, your children’s teachers really do want to hear what you have to say. But if the first thing you do is criticize a teacher or complain that your child received a bad grade, you’re likely to put the teacher on the defensive. *By Oretta Winston—Elev8*

In The Know



Make your City payments online: <https://cityofrochester.gov/app.aspx?id=8589934610>

Graffiti Removal: <http://cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589935826>

Pathways to Peace: <http://www.cityofrochester.gov/pathwaystopeace/>

North Winton Village Festival of the Arts: <http://cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589953942>

Greentopia ECOFEST: <http://cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589954129>