

# Rochester Recreation

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## WINTER SPRING GUIDE 2015-16

Featuring: Flower City Looking Good

## WINTER ADVENTURES

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Rochester City Council





# Rochester is a *Winter Wonderland*

**Winter in Rochester means we're warming up to celebrate with festivals, outdoor sports and even icy dips in Lake Ontario.**

The City of Rochester's winter/spring recreation line-up offers many opportunities to get out and stay active during the colder months. From snowshoe races to garden talks, our annual Winter Adventures Series will delight any nature enthusiast. Our R-Centers are jam-packed with activities and programs that inspire people of all ages to get fit, be creative, learn something new and make friends along the way. To top it all off, the City hosts a variety of winter-themed events including the 32nd annual Lakeside Winter Celebration where you can be a judge in the Chilly Chili contest, sample local wines and join your friends in the ever-popular Polar Plunge.

Embrace winter and don't get cold feet! Try something new this winter and take advantage of the opportunities available in our city. Have a fun, safe and active season!



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lovely A. Warren".

**Mayor Lovely A. Warren**  
City of Rochester, NY



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## Department of Recreation & Youth Services Information

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Department of Recreation & Youth Services

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400 Dewey Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14613  
Phone: (585) 428-6755  
Office hours: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekdays

### Recreation Facilities and Rental Information

Rochester Recreation offers a number of facilities for rent for your next family party or special event. These include the rustic Tay House and Lake Riley Lodges, the historic Danforth Community Center Auditorium and Edgerton Stardust Ballroom, the newly renovated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Lodge in the heart of the East End, and two venues perfect for smaller gatherings - the Genesee Valley Park Field House and Norton Village Recreation Center. Gyms and meeting rooms are also available for rent in select R-Centers. Go to [www.cityofrochester.gov/facilityrental](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/facilityrental) or call 428-6755 for complete information.

### Important Dates

**December 23 - January 2, RCSD School Recess** R-Centers open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. (except Dec. 25 & Jan. 1, 2)

#### December 25, Christmas Holiday

Administration Office and R-Centers closed

#### January 1, New Year's Day

Administration Office and R-Centers closed

#### January 2, Day After New Year's Day

Administration Office and R-Centers closed

#### January 8

R-Centers close at 7:30 p.m. for staff meeting

#### January 18, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Administration Office closed. Select R-Centers open 9 a.m. - 6p.m.

#### February 5

R-Centers close at 7:30 p.m. for staff meeting

#### Monday - Friday, Feb. 15 - 19, RCSD School Recess

Select R-Centers open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### February 15, Presidents Day

Administration Office closed. Select R-Centers open 9 a.m. - 6p.m.

#### March 4

R-Centers close at 7:30 p.m. for staff meeting

#### March 25, Good Friday

Administration Office and R-Centers closed

#### March 26, Easter Weekend

R-Centers closed

#### March 28 - April 1 RCSD School Recess



# SOMETHING FOR **EVERYONE**

From After School Programs to Senior Activities, R-Centers Offer Programs and Facilities to Fit Your Interests.

## R-Centers After School

The fun of learning and being with friends doesn't have to end when the school day does. R-Centers offer fun, engaging, exciting after school programs that provide homework help, group games, reading programs, sports, arts & crafts and a wide variety of enrichment activities. In addition, R-Centers offer the popular After School in the Park Program in Cobbs Hill Park for city youth in grades K-6. For more information on After School in the Park visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/afterschoolprogram](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/afterschoolprogram).

## Rec on the Move Winter Fun

This winter, the popular Rec on the Move mobile R-Centers will be offering fun events for kids to get out and stay active this winter. Activities include snowshoeing, sledding, ice skating, snow-painting, crafts and more. For more information visit: [www.cityofrochester.gov/reonthemove](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/reonthemove) or call 428-6755

## Earth Explorers

A unique program that immerses youth into the remarkable natural environment. Activities range from outdoor adventures (such as nature hikes, field trips and snowshoeing) to gardening and cooking with the produce grown at R-Center gardens. Youth and families are also invited to take advantage of horticultural

workshops, projects and events such as community gardening, nature tours and more. Call 428-8820 or visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/earthexplorers](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/earthexplorers) or [www.cityofrochester.gov/horticulture](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/horticulture) for more information.

## T.H.R.I.V.E.

T.H.R.I.V.E. (Teens Helping to Reinvent Identity, Values and Empowerment) programs provide youth the necessary support and opportunities to prepare for successful adulthood. T.H.R.I.V.E. is a structured, youth-driven 9-month after-school program offered in eleven of the City's R-Centers, in which youth voices are heard through invigorating group discussions lead by certified facilitators. Topics include goal setting, healthy choices regarding relationships, school and achieving necessary life skills to become successful adults. For more information, call 428-6816 or [www.cityofrochester.gov/thrive](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/thrive).

## Youth Voice, One Vision

Youth Voice, One Vision gives youth a voice about what goes on in their community. Participants collaborate with other youth leaders, adult advocates and local officials to develop ideas to make their communities better. Members learn leadership skills, develop goals and strategies, participate as "youth experts" on local panels and plan conferences and special events. Youth governance

groups help to plan activities at R-Centers across the city. Youth, adults, groups and other community organizations are welcome. For more information, visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/YV0V](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/YV0V) or call 428-7371.

## Girls Coalition

The Girls Coalition brings together "positive girls doing positive things" through the support of caring female advisors and innovative girls-only programming. Staff from Rochester Recreation and volunteers from Nazareth College and the community act as mentors and role models for the participants. Call 428-7371, contact your local R-Center, or visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/girlscoalition](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/girlscoalition)

## Team I.M.P.A.C.T.

Team I.M.P.A.C.T focuses on boys' natural strengths and broadens their understanding about culture and being positive and productive males in today's society. Adult mentors lead activities and dialogue that challenge myths about what it means to be a "real man." Call 428-6481 to join.

## Danforth Seniors

Come and join neighborhood senior citizens at the Danforth Auditorium for activities such as horseshoes, breakfast and lunch clubs, cards, "Get Fit Club" and field trips throughout the season. Call 428-6746 for more information.

*The Department of Recreation and Youth Services offers activities for youth ages six and over. A responsible person must accompany, and remain with, any child under six. Staff is not authorized to hold youth in most activities or on the premises. Parents may inquire about programs that are designed to allow staff to keep participants until a specific time. R-Centers also offers low-cost after school care options for children in grades K-6 through the After School in the Park program. Call 428-6755 for more information.*



## RocMusic

RocMusic is a unique educational program that engages children and their families in the experience of making and appreciating music. The program is a joint partnership between the City of Rochester, Eastman School of Music, Eastman Community Music School, Hochstein School of Music & Dance, Rochester City School District and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. RocMusic operates three days per week during the school year at the David F. Gantt R-Center. Visit: [www.cityofrochester.gov/rocmusic](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/rocmusic) or call 428-7149.

## Open Basketball

On Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m., R-Center gyms offer open basketball for youth 6 - 18.

## Adult Night

Thursday evenings, 7-9 p.m. is adult night. R-Centers offer a variety of special programs for adults including: healthy living programming at the David F. Gantt R-Center, creative arts at the Edgerton R-Center, fitness fun at the Adams Street R-Center and environmental education at the Humboldt R-Center.

## Friday Family Fun Night

On Fridays, families can get together and enjoy a host of fun family oriented programs and events at the R-Centers.

## Stardust Ballroom Series

Step back in time and dance at the Stardust Ballroom! Each year the century-old, historic Edgerton R-Center hosts this open ballroom dance series featuring terrific live music. Admission is only \$3.

### Schedule:

- 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11  
Greece Jazz Band
- 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9  
Johnny Matt Band
- 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12  
Jack Allen
- 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9  
Gateswingers
- 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 9  
Nostalgic Reunion
- 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Mar. 23  
Rochester Metropolitan Jazz Band

# R-Center Locations & Amenities



Playground



Outdoor Courts



Swimming Pool



Spray Park



Gym



Game Room



Teen Lounge



Fitness Center



Computer Lab



Summer Meals



Community Meeting Space



Performance Space

### Southwest

**Adams Street**

**Address:** 85 Adams St. **Phone:** 428-7266 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Flint Street**

**Address:** 271 Flint St. **Phone:** 428-7001 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Roxie Ann Sinkler**

**Address:** 75 Grover St. **Phone:** 428-7827 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat closed

### Southeast

**Humboldt**

**Address:** 1045 Atlantic Ave. **Phone:** 428-7294 **Hours:** 3:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat closed

**South Avenue**

**New Temporary Location**

**Address:** 86 Ashland St. **Phone:** 428-6015 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Thomas P. Ryan**

**Address:** 530 Webster Ave. **Phone:** 428-7828 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Northeast

**Avenue D**

**Address:** 200 Ave. D **Phone:** 428-7934 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Carter Street**

**Address:** 500 Carter St. **Phone:** 428-7890 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**David F. Gantt**

**Address:** 700 North St. **Phone:** 428-7149 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Northwest

**Campbell Street**

**Address:** 524 Campbell St. **Phone:** 428-7860 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Edgerton**

**Address:** 41 Backus St. **Phone:** 428-6769 **Hours:** M-F, 2:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat closed

**#7 School / Pierpont**

**Address:** 219 Pierpont St. **Phone:** 428-6859 **Hours:** 3:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat closed

**#17 School**

**Address:** 158 Orchard St. **Phone:** 899-9211 **Hours:** 5 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat closed

**#42 School**

**Address:** 3330 Lake Ave. **Phone:** 428-7829 **Hours:** 3:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Sat closed



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# WINTER ADVENTURES



Visit: [www.cityofrochester.gov/winteradventures](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/winteradventures)

Get out, be active, discover nature and get a breath of fresh air! Enjoy the great outdoors. Have fun, get in shape and make some new friends along the way.

## Winter Washington Grove

**10 - 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 16**

Could you survive even a day outdoors in the winter? How do plants and animals make it through the season? Naturalist Peter Debes will lead a lively scavenger hunt for signs of life and secrets of survival in the woods. Spot winter creatures and find a tree that is older than the United States. Adults and children 6 and older. Meet at the top of the Reservoir Road, Cobbs Hill Park by the pine trees. Dress for the weather. Canceled if there are high winds.

## Snow Cheap Trail Race Series

A fun-filled winter trail series held Wednesday nights from December through February in Cobbs Hill Park. It's everything you love about the Dirt Cheap Series, only for the winter. Low price, crazy fun, great vibe and tons of value. Meet at Lake Riley Lodge in Cobbs Hill Park, Norris Dr. & Culver Rd. Preregistration required no later than 6:45 p.m. on the day of the race. Races will be held snow or no snow. Headlamps are required for all races. Post-race party, door prizes and fun!

### Dates

Wednesdays: Dec. 16, Dec. 30, Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 10 and Feb. 24.

### Registration

6:45 p.m. races start at 7:15 p.m.

### Prices

One race; \$13.00; \$55.00 for all races (\$65 if registering after Dec. 16).

To register, visit [yellowjacketracing.com](http://yellowjacketracing.com)

## Weekend Park Hikes

Explore all the outdoors has to offer. Bring your family and friends for a wonderful winter hike. Dress for the weather and wear appropriate footwear. Youth and adult snowshoes will be available if conditions permit. Weekends, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

### Saturday, January 16

Washington Grove, meet at the top of Reservoir Road in Cobb's Hill Park.

### Sunday, January 31

Seneca Park, meet at the Seneca Zoo Parking Lot (off of St. Paul Street).

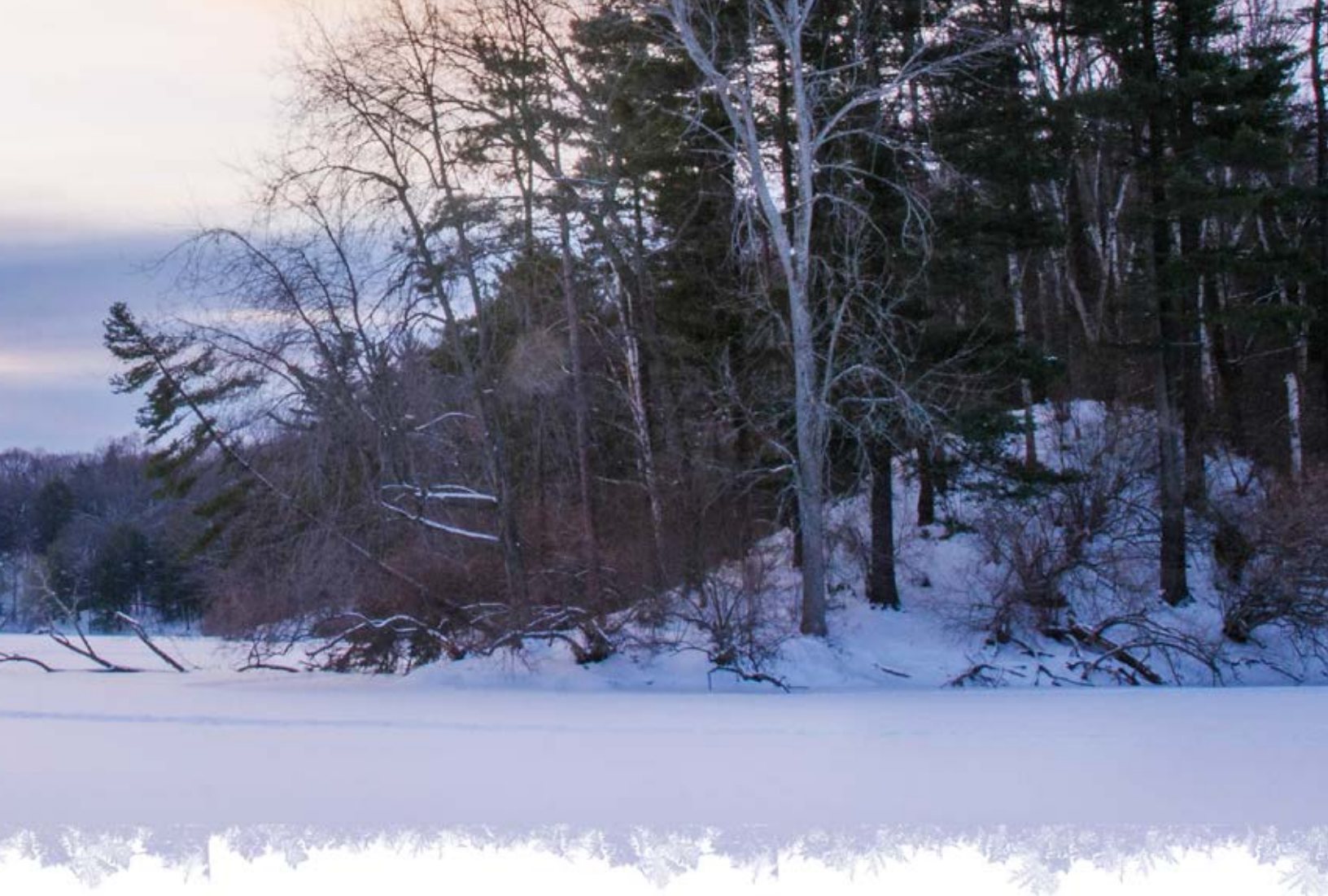
### Sunday, February 21

Turning Point Park, meet at the end of Boxart Street (off of Lake Avenue).

### Sunday, February 28

Genesee Valley Park, meet at the Genesee Waterways Center (off of Elmwood Avenue)





## Garden Talks

Improve your gardening knowledge this winter with these informative talks.

### January 9

#### **Precocious Perennials: Propagating, Caring for and Designing with Perennials**

Charlotte Library, 3557 Lake Ave.  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### January 23

#### **Winter Skills to Make the Most of Your Garden**

Northeast Neighborhood Service Center, 500 Norton St.  
1 - 4 p.m.

### January 30

#### **From Lawns to Lunch: Creating an Edible Landscape in Your Yard**

Arnett Library, 310 Arnett Blvd.  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### February 10

#### **Planning for Your Palate: Designing Your Kitchen Garden**

Northeast Neighborhood Service Center, 500 Norton St.  
6 - 7:30 p.m.

### February 20

#### **Birds, Bees and Butterflies: Attracting Pollinators to Your Landscape**

Maplewood Library, 1111 Dewey Ave.  
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

### February 27

#### **Preserving Nature's Bounty: Soups, Dips and Sauces from Dried Plants**

Monroe Library, 809 Monroe Ave.  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

### March 19

#### **From Plants to Power: Bringing Rochester's Gardeners Together**

For more information or to register, contact Nathaniel Mich at nmich@foodlinkny.org or follow the Urban Agriculture Working Group on Facebook.

*Location to be determined.*

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

## Snowshoe Rentals

Snowshoeing is a great family friendly activity! Adult and youth snowshoes are available for rent at the Recreation Bureau Office at 400 Dewey Ave.

### Rental Rates

Adults: \$10 a day or \$15 for the weekend. Youth: \$5 a day.

**For more information or to reserve snowshoes call: 428-8820.**

## Passport to Family Wellness

The Passport to Family Wellness brochure is a great way to learn about parks and trails in the region. Submit your completed passport for a chance to win prizes including a \$100 Wegmans gift card. Pick up your Passport to Wellness at the City of Rochester Public Market Office, Genesee Valley Park Sports Complex or the Recreation Bureau Office.



# ATHLETICS & Aquatics



## Leagues & Lessons

### Lifeguarding Prep Class

Aspiring lifeguards can build their swimming skills in preparation for lifeguarding classes which begin on March 8. Prep Classes start on Tuesday, Dec. 1 and run every Tuesday through February 16. Registration is available on an ongoing basis.

**Call 428-7456 for more information.**

### Rochester Rapids Swim Team

The popular Rochester Rapids Swim Team is a competitive swim team for ages 6 - 21. Youth receiving free or reduced lunch will have their registration fee waived. The team swims competitively in the USA Swimming Niagara District. **Call 428-7456 or e-mail RRST Swim Team Head Coach Shane Logan at [rrst.headcoach@gmail.com](mailto:rrst.headcoach@gmail.com) for more information.**

### Swim Lessons

Become a skilled swimmer and seize the opportunity to enjoy the water. Sessions are Dec. 5 to Feb. 6 and Feb. 26 to May 6 on Friday nights 6 - 8 p.m. or Saturday mornings 10 a.m. until noon. **Call 428-7456 for more information.**

### R-Centers Basketball League

Youth ages 10 - 15 are invited to participate in a city-wide competitive basketball league at R-Centers during the week. Players ages 12 and up play on Monday and Wednesday nights. Players ages 15 and up play Tuesday and Thursday nights. League play begins the week of February 22. **Visit your neighborhood R-Center to register.**

### County-Wide Basketball League

Youth ages 6 - 15, from across Monroe County are invited to participate in a developmental and intermediate level basketball league. Participants not playing on R-Center teams can register on January 16, 23 and 30 at the Thomas P. Ryan R-Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Practice begins on February 8. Season begins February 20. Game times vary between 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturdays. **Call 428-7592 for more information.**

### Youth Floor Hockey

Free city-wide indoor hockey for youth ages 15 and under, supported by the Rochester Amerks. Season begins Dec. 2. Game Days are Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday and are held at Carter St., Adams and South Ave. R-Centers. Game times are 5:30, 6:30

or 7:30 p.m. Participating R-Centers include: Adams St., Ave. D, Campbell, Carter, Flint, Gantt, Roxie Sinkler, Ryan and #42 School. **Call 428-6755 for more information.**

### Youth Wrestling

Sponsored by the City-Catholic Wrestling Association, R-Center youth are exposed to one of the world's oldest sports at the Ryan R-Center (Mon. & Weds. 6 - 8 p.m.) and Roxie Sinkler R-Center. (Tues. & Thurs. 6 - 8 p.m.) Open to youth ages 8 - 14.

**Call 428-7721 (Ryan R-Center) 428-7827 (Roxie R-Center) for more information.**

### Youth Skating Lessons

Learn how to skate for FREE with the pros from the Go Figure Skating School. Sessions are held at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Ice Rink from Jan. 9 to Feb. 13. Students will enjoy a 20-minute group lesson and additional 40-minute practice time. Lessons are open to youth ages 4-15. **Call 428-7541 to register.**

### NFL Flag Football

Look for 5-on-5 NFL flag football competition to begin in late spring 2016. **Call 428-7592 for more information.**



## Ice Skating

### Genesee Valley Ice Arena

The GVP Sports Complex, located at 131 Elmwood Ave., hosts a newly renovated ice arena perfect for all ages. The arena is available for open skating as well as sports programs including ice hockey leagues and speed skating. Book your next skating party too. The arena remains open until April 2, 2016. **Adults interested in leagues should call 428-7888.**

### 2015-16 Ice Arena Schedule

#### Open Skate

- Monday - Friday, 12 - 1:15 p.m.
- Saturday, 5 - 6:15 p.m.
- Sunday, 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.

#### Adult Skate (Ages 18+)

- Tuesday - Friday, 10:30 - 11:45 a.m.  
(except during school recesses)
- Sunday, 9:45 - 11 a.m.

**Special Event: Skate w/Santa Sunday  
Dec. 20, 1 - 2:15 and 2:30 - 3:45 p.m.**

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Ice Skating Rink

The outdoor ice skating rink, located at 353 Court St. in the heart of Downtown, is the perfect place for a family outing. Skaters will enjoy a warming shelter with fireplace. The rink is also available for rent. The skating season runs through March 12, 2016.

### 2015-16 Rink Schedule

#### Open Skate

- Monday-Friday: 12 - 1:30 p.m.,  
3:40 - 5:10 p.m., 5:30 - 7 p.m.  
& 7:20 - 8:50 p.m. *(Rink rentals may preclude open skate on Tues., Wed., & Thurs.)*
- Saturday: 12 - 1:30 p.m., 1:50 - 3:20 p.m., 3:40 - 5:10 p.m., 7:20 - 8:50 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon - 1:30 p.m., 1:50 - 3:20 p.m., 3:40 - 5:10 p.m., 5:30 - 7 p.m.

#### Adult Skate (Ages 18+)

- Monday - Friday, 1:50 - 3:20 p.m.  
(except during school recesses)

### Indoor & Outdoor Skating Fees

- Adults \$5
- Youth 17 & under \$2
- College Students w/ID \$3
- Families \$14
- Season Pass for MLK \$60
- Season Pass for GVP \$125



## Fitness

### Fitness Centers

Achieve your personal fitness goals at an R-Center near you. Workout facilities are located at Adams St., David F. Gantt, South Ave., Avenue D and Flint Street R-Centers. These R-Centers now have blood pressure pulse machines so you can keep an eye on your heart health and AEDs (Automated External Defibrillator) for your safety. **Call individual R-Centers for times and equipment availability.**



## Swimming

### Adams Street Indoor Pool

This Olympic-size, heated indoor pool is open year-round in the historic Corn Hill neighborhood. The aquatics program features both youth and adult swim lessons, adult lap swim, family fun nights, birthday parties and the Rochester Rapids Swim Team. **For more information, call 428-7456.**

### Clinton Baden Indoor Pool

This 25 yard, six-lane indoor swimming pool has gone under major renovations recently to improve lighting and ADA accessibility improvements. **For more information, call 325-4910.**

### Dr. Freddie Thomas Indoor Pool

Looking to hit the water this winter and stay in shape? The Dr. Freddie Thomas Learning Center Pool offers open swim for all ages on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Jan. 12. **For more information, call 428-7888.**



# Special Events



## New Year's Eve Celebration

**Thursday, Dec. 31, 2016**

Light up your New Year's Eve with FREE fun for the entire family!

### Family New Year's Eve Party

Ring in the new year at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, 123 E. Main St. from 7-10 p.m. Admission is free. There's a party with Jimmy C's Music Machine, giant bounce houses, obstacle course, airbrush tattoos, photo booths and more. Meet a popular princess and snowman character along with your favorite superhero! The City's Rec on the Move staff will also have fun and crafts for the kids. Snacks and beverages available for purchase.

### Ice Skating at the MLK Rink

Head over to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park Ice Rink from 5 - 10 p.m. for free ice skating! Skate to music by Beale's Rock & Roll Review. Family skating is available from 5 - 7 p.m., adult only skate runs from 8 - 10 p.m.

### New Year's Eve Fireworks Display

Enjoy a spectacular fireworks display at 10 p.m.

### Free Parking

Park for free from 6 - 11 p.m. at the following garages: South Ave. Garage, 39 Stone St.; Washington Square Garage, 111 Woodbury Blvd; Sister Cities Garage, 28 N. Fitzhugh St. and Court St. Garage, 194 Court St.



## Skating Events at MLK Rink

### Family Night at the Rink

Jan. 8, Feb. 5 & Mar. 4: from 7:20 - 8:50 p.m. Free skating (Rental fee for skates available \$3.00).

### Friday Night Late Skate

Jan. 8, Feb. 5 & Mar. 4: 9:10 - 10:40 p.m. Adults 18 and over are invited to skate under the stars. Come out and bring your special date or just have a fun night out with friends. Regular fees apply.

### MLK Skate to Commemorate

Jan. 19: Noon, 1:50 & 3:40 p.m. Youth Voice One Vision presents a free skating event designed to commemorate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. \$2 admission fee waived with the donation of two non-perishable hygiene, cleaning or household items.

### Sweetheart Skate

Sat., Feb. 14: 5:50 - 7 p.m. In the mood for love? Go skating with your loved one and make this Valentine's Day truly special. Dress in red for a surprise and enjoy the music of DJ Beale under the stars and snowflakes at the "Little Rockfeller Center" of Rochester. \$4 per couple.

### St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Sat., Mar. 14: 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. After the St. Patrick's Day parade, continue your celebration by skating with your friends and family. Admission is free if green attire is worn.



## Lakeside Winter Celebration

**Sat., Feb. 13 & Sun., Feb. 14**

Celebrate Winter at the 32nd annual Lakeside Winter Celebration at Ontario Beach Park. This year, the celebration will feature a wide array of activities including the 6th Annual Lake Ontario Wine and Craft Beer Festival and the "Polar Plunge". Charlotte area merchants will offer specials and discounts all weekend.

This event is organized by the all-volunteer Ontario Beach Park Program Committee and sponsored by the City of Rochester, Monroe County, Harbortown Merchants Association and Wegmans.

### Saturday, Feb. 13, 1 - 6 p.m.

- Lake Ontario Wine & Craft Beer Festival
- Chilly Chili Challenge
- Ultimate Frisbee Challenge
- Horse-drawn carriage rides
- Dog sled demonstration
- Outdoor children's games with Rec on the Move
- Ice sculpture demonstration
- Snow sculpture contest
- Winter hike: Turning Point Park, 1 p.m.
- Fireworks over the river, 6 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 14, 12 - 4 p.m.

- Polar Plunge - a fundraiser for the Special Olympics, noon.
- Frostbiter's sailboat racing

**For more information, visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/wintercelebration](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/wintercelebration).**



### **New Artwork Brightens R-Center Walls** **Youth Learn the Artistic Process Through Hands-on Project**

The Edgerton R-Center is home to a stunning new mural produced by local artist Sarah Rutherford. As a Wall Therapy artist, Sarah has transformed walls, buildings and neighborhoods around the city. For the Edgerton project, she enlisted the help of R-Center youth and staff to brainstorm ideas and assist with the stenciling and painting. The project successfully introduced youth to the artistic process and gave them a lasting sense of pride. Sarah will be doing several other works at R-Centers across the city with the help of R-Center youth beginning in January.

### **Flower City AmeriCorps** **Youth Use Their Time and Talents to Help the Community**

Mayor Warren is thrilled to announce the new Flower City AmeriCorps program. This program is part of the Rochester-Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative and will provide surround care to individuals and families in Rochester. Volunteers from the Department of Recreation and Youth Services, Operation Transformation Rochester, City Neighborhood Service Centers and the Rochester Public Library will work with AmeriCorps participants to provide services focused on economic opportunity, healthy futures and education.



More than 30 AmeriCorps members have committed to serving the community on a full-time basis for one year and will empower Rochesterians by offering the skills necessary to pull themselves out of poverty. AmeriCorps members are deeply invested in our city and most live in Rochester.

### **SOOP- The Summer of Opportunity Program** **Connecting Youth With Real Job Experience**

The Summer of Opportunity Program (SOOP) provides employment and training for high school youth ages 14-20 while making a direct connection to success in school.

For the past two decades, SOOP has been the largest summer youth employer in the city. SOOP has partnered with RochesterWorks! for nearly a decade to provide innovative employment opportunities such as the Caring and Sharing Child Care Center Summer Education Internship and the Rochester Technology and Mechanical Association internship through Monroe Community College. Relationships with private sector employers continue to be successful in meeting the needs of the community and employing youth.

This year, two Rochester City School District interns assisted with employment programming. The former SOOP participants were part of youth employment training for Operation Transformation Rochester (OTR), which serves city youth and adults through comprehensive programs geared toward education, vocation and employment.

Eyonna Allen assisted with the adult employment program by supporting the trainers and performing office duties. Eyonna graduated from the School of the Arts and is now enrolled at Monroe Community College. Demethrus Mack has supported the City's youth employment programs by providing assistance with Junior Recreation and Biz Kid\$ by organizing materials, writing correspondence and helping with other office tasks. Both interns were an integral part of the team.


For more The Summer of Opportunity Program information, visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/soop](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/soop).





# After School In The Park

Extended Learning. Expanded Fun!



Throughout the school year, the City of Rochester's After School in the Park Program provides an engaging and nurturing after school environment for youth in grades K-6.

Conveniently located at Cobbs Hill Park, kids participate in an array of fun fitness, educational and arts activities, get help with homework, enjoy a free hot dinner and best of all, make lasting friendships. The program runs through June 23, 2016, on weekdays from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$55 per week for city youth; \$45 per week for siblings. For just \$85 per week, youth can receive all-day care during the winter and spring school recesses.

**To Register Call 428-6755**