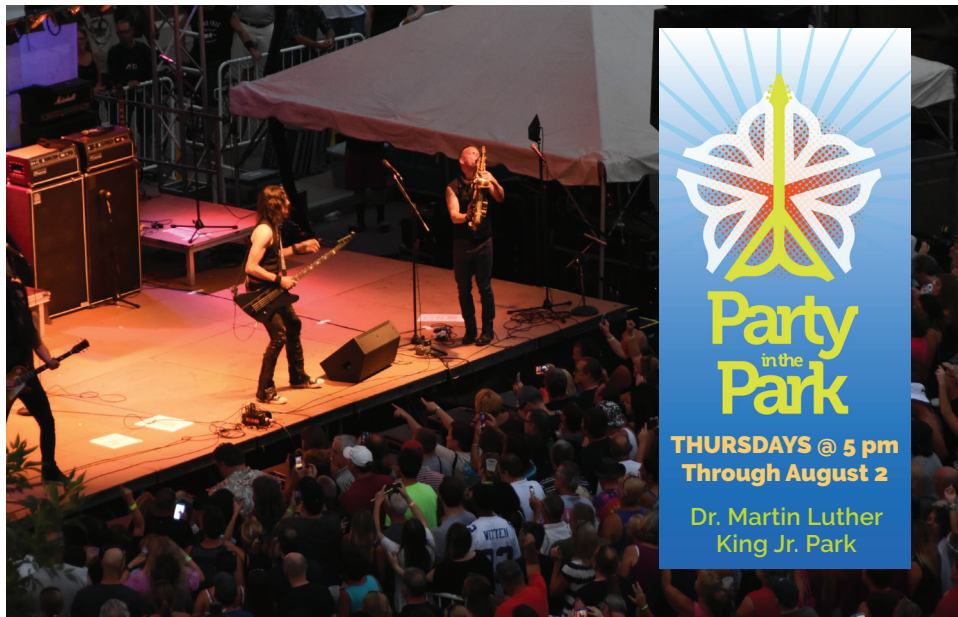


"THERE'S NOTHING TO DO IN ROCHESTER" SAID NO ONE EVER.



## Summer sounds in the city

Rochester knows how to enjoy a party, especially one that includes live music.

New this year, the Summer Soul Music Festival features an exciting line-up of Soul and R&B performers, plus we're adding a free community block party, with plenty of family-friendly fun, for the weekend of Aug. 25-26 at Frontier Field.

We also have our old favorites, like The Gospel Jubilee on Sunday, July 29 at the Public Market - a partnership

with the Elim Sanctuary Choir. It's a gathering and celebration of local inspirational music and groups. Plus admission is free.

And of course, there's Our Party in the Park concerts every Thursday so check out the City website to keep updated on all of our summer celebrations!



## For women. By women.

The 2018 Roc Women's Fest is a day to celebrate all of the many diverse women-owned businesses our city has to offer. Think live music, yoga in the park, a performance by the Rochester City Ballet and so much more! As always, we will have locally, female-owned food, drink and wares.

When: August 19 2018

Where: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park  
For more information please visit [www.bellaeventsgroup.com/roc-women-s-fest](http://www.bellaeventsgroup.com/roc-women-s-fest)



The ultimate urban music festival!  
July 7, August 5 & September 1  
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park

## FOOD TRUCK RODEO

local food. local brew. local bands.

FREE! 5 - 9 pm,  
Last Wednesday of the Month:  
July 25, Aug. 29, Sept. 26

## The Greatest Community GARAGE SALES and Super Fleas

FREE! 8 am - 2 pm  
Most Sundays, June - September



### Rochester City Council

Left to right standing:

Michael A. Patterson, Northeast District  
Elaine M. Spaul, Esq., East District  
Molly Clifford, Northwest District  
Adam C. McFadden, Vice President & South District

Left to right seated:

Malik D. Evans, At-Large  
Jacklyn Ortiz, At-Large  
Loretta C. Scott, Council President At-Large  
Mitchell D. Gruber, At-Large  
Willie J. Lightfoot, At-Large



## Mayor's Summer Stars Summer Learning Challenge

No matter their interests, kids have exciting opportunities to learn and stay active this summer. I challenge kids to keep their bodies healthy and minds sharp with a variety of free programs at our libraries and R-Centers.

**City Library Programs:** This year's learning challenge theme is "Libraries Rock!" with an activity book challenging kids to read, write stories, play outside, listen to music and more. Follow along with the musical notes in the book, spend 20 minutes on each activity and cross the notes out as you go. Return the completed activity book to your local library to be entered to win prizes! Our libraries also offer activities

*I challenge our kids to plug the summer brain drain and have some fun by taking an opportunity to continue learning at our libraries and R-Centers - Mayor Lovely A. Warren*

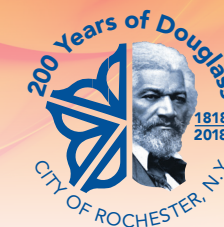
and summer shows such as Puppet Theaters and African Drumming to keep kids and their families busy all summer long.

**R-Center Programs:** We have programs available in science, technology, sports and creative arts. At our Summer Learning Labs, there is something for everyone. Kids can explore their interests, all while learning and enjoying their summer months.

**Drop Everything and Read:** Reading is a perfect way to go on adventures in science fiction or the biographies of heroes. I am challenging kids to "drop everything and read" by selecting 10 books to expand their horizons this summer.



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



Hello Friends,

*Summer is here at last, which means there's plenty to do around the city. We have something for everyone with different bands, festivals and free events like our Bike-In movie series at the Public Market. Events are listed at [www.cityofrochester.gov/events](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/events).*

*For the kids, check out my Summer Stars - Summer Learning Challenge. Our R-Centers and branch libraries have a lot to offer children so they can explore their interests and keep their minds and bodies active. As always, I want Rochester to be a great place to live, work and play. And in the summer months, we get to emphasize the 'play.' Enjoy!*

*Lovely A. Warren*

Mayor Lovely A. Warren

## Share Your News With Us

**Don't forget** if you belong to a block club, neighborhood group or business association, we want to hear about all the great things going on in your neck of the woods.

Northeast and Southwest Quadrant residents can contact Liliana at 428-6588, or at [Liliana.ruiz@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:Liliana.ruiz@cityofrochester.gov). Northwest and Southeast Quadrant residents can contact Andreas M. Rau at 428-6745, or at [Andreas.rau@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:Andreas.rau@cityofrochester.gov).

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# Pathways to Peace turns 20

For two decades, Pathways to Peace has been engaging youth on the streets and helping them find alternatives to gangs, drugs and violence.

The street outreach program celebrates 20 years of service this year. It was started by former Mayor Bill Johnson back in 1998 to protect youth at risk and help them get on track to a better life. Since then, the program has had many success stories, with participants who've gone on to serve in the military, get good jobs or enroll in college. The Pathways team works to pair youth with whatever services each one needs in the wider community.

Referrals can be made by law enforcement, neighbors, family or friends, community agencies or even by the youth themselves. You can learn more online or from the Pathways to Peace office at 200 West Ave.



# Meet Deputy Chief La'Ron Singletary

Building a strong and trusting relationship with the Rochester community is the number one goal for 38-year-old Rochester native, Deputy Chief La'Ron Singletary.



In his 18th year of police work, Singletary will be directing the Rochester Police Department's new Community Affairs Bureau. He says that the new bureau, with 40 officers including crime prevention officers, school resource officers, a recruiter and a public information officer, will increase police engagement with the community and build a sense of trust.

One step to building trust is educating the public on what the RPD is working toward in the community. For example, the RPD hosts a police training advisory council where residents can learn about policies

and procedures while also providing input to the department. The RPD also engages with youth in the community through the Police

Explorer Program and internships for college students interested in criminal justice and related fields.

Input from residents has shown Singletary and the rest of the RPD that this bureau is needed, and initial feedback has been positive.

Through the new bureau, officers will have more opportunities to get to know the people they protect while residents can interact with the police in a

positive way outside of crisis situations.

Singletary is excited about leading the new Community Affairs Bureau and believes that focusing on better police-community relationships will make Rochester a stronger and safer city.



# Building Wealth and ROC'ing the Economy

Launched earlier this year, The Mayor's Office of Community Wealth Building was created to help city residents build personal wealth and achieve equal pay for equal work.

The Office will serve as a one-stop-shop for entrepreneurs and small business owners seeking information on how start or sustain a business. One of the goals for 2018 is to help entrepreneurs and small businesses get better access to credit which would allow those businesses to create jobs and boost the city's overall economy.

The Office of Community Wealth Building is loosely modeled after a similar initiative in Richmond, Virginia and will handle programs and policies around financial literacy, wealth building and wage disparity. To find out more, contact: Brittaney Wells or Brad Willows at 428-6568 or visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/wealthbuilding/](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/wealthbuilding/)



# New Homes in Beechwood Neighborhood

New affordable homes are filling vacant lots on Diamond Place, the first new construction in the Beechwood Neighborhood since 2002. One home has already been completed, and three others are in the works, giving the new homeowners a chance to build home equity and achieve greater financial stability.

# City's Urban Fellows Program Provides Hands-On Experience



For the second summer, City departments are getting the benefit of young talent through our Urban Fellows Program.

The City of Rochester has 39 interns working throughout its departments this summer, gaining valuable experience and training.

"This is a great opportunity to gain practical communication skills. Also, I get a real feel for how local government operates, which is exciting!" says Jason Wolf, a UX Design and political science major from RIT.

"This internship has allowed me to see what goes on behind the scenes in law enforcement,

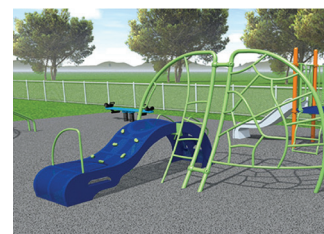
and I have a great mentor who has taught me about working in a traditionally male-dominated environment," says Morgan Evans, an MCC student studying criminal justice.

"This internship is helping me to understand IT in a professional environment, as you can only go so far in the classroom," says Jacob Rivera, from Alfred State University. He is helping to maintain the City's databases and tracking work orders as part of his internship.

We take new interns every season so if you are interested, please visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/urbanfellows/](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/urbanfellows/)

# Cool Down with Cool Sweep

Cool Sweep provides opportunities at City swimming sites, spray parks and fire hydrants for residents to get relief from the summer heat when temperatures reach or exceed 85 degrees. Check out our brand new spray park at the Campbell R-Center, or for other Cool Sweep locations, call 311 or visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/CoolSweep](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/CoolSweep).



# CAMPBELL STREET R-CENTER Reimagined

Beat the heat at the new Campbell Street R-Center's splash park. The brand new water park features colorful fountains, overhead water buckets and is wheelchair accessible! Now, even more city residents have a chance to cool off on those hot summer days.

The splash park and a new playground are phase 2 of a three-part plan for improvements. Phase 1 included upgrades to the gym, kitchen and fitness rooms. In the next phase, the entrance will be redesigned to make it more open and welcoming to the community.

Come tour our brand new:  
Gym • Kitchen • Fitness room  
Playground • Spray park • Fields  
Wheelchair accessible facilities