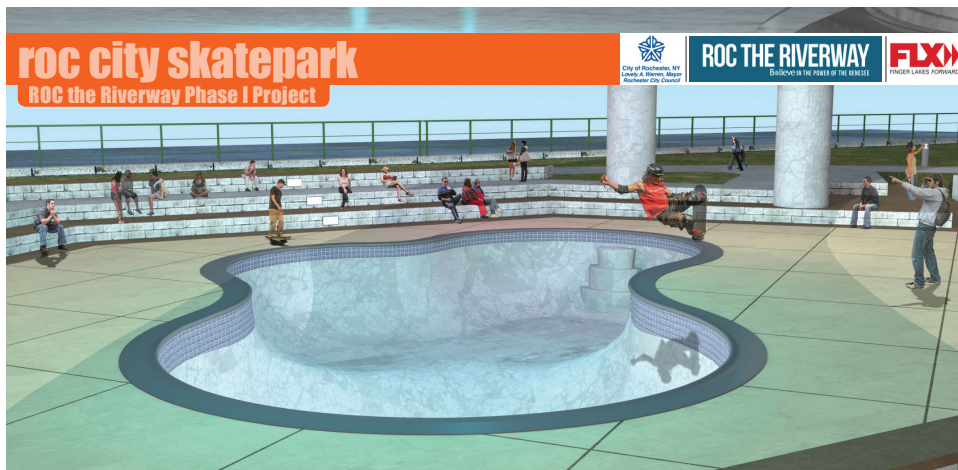


ROC the Riverway Update: ROC City Skatepark



This fall, the City expects to be reviewing designs for a new skate park planned as part of ROC the Riverway. The Roc City Skatepark is proposed for under the east end of the Susan B. Anthony/Frederick Douglass Bridge. Stantec Consulting Services was chosen by Rochester City Council to lead the design process, which would include opportunities for public input.

The park is intended for skateboarding, BMX, rollerblading, scooters and other sports. The

design would be finalized over the winter, with construction slated to begin in the spring for a target opening date in the fall of 2019. Gov. Cuomo approved \$1 million in state funding for the skate park.

The project got another boost after it secured a \$250,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation this summer. The total investment in the skate park, from various sources, could be as much as \$2 million.



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Story Time with Style

Story Time with Style is an initiative designed to encourage our children to develop a love of reading. Through partnerships with our local barber and beauty salons, we have set up bookshelves within the city of Rochester filled with donated children's books.

I would like to thank our current 22 shops for their continuous support and willingness to encourage children to read. Becoming a good reader helps children succeed in school and opens the doors of opportunity. This summer my program director, Ayrona Winston held three book drives collecting over 5,000 books. If you donated, I thank you! If you are interested in serving as a host shop, please contact Ayrona at City Hall in the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services. Together, we can promote reading by offering children easy access to books in the comfortable and familiar setting of our local beauty salons and barbershops.

2018 Fall Leaf Pick Up Schedule

Want to know when we'll be in your neighborhood? Check our website for daily updates at www.cityofrochester.gov/leaves.



Rochester City Council

Left to right standing:

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Elaine M. Spaul, Esq., East District
Molly Clifford, Northwest District

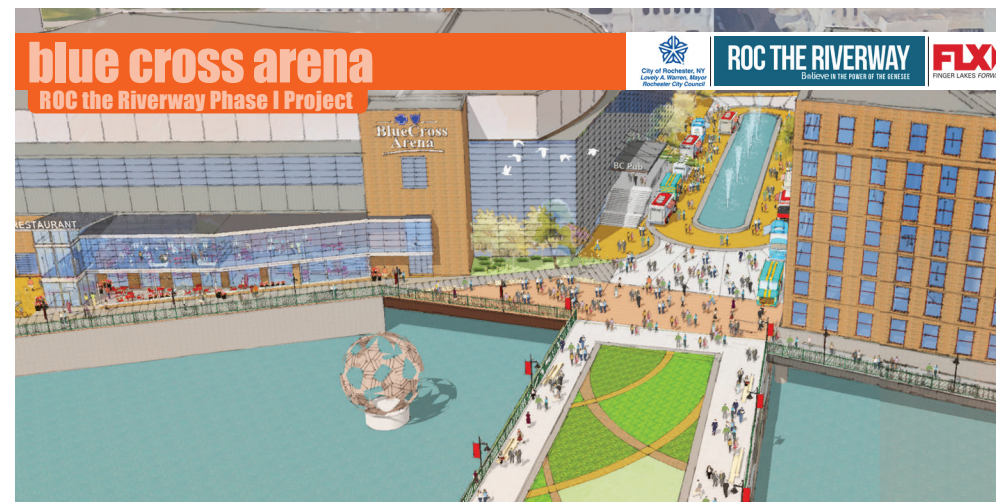
Adam C. McFadden, Vice President & South District

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



ROC the Riverway Update: Blue Cross Arena Gets a Makeover



The Blue Cross Arena at the Rochester War Memorial is slated for a major upgrade with more than \$18 million in funds from the City, State and Pegula Sports and Entertainment, the new managers of the venue.

Pegula has pledged to invest up to \$1.5 million to install a new scoreboard at the Blue Cross Arena. Plus, Rochester's delegation to the New York State Senate and Assembly secured \$7 million to expand the Arena along Exchange Boulevard.

This will include a new side entrance, a reconfigured office suite, an additional locker room and a larger concession area for fans. Also included are much-needed restroom upgrades and improvements to the audio-visual system.

Gov. Andrew Cuomo has pledged to spend up to \$6 million under the ROC the Riverway initiative to enhance the facility's position on the

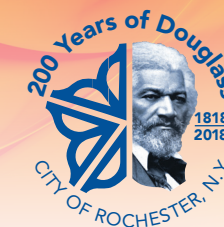


Genesee River by re-defining the River Terrace to give visitors a better riverfront experience.

The City of Rochester has committed \$3.3 million for several capital projects, including a new marquee and roof replacement. And the New York Power Authority has pledged \$275,000 for lighting upgrades.

The improvements will create jobs and complement other ROC the Riverway initiatives, including the Broad Street Aqueduct, the Rundel Library North Terrace and the Riverside Convention Center renovations.

It will also raise the visibility of the War Memorial Eternal Flame. All these investments will set the stage for future upgrades totaling \$22 million, which will make the Blue Cross Arena more competitive on a national level to bring in bigger events and acts.



Hello Friends,

The kids are back at school and the days are getting shorter. But there is still plenty to celebrate in Rochester. We have much to look forward to as our ROC the Riverway plans take shape, and we introduce some new holiday traditions for families.

We're doing a lot to create good jobs while also making progress toward safer, more vibrant neighborhoods and better educational opportunities for all.

Let's welcome Deputy Police Chief Mark Simmons as he takes over as Interim Chief and we say good-bye to Chief Michael Ciminelli. I know Simmons is more than capable of leading the department. You can learn a little more about his background in this newsletter.

I hope you take time to enjoy the beauty of the autumn leaves as we set a course for the end of the year and give thanks for all that we are given.

Lovely A. Warren

Mayor Lovely A. Warren

Share Your News With Us

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

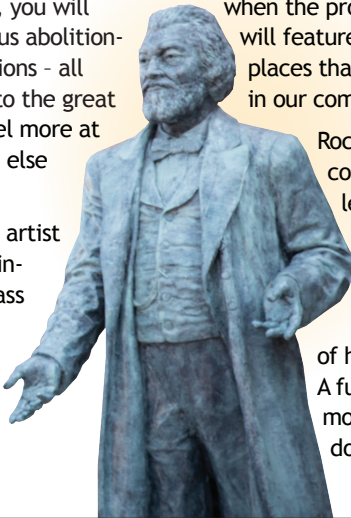




Frederick Douglass in Rochester

Noted freedom fighter Frederick Douglass has been seen all over town. This fall, you will find life-sized statues of the famous abolitionist and orator in a variety of locations - all places that were once important to the great man who said he would always feel more at home in Rochester than anywhere else in the country.

The statues were created by local artist and sculptor Olivia Kim and were inspired by the monument to Douglass currently in Highland Park. One interesting fact: the hands on the statues were modeled based on the hands of Kenneth B. Morris Jr., a descendant of Douglass alive today.



Three statues were set up this summer and when the project is finished the City will feature 13 statues in all, marking places that were important to his life in our community.

Rochester has spent 2018 commemorating Douglass's legacy in many different ways. Don't let the year end without learning more about Rochester's favorite son before the bicentennial of his birth draws to a close. A full roster of locations and more details are available at douglastour.com.

Mark Simmons Takes Over as Interim Chief of Police

After 16 years in the Rochester Police Department, Deputy Chief Mark Simmons has taken over as Interim Chief following the departure of Chief Michael Ciminelli.

Over the past four years, Ciminelli oversaw major initiatives including the return to a community-based policing model, new patrol sections, new section offices, greater police accountability and the body-worn camera program.

Simmons was involved in many of those efforts and served as coordinator of the RPD's Reorganization Project. As Deputy Chief of the Administration Bureau, he oversaw other critical functions, including policy development; budget; training; labor relations; fleet management; and emergency planning. He previously served as Commanding Officer of the Special Operations Division, Commander of Patrol Division West, Sergeant, Homicide Investigator and Patrol Officer.

Simmons was born in Rochester and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Keuka College. He is married with four children. His father, Bishop Amos Simmons, is the bishop of Upper Floor Room Family Worship Center on Joseph Avenue.

I have great faith in Mark Simmons, and I know he will work hard to protect and serve the citizens of Rochester and ensure the safety of our police officers. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to Chief Ciminelli and wish him the best of luck in his new position with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency in Washington D.C.



You R already a member!

From educational and engaging after-school programs to senior activities, sports leagues, and state-of-the-art fitness facilities, Rochester recreation offers literally hundreds of opportunities to explore, grow and have fun! Find out all your local R-Center has to offer at www.cityofrochester.gov/FallRec.

Rochester Landmark Named After Father Laurence Tracy

The City of Rochester mourned the passing of Father Laurence Tracy in August, recognizing his many contributions to the city and the Latino community. We are fortunate that Padre Tracy was still with us when we rededicated Los Flamboyanes at 100 Borinquen Plaza in his honor - now it's the Padre Tracy Village at Los Flamboyanes. Padre Tracy will be deeply missed. He truly embodied and lived God's Word and he did so much for our Latino neighbors and our most challenged communities - from housing to advocacy to employment to prayer. An angel has returned to heaven, but he will forever be remembered as our Padre Tracy.



Bringing Santa Back Downtown



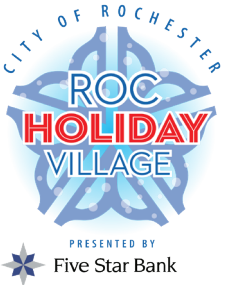
Many of us remember the excitement of the holidays at the old Midtown Plaza, with the towering tree, visits to Santa or a ride on the monorail. We wanted to recreate some of that excitement in a new Rochester tradition.

This year, the City of Rochester is sponsoring a ROC Holiday Village at MLK Jr. Park at Manhattan Square with activities offered every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in December until Christmas.

Join us on Dec. 1 for the Liberty Pole Lighting and Parade then head to MLK Jr. Park to cut the ribbon on the inaugural ROC Holiday

Village. You can take your kids to visit Santa at Santaland or shop for gifts from local merchants and artists while your children go ice skating. When you're done, grab a bite to eat or some hot cocoa.

It's a chance for families to spend time together and create memories that will last a lifetime. Find out more at ROCholidayvillage.com.



Learning About the Law



Some of our middle school students are learning about the justice system directly from lawyers and judges serving in our courts. The Just Law program brings judges and members of the Rochester Black Bar Association into City schools to talk about how the legal system works and the role it plays in our community.

Students also have a chance to share their perspectives and experiences, and after the

presentation, students will be asked to write a 250-word essay on the topic, "Justice means to me..." Every student who submits a thoughtful and well-written essay will receive a ticket to the 2018 WDKX Step Jam, to be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Blue Cross Arena. The top 12 essay winners

will win prizes and be honored on stage, as well as have an opportunity to be mentored by lawyers with the RBBA.

If you would like to learn more or are interested in having your school participate, contact Liliana Ruiz at (585) 428-7405 in the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services, or email: Liliana.Ruiz@cityofrochester.gov.

Color My World

ROCpaint is looking for a few talented young artists! These part-time, after-school jobs are for youth ages 16-18 to design and create meaningful art and murals at our City's R-Centers. Chances are you've seen some of ROCpaint's fabulous work already!

The next round of 10 young artists will be chosen this fall to start work in January. Applicants must submit a portfolio of their artwork to be considered. Projects this year will include the exterior of the Edgerton R-Center as well as other locations. Young artists will work with two of our talented mural artists: Justin Suarez and Brittany Williams, and will have opportunities to meet with guest artists, learn new techniques and take field trips, as well as create original art for our City.

Thanks to winning a national Play Everywhere Challenge grant, one of ROCpaint's future projects will involve creating artistic and creative play opportunities that pay homage to the cultural heritage of the residents living near Jones Square Park. I can't wait to see what they create! For more information, or to find out how to apply, email Justin.Suarez@cityofrochester.gov.



Your Opinion Matters

Please help us shape the future of Rochester! The City will be distributing a survey to selected households in October and providing a survey online for other residents. All participants will remain anonymous. Your feedback will help the Mayor's Office and all of City Hall make decisions that affect our city. If you get a survey in the mail, please fill it out! If you want to participate in our general online survey, go to www.cityofrochester.gov to find a link to the survey.