

Clean Sweep Returns May 11, 2019



When the snow melts in the spring, you know the time is coming for Clean Sweep.

Last year, Clean Sweep 2018 was a huge success! More than 3,000 people and members of the Rochester Red Wings showed up to get our city cleaner, greener and ready for spring!

Since it was first launched in 2006, more than 30,000 volunteers have participated in Clean Sweep, working alongside City crews to remove winter debris and litter from city neighborhoods. Volunteers also plant flowers, prune trees and perform other neighborhood beautification projects. City crews remove graffiti, clean



City-owned properties, repair sidewalks and fill potholes.

Participating in Clean Sweep is a great way to reconnect with old friends or make some new ones. It's also a great opportunity to do some team-building by organizing your neighborhood association, church group, school group, club, team, family or civic organization to participate together.

The date for 2019 Clean Sweep is May 11, so make sure to hold that Saturday open on your calendar and join the rest of Rochester in showing your pride in our community.



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Black Heritage Month

The City of Rochester's Black Heritage Committee is busy planning activities to highlight and commemorate the African American experience in our community and our country.

This year's theme is "Black Migration: Arising from Poverty and Ascending into Destiny" and will center on the movement of African Americans from the South to Rochester and other parts of the country.

Most of the month's activities are free and include several gospel concerts, activities for youth, art and jazz along with a food tasting. Of course, one of the highlights will be the Black Heritage Gala, scheduled for March 9 at the Riverside Convention Center. Tickets for the gala can be purchased at City Hall or through Eventbrite.

For a complete listing of planned activities, dates and locations, visit the City's website at www.cityofrochester.gov/bhm or check out Black Heritage Rochester on Facebook. Many thanks to the committee members for their volunteer efforts to plan and execute all of these activities for the benefit of our residents.

CELEBRATE BLACK HERITAGE

Black Heritage Gala

Saturday, March 9, 2019 | 6 pm-Midnight
Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center

Buy Your Tickets Today!

Tickets are **\$60** and may be purchased at **City Hall, 30 Church St., Room 100-A** between **9 am-5 pm.**
www.cityofrochester.gov/bhm



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



ROC CITY NEWS



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From Cold War Intrigue to Job Creator: the Kodak Hawkeye Plant



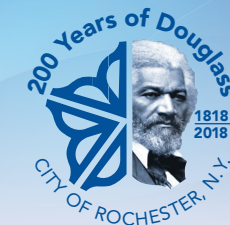
Northeast Rochester is getting an economic boost and new jobs thanks to the renovation and repurposing of the old Kodak Hawkeye plant off St. Paul Street.

The new owners of the roughly 785,000 square-foot campus, once a source of Cold War intrigue, have started with the rehabilitation of Building 5 to create what's called a Foreign Trade Zone. In addition, they're planning offices and a center for e-commerce and startups. In 2020, they plan to add construction of affordable housing.

The project is expected to create 100 permanent full-time jobs, 100 construction jobs

and 100 affordable apartments within the next few years. The owners, WBS Capital Inc., have committed to working together with women and minority-owned companies in the area to bring this project to successful completion. They also plan to hire from the local community and from returning veterans and their families.

Already the excitement about this revitalization has led to inquiries from other developers interested in parcels nearby - positioning the St. Paul corridor and the Northeast section of the city for a long overdue rebirth!



Hello friends,
Don't let the weather keep you from having some fun this winter, whether that involves sledding, skating, playing basketball or making art. Our R-Centers are full of programs to keep everyone active and engaged. And check out the new Break Week Discovery activities for kids this February and April.

For 2019, we're welcoming a new Deputy Mayor. And we're excited about the new jobs being created in the Northeast section of the city as a result of the old Kodak Hawkeye Plant renovation. Rochester is getting better every year and 2019 will be no different!

We continue to work diligently towards toward more jobs, safer and more vibrant neighborhoods and better educational opportunities for everyone. I look forward to everything we can accomplish together as a community in 2019.

Lovely A. Warren

Mayor Lovely 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.



Clear the Snow So All Can Go



The City of Rochester employs some of the best snow fighters in the business, but when the flakes start falling, keeping our families safe and our roads open is everyone's responsibility.

During severe weather, listen to local radio and television stations for updates on important snow plowing and parking instructions. You can also find information on the City of Rochester's Facebook and Twitter pages.

You can track snow plows in real time through our PlowTrax application, www.cityofrochester.gov/plowtrax. To accommodate street snow plowing, strictly observe alternate side parking regulations.

The City plows sidewalks when four inches or more of new snow has accumulated. The

rest of the time it is the home or business owner's responsibility. Just one inch of snow on the sidewalks can prevent residents with disabilities from getting to work or elsewhere, so please, clear the snow so all can go!

For more information on the City's snow plow operations, visit www.cityofrochester.gov/rocsnow, or call 311.

We also ask that our families take the time to plan for severe storms or prolonged power outages. And don't forget to include your four-legged family members in your plans!

For more information on how to protect yourself and your family, visit www.redcross.org.

Stay warm and stay safe!

Meet the New Deputy Mayor

We have a new Deputy Mayor in 2019, but he's already a familiar face in City Hall.

James Smith has been in charge of the City's Communications and Special Events Bureau for the last four years. Now he's taking over as Deputy Mayor after Dr. Cedric Alexander's retirement at the end of 2018.

Before coming to work for the City, James Smith was County Manager in Seneca County. He also worked as Deputy County Executive in Monroe County and as executive director



of the Monroe County Water Authority. Those jobs, among others, have given him experience in everything from budgeting to public works and public safety. His management and operations experience will allow him to provide strong oversight and accountability for everything we do here at the City.

James lives in the ABC Streets Neighborhood and attends Blessed Sacrament Church. He's also a member of the city's LGBTQ community and may be Rochester's first LGBTQ Deputy Mayor! Please give him a warm welcome if you see him!

Mayor Warren picked for National Housing Task Force

A shortage of safe, affordable housing is an issue facing cities all over the country and starting in 2019, I'll be meeting with a select group of city leaders from around the U.S. to look at ways to meet the needs.

I'm honored to have been chosen for the National League of Cities Task Force on Housing and I hope to bring back some new and innovative ideas to provide our residents with the basic human right of safe, quality and affordable housing.

The cost of housing has been rising faster than wages in most of America. Rochester may not face the challenges of cities like New York or San Francisco, but we can still learn from others. We can also work together to make policy recommendations to our state and federal leaders. I look forward to every opportunity to bring fresh solutions



Experience the Wonder

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/win-terrec.



Good Boy! How the K-9 Patrol helps us all

Can you run 25 mph? If not, don't expect to outrun Rochester PD's Officer Kato.

Of course, it helps that Kato has four legs. And once he's caught you, he'll have to wait for his partner, Officer Jason Hess, to catch up since Kato can't quite manage the handcuffs or read you your rights.

But they are an effective team and we're proud that their partnership led to the arrest of an armed kidnapping suspect in November.

Rochester's "Police Working Dogs" help their human partners in many ways. Their sensitive noses can help locate lost children, or suspects in hiding. They can search buildings and sniff out drugs, weapons or explosives. Each dog has a special set of skills and a unique relationship with the police officer who is his partner. Together they form a team.



At the end of the workday, the dogs go home with their human partners and become part of the family. They get to relax and take their minds off their jobs just like the rest of us. Some may even dress up for Halloween!

These special players at RPD now have their own "baseball" style cards with facts about each of them and their two-legged companions. Did you know Officer Pat Carney's partner, Dexter, loves cheerios? Or that Kosz, who works with Officer Roy Hinman, came to Rochester from the Czech Republic?

There are currently seven Police Working Dogs with four more in training for 2019. Don't be afraid to stop and talk with them if you meet them. As with any dog, just be sure to consult with their humans first. The two-legged RPD officers all carry cards with information about their K-9 partners. If you're lucky and get to meet all of the teams, you might get yourself a complete set!

Friendship Dolls from Nagasaki, Japan

The Secret Room in the Children's Room of the Central Library features a new addition to its doll collection.

"Yoko" is a gift of the Nagasaki Friendship Doll Association in Japan. Her bigger sister Sakurako is at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

The sharing of gifts is one of many ways that Rochester creates ties to people in other countries. Rochester was one of the first to participate in the Sister Cities International program when it signed its first Sister City agreement with Rennes, France in 1958.

Now Rochester features the Rennes Bridge on our Genesee River and last year, Rennes dedicated a Susan B. Anthony Square in its city.

From that first relationship in France, we have built ties with a dozen sister cities,

from Bamako in Mali to Xianyang, in the Shaanxi Province of China. We often host visitors from our sister cities in City Hall and send our own delegates to learn more about life in their communities.

If you want to learn more about our Sister Cities, please visit the third floor of City Hall. We have displays there of the many beautiful gifts we've received from our friends around the world. And of course, welcome Yoko and Sakurako to Rochester if you meet them!



Thanks for Your Generosity

Hundreds of Rochester children are keeping warm this winter thanks to the amazing generosity of people who contributed new and used coats to the City's annual coat drive.

We also owe a debt of gratitude to star Running Back LeSean McCoy and the Buffalo Bills who provided Rochester with bag after bag of warm coats on Nov. 20, when McCoy paid a visit to our Blue Cross Arena. That day, we also accepted many coats and toys from Bills fans in our own community.

And on Dec. 15, at my annual Coat Giveaway, hundreds of coats were distributed to local families, along with hats and gloves and holiday toys. We had a wonderful time together in the Atrium under the beautiful City Hall holiday tree. I am humbled and thankful for the generosity of this community and all the ways we take care of our children, especially during the holiday season.

