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7/25: WAR • BRANDON 'TAZ' NIEDERAUER

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Check out the new Business and Community Services Center

The Business and Community Services Center at 30 and 56 N. Fitzhugh St. is a resource for residents, connecting them to community partners who offer courses, coaching and networking opportunities.

Individuals can learn more about banking, budgeting, finance, homeownership and investments. Entrepreneurs can learn more about marketing, social media, access to capital or how to qualify as a Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE).

The Center is an outgrowth of the Mayor's Office of Community Wealth Building, which aims to give everyone in Rochester the tools they need to create wealth from the bottom up, especially communities of color who've previously been excluded from many opportunities.

Working with community partners, the Center has already offered classes on Healthy Living on a Budget, a U.S. Small Business Administration bootcamp for women entrepreneurs, financial literacy and tax preparation support.

You can learn more or sign up for the free classes at cityofrochester.gov/wealthbuilding.



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Community Schools, Neighborhood Partnerships offer "Beacons of Hope" in the State of the City Address

In my 2019 State of the City address at Enrico Fermi School No. 17, I wanted to showcase the progress that's been made there - and to encourage similar investments throughout our city.

Community "beacon" schools don't just serve students, they provide critical services for an entire neighborhood thanks to multiple partnerships with community agencies. At School 17, families have access to health care, dental care, mental health services and social supports close to home to help them find safe housing, food or jobs.

Since the JOSANA Neighborhood created its master plan, with School 17 at its heart, the area has seen poverty and crime rates fall and affordable housing expand.

Their success is an inspiration, not just for our schools, but for all of Rochester. School 17 and JOSANA are beacons of hope, showing us that we can come together and overcome any challenge we face.

Rochester is making real progress. Our annual unemployment rate is at its lowest point in 10

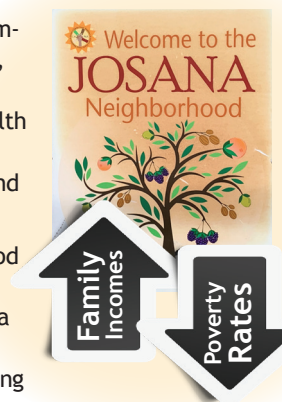
years, crime is at its lowest point in 34 years and neighborhoods across the city are witnessing renewed levels of private- and public-sector investment.

The Bulls Head area will soon host the Rochester Police Department's Southwest Section office, which means all five police sections have neighborhood-based locations in various stages of development or completion, another step in restoring community policing.

La Marketa on North Clinton Avenue will go out to bid for construction this summer, the first sign of tangible progress on a project that has been promised to Rochester's Latino community for three decades.

But my goals of more jobs, safer and more vibrant neighborhoods

and better educational opportunities will never be fully realized until our school system provides the education our children need to succeed. The time has come to demand changes from the Rochester City School District - and to support "beacons of hope" like School 17 for children in every neighborhood of our city. [Read the transcript at cityofrochester.gov/SOTC2019](http://cityofrochester.gov/SOTC2019)



Mayor Lovely A. Warren
State of the City Address

Part 1 Crime: Down 27%

Lowest Unemployment Rate in a Decade!

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Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air and it's time for a fresh start. Our annual Clean Sweep gave us a chance to spruce up the City and enjoy some fun with the Rochester Red Wings. Thanks to everyone who participated!

This Spring, I'm also urging our community to get involved and to demand change for the Rochester City School District. This is an all-hands-on-deck moment as we show NYS Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia that this community is serious about its children and serious about giving them all the education they deserve.

Together, we can work with state leaders, school officials and the community to define a path forward and make sure change happens NOW. Our children only have one childhood, and we can't afford to let another generation down.

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Share Your News With Us

Don't forget that 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. Northwest and Southeast Quadrant residents should contact Andreas M. Rau at 428-6745, or at andreas.rau@cityofrochester.gov.

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Public Safety Careers, Now's Your Chance!



If you've dreamed of working in public safety in Rochester, the required civil service exams for applicants are being offered this summer and fall. The deadline to sign up for the exams starts on June 30 for 911 Emergency Dispatch candidates.

Other opportunities will be announced soon, when, for the first time in four years, the City of Rochester will be offering Civil Service exams for applicants interested in joining the Rochester Fire Department. Applicants must sign up to take the test by Sept. 4 and the test will be

offered on Oct. 18. The Rochester Police Department also is looking for good candidates to join their department. The deadline to sign up for that exam is Aug. 5. The test will be offered on Sept. 14.

Learn more at cityofrochester.gov/jobs



The Eye of the Eagle - RPD turns 200

Ever wondered why the Rochester police badge and patch feature an eagle? One of the oldest police department artifacts is a stone statue of an eagle that once sat atop an old precinct building on what's now Samuel McCree Way. The statue is more than 100 years old, when the eagle was picked as a symbol for the Rochester Police Department to represent the protective watch that the RPD provided for the people of Rochester.

In honor of the 200th anniversary of the RPD, the statue, which has been outside for many years in the City Hall courtyard, was moved and restored. You can see it now in the lobby of the Rochester Public Safety Building.

There will be special events throughout 2019 to honor the 200 years of the police department. You may have seen a visiting group of Irish officers or "Garda" who joined us as RPD marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. This year's events are organized by the RPD Bicentennial Committee in partnership with the Police Foundation.

Efforts are also underway to create a history book for the Rochester Police Department and commemorative coins, flags, lapel pins, Christmas ornaments and swords have been created and will be for sale, with profits going to the Special Olympics. To learn more visit rochesterpolicefoundation.org.



Everyday Heroes: Meet the New Fire Chief

Fire Chief Will Jackson has taken over the leadership of the Rochester Fire Department after Chief John Schreiber retired at the end of 2018.

Jackson has been with the department for more than 20 years and he was appointed Deputy Chief in 2016, where he was placed in charge of training. He's also worked in operations, community outreach and recruitment.

In 2013, he was recognized for saving a man trapped in a vehicle, and in 2006, he helped save three children from a burning building. Locally, he's been a volunteer for Pillars of Hope and for the VOA Camp Heroes program. He also works with our Sister City, Puerto Plata in the Dominican Republic, helping to deliver surplus fire trucks and other equipment to that community.

He regularly goes above and beyond, helping our fire department become one of the very best in the country, and I'm proud to have him leading the Rochester Fire Department.



Rundel ready to ROC the Riverway

Get ready for the transformation of the Rundel Library's North Terrace. This ROC the Riverway project went out to bid in March, and construction is expected to start in early summer.

The total project cost is \$7.9 million and relies on both state and local funds. Once complete, it will allow for the reopening and expansion of the now-closed terrace by the main library. Not only will there be critical structural supports and repairs, the new and larger terrace will open up dramatic views of the river and the rapids south of Court Street.

The project also includes a large outdoor public art component, plus the terrace will be designed to connect with other ROC the Riverway projects creating a dynamic and interconnected riverfront in the heart of the city. The new terrace is projected to open in the fall of 2020.

Plan for Summer Fun!

Spring is the time to start planning for summer and with Rochester's beautiful parks, popular R-Centers and an amazing lineup of summer events, there is something for everyone to enjoy. Get out and take advantage of the warmer months while learning something new and exploring our city. Pick up a free guide at any City R-Center, or go to cityofrochester.gov/summerrec.



Let's Get REAL (Race, Equity and Leadership)



This winter, the City of Rochester celebrated its first National Day of Racial Healing and brought together the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce and City leaders to sign a new Charter that commits our community to addressing obstacles to racial equity and its intersection with other identities.

By clearing a path for greater equity, businesses, nonprofits and local governments can reap major benefits: strengthening their talent pipeline, finding new markets and products, encouraging innovation and improving workplace culture.

Rochester is at the forefront of a movement by several cities to improve opportunities by using a racial equity lens to look at how we structure our organizations and our decisions.

Rochester's Let's Get REAL Charter lays out four areas for attention: workforce development, community empowerment, media engagement and how our nonprofit community awards grants.

This is just the beginning of what will be a long conversation involving business owners, faith leaders, the media, colleges and nonprofits. The team behind Let's Get REAL is connecting with many community partners interested in building racial equity into their organizations. REAL will be developing tools to help various groups and institutions -- because we all benefit by creating a community where everyone is valued and able to contribute their best.



And the Winners Are...



JUST LAW, a program to introduce youth to the workings of the judicial system, received 459 essays as students reflected on what justice meant to them. An executive committee selected 12 essays, which the authors read aloud in front of parents, educators, judges, law enforcement and Hall of Justice personnel on March 14.

Winners were: Ruwelda Abdulrahman, 7th grade at School #58; Luis Collazo, 6th grade at School #54; Asia Dillard, 7th grade at School #28; Arianna Dorado, 8th grade at School #17; Erick Martinez Figueroa, 6th grade at School #22; Skyler Johnson, 6th grade at School #34; Jayla Lebron, 8th grade at School of the Arts; Yuleizy Maysonet, 8th grade at School #28; Shazia Muhammad, 7th grade at School #58; Janetlise Ortiz,

8th grade at Integrated Arts and Technology High School; Omar Overstreet, 6th grade at School #34; Abdiel Soto, 6th grade at School #22.

JUST LAW brought local judges, lawyers and other professionals into 18 City schools, introducing more than 2,000 students to legal careers and how our justice system functions, as well as providing opportunities for mentoring from the Black Bar Association. This year's program ended with a mock trial overseen by Judge Rosenbaum.

