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Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market

Every Saturday May 7 - October 29 (E. Third & Water)

Celebrating its 17th season, the Farmers' Market is a frequent stop for area residents to enjoy the vibrant colors, aromas and flavors of southeast Michigan's growing season. Located at the corner of E. Third and Water Street, just one block east of Main Street, the market is open every Saturday, May 7 through October 29, from 8 am - 1 pm. The market features only Michigan-grown (or made) products including vegetables, fruits, flowers, container gardens, fresh cut flowers, herbs, homemade baked goods, gnocchi, jams and jellies, honey, maple syrup, locally roasted coffee and various certified organic products including eggs, beef and chicken. For more information about the market, please visit DowntownRochesterMI.com or contact the Rochester DDA office at (248) 656-0060.

Clinton River Trail Interceptor Sewer Construction

This project will construct a brand new, 21-inch sewer main along the Clinton River Trail from Elizabeth Street to the Leticia Trail Head and will cost approximately \$1.5 Million. The new vertical alignment increases the average depth to alleviate an antiquated siphon under the Paint Creek currently causing a routine maintenance challenge and the increased pipe size will solve a conveyance capacity limitation for a third of the City. This sewer main transports 1,300,000 gallons of sewage per day which is approximately two thirds of our entire City's requirement. A key part of the construction is the open cut through the Paint Creek. The utmost precaution is being taken to protect our aquatic life and prize winning trout stream. The Department of Natural Resources has been involved in the design from the concept phase and has partnered in the solution. The construction will take approximately four months and will be complete in June 2016. Please be aware of Clinton River Trail detour signs during construction. If you have any questions, please call the Rochester DPW at (248) 651-5165.

Precinct 5 Voters

Voting at The Older
Persons' Commission
Building,
650 Leticia

NOTICE OF ROOM CHANGE

Voting at OPC for Precinct 5 will now be held in the AUDITORIUM on the north-east corner of the building. Voters will now use the north parking lot. This change will begin with the March 8, 2016 election. Precinct 5 is everyone east of the Stoney Creek to the eastern City limit and north of Parkdale to the northern City limit. If you have any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 651-9061.

Downtown Rochester Event Calendar

Farmers' Market

May 7 - October 29

Deck Art

May 19 & 20

Greater Rochester Heritage Days

May 28 & 29

Mini Market Thursdays

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Sidewalk Sales

July 7 - 9

Rochester Explorers Club

July 7 - 30

Movies in the Moonlight

July 9, 16, 23 & 30

Princess & Pirate Ball

August 7

Rockin' Rods 'N Rochester

August 14

Memorial Day Weekend Activities



Make sure you plan on attending Rochester's annual Memorial Day activities. The weekend kicks off with the Greater Rochester Heritage Days Festival, which brings history to life. The Festival will be held in the Municipal Park in Downtown Rochester on Saturday and Sunday (May 28th & 29th). Admission to the festival is free.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 30, 2016. The opening ceremony will be at Mount Avon Cemetery starting at 9:15 am. Following the ceremony at 10:00 am, the parade will exit the south entrance of the cemetery and proceed down Harding Road, turn left on Livernois and continue to Veteran's Memorial Pointe at the southeast corner of Livernois and Avon Road.

Police Open House

The Rochester Police Department will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday, June 4, 2016. The Open House will feature a bike rodeo, child fingerprinting and other activities for children. If you would like more information, please contact the Police Department at (248) 651-9621.



State of the City

**MONDAY,
MARCH 21, 2016,
ROYAL PARK HOTEL,
600 E. UNIVERSITY**

You are cordially invited to attend the State of the City Address.

The Honorable Cathy Daldin,
Mayor - City of Rochester.

Seating begins at 6:30 pm.
Program starts promptly at 7:00 pm.

Reception immediately following the State of the City Address. Complimentary light hors d'oeuvres & refreshments provided by the generosity of local Rochester establishments. Cash Bar.

Please RSVP to Deborah Farrah, mayor.office@rochestermi.org, (248) 651-9061. Please indicate the number of guests in your party.



A Walk in the Park with Your Dog

If you want to walk your dog in a City Park, you must obtain a 2016 Dog Park Permit which can be obtained from the City Clerk for a \$10 fee for residents and \$40 for non-residents. This fee covers up to three (3) dogs. For the safety of your dog and other park users, dogs must be kept on a leash. Also, as required by Rochester City Code, dogs and cats must be maintained under reasonable control at all times. For details, please review Chapter 8, Section 8-43 of the Rochester City Code on the City website. Dogs and cats are also required to be vaccinated against rabies and licensed with the City. For more information, please see Chapter 8, Article II, Division 2 of the City Code.





Trail users and motorists alike have been noticing the new monument signs that popped up at road crossings of the Clinton River Trail (CRT) over the winter. These are just part of an extensive trail identification and amenity installation project. Other facilities being added include information kiosks, bike racks, trash receptacles, interpretive signs, and shade shelters. The new monuments clearly identify the trail crossings as well as providing information for users to know where they are and what facilities are in the immediate area. Folks on the trail, often coming from communities outside Rochester, are encouraged to get off the trail and explore the downtown area.

The City of Rochester combined forces with Rochester Hills and Auburn Hills to secure an MDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant for these new amenities. DPW Director David Anason further explains, "While the City did provide some matching funds, the cost to Rochester residents was minimal considering the value received. The Friends of the Clinton River Trail paid all the costs for the custom designs and prototyping, Oakland County provided all the graphic services for the maps and interpretive panels, and the TAP grant paid the vast majority of the fabrication and installation cost. It was definitely a team effort."

The last of the planned amenities will be installed later this spring.

FRIENDS OF THE CLINTON RIVER TRAIL —

Working to bring you a safer and more enjoyable trail experience.



The all-volunteer group has played a key role in improving trail crossings at Livernois, Crooks, and most recently, Dequindre Road. They provide maps for the trail, and there will be much more evidence of their involvement as new amenities are added to the trail soon. To check out the group, drop by one of their monthly meetings. For more information and meeting locations, times and details, visit their website at clintonrivertrail.org. There is no cost to join the group, but rewards from helping improve the trail are immense. Hope to see you on the trail!

PAINT CREEK TRAILWAYS COMMISSION — (248) 651-9260

Looking for spring colors close to home? Visit the Paint Creek Trail! Boasting some of the most beautiful spring colors, the Paint Creek Trail is a great place to walk, run or ride. Starting in the City of Rochester next to the Rochester Municipal Park, you can travel just 3 ½ miles to the Paint Creek Cider Mill, or travel 8.9 miles to the Village of Lake Orion for a great spring workout. The Trail is open from 6 am to 10 pm year round. For more information, including maps, please visit paintcreektrail.org.



DINOSAUR HILL NATURE PRESERVE, 333 NORTH HILL CIRCLE — (248) 656-0999

With over 16 acres of scenic woods, wetlands and meadows, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve serves as a quiet oasis in the middle of our bustling town. The Paint Creek meanders through the preserve where you can wander the creek side trails during daylight hours. Promoting the twin principles of nature and education, the independently operated nature center offers a wide variety of programs and activities which are scheduled year round for all ages. From school field trips to family campfires, preschool classes and volunteer opportunities, there

is truly something for everyone. The nonprofit that manages the preserve also manages the adjacent Rochester Community Garden. Visit the Dinosaur Hill website in order to uncover one of Rochester's hidden gems! dinosaurhill.org



**ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY,
500 OLDE TOWNE - (248) 656-2900**

The Rochester Hills Public Library offers free library cards to people of all ages who live or work in Rochester. You can use the library Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 9 pm; Friday and Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm; and Sunday from 1 pm to 6 pm. The online library is available 24/7 at rhpl.org. Free books, DVDs, video games, eBooks, downloadable music and magazines, as well as lectures, concerts, family entertainment and a place providing a quiet respite along the Paint Creek are all awaiting you at your public library.



**RARA, 500 EAST SECOND STREET —
(248) 656-8308**

RARA provides recreational services for the Rochester community with over 1,200 programs each year for youths and adults. They offer special events, sports leagues/tournaments and instruction, social engagements, early childhood programs, performing arts, creative studies, gymnastics/tumbling, martial arts and more. Stop by 500 East 2nd Street to join the fun! Call (248) 656-8308 or visit RARArecreation.org for more information.



**ROCHESTER COMMUNITY HOUSE, 816 LUDLOW —
(248) 651-0622**

Rochester Community House was established in 1975 to provide a unique gathering place for members of our community to enjoy. Many groups meet at the Community House for their monthly meetings business, seminars or family parties. RCH offers day and evening enrichment classes. Plan your own unique family party for weddings, anniversaries, reunions, baby or bridal showers or seasonal events. Call (248) 651-0622 or visit their website for more information at rochestercommhouse.org.

ROCHESTER AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE (RAYA) - (248) 656-3558

Rochester Area Youth Assistance (RAYA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community-based, prevention organization whose goal is to strengthen youth and families and reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement. Services and programs are available at no cost or a reduced cost to school-age youth and families residing in the Rochester Community School District.

RAYA offers short-term, family-focused counseling and casework services and community-based programs which include family education, a low-cost summer camp for qualifying families, a mentoring program, financial assistance scholarships for after-school activities, sports, camps, enrichment, childcare, tutoring, and youth involvement. RAYA also sponsors an annual Youth Recognition Banquet in the spring which recognizes youth who are nominated for service in their community, accomplishments, and for going above and beyond the ordinary.

RAYA is unique in that its Board of Directors is made up of volunteers and local leaders in the Rochester community, and operates under the sponsorship of the Rochester Community School District, the local municipalities, and the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division. For more information on RAYA programs, how you can support or become involved as a volunteer, please visit raya-mi.org.



**OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION, 650 LETICA RD, ROCHESTER —
(248) 656-1403, EXT. 0**

Join the OPC 5K Run & Walk for Meals on Wheels on June 4th. The Older Persons' Commission (OPC) Meals on Wheels program provides homebound seniors with meals seven days a week. Register online at runsignup.com/Race/MI/Rochester/OPC5KRunorWalkforMeals. OPC is a great place to be 50+ this spring and summer with a variety of social and fitness programs along with supportive senior services like Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Services, transportation and more. The OPC is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 8:45 pm and Saturdays from 7:00 am to 3:45 pm. Call (248) 656-1403, ext. 0, stop by for a tour or go to opcseiorcenter.org for a full listing of activities.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

City Hall:
(248) 651-9061

Department of Public Works:
(248) 651-5165

Water & Sewer:
(248) 651-5165

EMERGENCY:
9-1-1

Non-Emergency Police:
(248) 651-9621

Non-Emergency Fire:
(248) 651-4470

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David Anason
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Now More Options to Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

Do you have hazardous household waste (HHW) to dispose of? You now have two options:

1) Attend a NO HAZ collection event with a Drivers License showing a Rochester address or other proof of residency.

2) Purchase a voucher for \$30 at City Hall to dispose of your HHW at the SOCRRA facility in Troy year-round.

For more information, please visit rochestermi.org/136/Household-Hazardous-Waste or call the Department of Public Works at (248) 651-5165.

Be a Good Neighbor

THE CITY OF ROCHESTER:

- Requires that grass be cut before it reaches six (6") inches in height
- Prohibits the outdoor storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles
- Requires that pet owners keep all lawns and pet runs free from animal waste and uneaten food
- Generally limits the amount of firewood stored on a property to two face cords and the firewood must be stored above ground in an orderly manner in the backyard
- Regulates compost piles, addressing such issues as size, location and composition

Rochester ordinances require that all property owners and residents maintain their property. All areas of the property must be maintained, including adjoining sidewalks, alleys, fence lines, rear property lines, parking areas and perimeters of buildings. A Notice of Violation will be issued if a property is not properly maintained. To report property maintenance violations, please contact the Fire Department at (248) 651-4470 or online at rochestermi.org/service to request and report the address and the nature of the violation.

For more information, go online and view the City's Zoning Ordinance (rochestermi.org/328/Zoning-Ordinance) or City Code (rochestermi.org/103/City-Code).

2016 NO HAZ DATES AND LOCATIONS:

Saturday, April 30, 8 am - 2 pm
Oxford Middle School
1420 Lakeville Road, Oxford
From M-24/Lapeer Road,
travel east on Burdick Street

Saturday, May 21, 8 am - 2 pm
North Sashabaw
Elementary School
5290 Maybee Road, Clarkston

Saturday, June 11, 8 am - 2 pm
Oakland University - Rochester
Parking lots 35 and 37 (enter
campus on Pioneer Drive
from Squirrel Road, south
of University Drive)

**Saturday, September 10,
8 am - 2 pm**
Oakland Community College
Highland Lakes campus
7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford
Enter campus from Hospital Road

Saturday, October 15, 8 am - 2 pm
Location TBD in Orion Township
See summer newsletter



NOMINATIONS FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

The City Beautiful Commission recognizes Rochester residents who make exceptional contributions to the community. For more information and to fill-out the form to nominate your Good Neighbor, please visit the City Beautiful Commission's page at rochestermi.org/cbc.



Where you live.

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Downtown Visioning Session



Join us on Wednesday, April 13 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at the Royal Park Hotel for the Downtown Visioning Session. We are seeking input and ideas to guide future planning for Downtown Rochester. RSVP by Friday, April 8 to DDA Director Kristi Trevarrow at (248) 656-0060 or email Kristi@DowntownRochesterMI.com.

Election Day

VOTE TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2016

The Presidential Primary Election will be held in all precincts in the City of Rochester on Tuesday, March 8, 2016. Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm Absentee ballots may be obtained by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (248) 651-9061.

SPRING CURBSIDE CHIPPING & COMPOSTING SERVICES

Both curbside chipping and composting services will begin the week of March 28, 2016. Please neatly place your branches on the easement between the sidewalk and the curb. The City will accept branches up to 8" in diameter. Contracted tree trimmings will not be picked up. Additionally, on your scheduled pick-up day, Rizzo will pick up trash/recycling/yard waste and compost. Place all yard waste in brown paper bags or cans clearly marked yard waste and/or compost. Stickers can be picked up at City Hall. Visit the City's website at rochestermi.org/ccservices for additional details and restrictions.

WATCH CITY MEETINGS LIVE ON CABLE AND ONLINE

You can watch live broadcasts and re-runs of City meetings on cable television and on the City's website. City Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority meetings are broadcast live on Rochester TV channels (Channel 17 on Comcast and Channel 10 on WOW). View meetings online at rochestermi.org.

VOLUNTEER TO JOIN A CITY BOARD OR COMMISSION

Get involved by joining one of Rochester's Boards & Commissions. Applications and a list of all of our Boards & Commissions are available at City Hall and online at rochestermi.org/bcapplication.

MONTHLY COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR AT THE OPC

This is an open forum meeting for the public to meet and talk with Mayor Cathy Daldin about current issues in the City of Rochester. Please join the Mayor on the third Thursday of every month at 4:00 pm at the Older Persons' Commission, 650 Leticia.

City Rental Registration Program

The City has implemented a Rental Registration Program to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. The Program provides for inspections of rental units and common areas to ensure that minimum safety standards are met, as well as maintaining the aesthetic value of the community. "Rental units" include multi-tenant buildings and single family homes that are renter occupied. General areas of inspection include, but are not limited to, ensuring that there are proper smoke detectors; there is not excessive occupancy; all electrical, mechanical and plumbing devices work properly; and the premises remain junk-free. For more information and to register a rental property, go to rochestermi.org/rentals.