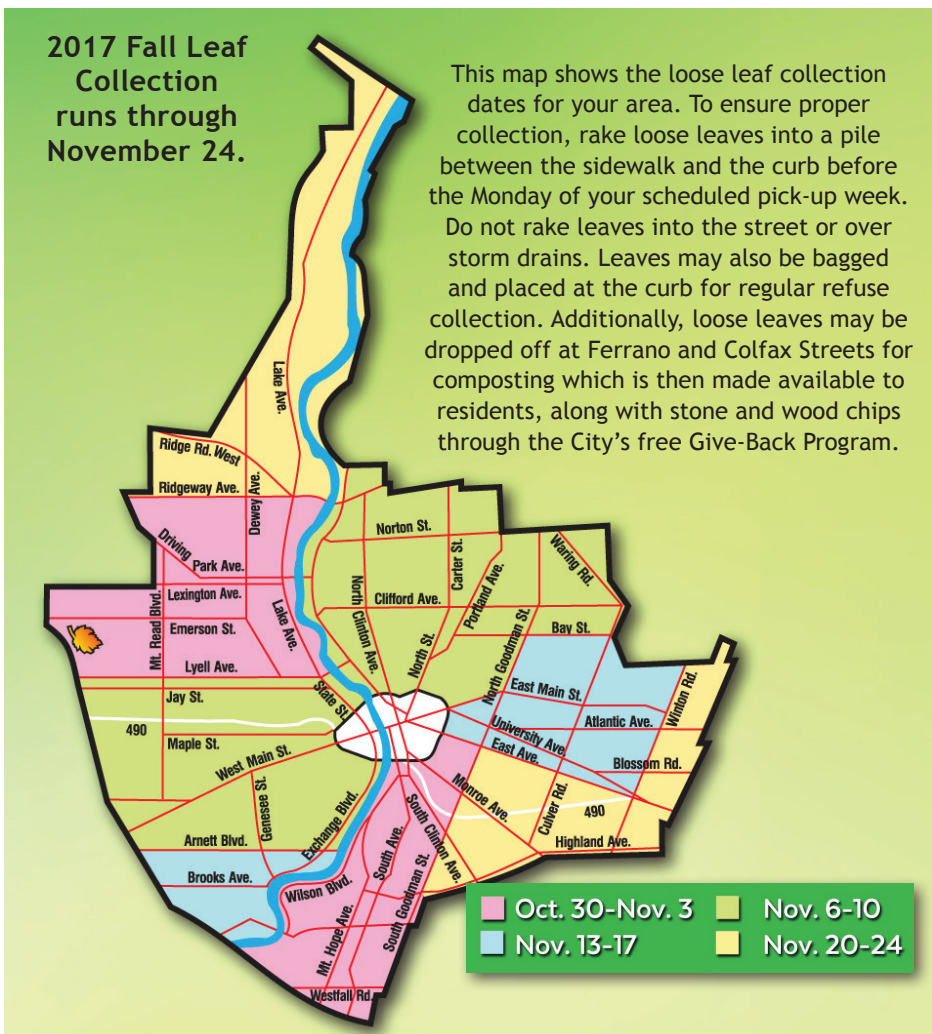


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City of Rochester Public Market Offers Year-Round Variety



Most City of Rochester Public Market shoppers already know that **the Market is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round from 6 a.m.-1 p.m., along with Saturdays** (except for on major holidays), but not as many know that the brand new indoor "B" Shed is now open on Tuesdays as well as Thursdays and Saturdays, offering a greater variety of vendors. In addition, a growing number of cafes and restaurants, coffee shops, bakeries, and other permanent businesses on and around the Market make the Market District great destination for weekday breakfast meetings and lunch breaks.

The Market Token Center for SNAP (food stamp) recipients is also open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7 a.m. to noon.

While Saturdays are surely bustling and exciting, Tuesdays and Thursdays offer more elbow room and a wide array of choices for shoppers and diners. See you at the Market!



Rochester City Council

Left to right standing: Matt Haag, At-Large
Jacklyn Ortiz, At-Large
Loretta C. Scott, Council President At-Large
Carolee A. Conklin, At-Large
Dana K. Miller, Vice President At-Large

Left to right seated:
Michael A. Patterson, Northeast District
Molly Clifford, Northwest District
Elaine M. Spaul, Esq., East District
Adam C. McFadden, South District



New Solar Field Shines Bright

In late October, we cut a blue ribbon to celebrate a new solar field that will save taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars each year on energy costs, and more importantly -- help reduce our carbon footprint.

Located at the old Emerson Street landfill in Northwest Rochester, the seven-acre site -- vacant since 1972 -- was recently removed from the state's list of inactive hazardous waste disposal sites thanks to this development. The project is an excellent example of the successful reuse of a hazardous site for the production of renewable energy.

There are 7,866 solar panels in the solar

field and they can generate more than 3.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity each year. The field is owned and operated by AES Distributed Energy, which is working with Solar Liberty as its subcontractor. The City will buy electricity to help power City Hall and our Operations Center, **saving about \$80,000 a year on energy costs.**

This project received funding from Governor Cuomo's New York Sun initiative and is expected to displace the emissions of approximately 2,300 tons of carbon dioxide in its first year of operation- that's equivalent to greenhouse gas emissions from 500 passenger vehicles driven for one year or the burning of 12 rail cars full of coal!



Rochester is Committed to 100 Percent Clean Energy

In August, we made important announcements that further the City's efforts to protect the environment and combat climate change. The City of Rochester has endorsed the Sierra Club's "Mayors for 100 Percent Clean Energy" vision to join municipalities across the country in the goal of transitioning to 100 percent clean energy.

We are also pursuing options for a Community Choice Aggregation program in the city as an energy procurement method for

residents and small commercial entities in Rochester.

As the Trump Administration continues to ignore the warnings of climate change, it has become abundantly clear that cities must lead the way to protect and preserve our environment for the next generation. The Sierra Club vision for 100 percent Clean Energy shows where we need to be as a nation to address climate change, and Community Choice Aggregation can put us on the path to dramatically increase the

amount of renewable energy utilized in our city, while creating jobs, building healthier neighborhoods, and teaching our children about our environment and why we should protect it.

Read more about our efforts to connect with regional and national sustainability resources and how we are making Rochester a model for innovative, ecologically sustainable operations, policies and practices: www.cityofrochester.gov/energyandsustainability.



Tearing Down Blighted Buildings to Build up Vibrant Neighborhoods



Vacant and blighted properties blemish the very streets we are trying to revive. They erode home values, quality of life and the morale of the neighborhood. I am proud to announce that **we will tear down every home on our current demolition list by June 30, 2018** - a significant effort to improve the quality of life in Rochester's neighborhoods. That's 175 houses that are beyond repair. They are unsafe, often

contaminated with asbestos or lead, and a magnet for crime and drug use. At the same time, the City's Land Bank will use a \$1.5 million grant to rehabilitate vacant homes and sell them primarily to first time homebuyers. The Rochester Land Bank Corporation takes derelict, vacant properties and makes them fit for occupancy. This returns them to the tax



rolls - and to productive use, increasing the quality of life for the entire neighborhood. Since its inception in 2014, the Rochester Land Bank has built six new homes; rehabilitated 86 homes; sold 16 blighted properties to investors or owner-occupants, with the requirement that they bring these properties back up to code; and subsidized 32 demolitions.

“Street to Treatment” Partnership Helps Chemical-Substance Abusers

Rochester is not immune to the devastating effects of the nation's heroin epidemic and nowhere has that been more evident than in the North Clinton Avenue neighborhood. Last summer, we saw it and heard it firsthand during a Clergy on Patrol walk and so we began working with community partners to develop a plan to provide help to users and the residents and business owners who are coping with their presence. As a result, we developed a new tool for Rochester Police to help people they encounter obtain immediate access to treatment. **Street to Treatment is a new partnership between the City and Rochester Regional Health that gives police officers a place to take someone they encounter who is seeking help**

with their drug problem. The program is currently in a pilot phase. The Street to Treatment drop-off site, located at Rochester Regional Health's Evelyn Brandon Center at 81 Lake Ave., is intended for persons who are coherent, not in need of immediate medical treatment and who voluntarily agree to seek help at the Center. Patients can access the Center's full range of services from clinical care and support to referrals, transportation to a treatment facility or simply a safe place to “come down” from a high. I want to thank our community partners and dedicated service providers for coming to the table to help us come up with this plan and for their work addressing the heroin epidemic in our community.

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Recognizing Good Deeds with Positive Tickets

Helping a resident cross the street, shoveling snow from a neighbor's driveway or assisting a neighbor in carrying their groceries -- these are all good deeds that members of our community do every day. In August, the Rochester Police Department and the Southeast Neighborhood Service Center **launched the “Positive Tickets” program to celebrate those doing good deeds.** Positive Tickets come with a coupon for food or a fun activity as provided by the program's community sponsors and are given out by officers to citizens who are spotted doing good deeds.

Thank you to Police Chief Michael Ciminelli, Deputy Chief Wayne Harris, Southeast Neighborhood Service Center Administrator Nancy Johns-Price, Flower City AmeriCorps member Alyce Sanders and all of the community sponsors for working hard to make this program a success. For more information on the Positive Tickets program, please visit www.cityofrochester.gov/positivetickets.



17-18 FAFSA FEST

SAT. 11/18/17 • 9 - 1 pm • MCC Downtown Campus • 321 State St.
SAT. 12/2/17 • 12 - 2 pm • Franklin High School • 950 Norton St.
SAT. 1/13/18 • 11 - 1 pm • East High School • 1801 E. Main St.
TUE. 2/13/18 • 5 - 7 pm • REOC • 161 Chestnut St.
SAT. 3/3/18 • 12 - 2 pm • MCC Downtown Campus • 321 State St.

Make College an Affordable Reality - Attend FAFSA Fest

Education is the staircase out of poverty and it continues to be my top priority. We are proud to partner once again with Rochester College Access Network (RCAN) to bring FAFSA Fest 2017-2018, a series of free events to help students and families apply for financial aid for college. FAFSA Fest helps Rochester students who plan to attend college in the 2018-2019 school year complete the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with one-on-one help from trained volunteers who are also able to

answer financial aid questions and help understanding college costs. The event is for high school seniors and their families and for students in college receiving aid who need to file a FAFSA form annually. Pre-registration is not required. Families and students should bring their 2016 NYS tax returns. Students will also be able to learn about New York State's Excelsior Scholarship which, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free.

Eliminating Library Fines for Good

Last year, the City of Rochester set out on a one-year pilot program to eliminate library fines for children's materials. I'm happy to report that the initiative was a resounding success and we have made the program permanent. Since we eliminated fines for late children's materials a year ago, almost 20,000 more materials have been checked out and we have seen a nearly 10 percent increase in the number of library cards issued! I'm proud that the Rochester Public Library has been recognized by the New York State Regents Advisory Council for this program. **We want our children to read early, read often and read everywhere. Eliminating library fines is helping us do that.** By doing everything we can to encourage our children to read more and take advantage



of all resources at their public library and we are opening them up to a world of new possibilities. Our children are the future and we must give them every opportunity that we can.

History Made at RFD

This summer we celebrated the Rochester Fire Department Academy class of 2017. It is with great pride that we welcome Firefighter **Alissa Turner, the first African-American woman to graduate from the academy in the Department's 200-year history.** We are working hard to make sure that our public safety personnel more closely reflect the communities they serve and we look forward to the day when there are no more diversity milestones to pass. Congratulations to Firefighter Turner and all of the members of the Rochester Fire Department Academy Class of 2017.

