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## Meeting with Councilwoman Warren

*Remember, anytime that you have a question or concern you do not have to wait until a meeting to speak with me.* Please email me at [Lovely.Warren@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:Lovely.Warren@cityofrochester.gov) or call me at (585) 428-6684

## Fire Safety and Prevention from the Rochester Fire Department

Fire Safety educators from the Rochester Fire Department are available to teach fire prevention and fire safety techniques at schools or community meetings or workshops. To schedule an appointment, please call (585) 428-1362.



Lovely hugs her grandfather Cecil McClary Sr. after being sworn in as President of the Rochester City Council.



ROCHESTER CITY COUNCILWOMAN  
LOVELY WARREN



*“Restoring Hope, Rebuilding Community”*

# The North East Times

FROM OUR COUNCILWOMAN

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## Dear Neighbors,

In this edition of the North East Times, find out about exciting projects in North East Rochester and I will share my views on school governance and accountability with you. I also have “Lovely” news to share with you!

As always, I welcome your input on issues and concerns, please call me at (585) 428-6684.

At your Service,  
*Lovely*

## Governance of the Rochester City School District

For the past few months, the community has been engaged in a much-needed discussion regarding improving student performance in the Rochester City School District (RCSD).

Under a proposal by Mayor Robert Duffy, the City of Rochester would take over day-to-day operation of the RCSD. If approved by New York State, the district would become a City department, the school board would be dissolved, an advisory panel and four new parent advisory councils (representing each quadrant of the city) would be appointed for a five-year trial period.

Since this idea was announced, it is clear that there are many differences of opinion in regards to this issue. However, something must be done now to provide our children with the very best education they are entitled to receive.

Currently, the student graduation rate of the RCSD is less than fifty percent. Too many of our students lack skills to become employable. Without those needed skills, many young people drop out of school and turn to crime. Fifty-six percent of RCSD graduates attend Monroe Community College and most must take remedial courses. These young people are paying college tuition for a high school education and that is not fair.

I do understand that many of the problems facing our young people will not be addressed overnight. Please know, that the City is committed to working with our community partners to deal with the issues affecting students: parental/family involvement, housing, juvenile justice, health, etc.

We must take action now to ensure that upon graduation from the RCSD, students are prepared to enter the work force, or have the foundation they need to excel in whatever institution of higher learning they choose to attend.

## Northeast Bridges to Wellness/Puentas a la Salud and Healthy Outcomes through Participation, Education, and Empowerment (Project HOPE)

Working together to improve the health and overall well-being of the residents of North East Rochester through education, housing and employment, is the goal of Northeast Bridges to Wellness/Puentas a la Salud and Healthy Outcomes through Participation, Education, and Empowerment (Project HOPE).

The Greater Rochester Health Foundation has given a generous grant to Anthony L. Jordan Health Center - Northeast Bridges to Wellness/Puentas a la Salud, and Ibero American Development Corporation - Healthy Outcomes through Participation, Education, and Empowerment to create healthy surroundings and opportunity for residents in our community.

I have the opportunity to partner with Greg Byrd and Miguel Melendez of the respective programs, helping to bring vital neighborhood services to residents within their program's target areas.

Whether it is helping residents to organize and maintain a block club, obtaining smoke detectors for resident homes, or helping to empower them to make a difference in our community, Greg and Miguel are here to help. The coverage area for each program is:

**Bridges to Wellness** - Greg Byrd  
Avenue D (North)  
Nash Street (South)  
Hudson Avenue (West)  
Portland Avenue (East)

**Project Hope** - Miguel Melendez  
North Clinton Avenue (East)  
Avenue A (North)  
Upper Falls Boulevard (South)  
Genesee River (West)

To find out more about either of these programs, please call Greg Byrd at (585) 423-2810 or Miguel Melendez at (585) 467-6410 extension 28.

## Isn't She Lovely?

As many of you know, my husband Tim Granison and I have recently been blessed with the birth of our new baby daughter, Taylor. I will take some time off to bond with my little one, but please know that my office will be fully functioning as usual, providing the services that you have come to expect.

If you have an urgent matter that requires my immediate attention, I will be available for a phone conference. Please call my office at (585) 428-6684 to arrange one. Thank you for supporting my family during this wonderful time!



## What's new in the North East

I am thrilled at the many revitalization projects that are taking place in our community and would like to highlight several:

**El Camino Estates** - An affordable twenty-five unit single family rental housing project at the corner of Conkey Avenue and Nielsen Streets in the North East.

**El Camino Trail** - A trail for hiking and biking is being designed that will connect the neighborhoods between Ridge Road and Scrantom Street along Conkey Avenue to the Genesee River and the newly developed Riverway Trail, Seneca Park and other destinations.

**Mildred Johnson Estates Phase II** - Plans are underway to continue the development of single family homes in the City.

**FIGHT Village Apartments** - Renovations of the entire complex is underway, the community center, and landscaping of the development.

**Fastrac Market** - At the corner of East Main and North Union Streets in our community, has provided jobs to neighborhood residents.

**Neighborhood grocery store** - I am working with Commissioner Carlos Carballada of the Neighborhood and Business Development Department and other community partners to bring a grocery store to our community.

**Public Market parking** - At the corner of Trinidad and Union Streets, directly across from the market. Areas around the market have been landscaped and several murals are also in the works. Another addition is coming, the Market Tram, to shuttle customers from the parking lot over the old CSX rail bridge to the market and back with their purchases.

**Rochester Police Department (RPD) Surveillance Cameras** - I have assisted block clubs with their recommendation to RPD with the placement of the cameras for the continued safety of our community at various locations including: Rohr Street, North Union Street, and near the playground at Peck and Fourth Streets.

**Focused Investment Strategy (FIS)** - With this community improvement program, FIS was used by the City in June 2009 to improve vacant lots on North Union Street with the Vacant Lot Beautification (VLB) program. With the VLB, green improvements include fencing, plantings, masonry and other enhancements; the improvements on North Union Street are seen as a model for other FIS areas. To learn more about the FIS program, go to [www.CityofRochester.gov](http://www.CityofRochester.gov).

I believe these projects will continue the restoration of our community and allow us to bring other development projects to North East Rochester. I look forward to working with you to make this happen!



Council President Warren and Commissioner Luis Burgos at the Public Market

# Community Activities *in Rochester*

The Department of Recreation and Youth services provides such a wide variety of programs that I am unable to list them all. For a complete listing of scheduled programs, please call 311 and inquire about the recreation center near you!

### Saturdays, Now through October 16th

Chef's Day at the Rochester Public Market, 10 a.m. to Noon. Come and watch area chef's demonstrate recipes.

### Sundays, April–October

The Greatest Community Garage Sales-8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come take advantage of all the great treasures at the Rochester Public Market. Service groups can use the event as a fundraiser; call (585) 428-6907 for details.

### Thursdays, Now through August 12th

Party in the Park, Riverside Festival Site, Court Street and Exchange Boulevard, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Live music, dancing and food.

### Saturday, July 17th–Saturday, July 24th

Rochester Music Fest, Court Street and Exchange Boulevard, daily performance times. Featuring the Canton Spirituals, Temptations and the Four Tops, and more.

### Saturday, July 31st

Puerto Rican Festival, Frontier Field, 1 Morrie Silver Way. Enjoy arts and crafts, entertainment, cultural displays, children's activities, and food.

### Saturday, August 7th

African American Festival, 1200 South Avenue, Noon to 7 p.m. Rochester A.B.O.V.E. 4th annual festival. There will be entertainment, food, African drum and dance, arts and crafts, inflatable play center, pony rides and more. (585) 313-3685, (585) 576-2471 or visit [www.rochesterabove.org](http://www.rochesterabove.org) for more details.

### Sunday, September 19th

Artist's Row at the Public Market. The Market becomes a venue for Rochester's emerging young artists as well as established artists to display and sell their works.

### Saturday, August 21st

Clarissa Street Reunion, Clarissa Street. Come and reunite with old friends at this annual festival. Enjoy friends, good food and music.

*For questions on any of the events sponsored by the City of Rochester, please call 311.*