

## Sit, Sip, Chat and Support Small Business in Rochester



Meeting with you in person and hearing your ideas and concerns for our city is a priority. I'm excited to tell you about a new, monthly event I'm hosting called Coffee With the Mayor.

Coffee With the Mayor gives you an opportunity to talk about what's going on in your neighborhood, and support local business at the same time.



Our first event was held in June at Donuts Delite on Culver Road and Police Chief Ciminelli joined me. Check with your Neighborhood Service Center for dates and locations. I'm looking forward to meeting you.

## Cool Down With Cool Sweep

Cool Sweep provides opportunities at City swimming sites, spray parks and fire hydrants for residents to get relief from the summer heat when temperatures reach or exceed 85 degrees. Check out our brand new spray park at the Roxie Ann Sinkler R-Center, located at 75 Grover St.

For Cool Sweep locations, dial 311 (428-5990 if calling from outside city limits) or visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/CoolSweep](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/CoolSweep).



## The Ball is in Your Court

If you love tennis or just want to try your hand at the game, the City of Rochester recently opened eight beautifully renovated tennis courts at Genesee Valley Park for play. Courts are located at 1316 Genesee St. Get out there and serve up some fun!

**Saturday, July 30**  
**10AM to 2PM**  
**Baden Park**  
 (Upper Falls Blvd. & Hudson Ave.)

**Fun for the family**

Food Vendors • Rec-On-The-Move  
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# ROC CITY NEWS

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## Working Together to Stop the Hurt

As we find a way to heal from the heart-wrenching events happening across the nation, I implore each of you, like Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings said, to use your words carefully: "Whether it's from the pulpit, or from elected officials, or from citizens on social media, we need to use positive words during this difficult time. We need to use words that will build up, not tear down."

When one of us hurts, we all hurt. When one of us bleeds, we all bleed. And we must work together to stop the bleeding. We must stand together during this difficult time and listen to each other with understanding and mutual respect. This is the only answer in addressing ongoing issues of race and policing. We all have to live together in peace and harmony.

We recognize that there is much work to be done. I ask all of Rochester to stand by our police officers as they continue to protect and serve, day in and day out, bravely and valiantly. We must continue to have meaningful conversations on race. These measures are critical to de-escalating the current climate of distrust that exists between police and the African American community.



**"We will continue to try to make inroads by finding ways to build trust between our police and the community they serve."**

It's time to insist that action be taken to address the gun violence crisis in America, which has taken too many lives, and altered so many others.

We must get to a point where preservation of life, in all situations, is everybody's priority.

Hello Friends,

Summer in Rochester is the perfect time to get out and enjoy all that our city has to offer.

There are countless family-friendly festivals, concerts and events taking place downtown, at the City of Rochester Public Market and in our neighborhoods. Events are listed at [www.cityofrochester.gov/events](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/events).

Kids can stay active and engaged at our branch libraries and in our R-Centers.

Follow our progress in this newsletter as we highlight efforts to create safer more vibrant neighborhoods, more jobs and better educational opportunities for our children.

Lovely A. Warren, Mayor



## Share Your News With Us

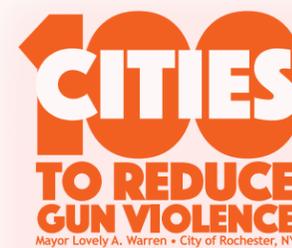
If you belong to a block club, neighborhood group or business association, please share your good news with the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services.

Northeast and Southwest Quadrant residents contact Brittany Wells at (585) 428-6139, or via email at [brittany.wells@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:brittany.wells@cityofrochester.gov).

Northwest and Southeast Quadrant residents contact Andreas M. Rau at (585) 428-6745, or via email at [andreas.rau@cityofrochester.gov](mailto:andreas.rau@cityofrochester.gov).

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**Gun violence victimizes families, public safety officers and neighborhoods and our citizens are in the trenches.** As we continue into the summer months, I urge you to have a conversation about gun violence and help us take back our community and effect change.

In June, Rochester joined the national observation of Gun Violence Awareness Week and in Rochester, we extended that week to a month, creating events and

opportunities to bring much-needed attention to this important issue. We kicked off our first Clergy on Patrol for the season on North Clinton Avenue and we supported our local partners engaged in anti-violence efforts.

I also launched the "100 Cities to Reduce Gun Violence" petition to encourage mayors from across the United States to sign and agree to form safer neighborhoods and recognize every June as national Gun Violence Awareness Month. Find the #100Cities petition here: [www.cityofrochester.gov/GVAM](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/GVAM).

## Rochester Sets Sail With Port of Rochester Marina Grand Opening



Just in time for summer, the Port of Rochester Marina is now open for boaters and everyone to enjoy after two-and-a-half years of construction. The idea to build a marina at this site was first proposed more than 50 years ago and, with the help of our partners at the state and federal levels, we have finally made it a reality.

The state-of-the-art marina offers 54 seasonal boat slips and 30 transient slips with modern amenities including potable water, electricity, wi-fi and pump-out facilities. Visitors can enjoy the new public promenade, benches, picnic tables, barbeque

grills and park areas that surround the marina and connect to the Charlotte Pier and the Genesee River Trail System.

Renovations of the Port of Rochester Terminal Link Building will be completed this summer to create a new boater services facility which will include showers, rest-rooms, a laundry, a boaters lounge and small ship store. The new construction at the terminal is expected to lure more cruise ships to the Port within the next few years.

In addition to the thriving businesses at the Port, two new restaurants are opening this summer: The Jetty at the Port, a casual

restaurant with a Great Lakes nautical theme; and Mom's Margio's Diner with a 1950s retro theme.

Upon final completion, the Port and its additions are expected to provide a significant stimulus to the Rochester economy.

Our beautiful new Marina puts our city on the map of Great Lakes destinations and establishes a true Port of Opportunity at the meeting place of the Genesee River and Lake Ontario.

Boaters interested in visiting the marina or leasing seasonal and transient slips should contact the City's marina operator, SG Marina, for slip rates and leasing terms by calling (585) 428-7432 or visiting [www.portofrochestermarina.com](http://www.portofrochestermarina.com).



## Police Body Worn Cameras Roll Out

Body-worn cameras will help further our goal of bringing true community policing to our city and build on the already strong relationship between our police department and the community it serves. Starting this summer, the Rochester Police Department will implement the Body-Worn Camera Program, one section at a time, starting in the Clinton Section.

The proposed implementation schedule is as follows: Central Section, Goodman Section, Lake Section, Genesee Section and Special Operations Section. RPD expects all sections to be trained by early 2017.

Improving police-community relations is a top priority and to ensure success, RPD is working with critical departments within the City including IT, Budget and Law. External partnerships with the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender and Civilian Review Board are also key partners in the program. Most significantly, it includes a strong partnership with the community, including you.

For more information and to view the body-worn camera manual, visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDBodyWornCamera](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/RPDBodyWornCamera).



## Make a Difference in Your Neighborhood

Increasing safety in neighborhoods is not just the role of law enforcement, it also involves citizens who feel empowered to work with the police in crime prevention.

Police and Citizens Together Against Crime (PAC-TAC) pairs volunteers with on-duty patrol officers to walk in neighborhoods and interact with citizens and local merchants to help prevent crime.

All volunteers receive extensive training and are issued distinctive clothing, a flashlight and a portable digital radio to contact the police directly. If you spot criminal activity, or are in need of assistance, you summon an officer via radio.

Visit [www.cityofrochester.gov/PACTAC](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/PACTAC), or call 311 if you'd like to volunteer (call 428-5990 if calling from outside city limits).



## Mayor's Summer Stars - Summer Learning Challenge



Whether kids prefer to experience an adventure through books or they thrive in hands-on activities, I challenge kids to stem the summer "brain drain" and have some fun by taking advantage of the free programs City libraries and R-Centers have to offer.

The Mayor's Summer Stars - Summer Learning Challenge consists of four educational programs offered at City Libraries and R-Centers:

**R-Center Magnet Day Programs:** Several City R-Centers are offering free, specialized

"magnet" day programs which feature activities focused on areas of interest such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), sports, the arts and the environment. In these programs, kids "learn by doing" through investigation, experimentation and problem solving. Magnet

programs also includes field trips related to the program theme.

**City Library Programs:** City Branch Libraries offer a wide variety of arts, literature and fitness programs all summer long. From fencing to campfire stories, City Libraries provide activities to suit every interest.

**Drop Everything and Read:** Summer is an excellent time to start a new adventure in reading.

To encourage kids to continue reading during the summer, the Mayor is challenging kids to "drop everything and read" 10 or more books this summer. Participants will receive an official "Mayoral Excellence in Reading Certificate" and coupon for a free book from the library.

**Lovely and Taylor's Book Club:** I'm excited to share with you that we've launched "Lovely and Taylor's Book Club". Throughout the summer, me and my daughter, Taylor, age 5, will share our favorite books with the community through displays at libraries and on social media. Follow the book club at: [www.facebook.com/readwithlovely](http://www.facebook.com/readwithlovely) or [www.twitter.com/readwithlovely](http://www.twitter.com/readwithlovely).

All youth who participate in The Mayor's Summer Stars - Summer Learning Challenge are invited to join in the fun at the City's End of Summer Bash and cookout in August.

For more information visit, [www.cityofrochester.gov/summerlearningchallenge](http://www.cityofrochester.gov/summerlearningchallenge).



## Distinguished Gentlemen Meet for Empowering Event



An investment in Rochester's youth is an investment in our future. This June, I hosted nearly 200 young men at the inaugural "Distinguished Gentleman: The Mayor's Appointment, Inspiring Success in Young Men" event at the Blue Cross Arena with a goal of connecting young men with male role models throughout the community.

The event was hosted in partnership with WDKX and the young men attending were selected after they wrote an essay on

what being a "Distinguished Gentleman" meant to them.

Local fraternities, including Alpha Phi Alpha, Phi Beta Sigma and Omega Psi Phi, hosted tables to give the young men information about etiquette and "dressing to impress."

The evening featured a video by Quentin Gause, a local athlete, who was recently drafted to the Philadelphia Eagles. Other role models included City Councilmember Adam McFadden, County Legislators Willie Joe Lightfoot and Ernest Flagler-Mitchell, City Court Judge Stephen Miller, Adam Chodak of WROC, Toby Motyka of 13 WHAM and former NFL player Roland Williams.



It is my hope that by helping our young people build connections and find role models, we can inspire them to be successful in life.

*To all of our young people: I want you to know that you live in a city that believes in you wholeheartedly. You can accomplish and achieve your dreams, whatever they may be. Let no one, or nothing, stand in your way.*

