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# The City Council Chronicle



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**Loretta Scott** was elected to the Rochester City Council on November 4, 2009; later she was elected by her peers to serve as Council President in January 2014.

Loretta has extensive experience in the public, non profit and private sectors. She served with the City of Rochester for 30 years in a number of progressively responsible positions. She retired as Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Human Services in 2005. In addition she has co-owned and operated a commercial janitorial service company for the past 17 years.

Loretta is a past board chair for Action for a Better Community, Inc. and Anthony L. Jordan Health Center. She has served on the boards of Rochester Black Business Association and Alternatives for Battered Women among others. She is an active member of the Baber AME Church.

## *From the president's pen: Greetings from Loretta Scott*

*One of my goals as president of the City Council, a goal I know that is shared by all of my colleagues, is to make our government more transparent. We want to keep people up to date on what is happening at City Hall. That is why we decided to restart The City Council Chronicle, a defunct newsletter created in the 1980s. We have given this newsletter a fresh look, and will be making digital copies available.*

This newsletter is a part of City Council's ongoing effort to find new ways of engaging the residents in our community. As you may remember in May of this year, the City Council went live with our [Facebook Page](#). You can search for us by looking up City Council, Rochester, New York. Facebook allows us to communicate easily with people, and folks can send us messages about what is going on with their community group, or ask us any questions they may have. We also try to update the page periodically with news and events that are going on around the City. It is my sincere hope that we will continue to find ways to reach out and inform you all about what is happening in our City, and I hope that you will connect with us, and let us know of ways that we can make our outreach efforts even better. Our

newsletter will be published quarterly and will highlight some of the major projects that we are focusing on as a Council. For our introductory letter, I

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along with my council colleagues, wanted to take the time to introduce ourselves, and inform you more about the work we do and how best to reach us should you have an issue with which we may be of assistance. We will continue to work together to be the voice of the many communities we have the pleasure to represent. We want this newsletter to create an ongoing dialogue with the community, please let this be the start of a conversation. Share your comments and concerns, also let us know what you think we are doing right. We've each listed our contact information so connect with us regarding questions you may have. We appreciate the feedback.

# Meet the City Council

Getting to know those that serve you.



"We wanted to find another way to reach out to those in the communities we serve. We want to let people know what's going on, and we want to hear from folks on what they think *should* be going on."

- Dana Miller



**Dana K. Miller**

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**Dana Miller** was elected to City Council in 2005, and has served as council Vice President since 2012. During his tenure he has chaired the Finance, Economic Development, and Jobs, Parks and Public Works Committees. Dana is a life-long resident of Rochester, attended city schools, and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Rochester. He is currently employed as Vice President for Advancement at Rochester Area Community Foundation. Dana has twice served as the President of the 19th Ward Community Association, and currently serves on the board of Action for a Better Community, Leadership Rochester, the Rochester Land Bank Corporation, and the Rochester Economic Development Corporation (REDCO). His major focus has been increasing economic development opportunities in city neighborhoods. He has spent more than 25 years organizing neighbors, stakeholders, developers, and the city to bring the Brooks Landing Development in southwest Rochester to fruition.

## Council Committees

### Arts and Culture

**Elaine Spaul** (Chair)

**Adam McFadden, Jackie Ortiz**

Committee Charge: to review legislation from varying departments that specifically pertains to special events, projects, programs, or services that develop and encourage arts and culture within our city.

### Public Safety, Youth, and Recreation

**Adam McFadden** (Chair)

**Matt Haag, Elaine Spaul**

Committee Charge: to review legislation from the Police Department, Fire Department, Emergency Communications Department, and the Recreation and Youth Services Department.

### Parks and Public Works

**Matt Haag** (Chair)

**Elaine Spaul, Michael Patterson**

Committee charge: to review legislation from the Department of Environmental Services, including streets and water projects, and legislation involving our parks.

### Finance

**Carolee Conklin** (Chair)

**Carla Palumbo, Jackie Ortiz**

Committee charge: to review legislation from the Office of Management and Budget, Department of Finance, and the Mayor's Office (Mayor, Communications, Office of Public Integrity, Law, Information Technology, and the Department of Human Resource Management). This committee will also review legislation from the Library.

### Neighborhood and Business Development

**Carla Palumbo** (Chair)

**Carolee Conklin, Michael Patterson**

Committee Charge: to review legislation from the Department of Neighborhood and Business Development including legislation involving economic development, neighborhood, commercial, and residential areas, legislation regarding the Neighborhood Service Centers, and legislation regarding the Rochester Land Bank.

The City Council President and Vice President are ex-officio members of all Committees.





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**Carolee A Conklin** lived and worked in the Northwest quadrant of Rochester for more than forty years, before moving downtown. Her four adult children attended City schools and all live in our community. Two decades in government serving as the City's Deputy Treasurer, the Monroe County Deputy County Clerk, and the Rochester City Clerk, have successfully led her to find ways to offer better service to taxpayers with increased savings. These skills translated when Councilmember Conklin was elected to the City Council in 2005. She serves as the current Chair of the Finance Committee and President of the International Sister Cities of Rochester.

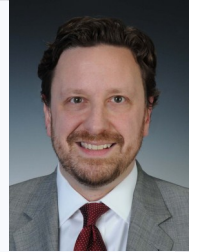
**Matt Haag** was first elected to Council in 2009. He serves as the Chair of the Parks and Public Works Committee. In addition to his council work, Matt is the Associate Vice-President of Institutional Initiatives at the University of Rochester, the city's largest employer. He has served as a member and co-chair of the Empire State Pride Agenda Rochester planning group, and has fought to pass legislation supporting the rights of the LGBT community. Committed to building strong and healthy neighborhoods, he maintains active membership in the ABC Streets Neighborhood and Douglas-Park-East Neighborhood Associations and serves on the Monroe County Board of Health.

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A lifelong Rochester resident, Councilmember **Adam McFadden** has been a 19th Ward resident for over 35 years. He currently is the Executive Director of Quad A for Kids, a nonprofit agency dedicated to breaking cycles of poverty affecting children in Rochester. Adam is the most senior member of the Council, and he serves as the Chair of the Public Safety, Youth, and Recreation Committee. Adam has sponsored legislation for the Police Civilian Review Board and recently, championed the initiative "Ban the Box". Adam serves as the President of the National League of Cities National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials.

A City of Rochester native, **Jackie Ortiz** graduated from Wilson Magnet High School and holds a degree in Business Management and Marketing from Cornell University. Jackie was first elected in 2009; she serves as the Chair of the Education Ad-Hoc Committee. As a small business owner, Jackie is active in her local community. She opened her State Farm branch on Alexander Street, and has provided workshops and seminars on budgeting and savings with Pathstone, Neighborworks, and ABC Headstart; she also hosts a high school student at her business as part of the Summer Employment Program. Jackie serves on the board of Providence Housing and has done previous Board work with of IBERO American Action League and the Borinquen Dance Theater.

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**Carla Palumbo** has a distinguished record of service in law, government, and community activities. She has lived on Glide Street for over 27 years, and will take over as the Chief Executive Officer of the Legal Aid Society in December. She started her public service in 2001 as a Monroe County Legislator. She served as Minority Leader from 2006-2007, and she was elected to serve on the City Council in 2007. Carla serves as the Chair of the Neighborhood and Business Development Committee. She is the Chair of the Board for Mary's Place Refugee Outreach, and is a strong advocate for the prevention of domestic violence. Her work at Legal Aid allows her to advocate for civil legal services for all Rochesterians.

**Michael Patterson** was appointed to the Council on December 17, 2013. Councilmember Patterson serves on the Neighborhood and Business Development Committee, the Parks and Public Works Committee and the Employment and Economic Development Ad-Hoc Committee. In 2009 Michael was elected to serve on the Monroe County Legislature representing the 29th District. Michael has been active in social justice and political causes having served as Social Action Chair for the Metro Justice Council. He is a lifelong City resident and attended Rochester public schools.

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**Elaine Spaul** joined the Council in 2007, serving as Vice President from 2009-2011. She currently Chairs the Arts and Culture Committee. She is an educator, a lawyer, a consultant, a Fulbright scholar, a speaker and a writer - but most of all, she is a youth advocate. Which she exemplifies in her current position as Executive Director at The Center for Youth Services. She was a founding member of Friends of the Women's Right National Park and the Rochester Fringe Festival, and holds board membership with the Finger Lake Film Board, the Foundation of the Monroe County Bar Association, the Rochester Riverside Convention Center, and the Rochester-Monroe County Youth Board among others.

## Loose leaf collection >>>

# What to do with all those leaves?

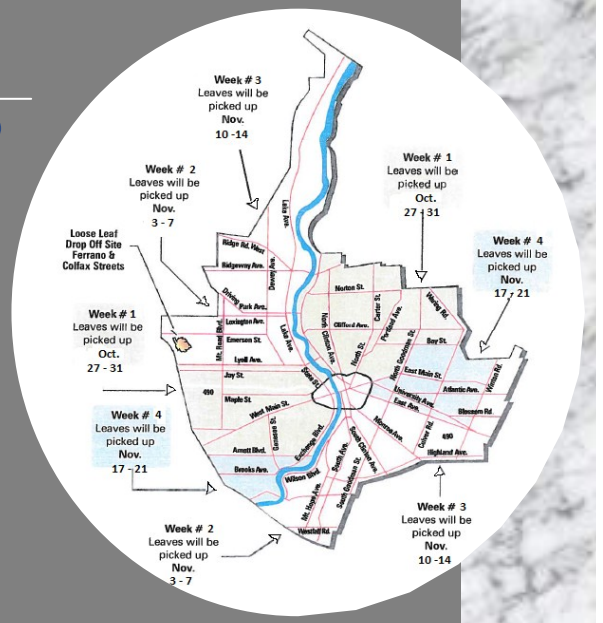
Leaf Collection will run for 4 weeks from October 27—November 21. The City will be divided into 8 sections with designated leaf pick up outlined in the map to the right. This schedule is dependent on the weather and may change if above normal rain or snow occurs. Check our website for daily updates at:

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/leaves>



## Missed your week?

Don't worry! Leaves may be dropped off in November, 24/7, at Ferrano and Colfax Streets. Leaves MUST be UNBAGGED if they are



## Join RPD >>>

The Rochester Police Department is seeking qualified men and women as candidates for Police Officer.

The entry level Police Officer Civil Service examination is held every year in November. Lateral transfers from New York law enforcement agencies are also accepted.

If you want an opportunity to make a difference in the community, think about joining the RPD.



## Exam Info: Details and Deadlines

If you're interested the next Rochester Police Officer Examination will be held on **November 15, 2014.**

The deadline to submit your application is **October 3, 2014.**

Applications are able to be submitted online anytime from now until the deadline



Learn more about what it takes to protect and serve in Rochester. Check out:

<http://www.cityofrochester.gov/joinrpd/>

## Upcoming Council Meetings

### October 2014

Su	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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### December 2014

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  Indicates Council Meeting (Starts at 7:30pm)

  Indicates Council Committee Hearings (Starts at 4:00pm)