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Primary Day

Don't forget! Primary day in New York State is Tuesday, September 9th. The polls will be open from Noon to 9pm, and I encourage you to get out and vote to decide who will be on the ballot in the November general election. For candidate and other relevant information you can visit <http://www.monroecounty.gov/elections>.

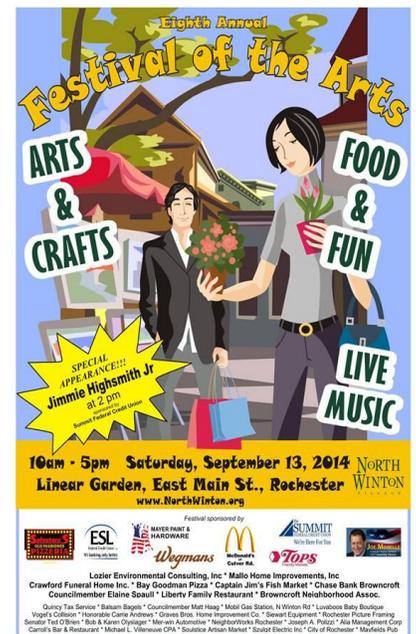
RTS Transit Center

On Wednesday, August 20th, I had the pleasure of touring the new RTS Transit Center downtown with a number of my colleagues from Council. I was able to see firsthand the state-of-the-art facility located on Mortimer Street (between North Clinton Avenue and St. Paul Street) that members of the community will be able to utilize when they choose public transit for their transportation needs. The more than 20,000 daily downtown RTS customers will now be able to transfer safely and securely in all weather in the new Transit Center. The opening date is set for November 28th, 2014.



North Winton Village Festival of the Arts

Join your friends and Neighbors for the 8th Annual North Winton Village Festival of the Arts on Saturday, September 13th, 2014 from 10am-5pm. The event will take place at the Linear Garden, 2299 East Main Street (the garden runs between East Main and Mayfield Streets near North Winton Road). There will be arts and crafts vendors, as well as food and a live performance by jazz artist Jimmie Highsmith Jr. at 2pm. Don't miss this annual event to celebrate this unique neighborhood.



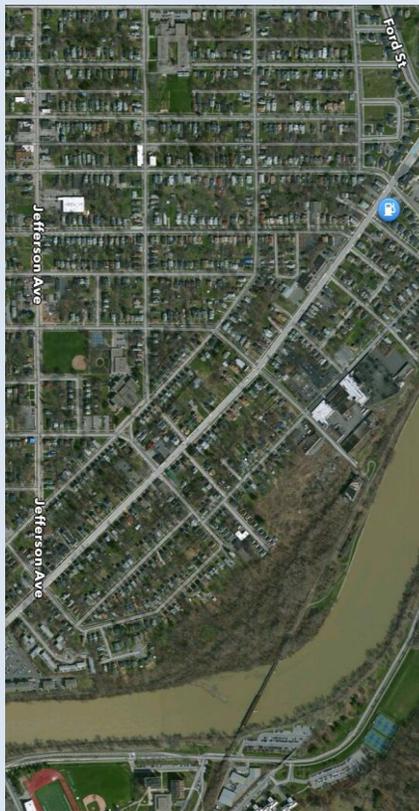
Artists Row at the Public Market

The Rochester Public Market will be hosting an event called Artists Row, an event that will showcase over 180 new and emerging artists. This unique event will be an opportunity to take advantage of art on display that cannot be found at any other festival. Showcase will be on Sunday, September 14th, from 10am-4pm.

Vacuum Oil Remediation Site

This month City Council passed a series of legislation with regard to the South Genesee River Brownfield Opportunity area. This part of the Genesee River is from the Ford Street Bridge, south to Brooks Landing and is part of the PLEX neighborhood. The land area adjacent to the river is roughly 40 acres in size. The ultimate goal of this project is the remediation of contamination through this corridor to levels that will allow for the safe redevelopment of this area in accordance with the South Genesee River Corridor Brownfield Opportunity Area master plan. The legislation passed includes legal planning aimed at holding ExxonMobil financially accountable as the corporate successor of the Standard Oil Company of New York which owned and operated the site until the 1930's. Other legislation included an agreement with Bergmann Associates to complete necessary predevelopment phase studies and investigations.

Other funds will be used toward civic engagement activities to ensure the involvement of the neighborhood and cleanup, redevelopment planning, and eventually, neighborhood branding and marketing. The City is working diligently at bringing this area to a stage where redevelopment is a reality. The adjacent PLEX neighborhood, as well as the entire City, will all benefit from this large undertaking. In addition, this section of the City has recently been connected by a public trail with the University of Rochester with the recently renovated railroad bridge that spans the Genesee River. The western bank of the Genesee River in the picture below is the area being referred to:



Women's Health Screening Fair

On Saturday, September 6th, from 9am to 1pm, there will be a Women's Health Screening Fair at the Rochester Public Market (280 North Union Street). There will be health-related booths onsite, to include Ask the MD, Ask the OB-GYN, Ask the Pharmacist, as well as information on health insurance coverage. In addition, there will be *free screenings* for:

- HIV/Aids
- Osteoporosis
- Breast Health
- Cardiac
- Dental
- Diabetes
- Glaucoma
- Kidney
- Lead
- Mental Health
- Stroke
- Skin Cancer
- Colon Cancer
- Smoking Cessation

For more information, please call 311 or visit www.cityofrochester.gov/womenhealthfair.

And Don't Forget, You Can Follow Me on Facebook:

It's a great way to hear what's going on around the City. Search Matt Haag and choose to "like" my page. Also, keep me informed of what's happening with your neighborhood or group; I love to feature activities in the community in my newsletters.

Thanks,