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Body-Worn Camera Grant

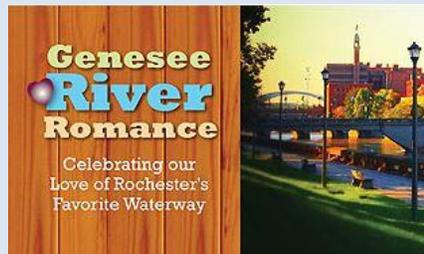
Rochester is one of 73 nationwide applicants which have been awarded \$600,000 from the US Department of Justice to implement body-worn cameras through President Obama's pilot initiative. The cameras will be another tool to make both our citizens and our officers safer. The Rochester Police Department expects to begin issuing the cameras to patrol officers in 2016. The RPD is also developing a body-worn camera policy, which will incorporate feedback from the community. A series of public hearings will be announced in the coming weeks to hear from the community on the proper use of the body-worn cameras. I will be posting more information on my Facebook and Twitter pages as it becomes available.

Genesee River Romance

The Genesee River has helped the city of Rochester develop and grow into the city it is today. It also served as a lifeline of the Iroquois people before the city was established in the 1800s. This year's River Romance is particularly special because the city will be commemorating Bob and Mary Stevenson by naming

the section of the RiverWay trail from Seneca Park Pedestrian Bridge to the Middle Falls Dam as the Stevenson trail. Come celebrate the river from October 2nd through the 4th with many events ranging from walking tours and busker performances to renewing your wedding vows on the banks of the Genesee. For a complete list of events please visit

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



Clean Water Rule

I recently sent a letter to Senator Schumer urging him to stay strong in his support of the Clean Water rule enacted by the Environmental Protection Agency on August 28 which restores Clean Water Act protection of waterways in New York. Under the new rule, the law now protects 55% of streams and smaller waterways in New York, which help provide drinking water to over 11 million New Yorkers. Protecting our water supply is the key to the

growth of our community and state, especially as droughts become more and more common.

Monroe County Proposes Ban on Products with Microbeads

Monroe County Democrats introduced legislation in September to ban the tiny plastic particles found in many products like facial scrubs and body washes. The plastic particles make their way into local waterways because of their small size. The particles then become toxic through absorption of toxins in the water and are ingested by wildlife. The piece of legislation would ban the sale of any product containing microbeads in Monroe County. Similar legislation has been proposed in the state Capitol, but it has been mired in the Senate. The ban on microbeads in Monroe County would demonstrate to Albany that Rochesterians do not want to idly sit by and pollute our waterways including Lake Ontario.

If you want to avoid their use, you can spot polyethylene (PE), polypropylene (PP), polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and polymethyl methacrylate

(PMMA), or nylon in the ingredient list. Please voice your support to your County legislator. Visit the link below for more details on the legislation. <http://wxnews.org/post/watch-monroe-county-democrats-propose-ban-products-microbeads>

High Falls Pedestrian Study

There is a proposal from Labella Associates to build a new pedestrian bridge overlooking High Falls and greenscaping the current Pont de Rennes Bridge. The project also hopes to create new walkways into the gorge. New paths are planned that would better connect the High Falls district to Center City. The plan details better integrations of walking paths along the Genesee River leading from the 19th Ward to Charlotte. The study will be completed in a few weeks. You can see more details and a map of the proposed paths in the link that follows.

http://media.wix.com/ugd/79b8df_8e65da4dc5ef44ec89e0eb9b100bb61e.pdf

Fashion Week of Rochester

Now in its sixth year, Fashion week has expanded to five runway shows that run from October 13th to 18th. The proceeds from the events support the Center for Youth's homeless programs. The shows also celebrates local boutiques and designers. The fashions cover everything from work outfits to outfits for nights out on the town. Please check the

link below to find a list of scheduled events.

<http://www.fashionweekofrochester.org/>



MAG Museum of the Dead!

The Memorial Art Gallery is hosting a Halloween themed night on October 29th from 9PM to midnight. It is for those 21 and older. It will feature art, live music, palm readings, drinks and giveaways to local favorites such as Hart's, the Little Theatre and more. Tickets are \$10 before, and \$12 at the door. For more information and to buy tickets please visit

<http://mag.rochester.edu/event/mag-museum-of-the-dead/>.

Flower City Work Camp Referrals

Each year, students and adults from more than 50 Rochester-area churches serve at homes, Sidewalk Clubs and Basketball Camps to engage and help the community. The selection process for homes to repair and clean for next Spring's Flower City Work Camp has begun. They are looking for 60 homes where the home must be owned by the occupant and the occupant must be present all 3 days of the work camp (March 29th-31st, 2016), the house will also be screened to determine what type of work and materials are needed. Please submit candidates directly to

mattyice@gmail.com by November 1 or by submitting names to their website. Their website also has more information about the event and on getting involved. www.flowercityworkcamp.org.

ZooBoo

Fall into the spooky feeling of



October with ZooBoo. On Saturdays and Sundays in October (10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25 and 31) from 10AM-3PM families can trick or treat in the zoo with costumed characters and treats for the animals. It is a great event for the whole family! Trick-or-treating is \$8.50 with general admission. Find more info at <http://senecaparkzoo.org/page/ZooBoo>.

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

It's a great way to hear what's going on around the City. Click [here](#) to like my Facebook page. To follow me on Twitter, click [here](#) and press follow on 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.

Thank you,

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