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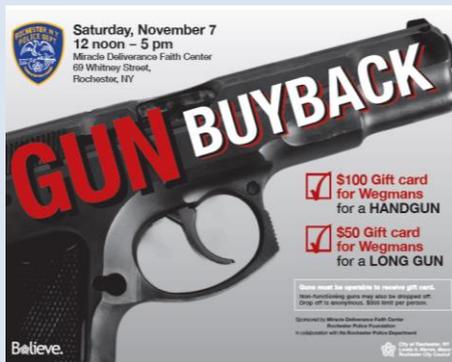
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## Gun Buy Back Event

If you have any guns that you would like to safely discard, there is a gun buyback event on Saturday, November 7, from noon to 5 at the Miracle Deliverance Faith Center on 69 Whitney Street. For discarding working handguns, you will receive \$100 Wegmans gift card, and for a working long gun, you will receive a \$50 Wegmans gift card. Programs like these will help us make our city safer for our families and loved ones.



## Body-Worn Cameras

The city of Rochester has been granted \$500,000 from the Department of Justice to implement body-worn cameras for the Rochester Police Department. The city is looking for feedback on the policy for body camera implementation. These will be a valuable tool to make the city streets safer and strengthen the level of trust between RPD and the community. It is important to hear feedback on the implementation of the cameras. Please join us at one of the meetings:

**11/12:** *Central Section*-City Hall, City Council Chambers (30 Church St.)

**11/16:** *Goodman Section*-Thomas P. Ryan R-Center (530 Webster Ave.)

**11/23:** *Lake Section*-Edgerton R-Center (41 Backus St.)

**11/30:** *Genesee Section*-Danforth Community Center and Auditorium (200 West Ave.)

**12/3:** *Clinton Section*-David F. Gantt R-Center (700 North St.)

## Unite Rochester

Unite Rochester is an initiative to raise awareness about racial inequities, facilitates community conversations about race and encourage more inclusive problem solving to affect positive change in the Rochester community. The *Democrat & Chronicle* is looking for innovative ideas that address racism or socioeconomic inequality in the city of Rochester. Anyone can enter so long as a 501(c)(3) organization partners with your submission. If you have an idea, you can apply online at [democratandchronicle.com/unite](http://democratandchronicle.com/unite). The deadline is **December 31**. *Democrat & Chronicle* readers will help select 15 finalists. The finalists will then be given an opportunity to present their idea in person. Unite Rochester will choose the winner, who will win \$5,000 and the knowledge of advancing our community.

## Pace Cars

You may start to see bumper stickers that look like the one below on the backs of cars when you're driving through the city. Cars with these stickers have drivers that have pledged to be a courteous driver-- to remind people that there are residents on the streets that want a safe place to walk, and enjoy the neighborhood with their pets, families and friends. A pace car driver pledges to:

- Observe the speed limit
- Slow near areas where children are often present.
- Yield to pedestrians
- Come to a complete stop at stop signs
- Not tailgate
- Not block walkways, a bike lane, or a driveway when parking
- Use alternative means of transportation and consolidate car trips.
- Spread awareness using the sticker below.



Find out more information at their website <http://calmroctraffic.com/pacecar/>

## Thanksgiving Dinners & Volunteering

The holiday season is coming up and it is important to remember it is a time for giving thanks and helping those less fortunate. Some Rochesterians may not have homes or the proper resources to have a warm, Thanksgiving dinner. There are many ways to reach out and help those less fortunate in the holiday season. The library maintains a list of free Thanksgiving dinners and food baskets at the link below. I encourage you to find the holiday spirit and volunteer at any of these programs.

[http://www3.libraryweb.org/uploadedFiles/MCLS/Central/Departments/Information\\_Center/HOLIDAY%202014%20REVISED.pdf](http://www3.libraryweb.org/uploadedFiles/MCLS/Central/Departments/Information_Center/HOLIDAY%202014%20REVISED.pdf)

## #ShopTheROC

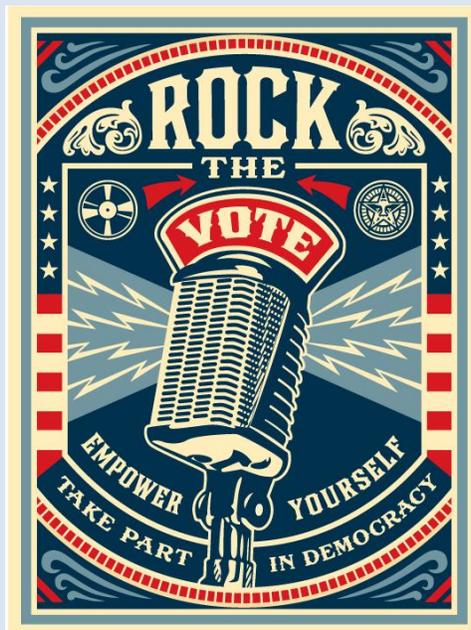
As the holiday season starts in November, do not forget all of our lovely local shops and restaurants. By patronizing local shops, you are not only supporting Rochester's entrepreneurs; you are supporting the entire Rochester community by stimulating economic and job growth—up to 25% more money stays in the Rochester area when you spend it at local businesses as opposed to non-locally owned businesses. Merchants and business associations will be able to submit their shopping events for consideration for city sponsorship. Up to four eligible shopping events will be selected for city aide such as design and printing services and reduced special events fees. Individual businesses can also sign up to be an official #ShopTheROC business and receive a window decal, stickers to hand out to customers. The City will also seek to develop events and promotional

opportunities to support participating businesses. Lastly, when you're shopping take a selfie or a photo and post it to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram using the #ShopTheROC hashtag to promote local businesses!



## #ROC the Vote

Don't forget that **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** is Election Day! There are many local positions that are open in the Rochester area, including the Monroe County Executive, and a few city council positions. I encourage you all to vote at your polling locations. Voting is open from 6AM to 9PM. Please go to <http://www.monroecounty.gov/etc/voter/> in order to find the location of your polling location, as well as the positions you're eligible to vote for. Contact the Board of Elections if you have further questions.



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Thank you,