

Check out some local events and news in Rochester, NY. Feel free to contact me about any events upcoming in your neighborhood!



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## March 2016 Newsletter

### Public Market Improvements

**This Spring, the Rochester Public Market** will launch an \$8 million project on renovations and additions to improve Market amenities and the experience for vendors, shoppers, and businesses.

After some utility and infrastructure work, a new outdoor, covered shed will be built. In 1963, the original "A" Shed, a covered outdoor shed built in 1905, was demolished to make room for surface parking. This project will erect a new outdoor covered "D" Shed ("D", above), modeled after the original "A" Shed, near its original site. This new shed will add over 50 new vending spaces and be constructed between the existing outdoor sheds and the "Commission Row" of buildings that now house coffee shops, restaurants, bakeries, a cheese shop, art galleries and studios, and other Market businesses. Once the new outdoor, covered "D" Shed is complete, the indoor shed--or "B", or "Winter" Shed will be entirely replaced with a new enclosed building. There will also be new food stand structures using recycled shipping containers. For more information and artist rendering visit the City's website.

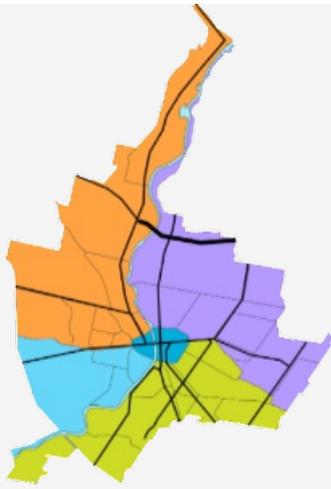
### UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 11 6-8:30pm**

Junior Youth Gala  
Edgerton R-Center

**March 12 12:30pm**

St. Patrick's Day Parade  
Main Street



## Celebrate City Living

The City of Rochester and the Rochester Coalition for Neighborhood Living have launched Celebrate City Living, a new program to help homebuyers and renters learn about the benefits of living in the city and find the resources to make it easier to buy or rent a home in Rochester. A website at [www.celebratecityliving.com](http://www.celebratecityliving.com) and an annual event will help consumers search city neighborhoods for a house or apartment and connect them to available resources. The website features a custom search engine that filters available housing choices by neighborhood along with profiles of the neighborhoods



## Water Quality

In light of recent events in Flint, Michigan I think it is important to highlight that the City of Rochester takes water quality very seriously. The City of Rochester has been receiving high quality drinking water from Hemlock Lake for 140 years. The City's Water Bureau employs 125 people, of which over 25 are New York State certified water system operators, located at our Hemlock Water Treatment plant, reservoirs, and the distribution system. The Bureau's New York State certified laboratory at Hemlock conducts over 1,000 physical, chemical, and microbiological tests every month. Hundreds of water samples are collected every month from the streams that feed Hemlock and Canadice Lakes, the lakes themselves, the treatment plant, reservoirs, and distribution system. Samples are analyzed daily to ensure safe drinking water is delivered. For additional assistance and information, you can find the City's Annual Water Quality Report at



## City's First Dog Park

Myself along with the Department of Environmental Services began the process of researching the feasibility of a Dog Park Pilot in the City. We've seen dog parks be very successful throughout the County; we know that they enjoy wide use, but we have yet to create a public dog park in Rochester. Numerous members of the community have asked us for a City dog park, and we want to first start with pilot locations to ensure full implementation meets the needs and wants of local dog owners. We have identified a few areas where we think they would be most successful. This initiative was driven from citizen input, so if you have other ideas as to how we can better serve you— please let me know.



## St. Patrick's Day

One of Rochester's most popular events is coming up on Saturday, March 12th. The route will follow the same as last year's—starting at West Main Street by Plymouth Avenue and ending at the East Avenue and Scio Street intersection. You can find more information on the parade's website at: <http://rochesterparade.com/>.

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

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