

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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## May 2016 Newsletter

### Comprehensive Plan

Rochester is embarking on an endeavor to create a new comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan promotes the general health, safety and welfare of the people and lays out a course of action for future social and economic development of Rochester. The last comprehensive plan, called the Renaissance Plan, was completed in 1999 and it is time for an updated plan.

The new plan is dubbed **Rochester 4.0: Our Neighborhoods, Our Future**. The plan will be created with the help of the Mayor's Advisory Committee, Planning Area Committees, community surveys, public information meetings, social media outreach, quadrant team meetings, Neighborhood Association meetings. There will be 5 Planning Area Committees (Northwest, Southwest, Center City, Northeast and Southeast) comprised of citizens and residents facilitated by City Planning staff. The Planning Area Committees will be held over the summer and finish their work by the end of 2016. The City Planning staff will then review and update the final plan for review in the autumn of 2017.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 6-15**

Lilac Festival  
Highland Park

**May 8, 8AM-2PM**

Flower City Days  
Public Market

**May 25, 5PM-9PM**

Food Truck Rodeo  
Public Market

**May 27-30**

Roc City Rib Fest  
Genesee Valley Park

## Lilac Festival



### 118th Lilac Festival

One of Rochester's most famous annual festivals will be at Highland Park this month, running from May 6-15 daily from 10:30AM-8:30PM. Enjoy the aroma of lilacs mixed with delicious food; or simply stroll through the historic park designed by Frederick Law Olmstead. There will be music performances daily at the Sahlen stage. Please remember that admission is free and open to all! You can find a detailed list of events on the Festival's webpage:

<http://www.rochesterevents.com/lilac-festival/>.

### 2016-17 Budget Review Schedule

Budget season is in front of us, please see the below schedule for all meetings related to the City of Rochester 2016-2017 budget. All meetings are held in City Council Chambers in City Hall (30 Church Street)

- **5/3:** 5:30PM - Capital Improvements Program Hearing
- **5/13:** Mayor to release the 2016-17 budget
- **6/2:** Hearings all day
  - 9-9:10 - Council/Clerk
  - 9:15-10:45 - Administration
  - 10:50-12:15 - Dept. of Environmental Services
  - 1:30-2:30 - Library
  - 2:35-4 - Dept. of Recreation and Youth Services
  - 4:05-5 - RFD
- **6/7:** Hearings all day
  - 9-9:30 - undistributed
  - 9:35-11:15 - Neighborhood and Business Development
  - 11:20-12:15 - Information Technology
  - 1:30-3PM - Finance
  - 3:05-4:30 - RPD
  - 4:35-5 - Emergency Communications
- **6/8:** 3:30-5 - Rochester City School District Budget Hearing
- **6/8:** 5:30 - Joint Public Hearing with RCSD



### Rochester Public Market Events

Though there will be construction in the Public Market, it will not stop your favorite Public Market events! The **garage sales** have started on April 24 and will run through the summer including the next two on May 1 and June 12. You can find the complete schedule on the City [website](#). Individuals interested in selling items at the market can rent 10 by 30 foot vending spaces for \$25 per event.

**Flower City Days** will continue to be held on the following dates in May: 8, 15, 22, 29, and June 5. Check it out from 8AM to 2PM and be sure to buy flowers to celebrate Mother's Day on May 8!

**Food Truck Rodeos** started in April, and there will be 9 total this year. They are on the last Wednesday of each month and additional dates on July 13 and August 17. From 5 to 9PM in the Public Market eat at your favorite food trucks. See the performance schedule on the [website](#).



### Roc City Rib Fest

Enjoy great ribs and fun times at the annual Roc City Rib Fest Memorial Day weekend. The Festival starts Friday at 5PM and continues Saturday, Sunday and Monday 11AM-7PM. Though the festival specializes in ribs, you'll find plenty other types of food and beverages to eat and drink while enjoying live music. Try and pick out your favorite barbecue sauce! You can also judge some of the competitors on their rib flavor and technique! Find out more information on their [website](#).

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