

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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December 2016 Newsletter

World AIDS Day

World AIDS Day is held on the 1st December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, held for the first time in 1988. The HIV/AIDS epidemic affects all walks of life, and advocacy and awareness is key to prevention of the spread and the future eradication of the disease.

World AIDS Day is an opportunity to show support to and solidarity with the millions of people living with HIV. Wearing a red ribbon is one simple way to do this. Find out where you can [get a red ribbon](#).

The Rochester Annual World AIDS Day Concert will be held this year on December 1, titled *Finale*. *Finale* is the last of the annual concerts, and is free to the public this year. It will be a celebration of the history of the AIDS movement in Rochester and the future end of the HIV/AIDS epidemic worldwide. The concert will feature 16 acts.

Thank you to Scotty Ginnett and Thomas Warfield for your tireless dedication to the organization and planning

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 1, 7p

World AIDS Day: *Finale*
Third Presbyterian Church
4 Meigs Street

December 1, 5p-9P

Park Avenue Open House

December 2, 6P-8P

RPD-Community
engagement
at Edgerton R-Center

December 4, 11, & 18, 9A-3P

Holidays at the Market
at the Public Market

December 5, 6P-8P

RPD-Community
engagement
at Adams Street R-Center

December 10, 12p

Step Jam 2016
at Blue Cross Arena

of this annual event. It will be missed and I hope future leaders will be able to take the torch and continue this celebration.



Step Jam 2016

WDX will be hosting its annual [Step Jam](#) event on December 10, at noon in the Blue Cross arena. [Tickets](#) will cost \$20 and will support this community event which sets county-wide step teams against each other to foster school spirit, community pride, and a sense of unity and belonging for the students. It focuses on positive dance, step and music experiences for the whole family. Parents are given a chance to see their children showcase their talent while students participate in the community and get to know their local police officers and Pathways to Peace officers.

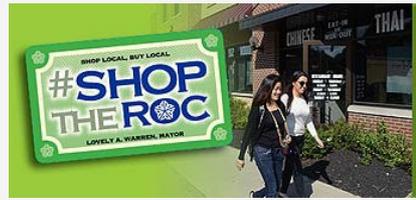


Park Ave Open House

On December 1 from 5PM-9PM, stroll beautiful Park Avenue and enjoy the cheerful sight of lights sparkling on buildings, tree branches, bushes, and the light poles at major intersections. This evening of free entertainment, seasonal fun, and "open house" hospitality at more than 80 Park Avenue businesses is the perfect time to visit your favorite shops and restaurants along this street while making a few new discoveries. Outdoor festivities throughout the evening from Alexander Street to Culver Road include performances of holiday music, horse-drawn wagon rides, hot roasted chestnuts, holiday characters with candy cane treats, and so much more. It's a great way to begin your holiday season! [More info...](#)

90 Days of Community Engagement

The 90 Days of community engagements continues in December with public meetings to discuss community-police relations. Attend a forum discussion to share your ideas on improving how the police department and residents interact, work with and view one another. All meetings are from



#ShopTheRoc

When you're thinking of what to get your loved ones this holiday season, think of local businesses that you can support! The season of giving spreads to more of our community when people shop local. Small businesses thrive, jobs are retained and best of all—more jobs are created. If consumers spend \$100 at a local business, roughly \$68 stays in our local economy. When consumers spend the same amount at a non-locally owned business, only \$43 stays in the local economy. When out shopping this season, use #ShopTheRoc and promote some great locally owned businesses! If you have a particular item in mind, find a local business that may have it on the [City's website](#).



New Year's Eve Celebration

The New Year is nearly upon us! The annual fireworks show is accompanied by free ice skating in downtown at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. There will be fun and free activities for all families to ring in 2017! There will be free parking available at many City of Rochester parking garages. Check the [City's website](#) for more information and updates as they come available.



Holidays at the Market

This December, take a carriage ride, visit with Santa and take part in other family friendly activities on Sundays in December from 9AM to 3PM on December 4, 11, and 18! You can also complete some of your holiday shopping for your loved ones. On December 18, vie for prizes and bragging rights by entering your best holiday cookies

6PM to 8PM.

- December 2: Edgerton R-Center, 41 Backus St.
- December 5: Adams Street R-Center, 85 Adams St.

in the annual Cookie Contest. Drop off a dozen of your cookies with your contact information, name of your cookie and a copy of the recipe at the Market Office on Sunday, December 18 by 12:00 p.m. Judging will take place that same day. [More info...](#)

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