

Hello everyone!

We hope you are having a lovely Holiday Season with family and friends. Here is the latest North East Main Neighbors United (NEMNU) and City of Rochester news.

Next NEMNU Meeting: January 16, 2023. 7 PM 1933 East Main St.

Speaker: Mohini Sharma from Metro Justice representing RED (Rochester for Energy Democracy) will discuss this initiative to <u>replace RG&E</u> with a public utility. An equitable, local, and democratic utility will reduce bills, avoid shut-offs, and invest RG&E's \$108 Million in yearly profits back to the region, while creating local union jobs and a renewable energy transition for all. Link: https://www.metrojustice.org/red

In attendance will be our new SE Neighborhood Service Center administrator Erica Hernandez and tentatively one of our RPD Crime Prevention Officers to talk about crime. Kelvin Knight is transferring to the NW Quadrant and Erica will be the new SE NSC Quadrant Administrator.

NEMNU Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of every month at 7 PM, 1933 East Main St.

- <u>1. Christmas Gathering</u>: In place of our December meeting neighbors connected at Carroll's Bar and Restaurant. A pleasant time was had by all. Thank you to Joe LaDelfa for providing pizza. Erica Hernandez from the Neighborhood Service Center attended.
- **2.** Rochester Police Department Open Data Portal: This is a public platform for viewing crime information in the City of Rochester. Link: Rochester, NY Police Department Open Data Portal (arcgis.com)

<u>3. NEMNU Membership:</u> Please consider renewing your membership or joining if you are not a member. Individual \$10, Family \$15, Business Partner \$25. Make checks payable to North East Main Neighbors United in care of Diane Picciolo 99 Macbeth St. Rochester NY 14609.

4. Input from Neighbors: Are there any neighborhood issues you would like NEMNU to address? How about ideas for speakers at our meetings? Please email us with your ideas.

5. Winton Library Programs: Website: https://roccitylibrary.org/location/winton/#

6. NEMNU Business Supporter Spotlight

Please support our business supporters!

Laughing Gull Chocolates 1868 East Main St. (585) 417-5858 https://laughinggullchocolates.com/

Mission: "At Laughing Gull Chocolates we provide high-quality, organic chocolates made locally with transparently sourced ingredients. We stay globally conscious of our industry and raise awareness in our community through education, outreach and local partnerships."

7. Rochester Community University: The goal of Rochester Community University (RCU) is to help residents learn how to advocate for themselves and their neighborhoods. Participants attend a series of workshops that give them insight into City Hall and local resources that they can then use to address issues affecting them.

This program is community-driven and developed in cooperation with City staff and residents. The workshops are a part of the implementation of the <u>Rochester</u> <u>2034 Comprehensive Plan</u>, which has a goal to build the capacity of community organizations and associations. Each session is one hour and takes place virtually on Zoom.

The program's sessions take place from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays, January 19 to February 16, and are conducted via Zoom. Full course details and schedule can be found at www.cityofrochester.gov/community-university.

The deadline to apply is **5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023**. For more information, contact Daisy Algarin, Neighborhood Service Center Director, at (585) 428-7711 or Daisy.Algarin@cityofrochester.gov.

8. Rochester Peace Collective: Mayor Malik D. Evans announced that the City has selected 20 human service organizations to serve as founding members of the Rochester Peace Collective, a City initiative designed to bring a coordinated approach to community-based antiviolence programming.

The Rochester Peace Collective will be a collaborative effort that guides investments from local funding organizations into innovative and proven programs that work to prevent violent crimes. The Peace Collective aligns closely with the Mayor's Office, the Department of Recreation and Human Services, and the Rochester Public Library to advance violence prevention by collaborating with community-based organizations and agencies working in the fields of reentry and violence prevention.

https://www.cityofrochester.gov/rochester-peace-collective/

9. 9th Annual Toy Giveaway: THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 10AM - 1PM THE MERCANTILE 260 E Main Street, Rochester, NY 14604. Link for more info: https://www.585dream.org/general-9

10. Home Repair Services: Greater Rochester Habitat for Humanity offers affordable home repair services to qualified homeowners in Monroe County so they can continue to live in safe, decent homes for years to come. We want to help you preserve your home and revitalize your neighborhood. Website: Repairs - - Flower City Habitat for Humanity - Flower City Habitat for Humanity (rochesterhabitat.org)

11. Upcoming Speakers:

February: 490 Farmers March: Eco Park April: Genesee Land Trust

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NEMNU Mission Statement

The North East Main Neighbors United mission is to maintain, improve, and enhance the quality of life in the neighborhood by addressing safety issues, providing social activities, communicating with residents and local government, promoting beautification projects, linking needs with resource opportunities, and developing cooperative efforts with businesses and neighborhood groups.

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