



North East Main Neighbors United

NEMNU

Hello everyone!

Here is the latest [North East Main Neighbors United \(NEMNU\)](#) and [City of Rochester](#) news.

[Next NEMNU Meeting](#): February 20, 2023. 7 PM 1933 East Main St.

Speaker: Courtney Klee, Executive Director 490 Farmers.

Before they became an urban farm, the state-owned plots at Meigs and Broadway were just unkempt fields of grass. But 490 Farmers brought life to the land, which is situated adjacent to Interstate 490, hence the group's name. The project started in 2017 as a community garden with 10 plots and a shed. It now has 55 plots for rent; a Children's Garden; a Free Food Forest with fruit trees, berry bushes and vegetables; a flower farm; beehives; a free food stand; and more. It hosts a weekly farmers market and provides fresh food to three families each week.

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

[1. Highlights from January meeting:](#)

Michelle Wenderlich from Metro Justice representing RED (Rochester for Energy Democracy) discussed this initiative to **replace RG&E** with a public utility. They have asked for NEMNU to endorse their campaign. See the attached documents for more info. Link: <https://www.metrojustice.org/red>

Lt. Rob Wilson from the SE NSC gave crime stats for the NEMNU area: 0 Burglary, 0 Larceny, 0 Robbery and 1 Assault that was a domestic violence incident. He discussed Safety tips and explained that KIA cars are vulnerable to stealing.

2. Found a pet? Lost a Pet?

One of our NEMNU neighbors is participating in a Rochester Animal Services (Verona St.) program to help reunite pets with their families. You can call Liane at (585) 943-1133 to set up a time to get a found animal's chip scanned or inquire if your lost pet has been scanned. RAS website:

<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/rochesteranimalservices/>

3. NEMNU Business Supporter Spotlight

Mallo Home Improvements offers complete remodeling services to clients throughout Rochester, NY and the surrounding areas.

Mallo Home Improvements
2008 East Main St. Rochester NY 14609
(585) 654-9530
www.mallohomeimp.com

Please support our business supporters!

We are still working on contacting NEMNU Businesses and as we do we will add them to the NEMNU website and Brochure.

4. Future Initiatives

Here are some ideas that neighbors have for new initiatives:

a. New Neighbor Packet: We are working on getting doorknob bags with a NEMNU sticker. Besides our Brochure we will solicit fliers and business cards and Coupons from our business supporters to be included. We are also working on a "New Neighbor Resource Guide" to include in the packet. This will also be used during recruitment.

b. Spring Recruitment/Email Campaign. We will be organizing this at the March meeting with an April implementation. Please come to the meeting if you would like to help.

- c. Plant Sale and Swap
- d. Bowling @Radio Social
- e. Chocolate Shop event, Sis's Ceramics event.
- f. Dog Walk to raise money for Verona St. (RAS)

5. PCIC - Police Citizen Interaction Committee Meeting:

- a. RPD Large drug bust in December after a 6-month investigation. 16 locations. Drugs, guns, ammunition, cash, and vehicles confiscated.
- b. In 2022 821 guns were taken in and turned in to RPD.
- c. Possible white sedan selling drugs – License: KTS3154 and a conversion van white with gold markings on side. There is a smoke colored bubble duct taped on top. License: KTS4167. Call 911 if you spot these vehicles.

6. Neighborhood Association President's Meeting

Presentation was given on Cannabis Dispensaries and on-site Consumption Lounges. Nine licenses have been approved. All in the Finger Lakes region, not Rochester. Check out these links for more details.

Cannabis zones : [Zoning Districts Permitting Cannabis Dispensaries - DRAFT](https://www.cityofrochester.gov/Zoning-Districts-Permitting-Cannabis-Dispensaries-DRAFT)
([cityofrochester.gov](https://www.cityofrochester.gov))

There was also a very interesting presentation by the Department of Environmental Services, Commissioner Perrin, about Water Quality Monitoring. See link: <https://www.cityofrochester.gov/DES/>

7. NEMNU Membership: 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.

8. 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.

9. Red Cross CPR Training. Go to <https://www.redcross.org/> click on training and certification to give you in house and on-line classes for adult and pediatric CPR. The American Red Cross phone number is 1-800-733-2767 to inquire about CPR classes in any zip code.

10. Upcoming Speakers:

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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