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## 51st Art & Apples Festival

Recognized as one of the largest juried fine art fairs, the Art & Apples Festival will feature nearly 300 artists from across the nation September 9-11 in Rochester Municipal Park. In addition, spectacular art, live entertainment, children's activities, food vendors, interactive exhibits and an abundance of fresh apple treats await festival goers and art enthusiasts. Art & Apples will boast more diverse and spectacular artwork than ever, presenting an exciting variety of new and returning artists specializing in ceramics, textiles, leather, painting, photography, sculpture, wood, digital art, drawing, mixed media, printmaking, metal, jewelry, and glass artwork.

The Art & Apples Festival has been consecutively honored by Sunshine Artist magazine, the art show industry's leading publication for exhibitors, promoters and patrons. It publishes its "Best of" list annually each September. According to the publication, the Art & Apples Festival produced by Paint Creek Center for the Arts currently ranks 15th in the country, placing it well ahead of many other national and regional respected shows and fairs.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, visit [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org) or call Paint Creek Center for the Arts at (248) 651-4110.

## Farm to Table Dinner

Sunday, September 18 • 5:00-8:00pm

Downtown Rochester's Farm to Table Dinner is a one-of-a-kind, alfresco dining experience celebrating the farm-fresh flavors of fall. The event will take place on Walnut Boulevard from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$100 per person and include a large, three-course dinner, prepared by Executive Chef Chris Johnson of The Meeting House, wine, beer, and entertainment. For tickets, menu information, and more, visit [DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://DowntownRochesterMI.com) or call (248) 656-0060.



## Downtown Rochester Event Calendar

**Art & Apples Festival®**  
September 9 - 11

**Clinton Clean-Up (Muni Park)**  
September 17, 9am - Noon

**Farm to Table Dinner**  
September 18, 5pm - 8pm

**Oktoberfest (Rochester Mills)**  
September 22 - 24

**Rochester Water Works**  
1625 North Livernois  
October 1, 10am

**Rochester Posed**  
Downtown Rochester  
October 6, 7pm - 9pm

**Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival**  
October 8, 10am - 4pm

**Downtown Trick-or-Treat & Costume Parade**  
Downtown Rochester  
October 22, 3:30pm - 5pm

**Trick-or-Treat @ Farmers' Mkt.**  
October 29, 10am - Noon

**Holiday Expo**  
Royal Park Hotel  
November 14, 5pm - 7:30pm

**Downtown Rochester Festival of Trees**  
Rochester Community House  
November 18 - 20

**Lagniappe (LON - YOP)**  
November 21, 6pm - 9pm

**Small Business Saturday**  
November 26

**The Big, Bright Light Show**  
November 21 - January 1, 2017  
Nightly, 5pm - Midnight

### Rochester Posed

**October 6**

Join us in downtown Rochester for an evening of shopping, dining and live mannequins! Live mannequins will be "posed" in storefronts from 7:00pm - 9:00 pm. This year's theme is Classic Movies. For more information, call (248) 656-0060 or visit [DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://DowntownRochesterMI.com).

### Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival

**October 8**

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm will host its annual Stone Wall Pumpkin Festival on Saturday, October 8 from 10am-4pm. The presenting sponsor for this event is Genisys Credit Union with event sponsorship from Hollywood Markets. Activities during the day include the

Dinosaur Hill Pioneer Homestead and Playground, music, food, Guy Louis family concert, Stoney Creek High School Drum line, a Rochester Hills Fire Truck and more! Guests are invited to carve a pumpkin and place it on the stone walls surrounding the Museum property and return that evening to see all the pumpkins lighted up! The Museum is hoping to exceed their record of 1,011 pumpkins lit at one time. In addition, an outdoor exhibit of scarecrows made by local organizations will be on display. Admission to the Pumpkin Festival for Museum Members is \$5 and \$8 per person for nonmembers and includes a pumpkin. Kids under 2 are free. The Museum will provide stencils and limited tools, but guests are asked to bring their own carving tools.

### Trick-or-Treat at Farmers' Market

**October 29, 10am - Noon**

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market invites kids, along with their parents, to visit the market for trick-or-treating fun! Goodie bags will be provided. For more information, visit [DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://DowntownRochesterMI.com) or call (248) 656-0060.



Stonewall Pumpkin Festival

### Downtown Trick-or-Treat & Costume Parade

**October 22**

Watch the streets of Rochester come to life with ghosts, ghouls, superheroes and more as children trick-or-treat with the downtown merchants from 3:30pm - 5:00pm. Children can meet at the corner of East Street & University for a costume parade at 5:15 pm. For more information, call (248) 656-0060 or visit [DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://DowntownRochesterMI.com).



### Holiday Expo

**Royal Park Hotel**

**November 14**

You are invited to begin the holidays at the Downtown Rochester Holiday Expo on Monday, November 14, from 5 - 7 pm at the Royal Park Hotel. Over 50 downtown businesses along with Rochester Chamber businesses will be showcasing their products and services, just in time for the holidays. Attendees are encouraged to shop, discover holiday ideas and inspirations and explore all that our downtown businesses have to offer.

## Infrastructure, Infrastructure, Infrastructure

Our infrastructure includes roads, sanitary sewer pipes, the pipes that provide our drinking water, street lights, sidewalks, bridges, etc. These pieces of infrastructure are funded by different sources, degrade on different schedules, with some needing more attention than others. The newly formed Infrastructure Committee has been meeting regularly over the past few months with Department of Public Works staff and our engineers. They have been discussing our roads, pipes, and other infrastructure and will be making recommendations to the City Council on September 27th at 7pm as to what should be done now and in the future. If you are interested in this topic, visit [rochestermi.org/infra](http://rochestermi.org/infra) for more details.

This Fall the City will be launching an online and mobile program, called "Rochester Works," that will allow residents to share infrastructure and non-emergency concerns. Powered by SeeClickFix, the place-based reporting platform allows residents to document concerns and improvements alike, ranging from litter to damaged sidewalks. See a pothole in the road – report it and track the response. Responses will be evaluated and prioritized for correction. As the City launches the app and web program, links and more information will be posted on the City's website.

## Sign Up for City Emergency Alerts

You can now get alerts sent to your email or cell phone from the City of Rochester, so you can stay up-to-date on the latest information of what's happening in the City. Just sign up at [rochestermi.org/notifyme](http://rochestermi.org/notifyme). The City's newsflashes and alerts will notify you when there is a snow emergency, a water main break, a street closure, the upcoming Coffee Meeting with the Mayor. You will also receive other important City news and information.

## Watch City Meetings Live

You can watch live broadcasts of City Council, Planning Commission and DDA meetings via the City's website and Rochester TV channels (Channel 17 on Comcast and Channel 10 on WOW). View meetings online at [rochestermi.org](http://rochestermi.org).

## Drivers reminded to watch for children around school buses

Those big yellow buses carrying school children are back on the road. It is crucial that drivers remain focused and cautious when approaching them. When preparing to stop, drivers will alert other motorists that a stop is near, by activating the flashing yellow lights. This should signal other drivers to slow down and prepare to stop. Just like the yellow light that precedes a stop light. The flashing red lights and extended stop sign indicate that the bus is loading or unloading children. Never attempt to pass the bus at this time, as it would be extremely dangerous. After exiting, children will be crossing the street and often quickly merge from behind the bus. Also, be alert for the student who may be running to catch the bus.

Michigan law requires all drivers on the same road to stop, unless the road is physically divided by a median or barrier. Don't expect a warning from the Police if stopped for passing a school bus. There is very little tolerance for endangering children. Also, a report from a school bus driver will also cause you to receive a civil infraction from Police. School bus drivers are trained to recognize offenders and encouraged to make the report. Being cited for passing a flashing school bus, will generate a fine of up to \$500 and could potentially include 100 hours of community service. Let's use the big yellow school buses as a reminder to stay focused and be a responsible driver.



## Weekend and Holiday Construction

If you are planning on making home improvements, please remember that if you are doing any Saturday construction that requires a permit (which includes, deck building or repair, re-roofing, major tree trimming, tree removal using power saws, building an addition, installing a swimming pool, constructing a fence and concrete work), you will need to contact the Building Department in advance and request a special permit for Saturday work, which generally will approve work from 9am to 5pm on Saturday only. Construction work of this type is not allowed on Sundays or holidays. Landscaping work does not require a special Saturday permit. If you have hired a contractor to do work on your property, contractors are responsible for calling the Building Department at (248) 651-9061 to request a special Saturday permit.

## Fall Leaf Collection for Residents

The City provides leaf collection for its residents, but has not yet set the opening date for the 2016 Curbside Leaf Program. We request residents to please keep all leaves out of the curb and gutter until the City of Rochester provides the season opening date for the program, which will be posted on our website and sent out in an E-Blast. Once the program begins, we request residents either rake leaves in rows to the edge of the roadway or place leaves in yard waste collection bags. If you rake the leaves to the edge of the roadway, the leaf piles should be raked away from the storm catch basins to avoid flooding. If you place leaves in yard waste collection bags, the City's refuse hauler will collect these bags. Please do not put any yard waste or brush in the leaf piles. Please contact the Department of Public Works at (248) 651-5165 if you have any questions or need further information.

## Bicentennial Celebration

2017 is going to be an exciting year, as Rochester celebrates not only its founding 200 years ago, but also its 50th anniversary as a city. To mark these two important milestones in Rochester's history, we are planning a year-long celebration with community events and activities.

For more information, visit [DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://DowntownRochesterMI.com) or [facebook.com/RochesterBicentennial](https://facebook.com/RochesterBicentennial).

## FALL LEAVES: SAVE TIME BY MULCHING THEM

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to get rid of leaves is to mow them directly into your lawn. You can do this with a regular mower, especially if the leaves are dry, but a mulch-mower works best. Leaves 6-8" deep may require several passes with your mower.

Benefits of leaf mulching:

- Nourishes the soil, providing a great source of nitrogen. This reduces the need for raking and fertilizing (research shows up to 25%).
- Increases water holding capacity of the soil.
- Increases biological activity of earthworms, microbes, and other beneficial organisms.
- Eliminates or reduces yard waste from entering the 'waste stream'.

## Fall Fertilization

Fall is here and it's time to fertilize. Taking the time to fertilize in the fall will strengthen your plants' and lawns' roots, giving them a strong base on which to thrive next spring.

Early in September, grass is recovering from a long hot summer and may be coming out of a drought-induced dormancy, so you'll want to give your lawn a shot of nitrogen to push blade growth in late September or early October. Always follow the manufacturer's recommended rate of application. By helping roots grow before winter sets in, you are insuring that the lawn will green-up quicker in the spring and become more resistant to disease and drought.

The benefits of fall fertilization can be stretched even further into the following season by returning grass clippings to the lawn. Grass clippings break down quickly returning nitrogen in a natural, slow release form that avoids fast top growth and heavy mowing chores.

For additional information on fertilizing, please contact the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) by phone at (248) 288.5150 or online at: [socwa.org](http://socwa.org).

## Sponsor a Moment in Time

Donations and sponsorships are being accepted as construction has begun on the City's Bicentennial Monument. Once complete, the fully functional Sun Dial will highlight 20 decades of Rochester's history, spanning a total of 200 years. Each decade stone will have a bronze plaque describing a moment in Rochester's history. Of the 20 decade stones originally available, 15 can still be sponsored. Sponsors' names will be cast in a plaque. The large Gnomon (dial) is also available to sponsor. In the future, personalized bricks will be available for purchase. For more information, call (248) 651-9061 or visit [rochestermi.org/sundial](http://rochestermi.org/sundial).

## Small Business Saturday

November 26

Shop Small. Shop downtown Rochester! Enjoy complimentary carriage rides from 11am - 2pm at E. Fourth & Main. For more information, call (248) 656-0060 or go online and visit

[DowntownRochesterMI.com](http://DowntownRochesterMI.com).

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**City Hall:**  
(248) 651-9061

**Department of Public Works:**  
(248) 651-5165

**Water & Sewer:**  
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## SAFELY DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Dispose of your household hazardous waste this fall at these sites between 8am to 2pm. Bring your driver's license showing your Rochester address or other proof of residency.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**  
Oakland Community College  
Highland Lakes Campus  
7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
Wildwood Amphitheater  
2700 Joslyn Court  
Orion Township

For more information, please visit [rochestermi.org/hhw](http://rochestermi.org/hhw) or call the Department of Public Works at (248) 651-5165.

## ROCHESTER HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY, 500 Olde Towne

The Rochester Hills Public Library will resume regular fall hours the week of September 18. At that time the library will reopen on Sundays from 1pm to 6pm. The library's concert series will kick off the following Sunday, September 25 with John and Jackie Davidson performing The Good Ol' Songs Again.

The Rochester Hills Public Library is also offering flu shots, September 24 from 1pm to 5pm in the Multipurpose Room. The shots will be administered by trained Walgreens staff. No appointment is necessary.

September 17 is the start of the library's new lecture series with Oakland University. Each month a different professor visits the library to share a glimpse of what their students are learning. The first speaker, Dr. Johnathan Silberman, will give attendees an update on the economy of southeastern Michigan.

For a complete list on library hours and for event details please visit [RHPL.org](http://RHPL.org).

## NOMINATIONS FOR GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

The City Beautiful Commission recognizes Rochester residents who make exceptional contributions to the community. For more info and to fill out the form to nominate your Good Neighbor, please visit the Commission's page at [rochestermi.org/cbc](http://rochestermi.org/cbc).

## OLDER PERSONS' COMMISSION (OPC), 650 Letica Drive

Find out why "OPC is a great place to be 50+!" The center offers comprehensive services and programs for Rochester residents and includes 2 pools (lap and therapy) indoor walking track, gym, weight room, exercise equipment, pottery and art studio, woodshop, library, computer lab, auditorium, dining room, meals on wheels, adult day care, and transportation for adults 60+ and the disabled. Launching this fall is the "Rewired not Retired" program on October 6 at 7pm with Chuck Gaidica in the OPC Cattell Auditorium. Call (248) 656-1403 ext.0 or go to [opcSeniorcenter.org](http://opcSeniorcenter.org).

## CRITTENTON HOSPITAL, 1101 W. University Drive

Senior Emergency Department Opens at Crittenton. This special unit offers amenities like eight private rooms staffed by specially trained nurse teams. "We can better meet the needs of our older patients by offering this dedicated, senior-focused care environment," said Glenn Garwood, Director of Emergency Services.

**LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER****City Receives GFOA Award**

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the City of Rochester for our Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending June 30, 2015.

To receive the award, the City published an easily readable and well organized report, as well as met GFOA program standards. The City has successfully obtained the Certificate of Achievement for 5 consecutive years. The City is among an elite group of award recipients.

**COMMUNITY SURVEY**

This fall, the City will be asking for residents' feedback about satisfaction with City services and future priorities. The 2016 survey will help the City Council prioritize future work and resources to maintain and where possible, improve overall resident satisfaction with City services.

The City Council and staff remain strongly focused on being good stewards of public resources by providing high-quality public services in a cost-effective manner, and much of the work planned for FY 2017 supports the objective of continuous improvement.

**City Rental Registration Program**

The City has a Rental Registration Program in place to ensure the health, safety and welfare of our citizens. The program provides for inspections of rental units and common areas to ensure that minimum safety standards are met, as well as maintaining the aesthetic value of the community. Rental units include multi-tenant buildings and single family homes that are renter occupied. General areas of inspection include, but are not limited to, ensuring that there are proper smoke detectors, there is not excessive occupancy, all electrical, mechanical and plumbing devices work properly, and the premises remain junk free. For more information and to register a rental property, go to [rochestermi.org/rentals](http://rochestermi.org/rentals).

**General Election - Nov. 8th**

Are you REGISTERED? Check that you are registered at your current address at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote). If you are not, and need to make a change, contact the City Clerk's office for assistance. Persons must be registered to vote 30 days prior to an election. The deadline to be registered for the November 8, 2016 election is Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Persons can register to vote at any Secretary of State's office, the local Clerk's office or by mail with restrictions.

Next, ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee ballots are available as early as 45 days before an election, so don't wait! Call the City Clerk's office for an application as soon as you know you'll need an absentee ballot.

Lastly, POLLS ARE OPEN from 7:00am to 8:00pm on every election day.

If you have any questions regarding elections, please call the City Clerk's office at (248) 651-9061.

**VOLUNTEER**

Get involved by joining one of Rochester's Boards & Commissions. Applications and a list of all of our Boards & Commissions are available at City Hall and online at [rochestermi.org/bcapplication](http://rochestermi.org/bcapplication).

**COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR**

This is an open meeting for the public to meet and talk with Mayor Daldin about current issues in the City of Rochester. Please join the Mayor on the third Thursday of every month at 4:00 pm at the Older Persons' Commission, 650 Leticia.