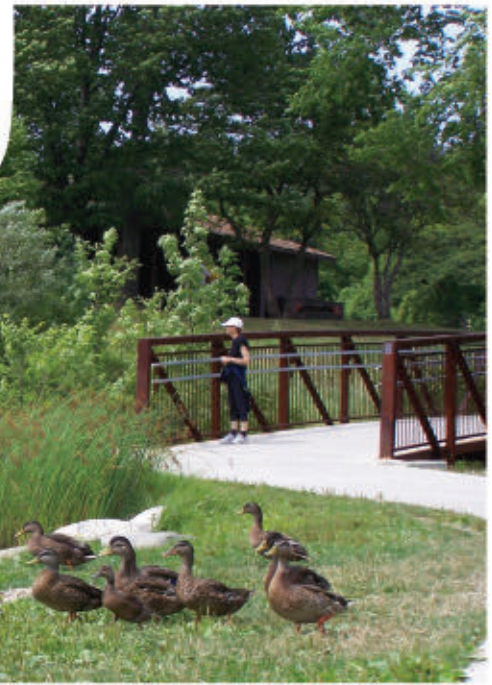


# Rochester

Newsletter



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## Rochester Residents Very Satisfied With Community & Municipal Services

The results of the 2009 Rochester National Citizen Survey are in. When it comes to Rochester as a place to live, ninety-nine (99%) percent of survey respondents rated Rochester as "excellent" or "good." Ninety-seven (97%) percent of surveyed residents also rated the services provided by the City as excellent or good. Both survey results were ranked #1 among over 300 local governments, which asked similar questions of their residents.

Surveys were completed by 407 randomly selected

Rochester residents contacted through the mail. Participants answered questions on items such as quality of community life, public safety, government services, City staff, traffic and parking. The statistically valid survey found citizen satisfaction with the community, its amenities, safety and the performance of municipal staff very high, exceeding national benchmarks in almost every area where comparisons were possible. The full report of the survey is available online at [rochestermi.org/citizensurvey](http://rochestermi.org/citizensurvey).

## Tune-In To Rochester City Government

Did you know you can watch City meetings live on cable television and at [rochestermi.org](http://rochestermi.org)? City Council, Planning Commission and Downtown Development Authority meetings are all broadcasted live as part of the City's ongoing effort to provide open access to city government. **These**

**meetings can be viewed on City of Rochester TV by tuning in to channel 61 on Comcast or channel 10 on WOW.** To view the meetings online live, or archived meetings at your convenience, go to [rochestermi.org](http://rochestermi.org) and click on "City Webcast."

## Interested In Being Part Of Rochester's Government?

The City is always looking for individuals who are interested in serving on one of Rochester's Boards, Commissions or Ad Hoc committees. To apply, visit [rochestermi.org/bcapplication](http://rochestermi.org/bcapplication) and download the application, or visit the City Clerk's Office to pick

up a copy. Even if there are no vacancies on the board you are interested in, you are still encouraged to complete an application. It will be kept on file until an appointment is needed. Contact the City Clerk for further details.

## City of Rochester Budget

The City of Rochester is in the process of approving the fiscal year end 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) budget. The City of Rochester is committed

to fiscal responsibility, efficiency and transparent government. Go to [rochestermi.org/budgets](http://rochestermi.org/budgets) to access copies of the City's budgets and audits.

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## Calendar of Events:

### May

- 1 Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market Opens
- 3 Planning Commission Meeting
- 10 City Council Meeting
- 19 DDA Meeting
- 22 NOHAZ Collection Event at OU
- 24 City Council Meeting
- 27 Historical Commission Meeting
- 29 Greater Rochester Heritage Days
- 31 Memorial Day Parade

### June

- 7 Planning Commission Meeting
- 14 City Council Meeting
- 16 DDA Meeting
- 24 Historical Commission Meeting
- 28 City Council Meeting

### July

- 7 Planning Commission Meeting
- 12 City Council Meeting
- 15 Sidewalk Sales (Thur.-Sat.)
- 21 DDA Meeting
- 22 Historical Commission Meeting
- 26 City Council Meeting

### August

- 2 Planning Commission Meeting
- 9 City Council Meeting
- 13 Dancin' in the Streets (Fri.-Sat.)
- 15 Rockin' Rods 'N Rochester
- 18 DDA Meeting
- 23 City Council Meeting
- 26 Historical Commission Meeting

\*Some of the dates of City meetings may be tentative and subject to change. Please check the City's website calendar or contact City Hall before attending.

## Memorial Day Weekend Activities

Make sure you plan on attending Rochester's annual Memorial Day activities. The weekend kicks off with the **Greater Rochester Heritage Days Festival**, which brings history to life. The Festival will be held in the Municipal Park in downtown Rochester on Saturday and Sunday, May 29th - 30th. Admission to the festival is free.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held on May 31st. The opening ceremony will be at Mt. Avon Cemetery starting at 9:15 am. Following the ceremony at 10:00 am, the parade will exit the south entrance of the cemetery and proceed down Harding Road, turn left on Livernois and continue to Veteran's Memorial Pointe at the southeast corner of Livernois and Avon Road.

## 2010 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events



Do you have hazardous household waste to dispose of? Come to one of the scheduled NO HAZ collection events with your **driver's license and a City of Rochester NO HAZ voucher**, and bring any household hazardous waste that you want to dispose of. NO HAZ collection is a free service for the residents of Rochester. A NO HAZ voucher may be obtained at Rochester City Hall or at the NO HAZ event. Items that may be recycled at a NO HAZ event include household cleaning chemicals, automotive fluids, pesticides and paint, just to name a few. For more information and a schedule of the collection dates and locations, you can go to their website at [nohaz.com](http://nohaz.com) or call NO HAZ at (248) 858-5656.

## Be A Good Neighbor

The City of Rochester is a beautiful and well-maintained community. Residents take great pride in their homes and neighborhoods. In order to maintain the high quality of life our residents have come to enjoy, the City reminds property owners the City of Rochester:

- Requires that grass and weeds be cut before reaching six (6") inches in height
- Prohibits the outdoor storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles
- Requires that pet owners keep all lawns and pet runs free of animal waste and uneaten food
- Generally limits the amount of firewood stored on a property to two face cords, and the firewood must be stored above ground in an orderly manner in the backyard
- Regulates compost piles, addressing such issues as size, location and composition



Rochester ordinances require that all property owners and residents maintain their property. All areas of the property must be maintained, including adjoining sidewalks, alleys, fence lines, rear property lines, parking areas and perimeters of buildings. Notices of Violation will be issued if a property is not properly maintained. To report property maintenance violations, please contact the Building Department at (248) 651-9061 or email [building@ci.rochester.mi.us](mailto:building@ci.rochester.mi.us) and report the address and the nature of the violation.

For more information, go online and view the City's Zoning Ordinance ([rochestermi.org/zoningordinance](http://rochestermi.org/zoningordinance)) or City Code ([rochestermi.org/citycode](http://rochestermi.org/citycode)).



## A Walk In The Park With Your Dog



If you want to walk your dog in a City park, you must obtain a **2010 Dog Park Permit**. Permits may be obtained from the City Clerk for a \$10.00 fee for residents and \$40 for non-residents. This fee covers up to three (3) dogs. For the safety of your dog and other park users, dogs must be kept on a leash at all times, and owners are required to carry waste bags.

## A Breath Of Fresh Air: Play Tennis At Rochester Municipal Park

If you enjoy playing tennis, make sure you take advantage of the tennis courts at Rochester Municipal Park. Residents can enjoy tennis through mid-October from 6 am – 10 pm. The courts operate on a first-come first-serve basis.

For children and adults who want to test their skills against the competition, sign-up for the **"Greater Rochester Open"** which is held **July 28th - August 4th** in the Rochester Municipal Park. To learn more about the tournament, please contact RARA at **248-656-8308**.



## Downtown Farmers' Market

The Downtown Rochester Farmers' Market is open Saturdays 8 am – 1 pm starting May 1st. Located at the corner of E. Third and Water Street, it is one short block east of Main Street and conveniently surrounded by two free public parking lots.

The Farmers' Market is proud to feature fresh produce, flowers, handmade goods and other products exclusive to Michigan. A Master Gardener is also available each Saturday to answer home gardening questions in case you have not quite developed that green thumb yet.

## Register To Vote In August Primary And November General Election

Please make sure to register to vote in the August Primary Election and the November General Election. Pursuant to state election law, polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on all election days. You must vote at the polling place for the precinct in which you reside. To register as an elector in the State of Michigan, you must be 18 years of age and have been a resident of the community for 30 days prior to the election. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office. Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming election please contact City Clerk, Lee Ann O'Connor, at (248) 651-9061 or [loconnor@ci.rochester.mi.us](mailto:loconnor@ci.rochester.mi.us).

## Now You Can Pay Your Water Bill & Local Taxes Online



You may now pay your City of Rochester water bills and local taxes online by using Visa, MasterCard, Discover and electronic checks. If you would like to pay your local taxes or water bill online, please go to [rochestermi.org](http://rochestermi.org) and click on the "I Want To..." menu to select either service. There is a convenience fee for both of these services.

## Who to call:

Fire-Medical-Police	
Emergency:	911
Police	
Non-Emergency:	651-9621
Fire	
Non-Emergency:	651-4470
City Hall:	651-9061
52 <sup>nd</sup> District Court:	853-5553
City of Rochester Hills:	656-4600
Crittenton Hospital:	652-5000
Dinosaur Hill	
Nature Preserve:	656-0999
Downtown	
Development Authority:	656-0060
Library:	656-2900
NO HAZ (Hazardous	
Waste Disposal):	858-5656
Oakland Community	
College (Auburn Hills):	232-4100
Oakland County:	858-1000
Oakland Township:	651-4440
Oakland University:	370-2100
Older Person	
Commission Building:	656-1403
Rochester Avon	
Recreation Authority:	656-8308
Rochester	
Community House:	651-0622
Rochester	
Community Schools:	726-3000
Rochester	
Chamber of Commerce:	651-6700
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## 20 Years of Being Green: Recycling

As the City of Rochester is celebrating its twentieth year of curbside recycling, the City is working with its new waste hauler to make recycling even easier. If you have any questions about recycling materials, contact City Hall or visit the City website, [rochestermi.org/recycling](http://rochestermi.org/recycling).

Residents may now recycle clean white paper and white computer paper. Residents should bundle the paper with twine or string or place in a paper bag and deposit in their bins for recycling collection. Staples are acceptable, but paper clips must be removed.

The following are examples of what should be recycled:

- Aluminum and tin cans, clean aluminum foil products
- Green, clear and brown glass
- Paper, junk mail, and cardboard cereal and food boxes
- Corrugated cardboard (cut into two-foot square pieces)
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics
- Small scrap metal
- Household batteries



## Road Work Notes

The 2010 construction season will bring a variety of activity city-wide, including:

- East Alley sanitary and storm repair from 4th to University (spring)
- East and West Alley one-way integration (spring)
- Pavement joint and crack sealing in various locations (spring and summer)
- Pavement and sewer line repairs on Rewold Street from Elizabeth to Miller (summer/early fall)
- Parkdale Bridge reconstruction (late summer into early fall)
- Parkdale asphalt overlay from Leticia east to Dequindre (fall)



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## New City Refuse Hauler

Effective Monday, August 30, 2010, Rizzo Services of Sterling Heights will be the new city refuse, recycling and yard waste hauler. The collection schedule will remain the same for all customers. More information will follow in early summer regarding Rizzo's services and an opportunity for residents to acquire larger recycling totes. Rizzo has a reputation of providing excellent customer service, so a seamless transition should be experienced by all consumers. Please contact City Hall if you have any questions or concerns with your refuse collection services.

## Have You Seen Rochester's New Website & Facebook Page Yet?

The City's new website, [rochestermi.org](http://rochestermi.org), has had over 50,000 visits since it was launched in September 2009. Visitors from as far away as "Rochester, England" have logged on to see the new website.

The City also has a **Facebook Fan Page** that provides an alternate way for residents to get the latest Rochester news. Go to [rochestermi.org/facebook](http://rochestermi.org/facebook) to become a fan today!

## Unsolicited Newspapers & Mail

If you would like to stop the delivery of unsolicited newspapers and advertising circulars, please contact the company delivering the publication directly. To help rid your mailbox of general junk mail, contact the Direct Marketing Association (DMA). This organization is made up of members who market goods and services directly to consumers. To add your name to the Mail Preference Service list and reduce the amount of "junk" mail you receive, you can register online at [dmachoice.org](http://dmachoice.org).



## Weekend Construction

If you're planning on making home improvements, please keep the following in mind. If you are doing Saturday construction, you will need a special permit from the Building Department. The special permit for Saturday construction work is generally approved from 9 am – 5 pm and includes such things as building a deck, re-roofing, major tree trimming or tree removal with power saws, building additions, swimming pools, fences and concrete work. This type of construction is not to occur on Sunday. Landscaping does not need a special permit. If you have a contractor doing your work, they are responsible for contacting the Building Department.