



Town of Rochester

Recreation Department

*December 2017
through
February 2018*

Annual Tree Lighting

When: Friday, December 1st.
Time: 5:00 PM-5:30 PM

Come light the holiday tree while singing, snacking and having a jolly time!

Please call

626-2115 to sign up.

This event is open to all and is free of charge!

See you there!



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Where: Community Center

The Town of Rochester Recreation Department invites you to join us in welcoming the winter season. Get in the holiday spirit by enjoying some cookies and hot chocolate while singing some holiday carols with us.

A special invitation has gone out to **SANTA!** We are sure he will stop by to join in the festivities!

Senior Holiday Brunch

Children's Holiday Party



When: Saturday, December 9th.
Time: 10:00-11:30PM
Where: Community Center

The Senior Holiday Brunch will take place at the Community Center again this year! We have much to be thankful for this holiday season. Our community is rich with holiday spirit and it's highly contagious! Join us in spreading the cheer and enjoy some of our delicious fixins while you're at it!

The Mary Lee Friend of Youth Award will be presented during the brunch. Reservations required! Call 626-2115.

When: Saturday, December 9th.
Time: 12 Noon

Where: Community Center
Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at 12:00 PM. The Claus' will be distributing presents to every child that is signed up. Come enjoy some jolly holiday music! There will also be plenty of activities to do and refreshments will be served. Sign-ups are a **MUST** for your child to receive a gift! **The deadline to sign up is December 1st.** Call 626-2115.

Letters to Santa: Please send your letter by Dec. 16th to Santa C/O Town of Rochester Youth Dept.
P.O. Box 65
Accord, NY 12404

Upcoming Events!

- * *St. Patrick's Day Luncheon*
- * *Easter Egg Hunt*
- * *Earth Day*
- * *Mother's Day Brunch*
- * *Summer Program Sign-Ups*

Babysitters Wanted

Attention all babysitters!!

The Town of Rochester Recreation Department is looking to compile a list of local babysitters in the area to add to our Rent-A-Kid program. We are finding that the need for friendly and reliable babysitters in the area is on the rise. Please give us a call if you are interested in putting your name on the list to be called if any local babysitting jobs become available. You will just have to provide us with your name, phone number and parental permission and we will take care of the rest. Give us a call at 626-2115 to sign up or e-mail us at recreation@townofrochester.ny.gov. We hope to hear from you!



Be an Angel this Season

Every year our list of families that *need* assistance during the holiday season grows and we anticipate that this year will be no different! So we ask that you once again give from your heart to make every child smile for the holidays! Help create the magic of the season by **donating** toys, hats, gloves or gift cards. Your generosity will make a world of difference! Please call the Recreation Department to donate or for assistance at 626-2115. Please drop off donations before **December 8th.**



Little Ones Learning Center

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Saturdays.
Time: 10:00-12:00 PM & 1-3PM on Wednesdays

This valuable community resource is dedicated to promoting early literacy and book lending for children and their families in the Rondout Valley.



Please call 626-4112 or 626-7249 for more info! **Visit us on facebook...facebook.com/LittleOneslearningcenter** (case sensitive) or at www.littleoneslearningcenter.org

Adopt a pet

Make your heart feel good this Holiday Season by **adopting a pet!** No matter the pet's age, it will feel like "puppy love" for both you and your family when you open your hearts and your home to a loving pet. Help give these amazing animals a chance to make your life complete! **Can't adopt? Make a donation** of dog food, bones, blankets, anything a dog could use. Call the Town of Rochester's Animal Control Officer, Jill Shufeldt at 626-5979.



Food Pantry

The Rochester Food Pantry has been serving Town of Rochester families for over 24 years. The holidays are especially difficult for some families. When you shop for your holiday meals please keep the food pantry in mind. Volunteers are always greatly appreciated and donations are more than helpful. Also, if you shop at Amazon.com log onto ww.smile.amazon.com and designate the Rochester Food Pantry as your chosen charitable organization. It will not change the price you pay and will contribute .5% to the food pantry. **Every little bit helps!**



Elder-Care Program

The Town of Rochester is pleased to announce the creation of the **Elder-Care Program**. We believe in a "neighbor helping neighbor" philosophy. If you are in need of assistance during an emergency or have special concerns, we'd like to offer you a chance to join this program. In emergency situations the town Constabulary would notify and/or visit participants to check on their well-being and render assistance if needed. The Constabulary would also be able to make "non-emergency" visits on a semi-regular basis if requested. If you are interested in joining the program please call (845) 204-8841 or e-mail elder-care@townofrochester.ny.gov

Valentine's Day Party

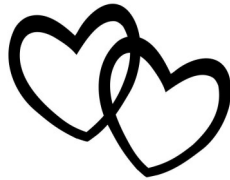
When: Wed, February 14th

Time: 3:00-5:30PM

Where: Community Center

We would **LOVE** for you to join us! Come dance your heart out to some catchy tunes! There will be snacks, crafts and other activities for you and your children to enjoy! All are welcome!

Call 626-2115 to sign-up!



Summer Program Registration

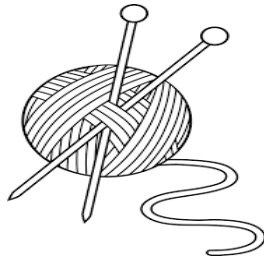
Believe it or not we start to get phone calls about our Summer Program as early as January! This year we want to make it known that we will not be starting registration until **April 1st**. When registration begins we will accept only Town of Rochester residents first. If you are a non-resident you can still give us a call and we will put you a waiting list and do our best to find a spot for your child. This program is extremely popular and we appreciate your patience and understanding while we do our very best to make sure that this program is fair to everyone who wishes to participate! Thank you in advance! We look forward to another great summer together!

Senior Group

When: Every Tuesday!

Where: Community Center

The Rochester Senior Group meets every Tuesday at 10:30 AM. Come to connect with other people in our community! Get your creative genes flowing! Bring your great ideas and work together on community projects. Give us a call with any questions you may have 626-2115.



Yoga with Beth

When: Wednesday's

Time: 12-1:00pm

Where: Community Center

Have you been looking for a local Yoga class? Well, we have the place for you! Every Wednesday at the Community Center for an hour. Join us as we work on relaxing and becoming one with our bodies through stretching and breathing exercises. The class is designed to strengthen and promote flexibility. Give it a try! You won't regret it!

The cost is only \$5 per class.



Adult Exercise Class

When: Tuesdays

Time: 11:00 AM

Where: Community Center

Tuesday's class is sponsored by the **Rochester Senior Group**. This class consists of low-impact movements along with strength and flexibility training. Standing or seated you can join in this whole body exercise class. Functional fitness is the goal. This is a one hour class.

Call Rita at 626-2115 for more info on either class.



When: Thursdays

Time: 11:00 AM

Where: Community Center

Thursday's class consists of gentle "Energy Exercises" to help with balance, focus & overall strength. Appropriate for most active adults.



Both Classes are FREE!

We're on the web!
TownofRochester.ny.gov

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It's not Good-Bye, it's "See you later..."

Carol Dennin has been Director of The Town of Rochester's Recreation Department for the past 21 years. She recently decided to retire. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. This program would not be what it is today without her. She has touched the lives of so many in this community. Carol, took her role in the community very seriously. She wasn't just a "Recreation Director." She was much, much more. She was a friend, a shoulder to cry on, an amazing cook, someone to laugh with, an advice giver, a mediator, a teacher, a mentor and an inspiration to all. She has provided a place for people to have a Thanksgiving meal when maybe they didn't have anywhere else to go, she's helped those less fortunate provide for their families at Christmas time, she has scared the pants off of people at Halloween, she has taken youth under her wing and guided them down the right path toward success and she has certainly left a huge imprint on the hearts of all who work and live in the Town of Rochester. So, Carol this is not Good-Bye... You are always welcome to come back and visit anytime! Until then... "See you later..." We love you and will miss you greatly! xoxo

Special Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who either donated their time or who donated food to help make our annual Thanksgiving event so successful! A special thank you goes out to the **Rochester Residents Association** for their continued support of this event. Their generosity is overwhelming.

We'd like to thank everyone who donated to our clothing drop-off shed from **St. Pauly's Textile Inc.** The goal of the company is to keep clothing out of landfills while helping organizations raise funds for programs like ours. Everyone please donate your unwanted clothes to our drop-off and help benefit our programs! When you give you make a difference!

Thank you to our *local businesses* who helped us out this year! A big thanks to **Kelder's Farm** for donating several pumpkins for our Halloween party and to **Saunderskill Farms** for donating pumpkins & gourds for Heritage Day and Thanksgiving this year! Both establishments have shown tremendous support for our programs over and over. We can not thank them enough! Please always remember to shop local! Let's show them our gratitude!



Awards!

The Mary Lee Friend of Youth Award

recognizes an adult, dedicated to the positive development and well-being of the youth in the Town of Rochester.

The Sue Matson Distinguished Youth Award

highlights the contributions of a youth who has made a positive difference in his or her family, neighborhood or community.

The Recreation Department will be accepting names to consider for both of these awards year round. Please call 626-2115 or go to our website and print out an application if you know of someone who deserves to be recognized for their contributions.

Sgt. Shawn M. Farrell II Scholarship Fund

Is an annual scholarship that is given to a graduating senior at Rondout Valley High School who will be entering the military upon completion of his or her education. Those wishing to contribute may make donations to:

Sgt. Farrell Memorial
686 Watson Hollow Rd.
West Shokan, NY 12494