



## HOME Rochester Homeowners Fall 2022 Newsletter

Daylight Savings time ends Sunday Nov. 6

***Question of the season: Why is it recommended to test our smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms at Day Light Savings time?***

***Answer: This semi-annual event offers an excellent opportunity to ensure fire safety in the home by changing smoke-detector, CO alarm batteries and practicing Exit Drills in the Home (EDITH).***

### Fall Maintenance Checklist

- **Gutter clean out-** Thoroughly clean out leaves and debris from gutters. Repair sagging or loose gutters. Check joints and seams for leaks. Make sure that downspouts are clear and are pointed away from the house.
- **Leaves, lawn clean up-** Maintain your lawn and rake leaves. Check your property for loose branches or limbs. Prune branches away from your home. Check with the City of Rochester to find out when lawn debris is picked up.
- **Windows, caulking, leaks-** To prepare for cooler fall weather, inspect weather stripping around windows and replace if necessary. Check for cracked or broken windows. A tight seal is the first line of defense against air and water. Clean window screens.
- **Furnace and sump pump-** Change your air furnace filter, a new filter will help your furnace run more efficiently. Do a check of your furnace and your sump pump for proper function before cooler weather sets in.
- **Dryer vent and house fans-** Clean out your lint trap each cycle. Unplug your dryer and clean your dryer vent and hose monthly. Your vent is found at the back of the dryer. Check for proper functioning of your kitchen exhaust and bathroom fans; clean filters. Exhaust fans rid the room air of excess moisture, humidity, odors and pollutants.
- **Leaks in/out-faucets-** Check under the kitchen and bathroom sinks to make sure connections on pipes and hoses are properly sealed. Look for wetness around the dishwasher that could signal an existing or potential problem. Check your washing machine hoses for cracks, bulges or dampness. Also check hot water heaters, which may show signs of corrosion and leaks.
- **Exterior home inspection-** It's good to do a walk-around of your property. Remove hoses from spigots and drain them; store them indoors coiled and flat until next spring.
- **Roof-** Check for inconsistencies on your roof including cracked or missing shingles and nail-pops.
- **Smoke Detectors and CO Alarms-** Replace batteries in your smoke detectors and check for proper functioning of CO alarms. Have a working fire extinguisher on hand. Kitchens are the No. 1 source of home fires, and unattended cooking is the primary cause.

**You may want to enlist a professional to assist with some of these tasks.**

*Our mission is to send out tips for seasonal home maintenance to assist you with successful homeownership*

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*This content is available in Spanish upon request.*

## Fall 2022 Community Events and Resources

### Cameron Ministries FVRx Nutrition Classes: FREE

- **Tuesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25, 2022, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**
- **Tuesday, November 1, 8, 2022, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM**



Eat healthy, Feel Healthy, Stay Healthy!

Join two nutrition educators, Laurencé and Candice, and learn ways to eat healthier and add more movement in your day. The Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program (FVRx) will be used during these nutrition classes. The FVRx program creates a system where health care providers in the community can write prescriptions for fresh fruits and vegetables in partnership with SNAP-Ed programs and local food retailers. Participants in the program receive \$15/class in vouchers to spend at local farmers' markets, curbside market, other retail options.

These classes are in collaboration with Cameron Ministries but is open to the public for all to join! Bring a friend and enjoy learning how to live a healthier lifestyle with food!

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### [Mount Hope Cemetery Landscaping Volunteer Event: October 8, 2022](#)

Second Saturday volunteer landscaping event at Mt Hope Cemetery.

### [Community Garage Sales at the Public Market: October 9, 16, 2022](#)

The Community Garage Sales and Superfleas sales will run from 7AM to 1PM on Sundays throughout the fall. Shoppers will discover bargains on a wide variety of items from clothing to tools, home décor to sporting goods, vintage collectibles to artwork.


### [Halloween at the Market: October 30, 2022](#)

The City of Rochester Public Market is pleased to offer Halloween at the Market on the Sunday before Halloween each year for children and families to try out their costumes, get extra trick or treating and connect with dozens of community organizations.

### [Holidays at the Market: November 27, December 4, 11, 15, 2022](#)


A Rochester tradition for over 26 years, Holidays at the Market features dozens of holiday-focused vendors (fresh-cut trees and wreaths, decorations, specialty foods and beverage products, hand crafted items and much more!) The Market will be decked out in holiday lights and festive music.

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# 2022-2023



- Charlotte-Genesee Lighthouse
- Corning Museum of Glass **NEW!**
- Genesee Country Village & Museum
- George Eastman Museum
- Ulysses S. Grant Cottage **NEW!**
- New York Museum of Transportation
- Rochester Museum & Science Center
- Sonnenberg Gardens & Mansion State Historic Park **NEW!**
- The National Susan B. Anthony Museum & House

**See something new!**

Passes valid July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

## MONROE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

### V.I.P. System Pass Program

The Very Important Places (V.I.P.) pass provides a substantial discount to enjoy the best of Rochester and Monroe County's arts and cultural treasures. With a valid MCLS library card, inquire at any participating library and check out a V.I.P.

pass for a participating museum or arts organization. Bring the V.I.P. pass to the venue and enjoy discounted



**SEAC**  
South East  
Area Coalition

# TOOL SHED

This program's mission is to provide access to tools to any resident, business, or organization in the Greater Rochester Area, for a small annual fee (\$25 per year for the basic level). Tools are expensive and shouldn't be an obstacle to anyone wanting to do repairs on their home, business, or in their community.

Many people do not purchase tools because either they cannot afford them or simply do not wish to pay for something they will use once, maybe twice, in their lifetime. This program removes both of those hurdles, giving access to tools to those who need and want it. Community groups looking to engage in Clean Sweeps, neighborhood beautification projects, and the like, need look no further than SEAC's Tool Shed to assist with their needs. Low-income homeowners wanting to complete repairs on their homes should be able to do so without tool cost barriers holding them back. Independent contractors looking to earn income and hone their skills should not miss out because they can't afford all the tools for the job. Visit us at: [www.seactoolshed.org](http://www.seactoolshed.org)