### Winter

#### TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

#### **December 1, 2017**

Join the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce for the annual Holiday Tree Lighting at Central Square in downtown Rochester. The evening includes caroling, cookie decorating, hot chocolate, a reading of "The Night Before Christmas" and Santa even stops by for photos! Call (603)332-5080 or visit www.rochesternh.org



#### **FESTIVAL OF TREES**

#### **December 2, 2017**

Sponsored by Rochester Main Street, the Festival of Trees will take place in Downtown Rochester from 4pm—8pm. For more information, call (603)330-3208 or visit www.rochestermainstreet.org.

# HOLIDAY PARADE December 3, 2017



Presented by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the parade is a delight to children of all ages. Special guest, Santa Claus, hasn't missed a year yet! Floats from area organizations and businesses join marching bands and other attractions to celebrate the Holiday Season. Call (603)332-5080 or visit <a href="https://www.rochesternh.org">www.rochesternh.org</a>.

#### SKATE WITH SANTA December 9, 2017

Join us as Santa makes his grand appearance on ice at the Rochester Ice Arena. Get in the holiday spirit by donating non-perishables to Gerry's Food Pantry in Rochester. Held in December. Call (603) 332-4120 or visit <a href="www.rochesterrec.com">www.rochesterrec.com</a>.

### A Venue for All Seasons

#### **ROCHESTER OPERA HOUSE**

Located in the Rochester City Hall building, the Rochester Opera House is a performing arts organization providing entertainment to audiences of all ages through a variety of high quality artistic programming. Main stage series, Arts & Education series and Summer Season shows. Call 335-1992 or visit <a href="https://www.rochesteroperahouse.com">www.rochesteroperahouse.com</a>.





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### Spring/Summer

# GREATER ROCHESTER AUTHOR'S FAIR

#### **April 29, 2017**

Presented by Rochester Main Street at the Rochester Public Library, attendees can meet and greet local authors. Call (603) 330-3208 or visit www.rochestermainstreet.org.

# NATIONAL FREE COMIC BOOK DAY May 6, 2017

Presented annually by JetPack Comics and Rochester Main Street on the first Saturday in May, you may visit participating merchants to receive a complimentary comic book. Features exhibit hall, artists, costumed role players, and more! Call 603-330-9636 or visit www.jetpackcomics.com.

#### **BUSINESS & COMMUNITY EXPO**

#### May 11, 2017

Presented by the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce, the Business & Community Expo is a trade show opportunity to meet and learn about many of the businesses in the greater Rochester area. Call 603-332-5080 or visit www.rochesternh.org.

#### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE May 29, 2017

Presented by the Rochester Veterans Council annually on Memorial Day. Call 603-332-1073.

# WINGS & WHEELS AT SKYHAVEN Date TBA

Presented by the Rochester Police Department to benefit Gerry's Food Pantry, a spectacular family-friendly event held at Skyhaven Airport. Visit www.rochesterwingsandwheels.com.

# PHANTOM GOURMET BBQ & COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

#### **Dates TBA**

Held at the Rochester Fairgrounds, experience BBQ masters from around the world, live entertainment, and more! Visit www.phantomgourmetbbq.com

### Summer

#### **SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT SERIES**

#### June 24—August 25, 2017

Summer outdoor music series held from 11:45-1pm in downtown Rochester. Enjoy music from local artists. Visit www.rochestermainstreet.org.

#### **CONCERTS ON THE COMMON**

#### July-August, 2017

Summer outdoor music series held at the Rochester Common offering music from country to jazz to classical. Call 603-332-4120 or visit <a href="https://www.rochesterrec.com">www.rochesterrec.com</a>.

#### **SUMMER MUSIC SERIES**

#### June-August, 2017

Summer Music Series in the Garden is provided at The Governor's Inn, complete with acoustic, rock, roots, bluegrass and more. Call 603-332-0107 or visit www.governorsinn.com.

# ROCHESTER BLUES & BBQ FESTIVAL July 15, 2017

Rochester Main Street will present the 5th Annual BBQ & Blues Festival on North Main Street at the Cocheco Riverwalk featuring live entertainment, great food and more! Call 603-330-3208 or visit www.rochestermainstreet.org.

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT August 1, 2017

Annual community-building campaign promoting partnerships in the City. Event features family friendly activities, food, games and more! Call 603-332-7127.

### ROCHESTER GAY PRIDE DAY

### **August 26, 2017**

Annual community event presented by the Rochester Museum of Fine Arts which looks to promote unity, visibility, inclusivity, equality, and a positive image of the LGBT community. There is also live music and food vendors. Visit www.rochestermfa.org/pride.

### Summer/Fall



#### **Farmer's Market**

#### June —September, 2017

Held every Tuesday at the Rochester Common from 3:30pm—6:30pm. Email rochesternhfarmersmarket@gmail.com.

#### **ROCHESTER FAIR**

#### September 15—24, 2017

Held annually in September, the fair provides entertainment for everyone and features a midway of games, rides, attractions and exhibitions including art, crafts, livestock, 4-H and more! Call 603-332-6585 or visit <a href="https://www.rochesterfair.com">www.rochesterfair.com</a>.



# OCTOBER FESTIVAL October 7, 2017

Sponsored by Rochester Main Street, this family fun event is in the heart of downtown and celebrates the fall season! Crafts, music, food, games, a pumpkin patch and more are enjoyed by many annually. Call 603-330-3208 or visit <a href="https://www.rochestermainstreet.org">www.rochestermainstreet.org</a>.



### TRICK-OR-TREAT ON THE TOWN/ZOMBIE WALK

**October 27, 2017** 

Presented by Rochester Main Street, youngsters can trick-or-treat downtown at participating businesses from 4:30-6pm. Adults form a Zombie Walk at 7pm and walk to the Rochester Commons for a bonfire, music and refreshments. Call 603-330-3208 or visit <a href="www.rochestermainstreet.org">www.rochestermainstreet.org</a>.

# ROCHESTER RECREATION HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 21, 2017

Enjoy kid friendly activities including bounce house, music, face painting and more! Call 603-332-4120 or visit www.rochesterrec.com.