



Rivers Run

Cottage Connections

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Juneteenth

Juneteenth, short for "June Nineteenth," marks the day when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas, in 1865 to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people be freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. It is considered the longest-running African American holiday. A federal holiday since 2021, Juneteenth occurs on Friday, June 19, in 2026.

The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln on January 1, 1863, had established that all enslaved people in Confederate states in rebellion against the Union "shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free." But in reality, the Emancipation Proclamation didn't instantly free all enslaved people. The proclamation only applied to places under Confederate control and not to slave-holding border states or rebel areas already under Union control.

Although Confederate General Robert E. Lee had surrendered at Appomattox Court House, Virginia, in April 1865, slavery had remained relatively intact in Texas until U.S. General Gordon Granger stood on Texas soil and read General Orders No. 3: "The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."



Third Monday of each month, 6:30 PM
For more information
Contact Jim Galvin

June's book is
Theo of Golden
by Allen Levi



REMINDER
Woman's Luncheon
Aladdin's
Friday, June 26 @ 1:00 PM

For more information
Contact Claire Gnazzo

Dining Out Fruit & Salad Co.

Thursday, June 18
680 Pittsford Victor Rd
585-586-7260

From its humble beginnings serving fruit salad at the Corn Hill Arts Festival, to its present location in Pittsford, the Fruit & Salad Co. has been a local stalwart of high-quality and healthy food in Rochester for over 35 years. It now has an extensive dinner menu along with a wide assortment of beers and wines.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Barbara DeOca at 813-892-1219 or bdeoca@aol.com



Women's Lunch Aladdin's Natural Eatery

Friday, June 26 @ 1:00 PM
8 Schoen Place, Pittsford
585-264-9000

Locally owned and operated since 1980, they strive to serve all natural foods, locally grown when in season. They use sea salt, filtered water, raw sugar and extra virgin olive oil in their food preparation and have gluten-free and nut-free products available to accommodate any dietary needs.

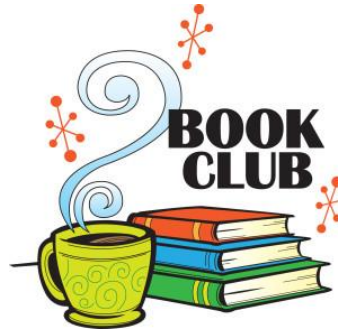
If you are interested in joining us, please contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009 or cgnazzo@outlook.com.

NATIONAL BESTSELLER
Theo of Golden



Allen Levi

Theo, an 86-year-old man, is captivated by portraits at a coffeehouse called "The Chalice" and decides to buy them all, giving them back to the subjects and collecting their life stories. It is the endearing story of a curious old man who quietly moves into a southern city and, for reasons unknown to anyone but himself, undertakes a campaign of anonymous generosity. Theo's love for people, combined with his fondness for books, art, birds, and story, unite in a colorful expression of outreach and affection.



The Book Club will be meeting in the sunroom of Jim Galvin's house at 1303 Rivers Run on Monday, June 15 at 6:30 PM.

NOTE:

The May Women's Luncheon was moved to Friday, May 29 at Horizon's Modern Kitchen in Fairport.

Call Claire Gnazzo at 585-387-6009 if you are interested in joining us.

Kentucky Derby Party



Mint Juleps, cucumber sandwiches, and derby pie helped make a wonderful evening watching this year's Kentucky Derby. Although hats were not mandatory, a few of us chose to get into the spirit. Even with the help from Marsha and John, and their wealth of horse racing knowledge, none of us actually picked the winning horse but at least Ken's horse came in second. It

was a great evening. Thank you Lynn and David for hosting this event.



Friday in the Park
-every Friday-
401-703 Cottage Park
4 PM

Join the group, relax and visit.
Unwind from a busy week.
Bring a drink and a snack
to share. (optional)

This is a great time with
neighbors & friends!

A notice will be sent out every Friday with a location update should the weather prevent us from holding it "in the park".

AKOMA
AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN'S GOSPEL CHOIR
PEARLESSERT PRAISEZ II
31 YEARS OF PRAISE

Black Pearlz

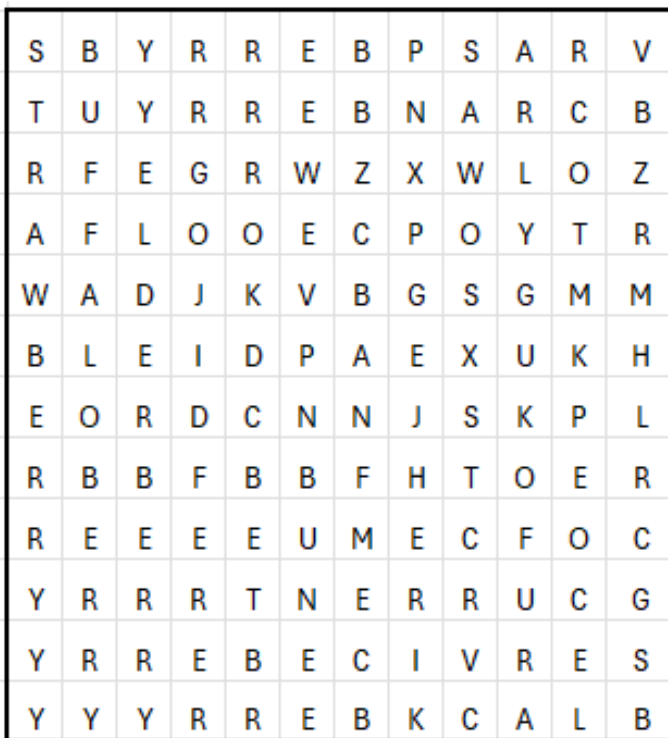
Tony Nichols, Music Director
Pastor C. Sherie Hill, Interim Music Director
AKOMA SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT
31st Anniversary
Saturday June 13, 2026
6:30pm

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
141 Adams Street
Rochester, NY 14608

"And with my song ... will I praise Him" - Psalm 28:7
Dr. Arlette Miller Smith, Founder Carolyn Butts, President

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE: WWW.AKOMA.ORG

WORD SEARCH



BLACKBERRY
BOYSENBERRY
BUFFALOBERRY
CRANBERRY
CURRENT
ELDERBERRY

GOOSEBERRY
GOJI
LOGANBERRY
RASPBERRY
SERVICEBERRY
STRAWBERRY



ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

*Did you know the
ANTIQUES ROADSHOW
2026 Production Tour
will be stopping at the
Genesee Country Village
and Museum in Mumford
on Wednesday, June 17?*

*Although tickets are NOT
available through GCV
or at the door, perhaps
you can obtain them by
calling WXXI if you are
interested in going.*

NOTE

RR Strawberry Social
Sunday, June 14, 2-4 PM
@ 103 RR

FREE

**Sunday, June 14
2:00-4:00 PM
103 Rivers Run**

Our annual RR Strawberry Social has been scheduled!

Strawberries, biscuits, whipped cream, and ice cream will be available. Just bring a chair and your appetite! Hopefully Mother Nature will bless us with a great day!

Our Rivers Run Quilters

We are so fortunate here at RR to have 2 very talented quilters. Both Ann Drenk and Christine Wickert have created some magnificent quilts. Shown below are two of the very ornate quilts that Chris has created and one from Ann Drenk. You will notice that they are very different in style. While Chris has a more ornate design, Ann leans more towards a modern style. There is no question that both styles are very beautiful.



RECYCLE



As you know, every other month Marty (1601 RR) sends out an email to let you know that she will be taking a trip to Ecopark with any recyclable you may have. In addition to this, the Town of Henrietta is offering a free Electronic Recycling Day on Saturday, June 13 from 9-1 PM at the Henrietta Highway Department, 405 Calkins Road.

Items accepted free of charge include:

Computers/Laptops	Video Games/Machines	Circuit Boards
Monitors	Scanners	Modems
Printers/Copiers	Power Supplies	Fax Machines
Televisions	Stereo Equipment	Cords/Wires
VCR's	Telephones	Networking Gear
DVD Players	Computer Accessories	Cameras

Items Not Accepted:

Batteries	Light Bulbs / Lamps
Kitchen or personal appliances	Smoke Detectors
Freon Containing Devices	Hazardous Materials

Questions? Contact the Dispatcher at (585) 359-7005

To Do in Rochester

- June 1-29: Beautiful: The Carol King Musical, GEVA
- June 5-7: The Sixties Show, Kodak Center
- June 5-8: Arts & Treasures Sale, Memorial Art Gallery
- June 6: Encore Summer Soiree, GEVA
- June 6-8: Fairport Canal Days, Village of Fairport
- June 6 & 20: Sam Patch Live Music Sunset Cruise, Corn Hill Navigation
- June 9-14: Suffs, West Herr Auditorium
- June 13: Akoma, Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
- June 17-22: Back to the Future: The Musical, Roch. Broadway Theatre League
- June 20: Lavender Days, Wickham Farms
- June 20-22: Harborfest, Ontario Beach Park
- June 20-28: Rochester Int'l Jazz Festival, Rochester

Pay Nothing Day!

Saturday, June 27

Got stuff to clear out of the house or garage?

Join your neighbors in a RR “Pay Nothing Day” on June 27, 12-4 PM

What is a “Pay Nothing Day”?

In the RR version, residents collect items in good repair and display them in the garage or driveway for a few hours. Neighbors and friends then walk the complex to check out what might be a “treasure for them”. All found treasures go home with a new owner and the old owner has one less unwanted item to store.

No money exchanged, but less stuff!

What do you need to do?

- Start sorting out your belongings and get things ready for June 27 viewing.
- Let Sue Rausch know you are participating by June 21 so she can publish a list of cottagers that will offer items for sharing.
- On the day of the event, have items displayed in your garage or in the driveway. Be sure to have your “keep” items marked (e.g. your table) or well separated from the items you are offering to others.
- Open your garage and welcome RR neighbors, apartment dwellers, and other friends who would like to stop by and find a treasure.

What to do after “Pay Nothing Day”

- As an individual or small group, contact a charitable organization to pick up any remaining items or drop them at a local donation center. Enjoy a little extra space!

What other things you might like to know?

- Cottage residents can invite friends from outside the community to check out the free “treasures”.
- If cars are used to get around, park only on the street or in the parking lot, not in cul-de-sacs that might block residents from coming and going.
- When displaying items for others to check out, it is nice to be at home, but not mandatory if items are placed on the driveway. This means you can have items for sharing and still visit other neighbors to see what “treasures” they have.

Sue Rausch 585-272-1147 or laceyd627@rochester.rr.com



Rivers Run Resident of the Month

Shirley Reed has lived at 501 Rivers Run for eight years. She was born in Irondequoit and spent most of her childhood in the Rochester area. In high school she was active in sports and served as captain of her basketball team. She met Ken Reed during those years, and the two married young; they recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.



Four years after high school, Shirley, Ken, and their young daughter moved to California, where after graduating from RIT, Ken pursued his PhD in Quantum Physical Chemistry at Stanford. During their time there, she provided childcare to help support the family. Their second daughter was born in California, and soon afterward the family returned to Rochester when Ken accepted a position at Kodak. He later renewed his association with RIT by becoming Alumni Director, and Shirley subsequently joined the alumni office as well. Through this work, they both became trustees of the Institute.

The family settled first in Hamlin, where they lived for five years before building a passive-solar home in Greece—a home they enjoyed for the next three decades. During these years, Shirley also joined Kodak, working in the research labs on microfilm and film copying. Over her 18 years with the company, she held a variety of roles, including running a litho press, working in graphics, and learning layout, design, and proofreading. She remembers her Kodak years fondly as a time of growth, learning, and meaningful connections. She retired in 1998.

Throughout her life, Shirley has considered her most important role to be that of mother to her children. As they grew older, her focus shifted to supporting Ken in his work in the field of chemistry. She has also enjoyed serving as an RIT trustee and as a counselor with the Nursing Mothers Council. Her hobbies reflect both her creativity and her eagerness to try new things: cooking, sewing, stained glass, pottery, embroidery, and even auto body repair. She and Ken have four grandchildren.

Shirley loves Rivers Run most of all for the wonderful people she has met here. Her philosophy of life is simple and generous: *Live and let live*, a sentiment beautifully echoed in her favorite song, "Simple Gifts."

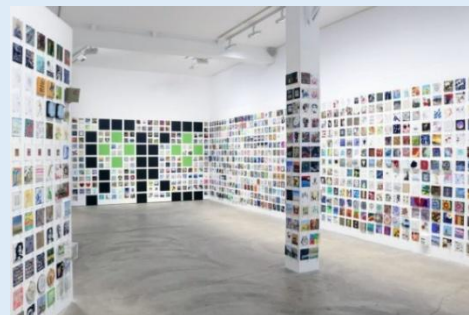
6 X 6 Art Show May 29 – July 25

This summer Rochester Contemporary Art Center's (RoCo) 6x6 phenomenon returns for the 19th year! This exhibition brings together thousands of original artworks, made and donated by celebrities, international & local artists, designers, youth and maybe even YOU.

General Online Purchasing Begins: June 3

In Gallery Opening: June 5

Buy online and in gallery: June 5 -July 25



Every \$20 artwork purchase supports their future exhibitions & public art.

All artworks will be exhibited and for sale to the public for \$20 each to benefit RoCo.

Jessica Drenk Invitation

Artist Jessica Drenk would like to express her appreciation to Rivers Run residents by inviting them to a Studio Tour on June 2nd from 2 to 3 pm. By collecting and donating junk mail and recyclable paper items over the years, neighbors have contributed to the creation of numerous art pieces, including the one pictured below. Jess has continued to employ RIT art students and graduates who enthusiastically and skillfully assist in her studio. Come see them in action and learn how your contributions are reconfigured and transformed at various stations throughout the studio. The current team are all RIT art graduates working part-time, and they would love to interact with you.



If you were ever wondering how a busy professional art studio operates, this is your chance. Jess and her team are currently working on four large commission pieces which are in various stages of progress. The studio is located in two areas in her home, with the primary fabrication studio upstairs (yes, there are stairs to climb) and the workshop in the 3-car garage below. There is also a photography studio and storage area in the basement. The rest of the house is decorated with art, both Jessica's and those of her artist friends. Even the laundry room has art on the walls! Add to that a very patient husband and three dogs, and you have an interesting household! Jess is married to Dave Musgraves, son of Lynn Musgraves (902 RR), our Memorial Day hostess! The dogs are sweet but excitable and will be kept away from visitors.

All Rivers Run residents are welcome, including new neighbors and folks who have visited previously. There is ample parking, but you may want to carpool. It would be helpful but not essential if you RSVP, so we have some idea of how many to expect.

Date: June 2

Time: 2 to 3 pm

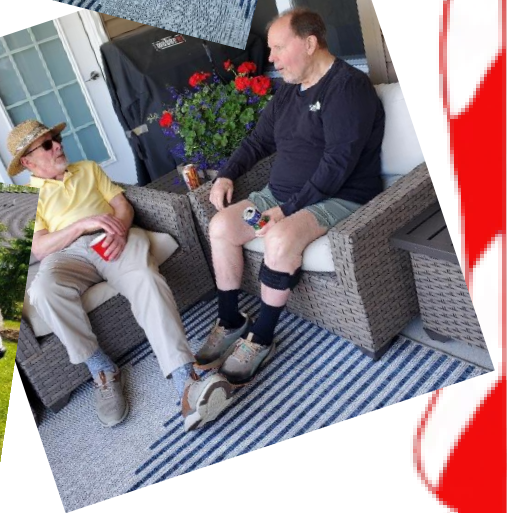
Place: 350 Five Points Road, Rush (easy 15 minutes south of Rivers Run)

RSVP: Ann Drenk 803 RR



Memorial Day Party

Lynn and David must have a good relationship with Mother Nature because once again they managed to host their annual Memorial Day Party on the best day of the month! Thank you Lynn and David for a wonderful party!





It's Strawberry Season

Is there any food more perfect than a freshly picked, perfectly ripe strawberry? Strawberry season is truly one of early summer's greatest gifts, and capturing the berries at their peak only enhances their flavor. Strawberries are perennials that spread via runners, so starting with just a few plants can rapidly expand into a sizable strawberry bed. The rich sweetness of a fresh strawberry makes a delightful addition to any garden.



When to Harvest Strawberries

The real key is to watch the fruit as it matures—after the blossoming phase, strawberry fruits begin as pale green as they grow and only start to take on a tint of red as they become close to full size. Naturally, the deeper the red, the riper they are. When the berries get a darker red they are sweeter, but soon will get soft and then they will start to get a coating of fungus when they are over-ripe.

How to Harvest Strawberries

1. Bend or break the stem with your thumb and pointer finger, about an inch up from the berry. The stem should break easily.
2. Don't pull on the berry or press firmly on its flesh. That can damage the plant or the berry itself.

Strawberries can be somewhat fragile, and they can bruise easily if they're handled roughly or bounced around too much during the harvesting process. So be gentle with your berries!

Where to Pick Strawberries

Chase Farms in Fairport
Bauman's Farm Market in Webster
Burnap's Farm Market in Sodus
G and S Orchards in Walworth
Green Acre Farms in Rochester

Gro Moore Farms in Rush
Hurd Orchards in Holley
Kirby's Farm Market in Brockport
Lamora Farms in Ontario
Whittier Fruit Farms in Rochester



June 2026 Cottage Calendar

- **6/5, 12, 19 & 26, FRIDAY, Friday in the Park:** 4-6 PM; located by the 401-703 Units
- **6/5-7, Fairport Canal Days**
- **6/9 & 23, TUESDAY, Craft and Chat Group:** 1:00-3:00 PM, at the Cove
- **6/10 & 24, WEDNESDAY, Men's Breakfast:** 8:30 AM, Peppermints Restaurant
- **6/14, SUNDAY, Strawberry Social:** 2-4 PM, 103 Rivers Run
- **6/15, MONDAY, Book Club:** 6:30 PM, Cottage 1303; Contact Jim Galvin at 585-270-8145; *The Golden* by Allen Levi
- **6/17, WEDNESDAY, Antique Roadshow at Geneseo Country Museum**
- **6/18, THURSDAY, Dining Out:** 4:30 PM, Fruit & Salad Co.; contact Barbara DeOca at 813-892-1219 or bdeoca@aol.com
- **6/19, FRIDAY, Juneteenth**
- **6/21, SUNDAY, Father's Day**
- **6/26, FRIDAY, Ladies Lunch:** 1:00 PM at Aladdin's in Pittsford; Contact Claire Gnazzo at 585-287-6009
- **6/27, SATURDAY, Pay Nothing Day:** 12-4 PM in community

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