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Your contributions and yard sales and birthdays and good news are always welcome! Just remember we go to press about 1 month ahead. I hope you enjoy reading about David as much as I enjoyed meeting him. Check out his work at TalkeroftheTown.com!

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# DAVID KRAMER – Talker of the Town

BY ALLISON BONDI | PHOTOS BY SARAH SALVILLA

I meet David Kramer at the Brighton Library. He has biked here from down the street and his tires have no air, intentionally. It's a solid rubber design. "They're very hard to find," he explains. He brings a camera with him because, "people like metastories," he says. He wants to cross-promote the article on his site, Talker of the Town, so we take pictures in front of the mill stone and outside.

David moved to the area as a boy in 68' and grew up here. He spent 15 years going to school and working in Rhode Island before coming back to the area to finish his Ph.D in English. "Then the internet happened." David's world opened up. He found blogging and never really came up for air. "I could not believe how much I enjoyed it. I started to wonder, 'Why isn't everyone doing this? Why don't other people just want to write a story about whatever they want?'"

David ran three blogs at the *Democrat & Chronicle* before starting his own, the *Talker of the Town*. What distinguishes David's writing from others is the time and true journalistic effort he puts into his pieces. Let's take his reviews on plays. He doesn't just spout one-lines like 'great job to the leads - hilarious.' He dives all the way in.

When *The Niceties* played at the Geva last season, his review did a complete read of the play and its intersection with the 1619 project, which reframes America's origin story. He also did a Neo-Marxist critique on *Slow Food*

and tied *Once* into Eastern European fatalism - really heady stuff. *When A Moon for the Misbegotten* came through town a few years back, he spent days looking at every review ever written since 1947. "I found every possible review I could find on it and put out this resource. These are the things I can do as an individual that local newspapers or magazines cannot. The D&C cannot send a reporter over to the University of Rochester to spend entire days researching a play." But that's where David's commitment to the community really comes across.

David's life is devoted to being the town crier of Rochester, and Brighton is certainly a centerpiece in that. He is often spotted on the campaign trail with different political hopefuls, or at local events, ceremonies, ribbon cuttings and press conferences. He even celebrates birthdays of long-time locals. David is intentional about supporting the work of local artists and authors with reaction pieces. When Matthew Bashore wrote the compelling *A Jazz Age Murder in Brighton*, for the Brighton Historical Society, David cited it in a companion piece about possible hauntings on the Brickyard Trail.

David's stories are as free-wheeling as his inspirations and take him all around Rochester. A poem submitted about the Virgin Mary sent him on a journey to find and photograph every Virgin Mary statue he could in the greater Rochester area. Although he bikes around the city often, he sometimes still catches himself being astounded

by the quality-of-life difference. "These neighborhoods are really struggling. They don't have a lot of capital and people don't have great houses. It's hard to keep them up. It's the other Rochester," he says. David makes sure his platform includes all of Rochester. When he bikes around town and to the Public Market, he meets people, he gets to know them and their organizations, and he includes their stories. On one bike ride he came across a group of people organizing a back-to-school drive through prayer service, handing out hotdogs and school supplies. That's how David came to write a story on the Living Water WorldWide Ministry. David enjoys Rochester, and being just five miles away, he enjoys what it has to offer. He urges his fellow Brightonians to check out Joseph Avenue. "They have great restaurants and a whole cultural arts association. I would recommend going to a play there at The Avenue Blackbox Theatre." At the end of the day, he rests his head in Brighton and likes the community. From the many parks of Brighton, to its neighbors and welcoming spaces, "It's got good vibes," he says.

When he's not writing for Talker of the Town, David has a few other projects he's been wrapping up, including a screenplay based on his PhD thesis. "I am trying to get other people to think that turning your thesis into a screenplay is a new genre," he says laughing. I personally am all for this idea.

It's a period piece that takes place in 1898 during the Spanish American War, and it's about Stephen Crane, the great American writer and realist. "Crane went to war and wrote a famous novel called *Red Badge of Courage* and died very young. But in my story, he lives a little bit longer, long enough to make his next move. Everyone asks him 'What are you going to write? You wrote this brilliant novel at 24. What's next?' In my screenplay he becomes America's first filmmaker and turns the Spanish American War into a dramatic film. It has all sorts of love interests and racial tension around who actually won the battle, Theodore Roosevelt, or the black troopers? Then, he has to film it, and it gets complicated." The hardest part for David hasn't been writing it, but getting feedback. "I recently sent it off, but academics don't like to read anything. They send you back a nice little note. I can't even get my friends to read it," he says, throwing his hands up. "Do you want to read it?" he asks.

David likes to put a twist on whatever interests him. When he covered Brighton's Little League, he wanted to focus on how coaches were having to fill in due to a shortage of umpires. A more expected take on a Little League article would focus on all of the kids, their names, positions, and their favorite players, but David has seen that enough. "I write about what is interesting to me so that keeps it fun.



There is enough news to write about for a career here, but the question is, is there enough market share? You have to think of it from a fresh perspective, like James Joyce. He made Dublin famous."

Atha Yoga





As rewarding as *Talker of the Town* is, it's not without its challenges. As a not-for-profit, David is often doing most of the writing himself. "It's hard to galvanize local writers to participate, and I can't be everywhere at once. I'm dealing a lot with my mother's health issues, and that immediately takes away my time." David is looking for community submissions, but is dubious. "People hate writing! Ask them to write just one paragraph for you and they will tell you, 'I have nothing to say.'" Luckily, David has not run out of topics just yet.

Right now, he is finishing up a fable based on the perspective of an emu that used to live on the farm at Highland Crossing Trail. The emu has been hiding out in the woods and after many years reemerges. He is aghast at what he finds in the world and ultimately puts his head in the sand. As we head out of the library, David stops at the globe. "What I like about globes is that they don't give their date. It's never printed on the globe, because they don't want to appear dated. What you have to do is trace the date by looking at the big changes to names of countries and islands." He spins it to Russia to check for the Soviet Union. I had never thought about globes in this way before, but that's what David does. He finds a surprising way to look at what's been there all along.

*Brighton Connections would like to offer our deepest condolences to David Kramer, whose mother Carol Kramer, has passed away since the writing of this article. We are sorry for your loss.*



David in an Emu costume putting his head in the sand



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## THOSE WHO CARE: ROCHESTER PEER TUTORING

SUBMITTED BY ALLISON BONDI



**WHO:** Rochester Peer Tutoring - an entirely student-led, free tutoring service supporting children grades 1 - 12.

**WHAT:** Rochester Peer Tutoring is a group of dedicated volunteer high school students who offer one-on-one free tutoring sessions over Zoom. The program partners with Brighton Memorial Library (BML) and has been BML's single most successful youth program since the pandemic.

**WHY:** Brighton Seniors Bhuvana Chimmiri and Delia Zhangfeng founded Rochester Peer Tutoring after seeing their classmates struggle with the hybrid and remote learning models brought on by the pandemic. They wanted to help. Over 30 seniors across Monroe County provide one-on-one support for students who could use personal guidance with their studies.

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## SCHOOL COUNSELING EXPERT OFFERS TIPS FOR SUPPORTING STUDENTS AS BEHAVIORAL, MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS ARISE DURING THE LINGERING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SUBMITTED BY THERESA DANYLAK, WARNER SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER



Two months into a full return to in-person learning, K-12 schools across the country are struggling with behavioral and mental health issues among returning students. Many educators are seeing an uptick of disruptive behavior, violence and fights taking place with the start of the new school year. These behavioral and mental health issues, school counseling expert Bonnie Rubenstein, EdD, professor at the University of Rochester's Warner School of Education says, are a result of the stress and losses placed on children during the coronavirus pandemic. Many families have struggled with chaos, loss of normalcy, loss of peer interaction, loss of jobs and consequently financial challenges, illness and death. But it's not an end-all—educators can help students cope with these challenges as they transition back to school. "Mental health professionals have discussed the impact that the lack of in-person instruction has had on the social-emotional development and well-being of children and adolescents the past 18 months," says Rubenstein. "Indeed, decades of research indicates that addressing social-emotional learning has a positive impact on the academic achievement of students." School leaders, counselors and teachers have expressed ongoing concerns with the mental health of students, according to Rubenstein. As school districts improved ventilation systems and implemented safety procedures, issues of multiple losses remain—fear of becoming ill, loss of student celebrations, loss of agency or control by students in decisions impacting their lives and a general feeling of loneliness. "Above all, students need to feel safe, supported and heard," adds Rubenstein. "Adults can foster feelings of safety and security by interacting and nurturing positive relationships with their students. It's also important to remain flexible as things are constantly changing daily with the pandemic." Rubenstein offers the additional following tips for educators to support students as they strive to adapt to a full return to in-person learning throughout the course of the school year:

### 1. Establish a routine.

Daily routines and structure are important to help students feel safe and secure. Knowing what to expect is comforting.

### 2. Create a safe space.

Stress safety—students cannot learn if they do not feel safe. A safe and supportive school environment is a must for students and educators alike.

### 3. Focus on well-being

Use different skills to ensure students' emotional well-being. Similarly, focus on the mental health and well-being of the adults who work with children. For school leaders, implement wellness training for staff and support and encourage everyone—the teachers, counselors, social workers and administrators. Addressing the mental health of school personnel will directly impact students. Examples include mindfulness activities,

breathing exercises, meditation and relaxation exercises, self-regulation activities and physical activity.

### 4. Provide opportunities for healing and repair.

Implement a school-wide approach of trauma-informed learning. This approach helps teachers to better understand the developmental, emotional and social challenges that students face. For example, teachers can focus on restorative practices and relationship building through peace circles, peer support groups, peer mediation and group counseling.

### 5. Encourage student voice and agency.

Provide opportunities for students to have agency and voice. Student voice into what is happening will go a long way in improving school culture and climate.

### 6. Model good coping behaviors—be honest, encouraging and calm.

It is important to be encouraging and honest and demonstrate a positive attitude with students. Stay calm—children and adolescents pick up on the underlying fear of adults.

### 7. Listen to children's concerns.

Above all, be a good listener. Students need to be able to share their feelings. Be fully present when students are expressing their fears and issues of grief and loss. Be aware of symptoms of anxiety and depression. Provide targeted interventions for students experiencing symptoms

### 8. Increase family support.

Increase supports to families—which, in turn, will impact the health and well-being of students. Implement family-school-community collaborations and partnerships to support engagement and student success.

Rubenstein, who received a doctorate in counseling and human development from the University of Rochester, previously served as director of counseling for the Rochester City School District (RCSD) for more than two decades. At RCSD, she implemented college- and career-readiness programs and comprehensive school counseling programs for 34,000 students district-wide and supervised 91 school counselors.

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BY WILLIAM MOEHLE, TOWN SUPERVISOR

The Town of Brighton has a number of community organizations that provide service to the community or community members. Some of these groups address specific issues, like CORD, which was highlighted in Brighton Connections last month for their work to identify and rectify bias deed restrictions on homes in the Meadowbrook neighborhood, as well as other parts of Brighton. Others are broader in their scope and are either part of national or international organizations, or have existed in Brighton for many years.

This month, I want to highlight several of those groups in Brighton; Brighton Rotary Club, Brighton Kiwanis Club, Brighton Chamber of Commerce and Brighton Neighbors United. Each of these organizations works, often in collaboration with each other or with the Town, to make Brighton a better place for all of us. I have provided a contact person for each organization, if you would like more information.



**Brighton Rotary Club** is part of Rotary International, the world's oldest service club, which was founded in Chicago in 1905 and currently has over 1.2 million members around the world. The motto of Rotary International is "Service Above Self," and Rotary clubs around the world engage in service locally, regionally and internationally, focused on providing clean water, fighting disease, protecting the environment and supporting education. The Brighton Rotary Club was founded in 1956, and has about 25 members. Brighton Rotary has engaged in local service projects of many kinds, including support for other local organizations like Foodlink, Camp Haccamo, and the Brighton Food Cupboard, several partnerships with the Town of Brighton and Brighton Central School District, and international projects in India, Haiti, Turkey, Uganda and elsewhere, and Rotary International's signature project, in conjunction with the World Health Organization and the Gates Foundation, the worldwide elimination of polio through education and vaccination. Ram Shrivastava is the President of the Brighton Rotary Club.



**Brighton Kiwanis**

**Brighton Kiwanis Club** was formed in 1942 and it sponsors a number of other organizations affiliated with Kiwanis International, including an

Aktion Club for disabled residents living in Brighton group homes, Key Club, a service club for high school students at Brighton High School, and a Circle K Club for students at the University of Rochester. Kiwanis International was founded in Detroit Michigan in 1915. It is also an international service organization with over 600,000 members internationally. The motto of Kiwanis is "Serving the Children of the World." Among the many projects Brighton Kiwanis conducts is the Kiwanis Kids Zone on the 4th of July, with a variety of craft activities, magic, and a petting zoo; the Al Lewis Scholarship Spaghetti Dinner to raise money for scholarships, and Bowling Day, where Brighton Kiwanis and Key Club members bowl with members of the Aktion Club. Jordan Neuringer is the President of the Brighton Kiwanis Club.



**The Brighton Chamber of Commerce** supports local businesses in Brighton and Monroe County helping them to succeed with educational, networking and community

promotional opportunities. Over 100 businesses, organizations, professionals and government bodies are members. Nelson Lopatin is the President of the Board of Directors of the Brighton Chamber. Each year, the Brighton Chamber of Commerce participates in the Small Business Saturday program, which occurs the Saturday after Thanksgiving, to encourage people to shop small to support local businesses. The Brighton Chamber organizes the annual Brighton Homecoming celebration and parade, in collaboration with the Brighton Central School District and the Town. It also has a *Shop Brighton* card program, with promotional opportunities to encourage shopping and dining in Brighton, as well as an awards program, recognizing people, businesses, and organizations that go above and beyond to make Brighton a better community.



**Brighton Neighbors United** is a Brighton-based organization, formed in the 1980s, to advocate for the preservation of open space and to promote open government in Brighton, which has served as an umbrella group for neighborhood associations in Brighton. Brighton

Neighbors United, led by Judy Schwartz, communicates with neighborhood associations about ongoing issues of interest in Brighton. It hosts annual community potluck dinners with speakers on a variety of topics and co-hosts local political debates with the League of Women Voters.

Each of these organizations has done a great deal of work over the years to make Brighton a community we can all be proud of, and I thank them and their members. For more information about any of these groups, you can contact the person named in the story, or my office. As always, I welcome your questions or comments on these or any other topics by email at [William.moehle@townofbrighton.org](mailto:William.moehle@townofbrighton.org).

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BY ALLISON BONDI

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Shelf stable prepared meals – SpaghettiOs, ravioli, stew, chili etc.

Donations accepted between 9 AM and 6 PM at 285 Ormond St.

\*Please no expired items or perishables (no refrigeration available)

**HANUKKAH** which is Hebrew for “dedication” begins November 28th and ends December 6th. It is known as the Festival of Lights because of a miracle that happened in the tale of the Maccabees. Oil that should have only lit the temple lamp for 1 day, lasted for 8. Because of this, Hanukkah is celebrated with the sequential lighting of candles on the Hanukiah for 8 days. Hanukkah is celebrated with latkes, games and gifts. Hanukkah Sameach to all!

**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY IS NOVEMBER 27TH.** Show some love to Brighton’s small business owners and give the Amazon delivery drivers a break from your address for the day!

**THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIGHTON** wishes to express its gratitude and appreciation of the generosity of residents who came out to the club’s important September service project. The collection far exceeded expectations. This biennial project collects bicycles in any condition, or parts thereof,



for R-Community Bikes, a Rochester non-profit organization. Volunteers refurbish or rebuild the bikes for donation to residents who have a valid need for this transportation.

## TYKES' NEW SEASON TAKES FLIGHT WITH MO WILLEMS' PIGEON



(Theatre Young Kids Enjoy) launches its 17th live-on-stage season with **Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!** The much-anticipated musical is based on the world-famous ‘Pigeon’ books written and illustrated by Emmy Award-winning writer and New York Times best-selling author Mo Willems.

Performances take place at 11 AM and 2 PM on Saturday, November 13 and Sunday, November 14 at the JCC Hart Theater, 1200 Edgewood Avenue in Brighton. Tickets cost \$20 (\$18 for JCC members) and are available at tykestheatre.org.

TYKES’ new production showcases a cast of six local adult professional actors innovatively accompanied by what the script refers to as “Avenue Q style puppets.” TYKES’ founder Freyda Schneider went straight to the source, contacting Rick Lyon who designed and created all the puppets for the Tony Award-winning musical Avenue Q on Broadway. Lyon – a Rochester native – agreed to handcraft the puppets exclusively for TYKES’ upcoming show. Lyon worked as a puppeteer on *Sesame Street* for 15 seasons, for Nickelodeon, and for Comedy Central on *Crank Yankers*, and repeatedly demonstrates his puppetry expertise on *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*.

## ECMS STUDENT SHOWCASE RECITALS – FALL 2021



ECMS Showcase recitals are performances featuring students of all ages, and all instruments – you never

know what you might hear next! Their Student Showcase Recitals present an opportunity for their students to demonstrate their hard work and achievements to friends, family, and the community.

*In Fall 2021, live audiences have returned!* Feel free to join in person with your mask, or through our livestream.

Recital Dates This Fall:

Kilbourn Hall

Saturday, November 13, 3:30 PM

Saturday, December 11, 3:30 PM

Sunday, January 9, 3:30 PM

*Kilbourn Hall Livestream* – [esm.rochester.edu/live/kilbourn/](https://esm.rochester.edu/live/kilbourn/)

Hatch Recital Hall

Saturday, October 23, 3:30 PM

Sunday, November 14, 3:30 PM

Sunday, December 12, 3:30 PM

Saturday, January 15, 3:30 PM

*Hatch Recital Hall Livestream* – [esm.rochester.edu/live/hatch/](https://esm.rochester.edu/live/hatch/)

## SOCIETY FOR CHAMBER MUSIC IN ROCHESTER (SCMR)

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opens its 45th season with a Fresh Start at the Glazer Sunday, November 14, 2021 4 - 5 PM

Come see in-person:

**Worlds Colliding**

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Piano Quintet, Op.34

Located at Beston Hall at the Glazer Music Performance Center. Nazareth College, 4245 East Avenue

As part of SCMR’s partnership with Nazareth College, SCMR is pleased to present Nazareth College Chamber Winds! This student ensemble will play in the lobby prior to the concert.

**Please Note:** COVID POLICY: All audience members must be vaccinated and wear a mask.

Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at [www.chambermusicrochester.org/tickets](https://www.chambermusicrochester.org/tickets)

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INTRODUCES BRIGHTON E Gift CARD PROMOTION THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS



The Brighton Chamber of Commerce wants to encourage you to keep holiday shopping local. Sponsored by the Brighton Chamber of Commerce, until December 31, 2021, get a \$30 bonus Shop Brighton eGift card when you buy a

\$100 card, \$15 bonus when you buy a \$50 card! Shop Brighton eGift cards can be used at 22 Brighton businesses. You can buy a card and see the list of participating businesses at [ShopBrighton.biz](https://ShopBrighton.biz). Small businesses are trying to weather the COVID-19 storm and need our support more than ever. The Shop Brighton eGift Card is a community-based digital gift card that makes it fun and easy to keep local spending local. The Shop Brighton eGift Card can live on your phone or you can print it out, making it the perfect gift or stocking stuffer. Now, you can give back to your community while you enjoy the holidays!

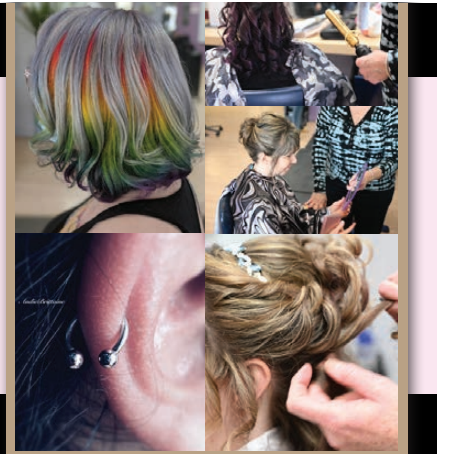


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## BRIGHTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY EVENTS

SUBMITTED BY BRIGHTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY HOURS:

**Closing at 5 PM on  
Wednesday, November 24**

### SUNSHINE & STORIES

**Tuesdays, November 16 at 10 AM with Miss Devin  
Fridays, November 12, 19 at 10 AM with Miss Elissa**

Join us by the playground behind the library for our outdoor storytime. Check our Facebook page after 9:30 AM the morning of to find out if the weather is permitting. All ages with a caregiver; please bring a blanket for outdoor seating.

### FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT IN A BAG

**Pickup Saturday, November 20 through  
Wednesday, November 24**

Register on our website for BML's Family Movie Night in a Bag, which will include a combination of a family-friendly feature film, a family-friendly documentary, a PBS Kids TV show, and a bag of microwave popcorn. Library materials will be charged to your account for the usual one-week loan period. You will be contacted to arrange a pickup time.

### 5X7XDESIGN TEEN ART CONTEST

**Accepting entries through December 1**

5x7xDesign is a juried, small-works exhibit that showcases the talents of students in grades 6-12 who live in or attend school in Brighton. Postcard-sized works in various media are submitted to the library for judging in the fall. Work is judged anonymously by a team of art professionals. Visit [www.brightonlibrary.org/teen-events](http://www.brightonlibrary.org/teen-events) for more information.

*This contest is not sponsored by or endorsed by  
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### UNDERSTANDING CONSPIRACY THEORY

**Tuesday, November 23 from 6:30-8 PM**

Join PhD candidate Aaron Hyzen in our Friends Learning Center for a presentation on this relevant topic. The early decades of the 21st century will be known as a special time for Conspiracy Theory, which casts suspicion on the established, mainstream accounts of politics, historical events, scientific explanations, medical practices, and may other topics for which skeptics, or Conspiracy Theorists, concoct their own competing explanations. This presentation aims to help clarify the issues surrounding institutional distrust, discuss the certainty and uncertainty of "science," and present a philosophical approach to understanding Conspiracy Theory as an ideology.

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## BRIGHTON BEAUTIFICATION: YOUR WINTER GARDENING TO DO LIST

SUBMITTED BY SANDRA LOVELL

Fall is here. The fall blooming blue New England Aster, white phlox and roses were in full bloom until late October. Now, it's time to get your garden ready for the coming winter.



- ☐ Once they have finished blooming, cut back your perennials to 2-3 inches above the ground. I cut 1" wide x 6" long from plastic milk containers and use these as plant markers.
- ☐ You might want to lift and divide overcrowded clumps to improve air circulation. Pot up divisions, sink them into a holding area and donate to Blocks in Bloom in the Spring.  
**TIP: Leave some purple coneflowers, Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan) and asters for the birds before cutting back.**

- ☐ Keep removing weeds.
- ☐ Remove fallen leaves from around the base of rose bushes which suffered from blackspot or rust this summer. I have miniature rose bushes that I enclose with chicken wire cages and fill with loose soil and shredded leaves. Wait until a few frosts before cutting back other rose bushes to about half their height.
- ☐ Use a mulching mower to mow leaves on the lawn. Mow a second time with a bagging attachment. Collect the twice mown leaves to spread around your gardens and tree and shrub borders. Here, they can enrich the soil and provide cover for beneficial insects during the winter.  
**NOTE: if you have leaves with Black Tar Spot Do Not Do This.**
- ☐ Rake and collect those leaves, and put them out for collection by Brighton Containerized yard debris pickup.  
**TIP: Set your lawn mower at a 2-cut-height for winter and mow the lawn. Stop mowing once the temperature is below 50 degrees F for a week.**

- ☐ Edge your lawn and garden bed for the last time this year.
- ☐ Divide mature clumps of rhubarb once they're dormant.
- ☐ Keep watering until the ground freezes, especially trees and shrubs planted in the fall.
- ☐ Wrap a layer of hardware cloth around trees and shrubs to protect from deer and rabbit damage.
- ☐ Once foliage of gladiolus browns, lift the corms, allow to dry, and store in paper bags in an unheated basement.
- ☐ After a frost dig up dahlia tubers, shake dirt off and store in plastic tote in unheated basement. For more information about dahlias google "Flower Focus: Growing Dahlias (part 2) - Floret flowers.com."
- ☐ Use a leaf vacuum or blower to remove leaves along foundations to eliminate places pests or rodents can get into your home.
- ☐ Wearing rubber gloves and remove old nesting material from birdhouses. Rinse houses with a solution of 1 part bleach to 10 parts water.
- ☐ Cover your compost pile so rain doesn't leach out nutrients.
- ☐ Start a Gardening Journal for things to change, plants to add, wildlife and sketches, resources, what did well, what didn't. Add pictures taken before and after you cut back the garden.

Happy Thanksgiving to All!

Sandra Lovell  
Master Gardener, Monroe County  
Cornell Cooperative Extension

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**RED, ROYCE UNION MOUNTAIN BIKE** in very good condition. High bar, attached rack, mirror, bell, 2 reflectors, water bottle attachment. 2019 serviced at Bert's. Asking \$75 or best offer. Please contact 585-256-0219.

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**BIKE RACK** Thule Raceway Platform Pro bike rack for 2 bikes. Great condition. New \$450, asking \$250. Call 585-732-9263 for picture or information.

**A FRENCH PROVENCIAL BUFFET** please make an offer. good condition. [montagerealts@yahoo.com](mailto:montagerealts@yahoo.com)

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**DEPARTMENT 56 SNOW VILLAGE COLLECTIBLES** Several pieces including houses and accessories to Department 56 Snow Village. Most pieces are in original boxes and in excellent condition. Will sell everything for \$350 or best offer. Will consider selling pieces separately as well. Call Sue at 585-613-6306.

**WE BUY COMIC BOOKS!** Family run business in Brighton pays cash for comic books. Call Jeff at 585-317-3909.

**FOLDING TWIN SIZE BED** 5 inch mattress. Never Used. Still in Box. \$200 Call BJ 585-256-2223.

**KITTENS/CATS** for adoption in Spencerport: Adoption fee of \$160 includes neuter/spay, first shots and microchip. Contact Tamara at 585-465-0418 to obtain an application.

**GARBAGE DISPOSAL** New in unopened box. Best-rated brand = In-Sink-Erator batch feed disposal, Model 17 Emerson. Jam preventer, heavy-duty 1 HP motor, quiet. List \$259, on Amazon \$189, yours for only \$90. 585-721-4550.

**CUSHIONS** Two automobile seat lower back cushions. Cushions are curved to fit most auto seats. Support the lower back. Good for long distance driving. \$5 each. 585-461-5502.

**BED FRAME** King, wood headboard with a cane insert. Excellent condition. Can send pictures via e-mail. \$125.00 for both. 585-755-6642, 7am to 9pm.

**ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER** Manufactured by Smith Corona, purchased around late 70's, early 80's. Still in original case. Good condition still works. Asking \$30. 585-351-4570.

**VASE** Hand crafted, around 15 inches tall, 8 inches long. Original design of black and white, unique style in that vase has a long narrow opening unlike a traditional vase. Asking \$30. 585-351-4570.

**HANGING LIGHT** Stained Glass, around 15 inches in diameter, white glass with pink and green floral designs. Would make a beautiful statement in a room of your choice. Asking \$40. 585-351-4570.

**TABLE LAMPS** Mid Century, around 20 inches tall, tri-walnut center design, brass base. Base needs cleaning but will still show wear. Have original lamp shades but they are covered in material. Asking \$40 for the pair. 585-351-4570.

**TREADMILL** New, Sole 63, plus additional accessories. Foldable, was \$1799.99, never used asking \$999. 319-5575.

**BATHROOM LIGHT FIXTURE** 12 inches long, rectangular in shape. White with yellow designs. All parts there to install above your mirror. Purchased in early 80's. Asking \$12 for light and hardware. 585-351-4570.

**POOL TABLE** 8 ft. slate with cover, 5 cue sticks, 1 bridge, wall mounted cue holder, 2 captain chairs and a rug. All like new. Can text photos. Asking \$2,200. Call or text 585-727-3196.

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**JUGTOWN REDWARE POTTERY** 25 miscellaneous pieces. Free. 202-415-3089

**WHEELCHAIR** Electric, Invacare Pronto M41 power wheelchair for sale. Hardly used. Must be able to pick up. Asking \$1,000. Pictures available upon request. 315-771-1797

**BEDFRAME** Stickley 4-Poster bedframe (full), Hitchcock secretary desk / chair, Armoire, 2 antique chests, one with mirror. 2 Hitchcock chairs, white cocktail table. Make an offer. Call or text Bill at 585-317-4951.

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**WINTER TIRES** Four Goodyear All Season tires, fully mounted; 235/50 R 18. Used only one season. \$750. 585-473-1146

**SHUTTERS** 13 pairs vinyl, paintable, panel style house shutters. New, some still in shipping boxes. Sizes range from 12" x 55" to 15" x 63". Paid \$750, selling for \$390. 585-314-1087.

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**HOME OFFICE DESK** Red. Made in USA. Brand: Riverside. 32.5 x 22 x 30. Used (normal wear). Asking \$169. Photos available upon request. 703-344-5555

**TRACTOR** Snowblower / Mower Combo Craftsman 26 HP DGT6000 54" mower deck, 42" snow thrower attachment with chains and wheel weights. New battery. \$950. 585-264-0872 leave message.

**OIL PAINTING** Bob Conge Oil Painting "PREJUDICE". Approx. 26"x23" Black-White-Grey, very emotional. Painted in 1962. For viewing and more info email [Dennis.Pittsford@gmail.com](mailto:Dennis.Pittsford@gmail.com).

**PIANO** Wurlitzer console, 57" x 24" x 40" tall. Great condition! Includes bench with pad. Great student practice piano, \$325. 585-381-5729.



# NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**FRI., NOVEMBER 5 - SUN., DECEMBER 19**

**LUVON SHEPPARD**

@280 East Main St., Rochester - RIT City Art Space

A solo exhibition of classic and recent work by a trailblazer of art, education, and collaboration who is entering his 50th year teaching at RIT. The gallery is open Thursday through Sunday every week. Visit [cityartspace.rit.edu](http://cityartspace.rit.edu) for more information.

**WED., NOVEMBER 10 & TUES., 23 BRIGHTON TOWN BOARD MEETING**

The meeting will be held via video conferencing. The public can still participate in the open forum portion of the meeting by calling 585-303-3060. The public can view the entire meeting live at 7 PM on cable channel 1303 and on YouTube from the Town's website at [townofbrighton.org/499/Streaming-Video](http://townofbrighton.org/499/Streaming-Video) Time: 7 PM

**FRI., SAT., SUN., NOVEMBER 12, 13, 14 THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.**

@OFC Creations Theatre Center, 3450 Winton Place, Brighton  
Live in person performances. Appropriate for all ages. Performed by OFC's youth performers. Journey "under the sea" with Ariel and her aquatic friends in Disney's The Little Mermaid JR. In a magical underwater kingdom, the beautiful young mermaid, Ariel, longs to leave her ocean home — and her fins — behind and live in the world above. Tickets available at [ofccreations.com](http://ofccreations.com). Time: Fri. 7 PM; Sat. 6 PM; Sun. 2 PM

**WED., NOVEMBER 17 COME LEARN HOW TO FULLY "DISINHERIT THE IRS"**

@ Perinton Community Center - 1350 Turk Hill Road - Room 204-C; Time: 1:00 - 2:30 PM  
@ Webster Recreation Center - 1350 Chiyoda Drive - Room 302; Time: 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Come learn how to fully "Disinherit the IRS" which will allow you to maximize the financial legacy that you leave to your children and other chosen beneficiaries by negating the income taxes they will pay when they inherit your IRA. The SECURE Act has dramatically changed how IRA beneficiaries are taxed with the creation of the new 10-year rule. I

will educate you on those specific changes and what can be done post-SECURE Act to allow your beneficiaries to inherit your IRA 100% income tax-free. The goal is to make sure that the IRS is never a financial beneficiary of your estate. Your IRA and other retirement plan assets should go to your family at your eventual passing, not the government. I will also be focusing on the protection of your assets from the high financial cost of needing long-term care by comparing traditional long-term care insurance with the new popular Hybrid Life Insurance/ Long-Term Care combination plans, exploring all ways to avoid the expense and time delay of Probate, the advantages and disadvantages of using different types of trusts, common gifting strategies to benefit your children and grandchildren, the prospects for new tax law changes in 2021 and much, much more. Ages 50 and over  
Cost: Free but registration required, call (585-721-2385)

**THURS., NOVEMBER 18 REVIEW OF HEARING DEVICES**

@Virtual ALD Demo Center via Zoom  
Join for a review of selected assistive listening devices, captioning-capable and amplified telephones, signaling-alerting devices and smart phone APP's related to hearing enhancement and gives the opportunity for the presenters to answer questions from those joining the Zoom meeting. HLAA is the nation's leading organization representing consumers with hearing loss. HLAA opens the world of communication to people with hearing loss through information, education, support and advocacy. For more information visit the HLAA Rochester Chapter at [www.hearinglossrochester.org](http://www.hearinglossrochester.org) or call 585-266-7890. Time: Noon

**FRI., NOVEMBER 19 TROMBONE CHOIR 80TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

@Kodak Hall at Eastman Theatre, 60 Gibbs St.  
Repertoire includes pieces by three trombone alums, Ethan Cypress, David Wilborn and Michael Davis. Also, two arrangements done by ESM alums, the Camille Saint-Saens

"Adagio" from Symphony No. 3, arranged by Ken Murley and the Bach Passacaglia in C minor, arranged by Donald Hunsberger. More information at [esm.rochester.edu/concerts/](http://esm.rochester.edu/concerts/) Time: 7:30 - 9 PM  
Cost: Free

**FRI., SAT., SUN., NOVEMBER 19, 20, 21 PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**

@OFC Creations Theatre Center, 3450 Winton Place, Brighton  
Live in person performances. Appropriate for all ages. Performed by OFC's teen students. This iconic Tony-winner is one of the most successful pieces of entertainment of all time. Tickets available at [ofccreations.com](http://ofccreations.com). Time: Fri. 7 PM; Sat. 6 PM; Sun. 2 PM

**TUES., NOVEMBER 23 AMATEUR GENTLEMAN - SILENT TUESDAYS**

@ The Dryden Theatre, 900 East Avenue, Rochester  
This early Eastman Museum preservation came from an original nitrate print and hasn't been screened at the Dryden Theatre in six decades! Live piano accompaniment by Dr. Philip C. Carli. The Dryden is the only venue in Rochester to feature live accompaniment with 35mm film projection. Experience silent films as they were meant to be seen. Time: 7:30 PM  
Cost: \$7 members; \$10 nonmembers; \$5 students with ID; \$5 ages 17 and under  
\*Note: proof of vaccination and masks required

**TUES., DECEMBER 7 CANDLELIGHT NIGHT - 50 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

@Pittsford Village  
Village streets will be filled with holiday cheer and the sounds of live music, carolers and sleigh bells. Holiday lights will twinkle in the night as will the hundreds of luminaries that line the sidewalks and streets. It will be the perfect night for shopping, dining, and enjoying holiday treats. A Pittsford tradition, Candlelight Night provides an evening of fun for the whole family. There will be tree lightings, Santa sightings, and horse-drawn wagon rides between the center of the village and the

canal all night long. More information at [pittsfordchamber.org](http://pittsfordchamber.org)  
Time: 5 - 8 PM  
Cost: Free

**TUES., DECEMBER 7 IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - MEET & GREET AND FILM SCREENING**

@ The Dryden Theatre, 900 East Avenue, Rochester  
Celebrating its 75th anniversary this year, this classic holiday film was a box office bust in its initial release. It has been only through the enduring message of the film and its millions of fans throughout the world that it has become a cherished piece of our holiday traditions. Special introduction by Karolyn Grimes and Jimmy Hawkins, who portrayed Zuzu and Tommy Bailey in the film. The actors will share behind-the-scenes stories of the making of this beloved classic. The film will be preceded at 6 PM by a meet and greet with Hawkins and Grimes, who will be selling autographs and photographs. Time: 6 PM Meet & Greet; 7:30 PM Film Screening with Introduction  
Cost: \$30 members, \$35 nonmembers  
\*Note: proof of vaccination and masks required

**WED., DECEMBER 8 PART 1 FROSTY - ON THE GO - TAKE & MAKE PICK UP**

@Brookside Community Center, 220 Idlewood Rd.  
Drive-thru and pick up your family's Take and Make kit from Frosty and the Rec Team. Includes craft supplies and hot cocoa kits. Register at [townofbrighton.org/rec](http://townofbrighton.org/rec) Time: 12:30 - 1 PM  
Other pick-up times available by appointment, 585-784-5260 x 0  
Cost: \$15 / family

**FRI., DECEMBER 10 PART 2 FRIDAY WITH FROSTY - ZOOM EVENT PJ PARTY**

Put on your PJs heat up your cocoa and get ready for fun with Frosty including a sing along & story time with Supervisor Moehle. Share your craft creations on camera and on our Facebook event page. Register at [townofbrighton.org/rec](http://townofbrighton.org/rec) Time: 6:30 PM  
Cost: included with \$15 for the Take and Make Kits

**SUN., DECEMBER 12 AMERICA'S POPULAR CHRISTMAS ANTHEMS TALK**

@Brickstone Winter Garden, 1325 Elmwood Avenue  
Historic Brighton is celebrating 22 years of programs for the community. We are delighted to present "America's Popular Christmas Anthems" by Michael Lasser. Michael Lasser's talks are a mix of substance and entertainment, serious purpose and lighthearted irreverence. "America's Popular Christmas Anthems are songs about celebration, winter and, of course, love, all woven into Christmas and the holidays. At the center, though, is Irving Berlin's 'White Christmas,' America's Christmas anthem, a melancholy celebration of America's Christmas by a Jewish immigrant from Russia, It's a uniquely American story and leads to a look at some of the other classic songs written for the holidays and the season by the songwriters of Tin Pan Alley." Guests are welcome, open to the public  
Time: 2:30 PM - 4 PM  
Cost: Free



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