



Rochester City Council

Community Development Committee

MEETING MINUTES

James Gray, Chairperson

Elaine Lauterborn, Vice Chairperson

Sandra Keans

Jake Collins

Donna Bogan

Meeting Date:	July 23, 2015	
Members Present:	Councilor Bogan Councilor Collins Councilor Gray Councilor Lauterborn	Members Absent: Councilor Keans
Guests/Staff:	Julian Long, Community Development Coordinator Jennifer Marsh, Economic Development Specialist Stacey Marchionni, Revolution Taproom and Grill Owner Mark Marchionni, Revolution Taproom and Grill Owner Mike Provost, Rochester Main Street Director Hnang Kaiyu, Rochester Main Street Intern	

Councilor Gray called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Motion was made by Councilor Collins and seconded by Councilor Lauterborn to approve the May 28, 2015 minutes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Input	There was no public input.
Revolution Taproom and Grill Presentation	<p>Ms. Marchionni presented a proposal to lease the Factory Court space, currently owned by the City of Rochester and under lease to Rochester Main Street, for use as an outdoor dining space by Revolution Taproom and Grill. Mr. Provost provided background on the Factory Court renovations, which were partially funded by private donations and partially funded by CDBG grant funds. Mr. Long stated that the potential change in use of the space would be permissible under HUD regulations.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked about the current lease with Rochester Main Street. Mr. Provost stated that Rochester Main Street has a non-exclusive lease on Factory Court for \$1.00 per year. Factory Court currently is used for the summer concert series and other events.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked for Rochester Main Street's opinion on Ms. Marchionni's proposal. Mr. Provost stated that the Rochester Main Street Board of Directors supports outdoor dining in the downtown area but needs to check with private donors to the Factory Court renovation project on the proposed change in use of the space. Councilor Bogan asked what parts of the project were funded through private donations, and Mr. Provost stated that the arches and the maintenance on the arches were funded through private donations. Mr. Provost also stated that the success of the Factory Court project led to successful funding of other downtown renovations and expressed concerns that a change in use of</p>

	<p>Factory Court could have negative repercussions.</p> <p>Councilor Gray expressed concerns about the potential change in use impacting the Department of Public Works' ability to remove snow in the winter months. Councilor Gray also stated that this proposal will need to be presented to the Planning Board and the Special Downtown Committee and that the Department of Public Works needs to be involved in the decision process. Councilor Gray asked Mr. Long to provide the proposal to the Department of Public Works, the Technical Review Group, and the Special Downtown Committee, as well as to add the proposal to the August agenda of the Community Development Committee. Mr. Long stated he would do so.</p> <p>Councilor Collins expressed support for the proposal and stated that he hoped the details could be resolved satisfactorily.</p> <p>Ms. Marchionni stated that there are concerns that the Granite Ridge development will take business away from downtown businesses and that outdoor dining options could help prevent this. Ms. Marchionni also stated that removable dining barriers would be taken down during the winter months so that snow can be plowed, the summer concert series could still happen in the space, and a percentage of proceeds could be donated to Rochester Main Street.</p> <p>Councilor Gray asked Mr. Provost and Ms. Marchionni to have Revolution Taproom and Grill present this proposal to the Rochester Main Street Board of Directors. Councilor Gray stated that he will speak to the mayor about which committee should review the proposal.</p>
<p>Farmer's Market Presentation</p>	<p>Ms. Marsh stated that an informal committee of interested citizens has been discussing the organization of a larger, more organized farmer's market downtown. The plan is for the farmer's market to be organized under Rochester Main Street so that Rochester Main Street's insurance can cover the market. The Rochester Commons has been selected for the market site, and the Rochester Recreation and Arena Department has given approval for use of the space on Saturday mornings in the summer months.</p> <p>Councilors Gray and Collins asked about the scheduling conflict between the farmer's market and T-ball games at the Commons. Councilor Collins also expressed concerns about the market taking up a large amount of space in a public area.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked if anyone on the farmer's market committee has contacted Arthur's Market regarding the project. Ms. Marsh stated that no one has as of yet.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked whether alternate locations had been considered. Ms. Marsh stated that the Ben Franklin's parking lot was considered but not selected due to concerns about the market being moved if the building is sold. Councilor Bogan asked whether the parking lots of downtown churches could be considered. Ms. Marsh stated she would follow up on those possibilities.</p>

<p>Accessibility Microgrants Application</p>	<p>Mr. Long presented an application from the Rochester Housing Authority to the Committee, requesting funds from the Accessibility Microgrants Program to install wheelchair ramps and provide bathroom accessibility improvements for its housing units. Councilor Lauterborn asked whether cut-out tubs have been considered. Mr. Long stated that he would inquire with the Housing Authority.</p> <p>Councilor Gray asked Mr. Long to inquire whether the application is required to go to the full City Council for its approval. Mr. Long stated that he would do so.</p> <p>Motion was made by Councilor Collins and seconded by Councilor Lauterborn to send the application to the full City Council with the Committee's endorsement or, if full City Council approval is not required, to approve the application. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<p>CDBG Projects Program Report</p>	<p>Mr. Long gave brief updates on the Hanson Pines Pavilion and Rochester Public Library HVAC projects. The Hanson Pines Pavilion project is due to be completed by the end of July. Mr. Long stated he would check on the revised estimated date of completion for the Rochester Public Library HVAC project.</p> <p>Councilor Lauterborn asked about the environmental review process for CDBG projects, and Mr. Long gave a brief overview of the process and HUD requirements for such.</p> <p>Mr. Long gave an update on the site visit performed by representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Mr. Long has followed up on all suggested improvements to the program. Councilor Lauterborn asked for specific details on each of the four findings from HUD, and Mr. Long stated he would provide those details in a follow-up email.</p>
<p>Other Business</p>	<p>Mr. Long distributed an article published by NHPR on lead poisoning in housing in New Hampshire.</p>

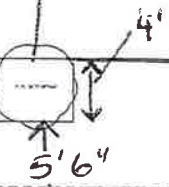
Motion to adjourn was made by Councilor Collins and seconded by Councilor Bogan. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Next Meeting – AUGUST 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at City Hall
Topics – Revolution Taproom and Grill, Continuing CDBG Projects, Future CDBG Projects

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Tree & Flowerbed

Lampost



Public Sidewalk

"Lower level" pavement

"FACTORY COURT"

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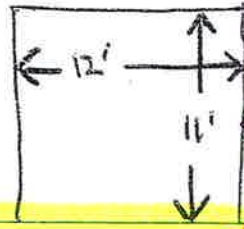
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REVOLUTION TAPROOM
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GRILL

61 N. MAIN

Public Sidewalk

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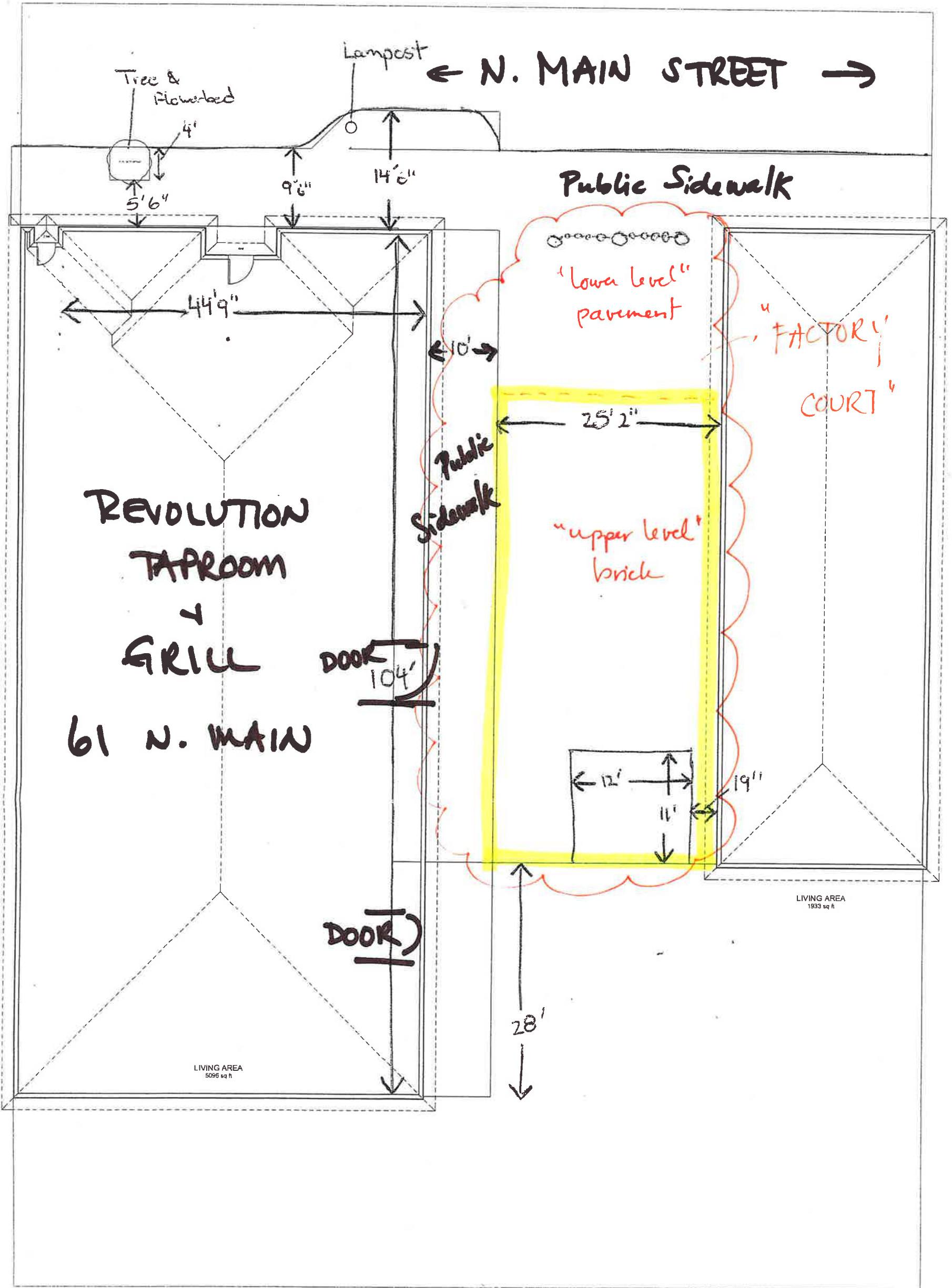


LIVING AREA
1933 sq ft

DOOR

28'

LIVING AREA
5096 sq ft





July 6, 2015

Jenn Marsh
Rochester Farmers Market Co-op
jennifermarsh@rochesternh.net

Dear Jenn,

We have received your letter requesting permission to use the Rochester Common for the Farmers Market. This letter gives you permission to use the Common on Sat. June 11, 2016 thru Sat September 24, 2016 and Sat. October 22, 2016 from 9:00-1:00pm. We request that your group be cautious of other park users. We also request that the area be cleaned up after your event .

In addition, you will need to contact the City Manager's Office and Fire Department to complete any necessary permits.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Sarah Ward or myself at (603)332-4120.

Sincerely,
CITY OF ROCHESTER

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Bowlen', is written over the typed name.

Chris Bowlen, Director
Department of Recreation & Arena

CB/sw
Cc: Samantha Rodgerson, City Manager's Office

Recreation, Arena and Youth Services

Acct ID:

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Rochester, NH 03867

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Customer Schedule

6/8/2016 - 10/31/2016

Rochester Farmer's Market
Jenn Marsh

Jenn Marsh
Work Phone: 509-1910

Date	Day	Complex	Facility	Event Type	Start Time	End Time	Dur. (Min)	Rate	Other Charge	Amount
6/11/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
6/18/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
6/25/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
7/2/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
7/9/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
7/16/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
7/23/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
7/30/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
8/6/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
8/13/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
8/20/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
8/27/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
9/3/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
9/10/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
9/17/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
9/24/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
10/22/2016	Sat	Parks	Common	Unspecified	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	240	0.00	0.00	0.00
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								Grand Total		\$0.00

End of Listing

* Indicates event spans multiple days.



2015



Concert & Event Series Downtown Rochester, NH

Factory Court Concert Series

Fridays @ 11:45am-1:30pm
Bring a chair and buy or bring a lunch

- June 26: A favorite local trio of musicians, "Just by Chance" at Central Square
- July 10: Traditional NH folk singer and musician Jeff Warner at Factory Court
- July 17: Vocalist and guitarist, Cecil Abels at Factory Court
- July 24: Musical duo "Two for the Road" at Factory Court
- July 29: Wednesday - Teddy Bear Picnic (see reverse side for more information)
- July 31: Favorite regional duo of blues musicians, Poor Howard and Bullfrog Rogers at Factory Court
- August 7: Jazz vocalist Linda Pouliot at Factory Court
- August 10: Monday-Irish and folk singer/songwriter Pat O'Brien @ Factory Court (Rochester Arts & Culture Week)
- August 12: Wednesday - Wildlife Encounters (see reverse side for more information)
- August 14: Singer, songwriters, and guitarists David Surette and Susie Burke at Factory Court (Rochester Arts & Culture Week)
- August 21: Dan Walker and his high energy sound and acoustic soul groove at Factory Court
- August 28: Local fiddler extraordinaire Ryan Thomson and his son Brennish at Central Square

 Citizens Bank



Concert & Event Series 2015

Downtown Rochester, NH

Rochester Pride Day: Saturday, April 18 @ 8am-1pm

The partnership between Rochester Main Street, Rochester Recreation & Arena, and the City of Rochester's Public Works Dept., will bring together 200+ volunteers to help clean up Rochester.

Author's Fair: Saturday, April 25 @ 10am-3pm

The partnership between Rochester Main Street, The Rochester Public Library, and the Rochester Times bring you this free public gathering that will showcase the work of many authors living in the Seacoast area.

Free Comic Book Day: Saturday, May 2 @ 10am-4pm

This event will take place at a number of local businesses, each one giving away a unique comic book per family that visits them. There will also be dozens of comic book artists/creators, vendors, and food.

Wine in The Garden, Beer in The Woods:

Wednesday, June 3 @ 5pm-7pm

A wine and beer tasting featuring Jewell Towne Vineyards and 7th Settlement Brewery, in the gardens at Studley's Flower Gardens.

Rochester Blues Festival: Saturday, July 18 @ 10am-4pm

Silent auction, entertainment, refreshments but local businesses, Kerri Powers booths, food crafts, and BBQ contest sponsored D.F. Richard and Leone McDonnell & Roberts PA.

Teddy Bear Picnic (Factory Court Concert Series):

Wednesday, July 29 @ 12-1:30pm

Come with your picnic lunch and enjoy the fun and games.

Wildlife Encounters (Factory Court Concert Series):

Wednesday, August 12 @ 12-1pm

Come with your picnic lunch and experience Wildlife Encounters in Central Square.

Paranormal/UFO Festival: Saturday, September 19 @ 9am-4pm

In cooperation with Jetpack Comics, come and visit participating businesses, the exhibit hall, lectures, walking tour, booths, food, and more.

October Festival & Monarch School of New England

Charity Bike Ride & Walk: Saturday, October 10 @ 11am-4pm

This family fun event sponsored by Service Credit Union will offer food, fun, games, demonstrations, music, an interactive Barnyard Petting Zoo, and a "Mile High Apple Pie" baking contest. This years event will be held on Hanson St. and Central Square. There will also be a charity Bike Ride & Walk to benefit the Monarch School of New England. For more information visit their website @ www.monarchschoolcharitybikeride.com.

Trick-or-Treat on The Town/Zombie Walk:

Friday, October 23 Trick-or-Treat @ 4:15-6pm, Zombia Walk begins @ 7pm

Free community dance classes to learn the choreography for the Zombia Walk. For more information, visit www.rochestermainstreet.org

Plaid Friday & Shop Small Saturday:

Friday, November 27 & Saturday, November 28

Both days are designed to encourage shoppers to remember to make purchases at locally owned businesses during the start of the holiday season.

Festival of Trees: Saturday, December 5 @ 4-8pm

This is a new event. Information Pending. Visit our website @ www.rochestermainstreet.org for any updated information.

Factory Court Concert Series: June 26-August 28

These events are sponsored by The NH State Council on the Arts/National Endowment for the Arts and Citizens Bank.

Our Sponsors:



Rochester Paranormal/UFO Festival



Friday, September 18 @ 7:30pm
Saturday, September 19 10am-4pm

Friday, September 18

7:30 pm - Indoor Presentation by The NH Astronomical Society @ Rochester City Hall Chambers

8:30pm - Sky Watch @ Rochester Common



Gallery Reading @ Rochester Opera House
w/Psychic Medium Antje Bourdages @ 1pm
Tickets \$15 - available through the Rochester Opera House
603-335-1992 or www.rochesteroperahouse.com

Haunted History Tour w/Isabeau Esby and Martha Wingate
Advanced reservations required, limited spaces available
Tickets \$5 - via PayPal @ www.rochestermainstreet.org
11am-12pm and 3pm-4pm

Free Films @ Rochester Public Library - 65 South Main St.
10am - Close Encounters of the Third Kind
12:30pm - E.T.

Visit The Exhibit Hall @ 40 Columbus Ave.

Festival Presented by:

Vendor Booths

Food

And Lots More!!



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Child Lead Poisoning: A Public Health Problem Out Of The Public Eye

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Aleel Mohammed sits on the floor of her Manchester apartment. Her sister Shaghaf (L) and family friend Dekra Sabri (C) stand in the background.

JACK RODOLICO



Shaghaf Mohammed has seen too much in her 11 years. Her family fled Iraq in 2013. And when they left, they never could have guessed the battle they'd face in their new home in Manchester. Shaghaf's four-year-old sister, Aleel, is sick with lead poisoning.

"When she gets sick, she always cry, she always hug me," Shaghaf explains, describing Aleel. "She feels very scared. She always don't eat. We had her one time, one week she didn't eat, she didn't drink."



Listen

7:20

Broadcast version

Aleel also doesn't speak because she's autistic.

New Hampshire Public Radio recently reported (<http://nhpr.org/post/brady-sullivan-downplayed-health-risk-lead-dust-tenants>) on the health hazard posed by lead contamination in a luxury apartment complex in Manchester. Tenants there decided to sue, claiming their landlord, Brady-Sullivan properties, downplayed the risk to their health. The EPA is now forcing the landlord to clean up the building.

The Brady Sullivan case shines a spotlight on child lead poisoning: a public health problem mostly out of the public eye.

Policy out of sync with science

Within two months of moving into this apartment, Aleel's blood lead level was high enough for her to be considered poisoned. The likely source? Lead paint. Once he learned about Aleel's problem, the landlord did paint over much of the old paint in the apartment. But the girls' mother, Bushra Naseef, shows me the front stairwell which is still flaked with chipping lead paint.

As we're talking, four-year-old Aleel walks into the stairwell and puts her mouth right on the chipping banister.

In 2013, the year this family immigrated to the U.S., more than 1,000 children in New Hampshire were poisoned by lead. But the actual number is almost certainly higher because the state only screened 16.5 percent of kids that year.

The rate of child lead keeps going down. As of 2013, it was about six times lower than five years earlier. And a law passed this year pushes the state to screen more children, and provides more protection for families at risk of lead exposure.

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But at the same time, even with this new law, people like Kate Kirkwood, a lead abatement contractor, say New Hampshire's policy falls short of addressing the problem.

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- Kate Kirkwood, lead abatement contractor

"We don't force anyone to remediate lead in an apartment until after a child has been poisoned. So it's like our children are the canary in the coal mine – you know, the caged bird," says Kirkwood.

New Hampshire forces a landlord to remediate when a child has a blood lead level of ten micrograms per deciliter. Aleel's level has been at 9.5 for two years. Her older sister Shaghaf's is just over 5. Both girls are considered poisoned by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC also acknowledges there is no safe exposure level for children.

Kirkwood has tried to help Bushra Naseef's family find another apartment they can afford without lead hazards – no luck so far.

"She really has no protection at this point at all," says Kirkwood, "and it's partly because the child's lead level never reached ten. Even though CDC has been telling us for years now that children have significant health effects, including decreased IQ, at 5 micrograms per deciliter, New Hampshire's level of action is 10."

A widespread problem

The problem is by no means limited to refugees.

New Hampshire's housing stock is old: 62 percent of homes here were built before 1978, the year the federal government began cracking down on lead paint. More old houses means more likelihood kids are exposed to lead – a neurotoxin that can have permanent health and behavioral impacts on young children.

"So the state has identified more than half of New Hampshire communities as being at high risk for lead poisoning, and their recommendation is that all one and two year olds in those high-risk communities be tested for lead," says Tom Irwin with the Conservation Law Foundation, which has lobbied for tougher lead laws in New Hampshire. "Unfortunately according to the most recent statistics, only 40 percent of those kids actually were tested."

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The new state law may change this. It aims to bring New Hampshire's screening rates in line with our neighbors, which test far more children. It also requires healthcare providers to educate parents when a child is identified as being poisoned.

house scraping paint - no plastic down, no containment to keep that lead dust in. And that is the culture here in New England for 100 years. - Beverly Drouin, lead expert with the Department of Health and Human Services

Still, even with the new law, Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine require landlords to fix lead hazards much sooner than New Hampshire does.

And even where the state does have authority to force renovations, enforcement can lag. Budget cuts under Governor John Lynch reduced the number of New Hampshire lead inspectors from four to just one. And that one job sat vacant for parts of 2012 and 2013. During those years, New Hampshire only ordered remediation when a child's blood lead level hit 15 – three times higher than what the CDC calls poisoning.

Beverly Drouin runs the state's lead office. She says she'd like to have resources to help more families. And she says – for the most part – the public just doesn't understand how serious this problem is.

"Any small town that you drive through on a summer day," says Drouin, "you're going to see somebody with a ladder against an old 200-year-old house scraping paint – no plastic down, no containment to keep that lead dust in. And that is the culture here in New England for 100 years."

There's a new federal rule at play here too. The Renovation, Repair and Painting Program (<http://www2.epa.gov/lead/renovation-repair-and-painting-program>) became law in 2010. It requires contractors and landlords all over the country to take an eight-hour class on how to do this work, and how to clean up the mess they make. Kate Kirkwood teaches these classes.

"Day after day," she says, "I have people coming into our classes grumbling about this stupid new rule that they have to listen to and figure out and comply with now, and by the time we get to the first break at 10 o'clock in the morning, I've had contractors come up to me in tears. 'You know, I think I might have poisoned my own kids and my grandchildren. I had no idea this was such a big problem.' "

Compliance with the federal training requirements is low. No one has an exact number, but Kirkwood estimates around 80 percent of New Hampshire's landlords and contractors don't have the federal training.

Frustrated victims

None of this sits well with the victims of lead contamination. William Donovan's infant son had an elevated blood lead level earlier this year from a Nashua apartment.

"What really frustrated us the most was the fact that families that didn't do anything wrong, there was no laws to protect us" says Donovan, "because we could have been homeless, which we ended up becoming homeless for a little bit. But the laws didn't have our back."

Donovan says when his landlord found out about the baby's lead level, he evicted the family. Evictions like this are now illegal under the new state law. The new law also establishes a commission to examine what else the state should do to prevent childhood lead poisoning.



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When he was three months old, Frank Donovan had an elevated blood lead level of one microgram per deciliter. The CDC says there is no known safe level of exposure for children under six years old.

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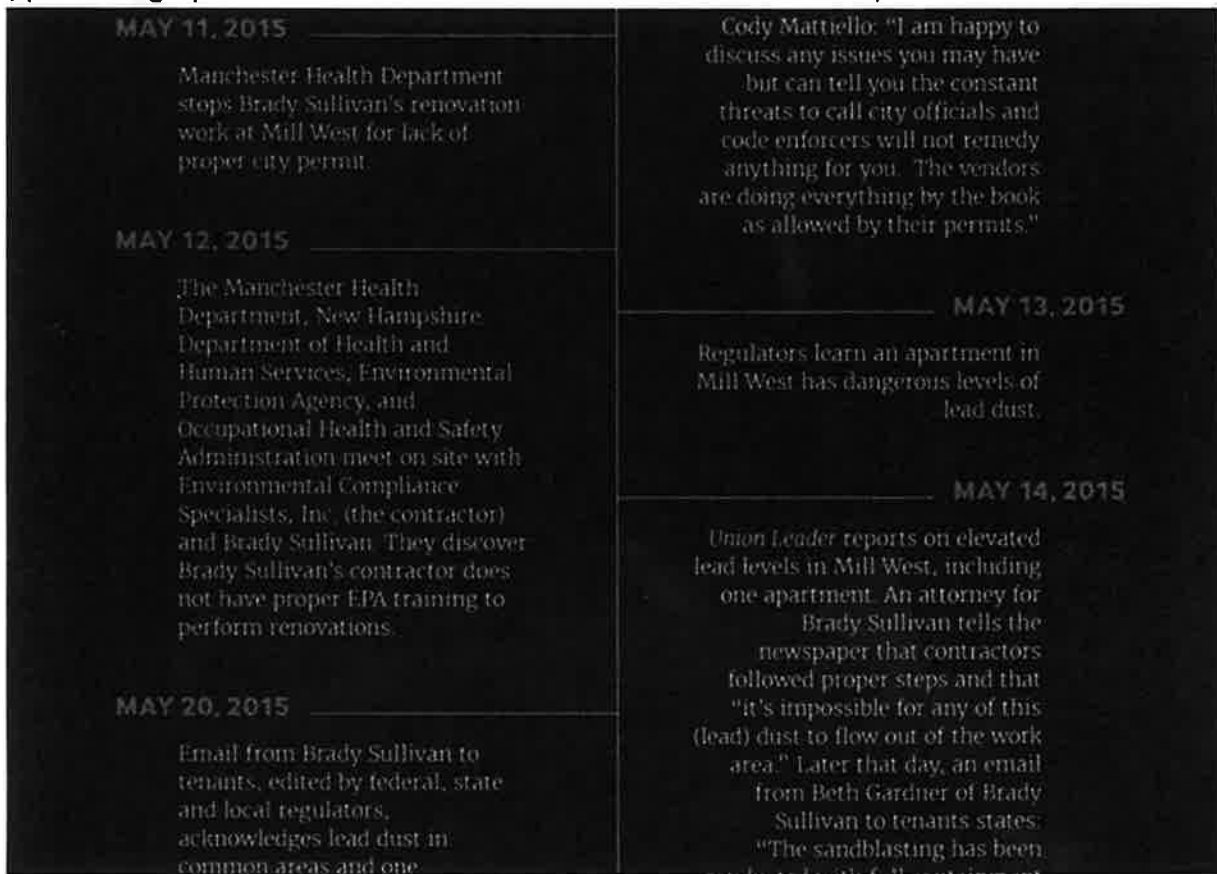
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It shocks me that decades after lead in paint was banned for HOUSE paint that we have not protectd small children from lead paint. Lead poisoning damages the developing brain, stealing the child's future. Largely, an illness of the poor, childhood lead poisoning is a form of child abuse to low income children.

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