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including Griffiss Business & Technology Park

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2019-2020
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So Many Things To Do!

Historical Rome:
The Revolutionary War and the Erie Canal are part of every American’s heritage. Visit these and many other historical sites located in and around Rome.
- Fort Stanwix National Monument
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Veteran’s Memorial Park
- Rome Historical Society
- H.P. Sears Oil Co. Service Station Museum
- Fire & Police Memorial Park
- Rome Sports Hall of Fame and Museum
- Shako:wi Cultural Center
- Oriskany Battlefield

Farmers Markets:
- Rome’s Downtown Market on the City Hall Green, Wednesdays 11am-5pm, June 5-September 25
- Wagner’s at Westgate Shopping Center, Fridays 9am-6pm, May 11-October 26
- Markets and farms throughout Oneida County with locally-grown produce, and pick-your-own opportunities.

Family Fun Indoors & Out:
These generation-bridging activities will bring a smile to anyone’s face!
- Fort Rickey Children’s Discovery Zoo
- International Boxing Hall of Fame
- Skate-A-While
- Rome Family YMCA
- King Pin Lanes
- Peterpaul Recreation Park
- Sylvan Beach Amusement Park
- Adirondack Scenic Railroad
- Utica Zoo
- National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown
- Delutis Field Baseball
- Utica-Rome Speedway
- Delta Knolls Miniature Golf
- East Rome Action Park at Pinti Field
- Wood Creek Hollow

Discover the great outdoors at any of the beautiful recreational facilities in our area.
- Delta Lake State Park
- Pixley Falls State Park
- Rome City Parks (Playgrounds & Swimming Pools)
- Bellamy Harbor Park
- Adirondack Park
- Verona Beach State Park

Avoid boredom, commune with nature, and enjoy a walking workout!
- Stanwix-Erie Canal Trail
- Old Erie Canal State Park
- Griffiss Park Sculpture Trail
- Sand Dune Trail
- Wood Creek Trail
- Pitch Pine Bog Conservation Area & Trail
- Mohawk River Trail

Sporting Activities Indoors & Out:
Golf (Rome Country Club - Route 69, and Mohawk Glen Golf Course on Perimeter Road, both in Rome, are just a few of more than 28 golf courses in Oneida County); Winter recreation at Woods Valley; plus baseball at DeLutis Field, fishing, camping, kayaking, hiking and lots more.
- Utica Curling Club
- Utica Comets - Professional Hockey
- Syracuse University Sports
- Utica College - Hockey
- American Legion Baseball

Entertainment & Cultural Activities:
Attend a concert, visit a museum or gallery, or enjoy a performance!
- Capitol Arts Complex
- Cinema Capitol
- Rome Art and Community Center
- Rome Community Theater
- Artstreet Studios & Gallery
- REACH Center Gallery by 4 Elements Studio
- The Copper Easel
- Fusion Art & Gift Gallery

Resort & Gaming Experience:
- Turning Stone Resort Casino (Verona)
- Gaming, Sports betting, Spas, Event center, Showroom, Four-star restaurants, Luxury hotel accommodations, Five golf courses, Sportsplex, Retail shopping
- Vernon Downs Casino & Hotel (Vernon)
- Gaming, Historic racetrack, Live entertainment, Indoor pool, Restaurants, Conference rooms, Banquet facilities

Summer Fairs and Fun:
Visit the Mohawk Valley during the summer and spend a day at one of the many festivals and celebrations around the area!
- Rome’s Honor America Days - July-August
- Great American Irish Festival - July
- Boonville-County Fair - July
- Woodsmen’s Field Days - August
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- New York State Fair - August-September
- Remsen Festival of the Arts - September

Plan an Extended Visit!

For more information and up-to-the-minute community calendars, visit RomeChamber.com and OneidaCountyTourism.com.
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Getting Here, Getting Around

A city of more than 72 square miles in upstate New York, Rome is in western Oneida County and part of the Mohawk River Valley, and has the distinction of being the second-largest city in area in New York State.

Oneida County is made up of three cities (Rome, Sherrill, and Utica), 26 towns, and 18 villages, and is located in central Upstate New York, situated with three exits (31, 32, 33) on the New York State Thruway (I-90).

The Mohawk River Valley encompasses 2,685 square miles and includes Oneida and Herkimer Counties. Twenty percent of the U.S. population lives within 300 miles of the Mohawk Valley, with four of the most populous U.S. cities within 250 miles: New York, Philadelphia, Boston, and Washington, DC.

Located at the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains, Rome is a wonderful place to live, work and play whether you plan to visit, purchase a home or start a business. Progressive schools, safe streets, a strong labor force, countless recreational opportunities, amazing arts and entertainment and an abundance of historic treasures make Rome a special place to raise a family.
Rome, New York

By The Numbers
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The City of Rome has a population of 32,589 and is located in the geographic center of New York State:

Regional Population:
- Zip code 13440: 42,295
- Oneida County, NY: 232,324
- Utica-Rome metro area population: 295,267.

Population density: 450.9 people per sq mile
- Land area: 74.791 sq miles
- Air quality: 65 on a scale to 100 (higher is better)
- Water quality: 88 on a scale to 100 (higher is better)
- Superfund Sites: 84
- Median Household Income: $45,570
- Family Median Income: $558,733
- Income per capita: $24,970
- Median home value: $94,900
- Median age of real estate: 62 years
- Homes Owned: 48.83%
- Home appreciation is up since 2007: 16.95%
- Renters: 37.25% Median Gross Rent: $748
- Sales Tax rate is 8.75%
- Cost of Living Index = 84.3 (based on a US average of 100)

Number of Households: 12,836
- Average household size: 2.36 people
- Married Population: 43.04%
- Married with children: 24.86%
- Single with children: 19.84%
- Single Population: 56.96%
- Veterans: 2,831
- Median age is 40.9
- Age 18-44: 34.52%
- Age 45-64: 22.03%
- Age 65-84: 14.33%
- Age 85 and over: 2.6%

Percent Religious (affiliated): 51.02%
- Physicians: 206 per 100,000 population
- White: 84.69%
- Black: 5.25%
- Hispanic: 6.10%
- Asian: 1.22%
- Native American: 0.8%
- Other: 0.44%
- Education, persons 25 and older:
  - 88% High school graduates
  - 20.5% B.A. or higher
- Unemployment rate: 4.3%
- Prediction for future job growth over the next 10 years is 36.38%
- Low Crime Rate:
  - Rome crime rate: 118.3 vs. US rate: 301.1
  - Average one-way commute: 17.8 minutes
  - 71% of commuters drive their own car alone.

Sources: bestplaces.net, census.gov/quickfacts, city-data.com

Affordable Housing, New Projects in the Works

Rome has a variety of quality and affordable housing options for both renters and owners. You can live in close proximity to the City’s downtown with groceries, the post office, pharmacy, restaurants, dry cleaning, City Hall, hair salons and much more in walking distance of your home. Or, you can live in the country with acres of land, enjoy waterfront living at its best, own or rent a condominium with no maintenance, move into an assisted-living facility or rent an apartment in one of Rome’s many complexes which cater to all incomes and family sizes.

According to the April 2017 Mohawk Valley Real Estate Market Update from Coldwell Banker Faith Properties, home sales in Rome, New York were up 12.7% over the same one-year period in 2015-2016, with the average price for a single family home at $97,200.

City-wide, there are neighborhood revitalization projects and new housing alternatives at various stages of development:

- In Spring 2020, $18 million Dewitt Clinton Apartments will offer midmarket rate apartments, spurring further rehabilitation of waterfront property as well;
- Construction is imminent for Copper City Lofts and a multiple story apartment building downtown as part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative;
- The former Woodhaven housing complex remediation is opening the way to a new mixed-use commercial/residential properties within walking distance of the Griffiss Business and Technology Park and Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) campus, including the new B240 construction - housing in an urban setting;
- Delta Luxury Apartments will begin completing their final 16 units for a total of 64 luxury apartments in north Rome;
- East and West Rome efforts include remediation, blight control, upgrading old facilities, new streetscapes, landscaping, signage, sidewalk improvements, and neighborhood beautification as funding allows.

The City of Rome Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Activities operates and maintains 25 parks, 12 playgrounds, five pools and one civic arena, providing diversified recreation programs for residents and visitors of all ages in a safe and enjoyable environment.

Rome neighborhoods remain wholesome and are conducive to raising a family. An online guide is available to assist both tenants and property owners at www.RomeNewYork.com, under the Public Safety section. A safe, secure, clean and vibrant city is, and will continue to be, the mission of all public safety departments in the City of Rome.

It’s your business.
But we’re in it together.
Ask how we can help your business.

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Safe Neighborhoods

Rome is one of the safest large communities in New York State, and ranks well below the national average overall in crimes per 100,000 population, and in every major crime category. Rome also ranks favorably in comparison to surrounding residential communities.

A multi-faceted, full-time agency, the Rome Police Department has many specialized units, and a public-supported Community Policing Policy Program that includes Foot Beats and Mountain Bike Patrols, fostering community partnerships. In addition, the Rome PD has two K-9 patrols, a drug enforcement unit, Mohawk Trail patrols, and conducts activities annually on Law Enforcement Day. Other programs include “Shop with a Cop” for underprivileged children, and Kops for Kids, a cultural enhancement program.

Rome’s public information officer hosts a weekly radio show, Crime Watch Radio, on local station WKAL AM 1450, as an outreach to answer questions, and provide the public with information relating to local law enforcement and public safety. The Rome Police Department also participates in the Mohawk Valley Crimestoppers Network.

The City of Rome’s professional paid Fire Department covers 72 square miles, and provides many services besides fire fighting, including: emergency medical services (EMTD); fire inspections; fire prevention programs; public education for first aid, CPR, etc.; disaster planning and response; Haz-Mat response; vehicle extrication; water and ice rescue; trench and structure collapse search and rescue; high angle rescue; salvage and property conservation work; fire cause investigation; arson case work; juvenile counseling; high school internship program; and confined space rescue.

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The Commissioner of Public Safety’s oversight of Police, Fire and Animal Control Departments ensures that all residents and visitors of the City are afforded the opportunity to enjoy the highest possible quality of life.

Paws-itivity Rome!

Rome, New York is also a very pet-friendly city. From the beloved K-9 unit of the Rome Police Department, to the City of Rome “Bark Park”, to the Rome Chamber pet photo contest, and the dedicated, active, compassionate Humane Society of Rome, Rome welcomes pets and the owners who love them.

The Rome Police Department currently has two canine teams. Human officers and their canine partners Spock and Arko participate in public relations events, explaining the vital law enforcement benefits of the K-9 units: searching for evidence and narcotics, tracking and apprehending suspects, and crowd control.

The City of Rome maintains a “Bark Park”, intended to support and foster a leash-free, clean and protected area for exercise, socialization, and education of both owners and their canine partners. Residents can download the application from the Parks and Recreation home page at RomeNewYork.com. Rome’s Animal Control department makes every effort to handle stray pets and return lost and found dogs to their rightful owners. They also handle complaints for violations of City codes and ordinances regarding dogs, and provide advice and referrals for handling wildlife.

In recent years, the response has been enthusiastic on all sides for the Rome Chamber’s Springtime Pet Photo Contest. Photos of beloved pets—traditional and not-so-traditional—are submitted for public voting at sponsored home, leisure, and lifestyle events, and engage a following via social media and partnership with the Humane Society of Rome (HSR). The HSR is a private non-profit organization that works with public and private animal-related organizations throughout the Mohawk Valley region since 1956, with the goal of nurturing all stray animals they receive to be healthy and adoptable.

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ROME, NY

PLACES TO KNOW IN ALL DIRECTIONS

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EAST ROME
Little Italy
Retail
Restaurants
Heritage
Brewery
Manufacturing
World Series of Bocce

CENTER CITY
Ft Stanwix NM
History
Arts District
Retail • Offices
City Hall
Rome Chamber of Commerce
Rome Main Streets
Downtown Market
First Fridays
Zagster Bike Rental

BLACK RIVER BLVD
Rte 46
North-South Corridor
Commercial
Retail
Restaurants

ERIE BLVD
Rte 49-46-69
East-West Corridor
Commercial
Retail
Restaurants
Farmers Market

GRIFFISS PARK
Route 825
Hi-Tech Business Park
Rome Lab
High School
Sculpture Park
Summer Movie Series
Mohawk River Trail
Zagster Bike Rental

SOUTH ROME
Rte 26 to 365
Amtrak Railway
Erie Canal
Bellamy Harbor
Zagster Bike Rental

Walking paths, including the new Mohawk River Trail, are well-shored and very popular, intersecting and meandering throughout the City, along the Mohawk River and Erie Canal. Find a detailed description at http://bikeitorhikeit.org/mohawk_river_trail.htm


Three stations city-wide where you can rent bikes by the hour via Zagster. More info: http://bike.zagster.com/Rome/

Rome Main Street Alliance, Inc. is a volunteer organization working to develop Downtown Rome, New York into a “vibrant, social and economically diverse city center” - according to their vision statement. As a member of the National Main Street Center, this group adheres to its four-point approach to economic development: the Promotion, Design, Organization & Economic Vitality standing committees work with other area organizations and the local small business community. Main Streets is striving to re-imagine Downtown Rome through creative approaches to urban blight, beautification, small business development and retention, historic preservation, and promoting Rome’s special place in American History.

The organization’s new coffee house, Copperccino’s, is just a few doors from the Capitol Arts Complex, and features local and regional products of Utica Bread, Utica Bagels, Cafe Kubal, Recess Coffee, Rome’s own Broasters Coffee, and Utica Roast. This is the first of their “Main Street Market” businesses to open; the second, the NYS Craft Emporium, adjacent to the coffee house is also part of the plan. A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, Rome Main Streets does significant work with very few resources, and relies on volunteers who are interested in community-building. Rome’s Main Streets Market will showcase local and regional businesses and ultimately help to fund the Main Streets mission, and support other small businesses with micro-grants and small business loans.

For more information, visit www.romemainstreets.org

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36th Annual Honor America Days Parade  
**July 27, 2019 - 10 AM - 1 PM**

One of Central New York’s largest spectacles of community pride and patriotic enthusiasm, the Honor America Days Parade steps off at 10am on Saturday, July 27, with more than 100 units, including marching bands, community-designed floats competing for prizes, a flag-waving good time enjoyed by thousands of friends and families cheering from curb-side, storefronts, and front porches along two miles of city streets.

**Symphoria Symphony Orchestra Concert - July 27, 2019 - 8 PM to 10 PM**

Presented by the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rome: The great lawn at Fort Stanwix will once again host the annual Pops Concert presented by The Symphoria Symphony Orchestra, featuring the Syracuse Pops Chorus, popular show tunes, rousing marches, and a celebration of the American spirit along with cannon fire, the ringing of church bells, and a spectacular fireworks display during the 1812 Overture and the Stars and Stripes! This free event is held on what is traditionally known as Rome’s biggest day of the year, the last Saturday in July: Rome’s Annual Honor America Days Celebration. For more information: www.romechamber.com.

**Cycling the Erie Canal in July**

An eight-day, 400-mile, bicycle tour from Buffalo to Albany follows the historic and scenic Erie Canal. Nearly three-quarters of the ride is off-road on the traffic-free Canalway Trail. More than 700 bicyclists and visitors will visit Rome and spend the night on the lawn at Fort Stanwix National Monument.

The water tower at the former General Cable site near Bellamy Harbor Park is constantly lit and a lasting monument to the Erie Canal’s Bicentennial celebrated in 2017. Restoration of the tower and its colorful lighting also draw attention to Rome’s manufacturing heritage and the modern upgrades in and around Bellamy Harbor Park: a Navigation Center complex and parking renovations, with a path that connects the park to the navigation center and boat launch. The center has rest rooms, a laundry facility, and a large meeting space with potential for many uses. A city attendant provides facility access and maintain awareness of security and maintenance needs.

**Find more ways to celebrate with community events during the Honor America Days 10-day celebration:**  
entertainment, festivals, ice cream socials, retail sales, picnics, and more at  
RomeChamber.com/events and RomeSentinel.com
What is Speed Golf? Speed golf (also known as extreme golf, fast golf, fitness golf and hit and run golf) is a variant of golf which scores both on strokes played and the time taken to complete the round. Intrigued? Visit http://speedgolfinternational.com/speedgolf_rules for details.

FAMOUS ROMANS

- Francis Bellamy, author of the Pledge of Allegiance
- Joseph H. Boardman, former CEO of AMTRAK
- Walter R. Brooks, author of the Freddy the Pig children’s book series
- Archie Cianfranco, Major League Baseball player
- Prof. C.C. Coe of Rome landed his hot air balloon in downtown Syracuse’s Clinton Square in 1871 — a scene likely witnessed by L. Frank Baum, who would later write about a similar episode in his classic, “The Wizard of Oz.” (source: “The Encyclopedia of New York”)
- Jerry Cook, NASCAR driver, six-time NASCAR Modified Champion, one of NASCAR’s 50 Greatest Drivers, now NASCAR Competition Administrator, 2016 NASCAR Hall of Fame Inductee
- World-ranked Speed Golf Champions Lauren Cupp and Wes Cupp (CEO of Rome Country Club), 2018 Defending United States Speedgolf Champions*
- John Dove, instrumental in the development of the CD-Rom technology
- Richie Evans, NASCAR driver, nine-time NASCAR Modified Champion, one of NASCAR’s 50 Greatest Drivers, 2012 NASCAR Hall Of Fame Inductee
- John B. Jervis, leading U.S. civil engineer of the early 19th century, designer of the Croton Aqueduct, the High Bridge of New York City and the 4-2-0 railroad locomotive
- Robert Manfred, Commissioner of Major League Baseball
- Maryann Mazzaferro, Rome’s ambassador to the world: affectionately referred to as “The Cookie Lady”, she is the subject of many articles and star of a 2015 GE Appliances commercial, Friends, Love & Cookies, airing on national television. Maryann’s mission: to spread love and friendship via thirty-four varieties of delicious home-baked cookies, personally delivered locally and mailed around the world.
- Tom Myslinski, NFL player
- Frank Page, cartoonist, Bob the Squirrel comic strip
- Dr. Frank Potter, who lived at the Beeches, invented the first 2-piece handheld telephone. Potter graduated from Lafayette College in Pennsylvania in 1896 and received a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering. While at Lafayette, he developed the first Roentgen ray photograph, which was an early type of X-ray in the United States.
- Pat Riley, former NBA head coach; President, Miami Heat
- Jesse Williams established the first cheese factory in the United States in 1851, near Rome NY. The process maximized consistent cheese production. In 1864, Williams’ success led to the formation of the New York State Cheesemaker’s Association, precursor of the American Dairy Association.
- Benjamin Wright, Chief Engineer of the Erie Canal

A FEW FAMOUS ROME EVENTS

- Rome was home to the 30th anniversary of Woodstock, in 1999.

*Hit. Run. Repeat.

Also making history in 2018...

The top beer bar in all of New York state, according to a web site dedicated to serious craft brew fans, is a brewery tap room in Rome. Copper City Brewing Co., which opened in 2016, was the New York representative in the list Great American Beer Bars 2018 selected by readers at craftbeer.com, affiliated with the Brewers Association, the national trade group for the country’s 6,000 craft brewers. The list was developed by reader nominations, then a vote in which more than 8,000 ballots were cast in November and December 2017, craftbeer.com said.

https://www.newyorkupstate.com/breweries/2018/02/new_yorks_top_beer_bar_craft_brew_lovers_say_all_roads_lead_to_rome.html

The ceremonial ground breaking for the Erie Canal happened in Rome, New York on July 4, 1817. The Erie Canal connected the waters of the Atlantic Ocean with the Waters of the Great Lakes, thus opening the west and making New York the Empire State.

FAMOUS PLACES

The recent (2019) listing of Fort Wood Creek on the National Register of Historic Places, and a research project between the Rome Historical Society and Binghamton (SUNY) Public Archaeology Facility will help to recognize the importance of the region and Fort Bull during the region’s pre-Revolutionary War history. The research is supported by a grant from the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program.

Also making history in 2018...
From PGA play to duffer’s delight, Rome is at the heart of a great golfer’s playground. In ten minutes from the city center, golfers can enjoy affordable public and private courses, including Rome Country Club, Teugega, Mohawk Glen Golf Club, Delta Knolls, and Sleepy Hollow. Atunyote Golf Course was home to The Turning Stone Resort Championship from 2007-2010. In 2006 it was the site of both the PGA Professional National Championship and the BC Open.

Turning Stone Resort Casino, a renowned, award-winning destination resort only eight miles from downtown Rome, features world-class amenities including four hotels, two luxurious spas, five golf courses, more than 20 dining options, a 125,000 square foot Las Vegas-style gaming floor, sports betting, a cabaret style Showroom, a 5,000 seat arena, and a multi-venue nightclub entertainment complex. The Resort’s Sportsplex offers year-round indoor options for golf, tennis, and racquetball.

Located in the heart of Central New York’s rolling hills and overlooking historic Vernon Downs Racetrack, Vernon Downs Casino & Hotel offers spacious guest rooms and suites that are steps from Vernon Downs Casino and live racing for nonstop action, and live entertainment. There’s something for everyone - from an indoor pool for relaxing and family-friendly restaurants, to conference rooms and banquet facilities for all your special events needs.

Yoga, tai chi, spa treatments and fitness programs are conveniently offered at public and private community centers, including two senior community centers and the Rome Family Y. Treat your muse to classes at the Rome Art and Community Center, enjoy some friendly competition with bowling leagues at King Pin Lanes, or bocce at the Toccolana Club. Winter fun at Woods Valley Ski Area is just 20 minutes away from downtown Rome.

The Rome Chamber encourages everyone to “Shop Rome First” and explore Rome’s great mix of small, owner operated retail boutiques and big box stores. Many locally-originated social media sites give daily updates on the Rome shopping scene. Rome boasts two weekly farmers markets, one downtown, and another in West Rome. Three Main Streets corridors in the center of the city are rolling out the welcome carpet, with new stores, cafes and restaurants complementing the arts, history, and entertainment district that runs through the business and government corridor. Retail shopping in a mega-mall environment can be found just minutes away,
while Toronto and New York City are along the Amtrak corridor and just a four hour drive for longer sprees.

Through the four seasons, Delta Lake, the Adirondack Park, and Thousand Islands beckon to swimmers, skiers, hikers, boaters, campers, resort-goers, and antique buffs alike. Many residents vacation just an hour away to enjoy their favorite recreation.

Whether your place is at an easel, on stage, backstage, or in the audience, there is a wealth of experience, fun and excitement waiting for you in our community. Rome’s REACH (Rome Entertainment, Arts, Cultural and Historic) District is growing with new and expanding arts and cultural organizations in the center-city.

The Capitol Arts Complex, Rome’s performing arts/movie house, is slated to receive $2.5 million in Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding for exterior and interior restoration, part of a $4 million project that will include an additional multi-purpose performance space. Having physically expanded, the Capitol recently adopted the name Capitol Arts Complex. With plans to restore its grand theater, further grow programming at both the historic theater and Cinema Capitol, and to open new, versatile event spaces in recently-acquired buildings, the Capitol continues to thrive and to serve as a cornerstone in Rome’s blossoming Arts District and Downtown.

The John Hayes O’Neill Studio of Dance faculty includes professional performance dancers Steven and Canan Jackson, whose talent and extensive dancing experience provide for the finest in quality dance instruction and public performances. Susan Hasty’s School of Dance offers classes for ballet, tap, acrobatics, jazz, hip hop, preschool & tiny tots, with performances in December and June. Gary’s Music is central NY’s longest standing and independently owned music retail store. Rounding out opportunities for creative appreciation and expression in downtown Rome are martial arts, music, and theater instruction space, an art shop/gallery, soon-to-be loft apartments, and a local contemporary art gallery at the REACH Center.

Come along to hear Symphoria of Syracuse at Fort Stanwix at its annual Honor America Days summer concert in Rome, and other concerts presented by this group in the Rome area throughout the year. These talented musicians can play music from any era, in any style, and for any audience.

Symphoria can present concerts in a remarkably wide range of configurations from full symphony orchestra to chamber orchestra to small ensembles of every size. It can also provide in-school educational programs and promote musical appreciation at all age levels.

Fort Stanwix was designated a National Monument in 1935 and reconstructed in the 1970’s following archeological excavations. In 2016, the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service coincided with the 40th anniversary of Fort Stanwix National Monument reconstruction on its original site in downtown Rome. New activities are ongoing to engage the community in the beautiful greenspace in an authentic
historical setting, including interactive games, encampments, outdoor movies, Shakespeare in the Park, cultural and educational programs, and year-round recreational experiences.

Guided tours are available by appointment to visit the site of Fort Bull. Rome Historical Society (RHS) is working with SUNY Binghamton University’s Public Archaeology Facility (PAF) throughout 2019, conducting documentary and field research for the remains of the French and Indian War’s Fort Bull, and important British military outpost on Wood Creek at the Oneida Carry near Rome, New York. In addition to the recent listing of Fort Wood Creek on the National Register of Historic Places, this project will help to recognize the importance of the region and Fort Bull during the region’s pre-Revolutionary War history. The research is supported by a grant from the National Park Service’s American Battlefield Protection Program.

Every summer the Rome Chamber organizes and presents the Honor America Days Celebration in which the entire community becomes involved: sidewalk sales, theater productions, church suppers, talent shows, a parade, symphony concert, firework, Rome Rotary Canalfest, and much more, including the international drum corps competition, Drums Along the Mohawk, at RFA Stadium. The Chamber also helps organize community hospitality for more than 700 participants in Cycling the Erie Canal, a 400-mile mid-July tour from Buffalo to Albany.

Rome Art and Community Center is a multi-arts facility in an historic Tudor mansion in Rome’s historic district. The center serves Rome and Oneida County with Visual Arts, Concerts, and Children’s programming. The Center has four galleries, also sponsors several community events every year, and offers facility rentals.

Since 1953, Rome Community Theater (RCT) has provided a showcase for thousands of talented area residents. A member of the Theater Association of New York State, American Association of Community Theater, and Eastern States Theater Association, RCT is an award-winning, not-for-profit educational institution offering quality live performances for the public, and mentoring, service, and talent to other non-profit organizations.

Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute, located in Utica, is a world-renowned fine arts and performing arts center with an outstanding School of Arts division that includes Pratt Institute programs.

The Shako:wi Cultural Center at the Oneida Indian Nation is an impressive, white pine log building, a focal point for the culture and heritage of the Oneida People. A continuing theme of the cultural center is the role the Nation played as the first allies of the colonists during the American Revolutionary War. Also, a wide selection of Oneida crafts and art fills the log walls and many displays of Shako:wi. More than a static display of things created in the past. The Oneida People have made Shako:wi a lively place, using it for gatherings and presentations about their Nation and its traditions.

Rome’s YMCA was founded in 1871 and is one of the oldest Ys in the United States. The Y is currently located at its third location in Rome. There are 4,500 members in Rome and 9,000 total including a sister branch in Oneida. Programming includes swim lessons, group exercise classes, a fitness center, before- and after-school care for K-6th graders throughout the Tri-Valley area, along with teen, youth and family programs.

Larry DeLutis Field at Griffiss Park, owned and operated by the Rome Baseball Association, Inc., offers first-class baseball fields lighted in a park-like setting for youth and adult league teams: local high schools, Little League, Babe Ruth, American Legion and collegiate level teams. DeLutis Field also hosts such tournaments as the NYS High School Baseball Section III and NYS Championships, the County & District American Legion tournament, and others.

Rome’s Sports Hall of Fame and Museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to honoring and preserving the thrill and great sports achievements of Rome’s gifted athletes. More than 50 exhibits maintain and enhance the historic record with pictures, trophies, uniforms and equipment depicting local athletes’ days of glory. The Racing Wing has memorabilia from NASCAR Champions Jerry Cook and Richie Evans, National Speed Boat Champion Dave Packer, and more. Throughout the year, the organization offers sports clinics, recognition and receptions for local youth sports individuals and teams, special awards, receptions, and annual induction ceremonies.
The Rome City School District is centrally located in the heart of New York, between Syracuse and Albany. The public-school district serves approximately 5,700 students and has a unique and proud history. Serving as an integral part of the greater Rome community, the district offers programs and supportive partnerships with various organizations contributing to the greater good of our students, our families and our community. The District offers a wide range of programs and services, including Advanced Placement and college level courses. The district’s rich curricular offerings are reflected in the fact that Rome students can graduate from Rome Free Academy with enough credits to begin their sophomore year of college.

The Rome City School District is comprised of seven elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. The children and families of Rome are provided a great start to their education through a comprehensive Early Childhood Program. There are Pre-K programs for three and four-year-olds at Clough and RCS in Rome. Please call Rome Early Childhood at 315-334-1250 for more details. The District prepares students from Pre-K to high school (more than half of our juniors and seniors take AP and College Credit courses), giving them the skills to graduate college and career ready. Mohawk Valley Community College Offers Free Tuition to The Top 10 Percent of Our Graduating Class!

DISTRICT MISSION:

The Rome City School District is a diverse and innovative educational community that believes through both words and actions that all students can learn and be successful. Education in the Rome City School District provides continuous academic and social growth from Pre-K to graduation, ensuring that students are life-long learners, productive citizens, and members of the global economy.

2019-20 RCSD STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

SYSTEMS AND ORGANIZATIONS:
Establish systems and structures district wide to promote the continuous improvement and success of all students.

SCHOOL LEADERSHIP:
Develop school communities and cultures that lead to the success, well-being, and high academic outcomes for all students.

CURRICULUM:
Provide students with rigorous, coherent, and relevant curricula that prepares them for academic success.

INSTRUCTION:
Engage students in learning that allows them to stretch their knowledge, deepen their understanding, and promotes mastery.

SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING:
Ensure that all students develop Social-Emotional learning skills for success in school and life.

PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:
Develop systems to empower parents to advocate for their child’s learning and improvements to the learning community.

Superintendent, Peter C. Blake
Visit us on social media: @Romecsd / District website: www.romecsd.org / YouTube
Rome City School District: POINTS OF PRIDE

- Current Enrollment: 5,974
- Total Expense per Pupil: $20,895 (State average is $27,588 per pupil)
- Allowable Contingent Tax Levy is $33,787,901
- Combined Wealth Ratio: .39400
- 34 College Course Offerings (MVCC, Syracuse University, SUNY ESF, RIT)
- 1,466 Seats Occupied in College Courses
- 5,000 Potential College Credits Awarded

ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- 281 students obtained a Regents Diploma (89.5%)
- 105 students obtained a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation (33.4%)
- 48 students obtained a Regents with a CTE Endorsement (15.3%)
- Total Completer Rate = 82.8%
- 245 students attending 2-year or 4-year colleges
- 86 students directly to the work-force

FINE ARTS ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- 1,666 students participating in instrumental/vocal music programs
- 49 Elementary All-County Participants
- 39 Junior High All-County Participants
- 31 Area All-State Participants
- 3 Conference All-State
  - Gold Ratings for NYSSMA Majors: All RFA Ensembles; RFA Marching Black Knights State Champions (LS3);
  - NAMM Best Community for Music Education
  - Rome’s Music Education Program Receives National Recognition for 4 years in a row!
  - Gold ratings for NYSSMA majors: all RFA ensembles and RFA Marching Black Knights State Champions

ATHLETIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS
- The district’s athletic facilities are second to none.
- Rome athletes consistently compete at local and state level
- 32 fall/winter/spring athletes receive all-league/conference/region recognition
- 8 league championships
- Girls bowling section 3 champions
- Girls and Boys Swim CSC Champions
- Boys Golf Section 3 Champions
- Representation at state and national competitions for boys/girls track and field; wrestling and girls bowling (Section 3 Champions)
- 72 Athletic Programs (modified, JV, varsity) - 1,410 student athletes
- Three seasons produced 20 scholar athletic teams; 334 individual scholar athletes

Gold ratings for NYSSMA majors: all RFA ensembles and RFA Marching Black Knights State Champions

This is an exciting time to become a member of the Rome educational community. We hope you will visit us and choose our district for your children. Families considering relocating to the Mohawk Valley and visitors are invited to call the Superintendent’s office at 315-338-6521 to schedule a tour of our schools. Visit our website at www.romecsd.org
Rome Catholic School (RCS) provides a preschool through 6th grade education in the Catholic tradition. The Rome Catholic School community welcomes students from several local school districts and many cultural, religious and economic backgrounds. Families come to Rome Catholic for a smaller environment and stellar academics. Religion and value based teaching is infused into all subject areas and grade levels in the school. Children as young as three-years old enjoy the innovative techniques qualified faculty use to engage them in the learning process. RCS is known locally for the strides it has made in technology integration in the classroom. At RCS, standard academics are enhanced with diverse extracurricular activities, with something for all interests and skill levels. Rome Catholic School also offers before and after school care programs for elementary students as just one way of providing a family-centered environment. Tuition assistance is available. For more information: www.romecatholic.org or call (315) 336-6190.

Located on a beautiful 17-acre campus in Rome, New York State School for the Deaf (NYSSD) provides high-quality educational programming for students of all ability levels who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Its mission is to provide a foundation for learning that will enable students to become independent, self-respecting and contributing adults in a multi-cultural society. New York State resident students from 3 to 21 years of age with severe-to-profound hearing loss or functional deafness may attend day school or a five day residential program which offers many specialized services. NYSSD opened a new oral/aural program in September of 2008, that specializes in educating children with cochlear implants and/or hearing aids. This new program called, “Little Listeners”, is language rich with academic and vocabulary goal development. Children are integrated with hearing peers and daily speech therapy with emphasis on auditory skill development is provided. “Little Listeners” is for preschool and early elementary children and has been developed to be a transition program so children can return to the mainstream in their local public school. For more information, call 315-337-8400.
ROME CHAMBER SUPPORTS MENTORING PROGRAM

In partnership with the Rome Chamber and the New York State Mentoring Program, the Rome City School District Mentoring Program expanded to all seven elementary schools in 2018-19. The program concluded its third successful year of helping elementary school children develop self-esteem, improve social skills, learn respect for others, and achieve personal success. The Rome Chamber again took the lead role in recruiting volunteer mentors.

The Rome Chamber was instrumental in recruiting 68 mentors for the 2018-19 school year, and in enlisted the active support of members of the Eastern Air Defense Sector and the Air Force Research Laboratory, as well as Chamber member businesses and organizations.

Mentors and mentees meet for one hour a week during the school year, under the guidance of a site coordinator at designated sites. The coordinator directs the weekly programs consisting of group discussions, one-to-one mentoring, and special projects and activities in a safe, comfortable environment.

The Rome community benefits from the commitment and enthusiasm of business leaders, school officials, and volunteers who have worked to ensure the success of our local mentoring program, making a positive difference in the lives of Rome’s children.

The Project Fibonacci Foundation is a leader in promoting science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) educational opportunities in New York State. The Project Fibonacci® Foundation is a non-profit, educational organization focused on using steam education (STEM with the Arts) to promote the next wave of young scholars, scientists, artists and productive citizens, enabling them to deal more effectively with the challenges of our ever-increasingly complex and diverse world.

The 4th annual Project Fibonacci STEAM Conference, for interested students ages 15-20, will be a week-long summer event July 28-August 3, 2019 in Rome, New York. There are many programs and activities planned for registered attendees. Featured speakers include:

- Robert Zubrin, Author, aerospace engineer & president of pioneer astronautics
- Dr. Aprille Ericsson, Aerospace engineer, NASA
- John Urschel, Author, mathematician & former NFL player
- “Science Bob” Pflugfelder, Teacher, maker, author & science presenter

For more information, visit www.projectfibonacci.org

The Rome Community Foundation is a non-profit organization that accepts gifts and bequests which are held, invested, and administered under the direction of the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Income from the investment of these funds is used award grants which benefit the people of and charities in the Rome area.

For more information, visit www.RomeCommunityFoundation.com
We’re Here to Help!

Rome, New York has an expanding and diverse economy. High technology businesses thrive around the Air Force Research Laboratory at Rome; the Eastern Air Defense Sector and Defense Finance Accounting Service are neighbors to new private and professional businesses on Griffiss Business and Technology Park, employing more than 5,800 people. A skilled and highly-motivated workforce, increased demand in the service and health care sectors, economic development incentives, and the city’s Recreation, Entertainment, Arts, Cultural, and Historic (REACH) District are all helping to spawn new business development.

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Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) is New York's first community college, the first community college in New York state to be an Achieving the Dream™ Institution, and offers innovative and affordable education for all students. With campuses in Rome, Utica, and online, MVCC offers more than 90 associate's degree and certificate programs, job placement and transfer assistance, professional development and workforce training, community education, championship athletics, events, and much, much more. The $30 million renovation at the MVCC's Plumley Complex on the Rome campus provides premier classroom and conference space, and state of the art facilities for its Hospitality and Surgical Technology programs. 1101 Floyd Ave., Rome NY 13440, (315) 334-7709 www.mvcc.edu.

SUNY Polytechnic Institute (SUNY Poly) is New York's globally recognized, high-tech educational ecosystem. SUNY Poly offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in the emerging disciplines of nanoscience and nanoengineering, as well as cutting-edge nanobioscience and nanoeconomics programs at its Albany campus, and undergraduate and graduate degrees in technology, including engineering, cybersecurity, computer science, and the engineering technologies; professional studies, including business, communication, and nursing; and arts and sciences, including natural sciences, mathematics, humanities, and social sciences at its Utica/Rome campus; thriving athletic, recreational, and cultural programs, events, and activities complement the campus experience. As the world's most advanced, university-driven research enterprise, SUNY Poly boasts billions of dollars in high-tech investments and hundreds of corporate partners since its inception. Campus: Route 49, Edic Road Exit, Marcy, NY; Mailing Address: 100 Seymour Road, Utica, NY (315) 792-7500 www.sunypoly.edu.

Training at the Mohawk Valley Small Business Development Center at MVCC’s ThINCubator is an ongoing schedule of events. Advisors – often in conjunction with local experts – regularly conduct information sessions that are open to the business community. Session topics include management organization and planning, QuickBooks Training, Minority and Women-Owned Business Programs and Certifications, Government Contracting, and more. New seminar topics are added regularly, limited only by the imagination and needs of the local community. SBDC also schedules a monthly course called Small Business Start-Up that provides comprehensive business training. The mission of the SBDC is to provide professional business advisement, education, and resources addressing the evolving needs of small business owners and entrepreneurs. One-on-one business counseling is always free and confidential. (315) 624-7715; www.facebook.com/mvsbdc for a listing of current training events.

Utica College (UC) is a private, independent college known for its excellent academic programs, outstanding faculty, personal attention, and diverse student population. The hallmarks of Utica College’s academic programs are the integration of liberal and professional studies and a strong emphasis on internships, research, and other experiential learning opportunities, but UC is best known for the close, personal relationship students have with both faculty and staff members. Utica College offers a broad selection of undergraduate majors, minors, and special programs, as well as

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graduate programs in rapidly growing professions such as cybersecurity, financial crime, physical therapy, and health care administration. In 2016, UC ushered in a new era of college affordability by reducing the price of its undergraduate tuition and fees by 42 percent, making it one of the most affordable private colleges in the northeast. Utica College’s 128-acre main campus is located at 1600 Burrstone Road, Utica, NY, 13502. Learn more at www.utica.edu or call (315) 792-3006.

Hamilton College is a national leader for teaching its 1,850 students to write effectively, learn from each other and think for themselves. Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton occupies a 1,350-acre hilltop campus overlooking the Village of Clinton, New York. The College’s open curriculum gives students the freedom to shape their own liberal arts education within a research- and writing-intensive framework, and with the guidance of faculty advisors who help students plan an individualized course of study that reflects their unique interests and skills. Hamilton’s students travel to the Mohawk Valley from 47 states and 47 countries. The College is one of about four dozen U.S. colleges and universities that makes admission decisions without considering a student’s financial circumstances and then meets 100% of the student’s demonstrated need for all four years. Additional information about the College can be found at www.hamilton.edu.

The Rome College Foundation (RCF) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 1966 and supported by the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce and other local groups. The mission of the Foundation is to promote and enhance the Rome community’s needs for higher educational opportunities, specifically to develop, advocate and offer a wide variety of college programs for all area residents. As funds grow through grants, donations and bequests, the Foundation continues to expand its scholarship programs. RCF is committed to serving the Rome community’s needs by promoting and enhancing improved higher educational opportunities for our local students to build a better workforce for the future. With grants from the Sears Family Foundation, the Foundation co-sponsored several programs administered by the Chamber’s Education Committee, including College Night at RFA. 139 W Dominick St., Rome NY 13440, (315) 337-1700 www.RomeCollegeFoundation.com

One of Rome’s most beloved and respected institutions, Jervis Public Library opened its doors July 15, 1895. Daily, 800 individuals walk through the doors to borrow more than 1,000 items from a collection of 135,000 items. Annually, circulation exceeds 240,000 items, and professional librarians answer 55,000 reference questions. Special items available to borrow include snowshoes, Kill-A-Watt meters, DVD and CD players, wifi hotspots, iPods loaded with audiobooks, and passes to local attractions such as Pinti Indoor Playground and NY State parks. Increasingly popular are Internet access, electronic databases, and ebooks. Jervis Library cardholders borrowed 22,000 digital items in 2018. To support digital literacy, the library provides public-use computers ranging in availability from 15 minutes to two hours, free wifi, and free drop-in Tech Help sessions. The library also offers many special services, including lectures, book discussions, semi-annual Recycling Day, and numerous programs for teens, children, and families. Through parallel development of traditional services and technology, Jervis Library continues to expand its capabilities to best serve the public of all ages and interests. 613 N Washington St., Rome NY 13440, (315) 336-4570 www.jervislibrary.org

Founded in 1936, the Rome Historical Society is a nonprofit, educational institution chartered by the State of New York, whose mission is to preserve the history of Rome, its people, and the surrounding community of Oneida County via permanent and temporary exhibitions and an established archive. The multimedia presentation of “Our Goodly Heritage” guides visitors through the early ice age to present day Rome. Permanent exhibits feature the Iroquois peoples, the Forts on the Carry, the canals, the diary industry, manufacturing, and early life in Rome. Additional exhibits focus on significant 20th century developments, such as the Rome Turney Radiator Company and Griffiss Air Force Base. The museum offers researchers an extensive collection of archival materials including photographs, local newspapers, and books. Over 14,000 paper objects, most of which are available for public viewing, provide an excellent source for genealogical research. 200 Church St., Rome NY 13440 (315) 336-5870 www.romehistoricalsociety.org
Resources for Jobseekers & Employers

A wide variety of workforce development services are consolidated and integrated for easy access by job seekers and employers at Working Solutions “one stop” centers throughout the Herkimer, Madison, Oneida County region.

Professionals from state and local public and human services agencies partner to help businesses and job seekers maximize available workforce opportunities by accessing the resources of many organizations in the Working Solutions system, including:

- Oneida County Workforce Development
- Resource Center for Independent Living (RCIL)
- N.Y.S. Department of Labor
- Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation (ACCES-VR)
- MVCC and BOCES
- Workforce Development Board and its many grant-funded workforce programs.

Assistance for businesses:

Recruitment and screening of job applicants, matching of job requirements and skills with Working Solutions’ pool of thousands of candidates, hiring incentive programs, tax credits, resources to support the training of new hires, education & wage information, human resources assistance, interviewing and meeting space, and more!

Assistance for job seekers:

Job listings accessed by a variety of means, personalized career information and advisement, workshops to improve work search skills, use of resource room with phones, fax, computers, and print media, work-related scholarship assistance, education and training resources and more. Working Solutions professionals assist with the tools needed to find a job or to move to a better career! Working Solutions Rome can be reached at (315) 356-0662.

Oneida County’s College Corps Program is laying a firm foundation for building the region’s workforce and resident base with young professionals. The program accepts applications from college juniors and seniors pursuing a wide variety of career positions, and refers them to employers in Oneida County who participate in the summer internship program. The students gain work experience and businesses, large and small, benefit from having pre-screened, qualified applicants interested in learning about their career their field. Other programs for young, emerging workers include career guidance, work experience, the summer youth employment program and overcoming barriers to employment.


ADULTING 101

Launched in Summer 2016 as a partnership between the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and Jervis Public Library, the Adulting 101 summer series was designed to help high school graduates and young adults transition to independence.

Topics include:

- Access to Health Insurance
- Building a Resume
- College Survival Tips
- Financial Aid
- Fitness and Nutrition
- The Job Search and Holding Down a Job
- Money Management (Banking, Credit, Budgeting)
- Time Management
- Total Cost of a Vehicle

The program expanded to a series during the school year with the addition of Access to Social Services and Access to Mental Health Services. Rome Chamber members volunteer to share their expertise with students who attend each presentation. The program will continue to adapt to student needs and is open to working with other organizations whose teens and young adults could use these skills to better acclimate to being on their own, helping them become successful, employable members of the supportive Rome community.

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The Professional Development Committee (PDC) is a volunteer committee of the Rome Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber’s slogan, “Our business is helping your business,” gives the PDC programming direction, helping to maintain and grow a productive workforce by providing a variety of seminars, workshops, and training opportunities.

Quality programming has included Disney Keys to Excellence; Jack Canfield’s “The Success Principles”; Jumpstart Breakfast Seminars; Web 2.0 and Beyond; Jay Rifkenbary; the Ritz-Carlton School of Social Responsibility; Dr. Bob Nelson and “Ubuntu!”; Emergent consultants on Team Performance, among others. Topics and speakers are selected by the PDC committee based on feedback from Chamber members.
From primary care and specialty care to long-term care, Rome Memorial Hospital delivers quality, compassionate medical care for every stage of life. Through Rome’s continuum of healthcare services and its affiliation with St. Joseph’s Health, families have access to high-quality, patient-centered care that is coordinated and conveniently located close to home.

More than 250 dedicated physicians and 1,000 healthcare professionals work together to provide patients with the services that they need to achieve optimum long-term health. Each year, an excellent team of nurses and obstetrician/gynecologists welcome nearly 600 babies in our Maternity Department, which is ranked in the top 10 percent in the nation for patient satisfaction. They earn an A+ from patients because they’re experienced, knowledgeable and take the time to listen. The hospital earned the Blue Distinction Center+ for Maternity Care designation for delivering quality care safely and effectively.

With its specialized Senior Behavioral Health Unit and Residential Health Care Facility, the hospital has become a recognized leader in senior services. The hospital has earned special designation as a “Senior Friendly” NICHE (Nurses Improving Care for Healthsystem Elders) facility for providing exceptional care for older adult patients. Ranked among the top 20 percent of skilled nursing facilities for four consecutive years, the Residential Health Care Facility also offers short-term rehabilitation services for patients that need a little extra care after a hospital stay to help them regain their strength, mobility and confidence. Located on the third floor, the 80-bed skilled nursing facility takes a person-centered approach for its nursing home residents.

A designated Breast Imaging Center of Excellence, Rome Memorial Hospital strives to be on the leading edge of delivering exceptional care for women’s breast care needs through advanced technology such as 3D mammography, specialized hereditary cancer risk screening, and one-on-one care with a team of professionals who truly care about their patients. The Diagnostic Center, located on the main campus, is home to the Women’s Imaging Center, MRI Suite, Sleep Disorders Center and Cardiopulmonary Services. The Women’s Imaging Center consolidates mammography, ultrasound and bone density in one area to provide patients with greater comfort, privacy and convenience.

Rome Memorial Hospital offers a comprehensive array of diagnostic and outpatient services; primary care practices in Rome, Boonville and Camden; and primary and specialty physician services through its affiliated practices, Rome Medical Group and Rome Medical Practice.

Lab, medical imaging, radiation oncology, physical and occupational therapy and orthopedics and sports medicine are conveniently located on Chestnut Street. The hospital also has a presence at the Griffiss Business & Technology Park with urgent care, neurology, pulmonary, urology, and surgical practices and its Regional Center for Wound Care for hard to heal wounds. The hospital is part owner of the Griffiss Eye Surgery Center on Dart Circle. Committed to excellence, the hospital is accredited by the Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program and has been nationally recognized for protecting patients against infections.

HEREDITARY CANCER RISK SCREENING – Rome Memorial Hospital delivers personalized medicine based upon individual risk to prevent cancer and detect it at the earliest stages when it’s easiest to treat. Screening and genetic testing are offered in the Women’s Imaging Center, Radiation Oncology and in primary care practices.

Rome Hospital Foundation provides vital philanthropic support to Rome Memorial Hospital. The Foundation is a separate 501 (c) (3) and an integral partner in the Hospital’s mission to provide quality healthcare with compassion. Rome Memorial Hospital (RMH) provides care to over 100,000 residents of our community, regardless of their ability to pay. The role of the Foundation is to continue to provide support to Rome Memorial Hospital so it may enhance quality care while ensuring excellence in all aspects of healthcare delivery.
Local and Regional Health Care

Physicians in Rome can refer patients to a wide range of laboratory, medical imaging, radiation and physical therapy, and other diagnostic and treatment services. Chiropractic, physical therapy, and therapeutic massage providers also help relieve pain and improve quality of life.

There are many highly-specialized diagnostic, treatment, and care services conveniently accessible in Rome and nearby in central New York. In addition to excellent care through Rome Hospital, patients may access several healthcare networks, including the Mohawk Valley Health System through Faxton-St. Luke’s Health Care, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Regional Cancer Center, and the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute.

The Grand Healthcare System offers a full continuum of premium healthcare services across their state-of-the-art health facilities. The Grand Rehabilitation & Nursing at Rome is a 160-bed rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility that strives to bring the warmth and comforts of home to both short- and long-term guests. The highly trained and experienced, skilled personnel care for individuals in all clinical situations to help them achieve wellness goals in comfort.

Other area health-related facilities include: WellNow Urgent Care, doctor and dental offices in downtown Rome, Quick Care in Camden; the H.J. Obeid Sinus Center; Bouton Physical Therapy; Nascentia Health, Nunn’s Home Medical Equipment, The Terrace at Woodland Senior Living Residence; Senior Network Health; residential healthcare facilities such as Betsy Ross and Bethany House; Colonial Park Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Mohawk Valley Home Care, and Abraham House Palliative Care.

An Important Benefit for Rome Chamber Members:

Since 1985, the Chamber has been offering health insurance plans to its members. Although recent changes in health insurance at the federal level have made this an important topic for the business community, the Chamber is still in a position to offer policy alternatives and affordable choices to small groups and individuals. HEALTH INSURANCE Questions? Sue Jenks, Chamber Business Manager, is a licensed broker and is listed on the exchange in the online Health Insurance Marketplace. Call Sue directly at (315) 337-1700 and let her help you…find answers, determine eligibility for different programs, and find the best coverage…all at very competitive rates.
Fitness, Encouraged.

There is no shortage of opportunities in Rome for individuals of all ages to keep active. School and City athletic leagues and recreation programs, for toddlers through high school age, are supplemented by independent organizations including AYSO soccer, Little League and American Legion baseball, schools of dance, martial arts and Rome Family Y programs, to name just a few. Well-maintained walking trails extend through the city and along scenic river and canal pathways. Golf courses, exercise and yoga studios are plentiful. Nearby Delta Lake is convenient for kayaking, sailing, leisure boating, swimming, camping, hiking. Woods Valley Ski Area brings the best of winter with skiing and snowboarding. Bowling, fishing, tennis, and pickleball aficionados can all enjoy activities.

Wellness & Social Interaction Support Good Health

On a daily basis, Rome’s senior centers offer health and wellness, educational, and nutritional programs in addition to social opportunities. Outreach programs address the needs of the home-bound elderly. In addition to its wellness and social adult day care programming, Copper City Community Connection (an extension of the Ava Dorfman Center) has a full calendar for community members: meals and events, activities, concerts, speakers, trips and outings to support its philosophy: “Life is better with friends.” Since 1987, the South Rome Senior Center has been offering recreation and educational programs, movies, meals, card and Bingo fun for its members to promote friendship, fellowship and social interaction. Both centers maintain active Facebook pages.

In addition to organizing its own recreational programs for children and their families, the Rome Family Y is a good community partner, offering the facility for activities including Red Cross blood drives, Oneida County voting, and works with the Rome School District, City of Rome, Rome Chamber, plus Kids Oneida, House of Good Shepherd, UCP, ARC and DSO. Plans are underway to relocate and construct a new facility in Rome to better serve the community through the next century, putting “Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.”
When someone considers starting a business, many factors come into play, such as central location, proximity to market, space available at competitive prices, plentiful and quality water supply, higher education offerings, access to health care, usable land space, average commute time, cost of housing and recreation for all four seasons.

While the City of Rome and the Rome Chamber of Commerce appreciate that economic development within the region benefits all communities, they continue to be staunch advocates for the Rome community first and foremost, working with employers and potential new business residents to be sure they are aware of Rome’s assets. “We have a modern, progressive school system, quality health care, a diversified retail base, a great parks and recreation system, including waterfront opportunities at Lake Delta and the canal,” said Mayor Izzo.

Rome benefits from a close working relationship with Mohawk Valley EDGE (Economic Development Growth Enterprises) Corporation, which provides a coordinated economic development program to assist in making many connections for all involved, including helping cities find grant funding and programs to create an inviting community. EDGE also makes connections that enable businesses to locate, grow and prosper in Oneida County, in the center of New York State. EDGE is aligned with the six-county Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council region.

MVEDGE’s mission is to strengthen and grow the Mohawk Valley Economy. To that end, EDGE: ATTRACTS through business attraction, global marketing, and strategic site development; ASSISTS with business outreach, capital projects, and loans and project financing; ACTS through making connections for grants and grant administration, brownfield remediation, and real estate management; ALIGNs the necessary public advocacy, community outreach, and work with the Mohawk Valley REDC.

EDGE relies on 13 staff members specializing in project development, planning and economic development, is funded by 60 % private investment with $2.2 million annual budget. Fifty-one Board Members, representing all sectors of the economy, guide activity toward the overall mission.

EDGE provides support services to Oneida County, City of Rome, Rome Industrial Development Corporation (RIDC), Griffiss Local Development Corporation (GLDC), Griffiss Park Landowners Association (GPLA), Oneida County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA), and the Utica Industrial Development Corporation (UIDC).

WHY ROME? IT’S IN THE MOHAWK VALLEY!

The Mohawk Valley is within 500 miles of 13 of the top 50 U.S. markets, and is within a one-day drive from nearly half the population, personal income, business and sales in the United States and Canada. The City of Rome is moving forward on an aggressive plan to remediate aging facilities and real estate, create new shovel-ready sites, and improve infrastructure, appearance, incentives and amenities for businesses (and their employees) considering a move to Central New York.

The City of Rome and other locations in the Mohawk Valley have diverse selections of sites and facilities for business expansion in the region. With sites and facilities in downtown, suburban, business park and rural settings, and low costs to develop land, construct buildings and buy existing structures, Rome is determined to be a competitive consideration. RIDC is a private sector, non-profit economic development corporation established in 1959. Governed by a board of directors consisting of community-minded local business people, and staffed by business-friendly professionals.

RIDC’s mission is “to maintain and improve the economic vitality and quality of life of the City of
Rome and its environs by supporting, nurturing and encouraging its commercial, industrial and financial development”.

EDGE and RIDC can help businesses with research, planning, financing, capital improvements, site selection and technical support. The City of Rome welcomes the opportunity to work with EDGE, when appropriate, to showcase its assets to prospective businesses. These locally concentrated industry groups have historically proven to fuel one another’s growth and success in the Mohawk Valley. Such business networks lead to competitive advantages for existing companies and start-ups alike. EDGE has made a concentrated effort to seek out these clusters and provide an environment to foster their growth.

The Mohawk Valley has current strengths and growth potential in several industry clusters, particularly:

**ADVANCED MANUFACTURING**
With its central location, the Mohawk Valley is a natural hub for manufacturing and it has had a home in the region for over two centuries.

**AGRIBUSINESS/CRAFT FOOD & BEVERAGE**
Proximity to major markets and low development costs, make the Mohawk Valley competitive for food processing.

**AVIATION/UAS**
One of seven FAA-designated unmanned aerial test sites in the U.S, we are leading research and development in this innovative industry.

**IT/CYBER**
Led by the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate in Rome, at a total annual economic impact of $412,268,595 in a five-county area, the Mohawk Valley has developed a significant niche in the technology industry over the last half century.

**FINANCE/INSURANCE**
The Mohawk Valley has become a center of major back office operations including insurance claims, check processing and call centers.

**NANOTECHNOLOGY**
Over the last decade, New York has made a statewide commitment to nanotechnology, investing hundreds of millions of dollars to develop shovel-ready sites and state-of-the-art facilities.

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www.MVEDGE.org
www.RomeIndustrial.com
www.RomeChamber.com
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Economic development remains a top priority for the City of Rome, with continued improvements made possible City-wide through aggressive pursuit of grants and private investment. Here is an overview from Mayor Izzo’s 2019 State of the City report:

* The $10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) is the cornerstone, to transform the downtown area into a vibrant, mixed-use residential/business centerpiece with an emphasis on the arts and culture.

* Demolition of the Liberty/George Street parking garage clears the way for site redevelopment with interim public parking surface with lighting and landscaping; end-use with a multiple story apartment building.

* Capitol Arts Complex has embarked on a $4 million project for additional multipurpose performance space, restoration of the grand 1928 theater and marquee, and a growing emphasis on the performing arts in the downtown superblock, supplemented with $2.5 million in DRI funding.

* Downtown Rome’s REACH Center, through partnership with the Rust to Green Urban Studio (a program affiliated with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County) and 4 Elements Studio, will become the first regional Utica-Rome Creative Arts Incubator HUB, with an additional 8,000-10,000 square feet of maker space.

* To attract those engaged in arts and culture to live in the growing downtown corridor, the new $16 million Copper City Lofts will provide 68 units of loft-style apartments for traditional- and new-media artists, performers and designers, bringing new creative energy to Rome’s community and economy.

* Designs are almost complete for renovations to City Hall and the adjacent greenspace, for a community facility of approximately 3000 square feet with public restrooms, allowing for climate-controlled indoor space to support quality of life activities focused in the downtown corridor.

* The downtown superblock area continues to grow: urgent care, dental offices, coffee shop, arts supply, and a company specializing in cybersecurity collaboration. Other planned improvements within the DRI catchment area include: a new CENTRO bus transfer station, modern, climate-controlled with ample seating; new signage, intersection safety upgrades and strengthened pedestrian connections; design enhancements to Veterans and Gansevoort Parks, within the Bellamy Gansevoort Historic District; renovations for Rome Abraham House, a 6-bed facility, providing home-like environment for end of life care.

* Priority improvements continue in the east quadrant of the city: cleaning up Woodhaven housing blight and restoring the neighborhood; construction of the B240 building, providing new housing in an urban setting within walking distance of Griffiss Park;

* Partnership, planning and grant funding efforts are paving the way for a new YMCA facility close to B240 and Woodhaven sites.

* In East Rome, new businesses are upgrading old facilities; remediation and blight control continue in the City’s entry corridor to market properties to potential new business interests. Street reconstructions, new streetscapes with pedestrian crossings, bike pavement marking, landscaping and sidewalk improvements continue as funding allows.

* A $14.5M renovation, complete interior and exterior, of the 74-unit Colonial Apartment complex is currently underway. In addition to restoring the exterior façade, residents will also have brand new apartments.

* In South Rome, a $25 million project will provide new housing options with 66 midmarket range apartments and 14 townhouse style units. DeWitt Clinton Apartments are targeted for Spring 2020 occupancy. The “Waterfront Village” scenic overlook trail enhancement project will begin the
process of extending improvements to the west along the canal. In close proximity to the DeWitt Clinton Apartments, this area will offer a great spot for walkers or bikers to take advantage of the historic canal.

* A new retail convenience store and new jobs at Byrne Dairy, on Rome’s southeast entry corridor; remediation, demolition and environmental cleanup in anticipation of marketing the former Rome Turney Radiator factory.

* West Rome: Superfund remediation and demolition projects continue, eradicating contaminants, making way for new business/manufacturing space and new industrial park, relocation of a growing businesses, and continuation of beautification efforts of the downtown. The extensive in-city portion of the Canalway Trail will benefit from signage and accessibility improvements at crosswalks. Complete streetscape reconstruction with a public art component will connect West Rome to downtown. Improvements will include green infrastructure drainage, dedicated bike lanes, enhanced pedestrian crossings and landscaping.

* North Rome: a new Hannaford’s grocery store, the chain’s largest at 49,000 sq ft, is coming to Rome. This will facilitate better pedestrian connections, streetscape and intersection improvements as funding becomes available. The Delta Luxury Apartments will begin their final phase build out with an additional 16 market rate units to bring a total of 64 luxury apartments to north Rome on Merrick Road.

* Activity at Griffiss Park continues to flourish: expansions at AIS and NYSTEC; awards for Sovena USA olive oil company; renovations at the Oneida County Airport at Griffiss Park; Operations Center for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) at the Griffiss Test Site; an Innovation Campus to support AFRL; expansion of the Mohawk River Trail.

* Municipally-owned infrastructure improvements are ongoing: Rome’s City Hall; Liberty/James Street Parking Garage; Rome’s Wastewater Treatment Plant; Water Filtration Plant; DPW garage; train station; bridges; streets maintenance; city parks and Kennedy Arena; police and fire departments; blight control, parking, green spaces; city sidewalks; recreation programming year-round involving all city parks and facilities.

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“ Above all else, Rome is a city that motivates its people to aspire for more, and is welcoming, challenging, and rewarding for anyone that has an idea or a dream and a plan to act on it. I have lived in different cities around the world and I believe Rome to be a sandbox for anyone that wants to work at making it a better place. Since my return to Rome in 2014 I have seen many encouraging strides the people of our city have made bringing the quality of life to a greater standard. As a young professional in the arts, the progress and passion I have witnessed encourages the hope that Rome can be a city people flock to for careers, for residence and, even as visitors, for fun-filled weekend getaways. Rome has given me career and civic engagement opportunities I likely wouldn’t have in a bigger city. It is my belief that in light of this progress, more young people will decide to stay and help push Rome to greater tomorrows.”

Jonathon Matwijec-Walda, Cinema Manager at the Capitol Arts Complex and Board of Education, Rome City School District

TRADITIONAL, SUSTAINING, EXPANDING

Worthington Industries is a global, diversified, metals manufacturing company. For over 60 years, Worthington has been North America’s premier, value-added steel processor, providing customers with wide ranging capabilities, products and services for a variety of markets including automotive, construction and agriculture. No matter the product or service, Worthington puts people first. Worthington continues to lead the diversified metal manufacturing industry with a focus on the Golden Rule, valued employees, stability and innovation.

Bartell Machinery Systems is a global leader in providing highly-engineered industrial manufacturing equipment for the Tire & Rubber, Oil & Gas, and Wire & Cable industries. Bartell has delivered innovative solutions to leading manufacturers since 1940, with over 8,500 machines installed worldwide. Headquartered in Rome, with generations of industry knowledge and engineering experience coupled with world-class sales and technical service network. Bartell continues to deliver state-of-the-art technologies capable of meeting the most advanced production needs.

Varflex Corporation celebrates its 95th anniversary in 2019 as a major employer in Rome. Since 1924, Varflex has been a manufacturer of braided textile products that include electrical insulating sleevings (braided fiberglass). They also manufacture expandable multifilament sleevings, twisted, plied and wound yarns and braider packages. These products are used in various commercial and industrial applications and are shipped both domestically and internationally. More info: www.varflex.com/

Baum’s Castorine Company, manufacturers of industrial lubricants, was founded by the Baum family in 1879. The Mowry family purchased it from the Baums in 1903. It is still Rome’s longest-lived industry in terms of an unchanged name and family management.

Revere Copper Products, one of the oldest manufacturing companies in the United States, traces its origins to Paul Revere, who in 1801 was the first to roll copper in the New World. Revere now offers copper and copper-based alloy mill products meeting the highest quality standards for roofing, interior applications, electrical and electronic equipment, industrial machinery, air conditioning and refrigeration, telecommunications and consumer products. Revere is an industry leader in safety, quality, and technical customer support.

American Alloy Steel is one of America’s and the world’s leading Steel Plate Distributors and Steel Plate Service Centers, supplying worldwide a wide variety of quality alloy steel plate and carbon steel plate, precision flame cut steel plate shapes and patterns, steel round bar and steel flat bar to customers for use in steel fabrication and manufacturing in the petrochemical refining, process plant, power generation, pressure vessel fabrication, heat exchanger manufacturing, mining equipment fabrication, marine offshore construction, naval and military steel fabrication and machined metal parts industries. It’s new $6 million facility doubled the firm’s presence in Rome.

Formed in 1999, Cold Point Corporation manufactures replacement and niche market air conditioning and heat pump units, serving all of North America, and is recognized industry-wide as the premier supplier of OEM style replacement units. Cold Point will expand to new, state of the art advanced manufacturing 50,000 sq. ft. facility, adding employees, as part of Rome’s $10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Owl Wire & Cable is the premier manufacturer of bare and plated copper wire in North America. With over 400,000 square feet of manufacturing facilities producing up to 5 million pounds of wire each week, Owl Wire & Cable is one of the largest copper wire producers in the country.

Fiber Instrument Sales, Inc. manufactures optic cables and connectivity equipment.

Runnings joins Family Dollar and Walmart as national chain distribution centers that have realized the logistical value of locating here, where easy access to state highways provides an excellent transportation network for distribution throughout the Northeast.

GAMING & HOSPITALITY

The largest employer in Oneida and Madison counties, Oneida Nation Enterprises provides more than 4,500 jobs – launching careers for
employees in food and beverage, hospitality and gaming, information technology and finance, as well as providing a platform for employees to climb the ranks with its high-level supervisory, management and executive positions. Job seekers can also find roles in government support and administration and health service for the Oneida Nation. A premier four-season destination resort owned by the Oneida Indian Nation, Turning Stone Resort Casino features world-class amenities including four hotels, two luxurious spas, five golf courses, more than 20 dining options, a 125,000 sq. ft. Las Vegas-style gaming floor (including sports betting, Summer 2019), a cabaret style Showroom, a 5,000 seat arena, and several nightlife venues. Celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2018, Turning Stone Resort Casino’s recent $20 million dollar investment in modernized features includes a new gaming floor with smoke-free and smoker-friendly facilities, improved air

quality including a state-of-the-art air filtration system, an all-new Food Hall, and redesigned and upgraded guest rooms in the AAA Four Diamond rated Tower hotel. Turning Stone has earned high industry recognition from Condé Nast Johansen

and Golf Digest; the prestigious Forbes Four Star Award for The Lodge, Wildflowers restaurant and Ska:ná: spa; Forbes Recommended Ratings for TS Steakhouse; and, for 12 consecutive years, the AAA Four Diamond Award for The Lodge, The Tower Hotel, and Wildflowers restaurant.

Vernon Downs is a gaming, entertainment, and hospitality property ten minutes away from downtown Rome. Harness racing and video gaming complement the on-site hotel with 170 suites, restaurants, bar and lounge entertainment, concerts and year-round events for all ages. Vernon Downs now features 767 gaming machines, including in-house progressives and Video Poker. Vernon Downs Casino also includes Self Bet Terminals for thoroughbred and harness racing fans, as well as the latest in Lottery Scratch Off machines. Vernon Downs Casino is a New York State Lottery Customer Service Center.

Vernon Downs is also a venue for conferences, meetings and weddings. A recent $7.2 million expansion included a spa and parking garage.

BUSINESS IS BREWING!
The growing abundance of farm breweries, wineries and distilleries in New York State supports the state’s strong economy. To support continued growth, and to keep growth strong, New York State offers incentives and assistance for the industry.

Copper City Brewing is Rome’s own successful independent brewer, joining other brewers, vintners and distillers in Oneida County.

HISTORY AS BUSINESS
A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that more than 90,000 visitors to Fort Stanwix National Monument in 2018 spent more than $5 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 66 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of $6.1 million. For more information: www.nps.gov/fost.
Griffiss Business and Technology Park

Located in Rome, Griffiss Park is a thriving center for academia, research and development, industry and the community with over 77 companies and 5,800 jobs. This former Air Force installation now generates over $3.3 million in tax revenue annually and has over 6 miles of paved pedestrian trails and an International Sculpture Garden containing 23 outdoor sculptures. Griffiss is the epicenter of development for cyber research, security and information technologies.

WHY GRIFFISS BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK?

IT’S IN ROME (and a world-class Business Park)!

Griffiss Business and Technology Park is a vibrant center for private and public enterprise in Rome, New York. Scores of tenants employing thousands of people make Griffiss one of the most successful business and technology parks in the United States. Covering 3,500 acres, Griffiss has development districts with specific focuses in technology, manufacturing, aviation, office, education and recreation. Griffiss has efficient highway, air, and rail access to important U.S. and international trade centers.

Griffiss Business & Technology Park is located in the City of Rome in the heart of New York State. The four-lane Griffiss Parkway provides a direct north-south connection to major regional highways and downtown Rome. Griffiss is within 15 minutes of three New York State Thruway interchanges (Interstate 90). Griffiss Park is within 500 miles of 17 of the top 50 U.S. markets and a day’s truck run from half of the population, personal income, business and sales in the U.S. and Canada. All of this, surrounded by the natural beauty and desirable lifestyle of the Mohawk Valley.

The Griffiss International Airport with its 2.23-mile long runway has all the advantages of big city airports, without the heavy traffic and high costs of major metro areas. Griffiss International Airport offers significantly fewer surface and air delays, and faster turn-around times. Air traffic is a breeze and ground traffic is minimal. There is no bidding for landing slots, and no wasted fuel waiting to land or take off. It’s a cost efficient, easily accessible alternative to the Boston/NYC/Washington D.C. corridor.

Griffiss Park is the location of choice for organizations that are recognized globally, and have global impact through innovative research, products and services.

Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Information Directorate, an internationally recognized R&D center specializing in information technology, with an economic impact of more than $412 million in a 5-county area. AFRL offers technical assistance and unique laboratory facilities, plus cooperative R&D agreements, educational partnerships and more. AFRL is the Air Force’s center of expertise for research and development of command, control, communications, computers, intelligence and related information technologies. Many Griffiss Park tenants benefit from AFRL’s close proximity.

Griffiss Institute for Information Assurance, a center of excellence in New York State’s technology corridor. The Griffiss Institute establishes the Mohawk Valley as a national center of research and economic development in the field of information security. It sets a new standard for partnerships between academia, government and the private sector. The Raymond P. Urtz Center houses the Griffiss Institute (GI) which specializes in technology transfer and has high-speed computing capability, and through the Cyber Research Institute, the opportunity to solve some of the toughest cyber challenges. The GI also hosts STEM focused camps, classes, workshops and competitions for students at all age levels. Visit www.griffissinstitute.org for more information.

The Eastern Air Defense Sector (EADS) is part of the North American Aerospace Defense Command
(NORAD), responsible for the air defense of the eastern United States. Staffed primarily by the New York Air National Guard’s 224th Air Defense Group, the unit has approximately 350 full- and part-time personnel, including a small Royal Canadian Air Force detachment and about 40 federal civilian employees. Most EADS personnel live in the Rome area and nearby communities. Most EADS personnel live in the city of Rome or in nearby communities. A local economic cornerstone, EADS’ annual impact on Rome’s economy exceeds $40 million.

The Griffiss International Airport, a general aviation airport located within the Park, is also home to MVCC’s Aviation Training Center. Mercy Flight, a Canandaigua NY-based critical-care air medical service, established a permanent local base at Griffiss International Airport (GIA) in May 2016. Overall, the not-for-profit Mercy Flight Central performs more than 400 rescue operations annually, and is fully staffed and equipped to save lives. The rescue helicopter at GIA will be ready when needed, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with a pilot, medic and nurse at the airport. In addition to Oneida County, Mercy Flight’s cover-age area includes Herkimer, Lewis, Madison and Hamilton Counties.

Birnie (a Krapf School Bus Company) is the 12th largest bus company in the US, founded in 1947, employs over 1,450 people with a fleet of over 1,200 school buses, transports over two million passengers and covers more than 700 million miles annually. With 17 locations throughout New York State and one location in Jacksonville, Florida, the Corporate Headquarters still flourishes in Rome, NY where all 33 motor coaches are stationed and over 250 school buses are maintained. Birnie Bus Service, Inc. also provides services for tour groups, corporate travel, public transportation and handicapped services throughout New York.

Kris-Tech Wire, founded in Rome, New York in 1984, manufactures and tests wire to serve these industries: building, industrial commercial construction, petroleum, cable television, telephone, gas utilities, and explosives. One of the leading wire manufacturing companies in North America, Kris-Tech’s West Coast office is in Norwalk, California. Kris-Tech Wire has completed construction of a new facility at Griffiss Business Park to expand their manufacturing ability, and has plans for additional expansions.

MGS Manufacturing Inc. is an international supplier of automation and technology solutions for product handling and twisting systems for wire and cable products, markets and industries including: LAN, coaxial, housing, automotive, aircraft, communications, medical, electronic, power, utility, oil. Machinery includes payoffs, takeups, capstans, accumulators, twisters, automatic packaging and robotic handling.

Sovena USA is the country’s largest importer of olive oil, supplying more than 50% of all private label olive oil in the U.S. retail marketplace. Sovena recently
received the gold medal in the Light Green Fruity category in the Mario Solinas Quality Award competition, organized by the International Olive Council. This competition is considered the most prestigious olive oil contest in the world, according to the company.

Defense Finance Accounting Service (DFAS)-Rome, activated in April 1995, provides finance and services during times of peace and conflict by providing vendor pay, accounting data processing and reports production and system support to U.S. Army activities throughout the United States and Europe. UTC Aerospace Systems, one of the world’s largest suppliers of technologically advanced aerospace and defense products, provides innovative aerospace technologies and integrated systems that advance the performance, safety and efficiency of commercial aviation, global defense and space exploration.

Collins Aerospace, a United Technologies Company provides integrated solutions for commercial, regional, business and military aircraft, helicopters and other plat-forms. Collins Aerospace is also also a major supplier to international space programs.

Rome has historically been a hub of manufacturing and has grown to be the epicenter for cyber-related R&D technology as well as information technology. Firms such as PAR Technology, BAE Systems, Booz Allen Hamilton, New York State Technology Enterprises Corporation (NYSTEC), Research Associates of Syracuse, Peraton, CACI Technologies, Alion Science and Technology, and MA Polce Consulting are growing forces in the industry. This past year ground was broken on a new $9.2 million 31,410-square-foot technology building, located at the southwest corner of Hangar Road and Otis Street, adjacent to the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL). This new building is developed by 99 Otis Street, LLC, a joint venture between NYSTEC and the Griffiss Local Development Corporation who teamed together to finance, develop, and own the new technology building. NYSTEC’s corporate headquarters will occupy the second floor, while the first floor is programmed as unfinished spec space to support future technology growth.

Founded in 2001 and headquartered in Rome, New York, Assured Information Security (AIS) provides government and commercial entities with industry-leading capabilities in support of complex and ever-changing cyber security threats. AIS is committed to the advancement and application of cyber and information security through state-of-the-art technologies, research, development, testing and operational support. Continuing in its pattern of growth, AIS has surpassed the 300-employee mark and has expanded to nine office locations across the United States. AIS has also expanded in Rome, opening an office across the street in the Community Bank/Spressos building, which is now home to more than 50 employees.

Booz Allen Hamilton, located at Griffiss Business Park, supports the Air Force with a strong emphasis on cyber technologies, testing and evaluation, system and software engineering, and AI/machine learning and cloud solutions. Their growth during recent years has been tremendous causing them to expand operations in the Rome area. Booz Allen plans to lease 14,000 square feet of the new NYSTEC facility, currently under construction.

NYSTEC is a nonprofit independent technology consulting company, advising agencies, organizations, institutions, and businesses since 1996. They are headquartered in Rome, with offices in Albany and New York City and have a total workforce of over 300. Last year, NYSTEC announced plans to invest in a new high-tech building on the Griffiss Park that would be a showcase for innovation and collaboration, serve as the company’s headquarters and also include space for community use.

The Northeast UAS Airspace Integration Research Alliance (NUAIR) is a regional alliance of private industry, academic institutions and military assets.
and operations working together on the established Federal Aviation Administration-designated Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) test site. In December 2013, Griffiss International Airport was named one of seven federally-designated UAS sites for testing and research to begin to safely integrate unmanned vehicles and systems into the National Airspace System. To date the Griffiss UAS Test Site has attracted many private clients, along with federal partners like the FBI, NASA and the FAA. The site has had over 50 companies conduct UAS test flights utilizing NUAIR. In conjunction with MVCC they have launched a new degree program starting this past fall to afford students the opportunity to obtain a degree in UAS technology. Griffiss was the first out of the seven test sites to fly a large-scale fixed wing aircraft. This distinction is expected to draw the unmanned aerial systems industry to the region for manufacturing, R&D, and testing opportunities.

Microdrones, focused on providing drone-based solutions for surveying and mapping, precision agriculture, and infrastructure inspection and planning, recently announced plans to establish a location at Griffiss Park. Visit www.nuairalliance.org for more information on NUAIR.

The growing “cyber” technology niche in the Mohawk Valley has resulted in the formation of the Central NY Defense Alliance (CNYDA), a non-profit organization of area companies established to promote and market the collective research capabilities of the Information Directorate contractor community. CNYDA is likewise located at the Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

Griffiss International Sculpture Garden & Nature Trail is an inviting strolling or exercise path that meanders through a Sculpture Park consisting of the work of 23 international sculptors. Recently debuted is the Art at Griffiss mobile app, where users can interact with the diverse amenities on the trail including the sculptures, habitats, and wildlife. It is a free app and can be downloaded on your mobile device. The Sculpture Garden added four new pieces of art. Three new pieces of sculpture were acquired to anchor the new roundabouts on NYS 825, “The Wings of Change,” “Nature’s Wrath,” (both by Trumansburg artist James Seaman) and “Peripheral Center” by Brooklyn artist Osman Akan. Akan had previously created the “Nano” sculpture for Marcy Nanocenter. An additional piece “Chickasaw” by Isacc Witkin, was also added. This piece was created in 1973 and is the second Witkin located in the Sculpture Garden.

The Griffiss Nature Trail was successfully extended to the Mohawk River Trail at Chestnut Street. A Zagster bike share station was added to the Griffiss Nature Trail along Ellsworth Road. The station has six new bikes, one of which is a tandem trike for differently-abled riders.

The nearly $9 million New York State Route 825 has been completed by the NYS Department of Transportation and vehicles are moving swiftly through the two new completed round-abouts. The former Griffiss Communications Building (“Building 302”), was transferred to GLDC and plans are to demolish this building as part of the build-out of this portion of Griffiss for technology-related development.

Visit www.G riffissBusinessPark.com to learn more about all that is happening Griffiss Business and Technology Park.

CNY Drones, a volunteer-run, community based organization promoting drone-focused STEM, conducted popular demonstrations throughout the Rome Chamber’s Spring Home EXPO. Their centerpiece annual Team Drone Challenge, introductory programs, interactive exhibits, tech meets and races encourage further exploration of the regional drone education & employment pipeline. Core volunteers are located in the Utica/Rome & Syracuse area of New York State. For more information, visit www.cnydrones.org

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 2019 at the Griffiss International Sculpture Garden. The memorial has a permanent plaque in honor of the 12 Romans who were killed in Vietnam. Griffiss Local Development Corporation donated the site, next to “Alley Oop”, a recently-rediscovered relic of World War II: the statue had been a mascot for Griffiss Air Force Base and is one of many sculptures along Griffiss Park’s walking trail.
It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on the Rome Chamber Board of Directors and to Chair the Membership Committee. Welcoming new businesses and recognizing the existing ones in the community is very rewarding for me and for the new business proprietor. The committee presents the 1st dollar of profit award to new businesses during grand openings and ribbon cutting ceremonies that are scheduled and coordinated by the Chamber office. Businesses that expand are also recognized for their reinvestment in the community. When a business joins the Chamber, you can network with other member businesses, which develop partnerships and the support of other businesses. As an example, the Business After Hour receptions offer excellent opportunities to promote your business in a casual and informative setting. This is an excellent way to highlight your business. The goals of the Chamber are very straightforward - support the businesses in our area, increase membership and expand awareness to the community by being a Chamber member which has so much to offer.

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