



School supply collection ends August 23

Rotary Club of Utica is holding a school supply collection from August 1-23, 2021 to benefit the children residing in Utica Municipal Housing.

Supplies can be brought to this week's service meeting at the Utica Zoo on Thursday or dropped off at Turnbull Insurance, 600 French Road, New Hartford.

Bulk school supplies at fantastic prices can be ordered from Max's Print Shop at maxsbulksupplies.com. When ordering from Max's Print Shop, use Utica Rotary and its address (PO Box 8586, Utica, NY 13505) for Shipping Information and choose Free Pickup as Shipping Method. This will indicate to Max's Print Shop that the supplies are for our club's collection. With this method you do not have to pick up the supplies or drop them off anywhere. Max's Print Shop hold onto the supplies ordered and Michelle Brandstadt will pick up all orders at the end of the collection period.



This Week's Program

This week's meeting is a service project at the Utica Zoo on Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Come dressed to work and maybe get dirty. Family and friends are welcome! Please use the following Google form link to let us know if you'll be attending. Your response helps us plan the meeting as well as provides contact information in case of changes or cancellation.

Utica Zoo Project RSVP

(Please note that you do not have to have a GMAIL account to use the form.)

THURSDAY | August 13 | 5-7 p.m.
Utica Zoo
1 Utica Zoo Way | Utica, NY 13501

Tees for Trees Charity Golf Tournament nets \$2,000 for Urban Tree Project

Check out P Stephen, PP Dave Jones, and Jerry Kraus on the club Facebook page as they give an update on the August 8 golf tournament and the Urban Tree Project. You don't need a Facebook page to watch this video and more. Watch their message here:

[Rotary Club of Utica Facebook](#)

Calendar of Events

- 8/19 Service Meeting | 5 p.m. | Utica Zoo
- 8/26 Utica College Pioneer Pitch-in Day w/Utica Rotary | 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. F.T. Proctor Park
- 8/26 Social Meeting | Syracuse Mets Game
- 9/3 No Meeting

Deadline for next newsletter (8/24) is Monday, August 23, at noon; submit to news@uticarotaryclub.org

Nominations now being accepted for 2021 Pride of Workmanship Awards—deadline is September 17

Rotary Club of Utica is soliciting nominations from the community for this year’s Pride of Workmanship Awards Program. The awards recognize outstanding contributions by employees in all businesses, industries and organizations.

Since 1990, the Utica Rotary has recognized outstanding individuals and will do so again at the Pride of Workmanship Awards Program on Friday, October 15, 2021, at 12 p.m. at the Delta Hotel by Marriott, Utica, NY.

Pride of Workmanship recipients exemplify an outstanding commitment to their job—their performance makes a positive difference to their employer. Award recipients will demonstrate:

- Outstanding competence and consistency of effort
- Commitment to employer
- Commitment to co-workers (team players)
- Professionalism and creativity
- Enthusiasm and initiative
- Willingness to go above and beyond the job description
- An understanding of the award’s motto: “Do it once, do it well. Build a Better America.”

A nomination form can be downloaded from Rotary Club of Utica’s website at [Pride of Workmanship](#). For more information, email Roxanne Mutchler at rmutchler@live.com with Pride of Workmanship in the subject line.

Members are invited to join the Pride of Workmanship committee (contact Roxanne Mutchler) as well as any of the committees noted in Rotary Club of Utica Committees. Reach out to the committee chair or P Stephen Turnbull for more information.

Volunteers needed for Rotary Club of Utica and Utica College’s Pioneer Pitch-in Day on August 26

Utica College’s Pioneer Pitch-in Day is an opportunity for first-year students at Utica College to be engaged in the community and create positive change for their nonprofit partners, while learning more about themselves, their peers, and the world around them.

A group of students will be assisting Rotary Club of Utica with its continuing effort to help restore F. T. Proctor Park. We will be cleaning up the bed area around the beautiful main gate on the corner of Culver Avenue and Rutger Street on Thursday, August 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. We realize this is a workday for many, but if you can join us even for an hour or two it would be great to have you join us to share with the students who Rotary is and our commitment to “Service Above Self.”

Please let Deb Burke (dburke@roadrunner.com) know if you can help with Pioneer Pitch-in Day.

Rotary Club of Utica Committees

Looking to get involved? Rotary Club of Utica has several active committees. Contact a committee chair to join a committee or contact [President Stephen](#) if interested in chairing a committee.

Youth Exchange	NEED CHAIR
Rotaract	Elizabeth Nassar
RYLA	Jim Day
Interact	Jim Day
Urban Concerns	NEED CHAIR
Communication	Michelle Brandstadt
Meeting Service Team	NEED CHAIR
Membership	Israel Acosta
Outstanding Educator Awards	Bart Gorman
Quiet Givers Award	Roger Breslow
Pride of Workmanship	Roxanne Mutchler
Veteran’s Outreach	Mary Ann Hallak-Serwatka
Special Needs Party	NEED CHAIR
RI Foundation	NEED CHAIR

NY Energy Zone is a visit all ages will enjoy

Last Friday's program meeting, held August 13 at the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) John S. Dyson NY Energy Zone, was attended by approximately 25 club members and guests. The meeting started out in the center's STEM room with an introduction by PP Joe Caruso, NYPA manager of community affairs, and Mario Roefaro, NYPA's director of community affairs. Mr. Roefaro briefly discussed how the visitor's center came to be and its purpose in the community. Afterwards, PP Joe gave the group a tour of the interactive exhibits, games, and videos.

No one will be disappointed visiting the center. It's an educational experience wrapped up in neon lights and fun, and it's free! Also be sure to check out the spectacular view of the city and beyond from the parking lot. You can learn more at its website: [NY Energy Zone](https://www.nyenergyzone.com).

