



Rochester labor unions held Labor Day parades from 1884 through 1922. The theme of the revived Parade, stressed on its 1987 poster, was the role of union labor in making the community function. That role continues today, as shown by the diversity of occupations represented in the 2018 Parade.

- ASBESTOS WORKERS
- AUTO WORKERS
- BRICKLAYERS
- BROADCAST EMPLOYEES & TECHNICIANS
- BUS DRIVERS
- CLOTHING WORKERS
- COLLEGE FACULTY
- COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS
- ELECTRICAL WORKERS
- ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS
- FARMWORKERS
- FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES
- FIREFIGHTERS
- FOOD & RETAIL WORKERS
- LABORERS
- LETTER CARRIERS

- LOCAL GOVERNMENT WORKERS
- MAILHANDLERS
- MANUFACTURING WORKERS
- MONROE COUNTY SHERIFFS
- NEW YORK STATE EMPLOYEES
- NON-TEACHING SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES
- PAINTERS
- PLUMBERS
- POLICE OFFICERS
- POSTAL WORKERS
- PRINTERS
- SHEETMETAL WORKERS
- SOCIAL WORKERS
- TEACHERS & OTHER SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS
- TEAMSTERS

ROCHESTER'S LABOR COUNCIL

WHO WE ARE

We are the organized workers of the Rochester community. We strive to achieve social and economic justice for all workers. For over a century America's labor movement has benefited working people through better pay and benefits, improved health and safety standards, dignity at the workplace and in retirement.

WHAT WE DO

We fight to secure the rights enshrined in our Declaration of Independence — the rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. We helped establish OSHA and enact safety standards that allow workers to return home safely each day, thus securing *Life*. Our members choose their own representatives in democratically run elections, thus strengthening the American tradition of *Liberty*. Our unions fought for and won the standard eight hour day, forty hour week, paid vacation and holiday time off, thus enabling workers to pursue *Happiness*.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

We know that labor rights, women's rights, civil rights and human rights are all part of the same struggle, so we join in those fights to gain justice. We stand with the working poor and fight to help every worker realize the American dream. The backbone of individual charitable giving, our members sustain our community. In short, labor has built the middle class and our economy that is still the envy of the world. That is why we are proudly celebrating labor in 2018.

We welcome the Rochester community to join us at our Labor Day Parade downtown, Monday, September 3, starting 11 AM at East Avenue and North Union Street; and we invite you to our Labor Film Series, opening Friday evening, September 7 at George Eastman Museum.

Dan Maloney, President
Rochester Labor Council, AFL-CIO

A COMMUNITY OF WORKERS

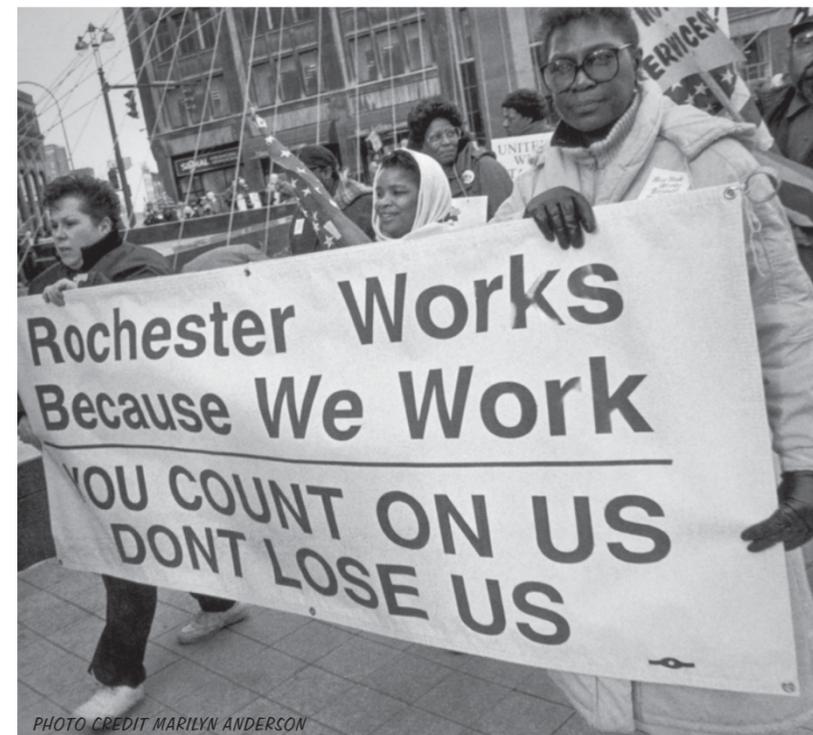


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Rochester has always been a community that works, relying on the skills of its workers: builders of the aqueduct that carried the Erie Canal over the Genesee River; barge builders; millers of grain, barrel makers and shippers of flour; horticultural workers; makers of machinery; shoe makers and garment workers; producers of optical equipment and photographic supplies; providers of education, health, and social services.

Today, as a center of technical and quality manufacturing, medical research, educational leadership, culture and communications, Rochester remains a community that depends on the caliber and productivity of its workforce.

For most of their history Rochester workers have formed unions to represent their trades and these unions have, since 1855, joined central labor bodies which assisted workers to organize, to win and enforce contracts, to improve working conditions, and to instill solidarity. They have published newspapers, participated in electoral and legislative politics, conducted educational programs, and sustained involvement in civic issues such as health, employment, and housing.

The Rochester Labor Council continues to support local workers, union and non-union, and to enrich our community through its programs and activities.

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- SEPT. 07 ••• **THE YOUNG KARL MARX**
(Origins of the international Socialist movement)
- SEPT. 14 ••• **MACHINES**
(Exploited textile production in India)
- SEPT. 21 ••• **I, DANIEL BLAKE**
(Disabled worker responds to government neglect)
- SEPT. 28 ••• **FREE LUNCH SOCIETY**
(Universal Basic Income: panacea for joblessness or anti-welfare scam?)
- OCT. 05 ••• **ARABY**
(Life of an itinerant Brazilian worker)
- OCT. 12 ••• **IN THE INTENSE NOW**
(Social upheavals of 1968 revisited)
- OCT. 19 **AMERICAN SOCIALIST: THE LIFE & TIMES OF EUGENE VICTOR DEBS**
(Career of labor leader who ran five times for President) 
- OCT. 26 ••• **THIS IS OUR LAND**
(Impact of the nationalist, anti-immigrant politics of our time)
- NOV. 03 ••• **NORTH COUNTRY**
(Women workers win first US class action sexual harassment lawsuit)

DRYDEN THEATRE • 7:30 PM
George Eastman Museum
900 East Avenue