



## City of Rochester

---

400 Sixth Street  
Rochester, MI 48307  
P: (248) 651-9061  
F: (248) 651-2624  
[www.rochestermi.org](http://www.rochestermi.org)

### ***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**Contact:** Blaine Wing, City Manager  
**Email:** [bwing@rochestermi.org](mailto:bwing@rochestermi.org)

## **City and Rochester Community House Sign 20-Year Agreement**

Rochester, Michigan – October 8, 2021 – The City of Rochester and the Rochester Community House organization are pleased to announce that on Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:05 p.m. Mayor Stuart Bikson and Rochester Community House Board Chair, John Cadieux signed a 20-year agreement that clearly spells out both the City’s and the Community House organization’s responsibilities and solidifies several more decades of partnership. The signing of this agreement comes after the City earlier this year approved substantial renovations that will be taking place in 2022. The goal of the renovation is to improve the appearance, useability and to make the building as maintenance free as possible for the foreseeable future.

Mayor Bikson stated, “I am looking forward to seeing the renovated Community House and believe the additional space and having a modern building will be of great benefit for our community to use and enjoy for many generations to come.”

Board Chair John Cadieux commented “There are too many people to thank for their hard work and contributions they have made over the past 45+ years, but they know who they are. Just know that you are highly valued.”

More than \$1 million dollars in renovations are planned for the Community House, starting in early 2022. The building will have the entire roof and siding replaced, with the northern portion of the building being removed and replaced with a walk-out basement space and a much larger conference and gathering space above, with an improved lookout meeting room to the east. Patio, decks, an elevator, and other improvements are also planned.

Beyond the City’s renovations, the Rochester Community House non-profit is also planning extensive interior improvements and landscaping through a fundraising campaign titled “Polish the Gem”, stated Alan Smith the Executive Director of the Community House. The goal is to raise \$500,000 to update all aspects of the interior and certain landscaping projects on the north and east of the building.

City Manager Blaine Wing, who will be the lead City staff person overseeing the renovation said, “The Community House greatly enhances our beloved Municipal Park and having an improved facility will allow our residents and non-profits to have a beautiful meeting place.”

Renderings of the proposed renovations and signing of the 20-year agreement are available online at [www.rochestermi.org/rch](http://www.rochestermi.org/rch)