



Mayor Duffy to speak at Greater Rochester BOMA's May 27 meeting

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BOMA of Greater Rochester will hold its monthly meeting on May 27 at Mario's Italian Steak House on 2750 Monroe Ave. Mayor Robert Duffy will be the guest speaker.

Duffy was sworn in as the mayor on January 1, 2006. His highly-regarded management team has decades of experience in the private, public and non-profit communities. He set out on an ambitious agenda to revitalize the city by focusing on improvements to public safety, education, economic development, maintaining that all three are inextricably linked. Customer service is another focus for the Duffy administration. Every constituent contact is responded to within 48 hours, he holds monthly "City Hall on the Road" meetings and launched a 311/One Call to City Hall system to make government more accessible to citizens.

The mayor and his team are tapping the community's enthusiasm to bring the city to a turning point. Duffy's knack for fostering collaboration brought more than 10,000 volunteers together to beautify the city for "Rochester's Clean Sweep" and 30 local organizations joined his "Rochester Fair Share Coalition" to help bring the city its highest-ever state aid increase in 2006. Duffy also created the Summer of Opportunity to provide jobs for city youth by enlisting the help of local businesses, individuals and organizations.

Duffy graduated from the Aquinas Institute, Monroe Community College and RIT. After joining the Rochester Police Department in 1976, he worked nights to earn a master's degree from Syracuse University. He became deputy chief of police in 1992 and the city's chief of police in 1998.

Duffy implemented several innovative programs while serving in the city's police department. He began Crimestat, a performance management system and as chief, dropped the homicide rates in the city. He created an anti-gang initiative, collaborated with local and state police agencies to combat street violence and convened the city's first-ever drug summit to seek answers to the most significant crime and public health issues. In 2005, he stepped down as chief to campaign for mayor.

Registration and networking for the event will begin at 11:30 a.m. The lunch and program will begin at noon.

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