

# Rome

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## **This month,**

In late January the City of Rome began work to prepare for the redevelopment of the former Woodhaven and Wright Park Manor site. To kick off this exciting new project, the city and project partners MV EDGE and CT Male Associates invited the public to work together to brainstorm concepts for the future opportunities this site



holds. Two public sessions were held on Thursday, February 9th, that allowed more than 100 people the opportunity to give their personal input into the future use of the 100-acre project site.

Mayor Jacqueline M. Izzo welcomed attendants and then the sessions continued with Mohawk Valley EDGE and CT Male Associates asking for a one word description of the upcoming project. Responses included opportunity, progress, rebirth, future, hope and many other positive notions. The questions that followed addressed existing resources Rome should leverage to make this project successful, and what is missing from the city in general. The Mohawk River Trail, Mohawk Valley Community College, Griffiss Business Park, and Rome Free Academy were all identified as resources that the community has. Things that are missing include attractions that make our city a destination; new businesses, family amenities, housing, adequate transportation, and jobs.

CT Male Associates will be moving forward with the project by conducting a market demand analysis that includes all of the ideas generated from the public sessions

and they will meet with local real estate developers as a part of public outreach. Conceptual ideas for the site will lead to engineering, cultural, historic, transportation, environmental, and social impact studies. The results obtained will be used for future discussions and impact decision making.

Demolition of the existing Woodhaven structures is scheduled for spring/summer of 2017, and public input will be sought throughout the process.

Do you have comments or ideas about the future of Woodhaven?

Please let us know at [Rethink Woodhaven](#)

### Map of Project Site



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## Microdrones Wins Award for Best Manufacturer



Microdrones, a German unmanned aerial systems company whose U.S. headquarters is at Griffiss International Airport, received the E.U. Drone Award for Best Manufacturer last month. Their blog stated, "The Microdrones team was thrilled to be presented with the award for Best Manufacturer. This recognition was received with great pride, as it reflects the success we are achieving as we strive toward our company's chief goals: implementing high-quality German engineering, delivering world-class customer

service, and developing industry-leading solutions that revolutionize the way businesses do work." Microdrones beat out more than 50 companies across fourteen European Union countries.

Mike Dziok, Marketing Director for Microdrones spoke to their presence in



Rome, stating “Our partnership with MVCC, Griffiss and NUAIR provides resources, a talented labor supply, and the ability to conduct test flights, customer demos and development, literally footsteps from our office. The conditions are right for Rome to have a leadership role in this developing global industry and the years ahead will be full of hard work and the fun of seeing ideas come to fruition.”

To learn more about Microdrones and their efforts, visit: [www.microdrones.com](http://www.microdrones.com)

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## *In the Spotlight*



Team RoboMojo (left to right)- Liam Ginter-Chase, Vinny Glasso, Caden Giardino, and Caleb Giardino. Missing from the photo is Cole Brasinski.

## **Rome City School Students Supporting Science Technology Engineering Arts Math**

*RoboMojo* is a local S.T.E.A.M Club that was founded three years ago and led by Roman Lenny Giardino. The group is comprised of five students, four from 5th and 6th grade at Staley as well as one who is home schooled. Each year the students embark on a service project based on a theme chosen by the First Lego League. Last year the team worked to solve the recycling problem caused by juice pouches filling landfills. To combat



the issue, they advocated for alternative ecofriendly packaging. This year the theme was to help improve connectivity between animals and humans. After researching the topic, the team developed a website to help connect local families to animal service providers. Individuals with illnesses, difficulties, or disorders can improve their daily lifestyles with animal ally. You can learn more about these inspiring individuals and their project at: [CNY Animal Allies](#)

## Upcoming Events

March 8th 3:30 PM K-12 Rome District Art Show at RACC	March 11th 8:00 AM Rome Science Fair at Rome Free Academy	March 20th 4 PM - 6 PM BOA Public Planning Meeting at Capitol Theatre	March 25th 4:00 PM Spring Dinner Dance at Ava Dorfman Center	
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