

# ROOTED IN ROME

The City of Rome is a unique and wonderful place to live, work, play, and raise a family. Progressive schools, safe streets, a great labor force, countless outdoor recreational activities, amazing arts, entertainment events, and an abundance of historical treasures can all be found here. The quality of life in Rome is unmatched, and offers magnificent opportunities for continued growth and prosperity.



### FRANKLYN'S FIELD

**FRANKLYN'S FIELD IS ONE OF THE MOST UTILIZED PARKS IN THE CITY.** The park features two playgrounds specific to children ages 5-12 and 2-5; a clubhouse with a variety of activity tables; a regulation baseball field; four lighted tennis courts; two basketball courts; and several acres of open space. Franklyn's Field is also host to the local farmers market which runs 2pm-7pm every Wednesday June 14th-October 11th.

### GREEN & GROWING

In an effort to maintain the area's natural beauty, Rome has been dedicated to environmental stewardship and sustainability for over 10 years. **THE CITY HAS BEEN NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD AND THE TREE CITY USA DESIGNATION.** Residents of Rome contribute to sustainable living by utilizing the outdoor trails that Rome has worked so hard to protect. With the Mohawk River Trail connecting directly to downtown, residents can bike to work to reduce their commute times and carbon footprint.



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## ROOTED IN EDUCATION.

The Rome City School District has a proud history and a bright future. Rome Free Academy was one of the first public schools in upstate New York. In 2002, a new Rome Free Academy was opened on the Griffiss Business and Technology Park. This attractive, spacious, and modern facility currently enrolls about 1,600 high school students.

The District has seven neighborhood schools serving grades K-6, one middle school serving grades 7-8, and one high school serving grades 9-12. There are two Early Childhood Programs, prekindergarten and Forever Growing, which recently moved into a newly renovated space on Bell Road. Rome has recently completed a \$30 million capital

project that renovated and upgraded five elementary schools to ensure the spaces are appropriate and adequate for 21st century learners.

Rome Free Academy houses an impressive S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) **SHAPING MINDS THROUGH S.T.E.M.** program. This program provides the framework that connects the growing network of educational disciplines, businesses, and communities working together to develop life-long functional literacy among all citizens through reality-based and globally responsible programs.

Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) is a valuable secondary education option for Romans. MVCC is home to a new small unmanned aerial systems (sUAS) degree program.

The sUAS program equips students with the education and training to work and think critically in this lucrative and rapidly developing field. Additionally, MVCC was the first college in New York State to have an MIT-networked FABLab. FABLab is a small-scale workshop with industrial-grade fabrication equipment and electronic tools - a place for ideas, designs, innovations, inventions, and learning.

<https://www.mvcc.edu/academics/mvcc-institute/unmanned-aerial-systems>

## ROOTED IN BUSINESS.

Rome has several organizations dedicated to economic and business development. Rome prioritizes community and economic development, and multiple municipal and non-profit agencies provide advice and financial assistance for local and small businesses. Rome is an excellent place to nurture a small business.

## ROOTED IN RECREATION.

If you enjoy outdoor activities in breathtaking natural settings - Rome is for you! With over 60 miles of recreational trails, Rome provides many opportunities for outdoor leisure during any season - right in your back yard. Residents can hike through the beautiful, scenic landscape of the Delta Lake State Park or bike throughout the city. Those who love the outdoors can take in the waterfront while walking along the Mohawk River and Erie Canalway Trails or snowmobile along the old railroad bed.

Rome is also home to 25 parks, 12 playgrounds, five pools and one incredible arena - the J.F. Kennedy Civic Arena. The arena is one of Rome's most popular venues and hosts numerous figure skating and ice hockey events, as well as learn-to-skate programs for youths. The arena is also home to the Rome Free Academy Varsity Hockey Team, which plays its home games at the 1,200-seat facility.

## ROOTED IN HISTORY & ARTS.

Rome has an incredible mix of arts, entertainment, and culture in its historic setting.

Friends and families can dine together and shop along the North James Street Corridor or in the East Dominick Street neighborhood. Those who love outdoor adventures can boat or kayak on the Erie Canal and enjoy a variety of arts and cultural attractions, such as the Capitol Theatre or Veteran's Memorial Park.

Rome has 10 attractions listed on the National Register of Historic Places and countless local landmarks. Fort Stanwix National Monument represents a major turning point in America's defeat of the British in the 1777 battle at Saratoga during the Revolutionary War. Those who want to take a deep dive into the battle can have a guided tour at the Marinus Willett Center to experience a day in the life of a Revolutionary War hero. Other attractions that contribute to Rome's rich history are the Gansevoort-Bellamy Historic District, Jervis Public Library, the completely restored 1929 Historic Sears Service Station, and Zion Church.

## ROOTED IN SAFETY & AFFORDABILITY.

Rome is the ideal setting to lay down roots and raise a family. Rome is ranked among the top 10 most affordable mid-sized metropolitan statistical areas in the country. Both the cost of living and the cost of housing in Rome are significantly lower than the national and state averages. Rome is also considered to be among the top 15 safest and most secure mid-sized cities in the country with crime rates considerably lower than the national average.



**MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'S ROME CAMPUS** RECENTLY COMPLETED A \$30 MILLION RENOVATION PROJECT ON ITS JOHN D. PLUMLEY SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMPLEX. MVCC ALSO OPERATES THE AVIATION TRAINING CENTER AT GRIFFISS BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK AND IS A PARTNER WITH SUNY CANTON IN THE DENTAL HYGIENE TRAINING CLINIC AT THE GRIFFISS VETERANS ADMINISTRATION FACILITY.

THE ROME CAMPUS OFFERS A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES AND MANY OF MVCC'S ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS CAN BE COMPLETED IN THEIR ENTIRETY IN ROME. IN ADDITION, THE MVCC CULTURAL SERIES BRINGS FILMS, LECTURES, AND PERFORMANCES TO ROME CAMPUS AUDIENCES.

## EDUCATION FAST FACTS:

- 80% of students graduate with at least one semester of college credit. 50% of juniors and seniors are enrolled in college credit courses. Our students can graduate from Rome Free Academy with enough credits to begin their sophomore year in college!
- 91% of our graduates attend either a two-year or four-year college.
- Mohawk Valley Community College offers free tuition to the top 10% of Rome Free Academy's graduating class.
- Rome City School District's music education program received national recognition as one of 2016's Best Communities for Music Education.
- Rome is one of only three districts in the country to receive a grant to create a STEM program.
- The 2015 Rome Free Academy VEX Robotics Team was world-ranked in the top 3%.
- The City of Rome has 33 sports and 70 interscholastic teams.
- Rome's world class Air Force Research Lab integrates with the schools.
- Rome Free Academy offers Advanced Placement courses in: Biology, Calculus, Computer Science, English Literature, Physics 1, Physics 2, United States History, and World History.



*The Rome School District develops graduates with both compassionate hearts and powerful minds.*