

# VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER COMMUNITY PROFILE

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Village of Rochester,  
Racine County,  
Wisconsin

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Rochester, WI 53167  
<http://rochesterwi.gov>

## Welcome to Rochester, Wisconsin

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The Village of Rochester, found in western Racine County, Wisconsin is a community rich with history being first established as the Town of Rochester in 1838 by an act of the Wisconsin Territorial Legislature. The territorial limits of the Town changed in numerous ways since its establishment with portions of it detached to create the Town of Burlington in 1839; the Town of Waterford in 1852; and the Village of Rochester in 1912. In 2008, the Village and Town of Rochester consolidated to form one Village with an estimated population of 3,800 residents (2018) that encompasses about 18 square miles.



Historic downtown Rochester is both pedestrian and bicycle friendly and features many houses and businesses dating back to the mid-1800s. Numerous other housing options exist throughout the Village including both urban and rural subdivisions, small lake and riverfront cottages, condominiums, farmettes, and large estate size parcels. Rochester is also home to several 100+ year family farms.



Chances Restaurant, located on Main Street, is the community's best known historical landmark. The two-story brick Greek Revival building is one of the oldest operating bar and restaurants in the State of Wisconsin, continuously operated for that purpose since 1850. The structure itself was built in 1843 and was known to be a stopping point of the Underground Railroad before the Civil War.

Racine County's "Seven Waters Bike Trail" intersects with E. Main Street in the Village and is part of a continuous bike trail that connects adjacent trails in Waukesha and Walworth Counties. The bike trail offers scenic views of the Fox River and many other natural areas as it winds through Main Street, Case Eagle Park, and Saller Woods Park in the Village. Over 1,500 acres of park and recreational sites are scattered throughout Rochester providing numerous recreational opportunities to its visitors and residents.







Case Eagle Park offers a canoe/ kayak launch site on the Fox River, baseball diamonds, nature trails, and a dog park. If you visit the park during the winter months, you just might catch sight of a growing number of bald eagles that overwinter there. Saller Woods and the Wadewitz Nature Camp offer both hiking and snow skiing trails to satisfy the outdoor enthusiast.

The Honey Creek Wildlife Area, located in the center of Rochester, offers over 1,000 acres of hunting and wildlife viewing opportunities. The west end of the community also enjoys the outdoor recreational opportunities provided by DelMonte, Tahoe, and Honey Lakes.

The Rochester Public Library proudly serves the community with a fine collection of reading, video and audio materials available to check out. Children and adult programs are offered year-round, with specific emphasis on summer time programming for the kids when they are on break from school. The library and village hall are located in Rochester Commons Park between W. Wade and W. Spring Streets, which also features outdoor playground equipment, an outdoor park shelter, and a community garden where plots are offered for rent each growing season.



### **Annual Events:**

Rochester's claim to fame is conducting the nation's oldest continuously running Memorial Day parade, the first one conducted as an observance of an annual cemetery decoration practice known as "Decoration Day" in 1865. The widely attended parade begins at the Rochester Fire Station on Academy Road and terminates in Pioneer Park, located at the intersections of Main and Front Streets, with a memorial service dedicated to the armed services.



Another annual event hosted by the community is its annual “Day in the Country” celebration held the third Saturday in September.

The event features arts and crafts vendors, live music, children’s activities, a 5K Run/Walk beginning at Case Eagle Park, food vendors, and numerous other activities.

## Municipal

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### Village Government:

The Village of Rochester is managed by an elected non-partisan Board of seven members: one president and six trustees. In Wisconsin's Village form of government, officials are elected "at large". Any qualified elector of the municipality is able to run for any seat.

In odd years, the President and three trustees are up for election. In even years, the other three trustees are up for election. Terms are for two years.

Most administrative functions of the Village are performed at the Rochester Village Hall. This is where information on public services and public records can be found.

### Services:

#### Law Enforcement

Police services are provided by the Racine County Sheriff's Department. Emergency calls are processed through the 9-1-1 system.

#### Fire & Emergency Medical Services.

Established in 1927, the Rochester Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company has a long history of serving Rochester and surrounding communities.

### Utilities:

Gas/ Electric: WE Energies

Phone/ Internet: TDS Telecom; Spectrum Cable

Sewer: Village of Rochester Sewer Utility or a Private Onsite System (depending on location)

Water: Private wells.

### Weekly Curbside Recycling and Garbage Collection

ASDA Environmental is the Village's contracted provider of these services.

### 2022 PROPERTY TAX RATES (per \$1,000 of assessed value)

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	<u>Rate</u>
Waterford Schools	\$15.12
Burlington Schools	\$12.58
Honey Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District	\$14.75
Honey Lake- Honey Lake Streets & Lights	\$16.77
Village Portion of Tax Rate:	\$2.54



## Demographics and Housing

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VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER POPULATION BY AGE: 2020		
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,765</b>	<b>%</b>
Under 5 years	37	1.0%
5 to 9 years	128	3.4%
10 to 14 years	211	5.6%
15 to 19 years	306	8.1%
20 to 24 years	399	10.6%
25 to 34 years	327	8.7%
35 to 44 years	439	11.7%
45 to 54 years	669	17.8%
55 to 59 years	339	9.0%
60 to 64 years	316	8.4%
65 to 74 years	395	10.5%
75 to 84 years	168	4.5%
85 years and older	31	0.8%
<b>Median age</b>	<b>45.4</b>	
Source: U.S. Census Bureau		

POPULATION BY GENDER: 2020		
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
Source: U.S. Census Bureau	<b>1,964</b>	<b>1,801</b>

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POPULATION BY RACE: 2020		
Total population	3,765	
White	3,552	94.3%
Hispanic or Latino	133	3.5%
Asian	36	1.0%
Two or more races	34	0.9%
Black or African American	10	0.3%
Source: US Census Bureau		

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT: 2020	
Population 25 years and over	
Less than high school graduate	3.5%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25.1%
Some college or associates degree	40.5%
Bachelor's degree	18.2%
Graduate or professional degree	12.7%
Source: US Census Bureau	

HOUSEHOLD INCOME: 2020	
Median	\$91,667
Source: US Census Bureau	

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS: 2020	
Total Housing Units	1,566
Occupied Housing Units	1,513
Vacant Housing Units	53
Single Family Units	1,239
Rental Units	327
Median Home Value	\$342,300
Median Rent	\$1,250*
Source: US Census Bureau	* Alternative Source: Rent Cafe

# Village of Rochester Community Profile 2022

## VILLAGE OF ROCHESTER RESIDENTIAL SALES 2021 & 2022

### RESIDENTIAL LOT SALES

Private Well/ Private Septic	Lot Size	Sales Price
War Mar Lane	2.01 acres	\$95,000.00
English Settlement Avenue	4.58 acres	\$178,000.00
Coyote Trail	12.94 acres	\$210,000.00
Nesting Way	4.15 acres	\$183,000.00
Beere Lane	1.72 acres	\$169,900.00
Ridge Lane	5.22 acres	\$190,000.00
Hoyer Haven	4.06 acres	\$139,900.00

Private Well/ Public Sewer	Lot Size	Sales Price
Buck Road	20,037 sq ft	\$62,500.00

### CONDOMINIUM SALES

"The Settlement of Rochester"		
Oak Hill Circle (2 sales)	1,678 sq ft	\$290,000.00 - \$375,000.00
Oak Hill Circle (2 sales)	1,691 sq ft	\$315,000.00 - \$350,000.00
Oak Hill Circle (1 sale)	2,662 sq ft	\$442,000.00
Oak Hill Circle (1 sale)	2,482 sq ft	\$431,500.00
Oak Hill Circle (1 sale)	2,716 sq ft	\$360,000.00
Settlement Drive (1 sale)	2,824 sq ft	\$365,465.00

### SINGLE FAMILY HOMES

#### 3 Bedroom 1.5 Bath- Ranch Style- Public Sewer- Lot sizes 12,000 sq ft to 20,000 sq ft

Clover Lane	1,976 sq ft	\$342,900.00
State Street	1,211 sq ft	\$289,000.00
Renee Street	1,563 sq ft	\$297,500.00
Fernwood Lane	1,404 sq ft	\$325,000.00
Ryan Ave	1,472 sq ft	\$289,900.00
Paul Street	1,484 sq ft	\$279,000.00

#### 3 Bedroom 2 Bath - Ranch Style- Private Septic- 1 to 1.31 acre lot sizes

N River Road	1,464 sq ft	\$326,000.00
Upland Drive	3,436 sq ft	\$569,000.00
Coyote Trail	2,602 sq ft	\$460,000.00
Royal Hill	2,259 sq ft	\$550,000.00
Abbey Lane	2,213 sq ft	\$370,000.00

#### 4 Bedroom 2.5 Bath- Two Story- Private Septic- 1 to 1.5 acre lot sizes

Academy Road	4,274 sq ft	\$575,000.00
Hunters Glen Road	3,061 sq ft	\$574,000.00
Maryl Street	2,240 sq ft	\$340,000.00
Vergon Drive	4,654 sq ft	\$466,500.00



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2-Family Townhouses – Public Sewer – Lot sizes 13,000 sq ft to 16,000 sq ft		
Maryl Street	2,376 sq ft	\$286,500.00
Musquequak Street	2,420 sq ft	\$332,000.00
Musquequak Street	2,640 sq ft	\$270,000.00

Source: Village of Rochester Assessor's Office

## Education

### Primary Education



Waterford  
Union High School



**BURLINGTON AREA  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**



School District	Grades Served	Students Enrolled	Student/Teacher Ratio
Waterford Graded School District	K - 8	1,482	14.1
Waterford Union High School	9-12	977	13.73
Burlington Area School District	K - 12	2,967	13.1

### Higher Education

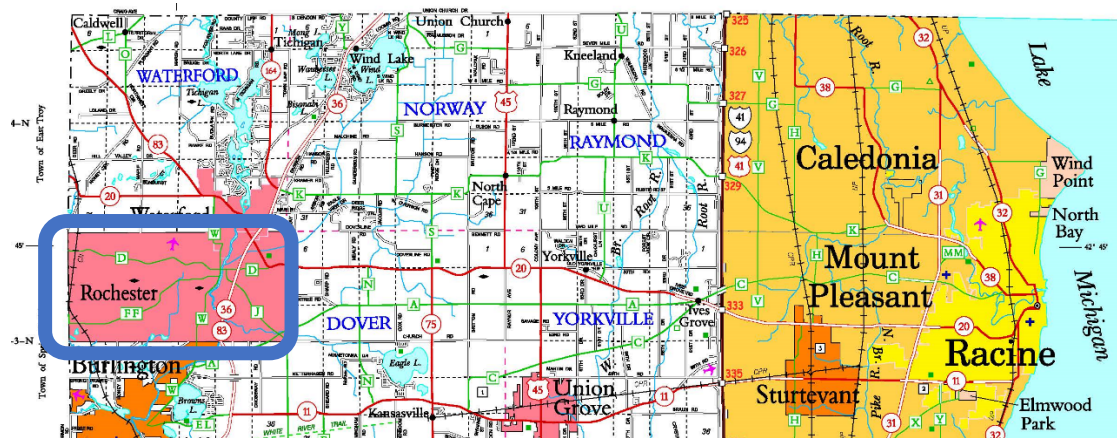


Rochester's proximity to Milwaukee, Racine, Kenosha and Waukesha means convenient access to many great higher educational institutions, including:

College/ University	Distance from Rochester
Alverno College, Milwaukee	23.1 miles
Carroll University, Waukesha	19.8 miles
Carthage College, Kenosha	28.4 miles
Gateway Technical College, Racine	23.6 miles
Marquette University, Milwaukee	29.0 miles
Milwaukee School of Engineering	30.5 miles
Milwaukee Area Technical College	29.4 miles
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee	33.4 miles
University of Wisconsin - Parkside (Kenosha)	24.9 miles
University of Wisconsin - Whitewater	31.2 miles
Waukesha County Technical College	27.8 miles

## Location

Village of Rochester, Racine County, Wisconsin.



Time Zone  
Central  
Standard  
Time

Latitude/Longitude  
36.7006° N,  
95.6380° W

Nearby State Highways	
Highway 83	Two-lane highway going through Waterford and Rochester offering access to Mukwonago and Interstate 43 to the northwest, and Burlington to the south.
Highway 36	Four-lane highway through Wind Lake, Waterford and Rochester offering access to Milwaukee to the northeast and Burlington & Lake Geneva to the South.
Highway 20	Two-lane highway through Waterford offering access to East Troy and Interstate 43 to the West, and Racine and I-94 to the east.
Highway 164	Two-lane highway through the Town of Waterford offering access to Big Bend, Interstate 43, and Waukesha to the North.
Approximate Highway Distance to Cities	
Burlington	5 miles
Racine	19 miles
Milwaukee	25 miles
Kenosha	30 miles
Beloit	55 miles
Madison	80 miles
Chicago	85 miles
International Airports*	
Mitchell International, Milwaukee, WI	30 miles
O'Hare International Chicago, IL	85 miles
*Smaller public use airports located in Burlington, East Troy, Racine, Rochester, and Kenosha	