

**Virtual AM Espresso | The Galleria at University Square
Chat**

Poll #1

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:04 AM

Not often since the pandemic. Prior to the pandemic, I was a frequent shopper!

From Jason Dugan-Gamehaven Council to Everyone: 08:07 AM

I love to go to Victoria's and Taco Jed's.

Hers

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:08 AM

Her's is my favorite!

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:10 AM

That makes good sense, especially during these times. To keep employees working near full time.

From Carla Nelson to Everyone: 08:10 AM

Great to see the Dahlstrom's at On Track Boutique! This plus Hers are my favorite shops, the selection and staff are tops. Kudos to Bruce and Brenda!

From Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick to Everyone: 08:10 AM

Great philosophy of floating between stores to create a team spirit to uplift your brand!

From Theresa Goerss - auditor to Everyone: 08:10 AM

Just visited the new location for SEMVA on Sunday. They have a very nice space and it's easy to shop there

From Jennifer Plante to Everyone: 08:11 AM

Wearing a Franklin Flannel right now!

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:12 AM

Love my Nordic Beach! Wearing it now!

From Ron D. Hanson to Everyone: 08:12 AM

Beautiful shop... Bruce, what about your shirt?

From Andy Thilges to Everyone: 08:12 AM

Love your clothing. Good luck with the holiday season! Andy Thilges, Home2 Suites by Hilton!

From Karlene to Everyone: 08:12 AM

Hi Brenda

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:12 AM

Thank you both - We love your stores!!!

From Paulette Teigen to Everyone: 08:12 AM

best wishes to you Dahlstroms!

Counterpoint

From Mia (ABC) to Everyone: 08:15 AM

I'm so glad you guys are OCD. I am so happy you're keeping people safe!

From Carla Nelson to Everyone: 08:15 AM

Carol- Love the health focus and your merchandise too.

From Kirk Boyum to Everyone: 08:15 AM

Awesome Store...must stop when having breakfast an Pannekoeken next door. Thanks Dahlstrom's your an amazing team!

From Theresa Goerss - auditor to Everyone: 08:16 AM

Thank you for enforcing wearing the mask properly. It's one of my pet peeves to see masks hanging below the nose.

From Mia (ABC) to Everyone: 08:17 AM

I agree Theresa

From Jennifer Plante to Everyone: 08:17 AM

Love the children's merchandise they carry- great selection of books, toys, and clothes.

From Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick to Everyone: 08:18 AM

Thanks Carol! You're helping to protect our economic future by upholding the state mask mandate and going above and beyond with kindness.

Such service - kudos!!!

From Amanda Steele, MedCity Doulas to Everyone: 08:18 AM

Our clients love your baby/children's selection!

From Brian to Everyone: 08:18 AM

Love seeing the menorahs displayed behind you... Happy Hanukkah to all the Jewish people in Rochester

From Rick Decker to Everyone: 08:19 AM

Love all the modern goods in the store. Checking out your website now

From Andy Thilges- Home2 Suites by Hilton to Everyone: 08:19 AM

Congratulations Carol, on your amazing store and service. Thanks for persevering thru this pandemic! Andy Thilges, Home2 Suites by Hilton.

From Paulette Teigen to Everyone: 08:20 AM

great store Carol! best wishes!

From Karlene to Everyone: 08:20 AM

Wonderful to see the shops! Almost like being there!

From Stephen Rose / SLR Computers to Everyone: 08:20 AM

Carol great merchandise, love your store.

From Theresa Goerss - auditor to Everyone: 08:20 AM

Shopping therapy is important, now more than ever. :}

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:20 AM

I'm addicted to their Lafco candles and soaps. They smell incredible! Counterpoint

From Dani Buck MN 97.5 to Everyone: 08:21 AM

I like that those stores have such a fun variety for those "hard to shop for" people in my life!

From Jay Stoyles to Everyone: 08:22 AM

Am I one of them Dani :)

Poppi Italian Leather

From Paulette Teigen to Everyone: 08:23 AM

Rebecca, you have beautiful merchandise and store. best wishes!

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:25 AM

LOVE the glasses!!!

From Ron D. Hanson to Everyone: 08:26 AM

My wife and I are committed to do all our shopping LOCAL. Thank you all for Shopping Local!

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:26 AM

Murano Crystal! Rebecca is the BEST!

From Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick to Everyone: 08:26 AM

Awesome dedication to your product and brand!

From CarolBitton to Everyone: 08:26 AM

beautiful products!

From Andy Thilges- Home2 Suites by Hilton to Everyone: 08:27 AM

Thanks for sharing your specialty merchandise Rebecca! The hand blown necklace and Mirona Glass are just stunning! Stay safe and well!

The Nordic Shop

From Me to Everyone: 08:27 AM

Now featuring: The Nordic Shop

From Stephen Rose / SLR Computers to Everyone: 08:29 AM

As a full blooded Swed, my wife loves that shop.

From Katie Adelman to Everyone: 08:29 AM

I have to head to another meeting but want to thank the Galleria shops and the Chamber for hosting this featured Virtual AM Espresso! Loved the personalized look into the stores!

As Kathleen mentioned previously, one of the challenges of coming downtown is parking. Through City of Rochester CARES funding, a three-hour free parking voucher will be given to use at any of the six municipal ramps through December 31 when you shop, dine, or support a service or experience business downtown!

Find a list of participating businesses on the Rochester Downtown Rochester website:
<https://www.downtownrochester.com/freeparking>

Have a happy holiday season, everyone!

-Katie Adelman, Rochester Downtown Alliance

From Theresa Goerss - auditor to Everyone: 08:29 AM

Love the Nordic sweaters . . . they are always on my Christmas list

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:31 AM

Love The Nordic Shop! Great gift items! Walter and Louise are such AMAZING people!

From alexis simmons to Everyone: 08:31 AM

I adore the Nordic Shop. Its the first place I go every time I am downtown

From Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick to Everyone: 08:31 AM

LOVE the Oleana line - you're the only store to rep them in Rochester!

From Paulette Teigen to Everyone: 08:32 AM

Nordic Shop - great ownership success story! best wishes!

From Carissa Drake to Everyone: 08:32 AM

I have to head to another meeting but want I have to jump to another call but wanted thank all involved for sharing! I Loved the specialized details of the stores featured! Take care all and happy holidays! -Carissa Drake with ABC 6 News

From Andy Thilges- Home2 Suites by Hilton to Everyone: 08:32 AM

Your Norway Sweaters are really sharp. You are both like fashion models! Have an enjoyable holiday season! Go Downtown Rochester! Andy Thilges, Home2 Suites.

From Ron D. Hanson to Everyone: 08:34 AM

Have many of there masks! Best for comfort and safety. Long time supporter. Always complements when wearing The Nordic Shop products.

From Kayla Piltz to Everyone: 08:35 AM

I will definitely have to stop in for some presents for the family! All of the businesses have had something for even the more difficult people to shop for in my life! -Kayla Piltz
Twelve36 Marketing and ABC6 News

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:35 AM

Jason Dugan - LOVE your look today! Making me smile :-)

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:36 AM

Love It!!! Are there Petite sizes?

Thank you!

From Karlene to Everyone: 08:36 AM

Great sweaters!

From Mia (ABC) to Everyone: 08:36 AM

That is a great look!

Knights Chamber

From Me to Everyone: 08:38 AM

Now featuring: Svaar Vinje from Knight's Chamber

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:40 AM

Looking great Svaar! Only place I shop for the men in my life!!! Most loved items...
Cashmere socks! SAXX underwear! Gorgeous sweaters.

From Kirk Boyum to Everyone: 08:41 AM

Svaar is a Great Asset in Rochester! Men's Classic and Casual wear.....

From Rick Decker to Everyone: 08:41 AM

and you provide great service!

From Kirk Boyum to Everyone: 08:42 AM

Svaar has really excellent quality products too.....

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:42 AM

So true, you all do a great job!

From Paulette Teigen to Everyone: 08:42 AM

knights chamber, you are right on in your customer service philosophy! great store!

From Kirk Boyum to Everyone: 08:42 AM

Yes100% he gives each time you visit!

From Judy Hvamstad to Everyone: 08:42 AM

Great suits!

From CarolBitton to Everyone: 08:42 AM

Love the cashmere socks! Best men's gift

From Andy Thilges- Home2 Suites by Hilton to Everyone: 08:42 AM

Svaar your plaid jacket is sharp for the holidays. Thanks for sharing the latest trends! Best wishes for the holidays! Andy Thilges, Home2 Suites!

Games by James

From Kristine Ihrke, Centerstone Plaza Hotel to Everyone: 08:43 AM

Love Game by James! Just picked up a new game from there this week. Perfect place to shop to pass the hours in a fun way at home.

From Me to Everyone: 08:44 AM

Now featuring: Greg Gernes from Games by James

From Stephen Rose / SLR Computers to Everyone: 08:45 AM

Games by James has some great puzzles. Marry Christmas and Happy New Year.

From Laurie Ackerman to Everyone: 08:46 AM

Greg & Games by James - great community partner with Rochesterfest for MANY years. THANK YOU for being active and creative!

From CarolBitton to Everyone: 08:46 AM

Best puzzles and games!

From Karlene to Everyone: 08:46 AM

Do you have the Rochester Monopoly game?

From Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick to Everyone: 08:46 AM

SO MANY great choices at Games by James! Did you know you can buy individual dice there? You can replace those missing pieces!

From Jason Dugan-Gamehaven Council to Everyone: 08:46 AM

Pandemic the game! Greg has had the collectors edition when others have not!

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:47 AM

Thank you Games by James!

From Mia (ABC) to Everyone: 08:47 AM

I think I have seen the Rochester Monopoly game in there @Karlene

Live in the Galleria

From John Van Camp to Everyone: 08:48 AM

Sam the roving reporter!

From Miranda-Giff of Life Transplant House to Everyone: 08:48 AM

This has been wonderful to hear from all the shop owners! Thank you, Chamber!

From Rep-Elect Liz Boldon (she/her) to Everyone: 08:48 AM

This has been excellent, we're so fortunate to have so many amazing businesses in our community!

From Andy Thilges- Home2 Suites by Hilton to Everyone: 08:48 AM

Greg: I enjoy playing Jenga and appreciate you sharing the new Build version. We all need to enjoy family with our favorite games! From our home at Home2 to yours, all the best this holiday season!

From Jay Stoyles to Everyone: 08:48 AM

Great job Kathleen and great idea to have downtown businesses on to talked about their business.. ShopLocal

From John Van Camp to Everyone: 08:48 AM

Jes and Ben are GREAT!!!

From Paulette Teigen to Everyone: 08:49 AM

today's hour has been a great idea, it's wonderful to highlight specific businesses. great job, Chamber!

From Holly Bremer-Farmers Insurance to Everyone: 08:49 AM

This is an awesome AM Espresso-such a wonderful idea!

From John Van Camp to Everyone: 08:50 AM

Great format. Great job Chamber!

From Beth Jochum to Everyone: 08:50 AM

Really enjoying meeting local businesses owners this way!

From Mia (ABC) to Everyone: 08:50 AM

you are muted

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:50 AM

Absolutely!!! This should be shared more broadly! Well done!

From Stephen Rose / SLR Computers to Everyone: 08:51 AM

Thank you Chamber for sharing and promoting Rochester Businesses. This was a great idea.

From Carl Granberg to Everyone: 08:51 AM

Great job on todays AM Espresso!

From Ron D. Hanson to Everyone: 08:51 AM

Thank you to our local businesses and thank you to the Chamber for an awesome job on Shop Local Safely. Heading into a staff meeting. Happy Blessed Holidays - Ron Hanson, Benedictine Living Community - Madonna Meadows.

From Heather Donovan to Everyone: 08:52 AM

Thank you to the chamber for highlighting all of these wonderful businesses and their products! I love shopping in person and want to help all these businesses thrive through the holidays!! ~ Heather Donovan - Sterling State Bank

From Nancy R. Peterson to Everyone: 08:53 AM

Carla, is there anything yet for those that work out of their home into the community?

From Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick to Everyone: 08:54 AM

Thanks for highlighting this special shopping experience - The Galleria! Happy Holidays, everyone.

From Beth Jochum to Everyone: 08:55 AM

My name is Beth Jochum, from Thryv. If you need help trying to find ways to run the business more effectively and get your name out there I can help. I offer award winning software that includes website, social media, text and email marketing, review acknowledgement and response, bill payment, and so much more.....call me 507-259-8902. happy Holidays!

From Dani Buck MN 97.5 to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Happy Holidays, everyone! So good to see you all!

From Laura K to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Happy Holidays, thank you for doing this!!!

From Jennifer Plante to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Thank you for the tour!

From John Van Camp to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Everyone. May God Bless each and everyone of you

From Miranda-Gift of Life Transplant House to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Happy Holidays from Gift of Life Transplant House! Stay healthy, happy & safe!

From Jay Stoyles to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Happy Holiday's

From Holly Bremer-Farmers Insurance to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Holly Bremer - Farmers Insurance

From Mia (ABC) to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Merry Christmas folks!

From Kayla Piltz to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Thank you everyone! Happy Holidays!! Let's get shopping :)

From Crystal Landherr to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Thanks, everyone! Happy holidays to all :) ~ Crystal Landherr, Hiawatha Homes Foundation

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Hola Andy!

From Karlene to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Merry Christmas!!

From svaarvinje to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Best wishes

From Greg Gernes to Everyone: 08:55 AM

No I am sorry to report that we do not currently have the Rochester Monopoly

From Theresa Goerss - auditor to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Happy Holidays and stay safe!

From Jason Dugan-Gamehaven Council to Everyone: 08:55 AM

Thanks Everyone!

From Holly Bremer-Farmers Insurance to Everyone: 08:56 AM

Thank you everyone and Merry Christmas! Holly Bremer-Farmers Insurance 2766
Commerce Dr NW Ste A Rochester, MN 55901

From Scott Jenkins Chez Bojjii to Everyone: 08:56 AM

Thank you all for a great meeting, have a great day

From cindyschumacher to Everyone: 08:56 AM

GREAT job guys!

From Jason Dugan-Gamehaven Council to Everyone: 08:56 AM

Give Local!

From Lisa Lingle to Everyone: 08:56 AM

Happy holidays everyone!

From Jason Dugan-Gamehaven Council to Everyone: 08:56 AM

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