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2014 Meetings:

August 13
September 10
October 8
November 12
December 10

“Adopt-A-Sign” Program Update



Special recognition is in order for Linda Glisman and Ann Peterson for their efforts in selecting and planting annual flowers at the three “Welcome to Rochester” signs. The signs are located at Dequindre and Parkdale; University Drive at St. John Lutheran (left photograph above) ; and the South Bridge at US Scuba on Rochester Road (right photograph above).

The purpose of the program is to give the community an opportunity to participate in the care and upkeep of the City’s “Welcome” and “Way-finding” signs.

Anyone can adopt a sign! This includes: local community organizations and clubs, religious organizations, businesses, families and even individuals (must be 18 or older, please).

Volunteers can select an available sign, develop a plan, then install the plants and maintain the area. Requested sponsorship is for one year.

In addition, any of the City’s “Way-finding” signs can be adopted including the signs at all of the Rochester Parks. To get started just complete the application available at:

<http://www.ci.rochester.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1146>.

For more information please call [\(248\) 651-9061](tel:2486519061) or email cbc@rochestermi.org.

Howlett Park Planting



Planting at Howlett Park Continues!

We are excited to announce that we will soon begin site preparation on our next planting areas in our Howlett Park Planting Plan!

The areas we will be working on begin north of the pond, just past where the current plantings have taken place, and continue down along the east end of the pond. After the site preparation is complete we will move on to the planting installation. The first area, Zone 1, which is the area closest to the sidewalk, north of the current plantings will receive a Woodland Edge Mix. The next two areas, Zones 2 and 3, are due east of Zone 1 and will receive a combination of seeds and plugs of Wetland Mix. And, our last area, Zone 8, which is located near the east end of the pond will receive Dryland Mix.

If you haven't seen the project signs that were recently installed we hope you make a visit out to Howlett Park to take a look!

Howlett Park “Clean Up Day”

Photographs courtesy of Eric Bothwell



On Sunday, July 27 the Rochester City Beautiful Commission sponsored a “Clean Up Day” at Howlett Park (NE corner of Inglewood and Romeo Roads). The weather cooperated and we had an excellent turnout of volunteers from the Rochester Church of Christ, community volunteers, The Rochester Fire Department and city employees.

The Rochester Fire Department constructed a new bridge over a creek that drains into the Howlett Park pond (see photograph on right above). This will greatly enhance a pathway in the park used by hikers and joggers.

The community volunteers and city employees trimmed trees, cleared several access points to the pond, removed brush and did a general clean up of the park.

Patricia Kane Named Recipient of the 2nd Quarter Rochester “Good Neighbor Award”



Pat was nominated on behalf of her efforts within the community. According to the nomination, “Pat always looks for avenues where she can be of service to the community as a whole as well and has served on many boards and commissions as a result. She has a great love for animals and nature and was instrumental in starting up “Benny’s Kitchen” in memory of her own little dog. In cooperation with our Food Pantry this program helps the elderly and those of modest means to help feed their companion pets and not give them up to shelters.

She has donated generously to the many charities we have around town and is happy to do so. In times of trouble or infirmity, she has offered her assistance whenever possible whether helping to care for a pet, washing clothes or providing a meal but she has never asked for anything in return. These are true acts of kindness and often random in nature.”

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission was proud to present Pat with the award at the May 12th City Council meeting.

If you know someone who goes the extra mile to keep our city beautiful or helps a neighbor in need and feel this person deserves to be recognized for their contribution in the city, then fill out a nomination form and turn it in, it is that easy! Our city is beautiful because of the many good neighbors who continually go above and beyond! It is time to recognize those who make every day in Rochester a more beautiful day.

Those selected will be recognized quarterly at a City Council meeting. If you would like more information please contact Mark Panter, City Beautiful Commission Secretary at markpanter1@gmail.com or [248-651-0515](tel:248-651-0515) or visit www.rochestermi.org/cbc for a Good Neighbor Award nomination form.

Community Garden Update



Some changes have occurred at the City of Rochester Community Garden, which is located just North of Woodward West of Main Street.

First, a new sign has been installed along Woodward (left photograph above) which also identifies Rochester's Jaycee Field.

Second, to accommodate gardeners with a wide range of abilities, new ADA - accessible garden platforms have been constructed (right photograph above). Special thanks to the Rochester Fire Department for their work to build these platforms.

The garden has been extremely popular again this year, with all of the spaces occupied.

Learn More about the City Beautiful Commission and their Projects



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Back row, left to right: Eric Bothwell, Linda Glisman, Vice Chairperson Ethel Stepnitz, Secretary Mark Panter. Front row, left to right: David Lowell, Chairperson Lynn Oates, Ann Peterson.

Not photographed: Rena Stewart and Sue Neal

Keep up to date on all of the Rochester City Beautiful Commission's projects on our Facebook Page.

Additionally, the City Beautiful Commission produces this newsletter quarterly to highlight the projects the Commission is involved in.

Interested individuals can request to receive the newsletter via email by sending an email to: cbc@rochestermi.org and including "newsletter" in the subject line.