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November 12
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Community Garden Recipient of Darden Grant and Eagle Scout Project



Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and the City Beautiful Commission would like to thank Eagle Scout Colin Day for the latest improvement to the Rochester Community Garden. Colin built several benches for the community garden. The benches will provide a welcomed resting place for active gardeners. The benches are located in several spots in the garden so there will always be one right where you need it...whether it is a cool spot in the shade on a hot summer day or a sunny place to enjoy the view of the sunflowers blooming in the garden during the waning days of fall.

The garden has continued to use the Darden grant that was provided to support the food pantry donation program. Darden Corporation, the funder behind the foundation, owns and operates several area restaurants including the Rochester Red Lobster location. The funds from the grant were used to build planting boxes that will be used to raise food for donation to food banks. The remaining funds will be used to purchase plants and seeds in the spring to plant those boxes. We greatly appreciate the support of these corporations, as well as other local businesses and organizations that are using the garden to grow produce to share with our neighbors in need. Especially, the staff at Dillman & Upton, who donated their time to build the planting boxes for this project.

For more information about how your business, church, scout troop or civic group can get involved in supporting the food pantry donation program please contact garden organizers at garden@dinosaurhill.org.

Howlett Park Planting



The planting project to establish native plant species at Howlett Park continues!

Landscaping with native plants improves the environment. Once established, native plants do not need pesticides, fertilizers, or watering. This saves time and money. Landscaping with native wildflowers and grasses helps return the area to a natural ecosystem. Natural landscaping brings a taste of wilderness by attracting a variety of birds, butterflies and other animals, thus enhancing the biodiversity of the area.

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 has been divided into 10 "zones" for the purposes of the planting project. Here's a quick summary of some of the recent work:

Site preparation work has begun in Zone # 1, which is located at the North end of the park nearest to Inglewood Street. This work included an application of herbicide to control invasive plant species and the planting of "Woodland Edge Mix" seeds.

Zones # 2 and 3, which are between the sledding hill and zone #1 also were treated with herbicide for invasive plant species control and the planting of seeds and plugs for wild flowers.

Zone # 8, in the Northeast corner of the park, was treated with herbicide for invasive plant species control and the planting of a "Dryland" seed mix.

Lynn Miller Named Recipient of the 3rd Quarter Rochester "Good Neighbor Award"



Photograph Courtesy of Eric Bothwell

Lynn was nominated on behalf of his efforts to keep the parks and trails in the Rochester area clean. within the community. Lynn was observed using a "grabber" to pick up trash in the Rochester Municipal Park by Ken Lewis, who nominated Lynn for the award. According to the nomination: "I saw him pick up several pieces of garbage, and thought he was a city employee. I looked at his truck and took a better look at him to see if he had a city uniform / jacket on. The it hit me: This man was an average citizen and he was donating his time to clean up trash he saw in the park. No one asked him to do this. He just wants to make the park look better".

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission was proud to present Lynn with the award at the August 25th 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.

Learn More about the City Beautiful Commission and their Projects



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.

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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