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Upcoming 2015 Meetings:

March 11
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9

Keep Michigan Beautiful Award



Rochester City Beautiful Commission

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

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission is thrilled to have received the Keep Michigan Beautiful Distinguished Service award. The award was in recognition of our 2014 "Mulch-a-Palooza" event held on May 3, 2014 in Municipal Park. Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc. annually recognizes programs and activities that substantially contribute to environmental improvement,

clean up, beautification, site restoration and historical preservation.

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 our projects. 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.

Elizabeth Street Park Project



The Rochester City Beautiful Commission is proud to announce the Elizabeth Street Park Project. The park, which is located on the East side of Elizabeth Street, North of Second Street (East of the Royal Park Hotel), will begin to see improvements beginning in Spring of 2015. *(continued on next page)*

Elizabeth Street Park Project (continued)

Based on a survey of area residents and the input of the City Beautiful Commission, the Elizabeth Park Project was developed to improve and modify the park into a passive open space which would help meet the recreation needs of the nearby neighborhoods and Royal Park Hotel guests.

The planned enhancements to the park include a water wall, pergola, new pathways, benches, sculpture, a variety of gardens and additional trees. For the project to be a reality we will need the support of businesses, individuals, and non-profit partners that share a passion for enriching our community. Specific naming recognition will depend on the value of the amenity including: location, use, visibility, construction, cost, and more. A rendering of the park project as well as the list of sponsorship opportunities are available on the city website at www.rochestermi.org on the CBC page.

Connie and Andre' Nadjarian named recipients of the 4th Quarter Rochester "Good Neighbor Award"



Andre' and Connie were nominated by Mayor Jeffery Cuthbertson for the renovations they have made to their property. According to the nomination: "I have watched the transformation of the property located at 302 W. University over the past two years. Not only did the Nadjarians refurbish this beautiful structure, they moved back into it on the upper floors! The Nadjarians have painstakingly refurbished the structure to its former splendor. I have seen Connie outside taking care of the landscaping daily, always keeping the property neat and crisp, which is great as it is a gateway not only for the City, but the Municipal Park and City Hall itself!"

They recently finished the rehab with a beautiful renovation of the outside of the building including a great paint job that really sets off the elements of the building. They have not only turned this property into a vibrant commercial establishment, but they also made it their own and respected the historical elements of the building in their makeover of the structure."

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission was proud to present Andre' and Connie with the award at the February 9th 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 or visit www.rochestermi.org/cbc for a Good Neighbor Award nomination form.

CBC is looking for volunteers for the 3rd annual Make-A-Difference Day on May 9th



Volunteers at the 2014 "Mulch-a-Palooza".

Please come out and help spreading mulch, pulling weeds and miscellaneous clean up in the City Municipal Park at the 3rd annual "Mulch-a-Palooza".

The event will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 10:00am-1:00pm and will take place in the Rochester Municipal Park. Volunteers will check in at the Kiwanis Pavilion at 10 a.m. (past the pond, over the bridge, facing City Hall).

Individuals and families are welcome (over the age of 15, please). Please dress for garden work and bring your work gloves. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Lynn Oates at lmo102967@wowway.com with your name along with the number of volunteers from your group. For questions please contact Lynn at (248) 652-2765.

2015 Community Garden Plots



Applications for the 2015 gardening season as well as the garden guidelines can be downloaded at <http://www.dinosaurhill.org/CommunityGardens>. Due to the number of applications that we have received in prior years, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. There is a period during which returning gardeners will have "dibs" on plots but we will accept new applications at this time.

So fill out your application and inventory your garden tools....spring is on the way!

Well....almost. More information to come!

Update on the Memorial Bench and Tree Program

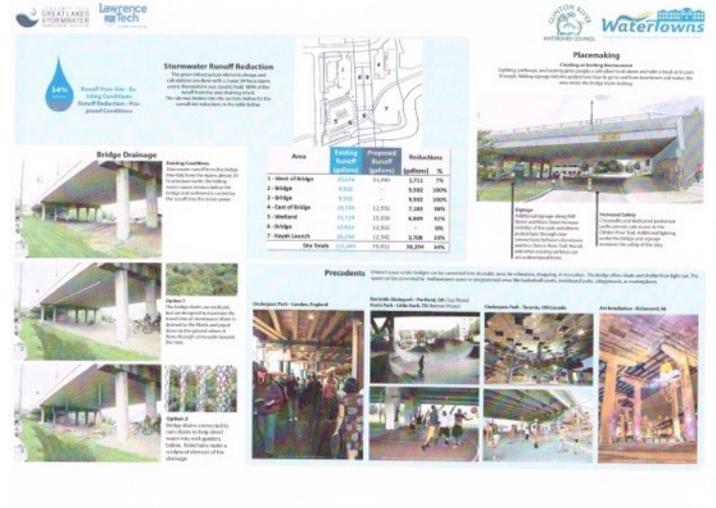
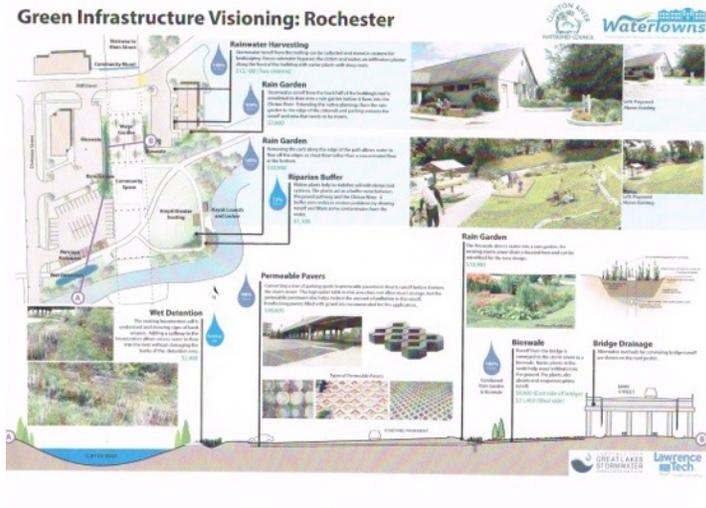


The Memorial Bench and Tree Program has exceeded our expectations! Since launching the project, we have sold 8 benches, 4 trees and a picnic table!

The program allows for gifts and donations to be made by individuals, businesses and community organizations to enhance our park system. Trees, benches and picnic tables can be donated through the program. In addition, we are also open to other suggestions and welcome creative ideas. Plaques or signs at the gift site are included with any gift.

For more information or to make a donation please visit <http://www.ci.rochester.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1147> or contact Nik Banda at 248-651-9061.

Green Infrastructure Vision for Diversion Street Park



The Clinton River Watershed Council in partnership with Lawrence Technological University created a Green Infrastructure Vision for the City of Rochester’s WaterHub, as part of WaterTowns.

The purpose of this project was to provide “green” ideas for engineering storm water management treatment prior to its release into the storm water conveyance systems. The outcome of this project provided the City of Rochester with projects that can be implemented in a phased manner based on cost and available resources.

The partnership between CRWC and LTU was funded by the Erb Family Foundation through the WaterTowns grant. Part of the mission behind WaterTowns is to introduce Green Infrastructure projects into the WaterTowns communities with the watershed. We chose the City of Rochester, The City of the Village of Clarkston and Clinton Township as our pilot GI project locations.

Professor Don Carpenter and one of his masters’ students, Rachel Pieschek, designed the projects. They visited each site and met with local municipal officials to discuss each project idea.

As a result of the project, CRWC and LTU provide the City with a Green Infrastructure Vision plan for the Diversion Street Park area (parking lot and green space area east of Diversion Street under the South Main Street bridge). Once fully implemented, the improvements included in the plan would reduce 34% (38,294 gallons) of the storm water collected on the site.

The plan was prepared in a way that each project is small and definable. Therefore, they each can be funded and implemented individually. The City looks forward to working with funding partners and within its own capital budget to begin implementation of the Green Infrastructure Vision for Diversion Street Park.