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**Upcoming 2017
Meetings:**

September 13
October 11
November 8
December 13 (tbd)

ROCHESTER BICENTENNIAL MONUMENT DEDICATION



The Rochester Bicentennial Sun Dial Monument was formally dedicated on Saturday, August 12, 2017. The monument is located at the east end of the pond in Rochester Municipal Park. Mayor Cathy Daldin, the Rochester City Council and the Rochester City Beautiful Commission, along with numerous local leaders and members of the community helped dedicate the monument at the official ribbon cutting ceremony. The ceremony kicked off a day-long series of events celebrating Rochester's 200th birthday.

A special thanks go out to all of the donors who supported the sun dial by purchasing dedication bricks, the 20 decade stones and historical plaques with a special recognition to Chief Financial Credit Union who sponsored the gnomon. In total, the donations exceeded the fund raising goal for the project.

Bicentennial Monument Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available



Even though all 20 of the decade stones, the gnomon and many engraved bricks have been purchased, there are still opportunities remaining to support the sun dial bicentennial monument. If you are interested in making a donation by purchasing an engraved brick, please complete a donation form available through the City.

New Tree Guide Maps at Memorial Grove



As new trees have been planted around the walkway in Memorial Grove, two new signs have also been installed to aid in their identification.

The trees are native species and include: Chestnuts, Hackberry, Japanese Cherry, and Elm trees.

Memorial Grove is located between Municipal Park and Halbach Baseball Field, just north of the Paint Creek Trail.

Elizabeth Park Project



The Elizabeth Street Park is located on Elizabeth Street, north of Second Street across from the Royal Park Hotel. It is a neighborhood-sized park facility in close proximity to condominiums, commercial and industrial development. Based on a survey of area residents and the input of the City Beautiful Commission, some of the proposed improvements identified include: additional vegetation, improved barrier-free paths, passive recreation amenities and gardens.

As a result of the survey, the Elizabeth Park Project was developed to continue improvement and modification of this park into a passive open space which would help meet the recreation needs of the nearby neighborhoods and Royal Park hotel guests. 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.

SPONSORSHIP AND NAMING OPPORTUNITIES: Specific naming recognition will depend on the value of the amenity such as location, use, visibility, construction, cost, and more. Below is the price list for items currently available for sponsoring. In addition, we are open to suggestions and welcome creative ideas.

- WATER WALL: \$50,000
- PERGOLA: \$40,000
- PATHWAYS: \$15,000 each - Recently Sponsored! Construction to begin soon!
- BENCHES: \$2,000 each (4 available in Pergola, 10 available within the park) • Benches will be maintained for a minimum of ten years, after which the bench will be evaluated on an on-going basis for safety • Recognition plaque will be on the bench • Includes cement pad.
- SCULPTURE: Price TBD (5 available) • Based on art selected, must be mutually agreed upon. • Sculpture can also be placed for one year terms for \$1,500
- GARDENS: \$10,000 (4 available)
- TREES: \$600 (26 arborvitae trees and 22 evergreen trees - mixed sizes) • The tree type will vary depending on the needs of the park. • Includes maintenance of your tree for one year, including watering. (Note: after the first year, the tree takes care of itself!) and recognition at the location of the tree.

For more information or to make a donation please contact: Nik Banda, Deputy City Manager nbanda@rochestermi.org 248-651-9061

Good Neighbor Award Program

The Good Neighbor Award recognizes the ongoing efforts of Rochester residents who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The program is designed to honor those who make a difference in our community without seeking or receiving recognition for their service.

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 grab a Nomination Form and turn it in. 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.

Rochester City Beautiful Commission



Standing, left to right: Rena Stewart, Linda Glisman, Ethel Stepnitz, David Lowell, Tammy Byers, Eric Bothwell and Mark Panter. Not pictured: Amanda Harrison Keighley.

Seated, left to right: Mayor Cathy Daldin, Lynn Marie Oates,

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.