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## 2014 Meetings:

June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

## **“Adopt-A-Sign” Garden Program**



The CBC is excited to announce “The Adopt-A-Sign Garden Program”. 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. The priority signs to be adopted are the new “Welcome to Rochester” signs, located at Dequindre and Parkdale; University Drive at St. John Lutheran; and the South Bridge at US Scuba on Rochester Road. 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 or email [cbc@rochestermi.org](mailto:cbc@rochestermi.org).

## **Memorial Bench and Tree Program**



We are excited to announce the “Memorial Bench and Tree Program”. This program will allow 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 Bill Bohlen, Director of Public Works at [bbohlen@rochestermi.org](mailto:bbohlen@rochestermi.org) or 248-651-9061.

## Rochester Named “Tree City, USA”



*Photograph courtesy of Eric Bothwell*

The Arbor Day Foundation recently announced that the city of Rochester was named a Tree City USA community for its commitment to urban forestry.

It is the first time Rochester has earned this national honor from the Arbor Day Foundation, the nation’s largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

Rochester achieved the Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management: maintaining a tree board or department, having a community tree ordinance, spending at least \$2 per capita on urban forestry and celebrating Arbor Day.

Ethel Stepnitz of the Rochester City Beautiful Commission presented Mayor Jeffrey Cuthbertson with the Tree City USA plaque at the April 14<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting.

## Mark Olin Recognized with “Good Neighbor Award”



The CBC recently announced the winner of the first quarter Good Neighbor Award is Rochester resident Mark Olin.

The Good Neighbor Award program was created by the CBC to allow residents of Rochester to nominate an adult or youth for their good neighbor work. The award recognizes the ongoing efforts of Rochester residents who are making exceptional contributions to improve the quality of life in their neighborhood. The program is designed to honor those who make a difference in our community without seeking or receiving recognition for their service.

Mark was nominated on behalf of his efforts helping his neighbors with snow removal. According to the nomination, “Mark is a very kind and generous neighbor to many of us, who live on Griggs St. He is the first person on the block to offer a helping hand no matter what the problem, but especially during the snowy seasons. Mark will wake up early in the morning to plow the sidewalks for everyone living on his side of the street. If you are lucky to be his friend he will also, plow your entire driveway. Especially, during the major snow storms, he will make sure to come by for a second or third time to make sure the path is cleared, so that you are able to exit your driveway.”

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission was proud to present Mark with the award at the February 24<sup>th</sup> 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 to the community, then fill out a nomination form and turn it in, it’s 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](mailto:markpanter1@gmail.com) or [248-651-0515](tel:248-651-0515) or visit [www.rochestermi.org/cbc](http://www.rochestermi.org/cbc) for a Good Neighbor Award nomination form

## City of Rochester Celebrates Arbor Day with Tree Planting



*Photograph courtesy of Eric Bothwell*

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission (CBC) celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Redpointe Maple (*acer rubrum*) on April 25th in Memorial Grove, behind Municipal Park.

Members of the CBC were on hand for the celebration along with Rochester City Administration, City Council members and staff from the Department of Public Works.

The CBC has planted trees in the City of Rochester for the past three Arbor Days including at Howlett Park, McGregor Elementary and North Hill Elementary.

## 2014 City of Rochester Make a Difference Day: "Mulch-a-Palooza"



*Photograph courtesy of Eric Bothwell*

This year the Rochester City Beautiful Commission sponsored the annual City of Rochester Make-a-Difference Day. The event was held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 10:00am-1:00pm in the Rochester Municipal Park.

This year's project was "Mulch-a-Palooza." Approximately 30 volunteers and Department of Public Works personnel participated by spreading mulch and pulling weeds in the park and in the planting beds around the City Municipal Building. In spite of a little rain early in the morning, the rain ended and the weather cooperated during the event. Everyone had a great time and the event was very successful.

A special "Thank You" goes out to all of those who volunteered!

## Learn More about the City Beautiful Commission and their Projects



### **Rochester City Beautiful Commission**

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: Mary Antenucci 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](mailto:cbc@rochestermi.org) and including "newsletter" in the subject line.