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**Upcoming 2018**  
**Meetings:**

**September 12**  
**October 10**  
**November 14**  
**December 12 (tbd)**

## **CBC CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY**



The Rochester City Beautiful Commission (CBC) celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Black Hill Spruce on April 27 at Mount Avon Cemetery. Members of the CBC were on hand for the celebration, along with Rochester City Administration, City Council, the Cemetery Committee and the Parks Department.

The CBC has planted trees at various locations in the City of Rochester for the past six Arbor Days. Locations include Municipal Park, Elizabeth Park, Howlett Park, McGregor Elementary, North Hill Elementary, and Memorial Grove.

Arbor Day was originally held in April of 1874 in the state of Nebraska. Today, the day is most often observed on the last Friday of April and throughout the years many U.S. Presidents have proclaimed this day as the official Arbor Day, according to the Arbor Day Foundation, an organization dedicated to inspiring people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees.

“We hope the trees will stand as a reminder of this event for years to come as well as to becoming a part of Rochester’s beautiful surroundings,” said Lynn Marie Oates, CBC Chairperson.

For more information on the Rochester City Beautiful Commission, please visit [www.rochestermi.org](http://www.rochestermi.org) or email [cbc@rochestermi.org](mailto:cbc@rochestermi.org).

## **CBC AT “JUNK IN THE TRUNK”**



Thank you to everyone who visited the City Beautiful tent at “Junk in the Trunk” on June 23!

A very special thank you to Pat and Ed Kane who generously donated all of the items for sale including Michigan made garden art and original art pieces including several Pewabic tiles.

We are grateful for your generosity!

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN CLEANUP**



The CBC would like to thank all the volunteers who came out on April 21 and 28, to help prep the Rochester Community Garden for the upcoming growing season.

Some of the work done included numbering and cleaning out planting beds, spreading wood chips and a general clean up.

## GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD



Congratulations to our latest Good Neighbor Award recipient Ray Thietten who received his award at the May 14 city council meeting. Ray was nominated by his neighbor Tammy Byers for being a good neighbor by clearing her driveway and sidewalk of snow all winter!

According to the nomination, “Ray Thietten is the best neighbor & he’s my neighbor! For every snowfall this year, Ray has snow blown & shoveled my very long driveway night & day, including the sidewalk. I walk out the door to go to work & bam!– the driveway is done. He & his wife, Corrine, are wonderful people & a great asset to our neighborhood and the City of Rochester. “

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.

## **CBC Welcomes 3 New Members**



As seated, left to right:

### **Melissa Bevacqua:**

“I have lived in Rochester for eight years with my loving little family; my husband Dean, our two daughters, Olivia and Audrey and two dogs, Max and Maisey. During that time, I have had the pleasure of being a registered child care provider in my home, mostly for teacher’s children. While our daughters attended Rochester High School, I was a parent volunteer for the wonderful band program there, as well as helping out with a few other groups when needed.

Since both of our daughters are off to WMU and MSU, respectively, it seemed like the ideal time to join City Beautiful. Because I’ve always enjoyed gardening and making things pretty and inviting, I believe it will be a good fit. I love living in Rochester and am ready to volunteer in this capacity while getting to know some new people too!”

### **Sue Butala:**

“I moved to the Rochester area when I attended Oakland University and loved it so much that I never left! My husband Jay and I raised our daughter in Rochester, where she graduated from Rochester High School a few years ago. Much of my time during her school years was spent volunteering at school and with girl scouts. Now that we have an empty nest, I decided it was time to find new ways to become involved in our community. As a regular user of our parks and trails, the Rochester City Beautiful Commission seemed like a great fit. I am looking forward to this new experience!”

### **Laura Murphy:**

“As a near-30 year resident of Rochester, and daily Rochester Municipal Park and Paint Creek Trail user, I wondered about how these entities function and how they are maintained by our city. When I inquired, it was suggested that I join the City Beautiful Commission and learn more the areas that are of interest to me. I am learning more each day about the daily workings of city's efforts to put its best foot forward for residents and visitors. I look forward to figuring out how to engage residents and parks users in keeping up the lovely appearance and general health of these jewels of our city through the City Beautiful Commission.”

## Rochester City Beautiful Commission



*Standing, left to right: Eric Bothwell  
Melissa Bevacqua, Sue Butala, Laura  
Murphy and Mark Panter.*

*Seated, left to right: Amanda  
Harrison Keighley, Lynn Marie Oates,  
Tammy Byers, and Linda Glisman.*

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