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**Upcoming 2016  
Meetings:**

August 10

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

**Make A Difference Day**



*Photo by Eric Bothwell*

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission held their annual "Make-a-Difference Day" on Saturday, May 14 in the Rochester Municipal Park.

This year's project was "Mulch-a-Palooza" and approximately 25 volunteers, City Administration, CBC members and Department of Public Works personnel came out to help by spreading mulch and pulling weeds in the park and at the Municipal Building. In spite of a little rain earlier 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 thanks to all those who volunteered!

## Good Neighbor Award



*Photos by Eric Bothwell*



The City Beautiful Commission (CBC) recently announced the winner of the 2nd Quarter Good Neighbor Award is Rochester residents Chip and Stephanie Asmus.

Chip and Stephanie were nominated by City Council member Rob Ray for being the perfect example of Good Neighbors. According to the nomination, the couple is the first to welcome new people to the neighborhood and make them feel welcome. They keep an eye on neighbors' homes when others are away, help clear the sidewalks and driveways of snow throughout the winter. They are just happy to lend a helping hand with any general home projects. In addition to raising three teenaged children, they are also active in their church.

"When my wife Summer and I purchase our home almost 7 years ago, we didn't know we had hit the proverbial jackpot when it came to neighbors. Chip and Stephanie go out of their way for each of their neighbors. Not only are they wonderful neighbors but they are kind people. We are fortunate to have them as neighbors; we should all live next to a Chip and Stephanie!" said Ray.

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission was proud to present the couple with the award at the May 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 more beautiful.

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 or visit [www.rochestermi.org/cbc](http://www.rochestermi.org/cbc) for a Good Neighbor Award nomination form.

## Another New Bench for Municipal Park



Another beautiful memorial has been added to the park. The bench sits beautifully along the edge of the Paint Creek.

A nice place to sit, reflect and remember.

## Memorial Program



Memorials help tell the story of a loved one and preserve their memory forever. And, families may want to demonstrate their love by doing something in their community to perpetuate the memory of someone special in their lives.

The CBC has recently formalized a program that creates a lasting memorial to honor the memory of a loved one and provides a place to visit and reflect beyond the burial site.

- Families may select a park bench or a tree (see program flyer or website for prices).
- The City is also open to other suggestions and creative ideas
- A memorial plaque will accompany the item. Language must be approved by the City
- Choice of parks include: Municipal Park, Memorial Park, Elizabeth Park or Howlett Park. Placement in the park is selected with the assistance of city personnel.

More information can be found on the City website at [www.rochestermi.org](http://www.rochestermi.org) on the City Beautiful Commission page, including the program flyer and order form.

- <http://www.ci.rochester.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1147>
- <http://rochestermi.org/DocumentCenter/View/162>

## Elizabeth Park Project Update



This past fall, the old fence and brush along the southern boarder of the park was removed and replaced with new fencing and a row of arborvitaes. Recently, additional arborvitaes were planted to provide a more complete screen along the length of the property line.

These further enhancements to the park are included in the project plan: a water wall, a 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, etc.

A rendering of the park project as well as a list of sponsorship opportunities are available on the on the CBC page of the city website at: [www.rochestermi.org](http://www.rochestermi.org)

or at <http://www.ci.rochester.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1212>.

## Howlett Park Invasive Clean Up Day



Community volunteers, including students from the Stoney Creek High School Key Club, CBC members and City staff, came out to help with the removal of invasive plants in Howlett Park on Saturday, May 21. Howlett Park is located at the northeast corner of Inglewood and Romeo Road.

Volunteers assisted Kate Tuttle-Sniecinski of Greater MI Urban Forestry and Landscape Consulting and the Parks Department staff with the removal of plants specifically in the wooded area surrounding the pond. The professional staff identified the specific invasive plants to be removed and volunteers removed the plants and cleared away the debris.

We are very grateful to everyone who helped with this important project. Plans are in the works for another similar work day in the fall!



*Photos by Eric Bothwell*

## Rochester City Beautiful Commission



*Standing, left to right: Rena Stewart, Linda Glisman, Ethel Stepnitz, David Lowell, Tammy Byers, Eric Bothwell and Mark Panter*

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

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Additionally, the City Beautiful Commission produces this newsletter quarterly to highlight our projects.

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