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## Arbor Day...at North Hill Elementary

The CBC celebrated Arbor Day by planting a Bur Oak tree at North Hill Elementary School on April 26th, Members of the CBC were on hand for the celebration along with Rochester City Administration, City Council members, staff from the Department of Public Works and Parks as well as the City Fire and Police.

The celebration began with a welcome from the school's Principal Dave Pontzious and was followed by presentations from the 3rd grade students; City of Rochester's Deputy City Manager Nik Banda led the students as they presented their classroom posters highlighting the benefits of trees to our environment as well as for the community.

Each student was also given the opportunity to place a shovel of dirt on the new tree. After, the students each took a section of water hose from the Rochester fire truck that was on hand. Along with the help of the students, Fire Chief Cieslik and council members Kim Russell and Steve Sage, the tree received its first watering.

The CBC has planted trees in the City of Rochester for the past three Arbor Days including at Howlett Park and McGregor Elementary. St. John Lutheran has been designated as the site for the 2014 Arbor Day tree planting and celebration.



## The Rochester Community Garden

The Community Garden is located in Scott Street Park on Woodward in Rochester, adjacent to Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and the Public Works Facility.

The garden, which was a 2010 project by the City Beautiful Commission, was designed to allow apartment dwellers, seniors and residents with undesirable yards to lease a plot of land for growing fruits and vegetables in a community setting.

In 2011, the first phase of the plan created 42 garden plots, 4-by-8-feet each, which residents can lease for \$30 a year (\$35 for nonresidents). In 2012, Phase Two, added approximately another 30 garden plots along with a children's garden. In 2013 the garden was expanded again for a total of 142 planting beds.

Guidelines were created for what may be planted and how the gardens should be taken care of; there are no chemicals allowed to be used in the planting or maintenance of the gardens. Gardeners are also encouraged to dedicate part of their garden to "Rochester Community House "Community Kitchen" or the Rochester Area Neighborhood House's "Food Pantry".

Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and the Garden Advisory Committee manage the garden and keep residents up to date on its progress. If you are interested in receiving updates on the garden, please visit [www.DinosaurHill.org](http://www.DinosaurHill.org) or their [Facebook page under Rochester Community Garden](#). Or if you are interested in a starting a plot next year, please visit the Community Garden page on the city website for the guidelines and application at [www.rochestermi.org](http://www.rochestermi.org).



# WHO ARE WE? & WHAT DO WE DO..

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission was established to study, conceive, formulate, promulgate, and develop plans for the beautification of Rochester as follows: investigate and develop plans for improving the appearance of the city; encourage and recommend the placing, planting, and preservation of trees, flowers, plants and shrubbery and other objects or ornamentation in the city; sponsor, plan, promote, coordinate, and carry out cleanup, paint-up, fix-up campaign activities throughout the city with specific attention to residential neighborhoods; and to otherwise promote public interest in the general appearance of the city. With that said, there has been a lot of buzz lately about the Rochester City Beautiful Committee (CBC) projects ... So, who are the people behind the committee? The CBC is a group of enthusiastic, creative, earth-loving dedicated volunteers who want to work to preserve the beauty of their city and give back to the place they all call home.

The committee Chairperson is Lynn M. Oates, a 40 year Rochester resident who has been employed at Comerica Bank for 25 years and volunteers her time with the following local organizations, Rochester Junior Woman's Club past club president, current club treasurer and publicity chair; Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Executive board member, Art and Apples and Art and Orchards committee chair, Regional Art and Culture Awards chairperson, Crittenton Hospital Cornerstone Committee member and Relay for Life of Greater Rochester, Committee Chair – Publicity. She truly loves being a part of the Rochester community and is very excited to be involved with the City Beautiful Committee and the great projects they are working on.

The Vice-Chairperson is Tammy J. Byers, a lifelong resident. Her love for her hometown shines through with her dedication and volunteering in public and community service. In 2004, she became a member of the Rochester Historical Commission and was elected Chair of the Rochester Historical Commission in January, 2011. She is an avid gardener and has been involved in many Rochester beautification and preservation projects including Hold the Elevator and the Paint Creek Trailways Signage campaign. Her passion and enthusiasm for Rochester as a living community led her to the Rochester City Beautiful Committee, and she looks forward to contributing and serving Rochester through her involvement.

The CBC Secretary is Ann Peterson, a long-time resident who has been working in the real estate field for almost twenty years and is a licensed Realtor. She has been active with the Planning Commission, Master Plan, Community Garden, Residential Property Task Force and volunteers at the Assistance League of Southeastern MI-ReSale Connection. Her passion is to help preserve and protect the city's properties and neighborhoods so we will continue to be a destination for many years to come. She looks forward to serving and preserving the place she calls home.

David Lowell, a resident of Rochester for the past 28 years, has been employed at Crittenton Hospital for the past 24 years. David has served on numerous committees and assisted with countless fundraising events for

## Good Neighbor Award and the Winner is...

The CBC was excited to announce Karen Sadovsky as the 1st Good Neighbor Award winner of 2013!

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

Karen was nominated by her husband Vincent who nominated her for her efforts relating to the gardens at the Rochester Hills Public Library. According to Vincent, "Karen started taking care of the garden in 2009 through 2012 investing about 80 hours each year to edge, weed, transplant, thin out, feed and plant each week. Because of her efforts the perennial gardens began to flourish! And, in 2011 the library received a Keep Michigan Beautiful award for the perennial gardens. She volunteered because she saw a need. She does it because she loves the beauty of this garden and the joy it brings to others."

Crittenton. He has always been interested in the preservation of historic buildings and properties and sits on the board of Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and is the chair of the Rochester Green City Committee. He believes Rochester is a beautiful town and he would like to see it remain that way!

Sue Neal, Executive Director of Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve in Rochester for the past ten years. She is an "almost lifelong" resident of Oakland Township – but Rochester has always been her home town. As part of the CBC she looks forward to representing Dinosaur Hill with the perspective of an organization that values the importance of natural spaces in the economic and social development of a small city. She is very excited about the Community Garden project and that is the subcommittee on which she serves.

Eric D. Bothwell, has resided in Rochester from 1942-1948 and 1960-2011 for a total of 57 years. He currently serves on the Scott Street and Elizabeth Street Parks committees. He retired in 2003 after 40 years at GM where he was a senior designer and department head. He is the immediate past president of the Rochester Lions Club and a member of the Great Rochester Heritage Days Festival committee. Past Senior Director of the Bluewater Michigan Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society. He also serves as the city's volunteer photographer. He enjoys contributing to this wonderful community.

Linda Glisman, a resident of Rochester for 14 years, loves living in this beautiful quaint and yet vibrant town. She currently works for our Congressman Mike Rogers and enjoys being a conduit between the town's people and the Congressman. She is a retired public school art teacher of 31 years who loves to garden and make things beautiful. She is a member of St. John Lutheran Church and sits on the Foundation Board for the Church and School. She also belongs to the Louise Saks Parliamentary Unit and has membership pending in the local Stony Creek Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her love for her country, history, art, gardening and helping others attracted her to the City Beautiful Commission whereby all of her passions could be demonstrated and fulfilled.

Ethel Stepnitz, a long-time resident of 34 years who loves the City of Rochester. She is an active member of the Woman's National Farm & Garden Association, Rochester Branch and the Historic District Study Committee. Her home has been featured on the popular garden walk and she also volunteers at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Her reason for being on the CBC is to help keep our parks and walkways, as well as our entire City of Rochester, more beautiful than it already is.

This dedicated group of volunteers, from all paths, are working together to keep their HOMETOWN as beautiful as it was the first time they saw it and preserve it for those who will come after them.

## Everyone Can Benefit When We Lend A Helping Hand

The City Beautiful Commission and the City of Rochester, were proud to present Karen with her award at the May 13th City Council Meeting.

Do you know someone who goes the extra mile to keep our city beautiful or to help their neighbors? Just fill out a nomination form and turn it in, it is that easy!

Forms can be found on the city website under City Beautiful Commission page at

[www.rochestermi.org/cbc](http://www.rochestermi.org/cbc). And, those selected will be recognized quarterly at a City Council meeting. If you would like more information please contact Ann Peterson, City Beautiful Commission Secretary at 248-495-8877. {Photo by Eric D. Bothwell, Left to Right, Linda Glisman, Lynn Oates, Karen Sadovsky, Tammy Byers and Eric D. Bothwell}

