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**Upcoming 2015 &
2016 Meetings:**

October 14
November 11
December 9
January 13
February 10
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June 8

Elizabeth Park Project Update



Elizabeth Park Fence along South boundary



New Arborvitae planted along South side of park

The Elizabeth Street Park Project is starting to take shape! The park is located on the east side of Elizabeth Street, north of Second Street (east of the Royal Park Hotel). If you are traveling that way, take a look at our latest improvement! The fence along the property line has received a “face lift” with a new coating!



Also, mark your calendars for Thursday, April 28, 2016! The CBC will host a fundraiser for the Elizabeth Park Project in the beautiful conservatory at the Royal Park Hotel. Stay tuned for more information!

The project has planned enhancements to the park including 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, and more. A rendering of the park project as well as the list of sponsorship opportunities are available on the city website at www.rochestermi.org on the CBC page or at <http://www.ci.rochester.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1212>.

Elizabeth Park Turtle finds a new home!



Our Elizabeth Park turtle has found a new home at Dinosaur Hill!

She seems happy and appears to be enjoying her spot in the shade!

Yes, There is a Pond in Howlett Park



As our beautiful planting continue to mature, we realize a small problem! You couldn't see the pond! So, thanks to our wonderful Park Staff, we have established a new mowing plan that will allow for a clearer view of the pond from Inglewood Street (the west side of the park).

Walk or drive by and stop to enjoy the view!

Memorial Grove Project – Phase 1 Completed!



The CBC is excited to announce the completion of Phase One of Memorial Grove!

CBC planted the following new trees: 4 White Spruce (*picea glauca*), 3 Autumn Blaze Maple (*acer freemanii*), 3 Regal Prince Oak (*quercus robur*) and 2 Emerald City Tulip Tree (*liriodendron tuipifera*).

We plan to plant additional trees in the spring, as the selection available from our suppliers was limited this summer. Once the project has been completed, each tree type will have a plaque installed that will describe the tree and its characteristics as well as a key map at the entrance of the park with the location of each tree species.

Rochester Named a Purple Heart City



Purple Heart recipients Bruce Hartung, a resident of Rochester, and Officer Jeffrey Firman, Rochester Police Department, assisted Rochester DPW worker, John Low in installing Purple Heart City Signs at entrances to Rochester on Purple Heart Day, August 8, 2015.

Photo courtesy of the Rochester DDA

The City of Rochester was recently bestowed the honor of the Military Order of Purple Heart Special Recognition Award and proclaimed a Purple Heart City. Rochester is the second city in the State of Michigan to gain this distinction. Signs were recently installed around the City in recognition of this designation. The Purple Heart Trail was created as a symbolic and honorary system of roads, highways, bridges, and now cities that give tribute to the men and women who have been awarded the Purple Heart medal. Signs placed at various locations annotate those roads, highways, and cities where legislation has been passed to designate areas as: “The Purple Heart Trail” or “Purple Heart City”.

Tree City USA signs installed!



If you are walking by Howlett or Memorial Grove, take a notice of our newly installed Tree City USA signs.

Rochester first earned this national honor in April 2014, 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.

New bike rack on 3rd Street!



For all the bike riders out there, if you haven't seen it, we have a new bike rack on 3rd street! It’s at the southeast corner of Main.

Enjoy!

Tell us about your Good Neighbors!



Do 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 Good Neighbor Award 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 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 or 248-651-0515 or visit www.rochestermi.org/cbc for a Good Neighbor Award nomination form.

Rochester City Beautiful Commission acknowledges James Vettrai



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Left to right: Ann Peterson, Rena Stewart, Chairperson Lynn Oates, City Manager Jaymes Vettrai, Ethel Stepnitz, David Lowell, Vice Chairperson Eric Bothwell.

Not pictured: Secretary Mark Panter, Linda Glisman.

The CBC would like to wish our City Manager Jaymes Vettrai the best as he moves on to his new career at Rochester College to become Rochester College's first Director of the Center for Social Entrepreneurship. And, we thank him for all of the support he has given our committee over the past years. He will be greatly missed!

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.

