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Upcoming 2016

Meetings:

June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

The CBC Welcomes Back Tammy Byers



Tammy J. Byers, a lifelong resident, who professionally has worked for 25 years at RGIS LLC, an Auburn Hills based inventory management company, currently as an Account Executive.

Her love for her hometown shines through with her dedication to volunteer work and community service. From 1994 through 2004 she served as a Meals-On-Wheels Volunteer. In 2004, she became a member of the Rochester Historical Commission, adding duties as Recording Secretary in 2005 and again in 2010. She then served as Chair of the Rochester Historical Commission from January, 2011 through 2013. 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 the Rochester Community led her to the Rochester City Beautiful Commission, and she looks forward to contributing and serving Rochester through her involvement.

Daughters of the American Revolution - Stony Creek Chapter Named Recipients of the Rochester "Good Neighbor Award"



Congratulations to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) - Stony Creek Chapter on being awarded the Good Neighbor Award for the first quarter of 2016.

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 neighborhoods. The program is designed to honor those who make a difference in our community without seeking or receiving recognition for their service.

The DAR members were nominated for planting more than 1000 daffodil bulbs in the front of City Hall on October 11th. As part of the DAR's National Day of Service, over a dozen DAR ladies participated in the planting of the bulbs around City Hall. Next spring, as Rochester kicks-off its first Daffodil Festival, the city will be spectacular as it shows-off the glorious golden color that will be a preview to the Golden Bicentennial in 2017. "We can't wait to see how beautiful Rochester looks in the spring," said CBC member Linda Glisman.

The Rochester City Beautiful Commission was proud to present DAR representative Debbie Blaske, the Chapter Regent, with the award at the January 25th 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 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.

New Bench Installed at Municipal Park as Part of Memorial Bench and Tree Program



A very special bench was added to Municipal Park this fall.

Lisa Pitters and her friends purchased a bench "In Memory of Jamie Martin and Baby Jameson" who were lost in a car accident earlier this year.

The bench is located in a lovely spot along the Paint Creek. We hope the bench will be a place for family and friends to remember better times.

City Of Rochester Celebrates Arbor Day at Elizabeth Park



The Rochester City Beautiful Commission (CBC) celebrated Arbor Day by planting an Autumn Blaze Maple (*Acer rubrum 'Autumn Blaze'*) on April 28th at Elizabeth Park. Members of the CBC were on hand for the celebration along with Rochester City Administration, City Council Members and the Parks Department.

The celebration began with a welcome, and a few Arbor Day Trivia facts, from Mayor Pro Tem, Kim Russell followed by the tree planting lead by Kim Russell and City Manager Blaine Wing.

The CBC has planted trees in the City of Rochester for the last five Arbor Days including at Howlett Park and 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.

Stretching Station Installed as Part of Memorial Bench and Tree Program



The Memorial Bench and Tree Program continues to exceed our expectations! Trees, benches and picnic tables can be donated through the program.

In addition, we are also open to other suggestions and welcome creative ideas like Sharon Koenig whose donation purchased a Stretching Station which has been installed on the north side of the Municipal Park near the Paint Creek Trail.

For more information or to make a donation please visit

<http://www.ci.rochester.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/1147> or contact Nik Banda at 248-651-9061. Plaques or signs at the gift site are included with any gift.

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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.

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.