



ROCHDALE TIMES

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Letter from the Board President

Hello Neighbors,

Let me start this letter by acknowledging our shared experience of the last few months - COVID-19. Congratulations! You've undoubtedly developed several new skills in this time, from working from home to assisting your children in their schoolwork to a range of crafting projects. Sadly, we must mourn the passing of some dear neighbors, but this sadness is offset, in some small way, by the opportunity to welcome some new neighbors to our hidden gem of a community.

I truly believe ours is a gem, but unfortunately, some concerns have been cropping up. Neighbors have been contacting members of the Board, worried over aspects related to maintenance and upkeep of homes, one even reporting to have been told by prospective home buyers that they liked the home but had concerns about the state of the neighborhood. Recently, the most-mentioned concern is with vehicles, equipment, and RVs, though especially tall grass has been brought up in a couple of cases. As a subdivision with a Home Owners Association (HOA), we have specific rules about maintenance and upkeep. Our [Building and Use Restrictions Agreement \(BURA\)](#) can be found on the Rochdale Subdivision website (rochdalesub.com/). The City of Rochester Hills' Ordinances can be found online as well (www.rochesterhills.org/). The City has also produced a [Guide to Neighborhood Living](#) booklet (www.rochesterhills.org/index.aspx?nid=851) which answers many common homeowner questions regarding the City's services and ordinances. *Continued on page 2.*

Annual HOA Zoom Meeting—Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7 pm.

The Rochdale Sub Annual Meeting will be a Zoom meeting. During the meeting, we will discuss the current subdivision issues and vote for members who will commit to a two-year term. We have a few residents who have expressed interest in joining the Board. Each of these nominees will have a few minutes to share a little about themselves at the meeting and then voting will be conducted using Survey Monkey.

To be able to conduct the meeting, we will need to email you a link. For those residents who would like to participate in the meeting, please email your email address and your address to rochdalehoa@gmail.com. We will need all email addresses no later than September 10, 2020.

NEWS AROUND THE SUB

Class of 2020

Congrats to the Class of 2020!

New Neighbors

Welcome to all our new neighbors! Anthony Craft will be stopping by to welcome you and drop off welcome/info packets.

Sad News

Several neighbors have passed away recently—Carol Reddan and Dick Bourez. The Board has made donations in their honor.

Speed Limit in the Sub

We have many kids in the neighborhood, families out for walks and pet owners doing their daily 'parade' loops on our streets. With them in mind, please remember the speed limit is only **25 mph**. It doesn't take being over by much to end up being issued a ticket with a hefty fine attached (*\$115 for 5mph over, \$125 for 6-10mph over*). Treat yourself to a good meal when you keep that money in your pocket and not the court's! Know the few *extra moments of commute time you share with us by staying under 25mph is greatly appreciated!*

Letter from the Board President continued...

Specific language related to vehicles, equipment, and RVs can be found on p.3 of the BURA. As a step toward bringing the neighborhood into compliance with both the BURA and the City's ordinances, the Board is gathering a roster of nearby storage sites and lawncare services that are often used by members of Rochdale in order to help those who are in need of a suitable alternative storage or yard maintenance firm.

Welcome Packets for new neighbors will include a copy of the Rochester Hills Guide, as well as the Rochdale Association By-Laws and BURA if these were not provided by your Realtor at closing. For neighbors who are not new, if you're unable to access the websites, hard copies of these can be provided upon request.

Now, folks won't need to worry about getting a "nasty-gram" out of the blue about these concerns as I prefer to reach out to our members first. This gives me the chance to meet and chat with neighbors and to discuss different options related to any issues first. Many times, it turns out the neighbor isn't aware of the City ordinances or Agreement on Restrictions. These face-to-face (or phone contacts) also give me a chance to get their input, ideas, and concerns and to compliment them on the dedicated effort that so many have put into their homes.

If anyone has any questions, concerns or just wants to chat, I can be reached by phone (248)420-3157, email anthony.craft@gmail.com or stop by 1430 Stockport Dr. (and we can practice 'proper social distance' together!) I feel if someone has a question, odds are good someone else does too, and if I don't have a reasonable answer, then it's my duty to go find it and get it back to them.

I look forward to seeing everybody as the year progresses and hope you're doing well during these 'Interesting Times.'

Respectfully,
Anthony Craft
Rockdale Association
President

Pond Treatment

Some residents may have noticed the typical green hue of the pond water is not present this year. The color in previous years was from a dye, Aqua Shade, used to help control the growth of aquatic vegetation. As an added benefit it gave the water a pleasing green color.

Unfortunately, Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is no longer allowing these dyes to be used in bodies of water which drain into another water source. Due to this change in the State regulations it is possible we may have to treat the pond more frequently than we have in the past to control algae and aquatic vegetation. We typically only had to treat once a season to maintain control. The Board along with Tri-County will monitor the ponds condition throughout the season and address additional treatments if needed.

New Mulch at the Playground

In July, new mulch was added to the playground area at the park.

