

# ROCHDALE NEWS

SUMMER 2021

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

Several new neighbors have moved into the sub. If you have any questions, the Welcoming Committee will be stopping by. Feel free to send any questions regarding the subdivision to [rochdalehoa@gmail.com](mailto:rochdalehoa@gmail.com).

## ROCHDALE SUB INFO

For the sub's bylaws and deed restrictions, please go to the Rochdale website, [www.rochdalesub.com](http://www.rochdalesub.com). You will find information about topics such as landscaping. You will find information about topics such as landscaping which notes you cannot install landscaping to act as a fence around your property. We also post the Quarterly Meeting Minutes there, too.

## SAD NEWS

Dale Rowe passed away in May. A donation to the Neighborhood House was made in his honor.

## QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The HOA Board meets quarterly. Here are the meeting dates: November 1, 2021, February 7, 2022 and May 2, 2022. The meetings will be conducted via Zoom unless otherwise specified.

## **A NOTE FROM THE ROCHDALE HOA PRESIDENT**

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer so far. The Rochdale Association Annual Meeting was held earlier this summer with a variety of information and activities coming from it.

With the real estate market going strong, we have had more new neighbors and families moving into the Subdivision. The Welcoming Committee is working on a new process flow to make sure Welcome/Information Packets get out as early in the home buying process as possible. If you see new faces around, please take a moment to say "Hi" and introduce yourself, maybe even see if they have any questions on what's in the local area that you might know about.

The Park committee is working on the steps needed to stabilize the pond and make improvements for the park area as well. Member input on the improvement priorities will be one of the items on a Membership Survey, see the information later in the newsletter.

A quick reminder if you are considering making home improvements: Please check with the Rochdale HOA Plans Committee before starting in case approval is needed.

When is the best time to water your lawn? Per City Ordinance Chapter 102 Sec. 394 Restrictions: If you have an automated or programmable irrigation system, you may only water between midnight and 5:00 am. This allows for overall lower water rates. The entire ordinance is available for viewing at [www.rochesterhills.org](http://www.rochesterhills.org).

The Board is planning on moving forward with the Subdivision Annual Picnic and Halloween activities. Information will be posted to the website and social media.

During the meeting, the topic of issues/conflicts/complaints between neighbors came up. With that in mind, I'd like to share some thoughts pulled from other HOA forums and topic boards.

Ways to be a great neighbor:

- Introduce yourself!
- Take pride in your property. You've worked hard for a place to call home, let it shine.
- Be a responsible pet owner. Ask your vet or 'pet whisperer' on how to modify/control behaviors.
- Be considerate. It goes a long way towards having a peaceful area to call home.
- Be aware of shared areas. Rochdale has long had restrictions on fences and barriers, so many yards flow from one into another.
- Be sure to talk over any potential friction before they become issues.
- Provide party alerts. We love our homes and often have guests and gatherings from time to time. Give your neighbors a heads up and maybe even invite them over too. Leave a phone number for them to reach out to if things become a bit too boisterous.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual Sub Picnic will be on Sunday, September 12.

Halloween Gathering/Trunk or Treat in October. More details will be shared for both events soon.

## ROCHDALE HOA BOARD

Anthony Craft – President

Warren DeWitt – Vice President

Trisha Cox – Secretary

Rick Wagener – Treasurer

## DIRECTORS

Edna Coghlan

Chris Gadulka

Tom Greaves

Ashley Lamberti

Beth Lucarelli

Chris Lucarelli

Randy McGillis

Joel Morris

Beverly Ritchie

## PARK COMMITTEE

Beverly Ritchie + Volunteers

## PLANS COMMITTEE

Anthony Craft

Warren DeWitt

Tom Greaves

Joel Morris

## WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Edna Coghlan

Anthony Craft

Ashley Lamberti

- Stay tidy. Keeping things in order helps avoid attracting critters and creepy crawlies (for both your home and those next door).
- Look out for one another. Between vacations, accidents and just Michigan weather doing its thing, having someone nearby to lend a hand goes a very long way.
- Share information and help keep each other informed. Useful information is always welcomed.
- It is said a person's name is one of the sweetest sounds they can hear. A simple greeting by name, a smile and wave cost almost no effort and can really help folks get through a rough day by letting them know they're Home here in Rochdale!

Your Neighbor,  
Anthony 'Tony' Craft  
President  
Rochdale Association

## DEER IN THE SUBDIVISION

During the annual meeting some questions arose regarding the local wildlife in our Subdivision. The City of Rochester Hills, Parks & Natural Resources Department handles most of wildlife issues in our area. The City also has a Deer Management Advisory Committee (DMAC), started in February 2009, to review the City's Deer Management Policy and assist City Council in their deliberations. The DMAC:

- Reviews car/deer crash statistics and the annual count for effectiveness of controlled culling operations.
- Reviews available resources for possible guidelines and inclusions into the Deer Management Policy.
- Investigates and recommend any potential funding sources for implementation of the Deer Management Policy.

On the City's website, the DMAC section ([www.RochesterHills.org](http://www.RochesterHills.org) >Government -> Committees, Boards and Commissions) provides Deer Resistant Plant Lists, 2020 Deer Management Report (including counts and trending), and Coexisting with Deer and Fall Deer Tips brochures (physical brochures available at City Hall also). The site includes tips on making your foliage unappealing and means of deterring deer with repellents, barriers, and even some scare tactics. For further information, please visit their website or contact the Parks & Natural Resources Department at 248.656.4673.

\*\*Please note: There is a deer feeding ban in Rochester Hills

## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY



Please use a QR reader (on iPhones open your camera; on some Android phones, you need a QR code reader) to complete the Membership Survey. Please complete by August 13. Link to the survey: <https://forms.gle/4coekFf4t2bspxXf8>

If you want an electronic copy of the newsletter to access the link, please go to [rochdalesub.com](http://rochdalesub.com)> Newsletters>August

Thanks in advance for your feedback!