



# Rochdale Times

Winter, 2014

## News from the Neighborhood

**Baby News!** On October 29th, Dan and Meghan Plovie introduced their son to the world. Avin Joesph came in weighing 7 lb 11 oz and is happy, health with quite an appetite. Congrats to Mom, Dad and big Sis, Olivia!

**Next Board Meeting** is March 9, 2015 at 6:30 pm in Room 221 at City Hall.

*Happy Holidays from the Rochdale Board!*

**Contact Us**

*Have any news to share?  
Please send your stories to Trisha Cox at (contactrochdaletimes@gmail.com) for consideration.*

 *Find us on Facebook — Rochdale Homeowners Association.*

## Note from the President

Hello Neighbors,  
I hope everyone had a relaxing Thanksgiving and you were able to spend time with family. If you did, I hope family and relaxing are possible at the same time. ☺ In the end, I hope everyone had something to be thankful for.

As for sub happenings, not a lot to report. The Halloween Party was a HOOT, but more on that below. I would, however, like to thank not only those who attended, but also give a huge thank you to Trisha Cox, Tiffany Fronek and Caryn DeWitt for planning and putting the party on. The home at 1484 Gracedale did sell and was closed on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. I have not had a chance to meet our new neighbor yet. So if you see any activity there, stop by and introduce yourself.

Lastly, I would like to mention an event, we should all be aware of and take caution, too. On November 17th, shortly after it had gotten dark, one of our neighbors had a knock on their door from a man and woman claiming to be selling Tide Balls. When the homeowner told them they were not interested and the door was shut, they proceeded back to their car parked in the street and left. After discussing with other neighbors, it does not appear this man and woman went to any other nearby homes. The incident was reported to the Sheriff and the following day the homeowner called the city to see if any solicitation permits had been issued. They were told none had been issued recently. It should be noted the man did have some sort of I.D. hanging from his neck,



but was unrecognizable. One never should speculate or make assumptions, but all the pieces do not add up and it seems some sort of wrong doing was amidst in this scenario so please be aware and take caution. Living in a peaceful neighborhood can lend ourselves to letting our guard down and this is what the “up to no good” guys are hoping for.

As we have always done, let’s continue to look out for each other and from myself, Caryn and Dillon, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Sincerely,  
*Warren DeWitt*

## Rochdale Halloween Party 2014

The Halloween Party was held on Sunday, October 26 in Rochdale Park. It was a beautiful fall day enjoyed by 19 of the neighborhood kids and residents’ grandkids.

The kids decorated small pumpkins and played the witch’s hat ring toss. Hot cider, donuts and candy were consumed by most of the attendees.



## Association Dues

Statements were sent out on December 8th, so everyone should have received their invoices for the 2015 Association Dues. If you have not, please contact Mark Bunch, Association Treasurer. The association fees are due on January 1, 2015, so if you have not mailed, please do so as soon as possible. For many of you who have already sent

in your payment, thank you! Though it costs a small amount in postage, the mailing of statements has greatly increased the promptness of receiving payments and has reduced the number of late payments. For 2014, we only had 2 late payments and 2 non-payments for the 104 homes in the subdivision. Unfortunately, there are still four

homes which are delinquent and have liens on the property.

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## Tree Care

Some of you may have noticed the Association had some of the trees pruned in the park last week. Once the ground firms up or freezes, the rest of the pruning will be completed. As a certified arborist, I would also like to remind those of you who have oak trees on your property it is extremely important to ONLY have them pruned during the dormant months, November through March. This will help prevent them from contracting the fatal fungal disease,

Oak Wilt. Oak Wilt will kill a healthy red oak in as little as a month and if other oaks are nearby they can contact the disease through root grafting. In the last few seasons, cases of Oak Wilt have been on the rise so it is important to be extra cautious. If this scenario were to occur in the back of the sub where there is a high number of oaks that makeup the canopy, those properties would change in appearance greatly as well as, have an impact on property value. Also be sure the

company you are hiring is not using climbing spurs to prune your trees! Every time that spur is stuck in the tree it leaves a wound in the trees vascular system. Unfortunately, there are examples of these wounds in our sub. For more information, this web link is good place to start, <http://treedoctor.anr.msu.edu/oakwilt/> or if you have any ques-

## Pond Ice Safety

When the pond freezes, remember these tips when skating on the pond. A parent should always determine if the ice is safe. At least four inches of ice is needed to support one person. Keep in mind as ice gets older it becomes weaker. Use the Buddy System when heading to the pond and have a phone with you. Take extra caution at the east end of the pond. The ice is usually thinner there and thaws first due to the water outlet.



## Upcoming Events Around Town

### **The Big, Bright Light Show –Through January 2015**

The buildings in Downtown Rochester will be covered with more than 1 million points of glimmering holiday light. The display will be lit every evening (5 pm–Midnight). **Bonus!** The Big, Bright Light Show will be on display every Friday, Saturday and Sunday in January.



### **Fire & Ice Festival—January 23-25, 2015**

The Fire & Ice Festival events include fireworks, TasteFest, tube sledding, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, dog sled rides, ice skating, broom ball exhibition, ice sculptures and much more! The Festival will take place in Downtown Rochester at E. Third & Water.

*Source: Rochester DDA*