

Rochdale Times

WINTER 2021



Another winter season is upon us as we bring you the Rochdale Winter newsletter. I would like to start by welcoming our new members who have recently joined our beloved subdivision. We are currently working on producing an updated membership booklet as our new member's contact information sheets are being returned. In support of our new member welcome packets, I would personally like to request any recommendations for additions to the "juried" vendor roster which we include in these. Having a roster of local vendors used by your neighbors, for things ranging from lawn care to off-site storage, makes a great starting place if you are new to the neighborhood.

Also, in news of the new, Rochester Hills has added a new feature to their website (www.rochesterhills.org) a snowplow tracker showing the locations and role (plowing, spreading or both) of their plow teams at work in real time. You can access this at rochesterhills.plowtracker.com **Note the different .org & .com between the City's main website and the tracking feature.** Please remember Rochester Hill's roads are maintained by multiple agencies, City of Rochester Hills, Road Commission for Oakland County and Michigan Department of Transportation along with contractors for private roads. A map showing which agency is responsible for which roads can be found at the City's website under Departments > Department of Public Services > Winter Road Maintenance pages. A brief reminder for our residents as we move deeper into winter: Per City of Rochester Hills Ordinance, sidewalks will need to be cleared within 48 hours of snow/sleet/ice ending and kept in a condition of good repair. With the numerous folks out walking these days, your extra effort in keeping things clear is very much appreciated!

Some upcoming dates of note: Green For Life (GFL) finished their yard waste pickup in mid-December and will restart on April 1. The hazardous-waste collection dates for SOCRRA (Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority) are currently suspended. Please contact their Recycling Drop-off Center in Troy, via their website (www.socrra.org), to schedule an appointment. I hope everyone stays safe while enjoying our Michigan winter and look forward to seeing everyone through the season!

Anthony Craft
President
Rochdale Association

Sad News

Herb von Rusten, 85 Orchardale, passed away. Herb was a long-time HOA Board Member. Our thoughts are with his family at this time.

Rochdale HOA Meetings 2021

The Rochdale HOA Board meets quarterly. These meetings are open to Rochdale residents. Here are the dates for the 2021 meetings:

Feb 1
May 3
August 2
November 1

Annual Meeting in June - Third week in June (Date TBD)

The February meeting will be a Zoom meeting. If you have any interest in attending, please email rochdalehoa@gmail.com and we can send you a link.

New Directories

With this newsletter is the new Rochdale HOA directory. We print the directories every two years. To help make sure we have the latest information on file, please send any directory changes to:

rochdalehoa@gmail.com

New Committee

The Park Standing Committee has begun initial work of contacting people for input and if interested, research into and development of various options to re-vitalize and maintain our subdivision jewel. Beverly Ritchie has taken on point of contact (POC) responsibility for

input and volunteer coordination. Anthony Craft is POC for research, data collection and presentation. If interested, please contact either of the above volunteers. Status updates will be provided with a presentation to the Board planned for this spring.

Pets in the Subdivision

Our pets are a very important part of our life, especially in stressful times of uncertainty. Rochdale Subdivision is a great space to enjoy our time with them. Especially enjoyable are the dedicated and fearless folks doing the daily dog parade, even as our Michigan weather turns bitter and cold. To help keep our neighborhood such a safe and healthy place for pets and ourselves, please remember the City of Rochester Hills along with the Rochdale subdivision have a few Ordinances and Restrictions.

Rochester Hills Ordinance allows for common household pets, but no more than three of any one species. All dogs, six months of age or older, need to be licensed. These licenses can be obtained at the City Treasurer's office. Rochester Hills Code also prohibits owners from allowing their dog to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhoods (e.g. excessive barking or making loud/unusual noises). The Ordinances also prohibit the owner from allowing them to run at large and require the dog to be under immediate control of an owner or immediate family member. Immediate control is defined by Rochester Hills as having a leash of suitable strength, held by a person able to control the dog. It also requires the owner cleanup after and properly dispose of dog waste. Rochester Hills Code also requires the owner not to allow the place where an animal may be kept to become unclean or unwholesome to an extent it becomes a health problem or nuisance to abutting residents.

Livestock, poultry and the like are strictly prohibited in Rochdale Subdivision. No animals, in any case, may be kept on a commercial basis. All dog runs, kennels or other types of animal enclosures or pens are prohibited, as well.

With pets being so much a part of our lives, we look forward to their presence in our neighborhood. By observing the restrictions and limitations which are part of it, along with simple respect and courtesy for each other, our neighborhood will continue to be a safe and enjoyable place for them.

Little Library

Have you checked out the Little Library in the park? Thanks to Beverly Ritchie, Ashley Lamberti and Rick Wagener for all their work to bring a Little Library to Rochdale Park.

Annual Dues Reminder

Please remember the annual membership dues, invoices mailed in December, are now due.

The annual dues are \$75. Please mail your check to:

**Rochdale HOA
P.O. Box 81362**

Rochester, MI 48308-1362

These dues, which are unusually low in our area, combined with member volunteer work, allow us to repair, maintain and work towards improving our neighborhood. Prompt payment helps us keep tight control on the budget, avoids the hassle/annoyance of late fees, and is very greatly appreciated!

Have a question about the HOA Bylaws or Deed Restrictions?

You can find the Rochdale HOA Bylaws and Deed Restrictions on the Rochdale website (www.rochdalesub.com). Since everyone is not on Facebook, we do post announcements, meeting minutes and past newsletters on the website. Please check it regularly for any updates.

