

# Rochdale Times

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## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*Happy New Year!*

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday season and you're looking forward to 2016. Although probably not the case for all, I'm glad to see winter has decided to show up and I hope it sticks around for awhile. Included with the newsletter is the 2016 Edition of the Rochdale Subdivision Directory. I'd like to thank Trisha Cox for all of her efforts in getting it put together, as well as Tom Greaves for getting the advertisers lined up. The companies advertising in the directory paid for the printing so please extend them a thank you by considering them when you need their expertise.

To follow-up on some old business, the City of Rochester Hills planted our new trees in November; two (2) Lindens and one (1) Kentucky Coffee Tree. Thanks again to the City for providing these trees at no cost to the Association.

At the last Board meeting, and in previous newsletters, there has been dialog about the condition of the pond. The Board feels they are on the right track with the use of the digestive pellets to reduce the muck layer and will continue to use them this coming season. We will also look into getting some water quality testing done to provide the Board with a pond health report. Restocking was also discussed, but that decision will wait until water quality reports are in.

The Board was busy this fall with the approval of a few home improvement projects. It is good to see neighbors making these improvements and investing in their homes but, please remember per the Association Building and Use Restrictions, any addition or out building must be approved by the Board, regardless of size. The process is fairly simple and plans should be submitted to the Board, usually by email. The Board reviews and is typically able to approve via email as well. Approval times vary, but the Board asks that you allow at least two weeks to process. *(continued on the back...)*



## NEWS FROM THE STORK

Congratulations to Nick and Julia Hieser, as well as big sister Tessa on the arrival of their son/little brother Lane Alan. Lane was born on December 15<sup>th</sup> at a healthy weight of 8 lbs. 5 oz. Everyone is doing well and enjoyed the extra chaos around the holidays.

## SAD NEWS

Joyce Tenniswood (1430 Stockport) passed away on January 14 after approximately 2 ½ months of illness. Joyce and her husband have lived in the Rochdale sub from its beginning. For all those who knew her would agree that you could not have asked for a better neighbor. She will be missed and loving thoughts will continue to friends and family as they grieve. The Association has made a memorial donation to Meadowbrook Christian Church in her honor.

## Meeting Dates

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Rochester Hills City Hall, Room 221

Annual Meeting: Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Rochester Hills City Hall, Auditorium



*Photo credit: Andy Swoyer (1480 Rochingham)*

Also remember, some of the City building codes are different than the subs. Subdivision codes supersede the City's, so just because they say "all is good," you still need sub approval. The best way to be in the clear is if you are checking with the City you should also check with the sub. For reference, the Building and Use Restrictions are available on the subdivision website [rochdale.sub.com](http://rochdale.sub.com) or you can call me if you have any questions.

Looking ahead into the New Year, the Association's annual meeting will be on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We are currently at the required 10 Board members, but there is always room for more. Between now and then, please consider becoming a new member. We meet 4 or 5 times a year and in between meetings, if needed, we get things done via email. It is also my hope to hand over the Presidential reins at the annual meeting. I'd like to remain on the Board and continue to help in the area of the park and perhaps continue as the "Welcome Committee", but as for the other Presidential duties I feel torn between work and/or family. As Dillon gets older and the demands of my occupation grow, I will not be able to provide the time the President position requires. If wearing the "Presidential hat" is something you would like to do, please let myself or another board member know so we can make your nomination official.

That is all from me and I look forward to seeing everyone again during our the spring walks.

Odds are the pond will eventually freeze over. There are even better odds some of the kids and probably some "big Kids" who will want to strap on the skates. ***Some ice safety reminders...***

- 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.
- Take extra caution at the east end of the pond. The ice is usually thinner there and tends to thaw first due to the water outlet.
- Use the Buddy System when heading to the pond and have a phone with you.



#### Treasury Update

Your Association Treasurer, Mark Bunch has officially handed the check book over to your new Treasurer and longtime Board Member/former President Rick Wagener. A big thanks to Mark for his many years of service as Treasurer and moving the Association into digital age of bookkeeping. Mark will continue to serve on the Board and keep maintaining our current accounting software. In addition, a big thank you to Rick Wagener for stepping up and taking on the position. Though a tough time to take over with all the association dues coming in, I'm sure he is up for the task at hand.

Also should note that all association annual dues invoices were sent out on December 21<sup>st</sup>, if you have not received yours please let Rick know.

As of January 15, 2016, the "unofficial" due date, 51% of residents have paid. If you have not yet sent your check to the P.O. Box, please do so soon.