



# THE ROCHDALE TIMES

Rochdale Subdivision

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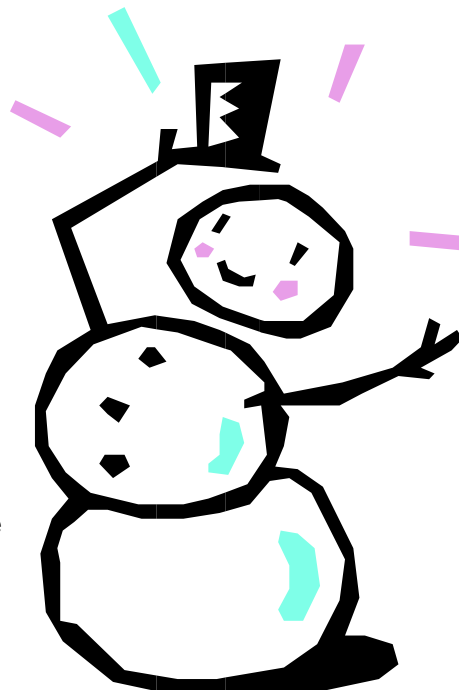
## Rochdale Board Meeting 11-06-07

A Board meeting was convened at the home of Rick Wagener on November 6. The annual financial report was given indicating total expenditures to date of \$4878.35. Members felt that expenditures had been kept in line with income, but that a more thorough analysis of costs relating to the park be enacted (fountain/electric costs, possible DTE budget plan, ongoing maintenance). A timetable for future subdivision projects was discussed. No new projects were done in 2007 and some needs have arisen. Generally, the board agrees that despite

some increase in maintenance costs, the addition of the fountain has been worth it, aesthetically.

The new Rochdale Association Directory is nearing completion and should be available by the new year.

Children of residents and adult children who are permanent residents will be listed as requested by the homeowners.



Letters pertaining to dues for 2008 will be sent out shortly.

The next board meeting will be scheduled sometime in January. Residents are encouraged to contact a board member with any concerns, comments, or new business.

### Special points of interest:

- *Don't forget the Rochester Christmas Parade 12/2 @ 2:00pm*
- *Get downtown to see the Christmas lights.*
- *Please remember to watch your speed (25mph in the sub).*
- *"What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic."*

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## President's Letter

As the fall is winding down and we move into winter, I hope that you all enjoyed the beautiful weather with all the bonus days of warmth - the warmest October I can ever recall. The holiday season is just around the corner. Remember the Rochester Christmas Parade, which is becoming larger every year, on the first Sunday of December at 2:00 PM, (December 2nd this year). From a financial perspective, 2007 has been a good year with expenses remaining in the black. This is mainly due to the efforts of the board members to keep the association expenses to a minimum. Some of the major expenses that your annual dues go toward are the park liability insurance, electricity for the lights and the pond fountain, landscaping, and lawn care. 2008 dues letters will be sent out soon.

We are ready to publish our 2008 Association Directory. Look for it just before the holidays.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful winter. See you in the spring.

Rick Wagener

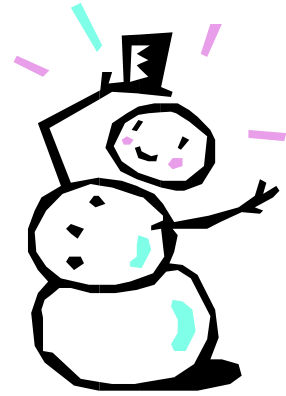


## Welcome New Residents

Anna and Rob Ciaciuch and son Liam, born on Valentine's Day 2007  
1511 Gracedale

Laurie Decker and sons Nick and Zack, who attend West Middle School and RHS  
530 Orchardale

Janet and John Ensico and children, Katie, Jordan, and Blake  
326 Orchardale



## Rochdale Subdivision Picnic a Huge Success

This year's annual picnic on Sunday August 26 was the best attended in recent memory. The weather was beautiful, the food fantastic, and the camaraderie excellent. It was especially nice to have new residents there, and even many "old-timers" had the chance to meet for the first time, or get reacquainted.

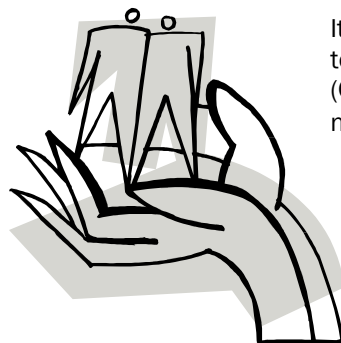
The later time (5:00 pm to 7:00 pm) seemed to be a hit.

Let's continue to expand this tradition!



## Thoughts of Concern and Caring

June Blazis, 1547 Walton, who has been battling long-term illness for some time. June has been a long-time Rochdale resident and past Board Member. June, your friends and neighbors send you our very best thoughts and wishes.



## Notes of Sympathy

It is with great sadness that we send condolences to the families of Ray Allen (August), Mars Riopelle (October), Janet Econom (October), and Mike Sosnowski (November).



## Rochdale Needlework Group

This announcement comes from Rochdale resident Tina Toshynski:

Attention all Needlework Artists:

Knitters, Crocheters, Quilters, Weavers! We're starting a Rochdale Needle Arts Group! If you've ever wanted to learn to knit or crochet, now is your opportunity. We'll gladly teach--for

free! If you already know how to knit/crochet/quilt, etc., join us for show and tell, fun, and idea sharing. Currently Monday nights are the chosen night, however, this could be changed if need be.



Contact the group organizer for times and start dates:

Tina Troshynski  
248-651-2639  
or email at  
flower\_chix@yahoo.com

## Tree Care Corner

by Warren DeWitt

As a reminder, now is the time to have your oak and elm trees trimmed. It is usually safe to trim between October 15th and April 15th, but since the calendar does not always coincide with Mother Nature, it is a good idea to trim these two species of trees after we have received a few heavy frosts in the fall and before spring temperatures are starting to staying above 50 degrees. These precautions should be taken to lessen the probability of oaks contracting oak wilt and elms contracting Dutch elm disease. Both of these diseases are fatal if the tree is infected. Currently, we are being invaded.



On a second topic, because many of your neighbors have wooded areas on their property, I thought it was important to bring this subject up. Many of our yards are being invaded by an invasive exotic plant called Buckthorn. Buckthorn was introduced in Michigan around 1934 and is native to Eurasia. This small tree is a threat to native plants and animals because it literally explodes in our favorable climate and has no natural enemies. It forms dense clones and re-sprouts vigorously, easily choking out native plants and making it hard for your native wild life to move around. It also spreads quickly because birds spread its seeds, thus the reason it's usually found growing under power lines. To find this invader look for dark green, glossy leaves in opposite arrangement with 3-4 pairs of upturned veins. Their leaves often remain on the trees well into the fall. There is also a small single straight thorn at the end of each branch. The fruit is about the size of a pea and dark purple in the fall and winter, but be careful not to mistake buckthorn for young choke cherry trees. Since buckthorns are extremely invasive plants, early recognition and removal of isolated plants is important. The only good thing about this tree is, though labor intensive, their root system is shallow and weak making it easier to remove than other tree species. If you already have buckthorn, work at getting rid of it and then go on annual hunts to remove the small seedlings. These can be removed by hand.

If you are having problems identifying buckthorn or have other tree related question, feel free to call Warren Dewitt @ 248-651-8336. Warren lives at 211 Rochdale Dr. and is an I.S.A certified arborist with many years of tree and landscape experience.



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## Got News?



We invite you to share happenings about your kids, school, special events, announcements, etc. Let us know about upcoming graduations (high school and college) or any athletic, academic, or musical honors so they can be included in the

spring newsletter. Pass information along to a board member or email me directly at

[ebrouhard@ameritech.net](mailto:ebrouhard@ameritech.net).

Although Yvonne and I are in Florida for the winter, my computer is handy and I'll still be compiling newsletter items.

Ed

