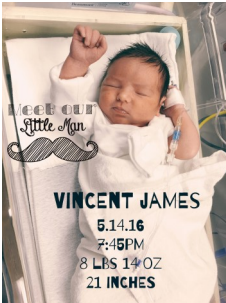


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NEWS FROM AROUND THE SUB

BABY NEWS! Congrats to Lauren & Jason Knapp (499 Rochdale) on their new addition!



TREASURY UPDATE

Thanks to all of you who have paid your 2016 Annual Dues. Other than a handful, most everyone paid their dues on time this year, but this is a few more than the normal. Though taking advantage of the 90 day grace period is tempting, please remember dues are officially due on January 1st. It's not the Board's goal to charge late fees, but it is frustrating having to take the extra steps of reminding homeowners of the penalty deadline.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us on June 22, 2016 at 7 pm for the Annual Rochdale Meeting at the Rochester Hills City Hall in the Auditorium.

Note from the President

Hello Neighbors!

It doesn't seem like that long ago when we put the winter newsletter out, how time flies. I hope everyone had a great spring and is already enjoying the summer season.

As you may remember, the Board has been addressing the condition of the pond. The main complaint of the pond was the cloudiness of the water last season. This was contributed to the use of the pellets being used to reduce the sediment layer that has built up over the age of the pond. This season we are decreasing the application rate in hopes to lessen the cloudiness we experienced last year. We did have some core samples done this spring to gauge their effectiveness last season. Based on what was within reach with waders I personally noticed a big difference in these areas. These areas used to grab hold of my boots when installing and removing the fountain. These areas are now gravelly, so I'd say the first season was a success. This year we are going to focus the treatments to the deeper parts of the pond to concentrate the treatment at the thicker muck layer. Many thanks to Randy McGillis for taking care of these treatments.

The Board also looked into having a water quality test performed. After consulting with the company which treats our pond the Board felt there was little value in having these tests done. Many of the items tested can fluctuate within a 24 hour period so it is difficult to establish a benchmark, plus if we had elevated numbers we would not be in a position where we are only treating the pond for aquatic

vegetation once a season.

Another area of concern is the lack of a fish population. Based on information from the DNR the Board feels confident the lack of fish in the pond is from the 2014/2015 winter kill. That year the DNR had a 16 year high for calls regarding dead fish in inland lakes the following spring. At this point, the Board has to discuss possibly restocking the pond.

Two other areas of concern for the Board is getting quotes to address the overgrown raspberry thicket and invasive trees around the play structure, plus removal of the declining spruce trees.

As a final note, the Board did receive complaints last season about trailers being stored on properties. The Building & Use Restrictions read as follows: *Recreation vehicles (RV), including but not limited to boats, campers, motorhomes, travel trailers, or any utility trailer with more than one axle, shall be parked, stored, maintained, or constructed on any lot or street.* With that said the Board understands there are going to be times when you are going to bring one of these units home before and after use. The City of Rochester Hills allows these units to be parked three days prior to and three days after use, this is a good rule of thumb to follow and I would feel confident this would be acceptable to your neighbor's as well. That's all for now and look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Board Meeting.

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Rochdale Sub has joined Nextdoor.com

Nextdoor.com is a social network website designed to let individual neighborhoods communicate and digitally socialize. The Board primarily uses the newsletter and our website, Rochdale.com to communicate with the homeowners, but this is not always timely or efficient. We have tried Facebook, but with only seven homeowners connected it is hardly worth the effort. We have also used email addresses to communicate, but this only reaches about half of the homeowners. Other neighborhoods who have been using Nextdoor.com have said it is working out well for them. To join all you have to do is go to Nextdoor.com, enter your home address and email. From there you will be asked to setup your profile. The settings will allow you to set the privacy to your comfort level, as well as your level of involvement. Please join and let's turn this into a successful way for Rochdale Sub to communicate and share information.