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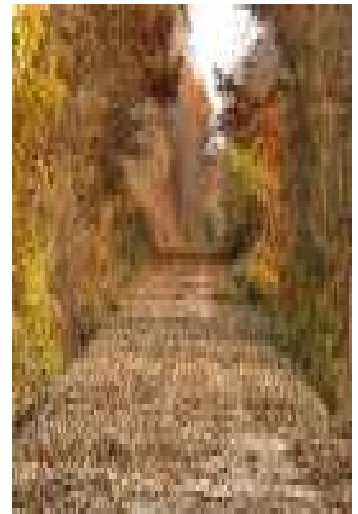
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TEREST, OR NOT:

- Daylight Savings Time begins April 2nd at 2:00 am
- Dumb Rochester Law: All bathing suits must have been inspected by the head of police. (it's true)
- There is enough iron in a human being to make one small nail. (yawn!)

BOARD MEETING

The Rochdale Board met on February 14. A number of items were discussed.

- Expenses and account balances were reviewed.
- Park maintenance issues: spring cleanup, pond treatment, park sign repainting, bid for new security light.
- At next meeting, park issues include: removal of decaying timbers on south bank, wood chip path to playground, brush management, tree trimming.
- Certified notices for dues collection have been mailed out. (See item below)
- Review of architectural change request.
- Warren DeWitt appointed Assistant Treasurer to help Edna with all the collection chores (thanks, Warren).
- Trash services (see item below).
- Search for better tree replacement programs.
- Introduction letter for new residents (Rick and Jo Ann will prepare).
- Tentative date for next board meeting April 27th (will meet in park to assess needs)



Paint Creek Trail

BEST ANNUAL DUES RESPONSE EVER!

We have had a great response from most residents this year, with only a few still outstanding. Residents still have until March 30th to pay dues before a penalty fee will apply. The following is a list of paid households as of March 11. Again, the Rochdale Board and your fellow residents thank you.

Allen, Bandemer, Barley (G & M), Barley (H & M), Barrus, Birdiott, Blazis, Bourez, Bradley, Brouhard, Buckmaster, Bunch, Bysko, Chap-

man, Clayton, Coghlan, Dauphin, Davisson, DeWitt, Duronio, Econom, Edie, Eichelberg, Fisher, Fronek, Gibson, Greaves, Grice, Hathaway, Headlee, Heins, Hoenshied, Holmquist, Huizdos, Jacobs, Jagdfeld, Johnson, Kastura, Kirkland, Lentz, Limcaco, McGillis, McLean, Morrison, Mroz, Murphy, Nabors, Nani, Osentoski, Plourde, Pollman, Puckett, Rossback, Rinke, Rioppelle, Rowe, Russ,

Ryan, Schmidt, Scott, Seleno, Shepard, Siewert, Slank, Smith-Winberry, Stewart, Stupka, Swoyer, Tenniswood, Tock, Troshynski, Tucci, Urbis, Vos, Wagener, Walsh, Warrick, Weaver, Weir, White, Wilde, Wilson, Wood

Please send all payments to Treasurer at P.O. Box 81362 Rochester, MI 48308-1362

ANNUAL ROCHDALE GARAGE SALE

Thinking about spring cleaning? Recycle those discarded treasures by participating in the annual Rochdale subdivision garage sale. In accordance with tradition, we will hold the sale the weekend of June 2nd, 3rd, and 4th.

If you participate, we ask that you make a donation of \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the newspaper advertising.

Warren Dewitt has packets with instructions.

Call (248) 651-8336



Life around town

TWO REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS

- With the tough Michigan economy and a slow real estate market it is vitally important to keep our homes and neighborhood well maintained so that Rochdale continues to be a highly desirable subdivision. Keeping property values high is a benefit to all Rochdale residents.
- Please be sure that all pets are not a nuisance to neighbors. (excessive barking, etc.) Leash laws should be observed, and any animal waste should be picked up.

"If my doctor told me I had only six minutes to live, I wouldn't brood. I'd type a little faster."

2006-2007 ROCHDALE DIRECTORY

The new Rochdale Directory is being put together soon. It is important that you review the information in the current 2004-2005 directory for accuracy regarding names, address, phone, etc., or current email address if you want it included.

Forward any changes to:

Rochdale Association
P.O. Box 81362
Rochester, MI 48308-1362

All corrections must be received by April 10, 2006.



Yates Park

ROCHESTER HILLS SUBDIVISION SEMINAR

In April Rochester Hills will hold a seminar for representatives from the city's subdivisions.

Information will be shared and comments and concerns will be voiced.

Three of our board members are planning to attend and will report their findings to the board.

TRASH HAULING OPTIONS

Many residents have asked about the rates for the local trash haulers that service our area. The two main ones that are used are Allied (formerly Great Lakes) and Waste-Away, a locally owned company out of Ortonville.

Allied: \$45.00+.95 office fee+7.38 gas fee= \$53.33 per quarter*

Waste-Away: \$43.00 plus 5.46 gas fee=\$48.46 per quarter**

*note: apparently Allied has overcharged residents in the past by not applying the correct subdivision discount.

**It has been verified that this price includes composting. Waste-Away offers a new customer discount of \$30.00 for the first quarter only. Do note that Waste-Away keeps its costs low by only picking up recyclables twice a month.



Our winter wonderland

KIDS NOTES & NOTABLE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Ryan Coghlan will be attending state finals on March 26 with the Rochester High School Campus/Symphonic Band.

Raylynn Coghlan will go to state finals on April 28th with the West Middle School 8th grade band. Raylynn also has been accepted on the Lake Orion Stars AAU Volleyball team. Congratulations, Raylynn

As a senior at Rochester High School, **Michelle Durmisevich** has just captured her second State Championship title as a Rochester cheerleader. Congratulations on your back-to-back victory, Michelle!

Another honor for our talented neighbor, **Sandra Combs Birdiett**, appeared in Monday's (3/20) Oakland Press (beginning on the top of the front page, no less!) It says Sandra Combs Birdiett, CAS director of multicultural affairs at Michigan State University, was one of the 3 judges for the Oakland County Regional Spelling Bee (which now sends that spelling champion to Washington D.C. for the national competition. (Yes, Sandra actually commutes from Rochdale Sub to her job in East Lansing!))

The Rochester High School varsity cheerleaders, coached by our own **Susan Wood**, won their 15th Class A Competitive Cheer State Championship on March 11th at the DeltaPlex in Grand Rapids. After 25 years of coaching, Susan has coached 44 sets of sisters and 4 second-generation athletes! Congratulations, Susan and the R.H.S. competitive cheer team!

A
procrastinator's
work
is
never
done.



Coming Soon
The Rochdale Subdivision web site

ROCHDALE ASSOCIATION

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GOT NEWS?

This newsletter has always been a place where residents could make announcements, share news about their kids, school, special events, concerns, thank you's, social events, whatever. We invite you to pass your information along by calling any board member (Edna) and we'll (she'll) see to it the information makes it into print. (don't mention it, Edna)

Since this is "our" newsletter, we would love your input regarding the new format. Is there something we could add? Something we might change? Let us know. Many great ideas have already been suggested, some of which will make it into the next edition. We hope to keep things fresh and hopefully a little more fun! Looking forward to hearing from you.

TREE CARE TIPS

One of the reasons a lot of us bought houses in the Rochdale sub is because it has so many mature trees, and though we probably question ourselves every fall, the truth is they are a major asset to our sub. Over the last three years the ash trees in southeastern Michigan have been devastated by the emerald ash bore. Our sub is no exception. However, if you still have a living ash tree it is not necessarily a no-win situation. If you believe the tree is worth saving, a certified arborist may be able to save the tree.

Most of us don't think about

having tree work done until summer, but this is a major **"no-no"** for oaks. Many of us have them and any trimming on them should be done after the first heavy frost and up until the point where the overnight lows are steadily staying above 40 °F. The reason for this is oak wilt fungus, which is transmitted by sap beetles, and sap beetles start to wake up with the warmer temperatures. The beetles are attracted to fresh wounds, easily transmitting the disease if it is carrying the fungus. If this happens, oak wilt will kill the tree within weeks.

Though tree work can be expensive, the rule "you get what you pay for" is wise advice to follow. Get several quotes from reputable certified arborists. Do not be afraid to ask questions and do your homework; the internet is a great tool. It is also a good idea to know what type of trees you have.

These tips come from our board member, Warren DeWitt, who has worked in the tree and landscape industry for 10 years. If you have any questions, he is more than willing to help our residents and trees.



Keeping it straight:

Give me a break. This thing was proofread by 2 computers and 1 of them is my mother-in-law. Someone else is going to have to tell her if there's a mistake because I'm not!

Mike Wood
Rochdale Board