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## **ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

### **Saturday, September 18th**

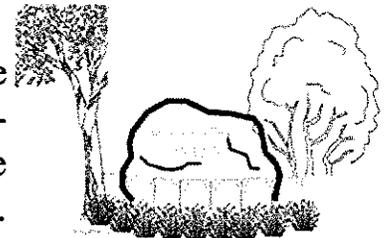
### **Noon - 4 pm**

## **CHANGES TO ENTRANCE MARKERS**

One of the main topics discussed at this year's Annual Meeting was the condition of the entrance markers. We have also heard from many of you on that issue outside of that meeting. We have heard many good suggestions about how to improve the looks and design of the markers.

We are in the process of exploring changes to the entrance markers. We are looking to replace the entrance signs and enhance the plants and flowers. We have obtained bids from landscaping companies that include stone or rock signs. The expense for a redesigned entrance marker varies from \$5,000 to \$6,000 per maker. One continuing issue regarding enhancing the plants and flowers is the lack of a water source at the makers. Although homeowners near the markers often volunteer to water the plants and flowers, without a consistent water source or sprinkler system, it is difficult to maintain many types of more colorful plants and flowers. This Board and other past Boards have looked into installing a sprinkler system, but it has been cost prohibitive to install.

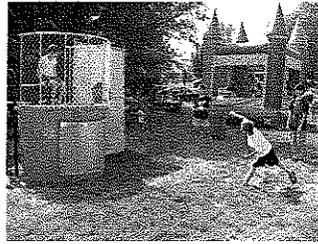
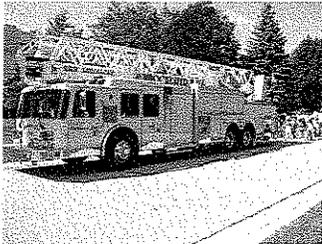
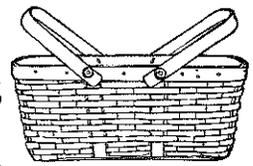
We welcome any input you have into the potential redesign and replacement entrance markers. Please feel free to go to our website, [www.rochesterglens.org](http://www.rochesterglens.org) and email the President or call Jeff Hengeveld at 248-840-8613.



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## ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Mark the date—Saturday, September 18h. Join us for an “Family Fun Picnic.” Come join the fun and it’s a great way to meet your neighbors. The kids can enjoy face painting, a dunk tank, bouncers, games and much more. We will have lots of food and fun. See enclosed flyer for more details. We need volunteers. Sign up today.



## LANDSCAPE REPORT

We have Steele’s Lawn Service under contract to mow the common area and islands once a week as well as clean the entrance markers every two weeks. If you feel that they are missing your island or have other performance concerns, please do not hesitate to call me. They are responsive to us and we’ll work together to resolve the issue.

I would like to thank the volunteers that donated their time to plant hearty flowers at each of the entrance markers this Spring. As you are all aware, we do not have a sprinkler system at either entrance marker, which limits what we can plant and sustain through the long summer days.

For any other concerns about the landscaping, please call me at 651-8598.

Pete Arango  
Vice President  
Landscape Committee





## LOOK OUT NEIGHBOR

Look out for your neighbor!

One of the best parts about living in a stable neighborhood is the neighbors themselves! Unlike apartments or other dwellings where most of the people are moving in and out on a yearly basis, our community is primarily filled with long-term property owners who have a vested interest in keeping the neighborhood as welcoming and safe as possible. This is a *tremendous* advantage! Take the time to meet and talk with your neighbors, especially with the ones beside you. Let them know who you are so that they can be an extra set of eyes for you while you are away from your home. Get to know their habits, their family, what cars they drive, and which guests frequent their home. That way, you will know if something doesn't seem quite right. Three things that you can do to make our neighborhood safe include:

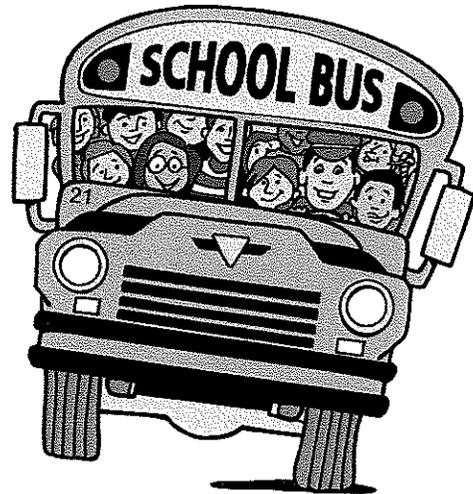
1. Watch for suspicious vehicles frequenting the neighborhood.
2. Pick up newspapers for your neighbors that are out of town.
3. Slow down when driving through the neighborhood.

In short, if you take the time to develop an awareness of what your neighbors are normally doing, your instincts can alert you when something doesn't seem right. Good neighbors look out for each other.

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

School will be starting soon. Just a reminder to drive slowly through the subdivision and watch out for children at the bus stops. Also, parents please encourage your children to not to cut through property and not play ball in the road at the bus stops. We don't want any accidents.

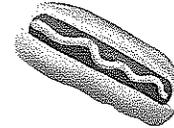


# SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN



We will be having our annual Spirit of Halloween party. Before you send your little ghosts and goblins out to Trick-or-Treat on October 31st, stop by the Commons for some Halloween fun. The committee has organized a Halloween kick off party complete with hot dogs, chips, cider and donuts. We will also have a great Pumpkin hunt and a costume contest! Come join the fun!!

We are looking for volunteers. Please contact Sindy Gensman to sign up!



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