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ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC Saturday, September 17th NOON - 4 pm

RGHA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

The RGHA Annual Board Meeting was held on April 26, 2011 at City Hall. The full meeting minutes can be found on the RGHA website – www.rochesterglens.org.

The main topics of discussion included the plans to improve the entrance markers to the neighborhood. The discussion centered on whether to install a sprinkler system at the markers to allow for maintaining more diverse landscaping alternatives. The biggest hurdle to installing a sprinkler system is the cost, which according to our most recent bids is around \$5,000 to \$6500 per marker. We also looked into upgrading the entrance signs, including looking into stone signs. Again, this option was cost-prohibitive at this time. The current plan is to have a landscaping company upgrade the landscaping at the markers using drought resistant flowers, shrubs, and rocks. After sending out bids to at least 10 landscaping companies and obtaining multiple drawings and proposals, we have retained Sierra Landscaping at a total estimated cost of \$5,500 to redesign both markers.

The company that has cut our grass for the past five years is no longer in business. We sent bids to many landscaping and grass cutting businesses and received the best price from Sierra Landscaping. Sierra has already made several cuts to the commons areas, so please let us know if they miss an area near your house.

Finally, there was a discussion about issues related to the enforcement of the Deed Restrictions and, specifically, about renting your house. The Deed Restrictions state that only a single “family” can occupy the house. “A ‘family’ shall mean one person or a group of two or more persons, living together, related by consanguinity, marriage, common law marriage, or legal guardianship or adoption.” Several issues and complaints were raised about homeowners renting to younger adults that are not a family. We are working to resolve these particular complaints, including speaking to the Mayor of Rochester Hills about whether the City can help to resolve the issues. In the interests of all homeowners, we kindly ask that you carefully consider the tenants you chose to rent to and rent according to the Deed Restrictions.

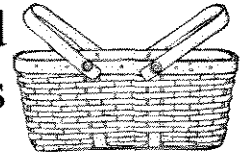
If you were unable to attend the Annual Meeting and have issues or concerns that you would like the Board to address, please contact us at www.rochesterglens.org.

We have a new board member, Meg Wolocko. She will take over as Secretary. Thank you to Jane Evans for many years of outstanding and dedicated service.

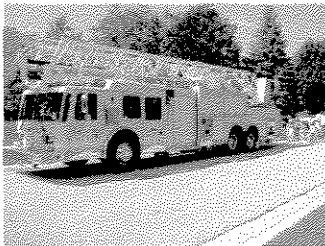


ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Mark the date—Saturday, September 17th. Join us for a “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. We need volunteers. Sign up today!!



If you would like to join the picnic committee, please call **Sindy Gensman (248) 933-7219**



LANDSCAPE REPORT

FINALLY SPRING HAS ARRIVED!!!!

Now that the spring weather has arrived it’s time for us to clean the garages out and pick up the flower beds. Get some mulch and a little weed and feed for the lawns. There are all sorts of benefits to beautifying your yards, from increased curb appeal and subdivision appearance, to good exercise and instant gratification in a job well done. Whether it’s just getting raking loose leaves that were missed in the Fall clean up, or a full redesign, every little bit helps the entire subdivision.

After a long history of Steele’s Services doing the lawn services for RGHA, they have gone out of business. We now have Sierra Lawn and Landscape, Inc. as our contractor for maintenance and fertilizing of the Commons and Island, as well as upgrading and cleaning of the entrance markers throughout the year.

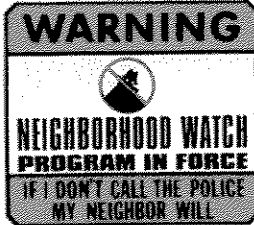
If there are any concerns about the dandelions in the commons, that’s because of the late start to the season. The first fertilizing was a feed for the grass and the second application (which is due this week, weather permitting) will address the weeds. Sierra Lawn will also offer a discount to any homeowner in the subdivision. If you’re interested give Todd a call at 586-566-5700.

Though slow out of the blocks, Spring is shaping up to be a great time to get out and reacquaint with neighbors. See you outside.

Pete



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH



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! With that, we are beginning a Neighborhood Watch program. If you are interested in joining this program, please contact Vicki Gladstone at (248) 650-7890 or email vlcarlson@hotmail.com. We will be scheduling a meeting soon.

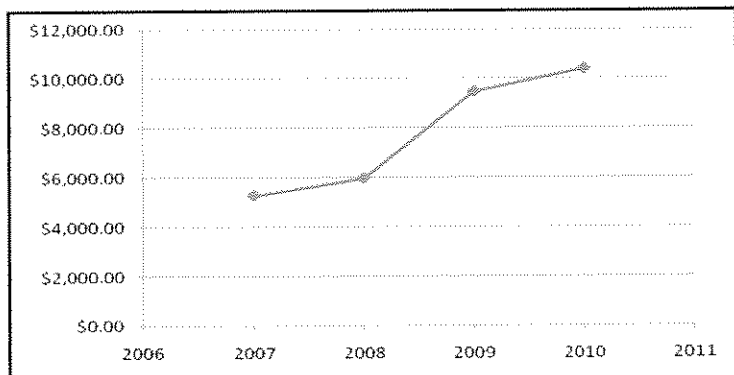
TREASURER REPORT

Rochester Glens Homeowners Association Financial Statement Jan 1st, 2010-Dec 31st, 2010

Starting Balance:	\$10,391.74
INCOME	
Dues (168/173)	\$12600.00
Lien Payoffs	\$423.80
Donations	\$77.00
Late Fees	\$75.00
 <i>Total:</i>	 \$13,175.80
Expenditures	
Lawn Care	\$5,880.50
Insurance	\$1,184.00
Picnic	\$788.84
Halloween	\$763.05
Storage	\$468.00
Lighting	\$343.23
Decorations	\$332.50
Website	\$139.34
Landscaping	\$119.04
Marker Light Repair	\$88.28
Envelopes	\$30.73
Non Profit Status	\$20.00
Bank Fee (Paper Statements)	\$3.00
 <i>Total:</i>	 \$11,811.60
Ending Balance:	\$13,407.03

Rochester Glens Homeowners' Association Proposed Budget for 2011

Projected Revenue:	
Dues (173 lots x \$75)	\$12,975.00
Gifts	0.00
Late Fees/Lien payoffs	0.00
 <i>Total:</i>	 \$12,975.00
Projected Expenses:	
Lawn care (Cutting and Fertilizing)	\$6,300.00
Bad Debt (17 Lots)	\$1,275.00
Insurance	\$1,275.00
Mailing/Administration	\$875.00
Picnic/Halloween	\$1,500.00
Storage	\$475.00
Lighting	\$300.00
Website	\$125.00
 One time expenditure – Landscaping Markers	 \$5,500.00
 <i>Total:</i>	 \$17,625.00



SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN

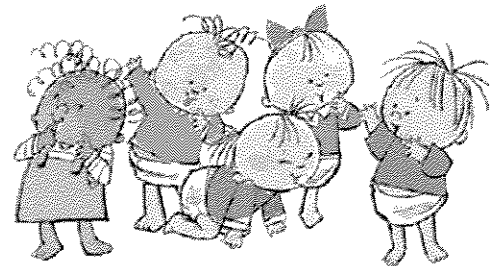


We will be having our annual Spirit of Halloween party. Before you send your little ghosts and goblins out to Trick-or-Treat on October 31st, stop by the Commons for some Halloween fun. The committee has organized a Halloween kick off party complete with hot dogs, chips, cider and donuts. We will also 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 (248) 933-7219!

BABYSITTING CLUB

We have many families in the neighborhood that are looking for responsible teenagers to baby-sit. I am compiling a list of interested teen babysitters. Please email me if you would like your teenager on the list and/or if you need services.

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