

# Entertainment

## Evening Hosts

**Tracy McCray**

KROC AM host, PB columnist, co-host of Mayo Clinic Medical Edge, host of the Goodnight Jeff podcast and thrower of fests.

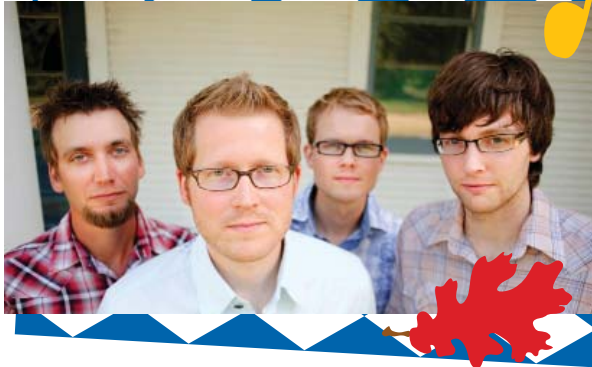
**Megan Kennedy**

KROC -FM midday radio personality, PB columnist, one-time extra in a Hollywood movie (aka: girl pouring lemonade) and lead singer/keytarist of the local all-female Kenny Loggins cover band "Danger Zone".

## SiX Mile Grove

It all started in the small town of Lyle, MN (pop. 500) with a skid loader and a fence post, when Six Mile Grove frontman Brandon Sampson was 7 years old. He injured his hand when helping his dad on the family farm. The physician recommended guitar playing for rehabilitation, and a few weeks later, Sampson came home from the music store with a new guitar. His younger brother Brian threw a fit, and was appeased with a shiny drum set. And so the seeds of Six Mile Grove were planted.

Soon Brian's friend Barry, from across the woods, wanted to join the noise, and so his years of piano lessons began paying off. The boys realized they would need a bass player, put an ad in the paper, and dug up Dezi Wallace from the "big city" of Austin, MN, who arrived courtesy of his mom, as he did not yet have a driver's license.



Fast forward 15 years, and Six Mile Grove has a lot to be proud of. They have weathered the ever changing music scene as a primarily self-managed, self-produced, and self-recorded band. You're sure to find influences of Minnesota music's founding fathers; from Bob Dylan to the Jayhawks, Six Mile Grove honors it's roots, but has also managed to forge it's own sound and space on a stage without compromise. They harken most to the genre of Americana, which recognizes the value of songwriting and musicianship over radio charts and record sales, and reflects that in artists as diverse as Emmy Lou Harris and Lyle Lovett.

## RNeighbors

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- Abby Larson
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- Caitlin Meyer
- Bob Nowicki
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- Jason Schilling
- Bob Sixta
- Paul Wilson

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- René Lafflam**  
Executive Director
- Ashley Borgschatz**  
UM Work-study Student

### OAKtoberfest

- Lesley Hauser, Event Chair**
- Kari Schilling**
- Aaron Stelplflug**
- Diane Ellerbusch**

### Special Thanks

#### Our Amazing Sponsors

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Ol' Danke (Thank you) for joining us for the 1st Annual OAKtoberfest fundraiser for RNeighbors. It is through community support, like yours, that we are able to provide tools for neighborhoods to grow.

Created in 2001, RNeighbors has served as a community nonprofit resource center for neighborhoods.

In 2012 RNeighbors has been able to provide resources and sponsor events to support Rochester neighborhoods. Some of our accomplishments this year include:

- Helped to organize new Neighborhood Associations.
- RColorful Corners organized over 160 volunteers to brighten up Rochester streets with 3 street mural repaints.
- RNeighborWoods planted 1,734 boulevard trees with the help of more than 900 volunteers (so far).
- Helped the "A Litter Bit Better!" campaign rally 3,000 volunteers to collect over 6 tons of waste.
- Continued to increase neighborhood visibility and awareness in events like Chalk the Block and Rochesterfest.

# Celebrating Rochester Neighbors

## October 5

### 6-9 pm

Unique German Cuisine  
16 Different Beers

**Johnny Mango**  
Event Center

1161 Northwest 6th Street



## This Evening's Schedule

### 6 pm

Food and Raffle

### 6:20 pm

Opening - Bob Nowicki, RNeighbors President  
"Cheers" to Denny Hanson

### 6:30-7:15

Six Mile Grove

### 7 pm

OAKtoberfest Neighbor Awards  
RNeighbors Board Recognition

### 7:45-8:30 pm

Six Mile Grove

### 8 pm

Heads 'N Tails  
Dance

### 8:30

Final Raffle Drawing

### 9 pm

Good Night Neighbors & ol' Danke! (Thank You)

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# Raffle Items

## 7 pm: Raffle drawing for items 1-8

### 1. Leaf it to Us

Lebkuchen leaf cookies (German gingerbread cookie) baked and donated by RNeighbors Board member Abby Larson.

### 2. Italian Treescape

Watercolor painted and donated by world traveler Carol Carryer.

### 3. & 4. Wildlife in Wood

Wood burning scenes created and donated by RNeighbors Board President, Bob Nowicki.

### 5. Oktoberfest Bowling

A fancy pink bowling ball (holes will need to be drilled), bag, and 12 pack of Leinenkugel Oktoberfest beer. Donated by Sheila Kiscaden.

### 6. Three German Smoking Men

These 3 are smelly characters. Hand-carved wooden incense "smokers" all the way from Germany. Donated by Lesley Hauser.

### 7. Tree in Tile

Margy Jean Balwierz hand-crafted and donated this sweet little tile with a tree in the wind.

### 8. Brat Grillin'

This charcoal grill is ready for an Oktoberfest party with 2 lbs. of brats from Just Rite Foods. Donated by the People's Food Co-op and Bob Sixta.

## 7:30 pm: Raffle drawing for items 9-15

### 9. Cheers

Two vintage glass beer steins ready to be filled with whatever makes you happy. Donated by Susan Waughtal.

### 10. Columbian Neighbors

Two hand carved figures from Columbia. Donated by Lesley Hauser.

### 11. Tree of History

This stark tree scene was taken by one of RNeighbors' favorite photographers, Sarah Field. This shot is from last winter at the Olmsted County History Center and is printed on a canvas, ready to hang. Donated by Sarah Field.

### 12. Balls & Beer

Second to none, a random and impressive collection of beer and wood items donated by the People's Food Co-op.

### 13. Blowin' in the Wind

Porcelain wind chimes hang from wooden branches will bring melody to your porch. Donated by Susan Waughtal.

### 14. & 15. Tree Time

\$200 worth of tree care services donated by RNeighborWoods partner Maier Forester and Tree.

## 8 pm: Raffle drawing for items 16-22

### 16. Minnesota Captured

Photograph depicting rural Minnesota; hand-transferred to canvas and mounted in a black floater frame. Donated by Lucas Digman, www.lucasdigman.com.

### 17. Table Talk

Refurbished Oaktoberfest and RNeighborwoods inspired side table. Perfect to set your hot cocoa on and watch the leaves fall. Donated by Cassie Runke.

### 18. Charmed, I'm Sure

Handcrafted Maple leaf necklace paired charms hung on a black ribbon, complete with matching earrings. Donated by René Lafflam and Erin Rahman.

### 19. Fall Evening at the Symphony

Two tickets to the "Heroes & Veterans" Concert (November 17) at the Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale where you'll enjoy an evening to salute all American veterans. Donated by Rochester Symphony Orchestra & Chorale.

### 20. Tree-rific Roots

One potted 1" Swamp White Oak tree, City Forester's planting assistance, NeighborWoods t-shirts, Corona by-pass pruner and trowel. Donated: National NeighborWoods and Jacob Ryg, City Forester.

### 21. A Walk Through History

Enjoy a full day rental at the historic Plummer House, surrounded by big established trees. It's lovely no matter what season. Donated: Rochester Park and Recreation

### 22. Wood-fired Pizza at the Farm

Party for 8 from our friends at Squash Blossom Farm. Includes "Our sourdough pizza crust, topped with organically-grown ingredients, and baked in a wood-fired oven." Donated by Susan Waughtal and Roger Nelson.

## 8:30 pm: Raffle drawing for items 23-25

### 23. Hand-crafted Wooden Bean Bag Toss Game

This lighted corn hole yard game set is handcrafted and donated by RNeighbors Board member Jeff Ellerbusch.

### 24. One Hundred Bottles of Beer on the Wall

Apollo Liquor picked out and donated their favorite 100 beers and came up with this selection for your enjoyment, not all at once of course.

### 25. Tasty German Dinner with Neighbors

You don't need to travel to The Alps to enjoy this dinner for 10 of your neighbors cooked especially for you by creative Chef Mango. Dinner will be at the Mango Event Center so no need to clean your home! Donated by Johnny Mango.

# 2012 Neighbor Awards

## Green Initiative Award

### Glenn Faith, Kutzky Park Neighborhood

Neighbor who spearheaded and developed green initiatives within his neighborhood, as a means to make Rochester a more environmentally sustainable place to live.

#### Nominated by Andy Masterpole

"Glenn really tries to stay involved in the neighborhood activities and active in the tree plantings. He tore down a shack and built a new house in Kutzky Park that is very urban. He's involved in the Southern Rail Feasibility Analysis, the Boy Scouts, Zumbro Watershed District, and has done stream monitoring in Cascade Creek. His knowledge of history, the railroad and the military is amazing. And he's freak'n hilarious."

## Green Thumb Award

### Doty Klein, Cimarron Neighborhood

Neighbor who has improved their neighborhood, yard, or local community park the most.

#### Nominated by Marilyn Meyer

"Doty's undying effort in organizing our neighborhood garden from fighting for an area in a park, to designing the area, building the plot borders, planting her plots and helping those new to gardening with their plots. She is such an inspiration with her vast organic gardening knowledge and cheerful demeanor. Our garden would not have been successful without her and our neighborhood would have suffered for not having the beauty that is now on display in the park. She took it upon herself to start the garden project and continued without much direction. I believe that it is the most well-kept garden in the city of Rochester and it reflects pure pride in our neighborhood."

## Vibrant Neighbor Award

### Pat Staley, Washington Neighborhood

Neighbor who has spearheaded and developed artistic venues, activities, and events within the community.

#### Nominated by Tami Greenslade

"Pat has done an amazing job with the Washington Neighborhood Association! She helped organize the 1st Washington Neighborhood Garage Sales in April and she has been one of the main organizers for the National Night Out Picnic. I attended this year for the first time and it was a great event attended by many. It was a wonderful potluck with volunteers that grilled burgers and brats, a band, face painting, a balloon artist, games, and Pat made sure there were a number of raffle prizes to help raise money for the association. The Police stopped by for a visit and a local animal shelter was there with a few cats and dogs up for adoption. Pat always has a smile on her face and is happy to help. Pat truly has a huge heart and has made the Washington Neighborhood a better place to live!"

## Unique and Spectacular Award

### Wayne Flock, Slatterly Park Neighborhood

Neighbor who has organized innovative and unique ways for their neighborhood to be neighborly with one another.

#### Nominated by Mark Bilderback

"As President of the Slatterly Park Neighborhood Association, Wayne Flock continues to lead the neighborhood to put on innovative and well-attended events. Each event is meant to not only bring the Slatterly neighbors together, but also bring others into their neighborhood and show off all they have to offer. Events include pumpkin carving, Music and Movies in the Park, Frosty Frolic, street mural painting, tree plantings, Art in the Ave. and others."