# 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

**Board Members** 

**Mark Bilderback** Jeff Ellerbusch Tami Greenslade Michael LaPlante **Ahmed Makkawy Caitlin Meyer Bob Nowicki Michon Rogers Cassie Runke** Michael Scharenbroich Jason Schilling **Bob Sixta** 

**Aaron Stelpflug** 

**Paul Wilson** 

# Staff

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

# **OAK**toberfest

Tami Greenslade. **Event Chair Abby Larson** Susan Todzy Special Thanks

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Ol' Danke (Thank you) for joining us for the 2st 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 175 volunteers to brighten up Rochester streets with 4 street mural repaints.
- RNeighborWoods planted 535 boulevard trees with the help of more than 725 volunteers.
- Helped the "A Litter Bit Better!" campaign rally 3,000 volunteers to collect over 11 tons of waste.
- Continued to increase neighborhood visibility and awareness in events like Chalk the Block and Rochesterfest.





# This Evening's Schedule

Events at the RAMADA ...

# 6 pm

Food and Raffle

# 6:20 pm

Opening - Bob Nowicki, RNeighbors President Prost (Cheers) to Rochester Neighborhoods

# 6:30-7:15 pm

SiX Mile Grove

# 7 pm

**OAKtoberfest Neighbor Awards RNeighbors Board Recognition** 

# 7:45-8:30 pm

SiX Mile Grove

# 8:30 pm

Final Raffle Drawing

# 9 pm

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

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# Raffle Items



# 1. Park Sights

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\$20 gift card to Mystery Cave and vintage binoculars donated by RNeighbors' Board members Bob Sixta & Aaron Stelpflug.

### 2. Advice From a Tree

Displayed in a refurbished frame by RNeighbors' Executive Director, René Lafflam.

## 3. Charmed, I'm Sure

Handcrafted Maple leaf necklace paired charms hung on a black ribbon, complete with matching earrings.

#### 4. Bowl You Over

Two handmade wood bowls and rag bowl. Handcrafted by Fran and Heidi Passe.

#### 5. Paint the Walls

Paint supplies including high quality paint, drop cloth, brushes, tape and more. Donated by Sherwin Williams.

#### 6. Leaf it to Us

Sugar cookies in fall shapes created by Abby Larson.

# 7. A Walk Through History

Enjoy a full day rental (value \$325) at the historic Plummer House, surrounded by big established trees. It's lovely no matter what season. Donated by Rochester Park and Rec.

#### 8. Morel Garden Mushrooms

Chainsaw mushroom sculptures created by RNeighbors' Board member, Aaron Stelpflug.

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

#### 9. Farmer's Fall Harvest

Apples, carmel dip, peach salsa, tomatoes, honey & apple butter, and squash. Donated by Rhonda Meyer.

#### 10. Tree-rific Roots

Potted Ginkgo tree (value \$150), City Forester's planting assistance, RNeighborWoods t-shirts, Corona bypass pruner and trowel. Donated by National NeighborWoods and Jacob Ryg, City Forester.

# 11. Tray of Trees

Pilsner beer glasses and wood breakfast tray made with Ambrosia Maple and Mahogany veneer, handcrafted by Jon Veer, Slatterly Park neighbor.

#### 12. A Barn Reimagined

Set of 3 reclaimed barnwood vases created by RNeighbors' Board member, Caitlin Meyer.

#### 13. Tailgating With Beer & Brats

Bean bag toss, 30 cans of Hamm's beer, & Willie's brats gift card. Donated by RNeighbors' Board member Bob Sixta, Willie's, and Apollo Liquor.

#### 14. Treasure Box

Bread box reimagined by RNeighbors' own René Lafflam.

#### 15. Barn Decor

Reclaimed barnwood jewelry or scarf hanger made by RNeighbors' Board member, Caitlin Meyer.

# 8 pm: Raffle drawing for items 16-22

### 16. Batter Up

Twins goodies: jersey, hoodie, plaque, blanket, flag, and hat donated by RNeighbors' Board member Bob Sixta. Schell's beer boot and beer donated by Shell's Brewery.

# 17. Arbor Day Foundation Visit

Visit the incredible headquarters of the National Arbor Day Foundation tucked in the woods of Nebraska with a 1 night stay and breakfast for 2 at Lied Lodge (value \$175).

#### 18. Tumble Tower!

A giant Jenga game handcrafted by Douglas Cederholm, Cimarron neighborhood.

#### 19. Wine in Wood

Reclaimed barnwood wine and glass holder handcrafted by RNeighbors' board member, Caitlin Meyer. Basket of 2 wines and trees planted in the purchaser's honor.

#### 20. & 21. Tree Time

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

#### 22. Minnesota Prairie Burn

Numbered watercolor print by Johnny Michael. Donated by RNeighborWoods committee member, Paul Ahlen.

# 8:30 pm: Raffle drawing for items 22-28

## 23. Tree-rific Night on the Town

One night stay at the Rochester Double Tree, 2 Showcase Americana tickets at Civic Theatre, \$100 at Victoria's.

# 24. Spring Valley Adventure

Wine Tasting for 10 people from Four Daughters' Winery in Spring Valley.

#### 25. Branching Out

Handmade tree branch coat rack created by RNeighbors' Board member, Bob Nowicki.

# 26. Hand-crafted Wooden Bean Bag Toss Game

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

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

Andy's Liquor picked out their favorite 100 beers for your enjoyment, not all at once of course.

# 28. 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."

