



### Green Thumb Award

**Mitch Moore, Friends of Indian Heights Neighborhood**

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

**Nominated by Dawn Littleton**

In 2010, to raise awareness of an endangered park, Mitch door-knocked over 800 flyers to neighborhood homes and city officials. This is how the FOIH neighborhood association began.

Mitch exhibits calm and thoughtful leadership through his role as an instructor at Winona State (PhD), RNeighbors Board member, RNeighborWoods volunteer, Master Naturalist and as part of the Collaborative Leadership Fellows program. This summer he hosted 8 groups of "Summer of Service" students to learn about park history, invasive plants and to help remove invasive species of buckthorn and honeysuckle trees from the Indian Heights Park. In addition, he serves as a mentor to Silver Creek Corners residents to engage them in participating in Citizen Forester Training and volunteer work in Indian Heights Park.



### Green Initiative Award

**Eileen Zirbel, Historic Homestead Addition**

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

**Nominated by René Lafflam**

Eileen leads the Historic Homestead Addition neighborhood association and continually uses creative ways to bring her neighbors together. Through neighborhood evening strolls, the adorable signage and garden at their neighborhood's entrance, usage of facebook for neighborhood communication and the promotion of historic value in Homestead and across Rochester are just pieces of her dedication. She served on the Rochester Heritage Preservation Committee, currently sits on the Mayor's Council on Neighborhoods and, in 2010, Eileen helped her neighbors plant 25 new boulevard trees through the Neighborhood Tree Grant. When not working on neighborhood initiatives, she is an instructor at RCTC for Surgical Technology and has worked for 30 years as a Certified Surgical Technologist in Neurosurgery at Saint Mary's.

### Legacy Award

**David E Byer**

An individual who through their dedication to community, volunteerism and talents has created a lasting positive impact on Rochester neighborhoods.

**Nominated by Bob Nowicki**

In the 1990s David was frustrated by some public safety issues in Rochester and volunteered to serve on the original Mayor's Advisory Council. This group worked with neighborhoods and eventually recommended to the City Council the creation of what would become known as RNeighbors.

One project he was key in making a reality was the "City Ordinance Highlights Toward Neighborhood Awareness" booklet that is now in its seventh printing and entitled "Ordinance Highlights." This is a tool that RNeighbors distributes annually by the thousands to Rochester citizens. Four years ago David retired from Mayo Clinic Department of Anesthesiology after 35 years. He now enjoys eating, sleeping, traveling and having fun with his extended family.



**October 3**  
6-9 pm

**German Cuisine**  
**Oktoberfest**  
**Beer & Wine**  
(Choice of one per ticket.  
Cash bar available.)



### Sponsors



**Superior Screeners**

### This Evening's Schedule

**6 pm**

Food and Raffle drawings throughout the evening

**6:20 pm**

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

**7:15 pm**

OAKtoberfest Neighbor Awards  
RNeighbors Board Recognition

**9 pm**

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



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# Raffle Items

Need not be present to win.

## 7 pm: Raffle drawing for items 1-9

### 1. Birthday in the Woods

Birthday party kit complete with space at Quarry Hill, 90 minute party and 30 minutes with a naturalist. Donated by Quarry Hill Nature Center.

### 2. Go Nuts With Toasty Hands

Handmade nut bowls, cracker, an assortment of fall nuts paired with upcycled mittens created by past RNeighbors Executive Director, Susan Waughtal.

### 3. Tree of Knowledge

Learn about trees or beer or whatever with this \$25 Gift certificate. Donated by Rochester Community Education.

### 4. Coffee with Grandma

Bunn coffee maker, Grandma's Kitchen gift card for one pie and an assortment of coffee accessories. Donated by Sheila Kiscaden and Grandma's Kitchen.

### 5. The Hunt for Fall

\$50 gift card to Hunt Drug and assortment of coffee and treats. Donated by Hunt Drug and Sheila Kiscaden.

### 6. Leaf it to Us

Sugar cookies created by Abby Larson, vintage rolling pin and a unique bowl made from a tree burl, donated by RNeighborWoods Committee member Paul Ahlen.

### 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

Chainsaw mushroom sculptures created by RNeighbors' Board member, Aaron Stelpflug, a 6-pack of beer.

### 9. Relax and Renew

90-min massage from Beneficial Massage Therapies and a bottle of wine.

## 7:30 pm: Raffle drawing for items 10-17

### 10. Farmer's Market Fall Harvest

A Farmer's Market tote bag stuffed with a Ball home canning kit, Guide to Preserving book and \$20 gift card. Donated by the Farmer's Market.

### 11. Squirrel's Away

Squirrel-proof bird feeder, 10 lbs of bird food and songbird calendar. Donated by Collins Feed and Seed.

### 12. Brew Tote

Wooden 6-pack carrying case handcrafted by Mike Brady with 2 six packs of Oktoberfest beer.

### 13. Tree of Treats!

Two tickets to Rochester Civic Theater, \$35 gift card to Salon Chic, and \$35 gift card for a pedicure at Swat Salon.

### 14. Wood and Wine

Handcrafted wood candleholders, repurposed coasters made by Sarah Michet, wooden hand crafted wine stoppers and two bottles of wine.

### 15. Cozy Fall Picnic

Vintage picnic basket with a six pack of beer, vintage tablecloth, plates, buckthorn firewood, fish spatula, Flood of Memories book and Sounds of Rochester CD. Donated by Sheila Kiscaden, Historic SW neighbor, and Dawn Littleton, Friends of Indian Heights neighborhood member.

### 16. Your Cheese Will Not be Board

Classic Norwegian Acanthus Cheese Board from basswood, with a marble tile insert, hand carved by R.R. Kinnick. Retail value of \$200.

### 17. Swag for the Birds and Your Home

Acorn Birdhouse from Smith & Hawkin, donated by Dawn Littleton, Friends of Indian Heights Park neighborhood member, and fall themed grapevine wreath created by Rhonda Meyer.

## 8 pm: Raffle drawing for items 18-24

### 18. Tree-rific Roots

Potted Ginkgo tree (value \$150) from Whittings, City Forester's planting assistance, RNeighborWoods t-shirts, Corona bypass pruner, root depth finder, 10 cubic yards of compost. Donated by Whittings, National NeighborWoods, Olmsted County Environmental Resources, and Jeff Haberman, City Forester.

### 19. Espresso, Birds and Native Blooms

Espresso Maker, \$10 gift certificate to Avian Acres Native Bird Supply & Petting Zoo, \$25 gift certificate to Prairie Moon Nursery, 10 cubic yards of compost, Rose Milkweed seeds, saucers and towel. Donated by Shiela Kiscaden, Avian Acres, Prairie Moon and Olmsted County Environmental Resources.

### 20. You Make my Tray!

A set of tray tables perfect for bright entertaining, repurposed by René Lafflam, RNeighbors Executive Director.

### 21. Holding it Together

Upcycled accessories holder created by Caitlin Meyer, RNeighbors Board member.

### 22. Tree-rific Night on the Town

2 Civic Theatre tickets, \$50 at Victoria's and star candleholders. Donated by the Civic Theatre, Victoria's and Folwell neighbor Helen Monsees.

### 23. & 24. Tree Time With Maier

\$200 worth of tree care services donated by Maier Forester and Tree, RNeighborWoods partner paired each with 10 cubic yards of compost donated by Olmsted County Environmental Resources.

# Raffle Items

Be sure to take a stroll through the raffle tables including handcrafted and original items. You can purchase raffle tickets 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. Toss your tickets in the bag corresponding to the item you want. We'll draw winners for items and announce them throughout the evening.

## 8:30 pm: Raffle drawing for items 25-31

### 25. Tweets & Trees Table

End table with drawer perfect for brightening up a room. Repurposed by Cassie Runke, past RNeighbors Board member and René Lafflam, RNeighbors Executive Director.

### 26. Birch & Brews

Hand-crafted birch wood candle holders and coaster created by Jon Veer, Slatterly Park neighbor, and 6-pack of Oktoberfest brew.

### 27. Spring Valley Adventure

Wine Tasting for up to 8 people donated by Four Daughters' Winery in Spring Valley.

### 28. Branching Out

Handmade tree branch coat rack hand-crafted by Bob Nowicki, RNeighbors' Board member.

### 29. Fall Harvest!

Antique apple press with apples. Donated by Helen Monsees, Folwell neighbor.

### 30. ZZest Basket

Lots of sweet goodies from one of our favorite hangouts in town. Donated by ZZest.

### 31. Trash Glass with Class

Glass bowl created from recycled safety glass. Donated by First Class, Rochester artists.

## 8:45 pm: Raffle drawing for items 31-34

### 32. Arbor Day Foundation Visit

Visit the incredible Lied Lodge, a branch of the National Arbor Day Foundation, tucked in the woods of Nebraska with a 1 night stay and breakfast for two (value \$175) and a baby oak tree for your garden.

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

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

### 34. 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.



## Board Members

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## Staff

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**Student**

## OAKtoberfest Event Chair

**Jesse Welsch**

## Special Thanks

**Greg Wimmer**

**Photo Cutout Artist**

## Evening Host

**Tracy McCray**

Ol' Danke (Thank you) for joining us for the 3rd 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 2014 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 provided street paint for repainting of the Northrop and Slatterly Park neighborhood street murals.
- RNeighborWoods planted 50 boulevard trees with the help of more than 110 volunteers in the Washington and Knotting Hill Lane NW neighborhoods. Over 50 volunteers took the Citizen Forester class this fall.
- Helped the "A Litter Bit Better!" campaign rally 3,250 volunteers to collect over 24,360 pounds of litter.
- Continued to increase neighborhood visibility and awareness in events like Chalk the Block and Rochesterfest. parade and National Night Out.
- Partnered with Mayor Brede and the Rochester Area Foundation to hold a Neighborhood Leader Focus Group which grew into the Mayor's Council on Neighborhoods.