



2016 Year in. Review

Committee of the Whole
October 3, 2016



Board **543**
Hours

Rochester's Neighborhood Resource Center
RNeighbors
Providing tools to grow GREAT neighborhoods

Mission

To empower citizen leaders to create sustainable neighborhood networks that promote a vibrant, healthy and livable community.



2016 RNeighbors Board of Directors and Staff

Not pictured: Paul Wilson Mark Bilderback, and Ross Tew
Lenae Beth Photography

46

Registered NAs



Neighborhood Associations

A group of community members who organize to enhance the quality of life for their neighborhood.

Working with the Planning Department

- Required neighborhood meetings
 - (Ordinance 60.605 subd. 1,2,3)
- Survey was sent to neighborhood leaders
 - Currently 16 NAs have responded
- Major revisions to NA map and contact list
 - Significant change from 46 to 16

60

Volunteer Hours



2016-17 Strategic Planning

- Ensure neighborhoods maintain a strong and effective image in the city of Rochester
- Build the organization's internal capacity and leverage resources needed to grow as a dynamic community resource



January 2016 RNeighborhoods Strategic Planning Session

40,500
Page Views



RNeighbors.org



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PROVIDING TOOLS TO GROW GREAT NEIGHBORHOODS



News & Events

2016 Mayor's Urban Forestry Volunteer Awards
Sponsored by the RNeighborWoods program, the Mayor's Urban Forestry Volunteer Award was created to recognize amazing citizens, for outstanding ...

Fall 2016 RNeighborWoods Community Tree Planting
Rochester's urban forest needs your help to plant some trees in the Fox Trails NW Rochester neighborhood. On Oct. 15 we'll be planting 250 ...

OAKtoberfest 2016 - Celebrate with RNeighbors
Cheers to great neighborhoods! On Friday, October 7, 2016, we're celebrating Rochester neighborhoods and the people and trees that live in them ...

Creative Crosswalks - Prototyping Festival
Thursday, September 15, 9 am-noon RNeighbors was one of 16 prototyping proposals chosen to participate in the upcoming Placemaking Prototyping ...

Looking for 2016 OAKtoberfest Neighbors Awards Nominations
Once again, as part of the upcoming RNeighbors OAKtoberfest fundraiser (save the date for Friday, October 7 folks!), we will be recognizing Rochester ...

Spark Transformation - Jay Walljaeger
Thursday, October 13, 6:30-8 pm Rochester Public Library, Auditorium No admission fee but space is limited so please register through Eventbrite. ...

Social Media

RNeighbors, Rochester Neighborhood Resource Center
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The Kutzky Park Neighborhood Association received our fall tree grant and planted 25 new trees on their boulevards this evening. Thanks to RNeighborWoods partners Rochester Park & Recreation and Maier Tree & Lawn, as well as all of the fabulous neighbors who came out to help green up their streets.

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Community Partners

RNeighbors is grateful for the local businesses who support our mission.

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OAKtoberfest Sponsor 2016

\$6,000

Distributed
to NAs



Neighborhood Project Grants

- Enhance a neighborhood's livability and involvement
- Benefit the entire neighborhood
- Promote a strong sense of community

Partners



**2016
Neighborhood
Project Grants**



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300

Volunteer Hours
Logged

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2016 Projects



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Movie in a Box



41st Annual Neighborhoods U.S.A. Conference (NUSA)

- 3 RNeighbors Board members and 1 staff attended
- Came back energized and have already put three projects into place including Movie in a Box, Creative Crosswalks, and a storytelling project
- Built into 2017 budget to grant 2 neighborhood leaders to attend



772

Volunteer Hours
Logged



Indian Heights Park/Zumbro River Urban Corridor Grant

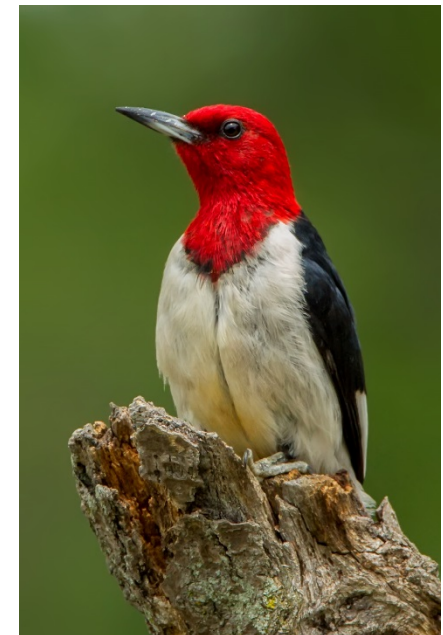
- \$81,300 Award, \$51,300 Lessard-Sams + \$30,000 community partners
- Nine Community Partners
- Three year grant for restoration work (in year 2)



**In August 2016,
Conservation
Corps regional
supervisors from
Washington DC
visited Indian
Heights Park**

1,940
Hours Logged by
Conservation Corps

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100

Volunteer Hours Spent
Painting Crosswalks



Creative Crosswalks

- Goal: To help bring art to a barren space & emphasize safe crosswalk space
- 1 of 16 Prototyping Festival grant projects
- Painted 4 crosswalks across First Avenue
- Creating a video guide for neighborhood leaders that includes the proper procedures for working with the City



1,332

Volunteer Hours Dedicated
to Urban Forest



Project Samples

RColorful Corners

- 3 Neighborhood street murals

Litter Bit Better

- 10 years - 29,000+ volunteers (2 hours) = 58,000 hrs

Council on Neighborhoods

- Every 2 months informational meetings

RNeighborWoods

- Improving Community Forests Through Citizen Engagement Grant
- Fall Community Tree Planting, Saturday, October 15, 8:30 am, meet at Fox Trails Park



**Spring 2016
Neighborhood Tree
Grant Planting at
Valhalla Park
Condominiums NW**

25

Ways to Spark
Creative Transformation



25 Ways to
SPARK
Creative
Transformation
in Your Community

Jay Walljasper

Thursday, October 13, 6:30-8 pm
Rochester Public Library, Auditorium



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This event is the first in a series called: "Augsburg Authors and Scholars".

19

Neighborhood Volunteer Awards
2011-16



Friday,
October 7, 6-9 pm

- Unique German Cuisine
- Neighborhood Leaders, Project Grants, and Urban Forest Volunteers Recognized



OAKtoberfest
2015
Neighbor
Award
Winners

2016

10,712

RNeighbors Volunteer Hours

\$252,374

Value to City

Challenges?

Capacity

Asset

People Power

Asset

**Strong
Leadership**

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