

## Graham Park-Olmsted County Fairgrounds Plantings

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Our committee plans, purchases, plants and maintains the plantings at the fairgrounds on a routine basis from May through October. We collaborate on the initial planting along with mulching, fertilizing, watering, deadheading, weeding, providing insect control and plant replacement. The designated garden area includes the three large planters next to the Horticulture Building and the garden area by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue entrance. We strive to keep in mind the mission of the Rochester Garden & Flower Club in promoting the education and care of flowers for this area while providing interest in gardens, flowers and beautification of this community project.

The Horticulture Building is also the site of the Olmsted County Fair Flower Show and Workshop during Fair Week. This draws a large number of people to the fairgrounds and therefore it is imperative that the gardens are at summer's best during this time.

It gives us great pleasure to see the plants grow and flourish over the summer months. The annuals and perennials can be quite showy and several times we are rewarded with positive comments from the public as they walk by while we are working in the gardens.

The work we do at Graham Park-Olmsted County Fairgrounds is made possible with funds from our club's annual Plant Sale in May and the Summer Garden Tour in July. We welcome you to seek out this community project and view the place we work and learn so much from.

