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Visit us at www.OaklandTownship.org
Township Officials

Terry Gonser, Supervisor
Karen Reilly, Clerk
Jeanne Langlois, Treasurer
Sharon McKay, Trustee
Mike Bailey, Trustee
Judy Keyes, Trustee
Maureen Thalmann, Trustee

Township Hall Meeting Schedule

Planning Commission 1st Tuesday
Board of Trustees 2nd Tuesday
Zoning Board of Appeals 3rd Tuesday
Parks and Recreation Commission 2nd Wednesday
Historic District Commission 3rd Wednesday
Library Board Quarterly on Thursdays

ALL REGULAR MEETINGS ARE HELD AT TOWNSHIP HALL, 4393 Collins Road, beginning at 7:00 pm. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed. For meeting notices and agendas, please visit our website at www.oaklandtownship.org

Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer Office Hours

Oakland Township Supervisor Terry Gonser, Clerk Karen Reilly, and Treasurer Jeanne Langlois are holding office hours from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. every Monday in the Board Room at Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Road. Residents are encouraged to call ahead if possible to minimize wait times. Additional times will be available by appointment. Please call 248-651-4440 extension 222 to reach the Supervisor to schedule an appointment with any of the officers.

NEWS FROM THE OAKLAND TOWNSHIP LIBRARY BOARD

Plans are moving forward at the Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL) for several significant improvements that will enhance the library experience for patrons while increasing operating efficiencies. The Oakland Township Library Board collaborates with the City of Rochester and the RHPL to reduce taxpayer expense and provide library service to residents and employees in the three communities.

Perhaps most visible to library patrons will be the renovation of the south parking lot. The parking lot is showing its age with numerous cracks that let water get under the pavement causing further deterioration. Puddling of water from rain and melting snow is a growing problem for pedestrians. New pavement throughout, and deeper renovation where needed due to poor sub-surface conditions, will make parking and walking to the library safer, more pleasant and reduce annual maintenance expense. The project also features new equipment located under the lot to clean up rain water. Right now, rain falling on the lot collects in catch basins and flows directly to Paint Creek. The new device works between the last catch basin in the system and the creek to remove dirt and oil.

A planned building addition will relocate the drive-up book return. Patrons using the drive-up must now negotiate two 90 degree turns to get up to and then away from the drop-off chutes. Often, this results in a patron's car being too far from the building, necessitating leaving the vehicle to make the return really unpleasant during rain or snow. The new location of the drive-up will be much closer to the parking lot with a simple pull-off lane and minimal turning.

Barring unexpected delays, these projects will be completed in 2014. The library is not expected to close during construction, but there may be parking limitations from time to time as work progresses.

Inside the library, the stairs to the second floor are currently carpeted. The carpet is old and looks it. Replacing the carpet with durable terrazzo will do a lot to improve its appearance, and reduce maintenance costs. This project will be completed in late 2013 or early 2014.

No decision has been made yet, but the RHPL board is studying the cost versus benefit of purchasing automated check-in/sorter equipment, a move that added space resulting from the building addition to relocate the drive up book return would permit. The equipment uses lasers to locate the barcode label on returned items. Even when the library is closed, an item is automatically checked in and checked off the patron's records as soon as it is placed into the return slot. The automated sorting feature reduces the time needed to return an item to its shelf or make it available to a patron if it is on hold.

Your Library Board for Oakland Charter Township meets four times per year to help ensure that township residents get the greatest value for their library tax dollars. Meeting dates and times are posted at the Oakland Township Hall and on their website. The next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2013. Please consider attending or watching on TV. Your library board is always interested in receiving your comments.
It’s your memory, it’s our history, it’s worth saving.

Oakland Township Remembered

Paint Creek rushing through Goodison, morning fog hanging over the Martin’s sheep farm, the railroad tracks headed north, hot air balloons floating over fields, the hills on Adams Road on the daily commute, our township in a simpler time. In the 1960’s Edward R. Noble began picking up his camera and capturing his backyard, his view across the road, the views of his neighbors at work in the fields, driving to work, the nearby children playing in fresh snow, the barns along Snell Road. While living on Gunn Road for over 20 years, Ed memorialized the last half of the 20th century before the Millennium turned for all of us. The Society presents our third Heritage Series exhibit, “Oakland Township...Remembered” at Paint Creek Cider Mill, with 53 1960–1980s photographs. You must see them!

Extended a week ‘til Sunday Nov. 10! Open daily 10am—4pm.

Come to Goodison in our cider season!

Prints of the Edward R. Noble photographs in this Exhibit are available for purchase from the Society. See them on our website and give “Oakland Township” this year for the Holidays! This exhibit will travel to area locations in 2014. Watch for details!

Christmastide at Cranberry Lake Farm. We host our annual Christmas Party at Cranberry Lake Farm Main House on Wednesday evening December 4, 7pm-9pm. These historic buildings have been professionally decorated this year by Gretchen Drader of Drader Interiors of Oakland Township. Contact us at 248-693-9646 or othsmember@comcast.net for more information.

The Oakland Township Historical Society was formed in 1974 as a volunteer non-profit and continues to preserve our township heritage for over 40 years. www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org Join us!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

- Animal Control: (248) 391-4102 (dogs & cats)
- Clerk/Register of Deeds, Oakland County: (248) 858-0581 or toll free (888) 350-0900 (legal records, marriage licenses, birth records, deeds)
- Oakland County Water Resource Commission: (248) 858-0958 (water, sewer, maintains county drains and community wells)
- Equalization Department: (248) 858-0740 (assessor, property information)
- Heath Department of Oakland County: (248) 858-1280
- Historic District Commission: (248) 608-6807
- MSU Extension Oakland County: (248) 858-0880 (nutrition, gypsy moth, 4-H)
- Paint Creek Trailways Commission: (248) 651-9260
- Parks & Recreation: (248) 651-7810
- Post Office: Rochester (248) 601-1024
- Road Commission of Oakland County: (877) 858-4804 (citizen services)
- Rochester Hills Public Library: (248) 656-2900
- Sheriff, Oakland County: 9-1-1 (Emergencies Only) Please direct all other calls to dispatch at (248) 858-4950
- State Senator: Jim Marleau (517) 373-2417
- State Representatives: Tom McMillian (866) 969-0450
- Bradford Jacobsen (517) 373-1798
- Township Hall: (248) 651-4440
- U.S. Representative: Gary Peters (248) 273-4227
- U.S. Senators: Carl Levin (586) 573-9145
- Debbie Stabenow (313) 961-4330

Rochester Hills Public Library
Community Bookmobile Schedule

SATURDAYS
- Country Creek Commons at Silver Bell and Adams 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Delta Kelly Elementary School at Adams and Gunn 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.
- Woodlands Estates off 32 Mile Rd. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
- Timberlea Apartments Clubhouse on Livernois 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MONDAYS
- S & M Market at Rochester and 32 Mile Rd. 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.
- Paint Creek Cider Mill at Orion and Collins 7:15 – 8:15 p.m.

Rochester Hills Public Library Telephone Number: (248) 656-2900 www.rhpl.org/bookmobiles

Township offices will be closed
Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th
in observance of Thanksgiving Day

Attention Homeowners Associations!

The township is updating our list of HOA contacts. Please notify us with your association, contact name, phone number, address, and email address if you are interested. This is a helpful tool available to new residents. You can call us directly at 248-218-6949 or email Litsa in the Clerk’s Department at ldidaskalos@oaklandtownship.org

Thanks for your cooperation!
NEW IMPROVED OAKLAND TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

Township interactions will be easier when the Charter Township of Oakland rolls out its new, user friendly website on November 1, 2013. Located at [www.oaklandtownship.org](http://www.oaklandtownship.org), the website will offer a simple to navigate format, saving residents and business users time, and trips to Township Hall. The website was designed by Revize, a web design and content management firm located in Troy, and a committee made up of Trustees Sharon McKay and Maureen Thalmann, and Executive Assistants Jamie Moore and Elaine Leven. The new site will allow users to access current information in an attractive and functional design. The website’s homepage has been improved to allow viewers to quickly access news, advisories and other information without the need to leave the main page. New menus present more choices and an updated search engine will enhance the user experience in finding content within the site. An easy to use link directs users to ordinances, minutes, agendas and Township documents. The site will also include a complete contact list of essential personnel and offices, including telephone numbers and email addresses.

The new Charter Township of Oakland website will enhance the Township’s efforts to distribute information to residents in an effective and easy to use format. Some planned future improvements include online registration for Parks and Recreation events, applying for permits, and online fillable forms.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING DATES


Please call the HDC office to inquire about programs, events, and resident rental-use of Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District for your next gathering!

WWW.OAKLANDTOWNSHIP.ORG

Community Media Network (CMNtv) invites residents of Oakland Township to its extraordinary 10-week video production training series. Get hands-on training with TV studio production equipment and Mac-based Final Cut X editing. Learn lighting, audio, and on-camera skills. Upon completion, graduates have access to CMNtv’s extensive equipment and facilities to create noncommercial programs for local cable TV (Comcast, channel 18). The 10-week series is only $75 for residents. Other workshops include advanced editing, acting, digital photography, Photoshop and MORE! CMN produces affordable promotional videos for nonprofits, too. Call (248) 589-7778 or visit cmntv.org today to get involved!

PRESERVATION IS ALIVE AND WELL IN OAKLAND TOWNSHIP!

Just ordered for the HDC library: The Economics of Place: The Value of Building Communities Around People. The Economics of Place is an essential read, as communities large and small across the country work to maintain fiscal stability. Placemaking is grown-up economic development, making the discussion timely and important. Books are on loan at no charge to Oakland Township residents!
Historic District Commission
Josiane Whitson, Chairperson
Heidi Paterson, Vice-chairperson
E. Jean Lyons, Secretary
Commissioners: Charles Busch Jr., Bruce Parkinson, David A. Phillips, and John Sanderson
Historic Preservation Planner Barbara Barber can be reached M-F or by email bbarber@oaklandtownship.org
Or please call the HDC phone 248-608-6807
HDC Meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 7 pm

Pictured between our fall apple harvest is Needham Hemingway, lived from 1793 to 1878. He was one of the first settlers in Goodison in the year 1827. He dammed the Paint Creek in the spring of 1836 and dug a millrace to divert water to his gristmill. The water power turned grinding stones which produced flour from grain. Paint Creek Mill is potentially eligible to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places!

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District will be featured as one of six homes in the Greater Rochester area in the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library Holiday Home Tour. The event is on Sunday, Nov. 17, from noon to 5 pm. Tickets are $25 each and can be purchased at the Library, local stores, or online by credit card on the RHPL website: www.rhpl.org/friends-of-rhpl

FROM THE TREASURERS OFFICE

The following program is OPC’s thank you to our 3 communities for their wonderful support of our senior program!

Reindeer Rebellion
A FREE one hour children’s show Sponsored by Pixley Family
Friday, Dec. 6th @ OPC Ruth Cattell Theatre
Two Shows: 10 am & 6 pm

THE SHOW IS FREE BUT YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET!
Pick up your tickets at OPC between 9am & 3pm or CALL 248-608-0251

Older Persons Commission
650 Letica Drive, Rochester, MI 48307

Additionally...

OPC 12th Annual SIGNATURE EVENT
BOARDWALK
FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2014, ROYAL PARK HOTEL, 6PM UNTIL

The treasurer’s office will be open until 5:00 pm on February 14, 2014 and February 28, 2014 for tax payments only. Please read the front and back of your tax statement carefully for payment due dates, payment options and other important information. If you have tax-related questions, please call (248) 651-4440, ext. 212 or 213, during regular business hours.

2013-2014 SUMMER TAX INFORMATION:
The summer tax statements were mailed July 1st and were payable through September 14, 2013 without interest. Interest is now being assessed on the balance due at one percent (1%) per calendar month through February 28, 2014. A three percent (3%) penalty will be added to payments received after 5:00 pm Friday, February 14, 2014.

2013-2014 WINTER TAX INFORMATION:
Winter tax statements will be mailed on December 1st. Payments can be made through 5pm Friday, February 14, 2014 without penalty. A three percent (3%) penalty will be added to payments received after 5:00 pm February 14, 2014 thru February 28, 2014.

OAKLAND COUNTY DOG LICENSES:
All dogs over the age of 4 months require a license. Proof of spayed/neutered and a current rabies vaccination is required for purchasing a dog license. The tags will be available in December from the treasurer’s office. Dog licenses are valid for the entire calendar year, expiring on December 31st. The fees are as follows:

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FIREFIGHTERS WANTED

THE OAKLAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR THE POSITION OF PAID ON CALL FIRE FIGHTER. IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR AN EXCITING AND FULFILLING OPPORTUNITY, PLEASE STOP BY THE TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 4393 COLLINS, AND PICK UP AN APPLICATION OR CONTACT FIRE CHIEF PAUL STRELCHUK AT 586-752-5013 x101 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

FROM THE DESK OF Fire Chief Paul Strelchuk....

We are fast approaching the 2013 holiday season. This time of year ushers in the colder weather and family celebrations. Please remember to check the chimney, and have it cleaned if necessary, before enjoying a holiday fire.

Oakland Township Fire Department has purchased a new ambulance! It has replaced our 10 year old ambulance and responds out of station two, on Rochester Rd. If you didn't make it to our open house the first weekend in October, please stop by and check it out!

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

HELP US TO FIND YOU IN AN EMERGENCY

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKERS

Please complete the following information

Name __________________________________________
Address ________________________________________
City, State, Zip __________________________________
Phone Number __________________________________

Address Requested for Marker:

Please circle VERTICAL or HORIZONTAL

$15 Donation

Make Checks Payable to:
Oakland Township
Fire Fighters Association
4393 Collins Rd.
Rochester, MI 48306
(586) 752-5013 - press 0

PLEASE ALLOW 7 - 10 DAYS TO FILL ORDER
MARKERS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE FIRE STATION
4393 COLLINS ROAD