

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission Newsletter

Fall 2022

The Mission of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission is to provide a sustainable system of parks, trails, programs, amenities, and services which create memorable experiences and a sense of place, contributes to the economic value of the Township and preserves the historical and natural heritage of the landscapes for existing and future generations.



Paint Creek Junction Restrooms and Connector Trail



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Paint Creek Junction Open!

We are pleased to announce that Paint Creek Junction Park is officially open! This park's parking and rest area facilities, located at 2210 Orion Road, fulfill the long-held desire for a trailhead in the northern section of the Paint Creek Trail.

This park includes a universally accessible parking lot with horse trailer parking, an access trail, universally accessible vault toilets, a bike fix-it station, a well for potable water, and a picnic area. For the convenience of park visitors, the restrooms will be available during park open hours; dawn to dusk. Interpretive signage will share information about the Paint Creek Trail's railroad history and Paint Creek Junction's section of the Detroit United Railway.

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Look What Dropped In! New Restrooms at Two Township Parks!



In early May this year, one of the biggest cranes ever seen lifted and guided two new 14-ton restroom structures into place at Bear Creek Nature Park and Marsh View Park! It was quite the feat to ensure that the crane had enough room for the 100-foot boom to lift the prefabricated Green Flush restroom structures, slowly twirl them in a 75-foot diameter semicircle, and then ever so gently lower them onto their new home sites. The installation crew from JSS Macomb certainly had to watch their fingers! Amazingly, these environmentally sustainable restrooms, which opened for public use on July 22nd, arrived with their concrete floors, toilets and sinks intact; only requiring connections to water and electricity. For the convenience of park visitors, these flush restrooms will be available during park open hours; dawn to dusk.

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ Archery
- ◆ Stewardship Programs
- ◆ Paint Creek Trail

Goodison Good Tyme Returns!

We are happy to once again offer by free-admission this family-friendly fall event! Looking forward to seeing you on **Saturday September 17th between 11am and 3pm at Bear Creek Nature Park!** See page 3.

What's New in the Parks...

Fox Nature Preserve Opening Soon - watch for announcements!

Initial Access to Fox Nature Preserve

The first phase of the Fox Nature Preserve (formerly known as Lost Lake Nature Park Expansion) trail system will be opening as soon as the property's facilities are ready and safe for public use. Please watch for the opening announcement in the near future.

The map shows where the Fox Nature Preserve parking area will be initially located at 1627 West Predmore Road as well as the trail loops which are highlighted in yellow. Parks and Recreation staff will be responsible for constructing and maintaining these new facilities for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding.

The purchase of this 234-acre property, which protects water resources, rare species, and habitats, was funded by a combination of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant, that covered 75% of the purchase price, and matching funds from the Oakland Township's Land Preservation millage.



The Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) has been in place since 1976. It provides grants to local governments and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase land or rights in land for public recreation or protection of land because of its environmental importance or its scenic beauty. It also assists in the appropriate development of land for public outdoor recreation. The sources of funds for the MNRTF are annual revenues from the development of State-owned mineral resources, largely oil and gas. The program is administered by the MNRTF Board of Trustees and the Grants Management office of the DNR.

GOODISON GOOD TYME!

FREE!

ARCHERY SHOOT
BALLOON ARTIST
FACE PAINTING
INFLATABLES
LIVE FOLK MUSIC WITH GEMINI
ROCK WALL
T-SHIRT STENCIL
ZIP LINE

NO FOOD TRUCK—SNACKS ONLY



Saturday, September 17
11am - 3pm

BEAR CREEK NATURE PARK
740 W. SNELL ROAD, ROCHESTER, MI 48306



**Sponsored by Oakland Township Parks
and Recreation Millage**

Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Fall 2022 Nature Programs

Register online: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

The health of our community is our priority. Our team of staff and instructors are trained in safety protocol that follow CDC guidelines and are equipped with Personal Protection Equipment and gear (PPE).

Fall Mushrooms of Michigan

Saturday, Sept. 17

Sunday, Sept. 18

Lost Lake Nature Park, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland MI 48363

Adults 18+

11:00am-12:30pm

11:00am-12:30pm



Take a tour of the amazing world of mushrooms. Discover the many types of mushrooms in Michigan in this unique and very hands-on program from mushroom expert Jerry Watson of the Michigan Mushroom Hunter Club. We will peruse the Seasonal Mushrooms of Michigan with a presentation from our expert and learn about where and how mushrooms grow while inspecting numerous samples up close. Then we'll take a walk (no picking) to search for mushrooms in the park too! There is no substitute for the excellent opportunity of joining in a mushroom hunt with a true mushroom expert! **Two dates to choose from!**

Resident Registration: Open Now

Residents: \$5

Non-Resident Registration Opens:

Non-Residents: \$7

Aug. 27

Register by: Sept. 11

Fossils: Prehistoric Proof

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Bear Creek Nature Park & Pavilion, 740 West Snell Rd. Rochester, MI

Learn about both plant and animal life from millions of years ago! Explore replica dinosaur fossils and authentic fossils of other animals and plants. Make your own fossil imprint to take home. Search for fossils in the park and take home a crinoid stem.

Resident registration open now

Residents: \$5

Non-Resident registration opens: Sept. 6

Non-residents: \$7

Ages 6-11

4:30pm-6:00pm



Register by: Sept. 20

Moon Fest

Saturday, Oct. 1

Bear Creek Nature Park & Pavilion, 740 West Snell Rd. Rochester, MI



Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night with Oakland Astronomy Club & Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve! Learn the features of the Moon, then make your own cratered-moon painting. Weather permitting, observe the early evening Moon through our big telescopes. As we search the sky for the moon, we'll be on the lookout for animals that migrate at twilight! Bring your binoculars or your own telescope if you have them! 20 participants. **All family members in attendance must register. Children under age 13 must be accompanied by a registered adult.**

Resident registration open now

Residents: \$5

Non-Resident registration opens: Sept. 10

Non-residents: \$7

Family ages 7+

5:30pm-7:30pm

Register by: Sept. 24

Spidermania

Saturday, Oct. 8

Cranberry Lake Park, Picnic Tables & Trails, 388 West Predmore Oakland, MI 48363

Spiders are super! Discover what makes a spider different from other kinds of animals, play a spider game, make spider web art, & find spiders on the trail. See a tarantula up close.

Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

Resident registration open now

Residents: \$5

Non-Resident registration opens: Sept. 17

Non-residents: \$7

Pre-K (Ages 3-5)

10:00am-11:00am



Register by: Oct. 1

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Barking Up the Right Tree

Sunday, Oct. 9

Cranberry Lake Park, Picnic Tables & Trails, 388 West Predmore Oakland, MI

What's the right tree for you? Different types of trees have different habits and characteristics. Identify native Michigan trees and determine which ones may be good or bad for your intended uses. We'll explore common trees and tree parts, comparing wood, leaves, bark, and buds.



Resident registration open now
Residents: \$5

Non-Resident registration opens: Sept. 18
Non-residents: \$7

Adults 18+

1:00pm-2:30pm

Register by: Oct. 2

Teen Winter Survival Skills

Friday, Nov. 4

Lost Lake Nature Center, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI



Staying safe and warm in the winter can be a challenge. Teens can join us for a winter survival skills lesson that includes practical knot tying, fire basics, and ways to stay warm when a fire is not possible or practical. We will use a compass and map to find our s'mores ingredients.

Resident registration open now
Residents: \$5

Non-Resident registration opens: Oct. 14
Non-residents: \$7

Ages 12-17

5:30pm-7:00pm

Register by: Oct. 28

Tail End of the Year

Saturday, Dec. 3

Lost Lake Nature Center, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

Most animals have tails, and many even have "tail" in their name! Guess whose tail you see in the book "Who Has This Tail?" We'll look at tails used for warning, warmth, movement, and more! Decorate your own plush tail to take home. Dance along to "A Tail is A Wonderful Thing" by Lucas Miller. **Children under age 5 must be accompanied by an adult.**



Resident registration open now
Residents: \$5

Non-Resident registration opens: Nov. 12.
Non-residents: \$7

Pre-K (Ages 3-5)

10:00am-12noon

Register by: Nov. 26

Home Sweet Homes

Tuesday, Dec. 6

Lost Lake Nature Center, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363



Explore the wild homes of different kinds of birds and mammals. Build and decorate a bluebird house and compare it to where they would build a nest on their own. We'll discuss how human-made houses are designed and design our own animal home plans.

Resident registration open now
Residents: \$5

Non-Resident registration opens: Nov. 15
Non-residents: \$7

Ages 6-11

4:30pm-6:00pm

Register by: Nov. 29

Program Refund Policy

Registrants will receive a full refund for programs cancelled by Oakland Township Parks and Recreation. Registrants withdrawing more than 4 business days prior to the program start date will receive a refund, less a \$5.00 administration fee. No refunds will be made if withdrawing less than 4 business days from program start date. All registrants wishing to withdraw, must do so during regular business hours Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm by phone at 248-651-7810 or by email at knewton@oaklandtownship.org.

Visit www.oaklandtownship.org for complete program information and other Park and Recreation information, permits, and ordinances.

Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Fall 2022 Fitness & Wellness Programs

Register online: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

All Levels Yoga

Sundays 9:30am-10:30am

Ages 12+

Join Up Dog Yoga and Oakland Township Parks and Recreation as they team up to bring you high quality yoga! *All Levels* classes will accommodate all skill levels with an option to modify. Bring your water bottle and yoga mat. In November, continue your practice in person at the Paint Creek Cider Mill **OR** choose the Live Stream option



Fees for all sessions:

Residents: \$35

Non Residents: \$50

Cranberry Lake Farm, (Outdoors) 388 West Predmore, Oakland, MI 48363
Sept. 18-Oct. 30, Non-Resident Registration opens: Aug. 28

Register by: Sept. 11

Paint Creek Cider Mill, (Indoors OR Live Stream), 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI
Nov. 6-Dec.18 Non-Resident Registration opens: Oct. 16

Register by: Oct. 30

Slow Flow Yoga

Sundays 11:00am-12:00pm

Ages 12+



Join Red Lotus Yoga and Oakland Township Parks and Recreation for high quality yoga! *Slow Flow* classes will be more of a challenge with longer holds and postures. Bring your water bottle and yoga mat. In November continue your practice inside at the Paint Creek Cider Mill **OR** choose the Live Stream option. **6 weeks**

Fees for all sessions: Residents: \$30

Resident registration open now
Non Residents: \$45

Cranberry Lake Farm, (Outdoors) 388 West Predmore, Oakland, MI 48363
Sept. 18-Oct. 23 Non-Resident Registration opens: Aug. 28

Register by: Sept. 11

Paint Creek Cider Mill, (Indoors OR Live Stream) 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI
Nov. 6-Dec.11 Non-Resident Registration opens: Oct. 16

Register by: Oct. 30

NEW! Gentle Yoga

Wednesdays, 4:45pm-5:45pm

Adults 12+

Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI

This basic yoga class is designed to meet you where you are. Modifications are offered and encouraged. Enjoy basic yoga postures, gently stretch and strengthen the body while connecting with the breath, and calming the mind. **8 weeks.**

Resident registration open now



Oct.19-Dec.14 Non-Resident Registration opens: Sept. 28
(No class Nov. 23) Fees for all sessions: Residents: \$40

Register by: Oct. 12
Non Residents: \$60

Yoga Walk in the Park

Saturdays 2:00pm-3:00pm

Adults 12+

Bear Creek Nature Park, 740 W. Snell Rd, Rochester, MI 48306



We often forget that yoga is not tied to indoors or places where we can roll out our yoga mats. Yoga is wherever our bodies are. Try a new twist – led by a certified yoga instructor, walk the trails through the park while intermittently adding yoga poses to calm your mind and improve your balance and flexibility. **Limited to 10 students. 6 weeks**

Resident registration open now

Nov. 5-Dec. 17 Non-Resident registration Opens: Oct. 15
(No class Nov. 26) Fees for all sessions: Residents: \$30

Register by: Oct. 29
Non Residents: \$45

Note: Registration is always open for residents. Non-resident registration opens three weeks prior to the start of program.

Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Fall 2022 Fitness & Wellness Programs

Register online: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

Tai Chi Beginners

Tuesdays 6:00pm -7:00pm

Adults 18+

These classes will cover the beginning movements of the Tai Chi form and principles, as well as enhance your overall health by improving balance and feelings of wellbeing. You should be able to support your weight while standing or bring a chair if unable to stand without assistance. Grab some comfortable clothing and shoes. No flip flops or sandals. Our practice will be outdoor at Cranberry Lake Farm. In November, our practice moves inside at the Paint Creek Cider Mill. All sessions are led by Marci Jenkins who has over 20 years of Tai Chi training and practice. **Resident registration open now**



Cranberry Lake Farm, (Outdoors) 338 West Predmore, Oakland, MI
Sept. 13-Oct.18 (6 week session)
Non-Resident Registration opens: Aug. 23

Residents: \$30
Register by: Sept. 6

Non-Residents: \$45

Paint Creek Cider Mill, (Indoors) 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI
Oct. 25-Dec. 20 (8 week session)
(No class Nov. 22)
Non-Resident Registration opens: Oct. 4

Residents: \$40
Register by: Oct.18

Non-Residents: \$60

Next Step Tai Chi Beginners

Wednesdays 6:00pm -7:00pm

Adults 18+



Continue practicing Tai Chi by learning the remaining movements of the Yang style while reviewing the basic principles of Tai Chi. The first session will meet outdoors. This class is for those students who have already learned the first third of the Yang Style (Chen Man Ching) Tai Chi form and/or have the permission of the instructor. In November, our practice will move indoors to the Paint Creek Cider Mill. All sessions are led by Marci Jenkins who has over 20 years of Tai Chi training and practice.

Resident registration open now

Cranberry Lake Farm, (Outdoors) 338 West Predmore, Oakland, MI
Sept. 14-Oct.19 (6 week session)
Non-Resident Registration opens: Aug. 24

Residents: \$30
Register by: Sept. 7

Non-Residents: \$45

Paint Creek Cider Mill, (Indoors) 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI
Oct. 26-Dec. 21 (8 week session)
(No class Nov. 23)
Non-Resident Registration opens: Oct. 5

Residents: \$40
Register by: Oct.19

Non-Residents: \$60

The Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commissioners and staff encourage you to enjoy Oakland Township Parks! Thank you to Cam Mannino for sharing these beautiful photos, all taken at OT Parks! What will you experience while spending time out in a park? Check out the Natural Areas Notebook at [Natural Areas Notebook | Natural Areas Stewardship in Oakland Township Parks \(oaklandnaturalareas.com\)](http://Natural Areas Notebook | Natural Areas Stewardship in Oakland Township Parks (oaklandnaturalareas.com))



Oakland Township Parks & Recreation

Fall 2022 Archery Programs

Register online: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

Marsh View Park Archery Range, 3100 E Clarkston Rd., Oakland, MI 48363



Beginning Archery

Saturdays 9am-10:30am

Ages 8-Adult



Looking for something new and fun to try on a beautiful fall Saturday morning? This fun class is for you and your family! Our instructors will cover safety, equipment and basic fundamentals of shooting. Sanitized equipment provided. Maximum 16 participants. 4 weeks.

Resident registration open now

Sept. 10 - Oct. 1

Residents: \$60

Non-Residents: \$75

Non-Resident registration Opens: Aug. 20

Register by: Sept. 3

Family Beginning Archery

Saturdays 9am-10:30am

Ages 8-Adult

If you are searching for the perfect family sport to get your tribe together more often, consider archery! Archery can be an incredible opportunity for family bonding. And it is FUN! This course will cover range safety, equipment, and the basic archery fundamentals of shooting and will culminate with a Halloween Costume Shoot during the last class. All equipment provided. Maximum 16 participants. 4 weeks.



Resident registration open now

Oct. 8- Oct. 29,

Residents: \$60

Non-Residents: \$75

Non-Resident registration Opens: Sept. 17

Register by: Oct. 1

Next Step Archery

Saturdays 10:45am-12:15pm

Ages 8-Adult



Once you've completed our Beginning Archery program, take your skills to the next level by improving your form, discover the use of sights to improve your aim, and sharpen your release skills to prepare yourself for competition or to simply master the target during practice. This program is designed for everyone over the age of eight. Maximum 16 participants. 4 weeks.

Resident registration open now

Sept. 10 - Oct. 1

Residents: \$60

Non-Residents: \$75

Non-Resident registration Opens: Aug. 20

Register by: Sept. 3

Oct. 8- Oct. 29

Residents: \$60

Non-Residents: \$75

Non-Resident registration Opens: Sept. 17

Register by: Oct. 1

Marsh View Park Archery Club

Wednesdays 5pm-6pm

Ages 12-18

Joining an archery club is a great way to achieve your goals, make new friends and have fun! Shooting year-round will improve your accuracy, efficiency and confidence. You'll benefit from tips and tricks others share with you, laugh at common mistakes and failures, and, most importantly, enhance your overall archery experience. You'll find no better place to meet like-minded people who share your archery passion. Use our equipment or bring your own.



8 weeks. Resident registration open now

Prerequisite: Beginning Archery

Aug. 31-Oct. 26 (No class Sept. 7)

Residents: \$80

Non-Residents: \$95

Non-Resident registration Opens: Aug. 10

Register by: Aug. 24

Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Fall 2022 Archery Programs

Register online: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

Open Range Shoot

Saturdays & Mondays

Ages 8-Adult

Practice your archery skills. Range supervised by certified USA Archery Instructors. Not sure how to shoot? Range Masters can assist you with our 1st Shot Demo Program - 5 minute teaching time/demo during Open Range Shoot Session Times. Free Loan Program eligible - bows, arrows and targets provided or bring your own. Equipment will be sanitized between users and sessions. Children between 8 and 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. **Pre-Registration is required.**



Resident and Non-Resident registration open now

Saturdays, Sept. 10, 2022–Oct. 29, 2022 (No class Sept. 17)

Choose a 45 minute session: 12:30pm-1:15pm
1:30pm-2:15pm, or
2:30pm-3:15pm

Residents: Free
Non-Residents: \$5

Mondays, Sept. 12, 2022–Oct. 24, 2022

Choose a 45 minute session: 6:00pm-6:45pm
7:00pm-7:45pm

Residents: Free
Non-Residents: \$5

Become an Archery Instructor!

USA Archery Level 1 Practical Instructor Course

Ages 15+



Wednesday, Sept. 7, 4pm-8pm

Marsh View Park Archery Range, 3100 E. Clarkston Rd. Oakland, MI

This certification course provides the necessary tools to maintain a high level of safety both on and off the archery range for camps and beginner archery programs. To successfully complete the requirements for this certification, students must successfully pass the USA Archery Level 1 Instructor Certification online course and complete the "in-person" USA Archery Level 1 Instructor practical course.

The USA Archery Level 1 Instructor will learn about range safety, range setup, the steps of shooting, equipment and repair, programs and lesson plans and is well prepared to teach beginner archery programs to people of all ages and abilities in a variety of disciplines.

Courses Pre-requisites:

Minimum Age: 15

Must be a member of USA Archery. Join USA Archery <https://bit.ly/USAAmember>.

[USAAmember](https://bit.ly/USAAmember).

⇒ Certification Step One: Complete Instructor Level 1 Online Course

Register and complete online course (course cost \$40) link to registration <https://bit.ly/ArcheryInstructorLevel1>.

⇒ Certification Step Two: Complete USA Archery Level 1 Practical Instructor Course

\$65 Registration open now at oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

Added Bonus!
If you complete the online and practical portions of the Level 1 certification course and are hired to teach for one outdoor season as a paid instructor with Oakland Township Parks and Recreation, OTPR will reimburse the cost of the Practical portion of the Level 1 certification course!



Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Congratulations Team Archery!

★ **Way To Go Team!** ★

Team Archery 2022
Hart Middle School Boys



Photo by Scott Cowsill



Thumbs Up!



Photo by Erin Ross



Shiah Rim
2nd Place



Photo by Miha Kim



Team Archery 2022 Girls

Photo by Miha Kim

Oakland Township Parks & Recreation

Congratulations Team Archery!

What do you get when you take 72 teenagers from eight middle schools and five high schools in Rochester and surrounding areas and have them meet once a week at Marsh View Park's Archery Range? Team Archery, that's what!



Students from Avondale GATE, Brightmont Academy, Hart Middle School, Holly Middle School, Oakview Middle School, Reuther Middle School, Van Hoosen Middle School, West Middle School, as well as Adams High School, Notre Dame Prep, Oxford High School, Rochester High School, and Stony Creek High School came together to form one amazing team.

While some of our archers are fast becoming quite seasoned, there were also archers who joined the team that picked up a bow for the first time. Coach Clif Selent and Assistant Brooke Patrician introduced some to the sport of archery and helped others continue to refine their skills. All team archers had the opportunity to shoot at the Michigan High School Athletic Association Archery Tournament on May 21 at The Hawk in Farmington Hills. They joined other archers from all over southern Michigan with more than 250 kids competing, and our team proved to be formidable! The **High School Male Division** won third place overall. Nine of our archers received individual medals:

High School Female Barebow Compound Division: **Afton Ross** (Adams High School) placed second and **Daniela Meson** (Stony Creek High School) placed third.

High School Male Barebow Compound Division: **Jacob Thor** (Rochester High School) placed second, and **Kelly Menzies** (Adams High School) placed third. (Both Jacob and Kelly are enjoying their medals for the second year in a row!)

Middle School Female Barebow Compound Division Second Place: **Isabella Herbert** (Oakview Middle School)

Middle School Female Barebow Compound Division Third Place: **Tricia Fox** (Reuther Middle School)

Middle School Male Barebow Compound Division First Place: **Evan Cowsill** (Hart Middle School)

Middle School Male Recurve with Sights Division First Place: **Connor Dolecki** (Hart Middle School)

Middle School Male Compound with Sights Third Place: **Mason Rahaim** (Van Hoosen Middle)

It was a great season, and all of our archers should be proud of their achievements. A big thanks to all of the parents who made this possible - we couldn't have done it without your support! We look forward to seeing our archers next season as they continue their archery journey.

Team Archery 2022 Tournament Birdseye



Way To Go Team!



Photo by Scott Cowsill



DISCOVER!
LOST LAKE
NATURE PARK

**Open Houses
 Nature Center**

**Fishing/Kayak Dock
 Sled Hill**



A Partnership between Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve and
 Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission



Oakland Township Parks and Recreation and Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve have partnered to bring Oakland Township residents and others exciting programs at Lost Lake Nature Park!

FREE!

Family, friends and neighbors are invited to explore themed indoor and outdoor activities at any of these FREE drop in events, with no pre-registration required.

FREE!

Saturday, September 10 & Sunday, September 25, 12 noon-3pm

How to Deal With Cold



On Saturday, September 10 Migration is the topic. Outside we'll play Migration Headache. Inside you can make a bird or butterfly magnet and map their flight path. Discover reasons to migrate. Sunday, September 25 is about those animals that have adaptations for the cold. Experiment to discover whose fur is the warmest. Play a hibernation habitat game, create a magnet of a hibernating animal, & look for signs of animals preparing for winter.

Saturday, October 8 & Sunday, October 23, 12 noon-3pm

Zombies & Aliens

Search for alien invaders on Saturday October 8, as we hike with an eye out for invasive species. Explore some of the stranger invasive species found in Michigan under the microscope. Join us on Sunday October 23 as we explore viruses and parasites that zombify their hosts. Design and sculpt your own zombie parasite to take home. Search for zombie caterpillars in a scavenger hunt around the meadow.



Saturday, November 12 & Sunday, November 27, 12 noon-3pm

Furry Fall Friends



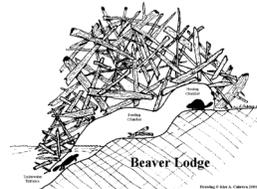
Oh, deer! On Saturday, November 12 we'll look for whitetail deer on the trail, see biofacts from the entire deer family, and make an antler headband to wear home. Sunday, November 27 will feature squirrels. Try to talk to a squirrel on the trail with a squirrel call, see tree & ground squirrels up close, and make a squirrel out of acorns.



Saturday, December 10 & Sunday, December 18, 12 noon-3pm

Animal Artisans

On Saturday, December 10 we prove that people aren't the only animals that create. Learn about animals that make weavings and pottery. We'll gather some natural materials on a hike before going inside to make a natural weaving of our own. Animals that build and carve with wood will be the topic on Sunday, December 18. Discover the works of woodpeckers, beavers, and carpenter ants. Make a wooden ornament to take home. How many types of wood can you find along the trail?



Open Houses are held monthly on the 2nd Saturday & 4th Sunday (except December) at Lost Lake Nature Park Nature Center from 12 noon to 3pm. Lost Lake Nature Park is located west of Rochester Road, south of Predmore at 846 Lost Lake Trail. See pages 4-5 for other Dinosaur Hill led programs in Oakland Township parks.

Tales of Tails...Who am I???

By Dr. Sue M. Neal, Executive Director, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

Tails are a familiar thing to us all...our cats have tails and our dogs have tails...but there are many other things here in Oakland Township that also have tails! Test your knowledge by reading each of the following tales about tails to see if you can guess 'who' is being described. For those of you who always read the rulebook, we will be adhering to the first two Merriam-Webster definitions of the word tail: "the rear end or a process or prolongation of the rear end of the body of an animal" and "something resembling an animal's tail in shape or position". Good luck!



My tail is big and fluffy and can make up more than a third of my total body length. I use my tail as a signal flag to communicate with my friends but I also wrap it around me like a warm blanket when it's cold out. But wait, there is more, I also use that big tail to help keep my balance, I am pretty clever you see!

My tail is full of feathers – but not just any feathers you see. My feathers are special because they are super fluffy and soft and so they allow me to fly almost silently so I won't alert my predators when I am out hunting at night! Did you realize that those feathers cover not just my tail but my entire body! There is no part of me that isn't covered in feathers and some of my feathers are extra special because they make it look like I have a big set of ears! All the better to hear WHO with???



Well I have feathers too but of quite a different sort! I get some extra fancy feathers during breeding season – particularly on my head, neck and tail – you might see me on the shore preening these lacy white feathers. This hasn't always worked to my advantage though. I was an endangered species in the early 20th century because people coveted my flowing white feathers for use in hats! Oh my! Would you believe my feathers used to be worth more than gold! You might even say my feathers are as white as the driven snow!



My tail may not look so pretty or fancy...and fine, it has no feathers or fur...but let me just tell you it is quite useful. My tail is prehensile, which means I can use it for grasping things! You might even find me using it to carry around food or piles of leaves to use for my nest! It also helps me climb trees quite cleverly and I can even use my tail to emit scents to let others know where I've been. My tail has no bones but it is full of strong muscles, so strong that it can support my entire body weight. For the record, however, I do not hang by my tail!



My tail is quite small and you may not even realize that I have one at all...but I do! I have fur, but my tail does not. I have wings and my tail is actually attached to my wings with a membrane. My tail helps me take off and aid in my flight but it doesn't end there. I can even use my tail like a scoop when I am out hunting at night. Don't be afraid of me though, I won't fly into your hair and I am really good at keeping the number of mosquitoes under control.



Double Jeopardy! Name both! It is time to learn how to tell us apart and our tails will give you one of the fastest clues as to which one of us you are meeting. People sometimes think we are one in the same because we are both rodents, we both like to swim and hang out in the water and we both think we are really quite cute.



I'll go first because my tail is quite unique I think. It can be up to 15 inches long, 6 inches wide and 2 inches thick! I use my tail for many things including storing fat for the winter and as a propeller when I swim. I am also not at all afraid to give it a good, hard slap against the surface of the water if I get spooked. It is also quite handy as a nice prop when I want to sit on my hind legs!

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THANK YOU!



**Natural Areas Stewardship
Volunteers Summer 2022**

Kathleen Dougherty, Patrick Falle, Yachiyo Falle, Jim Fostey, Stacy Hahn, George Hartsig, Louise Hartung, Ingrid Kliffel, Tom Korb, Cam Mannino, Lisa Muenzenberger, Laurie Peklo, Donna Perkins, Tyler Peterlin, Jon Reed, Jenny Sigelko, Bob Yager

Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to learn new skills, work with a great team, and get more involved in local conservation? Our natural areas stewardship volunteers help with bluebird nest box monitoring, native seed collecting, prescribed fire, invasive species control, photo monitoring, pollinator garden maintenance, outreach, and more! We fit opportunities to your availability and interests. No special skills required. We'll provide all training and tools you'll need. To learn more contact Natural Areas Stewardship Manager Ben VanderWeide (bvanderweide@oaklandtownship.org).

Vernal pool monitoring



Bluebird nest box monitoring



Native seed collecting



Invasive Species work days



Parks and Rec Team Update



Bill joins the Parks team as a full-time Maintenance Technician. William (Bill) Beverly was born and raised in the Rochester area and moved to Oakland Township four years ago when he and his wife Heidi built their dream home. He spent his first 10- year career as a Robotics Technical Specialist after earning his Bachelor's Degree in Automated Manufacturing from ITT Technical Institute. Then he started his second career of 18 years as a stay at home dad of three boys. Bill loves the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting. He has always maintained his home and neighborhood doing all the work himself. The beautiful outdoor areas of Oakland Township have served as a natural paradise as his family enjoys kayaking, fishing, swimming, and learning about the many species of wildlife. Welcome aboard Bill!



Fall 2022 Natural Areas Stewardship Events

Please come out and join us for one of these events! Updated information and any last minute changes to these events can be found on our Natural Areas Notebook website at oaklandnaturalareas.com.

*All minors must have a waiver signed by a guardian, and minors under 14 must be accompanied by a guardian.

Seed Collecting & Cleaning

Many native plant seeds are only available for collecting for a few weeks in the fall, so we need as much help as possible during harvest! Seed collecting is a fun, relaxing way to learn new native plant species while experiencing unique natural areas. We use the seed to restore areas where we have removed invasive plants. All workdays are 12:30 - 3:30 pm.

Seed Collecting. Meet at the Paint Creek Cider Mill before heading to our site for the day. Tuesdays in October (4, 11, 18 & 25).

Seed Cleaning. Meet at Watershed Ridge Park, 1720 W. Buell Rd. Tuesday, November 15.

Bear Creek Nature Park Workdays

The special natural areas at Bear Creek Nature Park provide habitat for wildlife and a haven for native plants. We will be removing invasive shrubs this fall and spreading seed, setting the stage for more beauty next year! Tools and training will be provided. All workdays are 9 am to 12 pm.

November 3 – Bear Creek Nature Park,
740 W. Snell Rd.

We will be partnering with Six Rivers Land Conservancy for this workday!

November 8 – Bear Creek Nature Park,
740 W. Snell Rd.

Weekly Bird Walks

Join us every Wednesday from September through November 16 for our weekly bird walks. We want to document the bird species using our parks so that we can work to improve their habitat. Walks will start at 8:30 am. Extra binoculars are available.

1st Wednesday of month – Bear Creek Nature Park

2nd Wednesday of month – Cranberry Lake Park

3rd Wednesday of month – Charles Ilsley Park

4th Wednesday of month – Watershed Ridge Park



Natural Areas Information at your Fingertips!

Have you checked out our blog recently? The [Natural Areas Notebook](http://oaklandnaturalareas.com) has the latest about what's happening in the parks, news about the latest stewardship work, and up-to-date information about stewardship events. Find this and much more at oaklandnaturalareas.com.



INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENT NOTICE

Oakland Township Parks & Recreation hereby provides notice to the public and property owners for the 2022 control of invasive plants in wetlands within township park properties including *Phragmites australis* (Common reed), invasive cattails (*Typha latifolia* and *Typha x glauca*), glossy buckthorn (*Frangula alnus*), common buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*), invasive honeysuckle (non-native *Lonicera* species), Oriental bittersweet (*Celastrus orbiculatus*).

Invasive plants can limit access to water bodies for people and wildlife, impair habitat for native plant and animals, lower property values, create a fire hazard, and cause infrastructure damage. We want to stop the spread of these invasive plants in our parks. If you have any other questions about invasive species, please contact Oakland Township Parks & Recreation (see information below).

Herbicide Applicators:

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation natural areas stewardship staff that have been certified as Commercial Pesticide Applicators with the State of Michigan will be conducting invasive species treatment.

Schedule & Treatment Locations:

Treatment will take place in 2022 throughout the park system. Treatment dates will depend on weather and the appropriate treatment timing for each target species.

Bear Creek Nature Park
Blue Heron Environmental Area
Charles Ilsley Park
Cranberry Lake Park
Draper Twin Lake Park
Gallagher Creek Park
Lost Lake Nature Park
Marsh View Park



Mill Race Trail
O'Connor Nature Park
Paint Creek Trail Right-of-Way
Paint Creek Heritage Area – Wet Prairie
Paint Creek Heritage Area – Fen
Paint Creek Junction
Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park
Watershed Ridge Park

Herbicide, Methods of Application & Re-Entry Restrictions:

Aquatic herbicides and adjuvants will be used, including Rodeo (glyphosate) or Glyphosate 5.4 (glyphosate) or Round Up Custom Aquatic (glyphosate), Renovate 3 (triclopyr), Cygnet Select (dye) and Cygnet Plus (drift control, surfactant).

Foliar applications will be applied by vehicular mounted hand spray gun equipment, by backpack sprayer, or by hand wicking. Cut stump applications will be applied with wicking herbicide daubers. The herbicide will be tank mixed.

Do not enter treated areas until the spray has dried.

Obey all posted caution signs.

Contact Information:

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact:



Oakland Township Parks & Recreation, 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, MI 48306, 248-651-7810



Thank-you to our Stewardship Crew!

A big thank-you to Camryn Brent, Cassie Stitzman, and Emma Campbell for their great work this summer on our natural areas stewardship crew. Together the crew pulled thousands of pounds of garlic mustard, collected native plant seed, installed new wildflowers in natural areas, controlled many acres of invasive plants, and did water quality monitoring in our lakes. Each crew member contributed their skills and background to help us enhance and restore our natural areas. We are so thankful for them. Good luck in your future endeavors!

If this position sounds like fun to you, consider applying for the 2023 crew! Look for the job announcement this winter on our website.

This summer our technicians wrote posts for our natural areas stewardship blog at oaklandnaturalareas.com. Check out the intro paragraphs for a few of their posts from earlier this year, and visit our website to read more!



Blanding's Turtle (Emydoidea blandingii) Bear Creek Nature Park

What the Turtles Taught Me, By Camryn Brent

During my first month working in Oakland Township Parks, I was rewarded by the sighting of three Blanding's turtles! These creatures seemed assured in my presence; their heads stuck out of their shell gallantly with a smile. I inched closer to get a better look. To my astonishment, they didn't startle as I moved toward them. It was like their mind was elsewhere, and I left with envy at their mellow state. I admit I rarely experience a blank, light consciousness. In modern times, information is infinite and often a click away. There is so much to process at all times, that it is too easy to get lost in the constant happenings. In the presence of the smiley turtle, I saw the possibility of a different existence....

Vernal Pools: A Wetland Wonderlands, By Cassie Stitzman

My friends and I carefully tip-toed on the closed, wet road of Peter White Drive in Presque Isle Park in Marquette, Michigan on a rainy spring night. The air was crisp, filled with bellows of cheerful people of the Marquette community. The trees of Presque Isle Park surrounded the paved road, allowing the small creatures who travel over the pavement a sense of safety and peace when they make it to the other side....



A vernal pool at Charles Ilsey Park

Cow Parsnip: Important Native or Nemesis? By Emma Campbell

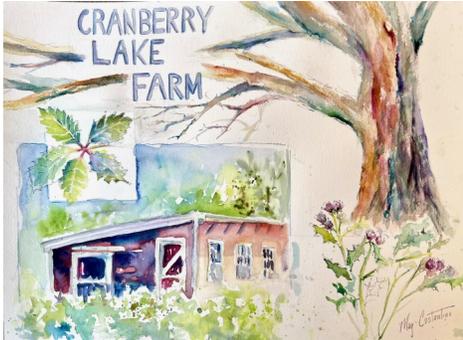


Pollinators on cow parsnip along the Paint Creek Trail 2021.

Cow parsnip is known by many names. Scientifically it is referred to as *Heracleum maximum*, but for centuries it has been known by indigenous people across North America as pipigwe'wanuck, okintsomo, yazobi, gistem, sol, gwas, ggis, pushki. All across North America cow parsnip is revered by indigenous peoples for its medicinal and edible qualities. The roots are commonly ground into a powder and applied to joints to ease pain. The Quinault word for cow parsnip, waká, means 'kills the pain'. From April to late June, cow parsnip is harvested and eaten. The soft pith, once removed from the inner stem, is eaten. Humans are not the only species to feed on cow parsnip! The leaves are an important food source for cow parsnip thrips and parsnip webworm moth larvae. Dozens of bee, wasp, fly, and butterfly species also visit the flowers of cow parsnip....

CRANBERRY LAKE FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT

A community historical center - work in progress for you. Come out to the farm!
For more information contact the Historic District Commission office 248-608-6807
Check the website www.oaklandtownship.org or Facebook: #CLFDistrict



The Plein Aire artists were out at CLF during the recent workshop to study views of multiple areas and design a collage. The workshop was run by Janet Almstadt-Davison. (From left is Meg Constantine's watercolor, Betsy Marsh's oil, and below is the talented group!) Anyone can join, our next artists workshops are on Tues, July 19, Aug 16, and Sept 20 from 10am to 2pm. \$25 reserves your spot. We ask that you arrive by 9:45am to set up and be ready for the demonstration which begins promptly at 10am. Bring your lunch. This is rain or shine event as the barn and main house will be open.



SPEAKING OF TALENT *It starts at all ages!* The Junior Girl Scouts came out to the farm to earn their **Art in Nature Badge**. The Scouts had to use natural items to create a picture, invent a new creature using a farm animal, design musical instrument made from natural materials—all while enjoying outdoor nature. The fun day was led by Lisa Grandstaff, office assistant for the Historic District Commission.



What's up next in the historic park?



Croquet at the farm on Friday, August 5, 2022 from 6pm-8pm. A free event for the entire family! Please RSVP so we have enough sets. Rules and game play will be available.
 Vintage Dancing in the Flumerfelt Barn, Friday, Sept. 9, 2022 from 6pm to 8pm. Rain or shine! The Ruffwater Stringband will be performing with Glen Morningstar calling the moves.



Down on the Farm is Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 11am to 2pm. FREE family fun! Hayrides, pumpkins, apple picking, chickens, horses and farriers, corn shelling, blacksmithing, spinning, outdoor games, beekeeping, tractors, plein aire painters, spinning, and much more! Live music featuring the talents of Harmonica George and 18 member Ukulele band.

**** New Program**—Moons of the Anishinaabeg in the month Nov 4th at 7pm. What did the Michigan Native American tribes and their lunar calendar mean? Learn all about the history behind it—with more details to come!

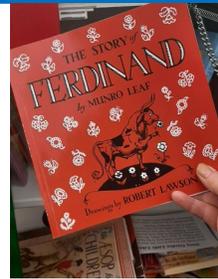


CRANBERRY LAKE FARM WELCOMES FERDINAND THE BULL



In Oakland Township, we enjoy making time to relax under shade trees in our acres of parkland filled with delightful views of wildflowers. We are celebrating the addition of Ferdinand the Bull to our Story Garden. HDC Col. Mark Gerhard made the road trip to deliver the carved bull safely from woodcarver Steph Collins shop. “He will be a welcome addition to that storybook section of the garden based on *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf. We just hope he doesn’t get stung by any bees,” he joked referring to the book. Copies of Ferdinand are located in the Little Library designed and constructed by Mark Davison. These books are on loan to borrow or leave the books in the little library so others can read them when they visit the garden—thank you!

Pictured seated is the HDC Chairman David Phillips who has been with the HDC since 2013, always donating his time and expertise to make CLF a place for residents to be proud.



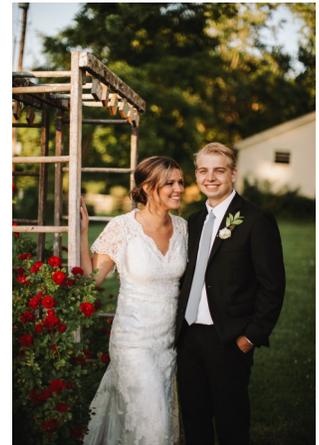
Your trash is our treasure! So the table is plastic... We LOVE it in The Secret Garden section of the Story Garden. The garden is themed around Helen S. Williams recommended children's books.



Congratulations to Emma and Kyle!

All photography by Megan Ross Portraits and wedding images used with permission.

The farm can be rented for your special day! However, be prepared we have a no alcohol policy in all township parks, so please plan accordingly! Information and fee schedule, as well as rental application can be found on the www.oaklandtownship.org under HDC department heading.



CRANBERRY LAKE FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT



We listened to the smooth tunes of David Thomas playing multiple instruments for us in the Story Garden on July 8th. Playing flute, trumpet, piccolo, and keyboards, everyone was entertained with a relaxing evening. Watch for more performances in the Story Garden and for having David out to the farm again for your enjoyment!

Eagle Scouts are doing amazing things at CLF:



Above: Joseph Ferrara before and after rehabilitation of the Milk House with roofing repairs, faceboard replacement, trim, windows, cleanup, major masonry pointing and mortar repairs, restore hardware, painting, pathway, and site plantings.

Below: Michael Dreon created a new picnic area by the Hen House and constructed two picnic tables with one having access for Americans with Disabilities. The tables are made from treated lumber and have already had a good share of picnics.



Historic District Commissioners: Bob Bowen, Col. Mark Gerhard, David Phillips, Peter Jarzyna, Board of Trustee Lana Mangiapane, Ron Bargy. The top right picture has Commissioner John Sanderson and Preservation Planner Barb Barber.

Huge Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 60. We appreciate the Scouts!

MI HISTORIC TAX CREDIT PROGRAM PA 343 OF 2020 is open for applications for our protected historic sites listed in Ordinance 37A, or has a State Historical Marker, or in the National Register of Historic Places. The new program will help support place-based projects while promoting the preservation of Michigan's historic resources. The credit has a 5 million cap each year and available as MI Personal Income Tax Credits for up to 25% of the total qualified rehabilitation expenditures. State credits are available for ALL capital improvements made to and within the historic resource. Contact the HDC office for more information.



CRANBERRY LAKE FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Cranberry Lake Farm is open for your enjoyment, relaxation, and exercise. Walk the grounds and see the treasures on display with old implements, stone barbecues, picnic areas, and historic surroundings. Located at 388 West Predmore Road in northern Oakland Township. The sixteen acre historic district is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and represents a rural farmstead's evolution into a recreational retreat. **Cranberry Lake Farm—A historic park, at your fingertips!**



Generosity abounds in Oakland Township! This park bench was donated by Geraldine Lee and completely restored by Mark Davison to be a perfect place to sit and relax! Thank you so much Geraldine and Mark!

In other generous donations, we have huge many thanks for CLF donations: Clay Ottoni for his gift of \$100 donation towards the dwarf apple orchard; Joseph Ferrara for his \$416 donation to use on future projects; Patti McGowan for finding another park bench and her many donations of vegetable plants and flowers for the Story Garden; Kristi Barnes for picnic table, shovels, and animal crate for Down on the Farm; Jane Quigley for front hill garden plants; The

Dimovski family for hoses for watering all these gardens; Mary Asmus for her sewing talents for Peter Rabbit's jacket; Camryn Brent antique milk bottle; and Kim Zajac's antique milking stool. *Sorry if we missed you will catch in the next newsletter.* **Speaking of donations**, the Oakland Township Historical Society is collecting items for their annual Flumerfelt Flea Market which is going to be held on Sept 17 and 18. If you have an item to donate to the Flea Sale you can contact the Oakland Township Historical Society at othsmember@comcast.net.



When the MI DNR held their Run for the Trees fundraiser, we decided to offer a course set up throughout the historic district and Cranberry Lake Park. Pictured is Jes Kasprzak who came out with her friends wearing their Bob Ross t-shirts and medals. "Despite the rain we had an amazing time supporting a great cause. 10/10 I would do it again! (Hopefully with two good legs.)"



In other township preservation news, Oakland Twp Historical Society has raised over \$10,000 for the Big Red Logging Wheels restoration project! The community supported over \$5k and the Society is donating \$5k. The HDC will be planning the next steps for the full restoration of the wheels. Thank you OTHS! Stay tuned into history!



Tales of Tails...Who am I???

By Dr. Sue M. Neal, Executive Director, Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

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That is all fine and good but my tail is not quite so fancy. My tail is shaped quite different and is long and thin with flat sides. I also use it to help when I swim as it makes quite the propeller when I need to get a move on in the water! You will notice that when I swim, my tail is usually visible right behind me at the surface of the water while my friend will usually swim with his tail underwater. And yes, I do have scent glands that produce a musky smelling...erm...'perfume' to mark my territory.



My tail always faces away from the sun. Sometimes my tail disappears due to a phenomenon known as magnetic reconnection. This tail disappearance is referred to as a 'tail disconnection event'. How clinical! I actually have two different tails. One, my dust tail, is whiteish and one, my plasma tail, often appears as blue. They are different colors because they are made of different materials. Sometimes I can even have a third tail, and sometimes my tail curve and my multiple tails can be 6 million to up to even 100 million miles long!

Bonus Points: Please stop running...please stop screaming! No, no, no...I won't use my tail to sting you! See this isn't really much of a tail at all, instead it is an ovipositor! I know, it is quite frightening to see and can be even longer than my body with two sheaths that can make it look like I have three long stingers but I am really quite harmless to people! What is an ovipositor you say? Well this is what I use to lay my eggs. I drill holes deep into dead or dying trees to deposit my egg in the body of a certain types of wasps and larva. And yes, I must confess that my young will eat the poor soul when it hatches but I swear that these prey are often up to no good and harming the tree! Yes, this technically makes me a bit parasitic but don't hold that against me.



Want to hear even more Tail Tales? Join Dinosaur Hill naturalists for a fun pre-k program on Dec 3. *Details on page 5.*



Answers: 1) Red Fox, 2) Great Horned Owl, 3) Snowy Egret, 4) Opossum, 5) Big Brown Bat, 6a) Beaver, 6b) Muskrat, 7) Comets!, 8) Megarhyssa wasp

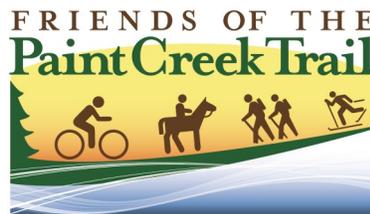
Paint Creek Junction Open! (Continued from page 1)

This trailhead project was funded by grant dollars from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund, the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan combined with funding from the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Millage and donations from the Friends of the Paint Creek Trail.

We hope you visit this park and enjoy these new facilities!



Ralph C. Wilson, Jr.
Legacy Funds
OF THE
Community Foundation
FOR SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN



Look What Dropped In! New Restrooms at Two Township Parks!

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Both restroom structures are funded by a combination of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants totaling \$100,000 and funds provided by Oakland Township residents through the Township's Parks and Recreation Millage .



Lowering the Green Flush restroom at Marsh View Park.



Successful installation at Bear Creek Park.

September 7, 2022, 6:30 pm CLF Barn, Potluck and Program – bring a dish to pass.
“The American Guide Series: The WPA Travel Books of the 1930s” By Jim Craft.



October 2022 Field Trip TBD

November 2, 2022, 7:00 pm PCUMC, (Parking available next to the church in the Dentist’s office.)
“Golden Age of Radio” By Tom Arwady.



December 7, 2022, 6:30 pm PCUMC, (Parking available next to the church in the Dentist’s office.) Bring a dish to pass for the potluck – Christmas goodies and appetizers welcome!

“Christmas Traditions” By Matthew Hackett.



January 2023, No Meeting This Month, Happy New Year!

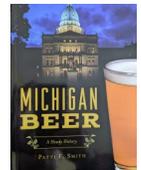
February 2023, No Meeting This Month, Stay Warm!

March 1, 2023, 7:00 pm PCUMC, (Parking available next to the church in the Dentist’s office.)

“Foods, Fads and Funky Dishes” By Stephanie Suszek.

April 7, 2023, 6:00 pm Dinner and Drinks (cash bar, separate tabs), 7:00 pm Program

“Michigan Beer: A Heady History” By Patti Smith. **Local Brewery visit TBD**



May 2023 Field Trip, TBD, Joint Field Trip with Rochester-Avon Historical Society.
 Details to follow.

*Pot-lucks are in the Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF) Flumerfelt Barn at 384 W. Predmore Rd in Oakland Township. November, December and March programs are at the Paint Creek United Methodist Church (PCUMC), 4420 Collins Rd. A bad snow storm will mean that we would cancel our program and reschedule it. Join our Society to stay on our mailing list and receive more information about program location, time and details. **WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.** The public is welcome to our programs. There is no charge for our programs. For program information or to submit program ideas and speaker suggestions, e-mail Mary Tischler, Program Chairperson, othspresident@gmail.com. For membership or other information contact Sue Fox, Membership Chairperson, (248) 693-9646.*

Visit our Facebook Page @othsmi or our website: www.oaklandtownshiphistoricalsociety.org

Join us at these upcoming events!

Square Dance at Cranberry Lake Farm
 Friday Sept 9, 2022
 6 – 9 pm



Flumerfelt Flea
 Sat Sept 17, 2022
 10 am – 5 pm
 Sun Sept 18, 2022
 12 pm – 5 pm



Goodison Good Tyme
 Sat Sept 17, 2022
 11 am – 2 pm



Down on the Farm
 Sat Oct 1, 2022
 11 am – 2 pm



Greater Rochester Heritage Days and OTHS Plant Sale
 May 2023
 Details to follow



Cranberry Cheer

Saturday, November 19, 2022
 (daytime hours tbd)

- * Cranberry Lake Farm will be decorated for the holidays, for this new OTHS Fundraising Event
- * Tours and education of the home and property
- * Craft making station
- * Light snack and refreshments
- * Unique vendors - perfect for gift giving and stocking stuffers
- * Tickets on sale in the near future
- * More information soon on our Facebook page and emails from our society!

OTHs Big Wheel Fund Drive



Oakland Township Historical Society raised \$5,045 in funds to help with the repair and rebuilding of the Big Red Logging Wheels at the Paint Creek Cider Mill.

The Historical Society matched \$5,000 and presented the Oakland Township Historic District Commission with a check for \$10,045 at their July 20 meeting!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!



From Left: Pete Jarzyna, Bob Bowen, Jan Derry, Bill Kroger, Anthony Kowalchick, David Phillips (Lana Mangiapane in front of Dave), Col. Mark Gerhard, Ron Bary, Tom Asmus.

Paint Creek Trail News

By Melissa Ford, Trail Manager manager@paintcreektrail.org



15th Annual Labor Day Bridge Walk and Run



2018 Labor Day Bridge Walk and Run

Monday, September 5, 2022

Join us for our 15th annual Labor Day Virtual Bridge and Run! Starting at the Rochester Municipal Park Kiwanis Pavilion, participants can choose either a 1 mile walk or 5k run on the Paint Creek Trail. Onsite registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and the event begins at 9:00 a.m.

This is a free community event, with a suggested donation of \$5.00. Online registration will open in mid-August at <http://paintcreektrail.org/wordpress/events/labor-day-bridge-walk/>.

Join us for giveaways, family fun, and delicious treats! This year's event will be themed around fishing and the beautiful natural resource that runs alongside the trail - the Paint Creek!

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact the Trail office for more information on how you can support this wonderful family-friendly event!



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PaintCreekTrail.org

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Paint Creek Trailways Commission's Personal Electric Mobility Devices Policy



Electric Unicycle



Egret (kick electric scooter)



Electric Scooter

Photo via



Hoverboard



Segway



Electric Caster Board

No person shall operate any motor-driven vehicle, including, by way of example but not by way of limitation, any minibike, motorcycle, dune mobile, snowmobile, converted snowmobile, all-terrain vehicle, amphibious vehicle, Segway, Hoverboard or similar motorized device. This does not apply to clearly labeled Class 1 or Class 2 e-bikes or other power-driven mobility devices used by a person with a mobility related disability.

Trail Courtesy

As a reminder, please continue to be courteous to others while out on the trail:

Cyclists – Pass with care: Stay to the right, pass on the left: “Do the right thing – pass with a ring!” Please announce with a verbal “on your left” or ring a bike bell.

Pedestrians and Cyclists – avoid spreading out: Please don't block the width of the trail. Stay to the right, and watch your surroundings – a cyclist may be trying to pass you on the left. Cyclists and pedestrians must both yield to horses on the trail.

Cyclists – Please use safe speeds on the trail: Cyclists should adapt their speed to conditions and others on the trail. Bicycle racing and race training is not allowed.

Obey all Signage: Please remember to obey all street signs, signals, and road markings on the trail and at intersections. Always stop and look for approaching vehicles before crossing roads.



Paint Creek Trail News

By Melissa Ford, Trail Manager manager@paintcreektrail.org



Support the Paint Creek Trail

Did you know that the Paint Creek Trailways Commission has a designated fund at the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester? Your tax-deductible donation helps the Commission to continue its important work to preserve this treasured green space in our community!

Help support future trail projects and the ongoing maintenance of the trail by making a donation today! Visit <http://paintcreektrail.org/wordpress/donate/> or scan the QR code below to make your gift:



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PaintCreekTrail.org

Summer Outdoor Skills Camp in beautiful Oakland Township Parks

What's so great about Oakland Township Parks and Recreation outdoor skills camps? Kids spend their days exploring forests, creeks, and meadows while learning to appreciate nature - and they LOVE it! Each summer we host week-long outdoor skills summer camps for grades 5 through 9, introducing kids to archery, kayaking, orienteering, fishing, fire and shelter building, animal and plant identification, and more. As you can see from these wonderful photos we have many happy campers!





Oakland Township Parks and Recreation

Fall 2022 Registration Information

Register online: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

The health of our community is our priority. Our team of staff and instructors are trained in safety protocol that follow CDC guidelines and are equipped with Personal Protection Equipment and gear (PPE). For indoor programs the CDC recommends wearing face masks and 6 foot social distancing regardless of vaccination status.

Oakland Township Resident registration is open NOW!

(This is for residents living within the Oakland Township boundary.)

Non-Resident registration opens two weeks before the program deadline date.

(As noted in the program descriptions)

Programs fill-up quickly so please contact us early!

Registration Options:

1. ONLINE:

We encourage everyone to register online at: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com

You can register for an Oakland Township program at any time, from anywhere you have an internet connection, using a credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover). If you have questions feel free to call 248-651-7810 and we will be happy to walk you through the system.

2. BY MAIL:

For printable registration and waiver forms visit our website:

www.oaklandtownship.org

Send the completed forms by USPS mail to:

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation

4393 Collins Rd.

Rochester, MI 48306

*Mail at least two weeks
before program date!*

Or drop off your registration and waiver forms in the after hours DROP-BOX at Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, MI, 48306.

Make checks payable to **Oakland Township Parks and Recreation**

3. IN PERSON:

Visit us at our office location and register in person. You can pay by credit card (MasterCard, American Express, or Discover accepted with \$2.95 fee) or by cash or check. We are located at the Paint Creek Cider Mill Bldg. (2nd Floor) 4480 Orion Rd., Rochester, MI 48306

Registration and waiver forms must be signed by each registrant or (the parents/guardians of minor) to participate in our programs.

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Program Refund Policy

Registrants will receive a full refund for programs cancelled by Oakland Township Parks and Recreation. Registrants withdrawing more than 4 business days prior to the program start date will receive a refund, less a \$5.00 administration fee. No refunds will be made if withdrawing less than 4 business days from program start date. All registrants wishing to withdraw must do so during regular business hours Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm by phone at 248-651-7810 or by email at knewton@oaklandtownship.org. Visit www.oaklandtownship.org for complete program information and other Park and Recreation information, permits, and ordinances.

Controlled Archery Antlerless Deer Hunting at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park (Other Township parks do not permit any type of hunting)



Oakland Township Parks purchased Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park in 2008 and 2019 with the majority of our purchase costs being paid by Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants. One of the conditions of our receipt of these substantial grants was that we must allow controlled archery deer hunting at this park as part of the DNR's program to manage deer populations in southeast Michigan.

To meet this commitment, a limited number of hunters per hunt date will be issued Township permits for antlerless archery deer hunting at Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park on restricted weekdays between October 1, 2022 and January 31, 2023. On the days when hunting will occur the park will be closed to other types of use. Signs are posted at park entry points indicating these days of closure.

To Participate in this controlled hunt program, Hunters must do the following:

Hunters must obey all Township regulations, State of Michigan hunting laws and display Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Permit tag on vehicle rear-view mirror.

Hunters must each hunt with a partner to participate in this program.

Hunters must provide their own portable blinds and will be responsible for their own field dressing and transporting of all harvested deer. No baiting of any kind is allowed.

Prior to hunting, Hunters must review a [presentation](#) about this Township hunting program.

Hunters will select their Hunting Unit (see safety zone map on next page) on a first-come, first-served basis, after both partners have submitted all application information.

Hunters must email an application for each hunting period, including a copy of your current deer hunting license, a copy of the identification used to purchase your deer hunting license (such as a driver's license), and a copy of the signed archery deer hunting waiver (found at <http://bit.ly/HuntOTParks>) to knewton@oaklandtownship.org .

Questions about this procedure? Please call (248) 651-7810.

2022/23 Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park Controlled Antlerless Archery Deer Hunting Application

Name _____ Driver's License# _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____ Vehicle Plate# _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

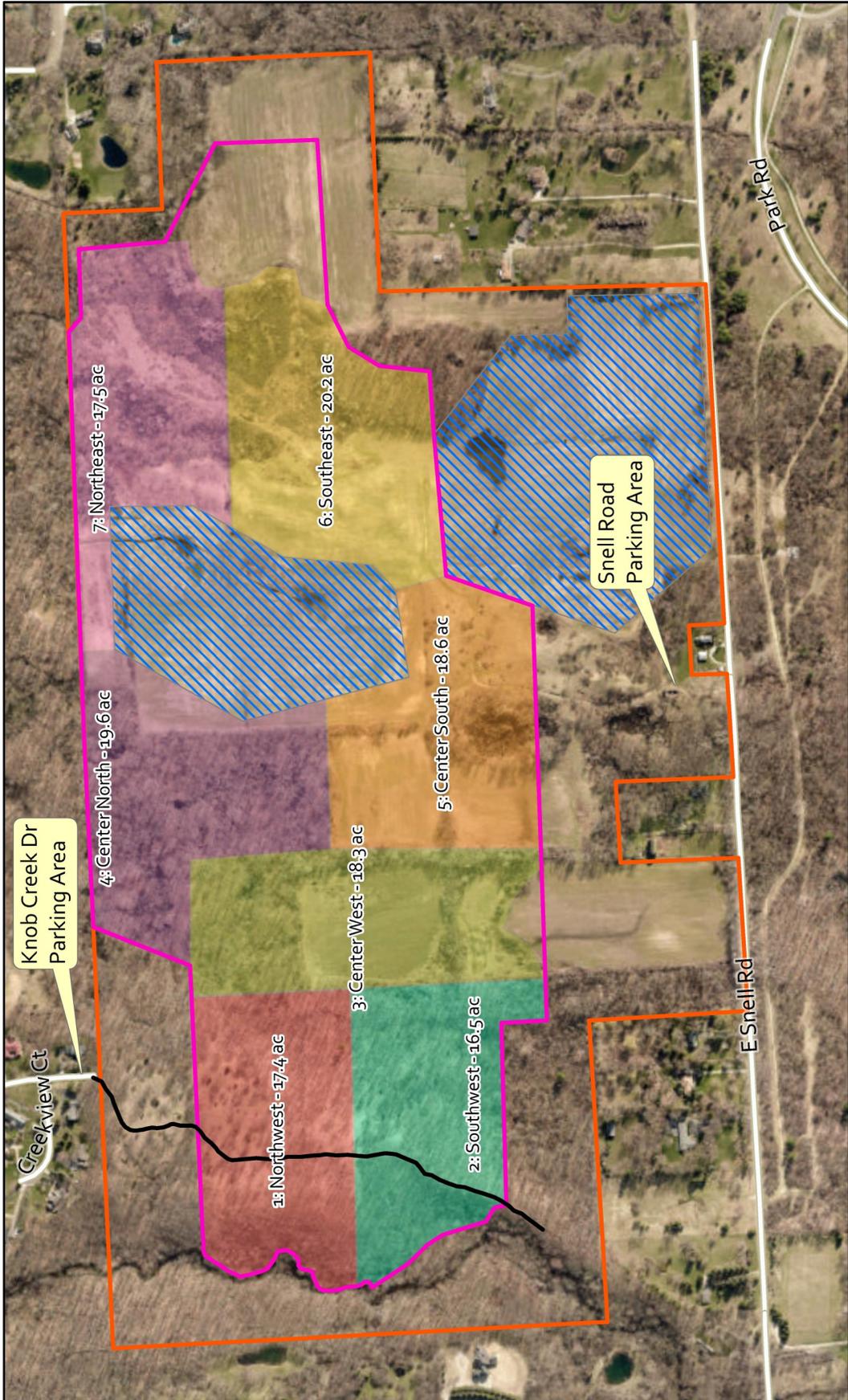
Hunting Partner's Name _____ Phone: _____

Required Information Must be Attached to Application (all sent to knewton@oaklandtownship.org):

Copy of Hunting License Copy of Identification Signed Waiver Partner's Application Sent

Send Separate Email Application, Including Hunt Dates Circled, During Application Periods Below:

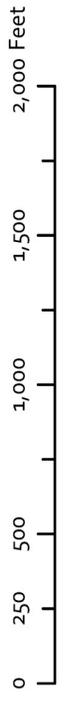
Application dates: Sept. 20- Sept. 26	Application dates: Oct. 11 - Oct. 17	Application dates: Nov. 22 - Nov. 28	Application dates: Dec. 13 - Dec. 19	Application dates: Jan. 3- Jan. 9
For hunt dates of: Tues/Wed, Oct 4 & 5 Tues/Wed, Oct 11 & 12 Tues/Wed, Oct 18 & 19	For hunt dates of: Tues/Wed, Oct 25 & 26 Tues/Wed, Nov 1 & 2 Tues/Wed, Nov 8 & 9	For hunt dates of: Tues/Wed, Dec 6 & 7 Tues/Wed, Dec 13 & 14 Tues/Wed, Dec 20 & 21	For hunt dates of: Tues/Wed, Dec 27 & 28 Tues/Wed, Jan 3 & 4 Tues/Wed, Jan 10 & 11	For hunt dates of: Tues/Wed, Jan 17 & 18 Tues/Wed, Jan 24 & 25 Tues, Jan. 31



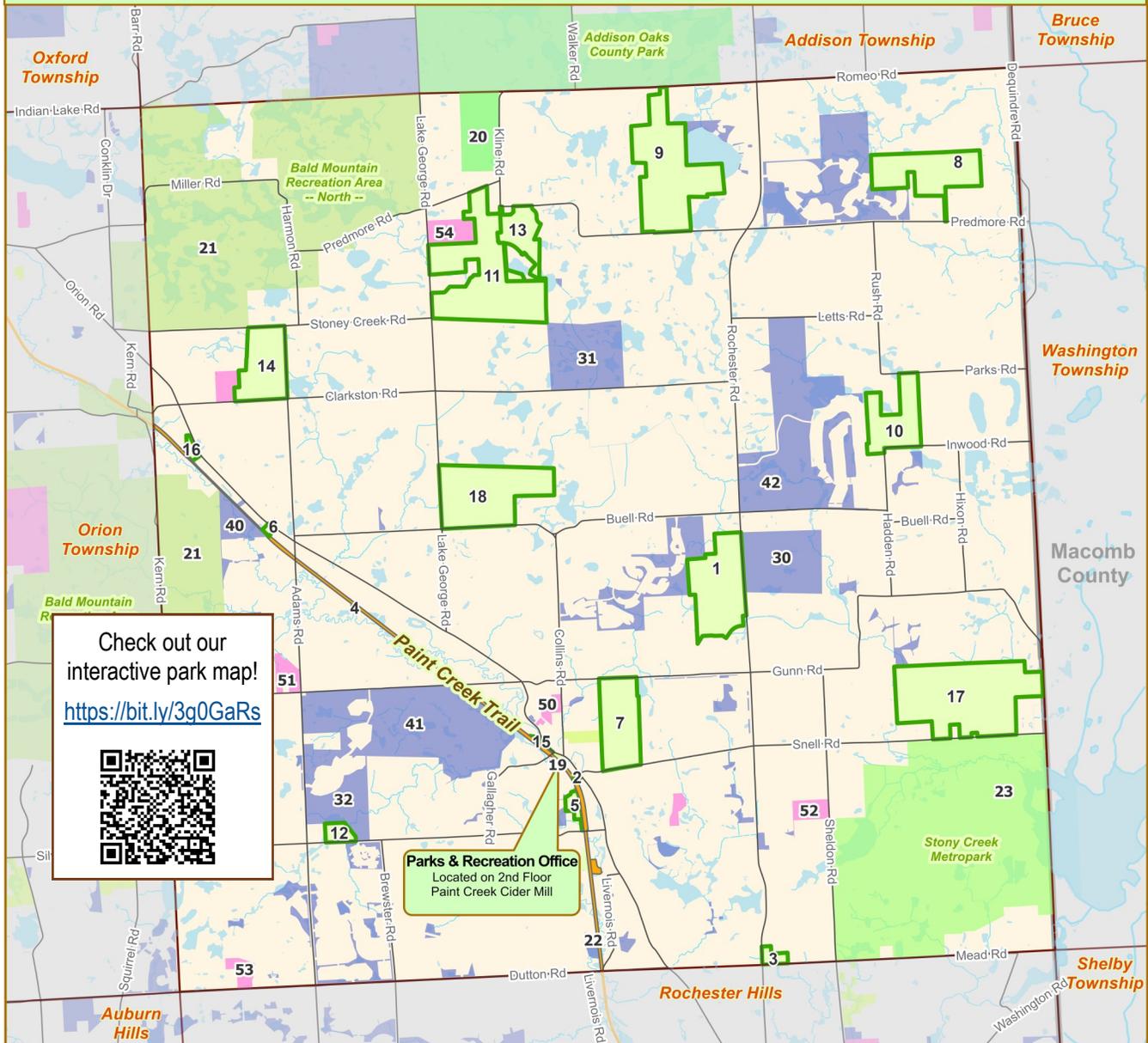
-  Park Boundary
-  Trails
-  Wetland Restoration
-  Hunting Safety Zone

Hunting Safety Zones and Hunter Units

Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park



Parks and Recreation Opportunities in Oakland Township



Check out our interactive park map!
<https://bit.ly/3g0GaRs>

Parks & Recreation Office
 Located on 2nd Floor
 Paint Creek Cider Mill

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Facilities

Conservation Areas

1. Blue Heron Environmental Area
2. Mill Creek Crossing
3. O'Connor Nature Park
4. Paint Creek Heritage Area- Fen
5. Paint Creek Heritage Area - Wet Prairie
6. Paint Creek Trail Parcel

Community Parks & Recreation Facilities

7. Bear Creek Nature Park
8. Charles Ilsley Park
9. Cranberry Lake Park
10. Draper Twin Lake Park
11. Fox Nature Preserve
12. Gallagher Creek Park
13. Lost Lake Nature Park
14. Marsh View Park
15. Mill Race Trail
16. Paint Creek Junction
17. Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park
18. Watershed Ridge Park
19. Paint Creek Cider Mill (Parks & Rec Office)

Other Parks and Recreation Facilities

Other Public Parks

20. Addison Oaks County Park
21. Bald Mountain State Recreation Area
22. Paint Creek Trail
23. Stony Creek Metropark

Other Public Recreation Facilities

30. Blackheath Golf Club
31. The Myth Golf Club
32. Westwynd Golf Club

Private Recreation Facilities

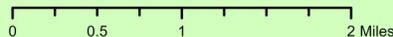
40. Royal Oak Archers
41. The Wyndgate Golf Course
42. Twin Lakes Golf & Swim Club

Public Schools

50. Baldwin Elementary School
51. Delta Kelly Elementary School
52. Hugger Elementary School
53. Musson Elementary School
54. Oakview Middle School

Key to Features:

- Municipal Boundary
- Lakes & Ponds
- Paint Creek Trail
- Private Recreation
- Major Roads
- Streams & Rivers
- Public Recreation
- Public School



Last Update: 8/5/2022

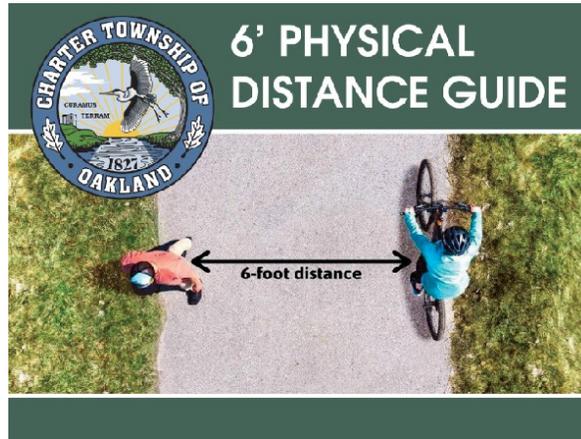
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Charter Township of Oakland
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Commission Meetings

The Parks & Recreation Commission meets at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of every month. Please see www.oaklandtownship.org for meeting agendas and packets.

Office Hours and Location

Park permits, maps and descriptions are available at the Parks and Recreation Department office, located on the second floor of the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road. Check Parks & Recreation page at www.oaklandtownship.org for office hours.

Parks and Recreation Commissioners

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Dan Simon, Vice Chairperson
Craig Blust, Treasurer
Judy Workings, Secretary
Brian Blust, Commissioner
Jim Quesenberry, Commissioner
Cathy Rooney, Commissioner

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Maintenance Technician	Bill Beverly
Natural Areas Stewardship Manager	Dr. Ben VanderWeide
Stewardship Specialist	Grant VanderLaan
Seasonal Staff	Dan Barton, Camryn Brent, Emma Campbell, Brooke Patrician, Cassie Stitzman
Recreation Staff	Cameron Gutierrez, John McDowell, Robert Zbytowski



Oakland Township Park Rules are enforced by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

If you have information or questions concerning a reported crime or accident, call the substation at 248-652-4617 Monday-Friday, 8 am-4 pm. All other calls please use dispatch at 248-858-4950.