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4393 Collins Road
Rochester, MI 48306
248-651-4440
Office Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00am—4:30pm
www.oaklandtownship.org
### Township Officials

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### Office Hours

The Oakland Township Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer hold office hours from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. every Monday in the Board Room at Oakland Township Hall. Residents are encouraged to call ahead to minimize wait times. Additional times available by appointment.

Please call 248-651-4440 extension 200 to schedule an appointment.

### Township Hall Meeting Schedule

- **Planning Commission**: 1st Tuesday
- **Board of Trustees**: 2nd and 4th Tuesday
- **Zoning Board of Appeals**: 3rd Tuesday
- **Parks and Recreation Commission**: 2nd Wednesday
- **Historic District Commission**: 3rd Wednesday
- **Library Board**: Quarterly on Thursday
- **Safety Paths & Trails**: 1st Wednesday 6:00pm

All regular meetings are scheduled at Township Hall, 4393 Collins Road, beginning at 7:00 pm. For meeting notices and agendas, please visit our website at www.oaklandtownship.org. Additional meetings may be scheduled as needed.
Visit Us Online!

Watch Streaming Meetings
You can view LIVE web-streaming and pre-recorded meetings on the website. Also available on Comcast Channel 17.

Sign Up For Notifications
Visit www.oaklandtownship.org to sign up for email and/or text notifications. The Township periodically sends notices for events, emergencies, and general Township news.

Additional Website Services
- Property Information
- Water Improvement Updates
- Apply to Serve on a Board or Commission
- Trash & Recycling Information
- Special Events
- Employment Opportunities
- Township Financials
- Election Information
- Meeting Agendas/Minutes/Packets

Oakland Township Facebook Page:
Visit us at facebook.com/OakTwp

Township Offices will be Closed for Holidays on the Following Dates:
- Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22nd
- Thanksgiving Friday, Friday, November 23rd
- Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th
- Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th
- New Years Eve, Monday, December 31st
- New Years Day, Tuesday, January 1st
2018 State General Election Approaching  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018

Oakland Township has 8 voting precincts at the locations listed below. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day.

**OAKLAND TOWNSHIP VOTING LOCATIONS:**

- **PRECINCT 1**  
  HUGGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
  5050 SHELDON ROAD

- **PRECINCT 2**  
  WOODLANDS MOBILE HOME PARK CLUBHOUSE  
  1441 WEST ROMEO ROAD

- **PRECINCT 3**  
  BALDWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
  4325 BANNISTER ROAD

- **PRECINCT 4**  
  BALDWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
  4325 BANNISTER ROAD

- **PRECINCT 5**  
  DELTA KELLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
  3880 ADAMS ROAD

- **PRECINCT 6**  
  OAKLAND TWP. FIRE STATION #2  
  1888 ROCHESTER ROAD

- **PRECINCT 7**  
  MUSSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
  3500 DUTTON ROAD

- **PRECINCT 8**  
  DELTA KELLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
  3880 ADAMS ROAD

Sample ballots are available to view at Oakland Township offices during regular business hours: M-F 8:00am–4:30pm and also on our website at www.oaklandtownship.org.

To check the status of your absentee ballot or see your voter registration status, visit the Secretary of State website at: vote.michigan.gov/mvic/

Any registered voter in Oakland Township may request an absentee ballot for the following reasons:

- I am 60 years of age or older.
- I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
- I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- I have been appointed an election inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
- I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.
### 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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**From The Treasurer’s Office**

**2018 WINTER TAX INFORMATION:**

The 2018 Winter Tax Bill will be mailed on December 1, 2018. Please contact the Treasurer’s Office if you do not receive a tax bill. *Failure to receive a tax bill does not exempt taxes from interest or penalty in the case of late-payment or non-payment.*

**Winter Taxes are due February 14, 2019.** After February 14th additional penalty will apply. Any unpaid taxes not received by February 28, 2019 will be turned over to the Oakland County Treasurer as delinquent on March 1st.

Reminder: Tax information is available 24/7 on the Township’s website (www.oaklandtownship.org). Scroll down to the bottom of the home page and click on the Property Information icon, then Tax Information Search. Five years of tax history will be displayed. This is a useful tool for monitoring the status of your current and past tax payment. Payments will be reflected on the website usually within a day or two of being processed.
Oakland Township Fire Department Community CPR and First Aid Training

Our goal as American Heart Association (AHA) instructors and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) members of the Oakland Township Fire Department is to help you become a confident and effective family member, friend, neighbor, co-worker and citizen, to help when needed wherever you may be. The Oakland Township Fire Department EMT’s are the First Responders, but you are truly the one who responds first to situations when they happen right where you are in Oakland Township. The Oakland Township Fire Department offers AHA Heartsaver CPR classes, of which upon completion students will know Adult, Child and Infant CPR, AED and choking/foreign body airway obstruction skills.

Classes are held at the Oakland Township Fire Department, Station #2 located at 1888 Rochester Rd, Rochester, MI. For class dates and registration information, visit www.oaklandtownship.org or email pelder@oaklandtownship.org.

Important Phone Numbers

- Animal Control: (248) 858-1090
- Clerk/Register of Deeds, Oakland County: (248) 858-0581 toll free (888) 350-0900 (legal records, marriage licenses, birth records, deeds)
- Oakland County Water Resource Commission: (248) 858-0958 (water, sewer, 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)
- Older Persons Commission: (248)656-1403
- 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
- 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 (248) 724-2442
- State Representatives: Michael Webber (517) 373-1773 John Reilly (517) 373-1798
- U.S. Representative: Mike Bishop (810) 227-8600
- U.S. Senators: Gary Peters (248) 608-8040 Debbie Stabenow (517) 203-1760
Improvements at Silverbell and Adams!
Watch for some big changes at the southwest corner of Silverbell and Adams Roads as improvements begin this fall to this important township-held trail connection. The 430’ boardwalk along Adams Rd. just north of the Veterans’ Tribute Memorial, is undergoing a huge renovation with all-new side railings, replacement of many of the planking boards, a thorough cleaning and staining, plus clearing of the overgrowth around the structure. The asphalt path around Oakland Christian Church is in a state of disrepair and will be rebuilt to meet industry guidelines. And, the crosswalk at all four corners of the Adams/Silverbell intersection will be updated per the requirements of the Oakland County Road Commission to meet current ADA and safety standards.

The Safety Paths and Trails Committee
Your volunteer Safety Paths and Trails Committee (SPTC) researches the best opportunities for safe and affordable walking and biking routes in the township and recommends them to the Board of Trustees for approval. Once projects are approved, the SPTC with the aide of township staff and engineers, monitors the progress of every project to ensure that your Trails Millage Funds are used wisely.

Recent SPTC Accomplishments
Since changing from a 3-person to 7-person advisory committee in 2014, the SPTC is proud of our progress:

- **The Cider Mill Connector:** Connecting the Paint Creek Cider Mill to the Paint Creek Trail though the generous easement donation by Flagstar Bank.
- **Silverbell/Dutton Path:** This path completed the trail link along the south side of Silverbell Rd. between Adams and Gallagher Roads.
- **2017 Strategy Plan:** This plan set goals and standards for the future of Safety Paths and Trails in Oakland Township and was adopted by both the Board of Trustees and the Parks and Recreation Commission as part of their Master Plans.
- **Eagle Creek Boardwalk:** A beautiful 203’ boardwalk on the north side of Silverbell Rd. links path connections between Kern and Adams.

SPT Plans for the Future
With new projects for 2018/2019 well underway, the SPTC is considering many new trail connections throughout the township. The Board of Trustees recently gave approval to begin detailed engineering studies for a mile-long path that will connect the Paint Creek Trail to the southern half of the township. This connection has always been at the top of citizens’ recommendations in township surveys and we are very hopeful to continue our momentum with this very desirable project in 2019. Other projects under consideration include (but are not limited to) connections along Rochester and Adams Roads, routes to Marsh View Park, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Addison Oaks/ Cranberry Lake Park, and Stony Creek Metro Park. To review the full SPTC Strategy Plan and updated planning maps, please visit the township website.

SPTC MEMBERS
Libby Dwyer, Chairwoman Email: studio1234@comcast.net
Karen Reilly, Board of Trustees Representative
Craig Blust, Parks & Recreation Commission Representative
Joe Peruzzi, Planning Commission Representative
Ron Hein, Citizen Member
Laurel Johnson, Citizen Member
Andy Zale, Citizen Member
Jeanne Langlois, Board of Trustees Alternate

The Safety Paths and Trails Committee typically meets the first Wednesday of the month in the Township Hall at 6:00pm. Check the township website to confirm meeting time and place. Resident participation is always welcome!

For more information, please contact Dale Stuart, Township Manager, at 248-651-4440
The Mission of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission
“To provide a sustainable system of parks, trails, programs, amenities, and services which create memorable experiences and a sense of place, contribute to the economic value of the Township and preserve the historical and natural heritage of the landscapes for existing and future generations.”

What is the purpose of the proposed Land Preservation Millage renewal?
To continue to finance the acquisition and preservation of open green spaces within Oakland Township. The green spaces acquired with millage monies are representative of the natural and rural history of our Township and are permanently protected from residential or commercial development.

How Will The Land Preservation Millage Funds Be Used?
The majority of the .6310 of one mill renewal will be used by Oakland Township during the 10-year millage period for the following:

- **Acquisition of Land or Interests in Land to Protect:**
  Land along creeks such as Paint Creek and Stony Creek.
  Land that contains lakes, ponds, and wetlands.
  Land where residents could hike or observe wildlife.
  Land that connects green spaces or natural areas.
  Habitat for our native plants and animals.
  Land with important natural features such as forests or prairie remnants.

- **Management of Oakland Township Parks’ Natural Areas:**
  Monitoring and preserving green spaces once they are purchased.
  Management of properties’ natural features to maintain ecological and scenic values.
  Offering educational programs for residents to learn about natural area special features.
  Providing outreach for residents to participate in natural area management activities.

- **Improvements for Public Access to Park Natural Areas:**
  Projects proposed in the current capital improvement plan include adding improvements such as parking lots, trails and creek access at Watershed Ridge Park and Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park.

- **10% of Millage Funds Will Be Reserved for Long-term Natural Area Management:**
  This will initiate a permanent revenue stream for management of Land Preservation properties in perpetuity in the event that dedicated revenue is no longer available.
How will the Land Preservation ballot question be worded?

“Shall the Charter Township of Oakland be authorized to renew a levy of up to 0.6310 of one mill for a period of ten (10) years starting with the December 2021 levy for the purpose of continuing to provide funds and financing for the timely acquisition of land, the protection of natural habitat, and the preservation of green spaces within the Township? Approval of this proposal would renew the previously authorized tax limitation increase of approximately 63 cents per $1,000.00 of taxable value on all taxable property in the Township. Revenue from the levy renewal shall be disbursed to the Charter Township of Oakland. Based upon the projected 2021 Township wide taxable value, it is estimated that this proposal would result in authorization to collect up to $924,318 of revenue in the first year (2021) if this millage renewal is authorized and levied.”

Why is the renewal of this millage on the ballot this year?

While the current Land Preservation Millage expires in 2020, the millage renewal would extend the revenue stream from 2021 through 2030, enabling Oakland Township to proactively finance the protection of green spaces. In 2006, Oakland Township voters approved by 66% an early renewal of the Land Preservation Millage which financed the purchase of Stony Creek Ravine Nature Park and Watershed Ridge Park, saving them from development.

Since the 2006 renewal what has been accomplished?

Since 2006 Oakland Township has been successful in leveraging Land Preservation millage monies with donations and $3,396,168 in grants to acquire and protect 247 acres of natural areas; to add public access improvements that support hiking, cross-country skiing, wildlife observation, fishing, kayaking and environmental education; to restore and manage natural habitats including the control of invasive plants; and to offer hands-on programs and educational workshops.

Will voting ‘yes’ on this millage renewal increase taxes?

A ‘yes’ vote will NOT increase the tax rate of Township property owners beyond its current level. A ‘yes’ vote will extend the time period of the authorized millage. The annual roll-back required by the Headlee Amendment would continue after the approval of this millage renewal.

Starting in 2021, what would be the millage renewal estimated cost?

$100,000 home: Taxable Value $50,000 = $31.55/year or $2.63/month  
$250,000 home: Taxable Value $125,000 = $78.88/year or $6.57/month  
$500,000 home: Taxable Value $250,000 = $157.75/year or $13.15/month

Where can I learn more about Township parks and this proposed millage renewal?

See Fall 2018 Parks and Recreation Newsletter, oaklandtownship.org and oaklandnaturalareas.com.
### Fall 2018 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.

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<th>Land Stewardship Workdays</th>
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<td>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 cleaning is a fun, relaxing way to learn new native plant species. We use the seed to restore areas where we have removed invasive plants. All workdays are 12:30 - 3:30 pm.</td>
<td>We will remove invasive shrubs such as buckthorn and autumn olive at the Paint Creek Heritage Area – Wet Prairie. These special natural areas provide habitat for wildlife and a haven for native plants. Removing invasive shrubs this fall will set the stage for more beauty next year! All tools and training will be provided. All workdays are 9 am to 12 pm.</td>
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<td><strong>Seed Cleaning</strong>. Meet at Watershed Ridge Park, 1720 W. Buell Rd. December 6.</td>
<td>• November 10 and 15 – Paint Creek Heritage Area-Wet Prairie. Meet at the Silverbell Rd parking lot along the Paint Creek Trail, approximately 1103 Silverbell Rd.</td>
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*The Natural Areas Notebook has the latest about what’s happening in the parks (like Cam Mannino’s weekly feature *This Week at Bear Creek*), news about the latest stewardship work, and up-to-date information about stewardship events. Find this and much more at oaklandnaturalareas.com.*

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### Oakland Township Parks and Recreation

**Fall 2018 Archery Programs**

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

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<td>Come in costume and shoot for treats! <em>Don’t know how to shoot? We’ll show you how with our 1st Shot Demo Program.</em> While supplies last.</td>
<td>Join us in celebrating a successful outdoor archery season at Marsh View Park! <em>Don’t know how to shoot? We’ll show you how with our 1st Shot Demo Program.</em> Doughnuts and cider while supplies last!</td>
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<td><strong>“FREE” Drop-in. No registration necessary!</strong></td>
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<th>Open Range Shoot - Ages 8 - Adult “FREE” to the Public</th>
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<td>Drop-in opportunity to practice archery skills! Prior archery experience necessary. No instruction provided. No crossbows or broadheads. Children between 8 and 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Range supervised by certified USA Archery certified instructors. <em>Not sure how to shoot? Range Masters can assist you with our 1st Shot Demo Program - 5 minute teaching time/demo during Open Shooting Hours, or sign up for a Beginner Class.</em></td>
<td>DROP-IN - NO REGISTRATION</td>
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<td><strong>Saturdays 4/14/18 - 11/24/18 11:00am - 3:00pm</strong></td>
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Lost Lake Nature Park Partnership

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation & Dinosaur Hill Nature Preserve

Lost Lake Nature Park

846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland Charter Township, MI 48363

Open houses are FREE! Open houses are FUN! Open houses are for the whole family! The nature center will be open for four hours. You are welcome to drop by any time during those hours. You will have a chance to explore this amazing park, check out the nature center, participate in crafts, games and other ongoing activities led by Dinosaur Hill Naturalists! No Registration required for Open Houses!

FREE!

Fall 2018 Open Houses!

November 4th, Sunday (12-4) – A Michigan Thanksgiving – With the approaching celebration of our favorite pudgy bird we figure it only fitting to celebrate our graceful friend with a day all about the turkey... But then we thought, why not pepper in some discussion of Native Americans while we’re at it? So join us for the best of both worlds as we honor the true tradition of Thanksgiving by learning about the indigenous people of Michigan while simultaneously putting together our own turkey crafts to take home. Outside we will perfect our turkey call on tours of the woods and we will play some Ojibwa games.

December 2nd, Sunday (12-4) – The Happy Holiday Hullabaloo – With the holidays right around the corner it’s time to ring in the new year and celebrate our families by taking everyone out to Lost Lake Nature Park for an afternoon of ornament making, carols, popcorn-stringing, refreshments and more! We will be taking hikes out into the woods to collect natural materials to turn into hanging ornaments inside, playing some festival holiday games, and even going on a scavenger hunt outside for missing prizes!

Pop Up Open House – date to be determined by mother nature!!! (12-4) With the sledding hill in full swing we will be opening up our nature center, in addition to the warming shelter, for a very special way to regain feeling of your toes. We will be putting together winter crafts and serving out cups of hot chocolate to keep sled warriors fueled for their day of recreation at the park. We’ll also be donning snowshoes periodically throughout the day to practice moving atop the snow as well for a unique way to experience Lost Lake’s trail system!

And when the snow flies...

Lost Lake Nature Park Sled Hill

846 Lost Lake Trail
Open Daily 10am - 5pm
Friday and Saturday nights until 9pm

Warming Shelter Open Hours
Friday nights 5pm - 9pm
Saturdays 1pm - 9pm
Sundays 1pm - 3pm

Sled Hill Hotline 248-651-4440 Ext. 299

Marsh View Park Skating Rink

3100 E. Clarkston Road
Open Daily 10am - 5pm

Ice Rink Hotline 248-651-4440 Ext. 289

Visit our web pages for complete information on these winter areas including Rules and Maps!
Don’t forget to check the hotlines to confirm the sled hill and ice rink are open before heading out.
Preschool Park Explorers—Four Session Series!
These special programs are designed for preschoolers ages 2 - 4 and their caregivers. Each class will feature crafts, puppets, stories, a snack, and of course plenty of outdoor exploration that will help develop a sense of wonder and respect for the outdoors through plenty of hands-on investigation utilizing all five of our senses. Each session will meet at a different Oakland Township park and cover a different seasonal theme.

You may sign up for individual programs for $8 resident/DHNP member and $10 non-resident/non-member or sign up for all four for a discounted rate of $30 resident/DHNP member and $35 non-resident/non-member.

All programs meet select Fridays from 10-11am and include a snack.
Register in person at Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Office at 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI 48306 or send registration form from this booklet to 4393 Collins Road, Rochester, MI 48306. For more information please call the office at 248-651-7810.

### October 26, 2018—The Magical Leaf Hunt at Gallagher Creek Park

**Preschool Park Explorers**
2780 Silverbell Rd., Rochester, MI 48306

Autumn is one of our favorite times of the year to explore the parks around towns! The animals are actively preparing for winter and the scenery is erupting with color and movement as the winds blow painted leaves around our heads. This magical time of the year is perfect to go out and collect materials to put together our own works of art. Each child will be given a magic wand and taught a special spell to help stir up the wind to blow leaves down to the ground for us to collect. Once we have enough we will transform them into special fox collages before reading a short story all about how special autumn is while enjoying a healthy seasonal snack.

### November 2, 2018—The Busiest Squirrels at Bear Creek Nature Park

**Preschool Park Explorers**
740 West Snell Rd., Rochester, MI 48306

Wild animals love Bear Creek Nature Park just as much as the visitors to the park do as the 107 acres host a variety of landscapes and habitats for squirrels, deer, owls and more to find snacks and shelter from the cold. However, some animals require a little bit of engineering to construct their home and the cool autumn breezes help to put some pep in their step. Today we are going to meet at Bear Creek Nature Park and learn about squirrels! We will be touching real squirrel fur and wrapping ourselves in other furs to feel how warm a fur coat can be, we’ll be playing a special Hungry Hungry Squirrel game upon the picnic tables, and even put together some special squirrel feeders to bring home to support our backyard wildlife as well. Afterwards we will read a story about our favorite tree-dwelling rodents before going out on a hike with binoculars to try and find wild squirrels getting ready for winter!

### November 30, 2018—Time for Turkeys at Lost Lake Nature Park

**Preschool Park Explorers**
846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

Lost Lake Nature Park is home to more than just a quiet kayaking dock and exciting sledding hill, it’s also home to woodpeckers, garter snakes and of course, wild turkeys. With enough turkey in our bellies after Thanksgiving to last us through the winter it’s only right to learn about the comically large birds that can be seen walking through the woods. We will perfect our turkey gobbles inside while putting together unique turkey puppets before reading an interactive story about our favorite birds. Afterwards we will head out into the woods to see if we can’t spot signs of the large birds while engaging in our very own preschool turkey trot!
**Oakland Township Parks and Recreation**  
**Fall 2018 Preschool Park Explorers**  
See page 14 for registration information.

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**December 7, 2018—Sleepy Black Bears at Cranberry Lake Park**  
*Preschool Park Explorers*  
388 West Predmore, Oakland, MI 48363

Have you noticed that the busy animals of the parks are starting to slow down? It must mean one thing: winter is almost here! Before it gets too cold outside let’s enjoy one more adventure from Cranberry Lake Park! For this special class we’re going to be marching our own stuffed animals through the trails while collecting materials for them to build houses and shelters to stay warm and learn a little about hibernation (you’re free to bring your own from home, but we will have plenty to choose from). After our hike we will warm our toes inside by putting together hibernating bear crafts to take home and enjoying a snack that’ll warm us form our toes to our nose! We will read our final story of the year and share our favorite memories of the season.

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**Oakland Township Parks and Recreation**  
**Fall 2018 Explore Nature Programs**  
See page 14 for registration information.

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**Guided Evening Nocturnal Hikes - Fall - Adults**  
*New Seasonal Night Hike Series!*  
Friday, October 26, 2018 6:30 - 8pm  
Cranberry Lake Park, 388 W. Predmore Rd., Oakland, MI 48363

Join a park naturalist through the heart-pounding world of evening hikes in this, the first class of our new hiking series that will continue this winter. We shall don our warm gear and head out onto the trail in search of rabbit, deer, raccoon, and coyote tracks, nests, and signs that animals (and their habitats) are getting ready for winter. Participants will even learn how to call owls and learn some interesting facts about some of our favorite migratory winter birds. Participants are asked to bring their own headlamp or flashlight for the tour.

Residents: $5  Non-residents: $7  Register by October 19

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**Hunters of the Sky - Families (Ages 4 to Adult)**  
Friday, November 2, 2018 7:00 - 8:00pm  
Lost Lake Nature Park Warming Shelter, 846 Lost Lake Trail, Oakland, MI 48363

It’s all about survival! Three engaging raptors (such as a hawk, owl, falcon) will visit your site to demonstrate and model their amazing survival characteristics and techniques. Hand-on explorations of feathers, skulls, and other bird parts provide a stimulating introduction to the Hunters of the Sky. Presented by Leslie Science & Nature Center.

Residents: $5  Non-residents: $7  Register by: October 26

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**The Bigger the Better - Afterschool (Ages 7 - 11)**  
Tuesday, November 6, 2018 4:30 - 6pm  
Cranberry Lake Park, 388 W. Predmore, Oakland, MI 48363

This time of the year the forest floor is a treasure trove of interesting specimens and objects which, as is the trend this time of year, fell to the ground from the trees above. Join us as we adventure outdoors to scour the forest floor for seeds, soil, insects and more before heading back indoors to view our specimens beneath both stereoscopes and microscopes. We will even put on our Charles Darwin hats and learn how to journal and illustrate our specimens. And in true Dinosaur Hill fashion we will also have a few intriguing surprises for the microscopes from our own coffers.

Residents: $5  Non-residents: $7  Register by: October 30
Oakland Township resident registration starts NOW!
(This is for residents living within the Oakland Township boundary.)
Non-Resident registration begins one week prior to the program registration deadline date.
Programs fill-up quickly so please contact us early!

Registration Options:

1. Fill out the form below, and the release of liability waiver on back of form for each participant, register by mail or drop in the drop-box at Township Hall after hours. (One waiver is needed for each person and each program.)
   Make checks payable to “Charter Township of Oakland” and mail with registration form and signed waiver for each participant to: Charter Township of Oakland, 4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, MI 48306

   2. Visit us at our office location and register in person.
      Credit cards (MasterCard, American Express, or Discover) accepted in person only. (2.95 fee)
      Cash or check
      Paint Creek Cider Mill Bldg. (2nd Floor)
      4480 Orion Rd., Rochester, MI 48306
      Office Hours:  Monday - Friday  8am - 4:30pm

Adult’s Name: ___________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
City/Zip: ___________________________ Emergency phone: ___________________________
Home Phone: ___________________________ Cell Phone: ___________________________
E-Mail Address: ___________________________
Resident of (circle one):  Oakland Twp.  Rochester  Rochester Hills  Other
Enrollee’s Name: ___________________________ Age (if child): _____
Program Name: ___________________________ Date and Time: ___________________________
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Amount Due: ___________________________
Liability Waiver For Participant: As a participant (or as a parent of a participant under 18 years of age) in the above Oakland Township Parks & Recreation program, I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury and I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, including death, damages, loss which I sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with the program. I do hereby fully release and discharge the Charter Township of Oakland, Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Commission, their officers, agents, volunteers, sponsors and employees from any and all claims from injuries, including death, damages or loss which I may have or which may occur to me on account of my participation in the program. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Charter Township of Oakland, Oakland Township Parks & Recreation Commission, their officers, agents, volunteers, sponsors and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, including death and losses sustained by and arising out of, connected with, or in an way associated with this program.

I authorize the use of photographs showing my image in any of their printed documents and on their website.

Signature of participant (Parent's signature if minor)  
______________________________  Date  

Print Name (include name of minor, if any)  
______________________________  

Address  
______________________________  Phone  

E-mail  
______________________________  Emergency Contact and Phone Number  

Program Name  Program Date  Township Park  
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Visit www.oaklandtownship.org for complete program information and other Park and Recreation information, permits, and ordinances.
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

LOVE IT AND LIST IT....

In the Local Historic District Ordinance 37A for protection!

Starring your HDC:
David Phillips, Chairman
Gene Ferrera, Vice-chair
John Sanderson, Secretary
Ron Bargy, Bruce Parkinson
Bob Bowen, Don Westphal

Preserving our Township historic landscapes!

Barbara Barber, Historic Preservation Planner, can be reached by email: bbarber@oaklandtownship.org or phone 248-608-6807. **HDC Meetings are held on the third Wednesday at 7:00 PM**
(Watch live or reruns on cable channel 17; Tues 1 PM and Thurs noon)  http://bit.ly.OTHDC

Nominate someone you know that has a strong commitment to ensuring the preservation of our local heritage and historic resources for a Historic Citation Award. Activities that demonstrate a commitment to preservation can be found on the website.

HISTORIC MARKER PROGRAM
Are you ready to renew your wedding vows? CLF has been home to many celebrations, including weddings and family gatherings. The Main House porch offers stunning views of the reflection pond, while the Flumerfelt barn is a great place for rustic ambiance. The farm offers many opportunities for unique and beautiful wedding photography and has plenty of space to set up a tent. Check the website for your next event where you will find the online application. Just a reminder that Township regulations do not allow alcoholic beverages in any park or in the historic district.

WHOA—What’s new in the Historic District?

Hitching posts installed compliments of our local equestrians, thanks to the Addison Oaks Trail Riders, we now have a place to tie our ride. (Horses pictured: Zorro and Kona are regular travelers to the farm throughout the trail system at Cranberry Lake Park and Addison Oaks County Park to the north. CLF includes a sixteen acre farmstead with historic buildings, apple orchard, and reflection pond. Located at 388 W. Predmore Road in northern Oakland Township. The historic district is open year round for your enjoyment with hiking, horseback riding, photography, and picnics to name a few. The Historic District Commission manages the operations and maintenance, and oversees programs and rentals with the help of the Oakland Township Historical Society.

Photo on right is of the new “privy” outhouse for your convenience. The HDC used funds from the voter approved historic preservation HDC Operating millage, which is less than an 1/8th mill, to improve the amenities at the farmstead. The design delivers a more sturdy structure to accommodate universal accessibility with wider pathway, interior hand-rails, and a timed door closer. The roof shingles are cedar shakes and the siding is cedar tongue-and-groove.

What was the meaning of cutout crescent moons and stars on outhouse doors? Basically they let light inside and would also inform users the difference between users: male (star) and female (crescent moon - in representation of Mythology for Goddess Luna). Families would generally use the crescent moon shape only.
CAROLYN DULIN REMEMBERED

Carolyn Dulin was a graduate of Cranbrook Academy of Art and Ohio Wesleyan University. She was an accomplished artist and sculptor by trade. Famous for her clay work, our Charter Township of Oakland hired her to design and make a 29’ x 13’ porcelain clay wall piece which hangs in our township’s main hall. It features streams, lakes, hills and herons which first attracted settlers to our area. The heaviest of 22 pieces weighs 130 pounds. This was quite an accomplishment to make and mount on the wall. Carolyn often sold her clay designs at the “Arts and Apples” art fair. Those who own some of her clay designs are indeed fortunate!

The Oakland Township Historical Society (OTHS) was fortunate to have Carolyn Dulin as a long-time member who served several years as our president. She was instrumental in getting the 1879 Flumerfelt Barn saved from demolition and relocated to Cranberry Lake Farm for future generations to enjoy and use. Carolyn received an award for this effort from OTHS in 2005. She designed and made clay tiles of Cranberry Lake Farm as a souvenir and fundraiser for us. She helped make our parade floats and participated in the local parades. Carolyn was one of our plant experts answering gardening questions at our plant sales in the Greater Rochester Heritage Days OTHS tent area. She often hosted OTHS gatherings in her lovely home where we enjoyed her beautiful gardens, pet cats, artwork and later hayrides when she moved. Carolyn Dulin was a tireless volunteer for conservation and historic preservation. She helped restore two historic homes in Goodison with Frank Dulin. She helped start and head the township’s “Annual Tree Sale” which she worked on for more than 30 years. Carolyn helped found the “Oakland Township Association” in 1969. This organization, a citizen’s group, was devoted to environmental preservation in our township and it lasted for years. The historic photographs now displayed in our township’s meeting room were more of her work to use up the remaining money in this organization. She also made bowls for the Rochester Kiwanis annual “Empty Bowls” event where soup was served as a fundraiser for the Rochester Neighborhood House. Carolyn was awarded a Volunteer Leadership Award by the State of Michigan in 2002.

We were fortunate to have Carolyn as a township resident. She passed away on August 19, 2018 after a few years of illness. She was a cherished friend whose hard work, creativeness and organizational skills made a difference in our community!
The Older Persons’ Commission (OPC) encourages adults 50+ to discover new hobbies and skills through its extensive enrichment, fitness, social, and travel opportunities. Gain strength with a high intensity circuit training class, find a meditative state through Tai Chi, or put brush to canvas in a watercolor course. The activities at the OPC are only growing, so visit today.

Programs are not only educational, but also a great way to meet like-minded friends. On October 18 at 7:00 pm, renowned acoustic musician, Cliff Erickson will perform in an open to the public event with a social hour beforehand, and on October 26 from 6:00-10:00 pm enjoy a spook-tacular Monster Mash dance complete with DJ, drinks, and a costume contest. Crop ‘til you drop at the first annual marathon Scrapbook Fundraiser on October 20 from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm and craft, win prizes, and more.

With Christmas right around the corner, gift shopping possibilities abound. See the wares of local artisans at the Artisan Market on November 3 or stop by the Mary Elizabeth Gift Shop every weekday from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Give unique gifts this year that will have people asking how they can get more!

The activities and services of the OPC are designed to allow adults to “age in place” by encouraging social engagement, independence, and healthy lifestyles. Every weekday, volunteers deliver Meals on Wheels to home-bound seniors and provide a wellness check which means that they can live at home longer. The transportation program transports seniors from their homes to doctor appointments, church, grocery shopping and more providing independence when it otherwise might have been lost. Other supportive services are also available to older adults including Adult Day Service, support groups, information & referral services and more.

The center is open Monday through Friday from 6:30 am to 8:45 pm and Saturdays from 7:00 am to 3:45 pm. Oakland Township residents 50+ are automatically members of the 90,000 sq. ft. center.

There truly is no end to the activities at the OPC, so get up, get out, and get moving this fall. Take a tour at 650 Letica Drive, Rochester or visit www.opcseniorcenter.org for a full listing of offerings, or call 248-656-1403 ext. 0.