LOVE IT AND LIST IT

In the Local Historic District Ordinance 37A for protection. Save our history!

Historic District Commission
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HDC 2019 MEETINGS:
June 19, July 17, Aug 21, Sept 18,
Oct 16, Nov 20, Dec 18

HELP SHARE OAKLAND TOWNSHIP HISTORY WITH PHOTO CONTEST

We are gathering a collection of historic door images from Oakland Township barns, homes, and historic structures. Submit one or more photos of a historic image of any style door to be used in promoting our local history. We will be making a poster and the top 12 winning entries will receive a copy of the door image poster! In addition, the best door image, voted by the judging panel, will receive a gift certificate to one of the three township’s historic cider mills, as well as a voucher for first-class, premiere seating on our hay wagon at our fall Down on the Farm event held at Cranberry Lake Farm. The contest goal is to gather images that share our architectural treasures and promote historic preservation in our township.

Example images below. Please email your image to bbarber@oaklandtownship.org by July 31, 2019
200 years ago on March 16, 1819, Benjamin Woodworth “Uncle Ben” and William Russell “Father Russell” purchased the first parcel of land from the Government in Oakland Township, and it was the tenth purchase in the entire Oakland County! Together these early pioneers built the first mills on the Paint Creek with James Graham and John Hersey in the fall of 1818. Russell and Woodworth must have discovered the beauty of the area, and purchased 160 acres in Section 33 at the location where the Paint Creek runs through Dutton and Livernois Road. Most of the early settlements in the township followed the watersheds of Paint Creek and Stony Creek. Happy Bicentennial Birthday Oakland Township!

What’s buzzing at Cranberry Lake Farm?

$5 Beekeeping Classes
SAT’S NOON TO 1:30 PM IN THE HEN HOUSE
May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10

FREE SQUARE DANCES! June 8 and Sept 7
Dance time is 7 PM to 9 PM for free Square Dances in the Flumerfelt Barn. Come single or with friends, as we all have a good time dancing to the calls of Glen Morningstar and The Ruffwater Stringband. We will have the dance rain or shine! Oakland Township Historical Society will have ice cream!

DOWN ON THE FARM OCT 5 from 11AM to 2PM
Outdoor fun with hayrides, pumpkin painting, horses, beekeeping, Dinosaur Hill games, apple history, games, butter churning, spinning, quilting, paintings, goats, chickens, and live music by Harmonica George and Just Banjos. HDC in partnership with Oakland Township Historical Society & sponsored by OT Parks and Recreation. Did we mention that this event is FREE? Registration for all above classes: bbarber@oaklandtownship.org or online, please follow us on Twitter or Facebook @CLFdistrict for more information and forms to sign up for programs can be found at http://bit.ly.OTHDC
We asked and you answered! What do you love about Preservation in Oakland Township?

By Oakland Township residents and nearby community members

Preservation of our agricultural roots, hitching posts at the Paint Creek Market, and the waterwheel at the Paint Creek Cider Mill. Preserve the millrace - get it flowing. MI is beautiful, keep the wilderness. Preservation of Twp roads, pathways, open land, and native vegetation. Preserve our rural character. I love the way history is preserved in the township. Close to everything but with the feel of up north. I like the open spaces and natural areas in Oakland Township. The parks (both township and metro/state) are great. History gives us the power to see the future. Good things that need to be kept: 1. Paint creek bike trail, 2. Archery range. Our Township, it keeps us safe. The historical commission efforts. Paint creek cider mills is the best stop on the trail. That we are still preserving today. Trailways, parks, activities, and preserving nature so people can learn more about the environment. I like how things are spaced out but seems like we have too much parkland/preservation land. Buying new land to prevent builders from developing and keeping it more rural. Preserving the beautiful Paint Creek and Macomb Trails. I like the fact they keep it up well. Like learning about local history. Preserving the parks. I have enjoyed the open spaces and low traffic on Oakland Township dirt roads for decades as a runner. Also, easy pedestrian access to Stoney Creek Metro Park. I like how the Paint Creek Cider Mill stays around and it has a good history. I would like to see the Mill Race Preserved with flowing water. We use the Paint Creek Trail every single week; usually a few times. We also like the tree-lined roads like Greenshield and Clarkston. Cranberry Farm (and) Cider Mill. This Paint Creek Cider Mill building - the old cider mill with Indian chief Hedges out front! (*Indian from Hedges Wigwam). The trees. I love all of the well maintained parks and trails, and that the homes are not too close together. A great place to live! Oakland Township is a great place to live so preservation is definitely important. I liked the concerted effort to maintain historical character in the area. The township does a good job of maintaining a very small town feel. I like the parks and Ben Vanderweide’s leadership in bringing in volunteers to help with seeds and prescribed burns. The parks and the Paint Creek Trail attracted us to Oakland Twp! The beautiful trees. Preserving the old homes. Leaving something for the future. Love the use of public lands for parks and the preservation of history. Nature. The open space and cider at Rochester Cider Mill. Love living here. Quite country-like. Can have fire pits with friends and family. I enjoy walking and riding my bike on the trails and seeing the beautiful outdoors. I love seeing historic buildings and events - it gives our place character and connection to the past that makes living here more meaningful. Keeping waterways clean and clear. We don't want to be like Shelby Twp where they seem to favor mini McMansions over trees! We love all the restoration at Paint Creek church. Cranberry Lake Farm! Hills, trails, etc. Cider Mills! I love the preservation projects that get people and families outside and learning. That is what differentiates us from a developer’s corn field! I love the fresh air, the parks on almost every corner, the history, and paint creek trail. I love the green spaces in Oakland Township and the emphasis on preserving our agricultural past. It’s easy to forget history but it is part of all of us! I enjoy the trails for biking and walking. We need to preserve a simpler time.

Thank you to Paint Creek Cider Mill and Rochester Cider Mill for donating our doughnuts for the day!
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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Starring your HDC:
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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?
Basicallly 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.
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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

IF THESE WALLS COULD TALK
Join Oakland County Preservation Architect Ron Campbell, who will help you interpret what our buildings are telling us, only if we take the time to listen. Learn how America’s story can be found in your neighborhood.
Tues. May 15, 2018 at 7 PM to 8:30
Paint Creek Cider Mill -4480 Orion, Oakland Township, Michigan
OTH will provide refreshments

Painting “PleinAire” outdoors in the historic grounds which provide scenic subject matter, beautiful landscapes and vistas.
The artist instructors Janet Almstadt-Davison and Bobbie Tarbunas provide individual attention, and teaching technique, in both realism and abstraction styles. A materials list of recommended supplies is available upon registration. All artists mediums welcome.
JUNE 21 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Class Fee $30.

Crafting your own Bluebird house for Nesting and Birding History!
April 5, 3 PM to 5 PM at CLF Hen House - the long red bldg.
• $25 fee includes materials to build a wood Peterson birdhouse. Must RSVP so kits can be supplied.
• Learn how to monitor nest and egg count for protection & safe hatching.
• Presentation on history of bluebirds.
• Make a bird treat. (And have a treat)
• Learn how to follow a plan.
• This class is for 12 yrs and up.

Painting Bobbie Tarbunas
You’re in luck! We are seeking a new Historic District Commission Member!

The Charter Township of Oakland welcomes residents that have a passion for our Township and local preservation. The HDC oversees local historic districts, offers guidance to homeowners, and attempts to educate residents on preserving our cultural heritage. The HDC also manages the operations of Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF) Historic District, a community gem listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The HDC works closely with the Oakland Township Historical Society to promote CLF as a community historical center. Commissioners will play a very important role in revitalizing CLF and collaborating with other organizations. Meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM with a per diem of $70 per meeting. Someone with strong architectural background is optimum and also construction knowledge. For further information and application, please contact Barbara Barber bbarber@oaklandtownship.org or call office phone 248-608-6807.

Nominate someone you know for a Historic Citation Award that has a strong commitment to ensuring the preservation of our local heritage and historic resources. Activities that demonstrate a commitment to preservation include the following:

- **Maintenance of historic structures**
- **Craftsmanship and detail to architectural features**
- **Repairing rather than replacing distinctive features**
- **Retaining the historic character**
- **Protection of a historic resource**
- **New construction that is compatible in designs to historic character**

Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, sixteen acre farmstead with outbuildings, apple orchard, and reflection pond. Located at 388 West Predmore Road in northern Oakland Township. The site is available for private rentals for a fee (see next page). This is a public park, the historic district is open year round for your enjoyment, hiking, horseback riding, photography, and picnics to name a few. Below is the newly installed oak fencing at the restored apple orchard with hen house in the distance.
Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District

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The Vintage Family Square Dance will be held on Sat. Sept 8, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm at CLF! The dance is free and open to the public. The Ruffwater Stringband will be playing live tunes with Glen Morningstar calling at this must-attend evening. All guests are welcome to come early and bring a picnic dinner, or if we have enough interest RSVP for an optional catered pre-dance BBQ dinner. Contact the HDC Office at 248-608-6807 for information on how to reserve and pay.

Introduction to Beekeeping is a great way to learn how about honeybees, how to keep them, and their importance to our food chain. Meetings once a month from May through August on the 2nd Sat at two times 12:30—1:30 and 2:00 to 3:00. We will cover the basics of bees and bee health, beehives and maintenance, and of course, harvesting honey. This is a four part series so please plan to attend all four sessions. Our meetings will be held inside the Hen House with optional trips to visit the hives in the park. Class taught by your local beekeeper Preston Zale. Class is $5 per participant and registration is required.

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Oh Yes! We have bees!
Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District
388 West Predmore Road, Oakland Township

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Plein Air Painting class taught by two professional artists, Janet Almstadt-Davison and Bobbie Tarbunias.
Date is Thursday, June 22 from 10AM to 2PM. Bring your art supplies and a sack lunch. Janet has been a Plein air painter and teacher for over 30 years working in watercolor, pastels, oils, acrylics, pen and ink. Bobbie is a lover of all things beautiful, a gardener, a nurse and protector of nature and works in oil, acrylics and watercolor.
Class registration required, $30 Fee. Please sign up by June 16. All artistic mediums welcome.

Below: Drawing of main house and painting of 'Cranberry Lake' by Janet Almstadt-Davison.
Apple Orchard restoration began in 2016 with the removal of over one-hundred invasive Thorny Black Locust trees. In 2017, we are planning for final grading, spreading grass seed in the lane-ways, planting new apple trees and installing a secure fencing at the orchard perimeter. Malus Pumilla (apple) is the wild ancestor of thousands of varieties of cultivated apple. Beyond their value as a food crop, apples have played a significant role in culture, art, history, religion and technology. The existing apple trees at CLF are estimated to be at least 70 years old. We suspect that the apple orchard was originally planted by the Coffin family in the 1940s as part of this Gentleman’s Farm. Apples can be baked or stewed, used in sauces, and in pies, and can be juiced or fermented to produce cider and vinegar. With the help of historic photos, oral histories, and landscape architects, we hope to restore this historic orchard to its former glory.

The Vintage Family Square Dance will be held on Saturday June 24, 2017 from 7pm to 9pm at CLF! The dance is free and open to the public. Glen Morningstar and the Ruffwater Stringband will return to call dances at this must-attend event. All guests are welcome to RSVP for an optional pre-dance BBQ dinner catered by Leonard’s Pizza. Join us early for your barbequed chicken or pork sandwich and delicious sides! Dinner is $9 per guest and will be served from 6pm-7pm. Contact the HDC Office at 248-608-6807 for more information on how to reserve your meal and directions to the free square dance.

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The Historic District Commission, with the help of many volunteers, Oakland Township Historical Society and Parks and Recreation worked on several programs in 2016. We would like to invite you in the next year for our local square dances, outdoor painting class, bee keeping programs, and farm day events. Please see the fun we had so you know what to anticipate next year! We will also be introducing a new program in February with the history of romance through the ages, featuring vintage cards, Victrola music present-day idea pastry samples and specialty drinks - all to charm the ones you love. $ per person cost. Please check the website for exact date and details. Class will be full at 20 participants ages 14 and up.
Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District
388 West Predmore Road, Oakland Township

Plein Air Painting: instructional outdoor painting class with the picturesque backgrounds of the historic district. Class taught by several local artists, in variety of realism and abstract, welcoming all mediums. This is a great experience for beginner to advanced.

Thursday, June 23 at 10 am to 2 pm, Cost is $30 per person, bring your own supplies. Please Call office to register by June 17.

Join us for Square Dances in the 1879 Flumerfelt barn or on the lawn. Caller, Glen Morningstar and live music by the Ruffwater Stringband will be the evening entertainment that provides you with foot-stomping fun!

Saturday, June 18 at 7 pm to 9 pm
Free and open to the public.
Bring your friends, your dance shoes, and if you’re inclined, a picnic dinner! Please check the website for updated information. A second Square Dance will be on Saturday, September 10. Allemande left, do-si-do!

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Township’s Historic Marker Program is here!
Do you own a historic resource in the Township?
A Historic Marker Program has been launched in the Township to showcase our historic properties. Markers are heavy, cast bronze and display the date and historical facts to promote unique architecture and local heritage. Markers come in two sizes 9 x 12 and 8 x 10, and they include the township seal designed by Richard Krupp. The HDC will assist with a small percentage in the cost of the marker for qualifying properties. Applications and more information can be found on the HDC website page. Please consider a marker if you own a historic resource and wish to share our history throughout Oakland Township!

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CLF has celebrated beautiful wedding ceremonies and family celebrations. See the online application and permit fee schedule for rental information. Please remember that there are no alcoholic beverages allowed in the parks or historic district.
We welcome photographers looking for the gorgeous background scenery for your favorite wedding, graduation, and other special occasions. Currently, there is no charge for photo shoots, however, we ask that you please check the website to avoid a scheduling conflict.
Thank you!

Photo credit Brett Loie
Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District

Reflection Pond, Pump and Barbeque smoker/grill have recently had masonry restoration work completed in the early spring. The HDC was determined to work around the early spring peepers and salamanders without harming their environment. Inside the pump house is F.E. Myers & Bro. Century water pump as every farm needed water. This pump dates to the 1930s when it is thought the extensive masonry work at the farm, both interior and exterior, had been accomplished. In post World War II years, rural electrification eliminated the need for home water pumps. Currently, the barbeque is having a grate custom made for proper fitting.

CRANBERRY LAKE FARM LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN
Ideas are being discussed and plans made to celebrate CLF history to honor the farmstead. This ambitious conceptual plan includes returning some of the farm fields to their prior glory. The Kline family farmed in 1855 for nearly 75 years. After a very successful design open house in March of this year, historic landscape architect Brian Devlin presented his Landscape Master Plan to the HDC at their July meeting. His plan was aimed at returning the historic farm to its agricultural history, citing the 1940s as the period of significance. The proposed Master Plan not only included major restoration projects, but also provided plans for increased public use and programs.
Honey Bees are coming to CLF! Free programs being offered the second Sat. of May, June, July, and August, from 1pm to 2pm. If you are interested in learning about honey bees, please register by calling the HDC office. All ages welcome! *Possible alternate rain date on the following Sunday.

A Little Free Library® is now located near the Corn Crib at the farm! The library is inspired by the Flumerfelt Barn. The free philosophy means to help yourself - take one and leave one. Please enjoy the book selection donated by Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library and maintained by volunteers.

Our free Square Dance dates are both on Saturday’s; June 18 and Sept. 10 from 7pm to 9pm. We dance in the barn or on the lawn so please wear appropriate shoes. Bring your own picnic dinner or check the website to reserve a barbeque sandwich, beans, and coleslaw for a small fee!

Painting Plein Air in the historic district! Date is Thursday, June 23 from 10am to 2pm. Pre-registration is required - $30 per person, by June 17. Your choice of any medium and bring your own art supplies. Class taught by local professional painters. Bring a bag lunch or possible order out if enough interest!

What do you see around the Township – Cast Bronze Historic Markers! Residents with historic resources may order and purchase their markers at the HDC office. Please celebrate in our local heritage!

Back by popular demand - Down on the Farm, Saturday October 1, from 11am to 3pm! What is coming to our historic backyard? Pumpkin painting, cider tastings, art display, historical games, hayrides, butter churning, storytelling by history figure, and all set to the tunes of peaceful banjo music! FREE!

*HDC working in partnership with Oakland Township Historical Society and Dinosaur Hill, with some funding provided by Oakland Township Parks and Recreation.