

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION



*A key to
the past!*

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Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District

Summer fun in the historic district begins with **TWO** square dances scheduled for **Saturday June 20 at 7 PM and also Saturday Sept. 12 at 7 PM.** CLF historic district is located at 388 West Predmore Road. Ruffwater Stringband will be playing the tunes for dancing while Glen Morningstar calls. For those interested in a picnic, from 6 PM to 7 PM, Victoria's Reserve will have pulled pork sandwich, coleslaw, beans and cornbread for \$9 adults and \$5 childs. Head count for food must RSVP to HDC office by June 15. The Vintage Family Dance is enjoyed by many! Please join us with a smile on your face!

Plein Air Painting class at CLF JUNE 25 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Painting "en Plein Aire" refers to painting in the out-of-doors. Seven professional artists will be running the class and available to assist you. CLF historic district has beautiful landscapes and historic buildings—picture perfect for your creative palette. Bring your own painting supplies, or other medium of your choice. Registration is \$25 by June 22 in the HDC office and a recommended supply list will be provided. Bring a sack lunch or sign up for a box lunch to be provided for an additional \$10. *This should be a fantastic class so sign up early! Fun!*

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FEATURED TOPICS:

PRESERVATION MONTH IS MAY!

DO YOU OWN A HISTORIC RESOURCE IN THE TOWNSHIP?

If you own a historic resource in the township and need any information for restoration work, please visit our website at www.oaklandtownship.org, under departments, click on the HDC link. You will also find a link for a printable permit application.

The HDC is in the process of developing a historic marker program over the next several months to showcase our local history.

BOOKS / DVD's in the HDC Library—**FREE to residents!
Just In: *Anthem: The Story Behind The Star-Spangled Banner* DVD. Also available: *Michigan History from 1952, 1959, and 1969.* Magazines: *Preservation—People Saving Places* from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, *Chronicle* from Historical Society of Michigan, and *Old Mill News* from the Society for the Preservation of Old Mills.

To the many photographers looking for the gorgeous background scenery for your favorite shoots—wedding, graduation, and other occasions, CLF has the perfect setting. Currently, there is no charge, however, we ask that you please check the website or call the office to avoid a scheduling conflict with a program or private rental. Thank you! Private rental rates are posted on the website.

HDC MEETINGS:

MAY 20, 2015
JUNE 17, 2015
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SEPT 16, 2015
OCT 21, 2015



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Miniature painted “quilt” squares are on display in the Paint Creek Mill until the end of November. Stop in during building hours 8:00 am to 4:30 pm and enjoy all the wonderful art. The squares were designed by community members and local businesses to celebrate the Oakland Township Historical Societies 40-year anniversary in the Township! Help yourself to the brochure provided on the project so you can read each artist statement. *Pictured above left; ‘Flumerfelt Star’ by Denise Dunn. Below left; our volunteer painters for the Flumerfelt Barn and below right is the 8’ x 8’ ‘Cranberry Lake’ barn quilt designed by Mary Asmus.*

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FREE Weatherization workshop at the Paint Creek Mill, 4480 Orion Road Thursday, November 6th, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

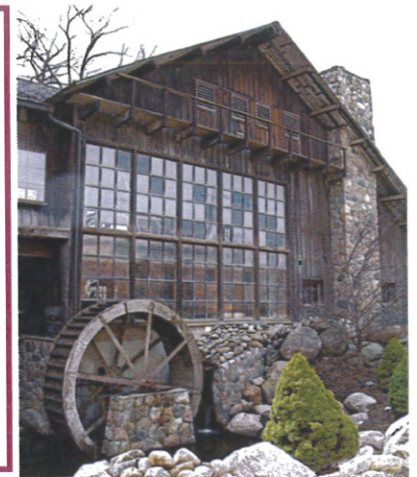
Workshop by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network
And sponsored by the Historic District Commission

Join us for an evening of energy efficiency practices for your older home. Information will be shared on weatherization, repair of windows, effective insulation practice, as well as tips on professional energy audits. This free program is open to the public. Walk-ins welcome or you may register, so we have enough handouts, at bbarber@oaklandtownship.org. Please include the number attending the Weatherization Workshop. You will be provided educational handouts and guides on insulation, and a valuable Resource Directory. Light refreshments will be provided (cider, donuts, and coffee).

HDC MEETING DATES 11/2014—2/2015 (all Wednesday’s)
November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18

PAINT CREEK MILL

Interesting information regarding our Township’s heritage with the settlement of Goodson in 1827. The original grist mill building (*not pictured*) ground grain by way of water-power from 1836 until 1941—105 years! Water-power from the Paint Creek Millrace continued its function until 1998. The Paint Creek Mill is currently being nominated to the National Register of Historic Places.



Oakland Township HDC welcomes two new Commissioners!

HDC is fortunate to have both Jan Derry and Gene Ferrera join the preservation ranks in Oakland Township. Jan Derry is a consultant and attorney with historic restoration experience. She is a past member of the HDC, Master Plan Advisory Committee, and also a current member of the Historic District Study Committee. Gene Ferrera is a Project Manager for a large local construction management firm, and specializes in historic structures and public buildings. He has been a presenter at the Michigan Historic Preservation Network conference and is a member of Historical Society of Michigan. We welcome both Commissioners and thank them for their service which benefits our Township!

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PRESERVATION IS ALIVE AND WELL IN OAKLAND TOWNSHIP!

Square dancing.....square dancing.... Square dancing.....square

TWO Square dances are planned for Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF) on June 21 (Sat) and Sept 13 (Sat) from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Flumerfelt Barn. Vintage Family Dance square dancing is fun for all ages—and the dancing is free! Glen Morningstar will be calling with live music by the Ruffwater Stringband. Please check the website for more information. www.oaklandtownship.org

**Cranberry Lake Farm Permit Fee structure is as follows:
 (There is no alcoholic beverages allowed in the parks.)**

Building Rental	Base Fee 3 hour use	OT Resident and 501c3	Refundable security deposit
Hen House	\$60	\$50	\$25
Flumerfelt Barn	\$225	\$175	\$100
Main House	\$300	\$225	\$150
Grounds (only)	\$200	\$175	\$100
Grounds with main house and barn	\$500	\$400	\$250

HDC Seeks Commissioner

HDC is seeking an architect, historian, or archaeologist with an interest in historic preservation to volunteer for the Township's Historic District Commission. Oakland Township residents who are interested in the preservation, protection and promotion of the Township's historic resources meet monthly with a seven member commission. Terms are three years in length. The HDC investigates requests for establishing or changing historic districts, guides homeowners in planned work on resources and researches potential districts. The upcoming term will preside over the implementation of a new strategic plan. The HDC manages Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, part of a Township owned park, as a community historical center. Commissioners will play a very important role in revitalizing CLF, collaborate with the Oakland Township Historical Society, and impact our community in a positive way.

For further information contact the HDC office 248-608-6807.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING DATES 2014
 APR 16, MAY 21, JUNE 18, JULY 16, AUG 20, SEPT 17



NEW Sign at the Mill

You will have to come to the Paint Creek Mill and read for yourself, **How did a Concrete Indian, Giant 1847 Bell and 200-year old cider press come to share this patio?** Extensive research by Tom Asmus and John Sanderson provided the historical information for these artifacts on display! The research draws a closer look at Hedges Wigwam in Royal Oak, MI, Meneely's Foundry in West Troy, NY, and the vision by Dale Miller of having a cider mill in Goodison!

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



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

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HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING DATES
 NOV 20, 2013 DEC 18, 2013 JAN 15, 2014 FEB 19, 2014

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



The Economics of Place:
 The Value of Building Communities Around People



Just ordered for the HDC library:
The Economics of Place: The Value of Building Communities Around People. "The Economics of Place is an essential read, as communities large and small across the country work to maintain fiscal stability. Placemaking is grown-up economic development, making the discussion timely and important."
Books are on loan at no charge to Oakland Township residents!

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The HDC is working with the Historic District Study Committee to research and nominate the Paint Creek Mill building, Weir, and Mill Race to the National Register of Historic Places! The large, four-foot wooden medallion (above center) "Fill the Mill to Spin the Wheel" was organized by Trustee Judy Keyes, and represents the history of the mill building settlement in Goodison.

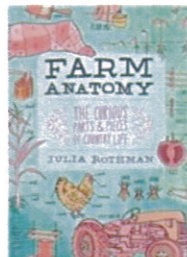
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AUG 21 DEC 18

HDC is looking for a preservation architect or historian to join us in serving the Township's preservation goals. If you are interested in history, architecture, cultural heritage, vernacular landscapes, and in serving your community in a worthwhile capacity, then we have the team for you! Please call the office for more information!

Just arrived in the HDC library; *Farm Anatomy: The Curious Parts and Pieces of Country Life* by Julia Rothman. Learn the difference between a Delaware Jersey and a New England axe head. What is felling, bucking and splitting a tree? What is a bantam, cockerel, pullet, and buttercup or carnation comb styles?

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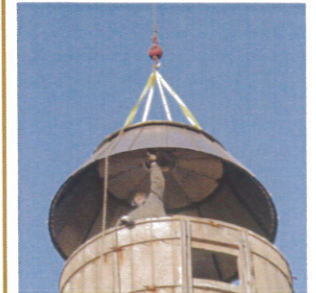
HDC WELCOMES TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS!

Heidi Paterson, new owner of a historic home in the Township and David Phillips, a Board member of the Oakland Township Historical Society. We are very happy to have them.



CRANBERRY LAKE FARM SILO FINALLY RECEIVES ITS CROWNING GLORY!

After researching safe structural support systems for the attachment, the HDC celebrated the raising of the metal roof on the Cranberry Lake Farm Silo. Contractors, GA Frisch, Inc., reconstructed the silo roof and used the original as a template for construction. The HDC will have a Silo dedication presentation on June 14, Friday during the Music in the Meadows concert at Cranberry Lake Farm from 7-9 pm. A special cake will be served during concert intermission around 8 pm. Stop in for the music, learn about the project, and enjoy cake—made from corn meal...! Heads up for a Township wide *Silos in the Landscape* photo competition with details to be announced soon.



Also on June 14, 2013 beginning at 6:45 pm, to honor **Flag Day**, local **Cub Scouts**, **Cobra Patrol**, **Pack 109** will be performing a flag ceremony prior to the Music in the Meadows concert. The Scouts will be available to answer any questions on how to fold flag, proper disposal, and correct hanging procedures.

Please inquire at the HDC office if you have any questions about the use of CLF for a future function.

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The George Farmstead Historic District was recently listed in Ordinance 37-A as a single district significant for its architecture and craftsmanship. The farmstead was first purchased in 1825 and later owned by the George family for 64 years. Stone gateways and unique use of silo tiles are two significant characteristics of the district which represent the context of rural agrarian traditions and use of different material for new ideas. The HDC appreciates the commitment the current home owners have invested in Township heritage. Thank you!

