CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND

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Visit us at www.OaklandTownship.org
Township Officials

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

James Creech, Township Manager

Township offices will be closed
Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day
and Thursday July 4th in observance of the 4th of July

Township Hall Meeting Schedule

Planning Commission 1st Tuesday
Board of Trustees 2nd (and 4th if needed) Tuesdays
Zoning Board of Appeals 3rd Tuesday
Parks and Recreation Commission * 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Historic District Commission * 3rd Wednesday
Library Board Quarterly on Thursdays

* These Commissions are currently meeting at the Paint Creek Cider Mill.
Once recording equipment is installed in the township hall board room
(projected May 1st) all boards and commissions will be meeting at Township Hall.

For specific dates and locations, please visit our website at
www.oaklandtownship.org

View LIVE web-streaming meetings on our website at
Also available on Comcast channel 17.
Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer
Office Hours

Beginning April 29th, Oakland Township Supervisor Terry Gonser, Clerk Karen Reilly, and Treasurer Jeanne Langlois will hold office hours from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. every Monday in the Board Room at Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Road. Residents are encouraged to call ahead if possible to minimize wait times. Additional times will be available by appointment. Please call 248-651-4440 extension 222 to reach the Supervisor to schedule an appointment with any of the officers.

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP RECYCLING

The following recycling opportunities are available to Oakland Township residents:

Curbside Recycling Bins - Most of the licensed waste haulers provide recycling services at no additional cost. Please contact your hauler or homeowner’s association for more information.

Eagle Valley Landfill and Recycling - Township residents can drop off their recycling free of charge at the Eagle Valley Landfill located on Silver Bell Road west of Lapeer Road, Mon - Fri 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM and Sat. 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM. A POSTCARD HAS BEEN MAILED TO ALL RESIDENTS. KEEP THE CARD AND PRESENT AT EACH VISIT TO EAGLE VALLEY FOR ADMITTANCE THRU DECEMBER 31, 2013. Replacement cards are available at Township Hall for residents.

Items currently accepted are:

- #1 through #7 PLASTIC, including plastic bags
- NEWSPAPERS, PAPERBOARD, MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, PHONE BOOKS, AND OFFICE PAPER
- CLEAR GLASS (empty and clean)
- STEEL AND TIN CANS (empty and clean)
- CARDBOARD (please flatten and cut into pieces)

ISSUES FORUM with the Township Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer
Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Township Hall Board Room. The Supervisor, Clerk, and Treasurer invite residents to discuss important township issues and priorities. The forum will be structured informally to encourage the open exchange of ideas.
DEFERMENT OF SUMMER TAXES

The payment of Summer tax amounts may be deferred by residents of Oakland Township without interest or penalty until the following February 15, under specific circumstances.

An Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes must be completed and filed with the Township Treasurer’s office by September 15 each year. The deferment request must be made on the taxpayer’s principal residence property.

The taxpayer must certify that his or her household income for the preceding calendar year did not exceed the state mandated income restriction (proof of income may be requested). The taxpayer must further qualify under at least one of the following classifications:

- 62 years of age or older, including the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death;
- Paraplegic, Hemiplegic, or Quadriplegic;
- Eligible Servicemember, Eligible Veteran, Eligible Widow or Widower;
- Blind Person;
- Totally and Permanently Disabled.

Certain agricultural property may qualify for deferment.

If you qualify and wish to file a deferment form, please contact our office. If you have tax-related questions at any time, please call 248/651-4440, ext. 212 or 213

DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses expire December 31st of each year and are available at the Township Hall. To obtain a dog license, proof of their current rabies vaccination and proof of being spayed or neutered is required. Dog licenses are good for the entire calendar year.

Spayed and neutered dogs $7.50
Male and female dogs $15.00
Delinquent (after June 1st) $30.00

Senior Citizens Pricing (age 65 & older)
Spayed and neutered dogs $6.75
Male and female dogs $13.50
Delinquent (after June 1st) $30.00
**CLERK’S DEPARTMENT**

**AM I REGISTERED TO VOTE IN OAKLAND TOWNSHIP?**

If you are not certain if you are currently registered in Oakland Township, please phone the Clerk’s Office, 248.651.4440 x200. You might ask this question if:

- you have never voted in Oakland Township; or
- you are a college student who may have registered on your campus; or,
- you have a second residence in another state and may have registered there; or,
- you have registered by mail or the internet; or,
- you have a driver’s license with an address other than your current residence in Oakland Township.

Residents of Oakland Township may register to vote daily, M-F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Oakland Township Clerk’s office. You may also register to vote at any Secretary of State branch office.

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**Adventure League**

Join Six Rivers and Backcountry North to explore nature right in your own backyard! The Adventure League includes guided kayak trips, guided and self-guided hikes, and this year we are adding biking, including a trip on the Paint Creek Trail from the Cider Mill! Participants collect points for each activity they participate in and at the end of the season will be eligible for great prizes at our wrap up picnic. Email Christina Barkel at cbarkel@sixriversrlc.org for more information and to get on the mailing list for details and dates.

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**Community Media Network (CMNtv)** invites residents of Oakland Township to its extraordinary 10-week video production training series. Get hands-on training with TV studio production equipment and Mac-based Final Cut X editing. Learn lighting, audio, and on-camera skills. Upon completion, graduates have access to CMNtv's extensive equipment and facilities to create noncommercial programs for local cable TV (Comcast, channel 18). The 10-week series is only $75 for residents. Other workshops include advanced editing, acting, digital photography, Photoshop and MORE! CMN produces affordable promotional videos for nonprofits, too. Call (248) 589-7778 or visit cmntv.org today to get involved!
DON’T TRASH YOUR HAZARDOUS WASTE!
Bring it to a NO HAZ collection event near you.

2013 Collection Events

Saturday May 4
Oxford Middle School

Saturday June 15
Oakland University

Saturday September 7
OCC—Highland Lakes, Waterford

Saturday September 28
Wildwood of Orion Township

All events are 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

NOTE – Up to 5 computer and/or electronic items will be accepted from each vehicle

For More Information:
www.nohaz.com  (248) 858-5656
44th ANNUAL CLEAN SCENE
Saturday, May 4th

It is time to hit the road again and collect the litter and debris that old man winter left behind on Oakland Township’s roadsides. Each year dedicated volunteers become part of the solution in helping keep our township looking great! This year’s event will be held on Saturday, May 4th. Participants gather at 9:00am at the Township Hall for sign in, bag pick up and refreshments. Volunteers choose the roads they intend to clean before hand or are assigned a road on Clean Scene Day. After checking in, volunteers head to their morning’s trash collection location. Volunteers with pick-up trucks are also needed to patrol the township, collect the filled bags and bring them back to the compactor truck at Township Hall. When all the litter is in the bag, volunteers gather back at the Township Hall for lunch and camaraderie!

Anyone can volunteer. Youth and scout groups are welcome and can earn community service credits. Please wear hard soled shoes, work gloves and clothes appropriate for the weather conditions. Clean Scene is a rain or shine event.

Get involved, gather your groups, friends, and co-workers to improve the appearance of township roads, and get to know your neighbors.

To volunteer contact Trustee Maureen Thalmann at 248-884-3840 or email at mthalmann@oaklandtownship.org
3rd Annual Paint Creek Crawl - Saturday, May 18, 2013

Join us for our 3rd Annual Paint Creek Crawl Cycling Event! Encompassing the entire trail and business districts from Rochester to Lake Orion, participants 16 and older will visit various locations and receive “stamps” to be entered in a drawing for a $500 gift certificate to a local bike shop and many other prizes! Proceeds will fund trail improvements

- On-site Registration and check-in begins at 8:00am
- Start Time and Location: 9:00am at the Paint Creek Cider Mill, 4480 Orion Road, Oakland Township, MI 48306
- End Time and Location: 12:00pm – 1:00pm at the Rochester Mills Beer Co, 400 Water Street, Rochester, MI 48307
- Cost: $25 until May 15, $30 thereafter, and on-site.

To be guaranteed an event T-shirt, you must preregister by May 7, 2013.

You can register online at http://www.paintcreektrailfriends.org now thru May 15, 2013.

2014-2018 Recreation Master Plan
Public Input Opportunities

Interested in the Paint Creek Trail? The Paint Creek Trailways Commission is updating their Recreation Master Plan, and wants your input! Join us on Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 6:30pm -8:30pm at the Township Hall Board Room for our Master Plan Public Workshop. This is your chance to have your voice heard on the future for the Paint Creek Trail! In addition, we’ve developed an online user survey that will help us create a vision for the trail. You can access it at www.paintcreektrail.org until May 31. No computer access? We have hard copies for you to complete. You can obtain one by calling Kristen Myers, Trail Manager, at (248) 651-9260. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!
Phragmites have invaded Oakland Township!

Phragmites - suddenly we see them where there used to be diverse wetland plant and animal communities in Oakland Township. Phragmites (frag-MY-teez), is a perennial, wetland grass that can grow to 15 feet high. An invasive variety is becoming widespread; it threatens the ecological health of Oakland Township and will get much worse unless we take action. Phragmites create tall, dense stands which lower property values, degrade wetlands and shorelines by crowding out native plants and animals, block views, reduce access for swimming, fishing, and hunting and can create fire hazards from dry plant material. Remember the fire near Great Lakes Crossing in March, 2012 that closed I-75 and forced evacuation of homes and businesses? That was 160 acres of Phragmites burning out of control.

The good news: Phragmites can be controlled!

Do It Yourselvers can eradicate small infestations of Phragmites using the technique described in the pamphlet “A Homeowners Guide to Phragmites Control”, available online at www.NOHLC.org/learning-opportunities/invasives. Landowners with larger infestations, with phragmites near standing water, or for those who don’t enjoy the DIY approach, may hire an experienced contractor to eradicate their Phragmites.

Take a FREE crash course on Phragmites
Thursday, May 9 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Paint Creek Cider Mill

Join us on the main floor of the cider mill to learn how you can identify & control Phragmites:

- Slide Show with general information on Phragmites with Bob Williams, who spearheaded successful efforts to control Phragmites on Harsens Island
- Lecture & demonstration by members of OPIS (Oakland Phragmites & Invasive Species Task Force) on Do-It-Yourself Phragmites Control for the homeowner & large landowner
- Question & Answer Session following the presentation
- Free literature kits on Phragmites control, plus a list of contractors qualified to help you cure your Phragmites problem!

Meanwhile you can find more information on Phragmites control on line:
Check out facebook at “Oakland Phragmites & Invasive Species Task Force” or visit: www.NOHLC.org, www.phragmites.org For more information or to volunteer, call Trustee Sharon McKay: 248-693-2382, email mckaysharon2@att.net
Spring/Summer 2013

Explore nature with Oakland Township Parks and Recreation. Oakland Township Parks and Recreation is thrilled to offer these fun, hands-on programs featuring our scenic and unique parks...close to home but with the feeling of being ‘up north’. All programs are led by Dinosaur Hill Naturalists. Residents and non-residents are welcome! Registration is required. Detailed information will be provided in the Parks and Recreation Newsletter. In addition, please call 248-651-7810 or visit our website at www.oaklandtownship.org for more information.

- **Totally Turtles - Grades K-5**, Wednesday, May 15th, 4:30-6:00pm
- **Meet Mr. Wiggle Worm - Ages 3-5**, Tuesday, June 4th, 10-11:30am
- **Free Fishing Day - All Ages**, Saturday, June 8th, choose from 10-11:30am OR 12noon-1:30pm
- **Rockets Away!! - Grades K-5**, Thursday, June 13th, 4:30-6pm
- **Bats By The Bazillions - Ages 12-17**, Friday, June 21st, 8:00-9:30pm
- **Beginning Kayaking**, Saturday, June 29th, 10am to 12Noon
- **All About Bees - Adult Program**, Saturday, July 20th, 10am-12noon
- **Intermediate Kayaking**, Friday, July 26th, 6-8pm.
- **Ants at our Picnic - All ages/Family**, Saturday, August 10th, 10am -1:00pm

**JOAD Club at Marsh View Park Archery Range**

An “Advanced Archery” program might seem intimidating even for many experienced archers. Happily the term “Advancing Archery” describes the JOAD Club being offered this summer at Marsh View Park. For the past two years Oakland Township Parks and Recreation (OTPR) has offered Beginning and Intermediate archery programs and now we can help participants advance past the intermediate level with a US Archery-sanctioned program called JOAD. JOAD is an acronym for Junior Olympic Archery Development; a program where archers advance through a series of goals while deepening their understanding of the National Training System (NTS) shooting technique. This same technique is taught to members of the US Olympic team and is the core foundation for OTPR’s current archery program.

Each goal in the program is associated with a different color pin to signify how far the archer has advanced in their skill. This creates a simple and fun way to keep both young and older participants focused on improving their technique, and increasing their scores. The program is administered by the team at Rising Phoenix Archery. Multiple certified coaches are on hand to offer advice on form and technique as well as support and encouragement.

Participants in the JOAD program are required to complete a beginning and intermediate program before joining the Tuesday night JOAD Club program. For more information or to register please call Brandon at (586) 770-1859 or go to www.michiganarchery.net
It’s your memory, it’s our history, it’s worth saving.

Join your friends and neighbors at Society events and programs!

**OTHS Perennial Plant Sale, May 25 and 26**
Society Fundraiser and special event at Greater Rochester Heritage Days on Memorial weekend, at Rochester Municipal Park, in downtown Rochester. *The best selection yet! Plants, garden books and more! Come see us before you plant this spring! Support OTHS!*

**June program / Annual meeting, Wednesday, June 5, 6:30 p.m.**
*Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District, 1879 Flumerfelt Barn. Open to the public.*
*Cranberry Lake Farm Remembered.* Hear the history of our historic farmstead from people who know it best! We invited the residents from the 1970s! Potluck dinner.

**Annual meeting and elections.** Three open board positions. For more candidate information, contact Nominations Committee Chair David Phillips at 248-652-2940 or david-phillips59@yahoo.com. We need you! Join us!

Support the Society with your participation! See you there!

**Cranberry Lake Farm Support.** OTHS has committed to supporting events at our historic Cranberry Lake Farm. This summer we will join the Historic District Commission (HDC) and Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC) at events open to the public. Watch for more information from the HDC and PRC in June and August. Concerts, events, tours - enjoy it all! Volunteer with us! The Society also offers tours of the **Historic District buildings** and **historic Goodison** for groups with appointments. Contact us at 248-693-8660 or othsmember@comcast.net to set up a time. *We have much to show you!*

The **Oakland Township Historical Society** was formed in 1974 as a volunteer non-profit and continues to preserve our township heritage for 40 years. We are members of **Oakland County Pioneer and Historical Society, Historical Society of Michigan** and **Michigan Barn Preservation Network.** We participate in the **Inter Service Club** event and **Local History Roundtable,** connecting to the greater community.

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.

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? Books are on loan at no charge to Oakland Township residents!

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!

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 Friday, June 14 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.

PRESERVATION IS ALIVE AND WELL IN OAKLAND TOWNSHIP

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!
Oakland Township residents receive full library services from the Rochester Hills Public Library (RHPL), the 25th largest public library in Michigan. Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 164 of 1877, Oakland Township established an elected Library Board that administers two voter-approved millages specifically for library services. Originally authorized at maximum rates of 0.2000 and 0.8000 mills, the millages have been subsequently reduced by nearly 38%, based on the “Headlee” property tax limitation requirements, to the current combined limit of 0.6212 mills. Both millages have been renewed by the voters of Oakland Township for twenty-year periods ending in 2026 and 2030. Under a longstanding contractual agreement between the Library Board and RHPL, the revenue from the millages, about 15% of the RHPL budget, is paid to RHPL for the library services that township residents receive.

All Oakland Township residents and persons working for employers in the township are eligible for a RHPL library card and full library services including extensive outreach services. The RHPL bookmobile makes stops at four township locations each Saturday and two more locations each Monday. The locations and times are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. The RHPL website, www.rhpl.org/bookmobiles, provides the most up-to-date schedule information and also includes a link where residents may sign up for email notifications of schedule changes and when the bookmobile is out of service. Another bookmobile, known as the “Big Blue Bus,” visits daycare centers and preschools throughout the RHPL service area: Oakland Township, Rochester, and Rochester Hills to promote early childhood literacy.

The six members of the non-partisan-elected Library Board serve four-year terms. All six positions are on the ballot each Presidential-election year. Board members serve without pay but may be reimbursed for approved expenses. A member of the Board serves as a non-voting liaison to the RHPL and attends the RHPL Board monthly meetings. Current Township Library Board members are Michael Tyler, President; Elizabeth Buchheister, Vice-President; Janice Zale, Secretary; and Gerald Conover, Carolyn Phelps, and Alice Tomboulian, Directors.

The Library Board holds regular meetings, once per calendar quarter, and may schedule special meetings when needed. Meetings are presently scheduled for August 29, 2013; November 7, 2013; and January 23, 2013. Meetings are held at the Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Road, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are conducted as provided in the Michigan Open Meetings Act.
Rochester Hills Public Library
Community Bookmobile Schedule

SATURDAYS

Country Creek Commons at Silver Bell and Adams 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Delta Kelly Elementary School at Adams and Gunn 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.
Woodlands Estates off 32 Mile Rd. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Rochester First Assembly of God at Rochester and Snell 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

MONDAYS

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

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

Important Phone Numbers

♦ Animal Control: (248) 391-4102 (dogs & cats)
♦ Clerk/Register of Deeds, Oakland County:
  (248) 858-0581 or toll free (888) 350-0900
  *(legal records, marriage licenses, birth records, deeds)*
♦ Drain Commission: (248) 858-0958
  *(maintains county drains)*
♦ Equalization Department: (248) 858-0740
  *(assessor, property information)*
♦ Heath Department of Oakland County: (248) 858-1280
♦ Historic District Commission: (248) 608-6807
♦ MSU Extension—Oakland County: (248) 858-0880
  *(nutrition, gypsy moth, 4-H)*
♦ Paint Creek Trailways Commission: (248) 651-9260
♦ Parks & Recreation: (248) 651-7810
♦ Post Office: Rochester (248) 601-1024
♦ Road Commission of Oakland County: (877) 858-4804 *(citizen services)*
♦ Rochester Hills Public Library: (248) 656-2900
♦ Sheriff, Oakland County: 9-1-1 *(Emergencies Only)*
  Please direct all other calls to dispatch at (248) 858-4950
♦ State Senator: Jim Marleau (517) 373-2417
♦ State Representative, 45th District: Tom McMillian (866) 969-0450
♦ State Representative, 46th District: Brad Jacobsen (517) 373-1798
♦ Township Hall: (248) 651-4440
♦ U.S. Representative: Gary Peters (248) 273-4227
♦ U.S. Senators: Carl Levin (586) 573-9145
  Debbie Stabenow (313) 961-4330
Watch our meetings live streaming at
www.oaklandtownship.org