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OF OAKLAND

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Fall 2012
Township Officials

Joan Fogler, Supervisor
Judy Workings, Clerk
Sharon L. Creps, Treasurer
Marc H. Edwards, Trustee
Kathrine Thomas, Trustee
Mike Bailey, Trustee
Sharon McKay, Trustee

James Creech, Township Manager

MEETING SCHEDULES

The following are currently meeting at 7:00 pm at the Township Hall:

- Board of Trustees: 2nd (and 4th if needed) Tuesdays
- Planning Commission: 1st Tuesday
- Zoning Board of Appeals: 3rd Tuesday
- Library Board: Quarterly on Thursdays

These Commissions currently meet at 7:00 pm at the Paint Creek Cider Mill:

- Parks and Recreation Commission: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
- Historic District Commission: 3rd Wednesday

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

Dear Oakland Township Residents,

Just a brief note to thank you for eight great years as your Township Supervisor. It was my honor and pleasure to serve you and I hope that I met all of your expectations. I will miss talking to all of you about the problems and trying to help solve them. I don’t plan on going anywhere, I will still be around so if there is anything I can help you with don’t hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,
Joan Fogler, Supervisor
Charter Township of Oakland
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)
- Oakland County Water Resource Commission: (248) 858-0958
  (water, sewer bills, maintains 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)
- 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: Tom McMillian (866) 969-0450
- 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

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Rochester Hills Public Library
Bookmobile Schedule

*The Bookmobile is in Oakland Township at the following places and times:*

**SATURDAYS**

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

**MONDAYS**

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

Rochester Hills Public Library Telephone Number: (248) 656-2900
Paint Creek Trail Connection to Cider Mill, Fishing Platform & Restrooms

In April 2012 Oakland Township submitted a grant application for a project that includes a pedestrian and cycling bridge over Paint Creek, fishing/nature observation access on Paint Creek, two restrooms, an outdoor drinking fountain and interpretive/directional signage. The $250,000 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant would match $87,700 in existing Oakland Township funds to complete a safe and direct trail connection between the Paint Creek Trail and the proposed fishing access and support facilities located at the Paint Creek Cider Mill. By the end of 2012 we will know if the grant application was successful.

Paint Creek Trail to Polly Ann Trail Connector along Adams Road

In 2011 Oakland Township was recommended to receive two grants, including $300,000 in Michigan Natural Resources Trust Funds and $850,000 in Transportation Enhancement funds, to match Township Trail funds to finance a .75 mile bicycle and pedestrian pathway and the first accessible fishing facility on Paint Creek. This pathway will be located along Adams Road between the Paint Creek Trail and Gunn Road, providing a much desired connection between schools, neighborhoods, parks, trails and shopping areas. The Oakland Township Board of Trustees supports the signing of project agreements for both of these grants as soon as easements are acquired and engineering drawings approved. Construction is projected to begin in spring 2013.

Construction of Short Paths to Complete Links between Existing Paths

The Oakland Township Paths and Trails Committee hopes to complete three high-priority pathway connections in 2013 that fill gaps in the existing network:
1. Between Eagle Creek Academy and Country Creek on the north side of Silver Bell Road, 2. Between Cloisters and Hills of Oakland on the west side of Brewster Road, and 3. Between Orchard Ridge and the intersection of Brewster Road on the south side of Silver Bell Road. Funds from the Township Trail Millage will finance these projects when easements are acquired and engineering drawings finalized.

Trail Connecting Addison Oaks and Cranberry Lake Parks

During the summer and fall of 2012 Oakland County Parks and Recreation has been constructing a 2.4 mile trail through Addison Oaks County Park and along 32 Mile Road to link the trail systems of Addison Oaks, Oakland Township’s Cranberry Lake Park and Bald Mountain State Recreation Area. In conjunction with this project, during October/November 2012, Oakland Township will be relocating the vehicular entrance and the trail entrance at the north end of Cranberry Lake Park and constructing a pedestrian bridge over Oakland County’s Krohn Drain.

Please Thank Recent Pathway Easement Donors!

Paint Creek Trail to Polly Ann Trail Connector along Adams Road:
John and Paula McClain, Paint Creek Trailways Commission,
Rochester Community Schools

Completing Links between Existing Pathways along Silver Bell Road:
Steve and Laura Benacquisto
2012 GENERAL ELECTION APPROACHING

On the Tuesday, November 6, 2012, General Election ballot will appear the following candidates for the Republican and Democratic Parties: the offices of President, Vice President, United States Senator, Congressional Representative, State Representative, State Boards including: State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University. At the County level the following offices will appear: Oakland County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner and County Commissioner. In the nonpartisan section, the Judicial portions include: Justice of Supreme Court, Justice of Supreme Court, Incumbent Position, Judge of Court of Appeals, Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court, Incumbent Position, Judge of Circuit Court, 6th Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of Probate Court, Incumbent position, and Judge of District Court- Incumbent position. OCC Board of Trustees members will also be elected. Voters in the Romeo School District will decide on one proposal and elect two School Board Members. Voters in the Lake Orion School District will elect one School Board Member. Rochester Community School District does not appear on this ballot. Six state proposals are on the ballot.

Also appearing on the ballot are the local candidates for Oakland Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and (4) Trustees as well as (7) Park Commissioners and (6) Library Board Members.

A sample ballot is included elsewhere in this newsletter and refers to Precinct 4. A ballot that pertains to your precinct is available online at www.michigan.gov/vote. Oakland Township has 8 voting precincts at the locations listed below. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.

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Precinct 7 - Musson Elementary School  
3500 West Dutton Road

Precinct 8 - Delta Kelly Elementary School  
3880 Adams Road

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

Oakland Township registered voters may request an Application for Absentee Ballot by phoning the Clerk’s Office at 248.651.4440 x200 or x218.

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 precinct 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 Township registered voters may request an Application for Absentee Ballot by phoning the Clerk’s Office at 248.651.4440 x200 or x218 or by visiting the Clerk’s page at www.oaklandtownship.org.

**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 x 200. 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.

The deadline to register to vote in the Primary Election was October 9, 2012. However, you may still be able to vote absentee at the location where you are registered. So, please contact the Clerk’s office to check this out now so you will not be disappointed on Election Day. Oakland Township’s business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions about the elections, please call the Oakland Township Clerk’s Office at 248.651.4440 x210 or x218.
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FROM THE TREASURERS OFFICE

**2012-2013 SUMMER TAX INFORMATION:**

The summer tax statements were mailed July 1st and were payable through September 14, 2012 without interest. Interest is now being assessed on the balance due at one percent (1%) per calendar month through February 28, 2013. A three percent (3%) penalty will be added to payments received after 8:00 am February 15, 2013.

**2012-2013 WINTER TAX INFORMATION:**

Winter tax statements will be mailed on December 1st. Payments can be made through February 14, 2013 without penalty. A three percent (3%) penalty will be added to payments received after 8:00 am February 15, 2013.

Please read the front and back of your tax statement carefully for payment due dates, payment options and other important information. If you have tax-related questions, please call (248) 651-4440, ext. 212 or 213, during regular business hours.

**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:

- One Year Tag: $15.00
- One Year Tag if dog is Spayed/Neutered: $7.50
- Senior Discount (65 years and older with proof of age): $13.50
- Senior Discount if dog is Spayed/Neutered: $6.75
- Delinquent (after June 1, 2013): $30.00

Community Media Network (CMNtv) invites residents of Oakland Township to its legendary 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!
Paint Creek Mill Wheel and Mill Race Restoration

By Mike Bailey       Oakland Township Trustee

Since 1835, the water from Paint Creek was diverted into the Paint Creek Mill Race. Needham Hemingway dug the race to power the majestic water wheel at the mill on Orion and Gallagher Road. Today, the current mill is on the same foundation that Hemingway built and is now called the Paint Creek Cider Mill. In those early days, water in the mill race had a purpose—to power water wheels and turbines. Over the past fourteen years the current wheel, reconstructed in 1993 from the original Fitz water wheel has deteriorated. The functioning wheel and mill race is now only a memory to those visitors who were fortunate to see the mill wheel and mill race when they were last working together in 1998.

Today's situation: The mill race dam, most recently re-constructed in 1954, that diverted the water from Paint Creek into the raceway, has been removed by the Clinton River Watershed Council(CRWC). The reason for elimination of the dam was stated as necessary to preserve the trout habitat. The Brown Trout are stocked by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The dam was allowed to be removed with the stipulation from the Oakland Township Board of Trustees to the CRWC that “the dam shall be removed in a manner that will preserve the historical significance and marker for the Mill Race including maintaining flows that are necessary for this." It is now a year later and no water flow exists, and the mill race at times has become a dry cracked soil ditch, or when it rains an insect and plant infested stagnant water ditch.

The Oakland Township Board of Trustees has engaged Wade-Trim, an intra-functional engineering firm, to investigate how to restore mill race water flow and the mill wheel. Initial presentations have been made, and the Board of Trustees has requested additional studies to proceed with design and engineering estimates. Focus has been on excavating the silt built up in the mill race due to lack of maintenance, and a determination of the amount of water flow needed to power the water wheel to potentially operate a future turbine for producing electric power at the mill.

It has been said that one does not truly appreciate what we have until it is taken from us. This certainly applies to the Paint Creek water wheel, no longer turning and to the mill race with no water flowing. I have been working with Wade-Trim, the residents living beside the mill race and the former owner of the mill, to re-establish the Paint Creek Mill Wheel powered by water from the mill race. We believe this visually beautiful and audible combination of water flowing onto the water wheel from the mill race, deserves to be reinstated for future generations to enjoy, as past generations of Goodison and Oakland Township residents have enjoyed and valued dating back to 1835.

If you are interested in assisting with this effort or simply wish to let us know you support this effort, please contact the Friends of the Paint Creek Mill and Mill Race -Supporting Water Flow to the Paint Creek Mill and Mill Race:

- Mike Bailey, Oakland Township Trustee: dmbailey@comcast.net or 248-651-2703
- Jan or Greg Olson, Residents on Paint Creek Mill Race:olsonjan@gmail.com or 248-651-8018
- Jerry Mancour, Former owner of the Paint Creek Mill: jlmancour@sbcglobal.net or 248-736-7489
Join your friends and neighbors at Society events and programs!

*Society Special Events*

Our Special Event this fall is **Antique Appraisal Day on Sunday November 4.**

You watch *Antique Road Show* on TV PBS and enjoy all the finds the experts identify. You know how it works. Gather your favorite items and your least favorite items and bring them in to find out more about them! A treasure maybe?

Ask our experts in

- Art, Glass, China, Porcelain, Collectibles
- Jewelry
- Lighting, Books, Furniture
- Asian Art, Antique Weapons
- Needlepoint Samplers, and more!

Join us on Sunday November 4 at the Rochester Community House near downtown Rochester and see what walks in the doors. $2 donation to enter, $5 for verbal appraisals and $20 for written appraisals. A popular annual fundraising Society event.

**Support the Society with your participation! See you there!**

*Membership meetings open to the public.*

On **Wednesday November 7** the Society hosts a presentation to herald the holiday season. *Building on Faith: The Historic Churches of Detroit* by Linda Charow includes the ethnic houses of worship important to our area. See a showcase of Detroit’s historic religious architecture. **Cranberry Lake Farm - Main House**, 7pm.

On **Wednesday December 5** the Society hosts a holiday celebration at **Paint Creek United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall**, 7pm. Bring your antique or unique holiday ornaments and decorations to display. Holiday fare and caroling included.

**Township Heritage Tours**

The Society offers guided walking tours of Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District on Predmore Road and of historic Goodison. Want a chance to hear and see the story of the Flumerfelt 1879 Barn? Get the real story here! Gather your friends, neighbors or your local organization and request a walking tour! For more information and to set the plans in motion, contact us at othsmember@comcast.net Thank you for support!
“It has been said that, at its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.”
William J. Murtagh, *Keeping Time: The History and Theory of Preservation in America*

Buying *Time for Heritage; How to Save an Endangered Historic Property* by J. Myrick Howard is available in the HDC Office for residents. From Chapter two, Why Historic Preservation Matters: “The numerous success stories about neighborhood and downtown revitalization have spawned a series of economic impact statements for historic preservation. Quantifiably, historic preservation is a good tool for encouraging community reinvestment. Also coming soon: *Farm Anatomy: The Curious Parts and Pieces of Country Life* by Julia Rothman.

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

HDC is looking for preservation minded individuals to serve on the Historic District Commission or the Historic District Study Committee. If you are interested in history, architecture, cultural heritage, local heritage, vernacular landscapes, and in serving your community in a worthwhile capacity, then we have the team for you! Please contact Barbara Barber in the HDC office.
HDC MEETING DATES 2012-2013
OCT 17, 2012 7:00  JAN 16, 2013  7:00
NOV 14, 2012 7:00  FEB 20, 2013  7:00
DEC 12, 2012 7:00  MAR 20, 2013  7:00

VINTAGE FAMILY SQUARE DANCE AT
CRANBERRY LAKE FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT

Square dancing in the historic Flumerfelt Barn was enjoyed by all ages with big smiles in common, clapping hands, and elbows locked as swinging do-si-do’s filled the barn. The square dance was sponsored by the Historic District Commission.

Guess who visited Cranberry Lake Farm (CLF) historic district listed in the National Register of Historic Places? Representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and the Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) came to CLF to offer wisdom and guidance for future planning in the development of a community historical center! Many ideas were shared to reach financial sustainability and community use. The NTHP and MHPN would like to see CLF succeed, facilitate goals, and reach target programming. The NTHP and MHPN are willing to work with HDC to offer direction in establishing goals.

Stop into the HDC office at the Paint Creek Cider Mill this fall and see if you can locate the Oakland Township silos!