



Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor

A Message from the Mayor

A Community Worth Defending

In April, I celebrated my ninth year as Mayor of the City of Rochester Hills. As I reflect on all the things that have happened during that time, I am once again truly grateful to have been afforded the opportunity to serve my community in a job that I love.

I am so proud of our successes and so thankful for the multitude of things that make our city great. Just this year, we were ranked as a top city in the nation for our rapidly increasing home values. We were also recognized for our excellent fiscal stability when we received perfect fiscal indicator scores from the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments. Rochester Hills homeowners are benefiting from the vibrancy of our community and the quality of life we enjoy.

As Mayor, you never tire of hearing your community mentioned as being among the best in the nation, so when I heard that Madonna, a world-famous pop star and former Rochester Hills resident, negatively characterized our city, I felt compelled to respond. During her interview on the Howard Stern Show

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she referred to our city as undesirable and our residents as “basic and provincial.” I responded to her criticism through an open letter.

At the time, I could not have predicted the response my letter would garner locally, regionally, nationally and even internationally. There were dozens of interviews, and in just eight days, the Mayor vs. Madonna story appeared in over 50 countries and on six continents. There were tens of thousands of mentions on social media, hundreds of emails and texts of support, and a full five minute live interview on CNN. All this coverage resulted in a nearly 90% increase in visits to our website, and tens of thousands of people hearing about the strengths of Rochester Hills.



We are a proud community with amazingly talented and diverse residents. We have a rich history of innovation and leadership. We celebrate every new home that is built and welcome each new family that moves into them. We applaud our long-term residents who continue to invest and reinvest in their homes, realizing they recognize what a great place Rochester Hills is.

While we have long recognized Madonna’s accomplishments and achievements, I felt it was time to make her aware of ours. I wanted to let her know what I and 75,000 of my fellow residents have known all along, that Rochester Hills is the preminent place to live, work and raise a family.

From the overwhelmingly positive response, it is clear we have a community worth defending.

Thank you and God Bless,

Mayor Barnett’s 2015 Tree Planting Program

One Home • One Tree

To celebrate our 25th year of being recognized as a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation, Mayor Barnett kicked off the One Home • One Tree Community Challenge by asking each homeowner and business in Rochester Hills to plant one tree in 2015.

“Together we can have the greatest impact on our community’s tree canopy by planting 25,000 trees in the next year. Rochester Hills, let’s get growing,” urged Mayor Barnett.

According to Arbor Day officials, trees can increase property values, lower air-conditioning costs by shading windows and walls, add beauty to business districts, and thwart erosion. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams, improving water quality.

To jump start the program, the city will begin planting little Bebb Oak trees, inspired by America’s largest Bebb Oak and our city logo, at each of the city parks and schools.

If you would like to participate by purchasing a tree through the city’s tree planting program, visit our [website](#) for more information.

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An Open Letter to Madonna:

I read with great interest your recent comments about growing up in Rochester Hills and your description of our residents as “basic, provincial thinking people”. As the Mayor of Rochester Hills, I feel compelled to respond.

Admittedly, I don’t know what experiences led you to that opinion, but let me assure you, our community is anything but basic or narrow minded. In fact, we are and have been home to some of the brightest minds shaping our world. Our school district is one of the top performing in the state and boasts two Blue Ribbon Schools, the most in Michigan. Our Universities are among the fastest growing in the Midwest and are rich with cultural and ethnic diversity.

We design and build more robots than any other city in North America, and Rochester Hills residents and businesses have been granted over 900 patents, nearly one a day, over the last three years. Not a typical achievement you would associate with “simple or basic” people.

We are growing in many ways including in our economic, racial, and religious diversity. We are home to one of the largest Mosques in Metro Detroit and the largest Albanian Catholic church in the world outside of Albania. We have a growing senior population with a vibrant college town feel. In fact, these are just some of the factors *Money Magazine* used to select Rochester Hills as one of the top ten best places to live in America.

We are, or have been, home to quite a few amazing people who are known more for innovative thinking than provincial - Olympic gold medalists, NASCAR Champions, visionaries in the fields of medicine and education, and even a top selling global singer/songwriter.

That’s right. Despite your distaste for us, we actually have enshrined you on our Community Wall of Fame at the Van Hoosen Museum. Your portrait sits alongside Bertha Van Hoosen, one of the first women to graduate from the University of Michigan in 1888 and one of the world’s leading surgeons for nearly 60 years. A female trailblazer in the field of medicine at the University your daughter now attends.

Your picture hangs just a few feet from Helen Southgate Williams. A renowned author of children’s literature who was ultimately appointed to the International Board of Books, an agency of the United Nations and one of the highest recognitions possible in the field. I assume that would be of some interest to a fellow children’s author like yourself.

Two strong women, ahead of their time, and in all of my research, I could not find the terms, “basic or provincial minded” to describe them or their accomplishments.

Madonna, you have achieved unbelievable success and while we appreciate your talent and achievement, we expect you to appreciate ours.

Undoubtedly, we have changed in the 40 years since you cheered at Adams High School, but in many ways we have stayed the same. Our neighborhoods have long been filled with innovative, free-thinking leaders not afraid to make a difference. By generous, charitable people who care more about doing what they believe is right, than by what they read in the media. We are many things, Madonna, but basic and provincial minded we are not!

I invite you back to Rochester Hills to see who we are and what we believe in. While we certainly don’t need your stamp of approval, I am quite confident we would earn it.

Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor
City of Rochester Hills



Out & About in Rochester Hills



Rochester Hills celebrated its 30th birthday in grand style with an employee celebration and a beautiful cake generously donated by Heather Tocco, owner of the Home Bakery



Mayor Barnett hosted his State of the City Address at the Emagine Theatre. The standing room only crowd was treated to music and laughter in a Tonight Show theme as well as the great news about our city



Mayor's Chief Assistant Tara Beatty chats with L. Brooks Patterson



There was not an empty seat in the house during the State of the City Address



Rochester Hills residents make us proud in the 2015 Boston Marathon



Desiree Linden - Top American Woman Runner



Douglas Elgie - 80 year old runner



We are pleased to welcome the Rochester Hills Tap Room located in the Papa Joe's Plaza - a very exciting addition to our city

Hills Happenings



Renee Cortright,
Executive Director

OPC is Keeping Seniors on the Move!

Keeping seniors on the move has been the goal of the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) Transportation Service for over 30 years. This is a vital service to Rochester Hills citizens 60 years and older, and disabled persons under 60 who are no longer able to drive. The door-to-door transportation service provides citizens the ability to attend medical, dental, grocery shopping, and personal appointments within Rochester Hills, Rochester and Oakland Township, Oakland University or the Troy Beaumont Medical Center.



In 2014, OPC mini-buses traveled 400,162 miles with a total of 53,638 trips, that is approximately 150 to 200 trips a day. From 2005 through 2014, the demand for transportation service has increased by 30% and will continue to increase as the 60+ demographic grows 22% over the next 10 years. (2015-2025 SEMCOG demographic forecast for Rochester Hills 60+ population)

In the August, or November (if there is no primary) 2015 election, Rochester Hills voters will be asked to renew the 2005 transportation millage of \$0.0891 along with a \$0.0109 increase on the taxable value of all property assessed generating a total millage of \$0.1 mill to be levied in the City for eleven (11) years, beginning 2016 and continuing through 2026. This will enable OPC to increase senior transportation services. A Rochester Hills property owner who owns a home with a value of \$200,000 would pay \$10.00 per year for this important service.

The OPC Transportation Service supports the "Aging in Place" of the Rochester Hills citizens and provides a high level of customer service to those serviced. Thank you for your continued support and your consideration of the OPC Transportation Millage Proposal.

Meals on Wheels is "More than a Meal," it benefits home bound adults (60 years of age or older) unable to prepare meals for themselves due to physical or mental impairments related to age or a medical condition. Through the program, a volunteer delivers a meal directly to the door of a Rochester Hills resident seven days a week. Hot nutritional lunch time meals are provided at OPC Monday through Friday. Last year OPC prepared 114,643 home delivered and on-site meals.



June 6, 2015
Clinton River Trail

Sound of Motown and the 5K Run/Walk Fundraisers in support of Meal on Wheels

The Sound of Motown, 13th Annual Signature Event, is planned for May 8th at the Royal Park. Call 248-608-0251 for tickets or to find out how you can contribute to this annual event. The Run or Walk on June 6th will benefit Meals on Wheels. Register online at www.eastsideracingcompany.com

This spring, find out why "OPC is a great place to be 50+!" Swing those softball bats on one of our Senior 55+ Softball leagues or swing those hips in Zumba or line dancing classes. These are just some of the great programs OPC has to offer Rochester Hills residents 50+ at the 90,000 sq. ft. center. Call 248-656-1403 ext. 0, stop by for a tour or go to www.opcseniorcenter.org for a full listing of activities.



Veterans Memorial Pointe

Memorial Brick Order Form

Buying a Memorial Brick is a simple way to leave your mark of remembrance. This is your opportunity to become a part of something special in our city. By buying a brick, you or your loved one will become a part of this memorial forever and you will help us maintain this place of honor. The price of each brick is \$55.00. All proceeds will go toward the upkeep of Veterans Memorial Pointe.

Inscription Information

Please print clearly -- one character per box. Include spaces where necessary. There is a limit of 12 characters per line, including spaces. Bricks will be inscribed exactly as shown.

The Memorial Bricks are meant to be a lasting tribute to a friend or loved one. Once the bricks are placed, they cannot be relocated.

If you have not had the opportunity, please visit Veterans Memorial Pointe. While it is always beautiful, it is especially lovely at this time of the year. Veterans Memorial Pointe is located on the southeast corner of Livernois and Avon.



Memorial/Eagle Scout Brick Order Form

Please print clearly or type all information

Purchaser's Name _____

Address: _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

NOTE: Price of \$55 includes 24 characters, including spaces. Additional characters may be added for \$1/ character. Please print the following information. In honor of:

- Check box if this is an Eagle Scout.
- Check box if person spent time in the service. A star will be added to their brick at no extra charge. Please fill out this Brick Order Form and mail with a check made payable to:

Community Foundation of Greater Rochester / VMP
PO Box 431
Rochester, MI 48308-0431
(Please note on check: Veterans Memorial Pointe Fund)

Upon receipt of your check and order form, you will be sent an acknowledgement letter. Bricks are installed in the park twice a year in late October and May.

For information and additional order forms, please call the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester at 248-608-2804 or the Mayor's Office at 248-656-4664.

Memorial Day Parade

Where: Mount Avon Cemetery at Third Street in the City of Rochester

Date: May 25, 2015 ~ 9:15 am – 12:00 pm

Please join us. The opening ceremony begins at 9:15 am at Mt. Avon Cemetery, City of Rochester. The parade begins at 10:00 am and travels from the cemetery to Veterans Memorial Pointe (corner of Avon and Livernois) for the closing ceremony in Rochester Hills.

This year, our Parade Grand Marshall is James Williams. James served in the US Army from 1953-1955. During that time James served in many capacities. He trained and served as a Medic, and as an Information and Education NCO. James dedicated this time to encouraging his fellow soldiers to make the most of their time in service, and helped many learn basic life skills including reading, writing, and arithmetic. James remembers helping the soldiers he was assigned to teach overcome their reluctance by telling them the Army was giving them a chance to better themselves and it was up to them to decide whether they were going to take the chance or not. Most decided to take advantage of the chance.

James also reflects on the time he served in Korea, and noted that it wasn't until 50 years later when the Korean people in our community contacted his Post to thank them for making a difference that he truly felt it was all worth while. James was amazed the people of Korea still remembered, and were grateful to the American soldiers who helped them keep South Korea free.

Please show James Williams and all fellow patriots the respect and support of a grateful nation on this Memorial Day. Take a moment to reflect with solemn reverence upon their lives, and the sacrifices they made to keep our country free. For additional information, please call Terri Williams at 248-651-8137 or Ed Leafdale at 248-841-2655.



Eagle Scout Projects at Veterans Memorial Pointe

Completed Scout Projects

Eagle Scout Adam Kiwior of Troop 40 finished his Eagle Scout project at the south west corner of Livernois and Avon. Adam's project, proudly named Eagle's Landing, is a four-rack kayak holding station. In addition, Adam raised funds to have two eagles carved on top of a 20' stump next to the river and kayak rack. Eagles Landing is eye catching and inspiring, and is a very cool landmark.

Eagle Scout James Monagham of Troop 12 finished his big project of cleaning out the drainage ditch and hauling in stone to cover the bottom. James also planted a Red Maple tree and a number of bird houses all before the snow came.... I'm sure our bird friends were digging it this winter!

Eagle Scout Collin Vasseur of Troop 123 will be putting the finishing touches on his Revolutionary War Memorial project. Collin has finished the landscaping and has planted a beautiful 15' oak tree. The plaque is now cast and will be installed before Memorial Day to honor our forefathers buried in cemeteries in the Rochester area who fought in the fight for our freedom that we have today.



New Eagle Scout Project for 2015

Scout Ryan Chatterye of Troop 360 is now in the planning stages of installing a Sundial at the south end of Veterans Memorial Pointe. This project will be known as Eagles Watch and we are certain it will be a nice addition to our beautiful Veterans Memorial Pointe.

Rochester Hills Fire Department

Stop Falling for Us!

By Nancy Butty - Fire Public Education Specialist

Falling accidents among senior citizens have become a problem of epic proportions. In fact:

- One in three adults age 65 and older fall each year with 20-30 percent suffering moderate to severe injuries.
- Among older adults, falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries.
- In 2013, 2.5 million nonfatal falls among older adults were treated in emergency departments and more than 734,000 of these patients were hospitalized.

These are some daunting and overwhelming numbers, and unfortunately Rochester Hills is not exempt from this type of incident taking place.

- In a one year period from March 2014 – March 2015, Rochester Hills Fire and Emergency Services responded to over 550 fall related emergency calls.
- During the month of February 2015, Rochester Hills Fire and Emergency Services assisted over 50 residents who had fallen with no injuries but were unable to get up on their own.
- Unfortunately, once an older adult experiences a fall, this increases the likelihood of additional falls.
- Many people who fall, even if they are not injured, develop a fear of falling. This fear may cause them to limit their activities, which leads to reduced mobility and loss of physical fitness, and in turn increases their actual risk of falling.

The good news is there are steps you can take to reduce the risk of falls.

- Exercise regularly. It is important that the exercises focus on increasing leg strength and improving balance, and that they get more challenging over time.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review your medicines, both prescription and over-the-counter, to identify medicines that may cause side effects or interactions such as dizziness or drowsiness.
- Have your eyes checked by an eye doctor at least once a year and update your eyeglasses to maximize vision clarity. Consider getting a pair with single vision distance lenses for some activities such as walking outdoors.
- Make your home safer by reducing tripping hazards, adding grab bars inside and outside the tub or shower and next to the toilet, adding railings on both sides of stairways, and improving the lighting in your home.

To lower hip fracture risk, older adults can:

- Get adequate calcium and vitamin D—from food and/or from supplements.
- Do weight bearing exercise.
- Get screened and, if needed, treated for osteoporosis.

Please [click here](#) for easy to do at home exercises to increase your leg strength and improve your balance. As with any exercise program, consult with your doctor first. If you have any questions or for more information, please call 248-841-2705.

The Future of Your Fire Department

Sean Canto - Chief of Fire and Emergency Services



This past November, the citizens of Rochester Hills passed the proposed Fire Millage by 70%. The department is in the process of establishing an eligibility list to hire additional full-time Firefighter/Paramedics with an anticipated hiring in the beginning of August. At that point the candidates will go through several weeks of rigorous training. These additional personnel will assure 24/7 fire and Advanced Life Support coverage at all our stations. Additionally, you will start to see work at your neighborhood fire stations to modernize the facilities and make them conducive for operating an all hazards fire department. We will also be replacing some equipment that is aging, but has served the citizens of Rochester Hills well. All these changes will allow us to better serve you, our customer. Once again, the men and women of the Rochester Hills Fire Department thank you for your support.



Nancy Butty,
Public Education Specialist
Fire Fighter



Oakland County Sheriff's Office

A Message from Sheriff.... Michael J. Bouchard



Home Improvement Scam Alert

Sheriff Michael Bouchard would like to remind all residents that every spring and summer, crews of day laborers travel from city to city in search of victims. While driving through neighborhoods and mobile home parks, they offer to pave your driveway, repair your roof, or paint your house with supplies left over from other jobs. The repair work is completed very quickly; however, the quality is poor. The repairs often cost more than the original estimates. You may find yourself swindled and defrauded by transient/traveling criminals performing “gypsy scams.” Do not become a victim! Here are the common types of home improvement frauds:

One of the most common scams involves asphalt paving. The perpetrators will tell the homeowner they have leftover asphalt from another job in the neighborhood and offer to resurface the driveway or sidewalk at a reduced price. The homeowner agrees and the perpetrator applies a thin layer of asphalt that often

breaks away in a few days, or uses a substance other than asphalt. The perpetrator quickly collects payment and leaves the area before the homeowner is aware of the poor work.

Another common fraud involves painting the exterior of homes. The perpetrator paints the home exterior using a substandard water-based paint. When the homeowner inspects the job, it may look sufficient. The homeowner then pays the perpetrators and they leave the area quickly. A few days later, or after a rain, the homeowner notices the low-quality job but the perpetrator has moved on to another city.

Other scams involve the perpetrator partially completing a job, requesting payment, and never returning to finish the work. Or, the perpetrator will give an estimate for work, begin the job without the homeowner's permission, and demand payment for the entire job.

WARNING SIGNS

- The repair person drives an unmarked truck or van with an out-of-state license
- The worker has no business identification, local address or telephone number
- You are offered a “special price” if you sign today
- The worker wants up front cost or fees, or accepts only cash
- No written estimates or contracts are provided
- The worker does not have any references
- The offer sounds “too good to be true”
- The worker cannot provide any contractor's license, permits, insurance or bonding information

If these types of people approach you in your neighborhood, please call the Oakland County Sheriff's Office to prevent you or your neighbors from becoming a victim of a “Gypsy Scam.”

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Hosts 5k Run/Walk on June 13, 2015 to Benefit Blessings in a Backpack

Waller Wellness Center and Bar Louie are sponsoring the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council's (RHGYC) 5k Run/Walk to benefit local charity, Blessings in a Backpack. The event will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at Bloomer Park, located at the north end of John R Road north of Avon Road. The 5k Run/Walk will wind through the park's scenic cross-country trails and will once again be chip timed.

Blessings in a Backpack is a program offered to students in Rochester Community Schools who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. The program provides six nutritious meals that are distributed in school on Friday to feed the student over the weekend. There are an unprecedented number of families in need right here in Rochester Hills.

Please join the RHGYC in their fund raising efforts for this very worthy organization. Sponsors and donors are also encouraged and welcome.

Entrance forms for runners and sponsors of the 5k are available in the Youth Council area of the city's website at rochesterhills.org along with a link to online registration. Participants submitting entries by June 1, 2015 will receive a Race T-shirt. After June 1, T-shirts will be available for entrants while supplies last. For more information on the RHGYC and the 5k, contact Charnele Sanders, Rochester Hills Youth Council Liaison at 248-656-4630.



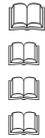
Rochester Hills Building Department



Choosing Your Contractor and Construction Project Guidebooks

When it comes to home improvement projects, choosing the right contractor to do the work can make or break your investment. The best homeowner is an informed homeowner, and the Rochester Hills Building Department has put together the following assortment of Construction Guidebooks we hope you will find helpful and informative:

We hope that all goes well with your project and the experience of home improvement is a happy one. If you have any questions during the project, contact the Building Department at 248-656-4615 and someone will be happy to assist you. For more information, visit our website at rochesterhills.org.



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Spring Cleaning Includes Your Yard

As the weather improves, we all start having thoughts of opening our doors and windows to get rid of that old stale air and do some serious spring cleaning.

Springtime is also time to start taking stock in the outside of our houses and yard areas to see how they survived the winter.

Some things to look for include:

- Trash or debris that may have been blown into the yard or deposited by snow piles
- Downed branches
- Piles of leaves that may have blown into corners
- Gutters and downspouts that may have been damaged by winds
- Shutters, storm windows or doors, and house paint that may have been damaged by the elements
- Fences damaged by downed branches or ice
- Any other exterior wear and tear that wasn't there in the fall

In addition, the Ordinance Compliance Division of the Building Department has developed a [“Guide to Neighborhood Living”](#) that can be obtained at our service counter or at rochesterhills.org. This guide outlines some of the “do’s and don’ts” of property maintenance.

The City of Rochester Hills encourages all residents to take an active role in seeing that our city is kept clean, well maintained, and a beautiful place to live, work, and play. By doing a little spring cleaning, you can do your part to help!

2015 NO HAZ PROGRAM

Are you disposing of your household hazardous waste in the proper way? You can get rid of your household hazardous waste and do something good for the environment by taking your unwanted waste to one of the NoHaz collection events.

For Rochester Hills residents, the \$10.00 fee per car is payable at the door on the day of the event.

To learn more about the NO HAZ program, and get a list of acceptable and unacceptable materials, please visit their website at nohaz.com or call the hotline at 248-858-5656.

All events are on Saturday on the following dates:

May 16, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Oxford Middle School - 1420 Lakeville Rd., Oxford

June 6, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Oakland University, Rochester Hills - Foundation Hall Lot

August 22, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

North Sashabaw Elementary School -
5290 Maybee Road, Clarkston

September 19, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Orion Township Wildwood Amphitheater
2700 Joslyn Court - enter from Joslyn
Road

October 24, 8:00 am - NOON

OCC Highland Lakes Campus
7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford -
enter from Hospital Road



Check Your Deck

May is National Building Safety Month. It is also a good month to go outside and take a look at the outside of your home to see how this past winter has affected the exterior of your home and wood deck.

Many people think that a wood deck is relatively maintenance free; power wash and put a little stain on every few years and you're good to go right? Not quite; as your wood deck ages, the maintenance needs to go further than washing and staining. We're talking about the structural issues that affect the safety of your deck. Each year we hear of deck failures around the country. In the past 10 years, more than 30 people have been killed and over 800 reported injured from deck collapses. Some may be from faulty construction, but many decks fail due to a lack of maintenance and age. Did you know that wood decks have an average service period of 10 to 15 years before needing repair or rebuilding? To make sure your deck is safe, you or a qualified contractor should do a thorough inspection of your deck surface, railing, under-structure, and all connectors annually.

Check all wood to make sure it is sound and not decaying. This may include the deck surface boards, wood railing, posts, beams and floor joists that support the decking material. Also, pay special attention to the ledger board which may connect your deck to the house. This is an area known for trapping water and causing premature decay. Failure at the ledger board is one of the main causes of deck collapse, so make sure the ledger board is properly connected with bolts to the inside of the structure. Nails should never be used to connect the ledger board to your home. Check the flashing at the ledger board to make sure it is in good shape and doing its job of keeping water from entering through the exterior wall of your home.

Next, take a look at all the fasteners and connectors. This includes all of the nails, bolts, screws, and metal hangers, angles, or similar connectors. Tighten all loose connectors. If any fasteners are corroded, you should consider replacing them. In some cases, bolts installed through a post or ledger board don't look bad on the surface, but once removed they are found to be deteriorated to half the diameter or less in the middle of the post! If your deck is over ten years old, it would be a good idea to remove a bolt at a post and the ledger board and take a look; you might be surprised at what you find.

On the top of the deck you need to check all guardrails, handrails, and stairs to make sure they are sturdy and secure. Take a hold of each spindle and make sure it is secure. Check the connection of your stair at the top and bottom and remember to keep stairs clear of planters, debris, and toys.

It is also important to clean the surface of your deck to remove dirt, debris, and mildew which can make your deck slippery and cause premature decay. Applying a new coat of stain or sealer will protect your deck from future weather damage.

To ensure your safety, if you find repairs to your deck are necessary, make sure you get a building permit and have the necessary inspections completed.

You can find a more detailed deck evaluation checklist on the North American Deck and Railing Association's website at NADRA.org. Also check out the Building Department website for our new "Check Your Deck" video that shows you some of the key points to inspect on your deck. For those who prefer to leave these inspections and construction details to the experts, you can find a list of registered contractors on our website at rochesterhills.org.

Hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.



Improper ledger board connection and corroded joist hangers



Badly corroded bolts



Rotted ledger board connection



Rotten floor joist



Check your guardrail post connections



You don't want this to happen

Don't Just Dive In...Check Your Swimming Pool for Safety First!

With summer just around the corner, your Rochester Hills Building Department would like to remind you to give your swimming pool and surrounding area a quick safety check before the fun starts. As you prepare for summer, you might want to run through this simple checklist of items to ensure your family and friends can enjoy your pool safely:

- ⇒ Check the electrical connections to all of the equipment, including the filter pump, pool lights, etc. Don't forget to check the bare bonding wire that connects all the metal parts of the equipment together to make sure it is in good shape and that there are no loose connections.
- ⇒ Check the outside electrical outlet near the pool. This outlet should be a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) with both "test" and "reset" buttons. Test your outlet for defects; and if it is defective, it should be replaced before using your pool. Also, please remember that an extension cord should never be used around your pool.
- ⇒ Check to make sure all fencing around the pool is intact and any gate latches are functional. A self-closing gate will also help to make sure that little ones don't gain access to the pool without adult supervision.
- ⇒ If you or your guests have young children and a door that leads directly to your pool area, you should have an alarm on that door that will sound when it is opened.

By following these simple, easy steps before the swimming season starts, you can ensure that you, your family, and your friends will enjoy the summer fun without any accidents.



Residential Addressing

Properly displaying your numbers could save your life!

The Rochester Hills Building Department would like to stress the importance of a clearly displayed home address. For example, as parents we teach young children to remember their name and address in case they get lost. Knowing their address could make all the difference in the world in helping them find their way home. You probably still remember the address of your childhood home.

For safety's sake, you want to be absolutely sure Police, Fire, EMS, UPS, USPS, or someone bringing home a lost child can clearly identify your home. When seconds count, you want to be sure emergency personnel do not have to waste time trying to decide if the house they have come to is the correct one.

In fact, the City of Rochester Hills ordinance requires that all residential homes properly display an address. The following applies to residential homes:

1. The address shall be expressed in digits and shall be placed on a horizontal line or a diagonal line no more than 45 degrees from horizontal.
2. The digits shall be conspicuously placed so that the street address number is plainly visible from the street from which the address is derived. The address must be displayed immediately above or adjacent to the main entrance.
3. The digits shall be a minimum of 3 inches in height and made of durable and clearly visible material
4. The digits shall be mounted so that they contrast with the background they are mounted on.
5. Addresses displayed at vertical or more than a 45 degree angle shall also display an address on the mailbox at the roadside. Houses situated more than 75 feet from the roadway must also display an address on the roadside mail box or a separate sign or sign post.

We ask that you take a moment today to check your address. Take a walk in the front of your home, step to the side of the road, or pull up in front of your house to see what others see. Can you clearly see your address? Is it near the front door where they would look for it? If not, please take the necessary steps to have a properly displayed address on your home and rest assured that if it is necessary to find your home, people will be able to do so.



Pathway Maintenance

Rochester Hills residents are fortunate to have many miles of pathways to walk, jog, or bicycle on. It is important that these pathways are safe and kept clear of vegetation that may encroach or overhang the pathway.

The area between the pathway and the road is owned by Rochester Hills and maintained by the Forestry Department. The surface itself is inspected and maintained by the Department of Public Services. The area of vegetation on the residential side of the pathway is owned by the resident adjoining the pathway and it is the homeowners responsibility to keep trees and shrubs from blocking the pathway.

As in past summers, Ordinance Compliance Inspectors will patrol the pathways to identify properties that have private vegetation encroaching or overhanging a city pathway. Please keep vegetation beside the pathway cut back at least one foot. Trees that overhang the pathway must be trimmed a minimum of 10 feet above the pathway.



City staff members are very thankful for residents who take a proactive role in keeping their trees and shrubs from presenting a hazard to those who use our pathways.

We are keeping pathway travel safe together. Thanks!!

2015 Rochester Hills To Do List

- ✓ Take a slide down the Slip n' Slide at Wet n' Wild Wednesdays at the Rochester Hills Museum
- ✓ Experience the Clinton River by Canoe or Kayak - Paddlepooza is Saturday, May 30
- ✓ Check out the Apple Pulp Car at Yates Cider Mill & Get a Donut, or two, or a Dozen! (Ever wonder what the train track is behind the mill? It is used to haul the apple pulp, of course!)
- ✓ Friday Night Races at the International Velodrome at Bloomer Park
- ✓ Take a dip in Carter Lake at Spencer Park
- ✓ Hit the trails! Spanning from Rochester Hills to Lake Orion, the Clinton River and Paint Creek Trails can take you anywhere
- ✓ Festival of the Hills Fireworks at Borden Park on June 24, 2015
- ✓ Shop and dine at The Village of Rochester Hills



Are You Ready to Relay?

Coming soon to Hart Middle School in Rochester Hills is the Greater Rochester Area Relay for Life on June 20, 10 am. Once again the City employee team will be participating in this worthy event, raising funds for the American Cancer Society. This heartfelt 24-hour relay is open to the public and there is no cost for entry. Several local businesses and social groups have teams that join in and set up sites providing games and/or selling fun goods. There is something for the whole family, with activities such as Survivor's Walk, and Luminaria Ceremony along with live music, group competitions and late-night games. Plan on joining us for this fun-filled event as we strive to stamp out cancer. For more information, log onto relayforlife.org.



Fourth Annual Bark For Life

Join us for the 4th Annual Rochester Hills Bark For Life on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Bloomer Park. Registration begins at 9:00 am. There will be two walking tracks, a three mile and one mile. Cost is \$20 for the first dog and \$5 for each additional dog you bring. Park entrance fees are waived for participants. Help fight cancer and share the day with your canine companion. Check out the event and preregister at relayforlife.org.

Passports

Did you know you can apply for your passport in person in the Clerk's Office Monday - Friday from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm?

For more information on the process, and the necessary documentation, please visit our website at rochesterhills.org or click [here](#) to be directed to the site.



Rochester Hills Department of Public Services

Spring has come to Rochester Hills, and with it another busy construction season with welcomed investment to our city's infrastructure.

The largest and most prominent projects of this construction season are the completion of the Tienken Road Livernois to Rochester project, and the advanced construction of the 2017 Tienken Road Adams to Livernois project. To minimize inconvenience as much as possible, the Tienken Road Livernois to Rochester project will be divided into four segments:

- Canyon Creek to Kings Cove
- Kings Cove to Winry
- Winry to Pine
- Pine to Rochester Rd

No through traffic will be permitted during any stage of the construction, but access will be provided to local traffic. The most challenging stage of the project will be the Winry to Pine segment because of the significant hill-cut which will severely impact local traffic during this stage.

The Tienken Road Adams to Livernois project (MDOT) is in the bidding process and is slated to begin in June. Once construction starts, it will take every bit of the construction season to deliver the project and have the roadway open to traffic in November. Similar to the staging plan mentioned above, this project will be delivered in four stages with each stage limiting traffic movements.

The Hamlin Road rehabilitation project (MDOT) is another sizable project to be delivered in the 2015 construction season. This \$5.2 million dollar project that stretches three miles along Hamlin Road is also currently in the bidding process and has a June start date slated. The enhancements will include the addition of a continuous center left-turn lane from east of Livernois to Rochester Road, a traffic signal upgrade at the Hamlin-Rochester Road intersection, paving Crestline, and the addition of non-motorized pathways within the project limits.

The City's commitment to safe, reliable, quality roads and infrastructure extends to the following projects slated for delivery throughout this year:

- Rochester Road Resurfacing (Avon to M-59 & Paint Creek to Tienken) – *Mill & Resurface*
- Christian Hills West – *Water Main Replacement and Road Resurfacing*
- 2015 Concrete Program – *Concrete Removal & Replacement*
- 2015 Hot Mixed Asphalt Program – *Mill & Resurface*
- 2015 Pathway Program – *Construction & Resurfacing in various locations*

To enhance our communication of all road projects, we have launched a new and innovative interactive construction map. This map will provide up-to-date information on all construction projects within the city. The map can be found on our website at rochesterhills.org/constructionmap/ and on your smartphone by downloading our free Mobile App and selecting Road Work.

We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during the 2015 construction season. While we know road construction can be inconvenient, the completion of these projects will provide safer roads, enhance our vibrant character, and incorporate amenities that continue to make Rochester Hills the premier community to live, work, raise a family, and TRAVEL in.



A note from Mayor Barnett...



I ask you to join me in thanking the men and women of the Department of Public Services for providing excellent service once again this year. Our team did a fantastic job clearing the streets, salting the roads, and making the streets as passable as possible through the snow and bitter cold, often during the time most of us are sleeping.

In addition, the DPS clerical staff did an outstanding job assisting residents with concerns and questions regarding snow removal.

Please help me congratulate the dedicated DPS staff for making winter as safe possible for our residents, businesses, and guests. Their commitment to safety is second to none and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their dedicated service.

DPS Celebrating 30 Days of Giving

Last November, the City of Rochester Hills celebrated its 30th year as a city, and to commemorate, Mayor Barnett challenged each Department to give back through a “30 Days of Giving” campaign. Each Department stepped up to the challenge, doing everything from serving in a local soup kitchen to delivering Meals on Wheels to home bound seniors. In the spirit of giving, the DPS team delivered not one but three significant projects that positively altered people’s lives.

The first initiative was through the DPS Garage where a donation box to assist the Rochester Area Neighborhood House Food Pantry was established. Many employees brought grocery bags full of food while others gave cash donations. In just a few days, the donation grew from one box to three and within a week we collected more than 150 items that were delivered to the local food pantry in the First Congregational Church.

The second project involved collecting donations from DPS City Hall personnel for kids at Christmas. The staff chose to help a 24-hour daycare facility in the City of Detroit. After multiple shopping trips and gift wrappings, DPS staff delivered each child three or four gifts. Our group was rewarded in knowing we helped brighten the holidays for others through the act of giving.

The final project came to us in what some may call faith. As the “30 Days of Giving” initiative was launched, a Korean War Veteran visited the DPS at City Hall looking for assistance with accessibility issues at his home. Our team visited his home and confirmed access to the home was drastically inadequate and his wife’s mobility challenges made it virtually impossible for them to leave the house. DPS partnered with a local supporter who donated the materials and the DPS team provided the labor and equipment to construct an ADA ramp and deck for the couple in need. The project started in the first week in December and as it progressed, the gentleman would occasionally talk with the DPS staff and spoke about his wife’s desire to visit the Christmas lights in downtown Rochester which she had never seen. The project was completed in the third week of December; so not only were they able to see the Christmas lights, but their quality of life has been greatly improved for years to come. The project and the message that went with it can be viewed at [Click on Detroit](#).



Protecting Our Water Resources

One of the ways to ensure the protection of our lakes, rivers, and streams is to get out and enjoy them! Whether it is kayaking down the Clinton, fishing in Paint Creek, or biking along the Clinton River Trail, there are plenty of activities that you can pack into a day or even an entire weekend. Visit the Clinton River Watershed Council’s recreation resource page at www.crw.org/recreation to help you plan your exploration of our watershed.

Don’t forget the Seven Simple Steps to help keep our rivers and streams clean for us and future generations.

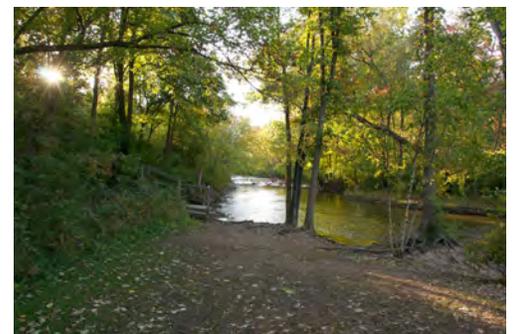
- Help keep pollution out of storm drains
- Fertilize caringly
- Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners, chemicals, and oil
- Clean up after your pet
- Practice good car care
- Choose earth friendly landscaping
- Save water

For more information on the Seven Simple Steps, please [click here](#).



Steelhead

photo courtesy CRWC



The river at Yates Cider Mill

Spring Canoe and Kayak Event

The cities of Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills are gearing up to present Paddlepalooza 2015, the neighboring cities' annual canoe/kayak race and adventure river paddle on the Clinton River. Participants will begin launching their watercraft at 7:30 am on Saturday, May 30 from the banks of Riverside Park on the corner of Auburn and Squirrel Roads in downtown Auburn Hills.

Rochester Hills is pleased to continue its partnership with Auburn Hills on this action-packed outing.

"This event allows participants to see the Clinton River from a different perspective by giving them a unique opportunity to get out and experience all that our community has to offer," states Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. "It is great to see Paddlepalooza grow year after year."



Prizes will be awarded for each race class and each participant will receive lunch and an event t-shirt. Pre-registration is recommended; the entry fee is before May 25 - \$15 per person, after May 23 - \$20 per person. Rain Date Saturday June 6.

Because the Clinton River can be considered a difficult Class III rating at certain times of the year, Paddlepalooza is not recommended for the beginner paddler. Participants must be at least 12 years of age; paddlers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Personal flotation devices are required.

For more details about Paddlepalooza's participant rules, what to wear, canoe and kayak rentals, parking and shuttle service, raffle prizes and registration and waiver forms, please visit the City of Rochester Hills website at rochesterhills.org or the City of Auburn Hills website at auburnhills.org.

How Green is Your Lawn?

Are you in the habit of applying fertilizer or paying someone to fertilize your lawn every spring?

Did you know that when fertilizer is applied improperly it may pollute the Clinton River and its tributaries? Though we all want to have green and luscious lawns this spring and summer, we also need to be aware of the potential hazards our lawn care practices may cause.

When too much fertilizer is applied, it washes off easily and becomes very harmful to the environment. This is especially true when a rainstorm comes. Rain can wash fertilizer straight into the storm drain. Most storm drains empty into our lakes, rivers and streams.

Some tips to keep in mind:

- If a fertilizer warns of keeping children and pets off the lawn for 24 hours, it would be wise to discontinue its use all together.
- Using a slow release fertilizer is effective as it spreads over time and is less likely to drain away.
- Note that when you water and mow your lawn properly, you may not need much fertilizer.
- If you must fertilize, stick to earth-friendly fertilizers and do it sparingly.

For a list of earth friendly fertilizers visit: crwc.org/stormwater-protection

For home lawn care tips visit: turf.msu.edu or healthylandscapes.org

For a list of lawn professionals who participate in the **Healthy Lawn Care Program for Watershed Protection** visit landscape.org/healthylawncare

For more information on the Clinton River and its watershed visit crwc.org.



Community Garden a Huge Success at Wabash Park



Our Community Garden at Wabash Park has grown to become a beautiful and fruitful reality!

We sprouted fresh herbs, flowers and vegetables in Rochester Hills' very own community garden. Residents of both Rochester Hills and Rochester gardened in Wabash Park for exercise, education, health benefits, therapeutic reasons, and more.

The benefits of a Community Garden go beyond enhancing the gardener's intake of nutritious fruits and vegetables. Reduction in family food budgets, stress relief, exercise, fostering community spirit through interaction with fellow gardeners and neighbors are just a handful of the harvested rewards.

All plots have been reserved for the 2015 growing season. If you would like to reserve a plot next year, be sure to call early.

For details, visit the city webpage at rochesterhills.org or call Dinosaur Hill at 248-656-0999.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

If you are interested in gardening and were not able to reserve a plot, Raising Rochester, a local charity that grows and harvests food for the Rochester Area Neighborhood House Food Pantry is looking for volunteers to tend and maintain their plots. Located throughout the city, these plots provide nutritious food to people in need and volunteers and support is GREATLY needed and appreciated. To get involved visit raisingrochester.net. Individuals, families, groups are welcome!



West Nile Virus

What is the West Nile Virus? West Nile Virus is a commonly found flavivirus. The virus can infect humans, birds, horses and some other mammals. In a small number of people infected by the virus, the disease can be serious, even fatal.

Where does the West Nile Virus come from? West Nile Virus is most often spread to humans by the bite of an infected mosquito. The mosquito species most likely to carry the West Nile Virus is *Culex Pipiens*. This mosquito's natural habitat is tree holes that are often filled with water and organic matter. Any feature that replicates this natural habitat will likely provide a home for this mosquito's family.

What can I do to help? Keeping your property free of mosquito breeding opportunities is the most effective way to help in the elimination of West Nile Virus. This can be accomplished by emptying the water from containers, empty flower pots, water-filled tires and children's swimming pools and toys; changing the water in bird baths around the home once a week; and cleaning clogged eave troughs to allow free flow of runoff.

What is the City doing to help? Since 2003, Rochester Hills has participated in an active West Nile Virus Abatement Program. Each year the Department of Public Service and Parks Department crews clean out our catch basins that are ideal breeding habitats for *Culex Pipiens*. Once the catch basins are cleaned, a larvicide briquette is dropped in. The larvicide prevents the emergence of adult mosquitoes from the standing water deep inside the basins, lasts the entire summer and specifically targets mosquitoes in our area that are known to carry the virus. Grant funding from Oakland County covers a portion of the costs associated with this abatement program.

Where can I get more information? The websites links below are packed with information on the West Nile Virus and the elimination of mosquito breeding conditions.

[Michigan Department of Natural Resources](#)
[Oakland County Health Department](#)
[Michigan Department of Community Health](#)
[Center for Disease Control](#)



Rochester Hills Parks and Forestry Updates

A Million People Can't Be Wrong

Rochester Hills has a simple and great way to improve your mood, reduce stress, develop social bonds, and exercise...GO TO A PARK!!!

Every year, since 2009, Rochester Hills' parks have welcomed more than ONE MILLION visitors. Our well maintained parks are designed to encourage healthy outdoor recreation activities for all ages and abilities and offer just about everything for individual and family fun such as:



- Swimming
- Volleyball
- Picnicking
- Tennis
- Horseshoes
- Ice fishing
- Roller Hockey
- Playscapes
- Ice skating
- Batting cages
- Bicycling
- Fishing
- Soccer fields
- Hiking
- Sledding
- Ball fields
- Row boating
- Educational Programs & Camps

And that is just the beginning!

The [velodrome](#) at Bloomer Park provides a recreational opportunity not found anywhere else in the state. Riders range in age from teens to seniors. Families can bring chairs and watch the racers in action.

The annual [Festival of the Hills](#) at Borden Park draws families from near and far for safe, fun activities and to view a spectacular fireworks show, all at no cost.

Ceremonies are held at Veterans Memorial Pointe to promote patriotism and pride in America. They bring together scout groups and veterans groups along with families and friends of all ages to reflect on the sacrifices made for our freedoms and American way of life.

The Paint Creek Trail and Clinton River Trail permit family hiking and biking on scenic trails away from traffic. These trails are part of an interconnected area-wide trail system. Users can view scenic terrain along the river and watch for area wildlife.

The parks offer summer [hiring opportunities](#) for teenagers, allowing them to work close to home.

The parks provide [shelters](#) for family picnics, weddings, birthday parties, graduation parties, and other family gathering events.

Environmental Education programs and activities help our children and their families appreciate and understand our surrounding natural environment including our abounding wildlife, their natural habitats, and our diverse ecosystem.

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm offers educational programs that encourage family members to remember our past, show how life has progressed over the years, and provide unique recreational experiences, camps, tours and programs with an historic theme.

As you can see, the Parks of Rochester Hills are teeming with activities for all ages. Visit www.rochesterhills.org/parks to discover how you can join the excitement!

Spencer Park Bass Tournament



*Sponsored by Meijer
and
Field & Stream*

For more information:
248-656-4657
parcellc@rochesterhills.org

- Open to all ages and skill levels!
- Fish for Large Mouth Bass. Every Large Mouth Bass OVER 7 inches, caught by you, counts towards your total! Tournament Officials will make rounds and record catches.
- The Tournament starts at 11 am and runs until 3 pm. Registration opens at 10 am and continues until 1 pm. A long, loud whistle will signify the start and finish of the Tournament.
- Prizes and/or trophies are awarded for seven categories, plus a limited number of prize and T-shirt giveaways!
- A casting contest for contestants ages 12 and under will also be held during the Tournament.
- Tournament participation is free. A Vehicle permit is required to enter the park.
- Bring your fishing poles and lures. Equipment is not provided. A limited amount of worms will be available for purchase.
- Contestants are welcome to stay for the day and enjoy some picnicking and swimming!

Keep our Public Pathways Safe

There are nearly 234 miles of asphalt pathways and sidewalks located on public road right-of-way in the City of Rochester Hills. The city's Forestry Division handles the maintenance of trees and shrubs growing on these right-of-ways that encroach onto pathways and sidewalks. However, all encroaching vegetation originating from adjacent private property is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain.

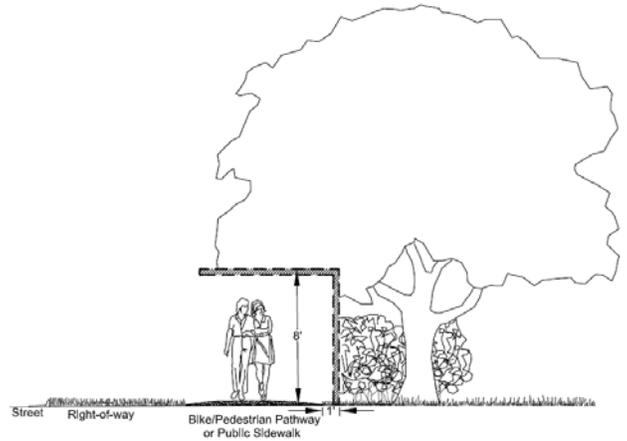
Many property owners have trees and shrubs planted close to pathways and sidewalks for screening and other purposes. Although the majority of property owners keep their vegetation maintained, some do not. To insure the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists, all vegetation must be cleared from at least 1 ft. off the edge of the pavement, to a height of at least 8 ft.

When encroaching vegetation compromises public safety, the city may notify the property owner to trim back their trees and shrubs by a specified date. If the required trimming is not completed by that date, a violation notice may be issued and a work order initiated for the Forestry crew to clear the vegetation. Should this happen, the cost of the work may then be assessed to the property owner.

Over the last 20 years, miles of pathway and sidewalk have been added in the city, with no corresponding increase in maintenance staff. Our citizens regularly use these pathways and their safety is a priority. Therefore, we are advising all property owners with vegetation adjacent to these pathways and sidewalks to maintain the safety standards as shown in the diagram.

Properly maintained pathways are an asset for the entire community. Please be a responsible citizen and help keep our sidewalks and pathways safe.

Please contact the Forestry Division at 248-656-4673 for further information.



- Property owners must maintain private trees/shrubs at least 1' off the edge of the bike path or sidewalk to a height of 8'. If not maintained by the property owner, city crews are authorized to trim to a distance of 3' off the edge to a height of 10'. The city may assess the cost of the work to the property owner.
- New plantings can be no closer to a bike path or sidewalk than the following distances:
 - 5' for high-branched trees (shade trees) and shrubs.
 - 10' for low-branched trees (evergreens and ornamentals.)
- A permit is required for planting in the city right-of-way (available free from the Forestry Division.)



Oak Wilt

Adapted from Michigan State University Cooperative Extension publications

If you're considering getting tree trimming done this spring or summer, be sure to keep in mind that some species of trees are best pruned while they are still "dormant" (before new growth begins in the spring). This is especially true of oak trees due

to the danger of oak wilt. [Click here for complete article on our website under Forestry Articles of Interest.](#)



BE AWARE.....

As the weather warms this spring and summer, be on the lookout for new invasive pests. The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) is asking the public to watch for a number of non-native insects detailed in their [website](#). One potentially serious threat is the Asian Longhorned Beetle (ALB). This insect has not yet been found in Michigan, but was discovered in Ohio (east of Cincinnati) in June 2011. Efforts to eradicate ALB are ongoing in Ohio and at other infestations on the east coast.

ALB shows a preference for maple trees, but will feed on a broad variety of shade trees. The damage they cause will eventually result in the death of the tree. Currently, the only effective control is to remove infested trees and destroy them by chipping or burning.

Adult beetles are active from May to October, with peak activity in July and August. See this [USDA document](#) for tips on how to spot ALB. More information is available at [MSU Extension](#) or the [USDA](#).

Become aware, be observant, and report suspected ALB observations to the USDA, MDA, or Rochester Hills Parks & Forestry.

Rochester Hills Parks and Forestry Updates

Rochester Hills Celebrates 10 Years of Green Space Accomplishments

In September of 2005 the residents of Rochester Hills voted to approve a ten year 0.3 millage to raise funds to acquire remaining green space lands within the city. After ten years the GSAB (Green Space Advisory Board) along with our residents have much to celebrate. The City of Rochester Hills now owns six Green Space properties totaling 113 acres. Five of these properties border the Clinton River allowing residents access to both the river and the Clinton River Trail. With voter approval in November 2013 the Green Space Millage is able to not only acquire properties but to use the funds for stewardship management that will protect and preserve these natural areas for generations to come.

Residents are invited to join Parks Department Staff and Green Space Advisory Board members on Saturday, May 16 from 10 am to 1 pm for the annual Discovery Day Hike. This year's hike will showcase Riverbend Park and the newly acquired 48.38 acre parcel located on the north side of the Clinton River and Riverbend Park. Come and explore the beautiful natural features of the park and learn about what is planned for the future preservation of our newest Green Space.

Riverbend Park is located on the north side of W. Hamlin Road between Adams and Crooks Roads.



Did You Know Michigan is #1 in the Nation in Chestnut Production?

[Learn more from this MSU video](#)



Edible Sweet Chestnut



NOT an edible Chestnut

Borden Park Batting Cages

The Batting cages at Borden Park (located at the corner of Hamlin and John R) are open for the season and can be used on a \$1 per token basis. Each token gives you about 12 pitches. Batting cages can also be reserved by the hour for \$25.00 per hour per cage. For more information, [click here](#). To make an hourly reservation, call Borden Park at 248-656-4797 at least 72 hours in advance.

Proper Mulching Techniques

Mulching is one of the most beneficial practices a homeowner can use for better tree health.

Mulches are materials placed over the soil surface to maintain moisture and improve soil conditions. Mulching is one of the most beneficial acts a homeowner can do for the health of a tree. However, improper mulching materials and practices may have little, or even negative, impact on the trees in your landscape. [Click here for complete article on our website under Forestry Articles of Interest.](#)

BUCKTHORN

Buckthorn is an aggressively invasive shrub species from northern Europe. It was brought to North America by immigrants to use as a hedge plant. It has become the most dominant non-native shrub in suburban green spaces and woodlands across the northern United States. The State of Michigan regulates both European and Glossy Buckthorn. Additional information is available through the following sites:

- [Michigan State University](#)
- [Michigan Department of Natural Resources](#)
- [Common Buckthorn Invading Michigan](#)
- [A Homeowner's Guide to Buckthorn](#)
- [USDA Invasive Species - Common Buckthorn](#)



Summer Taxes Due September 14, 2015

*Enroll in our Automatic Tax Bill Payment Service
We'll take the worry out of making your tax payment!*

The 2015 Summer Property Tax bills will be mailed out by mid-June and are due on Monday, September 14, 2015. After September 15, 2014, interest of 1% will be added to the unpaid balance of the summer tax bill and an additional 1% will be added on the first day of each month thereafter. Postmarks will **not** be honored, so please allow the recommended **5 business days** for first class postal delivery. Payments placed in the City drop box - located in front of our visitors parking lot - by midnight on September 14 will be considered on-time. Also, payments placed by midnight September 14 via credit card or our electronic payment system (system will state payment date as 9/15/15 or 9/16/15) will also be considered on-time. On February 17, 2016 a 3% penalty will be added to the balance of all unpaid 2015 property taxes.

Please note: If your 2014 property taxes or any amount of your 2014 property taxes went delinquent (were unpaid as of March 2, 2015) a notification may appear on your 2015 tax bills. This is a State law requirement.

We offer Recurring Automatic Bill Payment for property taxes and to date have over 750 taxpayers signed-up for this convenient service! This service allows you to choose for your payment dates either the summer and winter tax dues dates or the summer tax due date and the last business day of December for the winter tax. For those enrolled in this service, your 2015 Summer Tax payment will take place on September 14, 2015. For an enrollment form and our other convenient payment options, please visit Treasury Department's Payment Options page:

rochesterhills.org/paytaxes
rochesterhills.org/index.aspx?NID=516
or the following QRcode



Summer tax deferment, which defers the summer tax bill due date for a principal residence to February 17, 2016, is available for qualified residents. Additionally, Oakland County may extend the deferment to April 30, 2016. For more information please visit the Treasury Department's [Summer Tax Deferment](#) page or contact the Treasury Department at 248-656-4675.

Questions can be directed to the Treasury Department at 248-656-4675 or by email at treasury@rochesterhills.org.



2015 Dog License Renewal at City Treasury Department Three-Year License Now Available!

**Fees go toward the support of the
Oakland County Pet Adoption Center**



Through Monday, June 1, 2015, Oakland County's yearly dog license may be renewed for the non-delinquent fee at the City Treasury Department. State law requires all dogs to have a current dog license and rabies vaccination.

Per City Ordinance, no owner can keep more than three dogs; therefore we will not issue more than three dog licenses to an owner. If you have more than three dogs, you must apply for a kennel license. Kennels are not allowed in the residential districts of our City.

Our Treasury cashier will be happy to renew/issue your dog license for you. If renewing, please bring the postcard renewal reminder that was sent to you by Oakland County Animal Control as this will expedite the process. You must present your dog's current rabies vaccination certificate signed by the veterinarian when you apply for the license.

Long lines can be expected so you may want to consider renewing your license on-line at OakGov.com/PetAdoption or at Oakland County Animal Control at 1700 Brown Road in Auburn Hills.

If your dog has a three-year vaccination ending in either year 2017 or 2018, you may purchase a three-year license. If you recently acquired a dog or are a new resident, you have a 30-day grace period to license your dog. If purchasing your dog license at the City – checks must be made payable to the "City of Rochester Hills". Please note: City can not accept Visa credit card payment for dog licenses. Visit the Treasury Department's [Dog License page](#) for more information regarding animal licensing. Questions can be directed to the Treasury Department at 248-656-4675 or treasury@rochesterhills.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Need a guest speaker? Or a unique meeting location? Check out the Rochester Hills Museum. The Museum complex includes the 1927 Dairy Barn, 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Red House, 1848 Stoney Creek Schoolhouse, and 16 acres of gardens and grounds bordered by Stoney Creek. Museum staff can provide programs and lectures on a wide variety of historical and environmental topics from Mills, Stoney Creek Village, Leaders, Legends, and Liars, Community History, and more. It's a great place for scout groups, schools, and more!



Need a place to host a party? The Museum provides a perfect location for weddings, receptions, birthdays, meetings, and more! Check out the Museum website at rochesterhills.org/museum or call the staff at 248-656-4663.

Upcoming Events

Spring on the Farm

Saturday, May 9 - 10:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Celebrate spring at the Museum with live barn animal shows, tour of our historic buildings, a Pioneer Homestead and Playground, vintage campers and bicycles, and Model A and Model T automobile.

\$4 Museum Members - \$7 Public

Children under 2 are free



An Old Fashioned, All American, Yesteryear Family Fun Day

Saturday, May 16 - 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

The adage "the good old days" is a fitting description for this family event. Think kite flying, three-legged races, cake walks, old fashion baseball, and stilt walking. Food truck, music, games and surprises for young and old will be on hand.

\$50 Family ticket (two adults and two children)

\$18 Individual Adult Ticket

\$12 Individual Children Ticket (4-17 years old)

Children 3 and under free



Garden Walk

Thursday, June 18 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

This is the premier garden event in our community featuring private gardens.

Tickets available on-line at rochesterhills.org/museum on June 1st

\$12 Museum Members- advance

\$14 Public- advance

\$16- Day of the event



Wet and Wild Wednesdays

Performers, Slip 'n Slides, Fire Truck, Clinton River Watershed Council, and Children's Garden

No advance registration necessary - Museum members are free!

Public- \$3 per person

12-1 Entertainment

1-2 Slip and Slides, fire trucks, and creek wading

July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29



Environmental Program at the Museum

Unless otherwise stated all environmental programs are for families and children aged 6 and up. Admission is free for members of the Museum, \$3 for students and seniors, and \$5 for adult. Register for these programs by calling 248-656-4663, use the PayPal option at rochesterhills.org/musprograms, or e-mailing rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org.

Mammal Marvels

Saturday, May 30 1:00-2:30 pm

What is the strongest Michigan mammal? Join Patrick Endres as he reveals the answer to this question and the other “super” mammals. This program will include crafts, outdoor games, and much more.

Silly Salamanders and Funny Frogs

Sunday, June 14 1:00-2:30 pm

Why are salamanders and frogs always happy? They eat whatever bugs them. Come to the Museum to hear more jokes and have fun learning about our amphibian friends. This program will also include live animals!

Nighttime Neighbors

Friday, July 24 7:00-8:30 pm

There is a whole other world at night. Join Patrick Endres for a fun evening about nocturnal wildlife. The program will include a craft and a nighttime walk around the museum grounds. Flashlights will be provided.

Fishing 101

Saturday, August 22 1:00-2:30 pm

Are you interested in learning how to fish? Come and join us for a fun and easy introduction class on how to fish. Guests will learn how to tie fishing knots, how to properly cast, and how to safely remove a fish from your line. Ages 7 and up are welcome.



Day Camps

Terrific Tuesdays in the Garden - Parent-Child Program

Ages 3-5: 10:00 - 11:00

Ages 6-10: 1:00 - 2:30

June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14,

July 21, July 28, August 4

Little House by the Creek Day Camp

Ages 7-11: 10:00 - 3:00

July 16, July 30, August 6

Outdoor Explorer Day Camp at Bloomer Park

Ages 7-12: 10:00 - 3:00

July 9, July 23

Adventure Camp at Bloomer Park

Ages 8-13 10:00 - 3:00

August 3 - August 6

Little House in the Village Writer's Camp

Ages 9-12: 10:00 - 3:00

August 17 - August 20

Rochester Grangers Vintage Baseball

Enjoy baseball the way it was meant to be played in 1862 at the Museum! All games begin at 1:00 pm unless noted.

Please bring your own chair. Admission is free! June 6, June 11 at 7:00 pm,

July 19, August 1, August 23, August 30

Planning a Wedding?

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is the perfect location for your wedding ceremony and reception. Outdoor ceremonies can take place at our garden gazebo located under a maple and walnut grove bordered by Stoney Creek or right alongside Stoney Creek amidst 16 acres of beautiful gardens and grounds. Indoor wedding ceremonies can take place in the 1927 Calf Barn.

Receptions can take place alongside Stoney Creek, tented or open air, or inside our restored 1927 Calf Barn.

Please visit our website www.rochesterhills.org/wedding, contact us at 248-656-4663, or by email at rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org for pricing and availability or to make an appointment to visit our site.



Become a Member Today

Now is the perfect time to become a member of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. As a museum member you receive:

- Free admission to the many special events, lectures, and tours
- Invitations to member-only events and exhibit openings
- One-year subscription to the Museum Visitor newsletter
- Preregistration period for classes, lectures and special events
- Unlimited general admission to the:
 - 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse
 - 1850 Red House
 - 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn
 - “A Lively Town: The History of the Greater Rochester Area 1817-1952” exhibit
 - Well-designed and informative temporary exhibits

For more information, please visit the Museum website at www.rochesterhills.org/museum or call the staff at 248-656-4663.

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

SPECIAL ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Rochester Hills:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a Special Election will be held in the City of Rochester Hills, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

THE POLLS will be open 7 o'clock a.m. until 8 o'clock p.m.

AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

Precinct # 1	Faith Church, 160 W. Hamlin Rd.
Precinct # 2	Bellbrook, 873 W. Avon Rd.
Precinct # 3	Meadows Upper Elementary School, 1435 W. Auburn Rd.
Precinct # 4	North Hill Elementary School, 1385 Mahaffy
Precinct # 5	Reuther Middle School, 1430 E. Auburn Rd.
Precinct # 6	Avon Clubhouse, 2600 W. Auburn Rd.
Precinct # 7	West Middle School, 500 Old Perch
Precinct # 8	VanHoosen Middle School, 1339 N. Adams Rd.
Precinct # 9	Rochester High School, 180 S. Livernois
Precinct #10	Brewster Elementary School, 1535 Brewster Rd.
Precinct #11	Reuther Middle School, 1430 E. Auburn Rd.
Precinct #12	Hamlin Elementary School, 270 W. Hamlin Rd.
Precinct #13	Deerfield Elementary School, 3600 Crooks Rd.
Precinct #14	West Middle School, 500 Old Perch
Precinct #15	St. Mary's of the Hills, 2675 John R
Precinct #16	Brooklands Elementary School, 490 E. Auburn Rd.
Precinct #17	Meadow Brook Elementary School, 2350 Munster
Precinct #18	Rochester Adams High School, 3200 W. Tienken Rd.
Precinct #19	Long Meadow Elementary School, 450 Allston
Precinct #20	Brooklands Elementary School, 490 E. Auburn Rd.
Precinct #21	Hart Middle School, 6500 Sheldon Rd.
Precinct #22	St Luke's Church, 3980 Walton Blvd.
Precinct #23	Danish Village, 2566 Walton Blvd.
Precinct #24	Rochester Hills Offices, 1000 Rochester Hills Dr.
Precinct #25	Rochester Adams High School, 3200 W. Tienken Rd.
Precinct #26	VanHoosen Middle School, 1339 N. Adams
Precinct #27	St. Mary's of the Hills, 2675 John R
Precinct #28	Hampton Elementary School, 530 Hampton Circle
Precinct #29	Rochester Adams High School, 3200 W. Tienken Rd.
Precinct #30	St. Mary's of the Hills, 2675 John R
Precinct #31	Reuther Middle School, 1430 E. Auburn Rd.
Precinct #32	Hart Middle School, 6500 Sheldon Rd.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL:

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- **Eliminate sales / use taxes on gasoline / diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.**
- **Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).**
- **Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career / technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges / universities.**
- **Give effect to laws, including those that:**
 - **Increase sales / use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.**
 - **Increase gasoline / diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.**
 - **Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.**
 - **Increase earned income tax credit.**

Should this proposal be adopted?

**ALL POLLING PLACES ARE HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE
BRAILLE AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE**

**Absentee ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office, 1000 Rochester Hills Drive,
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309.**

The Clerk's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**IN ADDITION, THE CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, May 2, 2015
FROM 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

The last day to obtain absentee ballots by mail is Saturday, May 2, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

Questions concerning the Special Election should be directed to the Clerk's Office at 248-656-4630.

**Tina Barton, City Clerk
City of Rochester Hills
248-656-4630
1000 Rochester Hills Drive
Rochester Hills, Michigan 48309**

Rochester Hills City Council



Mark Tisdel - Vice President - At Large

Early / Middle College Programs for Rochester Hills Students

During this year's State of the Union address, President Obama called for "free" community college for every American. Well, high school students in Rochester Hills already have access to that opportunity.

In the Fall 2013 *Hills Herald*, I wrote about the "Early / Middle College" program offered by Rochester College (RC) through Rochester Community Schools (RCS). RC offers our high school students the opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree in General Studies. Here's how it works:

RCS students completing their **ninth-grade** studies can apply for entry into the *Rochester College* program starting their **tenth-grade** year. All tuition, books and fees are paid—100%—by RCS (all except one four hour class). Students accepted into the program will begin taking RC courses, online, starting in tenth-grade. In **eleventh-grade**, student in the RC Early College program begin

taking courses *on the RC campus* in Rochester Hills: "College Composition A" and "Communication Basics" (Speech) in the Fall semester, "College Comp B" and two General Education classes in the Winter. RCS **twelfth-grade** students take two more General Education classes, on campus, in both the Fall and Winter semesters. Now, the students have a post-Senior year, e.g., **thirteenth-grade**. This 13th year is spent *entirely* on the Rochester College campus for thirteen (13) credit hours in each of the Fall and Winter semesters. At the end of Grade 13, the RC Early College participants will have earned sixty (60) college credits fully recognized by schools like The University of Michigan, Michigan State University and, of course, Rochester College. That's sixty college credit hours—tuition, books and fees—paid 100% by Rochester Community Schools. For more information, please contact Essie Bryan, Director, Career Services 248-218-2176, ebryan@rc.edu.

If that doesn't interest you, Oakland Community College (OCC) has three programs available to Oakland Schools high school students: Oakland Early College, Oakland Accelerated College Experience and Michigan Advanced Technician Training (MAT Squared). **MAT2** is a Michigan program administered by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and based on the German model of apprenticeship. Those accepted into the program will *attend college* and also *work* for a sponsoring company. Through eight-week intervals, the students will attend classes, work at the company, attend classes, and so on. While in the eight week college segment, the student will receive a weekly stipend to cover their personal expenses and while working at their sponsoring company earn an hourly wage that increases every year of program participation. MAT2 participants are "paid" to earn college credits, industry-recognized certification, and real world work experience. Currently there are three paths to choose from in the MAT2 offering; Mechatronics (electrical, mechanical, and electronic skills), Technical Production Design, and Information Technology (IT). A new offering is under design for a path in CNC (computer numeric control manufacturing). For more information on OCC offerings please contact: Janene Erne jkerne@oakldcc.edu (MAT2), JenniferNewman Jennifer.newman@wbsd.org (Oakland Early College) and Jim Troost Jim.Troost@oakland.k12.mi.us (Oakland Accelerated College Experience).

By the way, my brother is the Career Liaison / Adjunct Instructor for Career Jump Start at North Central Michigan College. I'm sure he would be willing to provide additional information on the MAT2 program: Jim Tisdel jtisdel@ncmich.edu.

Free community college, Mr. President? Great idea. Here in Rochester Hills, we're already on it.

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Stephanie Morita - District 1

Just in case you were wondering, our house is “that” house - you know the one that still has a Christmas wreath on the front door. We’ve been a little busy between getting through hockey season and gearing up for little league baseball, and the truth is I just forgot it was there. There are also other matters which have taken priority - oil & gas ordinances, Avondale Youth Assistance and the Paint Creek Trailways Commission. Oh, and then there’s City Council.

I am hopeful that between the time I write this and the time it is published, we will have enacted the City’s well site and pipeline ordinances to provide our residents with additional protections in the event an oil and/or gas well is located within our borders. We have several residents which have been intimately involved in this process, from Council, Planning Commission, and individuals and groups - and all of whom who have provided input benefiting the City and our residents.

While the process has not been swift or easy, I have been impressed with obvious care for our City that its residents exhibited throughout the process.

Avondale Youth Assistance (AYA) recently held its annual awards - and celebrated the accomplishments of 90 deserving children. I felt honored to be among the officials shaking the hand of each awesome kid. We had a stage full of officials all of whom deserve a “thanks” for taking time out of their busy schedules and away from their families to be there. However, I wanted to specifically thank our leaders from Lansing, Senator Knollenberg, Representative Webber and Representative Greimel for helping to make the night even more special. Just in case you were wondering, Youth Assistance programs exist throughout Oakland County. Created by our Circuit Court, the mission of Youth Assistance is to strengthen youth and families, and prevent and reduce delinquency, abuse and neglect. AYA is always looking for mentors and volunteers. I am proud that our City sponsors such a worthwhile organization and that I represent the City on the AYA Board of Directors. Please contact me if you would like to learn more.

Our community also benefits from two rails to trails - the Paint Creek Trail and the Clinton River Trail. Each trail is unique, beautiful and a treasure. We are in our second home in Rochester Hills - and each time we bought, proximity to a trail access point was a consideration. These two trails add value and provide respite. As a member of the Paint Creek Trailways Commission (PCTC), I have been involved in the management of the trail across four communities. I am excited to announce that the PCTC is working on a new educational pathway project which will go in on the portion of the trail North of Tienken in the City of Rochester Hills. Also, Lynn Loeb, a long time resident of our City and former Green Space Advisory Board member, has joined the Commission. Her experience and wealth of knowledge provide added value to the PCTC.

As to City Council, we are lucky that our Council is very business-like in the way in it conducts its meetings. I respect each one of our members for the experience and knowledge that each member brings to the conversation - and disagreements, which do occur, are never made personal. When we work together this way it makes the City look great, it’s respectful to the City’s staff, and it makes our meetings efficient and productive for the benefit of our residents. Much of what Council does occurs before the meeting. This includes reading meeting packets, asking questions of staff - and individually touching base with other Council members to see if there are avenues for issue resolution. This takes a significant amount of time and effort. I expect to see at least one new face on Council by the end of the year whom I hope will help us carry on in the same dignified tradition.

And before signing off, I have to thank both Mayor Barnett and Mr. Mahir Osman (Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Center - Secretary of Public Affairs) for their unnecessarily polite responses to very publicly made disparaging comments about our City. My initial response was not nearly as considerate. Some say a response was unnecessary. However, it was necessary to protect our local economy and the global reputation our community has earned as a progressive and innovative destination for companies looking for a local presence. I have also been advised that the Rochester Hills Museum is alarmed and has security cameras - so it is highly unlikely that a portrait of a certain “pop” star could go mysteriously missing.

It is truly an honor to serve our City as the District 1 Representative to City Council. Please contact me if you need assistance with a City related matter.

Mark Your Calendar

City Offices will be closed:

- ◇ Monday, May 25, Memorial Day
- ◇ Friday, July 3, Independence Day
- ◇ Monday, September 7, Labor Day

Other Dates to Note:

- ◇ Tuesday, May 5, Special Election
- ◇ Monday, May 25, Memorial Day Parade
- ◇ Monday, June 1, Last day to renew dog licenses at the non-delinquent rate
- ◇ Wednesday, June 24, Festival of the Hills
- ◇ Monday, September 14, Last day to pay summer taxes without interest or penalty

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Festival of the Hills

June 24, 2015

Borden Park ~ Rochester Hills

Free Admission - 6:00 pm

Join our celebration of freedom including
family games presented by the Rochester Avon Recreation Authority,
music by HotSauce
and our amazing **FIREWORKS** display.

Arrive early • Avoid the rush • Bring a blanket • Enjoy the show!