

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is  
closed for drop in hours in January and February, 2020**

*We will reopen on Friday, March 6, 2020 for drop in tours*

**Q: Why does the Museum close for drop in hours in January and February?**

A: We are closed in January and February to get loads of projects done that require us to use our staff time effectively and to complete many building maintenance projects – here are a few things we are working on:

- The Dairy Barn roof replacement and the new construction replica of the Equipment Barn are moving ahead this year. Permits, asbestos removal, parking flow, dumpster relocation, utilities, generators, fire suppression, furnaces, and humidifiers, are being finalized.
- We deep clean all buildings and storage areas.
- We continue working on several new exhibits that will be in the Dairy Barn when it reopens – these exhibit panels will cover the following topics:  
*The Great Lakes Region, Anishinabek Homeland, The Western Wilderness, Stone Creek Village and the City of Rochester, the Taylor/Van Hoosen Farm, Van Hoosen Dairy Awards, and the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm – how we were established, and the corn silo.*
- Staff training and review of our interpretive plans and procedures, disaster plan review, collections policy review, CPR and first aid training, and other training.
- Due to winter weather, this reduces the urgent need of having all sidewalks and driveways cleared of snow and ice for every snow episode.

**Q: Is staff still in the buildings during the week?**

A: Yes - All scheduled school programs and Calf Barn rentals will proceed as planned.

**Q: If I want to stop by and meet with Museum staff regarding a wedding location, research, or other reason – can you still meet with me?**

A: You bet – Just call first to set up an appointment at 248.656.4663 or email us at [rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org](mailto:rhmuseum@rochesterhills.org).

**Q: So, the Museum staff are not just sitting around eating the last of the Holiday cookies?**

A: Well maybe a little of that, but we are busy getting our buildings ready for another busy year in 2020. We like it when everything is just perfect for your visit!

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