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Rochester Hills and Rochester Partner to Expand Historic Preservation

Rochester Hills Museum on Van Hoosen Farm to make local history more accessible for generations to come.

Rochester Hills, MI – The City of Rochester Hills and the City of Rochester recently announced a multi-year renewable partnership to digitally transform Rochester’s archival documents and historical item collection through the Rochester Hills Museum on Van Hoosen Farm.

“This arrangement makes a lot of sense,” states Blaine Wing, City Manager for the City of Rochester. “The Museum has been preserving archival documents for decades and they have a great willingness to share the fascinating story of our community with everyone. Their efforts to work with the City’s Historical Commission, our DDA, and local businesses has helped recognize the significant history in our community.”

For 40 years, the Museum has dedicated itself to collecting, protecting, and sharing the broad history of the region. The Museum’s team also has extensive experience in archival management, preservation, digitization, as well as program and exhibit development.

“This is another great example of our communities working together, this time to enhance historic preservation and storytelling,” states Mayor Bryan K. Barnett. “We welcome the City of Rochester to our museum family and look forward to working together on this exciting project.”

Through this partnership, the City of Rochester will fund one (1) archive intern who will ensure the long-term preservation of the City’s documents and other historical items. These items will be uploaded to the Oakland County Historical Resources Website, making these items more accessible and available to anyone.

Pat McKay, Manager of the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, has collaborated with the City of Rochester on a number of projects and looks forward to strengthening that relationship. “Thanks to the Rochester Historical Commission’s collection efforts there is a treasure trove of historical material that our community will just love. We can hardly wait to share it.”

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is owned and operated by the City of Rochester Hills. It is a 16-acre campus of buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was established in 1979. For more information, visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills is a prosperous community offering residents and businesses superior services. Voted one of the top places to live by several sources including *CNNMoney* magazine, Rochester Hills is committed to sustaining its position among the nation's preeminent places to live, work and raise a family. Through the city's focus on health, education, and technology; the community continues to attract forward-thinking leaders and businesses.

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