

Oakland Township Sentinel

Weekly Report – Sunday, April 18, 2021


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Public Body Meeting Records									
			Links to Township Website for:						
Date	Time	Public Body	Agenda	Packet - 1	Packet - 2	Minutes - D	Minutes - A	Video	Length
4/13/21	5:30 PM	Township Board of Trustees	pdf	pdf	-			na	
4/13/21	7 PM	Township Board of Trustees	pdf	pdf	-			TRUE	1:19
4/14/21	7 PM	Parks and Recreation Commission	pdf	pdf	-			TRUE	2:51
4/20/21	7 PM	Zoning Board of Appeals	pdf	pdf	-				
4/20/21	7 PM	Paint Creek Trailways Commission	Meeting	org)	org)				
4/21/21	7 PM	Historic District Commission	pdf	pdf	-				
4/22/21	6 PM	Safety Paths and Trails							

Sunday April 18 – “The Buzz about Bees” 10 AM – 11:30 AM, \$5-\$7, Ages 6-10, Cranberry lake Park; registration deadline Wednesday April 14. (See page 3 of Spring Newsletter of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation)

Oakland Township Parks and Recreation 2021 Spring Nature Programs Registration at: oaklandtownship.recdesk.com		
<small>The health of our community is our priority. Our team of staff and instructors are trained in safety protocol that follow CDC guidelines and are equipped with Personal Protection Equipment and gear (PPE). <u>All students and instructors must observe social distancing of 6 feet from others and wear a mask.</u></small>		
<i>The Buzz About Bees</i>	6-10 years old	
Sunday, April 18, 2021	10:00 - 11:30am	
Cranberry Lake Park, 388 West Predmore, Oakland, MI 48363		
<p>Without bees we wouldn't have most of the produce that we find in the grocery store, so we believe it's only fitting that we spend some time learning about these fuzzy pollinators of our parks! Join a naturalist beekeeper in their bee suit at Cranberry Lake Park to learn why we're buzzing about this topic! We will dress up as members of a hive and learn their roles, play a pollination game, read a story about a bee from our favorite bee puppet, and see a real honeycomb up close!</p> <p>Maximum 10 active participants. Residents: \$5 Non-residents: \$7 Register by: April 14</p>		

Tuesday, April 20, 7 PM, Meeting -- Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)

Link to complete agenda / packet on township website:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/597526938.pdf>

ZBA21-01 Michael Miller – A 6' front yard variance and to allow the swimming pool in the front yard. 5060 N. Rochester Road.

ZBA21-02 John Pilot – An 8'2" rear yard variance to allow an addition to the rear of the home. 5507 Colyers Drive.

ZBA 21-03 James Cirar – A 9'8" front yard variance to allow an addition to the front of the home. 4855 Cider Hill Drive.

ZBA21-04 Scott Baker – To permit an accessory building in the front yard on a parcel less than 10 acres. 3753 Orion Road.

Tuesday April 20, 7 PM Paint Creek Trailways Commission Meeting

Agenda: [Paint Creek Trailways Commission Meeting](#)

Meeting packet: [April-20-2021-Meeting-Packet.pdf \(paintcreektrail.org\)](#)

[April-20-2021-Additional-Meeting-Materials.pdf \(paintcreektrail.org\)](#) (A letter from a woman knocked to the ground by careless bikers. She suggest signage).

Tuesday, April 20

Last day to register for April 23 Seasonal Adult Hike

Wednesday, April 21 – Weekly Bird Walk, 8:30 AM–

Charles Ilsley Park, 1479 East Predmore, FREE, preregister on website referenced below (See page 7 of spring newsletter of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation)

Oakland Township Parks Natural Areas Stewardship 	
Spring 2021 Natural Areas Stewardship Events	
Please join us for one of our nature events! Updated information and any last minute changes to these events can be found on our Natural Areas Notebook website at oaklandnaturalareas.com .	
Pre-register for all Stewardship events at: https://oaklandtownship.recdesk.com	
All minors must have a waiver signed by a guardian, and minors under 14 must be accompanied by a guardian.	
Weekly Bird Walks Join our friendly birders every Wednesday through May. We want to document the bird species using natural areas in our parks so that we can work to improve their habitat. All walks will start at 8:30 am. Please pre-register at oaklandtownship.recdesk.com . All participants will need to follow social distancing and other safety rules. Bird walks may be cancelled due to COVID-19. 1 st Wednesday of month – Bear Creek Nature Park 2 nd Wednesday of month – Cranberry Lake Park 3 rd Wednesday of month – Charles Ilsley Park 4 th Wednesday of month – Draper Twin Lake Park 5 th Wednesday of March – Lost Lake Nature Park	 Bird watching at Oakland Township Parks

Wednesday April 21, 7 PM

Historic District Commission Meeting

Link to agenda: and meeting packet:

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/597722122.pdf>

Thursday, April 22, 4 PM

EMS Building Ribbon Cutting:

This announcement from Township website home page on 4/16/21

NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS

OAKLAND TOWNSHIP EMS RIBBON CUTTING

On April 22nd from 4-5pm, join the Rochester Regional Chamber of Commerce & Mocerri Companies for a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of the Oakland Township EMS located in the Blossom Springs parking lot. The new building is located at Blossom Springs Assisted Living & Memory Care, 3215 Silverbell Road.

The new facility, ambulance, and equipment will provide greater flexibility for the timely dispatch of life-saving personnel to the southwest quadrant of the Township.

Link to detailed agreements with various Mocerri managed companies in August 25, 2020 Board meeting packet

<https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/560000569.pdf>

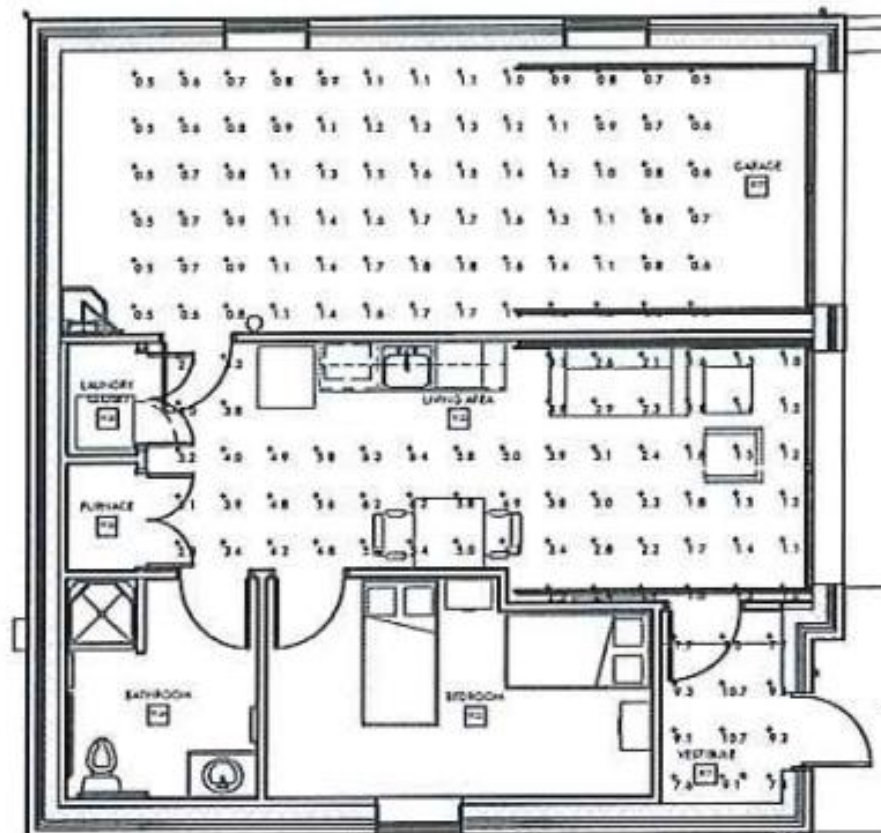
- “Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Consent Agreement” (pages 35- 40)
- “Lease Agreement” (\$5.00 for 99 years) (pages 41-50)
- “Construction Management Contract” (for Interior build-out, \$145,000) (pages 51-74|)

See also lawsuit Consent Agreement sections 19 and 22 (part of above) here:

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinel.org/reference-material-a-o/blossom-ridge/>



New EMS Facility (Photo by Sentinel)



Interior floor plan, 35 x 35, Co-ed sleeping quarters (Enlarged from engineering drawing on page 74 of August 25, 2020 Board meeting packet <https://www.ecode360.com/documents/OA3183/public/560000569.pdf>)

Thursday April 22, 6 PM
Safety Paths and Trails Committee Meeting
(No agenda available yet)

Friday April 23, 8-9:30 PM
Seasonal Adult Hike “The Pink Moon”, Cranberry Lake Park, \$5-\$7,

Seasonal Adult Hike: The Pink Moon **Adults 18+**
Friday, April 23, 2021 8:00 - 9:30pm
Cranberry Lake Park, 388 West Predmore, Oakland, MI 48363

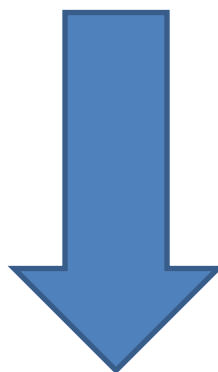


Did you know that every full moon of the calendar year has a name associated with it? April's full moon is known as the "Pink Moon" as it heralds in the arrival of early spring flowers like phlox! With spring right on the cusp of arriving we think that we should celebrate the end of winter with a beautiful astronomy themed hike through Cranberry Lake Park! Along with our interpretive nature walk we will be taking numerous breaks in the meadows to turn our attention skyward to try and spot some easy to see constellations and talk about their history and mythology. We will show our favorite astronomy apps for use on the trail and will teach you how to tell the difference between stars, planets and satellites, and will provide star charts to take home to continue your universal observations through the summer! Participants are asked to bring their own flashlights or headlamps.

Maximum 10 participants.

Residents: \$5 Non-residents: \$7

Register by: April 20



Saturday April 24

Archery, Open Range Shoot, Marshview Park,

(Below clipped from p. 4 of Spring Newsletter of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation)

Open Range Shoot Ages 8 - Adult FREE (pre-registration required)

Saturdays, April 24 - November 6, 2021 *(no sessions May 22, May 29, July 3, and September 4)*

Choose a session: 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm



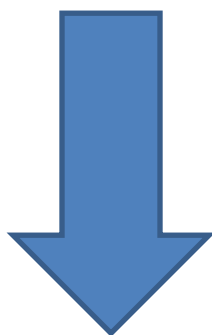
Practice your archery skills. Children between 8 and 17 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Range supervised by certified USA Archery Instructors. Not sure how to shoot? Range Masters can assist you with our **1st Shot Demo Program** - 5 minute teaching time/demo during Open Range Shoot Session Times. **Free Loan Program eligible** – bows, arrows targets provided or bring your own. Equipment will be sanitized between users and sessions. Social distancing will be practiced. All registrants must wear masks. Maximum of 10 participants per session

April 24, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

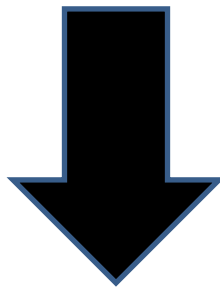
No-Haz, Oxford Middle School, \$10

(Get rid of household hazardous waste)

Webpage: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nohaz-april-collection-event-tickets-140877565591>



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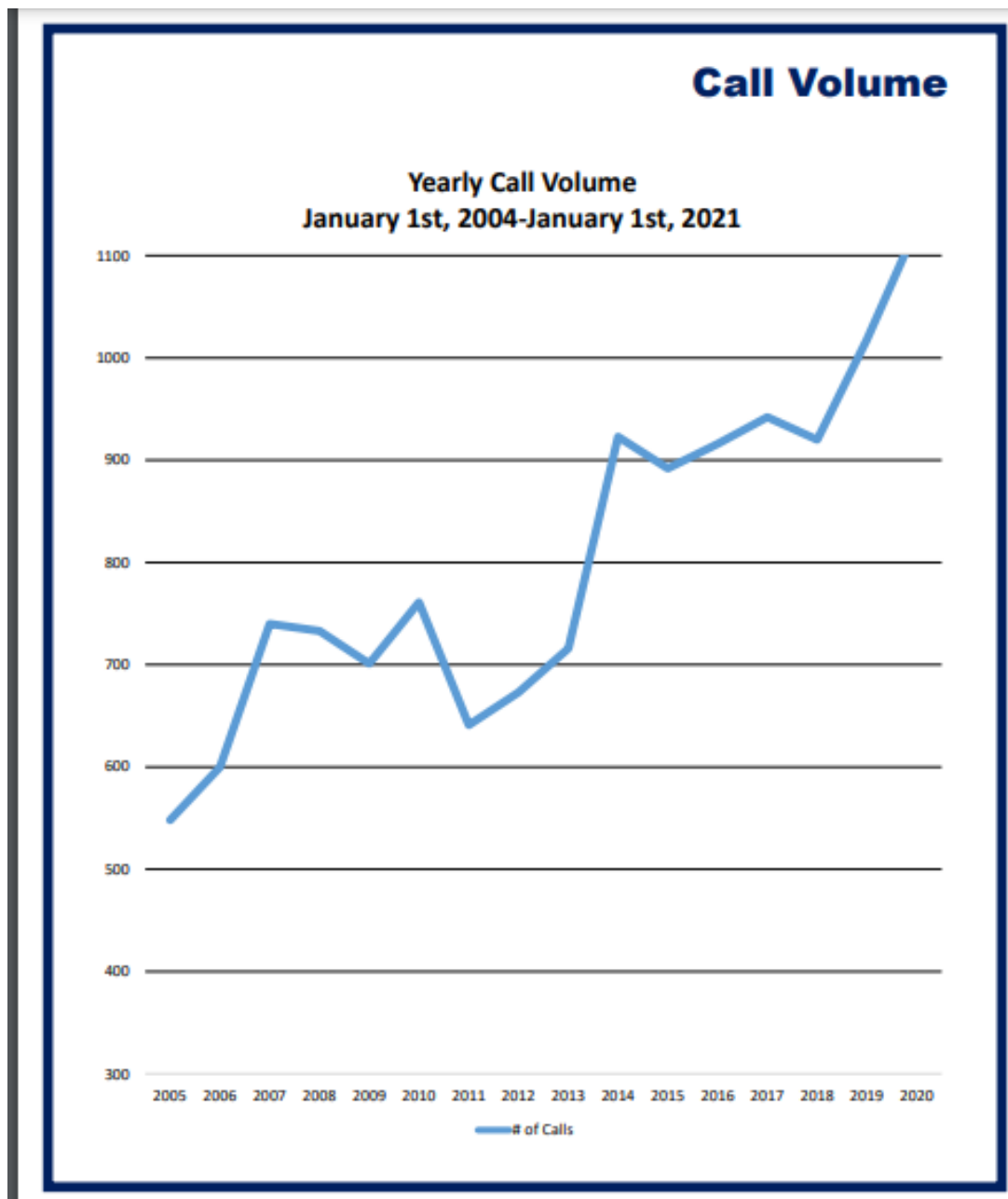


2020 Fire Department Annual Report Available Excerpts Below

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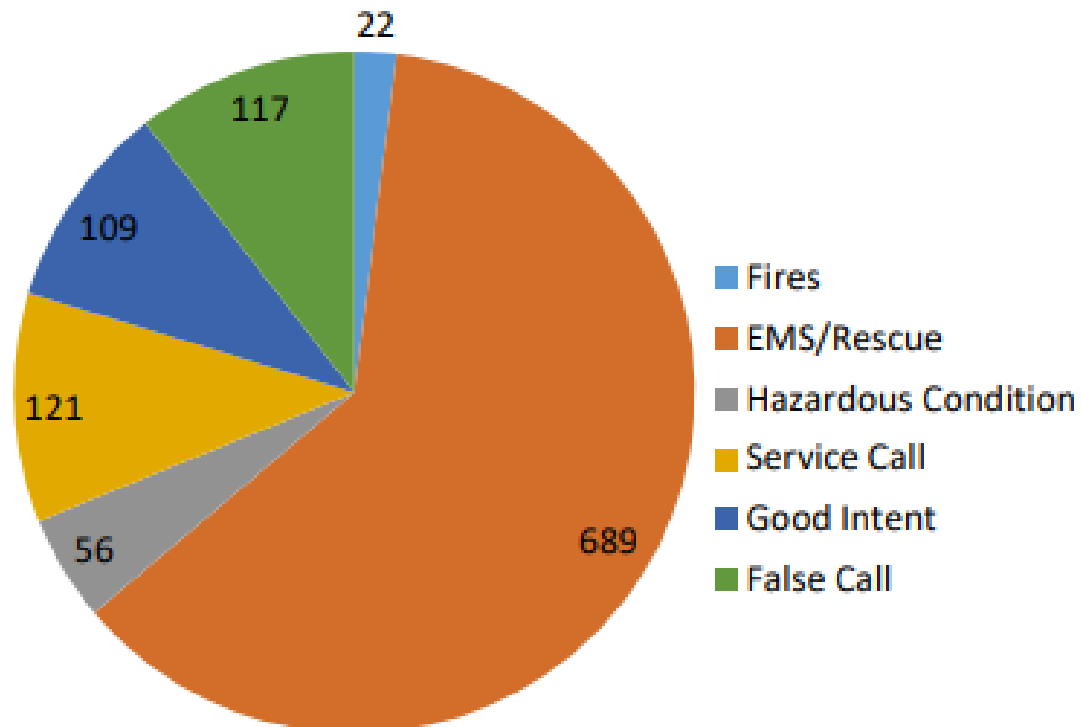
http://www.oaklandtownship.org/township_departments/fire_department/docs/Fire%202020%20Annual%20Report.pdf

Some highlights in four charts from the report follow.



Types of Calls

Types of Calls 1/1/20- 12/31/20



Notes:

Hazardous Conditions: natural gas leaks, fuel spills, severe weather standby and other similar conditions.

Service Call: non-emergency calls such as police assists, carbon monoxide investigations, and burning complaints.

Good Intent: non-emergency calls such as lift assists, tree removal and animal rescues.

False Call: calls that were dispatched and cancelled en route (medical or fire alarms found to be false).

Percentage Runs by Section Number – Oakland Township FD (01 Jan 2020-31 Dec 2020) Includes: All Calls Within Oakland Township Excludes: All Mutual Aid Requests n = 1112. *(Editor's note: This is a new chart and a welcome addition to the annual report)*



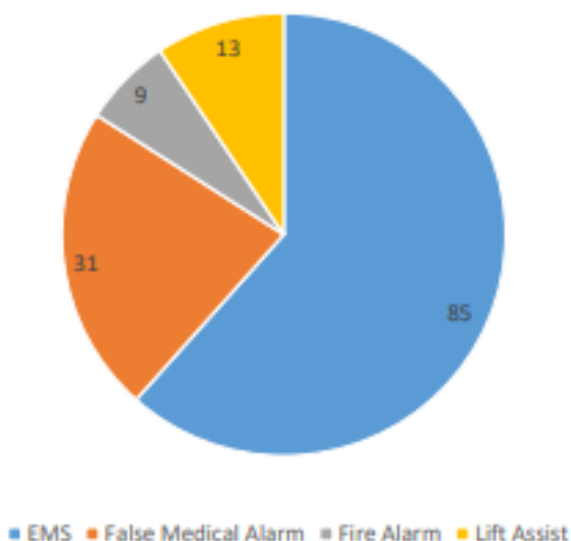
(Editor's note: Below is also welcome new information in the 2020 report)

Other Statistics

Blossom Ridge senior living/assisted living center has had a profound impact on OTFD and response. It has greatly increased incident numbers, and the percentage of runs in the SW corner of the township.


- OTFD responded to 138 calls for service within the Blossom Ridge complex.
 - More than accounts for the increase of calls from 2019 to 2020 – (1032 calls/1128 calls).
- This represented 12.52% of OTFD's entire call volume for 2020.
- Breakdown of types of incidents as seen below:

Incident Types Breakdown



Parks, Recreation & Land Preservation

Program Registration Information: (See page 14 of Spring Newsletter of Oakland Township Parks and Recreation)

	Oakland Township Parks and Recreation 2020-2021 Registration Information
<p>Oakland Township resident registration starts NOW! <i>(This is for residents living within the Oakland Township boundary.)</i> Non-Resident registration begins one week prior to the program registration deadline date. <i>Programs fill-up quickly so please register early!</i> Registration Options:</p>	
<p>1. <u>ONLINE:</u> We encourage everyone to use our new online program registration system at: https://oaklandtownship.recdesk.com Now you can register for an Oakland Township program at any time, from anywhere you have an internet connection, using a credit card (MasterCard, Visa, or Discover). If you have questions feel free to call 248-651-7810 and we will be happy to walk you through the system.</p>	
<p>2. <u>BY MAIL:</u> For a printable registration and waiver forms visit www.oaklandtownship.org. Send the completed forms by USPS mail to: Oakland Township Parks and Recreation, 4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, MI 48306. Or drop off your registration and waiver forms in the after hours DROP-BOX at Oakland Township Hall, 4393 Collins Rd., Rochester, 48306. Make checks payable to Oakland Township Parks and Recreation.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Mail at least two weeks before program date!</p>	
<p>3. <u>IN PERSON:</u> Visit us at our office location by appointment only and register in person, M-F, 9am-3pm. Call 248-651-7810 for an appointment, M-F, 9am-3pm. You can pay by credit card (MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover accepted with \$2.95 fee) or by cash or check. Paint Creek Cider Mill Building (2nd Floor) 4480 Orion Road, Rochester, MI 48306</p>	
<p>Registration and waiver forms must be signed by each registrant or (the parents/guardians of minor) to participate in our programs. Find liability waivers at www.oaklandtownship.org > Township Departments > Parks and Recreation > Programs > scroll to the registration form and waiver that you need in center of page.</p>	

Link to Spring Newsletter:

http://www.oaklandtownship.org/boards_and_commissions/parks_and_recreation/docs/PRCSpring21Newsletter.pdf

Cam Mannino's Natural Areas Notebook – Water Birds

[If You Restore It, They Will Come: Water Birds Discover Our Newly Restored Wetlands | Natural Areas Notebook \(oaklandnaturalareas.com\)](#)

Jobs Available

Director Mindy Milos-Dale says she is still seeking more applicants for these two jobs:

Parks and Recreation Help Wanted!

Parks and Recreation Clerical Assistant

Are you a "people person"? Savvy with technology? We're hiring at Parks and Recreation! This permanent part-time hourly position is the first-line representative of the Parks and Recreation Department. Typical duties include receiving both in-person and virtual inquiries, coordinating program registrations and permits, cash receipting, preparing and maintaining office supply orders, deliveries and shipments, records and databases, reports, and correspondence.

Parks and Recreation Worker

We're adding to our team! If you are a "people person" who likes to help people have fun, this is for you! This permanent part-time hourly position's duties are to perform program implementation assistance and facility operations support for facilities, grounds and programs. Some programs and services occur outside the typical workweek so you must be willing and able to work evenings, weekends as well as periodic weekdays during normal business hours.

Complete job descriptions and postings are available at www.oaklandtownship.org under Employment Opportunities. The Charter Township of Oakland is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

For previous reports and our “Encyclopedia of Oakland Township” visit our website at

<https://oaklandtownshipsentinel.org/>

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- **Comments on what you find most useful to you**
- **Suggestions for improving Oakland Township Sentinel reports or website**
- **Suggestions for added topics to cover**

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