

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

March-April-May 2017

Hatchery House/Log Cabin

Open for the season

March 1st

10:30-2:00

Weather Permitting

March 1

Newsletter Mailing

March 8

Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00

March 15

Board Meeting 1:00

March 25

**Fashion Show 11:00 a.m.
Silver Lake Golf Club
(See Article on Page 2)**

April 5

Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00

April 19

Board Meeting 1:00

May 3

Historic Village Opens
Log Cabin Days Mtg 1:00

May 17

Board Meeting 2:15

May 18

**Annual Membership
Meeting and Election
7:00 p.m.
(See Article on Page 2)**

President's Notes

"If it thunders on All Fool's Day, it brings good crops of corn and hay."

Thank you Farmer's Almanac for that saying. We can wait and see what comes, but I am hoping for nice weather in any form.

The Hatchery House is back open starting the first Wednesday in March for our regular Wednesday hours, 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Please remember, even as we go into better weather, if the Waterford School District is closed, we are closed. Safety first in our parking lot.

Our Village opens on May 4. We can always use some spare hands to help us shake out the cobwebs, so to speak. Stop by in April if you have some spare time and the notion. Many hands make light work, of course.

We are gearing up for the Fashion Show on March 25. This is a lovely event and fundraiser so please think about attending with friends and neighbors. Call Betty Seymour for tickets 248-666-4265.

Log Cabin Days will be here before you know it. The days are June 24 & 25. This event is our gift to the community. I say a gift because this is an inexpensive, family friendly event for people of all ages to enjoy. So, write it on your calendars and plan to jump in.

Hope to see you soon,

Sally Strait



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Waterford Historical Society Board
& Waterford Parks & Recreation Board

Reminder...

**Annual Memberships
expired on
December 15, 2016.**

Renew now to keep your membership and newsletter subscription current. **Please let us know if your address changes.**



Help Requests: Log Cabin Days 2017 Sat & Sun June 24th & 25th



We are already planning for Log Cabin Days 2017! Help from members would really be appreciated. Here are some things that can be done to help make Log Cabin Days a success:

- **Help sort/price** White Elephant and Boutique items any Wednesday starting in April.
- **Help clean a building** Wed. June 7, 14, or 21.
- **Help set up tents** or the White Elephant Sale Fri. June 23rd.
- **Sign up to work a Log Cabin Days shift.**
- **Attend Log Cabin Days.**
- **Tell friends/family/neighbors** about Log Cabin Days or attend with them.
- **Help take tents down** Sun. June 25th at 4pm.
- **Consider giving a monetary donation** to help with Log Cabin Days expenses. The shuttle bus alone is a big cost.

WANTED for Log Cabin Days

1. **White Elephant or Boutique items** to sell. Bring it any Wednesday from March to June 7th. Boutique items are a bit more 'upper scale' than White Elephant items.
2. **Cookies baked** for our popular cookie sale. Bake and put four cookies in a baggie. Bring them on Saturday, June 24th or Sunday, June 25th.

The cookies always sell!!!

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Membership Meeting & Election May 18th

Mark your calendars for the Waterford Historical Society **Annual Membership Meeting and Election on Thursday, May 18th at 7 p.m.**

This meeting is only held once a year. Learn about the year's progress and other WHS information. Vote on board members up for election.

Hope to have many members in attendance! Dessert and beverages will be served.



Celebrate Spring at the Fashion Show Fundraiser for the Waterford Historical Society

Saturday, March 25th - 11:00 a.m.

Silver Lake Golf Club

2602 Walton Blvd Waterford MI 48329

(for directions go to silverlakegc.com or call 248-673-1611)

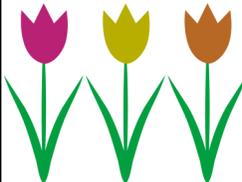
Fashions by: The Clothing Cove

Tickets are \$30.00 per person

(Lunch is included in the price)

Come join us for the 16th Annual Spring Preview Style Show and Luncheon. The latest fashions will be presented by the Clothing Cove of Milford.

Enjoy a lovely lunch, a fashion show with the latest styles and great company all while raising money for the Waterford Historical Society. Tell a friend or neighbor!



**For tickets:
Call Betty Seymour
at 248-666-4265**

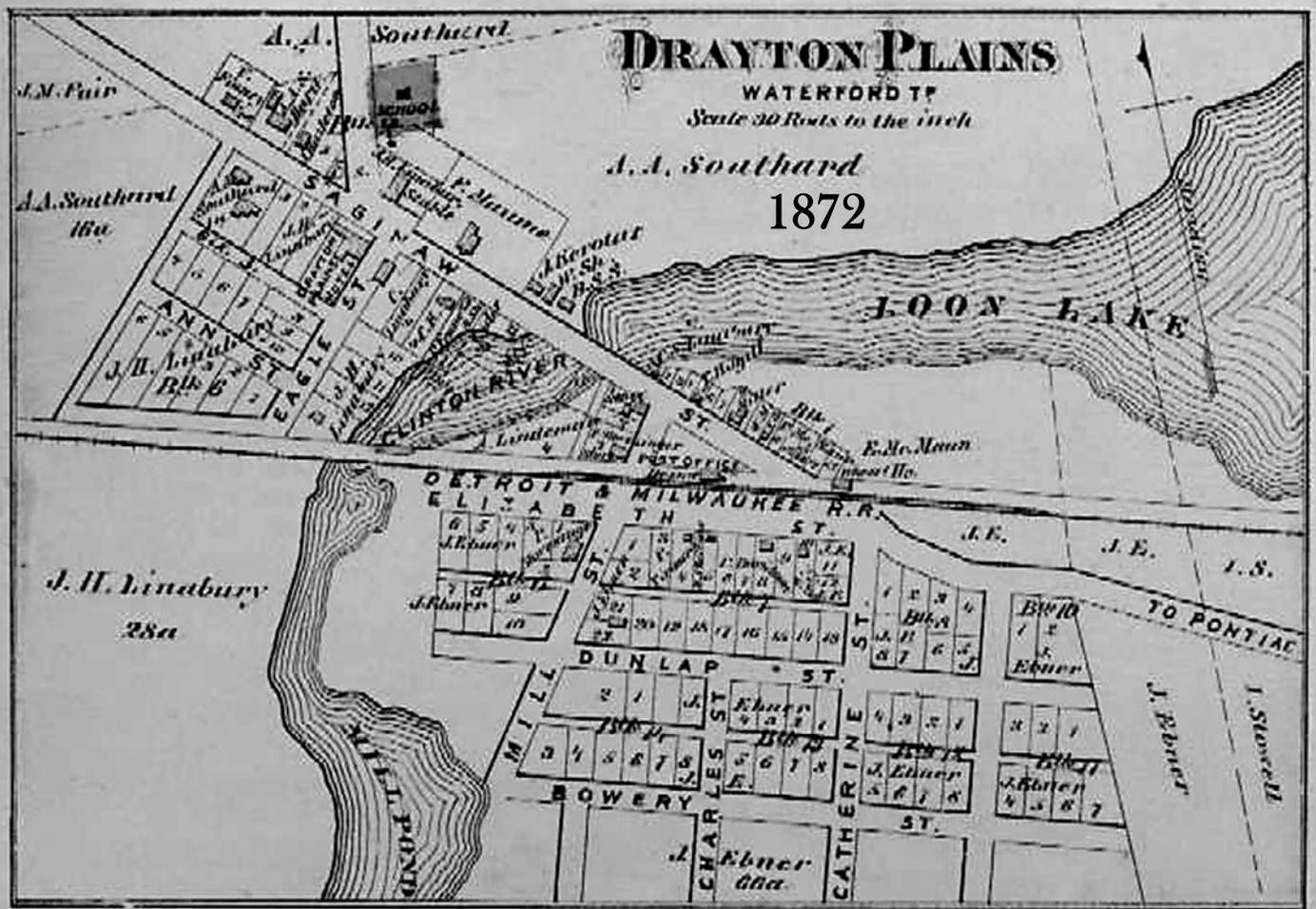


"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want - oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!"

~ Mark Twain



?? Where is Drayton Plains? ??



Drayton Plains was an unincorporated community in Oakland County. It was located on U.S. Highway 24 (Dixie Highway) around the west end of Loon Lake near Sashabaw Road. In 1872 Dixie Highway was called Saginaw Street. Mill Street became Hatchery Road.

In 1822 Jonathan Perry, Harvey and Austin Durfee settled at what became called Drayton Plains. At some point in that era Daniel Windiate built a grist mill. Mr. Windiate had been a miller in England, and his mill there was called the "Drayton Mill". When he built the new mill he named it for the mill from home, and from the surrounding plain itself. A dam and a gristmill were built in 1837. The Drayton Plains Hotel opened on Dixie Highway across from Sashabaw Road February 2, 1839. Mr. Whitfield and one or two others built a small cluster of houses, but no village lots were laid out until 1860 when the ground was platted.

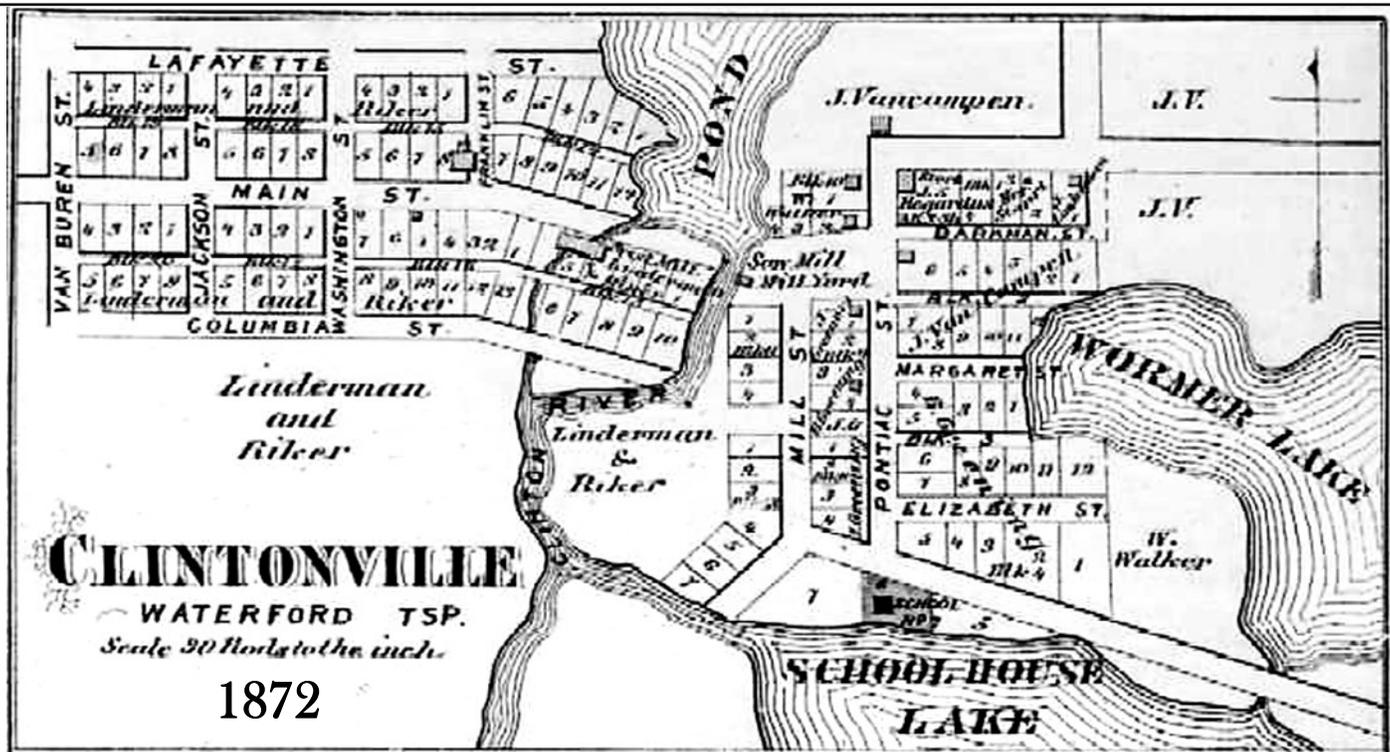
A Fish Hatchery was in operation in Drayton Plains from 1901 to 1974. The Conservation Department shipped live fish raised at the Fish Hatchery by train to points throughout the state of Michigan. The Drayton Plains Nature Center is located where the Hatchery was. Several of the fish ponds can still be seen there.

In 1942 the Drayton Men's Club developed Drayton Ball Park, now called Shell Park.

Drayton Plains was informally referred to as a village and maintained its own identity and post office until the early 1990s when the post office was closed and functions transferred to the Waterford Post Office. Drayton Plains was never incorporated as a municipality and its identity has been largely subsumed within that of Waterford Charter Township.

Sources: *History of Oakland County, Michigan* by Samuel W. Durant, 1877; *Waterford Township Historical Timeline*, William Aebersold & Sally Strait of Waterford Historical Society; *Waterford Historical Society Village Walking Tour*; [Wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org)

?? Where is Clintonville? ??



Clintonville was an unincorporated community in Oakland County. It was located along the Clinton River on what is now Walton Boulevard between Clintonville Road and Sashabaw Road. Notice the road ended at the Clinton River on the map above. There was no bridge over the river at that time. The village was built on the shores of Wormer Lake and Schoolhouse Lake. Clintonville was never incorporated as a municipality.

Samuel Munson built a grist mill and saw mill in 1830 at Clintonville, just north of where the Clinton River meets Walton Boulevard. In the fall of 1835, Israel Osmun came to the place and in the spring of 1836 his brother, John Osmun, followed him. John Osmun, Sr. bought the mill property for his sons in the fall of 1835. They owned it until 1844 when they sold to Dr. George H. Williams who built a new mill.

Mr. Munson's house, the first one in the place, was a diminutive log structure. In 1833-34 he erected a small frame dwelling. The second house was built by General James Ten Eyck, a veteran of the war in 1812.

The first store was kept by Issac Osmun about 1840-42. The next was James Gow, a son-in-law of Dr. Williams. Gow and William Stiff operated the mill for several years. The first blacksmith shop was opened by Frederick Barkman as early as 1838-39. Edward Millholland started the first shoe shop. William Drewatt was proprietor of the first wagon shop. In 1838 a cabinet shop was established by Dodge & Sheldon. James Swartz built a hotel in 1838-39 and carried it on a number of years. It was no longer there in 1877. Several people either sold their business and/or left town.

Several years before the village was regularly laid out, the ground was divided into small lots and built on. The place had a small population and but little business from the mills. In 1847 the site was surveyed and platted. Clintonville land tract owners in 1872 include: John Linderman, Marcus Riker, W. Walker, John Van Campen, J. Bogardus, Mrs. Stuart, B. Greening, and J. Greening.

Clintonville had a post office from 1898 until 1902. Clintonville School No. 7 was the first in Clintonville. It was built on the banks of Schoolhouse Lake on what today is 3101 Walton Blvd. near Clintonville Road. The building still stands today. There is still a little bit of a street named Main Street under the water tower on Walton Boulevard near Clintonville Road. Whether it is a remnant of the Village of Clintonville is not certain. However, the township's GIS Interactive map's viewer shows the words Clintonville and Main Street almost on top of each other on the map near Lakeshore Drive on Walton Blvd.

Sources: *History of Oakland County, Michigan* by Samuel W. Durant, 1877; *Waterford Township Historical Timeline*, by William Aebersold & Sally Strait of Waterford Historical Society; waterfordmi.gov, click on 'online maps' then 'interactive mapping site'; Wikipedia.org;



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7. Click on EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS info and enter your Kroger card number.
8. Enter Waterford Historical Society NPO #: 82795
9. You will now see WHS name under your info.
10. REMEMBER to use your card for all purchases and WHS will get a check every quarter!

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Waterford Historical Society

WHS opens to the public the first Wednesday in March weather permitting. We will be open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

We are located in Fish Hatchery Park at:
4490 Hatchery Rd
Waterford, MI 48329

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 300491
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Contact us at:
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
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Village Schedule

The Hatchery House, Research Library, Office and Log Cabin are open to the public starting the first Wednesday in March weather permitting. **If Waterford Schools are closed, we are closed.**

The Village re-opens the first Wednesday in May.



Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **New Horizons Concert Band Concert:**
Sunday, March 12, 3 pm, Mott Performing Arts Center
www.waterfordpac.com (248-673-4205)
- ◆ **WHS 16th Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser :**
Sat. March 26 -11 am at Silver Lake Golf Club - Call: 248-666-4265
- ◆ **Sheep Shearing & Pancake Breakfast :**
Saturday, April 30th - 9 to 11 am, Hess-Hathaway Park
waterfordmi.gov/parksandrec
- ◆ **New Horizons Concert Band Concert:**
Sunday, May 21- 3 pm - Mott Performing Arts Center
www.waterfordpac.com (248-673-4205)
- ◆ **Kettering Orchestra Concert**
Wednesday, May 24th - 7 pm - Kettering Performing Arts Center
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