

Waterford Historical Society Newsbill

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Calendar

Sept-Oct-Nov 2018

WHS is Open
Wednesdays from 10:30-2:00

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Fall & Winter Schedule

Sept 5
Newsletter Mailing

Sept 16
**Last Summer Sunday
of the Year**
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Sept 19
Board Meeting 2:15

Sept 26
Last Day Village is Open

Oct 10
Board Meeting 1:00

Oct 19 - 20
Christmas in October
10 am - 4 pm

Nov 14
Board Meeting 1:00

Nov 21
WHS Closed Today

Nov 28
Newsletter Mailing

Dec 1
Christmas Sale 10-4

Dec 6
Holiday Luncheon

March 30, 2019
Fashion Show
(Mark your calendar!)

President's Notes

Our summer has been a hot and busy one. Another successful Log Cabin Day has come and gone for the year. Thank you to all the tireless volunteers who make this event happen. We had many first time visitors who were surprised and impressed with what we have accomplished. Many years and many hands have done the job. Thank you, thank you.

The activity has continued as groups and regular visitors have kept us hopping in the Village. We LOVE to see people enjoying the history. That is why we are here.

Our last Summer Sunday in the Village is September 16. We will be open from 1-4 on that day with no hoopla, just history! People can enjoy the Village at a leisurely pace on a Sunday afternoon.

And, of course, as we turn the calendar to fall, we come upon Christmas in October (and college football, but that's my own happiness). Our somewhat famous event takes place on Friday and Saturday, October 19 & 20, from 10-4 both days. It is a great chance for you to get a jump on your Christmas shopping and help us keep the lights on, as they say. I hope to see you soon.

Sally Strait



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Last Summer Sunday

September 16 (1:00 pm-4:00 pm)

Pack a lunch and enjoy the Waterford Historic Village & the grounds of Fish Hatchery Park.

4490 Hatchery Road
Waterford MI 48329



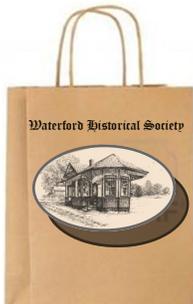
Membership Reminder...

Annual Membership dues expire December 15, 2018. Time to think about renewing! The application form is on page 5.

Memberships purchased now will be good until December 15, 2019.



Time to Start Shopping !!!



We are gearing up for our **Christmas in October Sale on Friday, October 19 & Saturday, October 20, from 10 am - 4 pm.** The sale is located in the General Store and the Log Cabin. This sale is a fundraiser. All proceeds go to the Waterford Historical Society.

Shoppers will find:

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| -local handmade items | -gift baskets |
| -unique holiday items | -gift mugs |
| -holiday decorations | -pet items |
| -jams, honey, soups | -aprons |
| -Waterford sweatshirts & T-shirts | -a variety of sachets |
| -historic children's toys | -children's items |
| -homemade cookies | -stocking stuffers |
| -Michigan items | -WHS afghan |
| -handmade greeting cards | |

Don't forget the Christmas Sale on Saturday, December 1st from 10 am - 4 pm. This will also take place in Jacober's General Store and the Log Cabin.

Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors! It is a great place to start your holiday shopping and find unique items.

Both Stores will be open from 10:30am to 2pm for shopping on Wednesdays Oct. 24 to Nov. 28

Help Waterford Goodfellows



The Waterford Historical Society will once again be donating items for the Waterford Goodfellows Holiday Food Basket Program. Holiday baskets contain the fixings for a holiday dinner, canned goods, candy and a toy for each child ages birth through 12 years old.

The Historical Society will be collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, mittens, coloring books, crayons, new children's books, and games & toys for all age groups. Everything we receive will be delivered to the Waterford Goodfellows.

In times of emergencies the Goodfellows also provide other assistance to Waterford residents, so monetary donations are also welcome.

Items may be dropped off at the Hatchery House on Wednesdays before December 5th or at Christ Lutheran Church Dec. 6th at our holiday luncheon.

Pot Luck Holiday Luncheon

The Waterford Historical Society would like to thank all our members by inviting them to a **Holiday Pot Luck Luncheon on Thursday, December 6th at noon.** This takes place at Christ Lutheran Church, 5987 Williams Lake Road.



Mark your calendars now. This is one of the times members can all get together and just enjoy each other's company. **Waterford Historical Society members are welcome to bring a friend.**

The WHS provides the meat, beverages and place settings. **Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass.** People attending the luncheon in the past have loved the variety of dishes provided by our members and look forward to the special dishes that are shared.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our holiday gathering!

WANTED Crafts and Cookies

- ◆ WHS Crafters are wanting finished craft items for the 2018 Christmas in October Sale and December Christmas Sale. 1,2,3 items with a suggested price for the items would be great. If you are really craft consumed, 12 items or less are best. Our thanks to all of you for your support!

Sincerely, Waterford Historical Society Crafters

P.S. Are you downsizing Christmas items? New or vintage holiday decorations are wanted.

- ◆ Many customers are looking for stocking stuffers, gifts for care-givers, teachers, secretaries, & hairdressers.
- ◆ Wrapped candies are still needed for our gift mugs.



- ◆ **ITEMS DONATED MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3rd.**

- ◆ Also needed are cookies baked for our popular Cookie Sale. These cookies are big sellers!!!

Bake and put four cookies in a baggie.



BRING COOKIES TO THE LOG CABIN ON FRIDAY, OCT. 19th OR SATURDAY, OCT. 20th.

Thank you to all the Crafts & Cookie Helpers!!!



Young's Beach - Elizabeth Lake

Vacations in Waterford



Lotus Lake 1920's

Detroit was a bustling town where people lived and worked. In the summer a lot of people came north to Waterford, Michigan for their summer vacations. There were several reasons why they may have wanted to go there.

- Waterford is almost 400 feet higher than Detroit. Nearly all of the hills and lakes in Oakland County were formed during the retreat of the last continental glacier, approximately 14,000 years ago. During the retreat of the ice, an ice-free area formed between the Saginaw Lobe and the Huron-Erie Lobe which tracks through Commerce, Waterford, and Oxford. Waterford Township has a continental climate. It made the township cooler than towns south of there. (Air Conditioners were not able to be used in homes until 1947.)

DRAYTON PLAINS

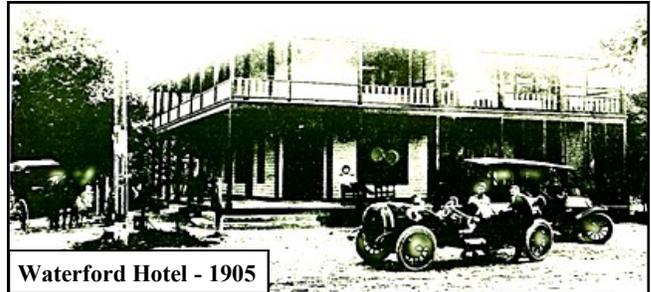
- In 1851 the Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway came through Waterford Township and three train depots were built in Waterford. These were the Drayton Plains depot (at Hatchery Road), the Waterford depot (at Airport Rd.), and the Windiate depot (at Windiate Rd.). The **WATERFORD** railroad helped make the many lakes easily accessible to summer vacationers from the big cities and served to make Waterford a summer resort area. In 1882, Grand Trunk Western Railroad purchased the railway.

WINDIATE

- Waterford had 34 lakes and several places to stay.
- The Windiate Park Hotel was a summer resort for vacationers. The resort was easily accessed by four trains a day during the summer months from the 1890s to the 1940s and was located on Lotus Lake, near the Windiate depot. The resort featured boating, fishing, sailing, sunbathing, tennis and a dance hall.



Cottage at Windiate Park



Waterford Hotel - 1905

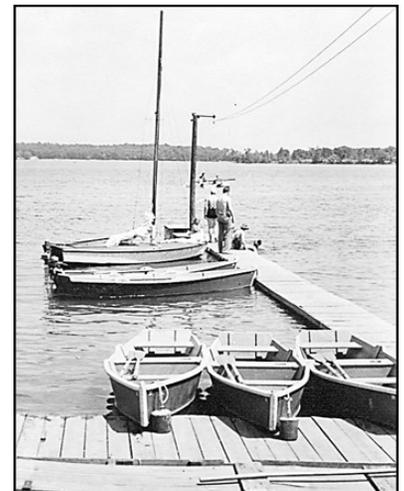
- The Waterford Hotel was also a popular resort in the village of Waterford. The hotel also served as a stagecoach for over 60 years.



Drayton Plains Hotel - circi 1890's

- There was a Drayton Plains Hotel next to the depot and across from Loon Lake.
- Younds Beach at Elizabeth Lake Road included a picnic lawn, swimming, fishing, boating and bathing.

Youngs Elizabeth Lake





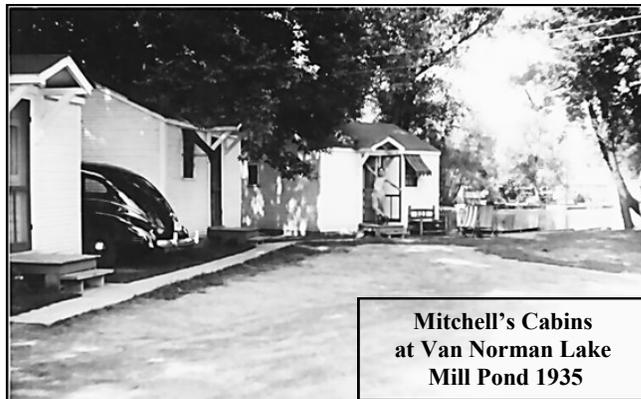
Claude Young Elizabeth Lake



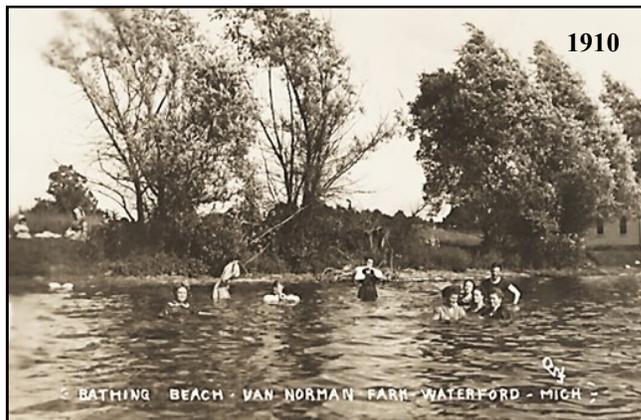
Beach at Elizabeth Lake Road



Lotus Lake



Mitchell's Cabins at Van Norman Lake Mill Pond 1935



1910

BATHING BEACH - VAN NORMAN FARM - WATERFORD - MICH -

- There was a Bathing Beach at Van Norman Lake Park. There were also Mitchell's Cabins at Van Norman Lake.

As roads were improved, people began driving to their summer resort area and the passenger depots were closed in the late 1950s.

People began to buy their own cabins to use in the summer in Waterford. Many people liked Waterford so much they fixed them up so they could live in them year round. Later subdivisions started up. People still seem to love living near the Waterford lakes!

Waterford Twp. Lakes:

Baldwin Lake	Lake Angelus (p)	Morgan Lake	Upper Silver Lake (p)
Cass Lake (p)	Lake Oakland (m)	Otter Lake	Van Norman Lake (p)
Clam Lake	Lake Goodrich	Pleasant Lake	Watkins Lake
Crescent Lake	Leggets Lake	Pontiac Lake (p)	White Horse Lake
Eagle Lake	Lester Lake (m)	Rainbow Lake	Williams Lake
Elizabeth Lake	Loon Lake	Schoolhouse Lake	Woodhull Lake (m)
Fiddle Lake	Lotus Lake (m)	Scott Lake	Wormer Lake
Geneva Lake	Maceday Lake	Silver Lake	(p) part (m) most
Huntoon Lake	Mohawk Lake	Sylvan Lake	

Sources: Waterford Historical Society archives ; Surficial Geology (Surficial Geology Oakland County MI) ; Waterford Township, Michigan (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waterford_Township,_Michigan) ; History of Air Conditioning (www.energy.gov/articles/history-air-conditioning)

Help Us By Shopping



We appreciate everyone who participates in the Kroger Community Rewards program.

Members already using the number (82795) my keep using it on their Kroger card.



New members can enroll by searching the number (VE688) or our name (WATERFORD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY). Please use your card every time you shop.

Kroger donates a percentage of your purchases to the Waterford Historical Society.

Thanks for your help!

Thank you also to Kroger for their generosity!

Save the Date! Fashion Show Fundraiser for WHS Saturday, March 30, 2019

March 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower. *Albert Camus*



Celebrate Spring

at the Fashion Show
(Call 248-666-4265 for info)



Become a Member of the Waterford Historical Society

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Waterford Historical Society may clip and fill out the form below. Bring it in on a Wednesday or mail it to :



Waterford Historical Society
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford MI 48330-0491

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Please write 'Newsletter' on the memo line.
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Waterford Township Historical Society Membership Application - New Address? Check Here:

Date _____		Phone _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	Individual
Name _____			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25.00	Family
Address _____			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Patron
City, State, Zip _____		Mail payment to: Waterford Historical Society	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50.00	Organizations/Businesses
Make Check Payable To: Waterford Township Historical Society		P.O. Box 300491 Waterford, MI 48330-0491	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$150.00	Lifetime per family
			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100.00	Lifetime per person
			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$125.00	Lifetime per couple
			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250.00	Lifetime Org./Businesses
			<input type="checkbox"/>	\$500.00	Lifetime Patron

Waterford Historical Society

We are open every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (see below)

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

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 300491
Waterford, MI 48330-0491

Contact us at:
Sally Strait 248-683-2697

www.waterfordhistoricalsociety.org
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WHS Schedule

The final day for the Village is the last Wednesday in September. It re-opens the first Wednesday in May.

The Hatchery House, Log Cabin, Research Library & Office stay open on Wednesdays thru Dec. 5, 2018. Then they close to the public & reopen the first Wed. in April, weather permitting.



Upcoming Local Events:

- ◆ **Kelley-Fisk Farm 33rd Annual Festival**
Saturday/Sunday September 8th & 9th - 11 am to 5 pm
(9180 Highland Road, White Lake, MI 48383)
- ◆ **Harvest Happening:** Sunday, Oct. 7th
12-5 at Hess-Hathaway Park (248) 674-5441
- ◆ **Funtober at the Farm:** Saturday, October 13th 12-5 pm
at Hess-Hathaway Park (248) 674-5441
- ◆ **Apple Pie Making Fundraiser:** Oct. 15-19 Order Early!!!
Order Forms at the Recreation Center (C.A.I.)
- ◆ **Christmas in October Sale:** Fri/Sat, Oct. 19-20
10 am - 4 pm at Fish Hatchery Park
(Waterford Historical Society)
- ◆ **Tree Lighting & Santa Celebration:**
Tues, Nov 27th - 6-8 pm @Town Hall (248) 674-5441
- ◆ **Christmas Sale:** Sat, Dec 1st -10 am to 4 pm
Fish Hatchery Park (Waterford Historical Society)
- ◆ **Kelley-Fisk Farm - Christmas Open House:**
Sunday, December 2nd - Noon to 4:00
- ◆ **Historical Society Fashion Show :** Saturday, March 30, 2019
Save this date! Put it on the calendar now!

Our Mission Statement:
Collecting, protecting and preserving the history of
Waterford Township for the interest and education
of present and future generations.

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