



# HARTLAND

Winter 2019

## PROMOTE YOUR EVENT!

Did you know you can add your own events to the Hartland Living Community Calendar? Visit [www.HartlandLiving.com/calendar/](http://www.HartlandLiving.com/calendar/) for submission guidelines.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POLAR EXPRESS DAY

Local families can celebrate the 7th Annual Hartland Polar Express day with hot chocolate, face-painting, and a visit from Santa! The day will feature a myriad of FREE family activities in and around Hartland's historic village, and will take place Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## PEN-PALS WITH SANTA!

Want to write your favorite jolly old elf a letter—and get a response? Through Dec. 19, you can mail your letter to Santa at the Hartland Township Hall. He's left a mailbox from the North Pole at our front desk! Make sure to include your return address, though, so he and his elves can write you back.

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Township Hall is closed the whole week of 12/23. We are back open 12/30 & 31; the Hall will close at 4 p.m. on Dec. 31 and will remain closed on Wednesday, Jan. 1.



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Twitter: @HartlandMI  
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## BUSINESS FRIENDLY, BUSINESS READY

Hartland Township's board and planning commission is always striving to partner with our current and potential business community, paving the way for strategic, thoughtful growth. One of the ways we've done this is by arming our business leaders with solid data and research. In 2018, Hartland Township commissioned a world-renowned consultant, Gibbs Planning Group, to conduct a Retail Market Analysis.



From left, Planning Commission Chairman Larry Fox, Township Supervisor Bill Fountain, and Township Board Member Glenn Harper accept the 2019 eCities Honored Community Award at UM-Dearborn.

## Thoughtful Planning

Through this study we learned that Hartland Township can presently support about 117,000 additional square feet of certain retail and restaurant development, potentially generating over \$35 million in new sales. At the heart of it, the intent of this work is meant as a tool to our existing business community and potential entrepreneurs—we want them to be able to use this data to better understand their potential markets and opportunities, and target their plans accordingly. You can read the full report at the Township's website, or watch a video with the highlights on our YouTube channel, [hartlandtwp.com/videos](http://hartlandtwp.com/videos).

## UM-Dearborn gives Township 4-star eCities award

University of Michigan-Dearborn researchers recently honored Hartland

Township for its strategies to foster entrepreneurial growth and economic development. Hartland was one of only five communities across the state of Michigan to have been recognized for this distinction, and was also designate a 4-Star Honored Community.



UM-Dearborn's Center for Innovation research analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in Michigan as part of its annual eCities study. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets, and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments, and cost of doing business within the community.

"By analyzing these high-performing communities, our goal is to showcase what cities and townships are doing to spur growth and how we can continue to support their efforts in developing business and encouraging entrepreneurs," said Tim Davis, assistant dean at UMDearborn's College of Business."

## Same transparency, new format

Need information about paying your taxes? Want to check out meeting minutes from the most recent Planning Commission meeting? Missed the annual State of the Township address, and want to see the recording on YouTube?

You can find this and more at [www.HartlandTwp.com](http://www.HartlandTwp.com), but as of the first week of December, it will be looking a little different. The Township recently updated its website, and while you can find all the same information at that address, we're hoping our new format will make it even easier for you to navigate our pages and find the information you're looking for.

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# Clerk's Office Seeking Election Workers in 2020

While there were no elections in the Township this past year, that's not the case in 2020! There will be four elections this year: the **March 10** presidential primary; a **May 5** special election; the **Aug. 4** primary election; and the **Nov. 3** general election.

As a result, the Township Clerk is seeking people interested in serving as paid election inspectors, who might be put to work handing out ballots, registering voters, or efficiently answering voter questions.

**Interested?** You can download an application on the Township's elections and voting web page, or by email the clerk's office at [clerk@hartlandtwp.com](mailto:clerk@hartlandtwp.com).

## Need to File an Absentee Ballot?

Remember, with changes made to election law last year, absentee voter ballots are now available for all elections. As a registered voter, you can receive a ballot application by contacting the Township Clerk's office. You may also request that the Clerk's office send you an absentee ballot application automatically before each election by filling out a form to be placed on our Permanent Absentee Voter list. Visit the Township's website for further details.



# Free Family Fun at Sixth Annual Winterfest

Ice rink? Check. Sledding Hill? Check. Concessions? Check. Hartland SOUP? Check. A committee of volunteers has been hard at work for months planning the sixth annual FREE premier winter festival, Winterfest. This year's Winterfest will take place Saturday, Feb. 8, at and around Hartland's Heritage Park, located at 12439

Highland Road. It's the perfect way to spend time with your family while combatting that late-winter cabin fever we all know so well. The planning committee can still use volunteers and donations, so any individuals, non-profit groups, or businesses interested in leading an activity, offering a performance, or sponsoring a program should contact **Deputy Clerk Karen Vermillion at (810) 632-1043 or [DeputyClerk@hartlandtwp.com](mailto:DeputyClerk@hartlandtwp.com)**.

A big thank you to all the volunteers and generous sponsors who continue to make this family-friendly day of fun possible!



# Friendly By Nature, Again!

For the second year in a row, Michigan Green Communities awarded Hartland Bronze-level certification for our efforts enacting environmentally friendly initiatives; judges specifically called out our project to switch to LED, energy-efficient street lights. We're glad they appreciated this bright idea, and we'll keep seeking out ways to keep Hartland green and sustainable.

