

September 2, 2014

Dear Neighbors:

So, how are we doing?

Are we a good neighbor?



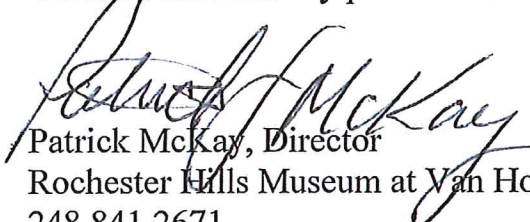
We are growing and serving our community! Our Calf Barn has become a very popular venue since Phase I work was completed in 2013. We have hosted a wide range of events – graduation parties, hoedowns, lectures, vintage base ball matches, weddings, receptions, and more. As you may know, the Calf Barn was acquired by the City of Rochester Hills in 1989. In 1991, the Calf Barn roof collapsed and was carefully removed. The building deteriorated until 2012 when we raised enough funds to start Phase I work on the building that stabilized the walls and added a roof. Phase II work is scheduled to begin this fall to add insulation, restrooms, fire suppression and heating/ventilation/air conditioning. Work is scheduled to be complete in May, 2015.

While events that are hosted in the Calf Barn help to financially support the Museum operations, I am most concerned on whether we are being good neighbors to you. Our events – especially those that have amplified music - are required to be silent at 11:00 p.m. and to be gone from our site at midnight. We have strictly enforced this and I am not aware of any problems. Neither the Rochester Police Chief nor the Oakland County Sheriff's office has any complaints about our site. But I want to ask you directly.

On Monday, September 22, I will be asking the Rochester Hills City Council for permanent approval to serve alcohol at our site for those who want this option for their event. We want to continue to provide this unique and beautiful site as an event venue for our community.

Is the Museum being a good neighbor to you?

Please contact me by phone or email.


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P.S. Consider becoming a member of the Museum – visit our website at www.rochesterhills.org/museum or use the form on the back of this letter.