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### **Rochester's Founder's Day to be held at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm**

The Rochester Historical Commission will celebrate Founder's Day that commemorates the arrival of James Graham with his sons on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1817 to the area we now know as Rochester, Michigan. They were pioneer settlers who established Rochester as the first European settlement in Oakland County. The celebration will take place on Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m. in the Calf Barn at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm. Admission is free but please register at [www.rochesterhills.org/musprograms](http://www.rochesterhills.org/musprograms)

Local Rochester merchants will provide delicious refreshments.

Author and Historian Kenneth Schramm will be discussing, "A Ride on the Detroit United Railway (DUR) Interurban through Rochester." We will take a nostalgic ride back on the DUR interurban system that once operated throughout Southeastern Michigan. The full history of the DUR from development, construction and operation from the 1890s through its demise in the 1930s will be explained. In addition, there will be a festive performance by the Shannon Irish Dance Academy. Lastly, a new book on the history of railroads and the Interurban in Rochester will be available for sale by author Bob Michalka, and t-shirts featuring local Rochester area landmarks by Junction 1869. The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm is located at 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan. It located off Tienken Road between Rochester and Dequindre Roads.

