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# Shelby, Sterling Heights to save by sharing services

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An agreement ratified by officials in Sterling Heights and Shelby Township will allow both communities to share building inspectors.

The deal was finalized Wednesday when Sterling Heights Mayor Richard Notte and Shelby Township Supervisor Richard Stathakis signed the agreement. Both expect to recognize a cost savings as a result of the move.

The Sterling Heights City Council unanimously approved the measure at its regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday. Shelby Township's Board of Trustees approved the measure at a Feb. 18 meeting.

"Service sharing has become an effective way to deal with losses in manpower while still meeting the service demands of our customers," said Michael Viazanko, chief building director for Sterling

Heights.

"This agreement along with a similar agreement we established in 2012 with Rochester Hills helps us keep our inspections on schedule, which is something our contractors appreciate."

Viazanko said both communities will allow their building inspectors to conduct building, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and plan review services for each other on a need basis.

Tim Wood, Shelby Township's building director, said his office is pleased to work with Sterling Heights. He said Shelby Township also has had a working agreement to share services with Rochester Hills for the past 3 years.

Wood said the agreement comes into play when an inspector is sick, in training, on vacation or during high demand time. He said simply put, the agreement provides both communities with an option.

"If Sterling Heights is able to help us by sending an in-

spector we will reciprocate," Wood said. "It is a sharing agreement that goes back and forth with no compensation."

Wood added building construction is gradually increasing and there are higher de-

mands for service that Shelby Township offers.

"We traded 500 inspections with Rochester Hills," Wood said. "We are always looking for the opportunity for efficient and cost-efficient service."

City Manager Mark Vanderpool pointed out Sterling Heights has saved \$21 million by consolidating services, privatizing and cutting. He said this has helped the city deal with a drastic loss in state revenue sharing.

"Conservatively speaking Sterling Heights lost \$40 million in state revenue sharing over the past 10 years," Vanderpool said. "We will keep implementing (cost saving) services because it's the right thing to do."

## WEATHER

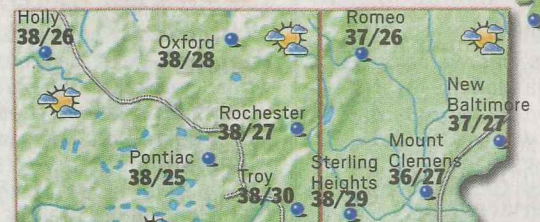
### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR OAKLAND AND MACOMB COUNTIES

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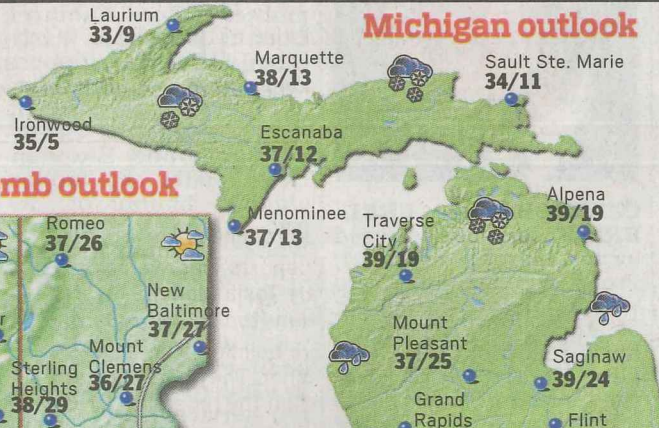


| TODAY                  | SATURDAY               | SUNDAY                  | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY                    |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>38</b><br><b>25</b> | <b>35</b><br><b>15</b> | <b>35</b><br><b>29</b>  | <b>41</b><br><b>28</b>   | <b>40</b><br><b>20</b>     |
| Not as cold            | Snow showers possible  | Partly sunny and chilly | Mostly cloudy and breezy | A chance for a snow shower |

### Oakland and Macomb outlook



### Michigan outlook



### ALMANAC

Pontiac through 4 p.m. yesterday

**Temperature**

High/low ..... 25/4  
 Normal high/low ..... 39/20  
 Record high ..... 68 in 2009  
 Record low ..... 0 in 1960

**Precipitation**

24 hours through 4 p.m. yesterday ... Trace  
 Month to date (normal) ..... 0.13" (0.39")  
 Year to date (normal) ..... 3.09" (4.11")  
 Snowfall yesterday ..... Trace  
 Snowfall season to date ..... 57.4"

### CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature\*

