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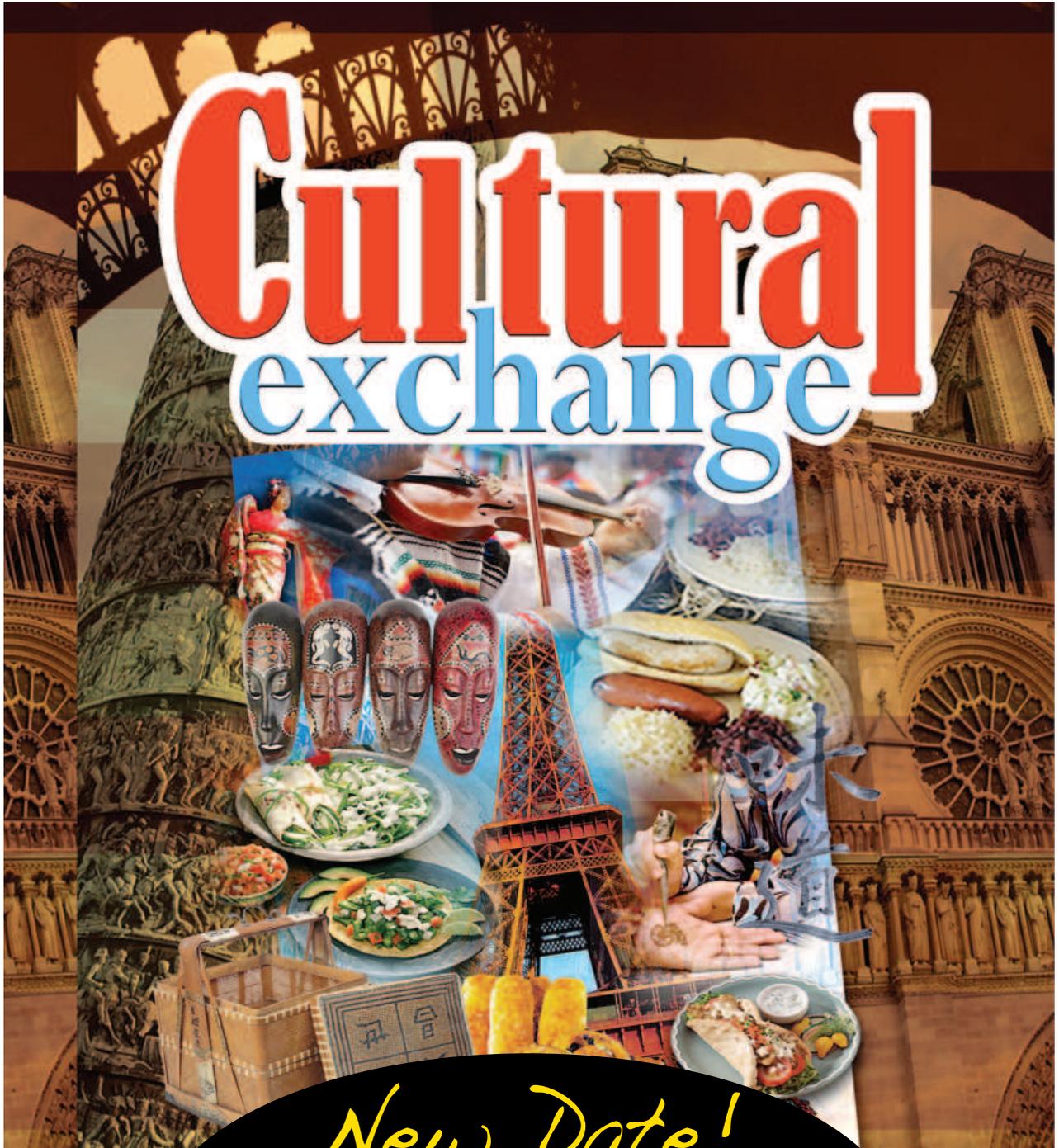
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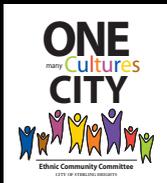
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City Council honors legacy of Mayor Notte



(L to R) , Councilman Joseph V. Romano, Councilwoman Deanna Koski, Councilwoman Maria G. Schmidt, Councilwoman Barbara A. Ziarko, Mayor Pro Tem Michael C. Taylor and Councilman Doug Skrzyniarz unveil an original David Santia painting of the late Mayor Richard Notte that will hang inside City Hall at the recently dedicated Richard J. Notte Sterling Heights City Center.

At the Nov. 5 City Council meeting, following a moment of silence that lasted 31 seconds (for each year Richard Notte served the city), the Sterling Heights City Council unanimously adopted a resolution formally naming the Sterling Heights Civic Center in honor of long-time Mayor Richard J. Notte.

At the conclusion of a stirring video tribute that captured the political life of Richard Notte (available at sterling-heights.net), an emotional Joe Romano, a fellow councilmember of Notte’s for more than 17 years, made a motion stating that, “from this day forward, the municipal complex shall be and hereby is named the Richard J. Notte Sterling Heights City Center in recognition of the man who gave so much of himself to make this city a special place – you’ll never be forgotten.”

All members of Council then enthusiastically approved the motion on the floor and then,

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Van Dyke reconstruction begins

Various upgrades, enhancements slated

The Michigan Department of Transportation is preparing to begin a \$34 million reconstruction project in February to improve nearly three miles of Van Dyke Avenue from 15 Mile Road to 18 Mile Road in the city of Sterling Heights.

Work includes reconstructing the road, curb, and median left turns; removing and replacing drainage; drainage improvements; traffic signal upgrades; sidewalk and ramp improvements to be compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); landscape improvements; and street lighting replacement. Several enhancements also will be completed in coordination with the City of Sterling Heights: colored concrete crosswalks, new energy-efficient street lighting, mast arm traffic signals with illuminated street signage, and enhanced median landscaping. In addition, pavement resurfacing and ADA ramp improvement work will take place from the Red Run Drain to 15 Mile Road.

Work will occur day and night in stages with lanes shifted to limit the impact on traffic. Access will be maintained to all businesses and residents throughout the project. Pedestrian access will be maintained as well.

The current street lights will be removed late this fall to accommodate road construction, with new street lights installed toward the end of the project. Temporary lights will be installed at all major intersections throughout the project.

For more information on the project, please contact Diane Cross, MDOT Office of Communications, at CrossD2@michigan.gov or 248-752-0336.

City begins 22nd year of Christmas Tree Recycling

The symbol of holiday warmth and tradition -- the Christmas tree -- was once left at the curb after the holidays, only to be disposed of in landfills and added to growing mountains of solid waste.

However, this year marks the 22nd year the city of Sterling Heights will recycle Christmas trees left at the curb.

Christmas trees left at the curb Monday, Jan. 5 through Jan. 30, will be turned into wood chips and returned to the earth in an environmentally friendly manner. Christmas trees placed at the curb after Jan. 30 will be picked up with regular refuse and placed into a landfill.

Residents are asked to place their trees at the curb with their regular refuse by 7 a.m. on their normal trash collection day, remove all ornaments, hooks and other decorations, such as garland, and take the tree out of any plastic bag before placing it at the curb.

Following these tips from the Sterling Heights Fire Department can ensure a joyous holiday

Christmas Trees

What's a traditional Christmas morning scene without a beautifully decorated tree? If your household includes a natural tree in its festivities, take to heart the sales person's suggestion -- "Keep the tree watered."

Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem, a dry and neglected tree can be.

Holiday Lights

Maintain your holiday lights. Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

Candle Care

Never leave a burning candle unattended. Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles. If you do use lit candles, make sure candles are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn. Avoid using candles in bedrooms and sleeping areas.

Holiday Decorations

Use only nonflammable decorations. All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents. If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Don't Block Exits

Ensure that trees and other holiday decorations do not block an exit way. In the event of a fire, time is of the essence. A blocked entry/exit way puts you and your family at risk.



FBI's Crime Report: City is one of the safest in Michigan



Citizen/Police partnerships like Citizens on Patrol (COPS), Neighborhood Watch and others help Sterling Heights prevent crime.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI's) 2013 Preliminary Crime Statistics Report, released in Nov., shows Sterling Heights remains one of the safest communities in the state with populations over 100,000. Of the ten categories tracked in the report, Sterling Heights' crime statistics in every category are lower than any other city, except two (aggravated assaults and motor vehicle thefts). In these two categories, Sterling Heights remains the second lowest on the list of cities with populations of 100,000 or more and trails only Ann Arbor, a community with a significantly lower population.

According to Sterling Heights Chief of Police Mike Reese, overall, violent crimes increased slightly in 2013 by 12 incidents, from 232 (2012) to 244 (2013). Reese said that the increase, however, is attributed to an expanded definition of rape statistics that caused all cities in the state to have similarly increased numbers. Reese pointed out that without the expanded definition, violent crimes actually went down in Sterling Heights in 2013. Overall, property crimes also decreased from a total of 2,578 (2012) to 2,486 (2013).

"The preliminary statistics confirm that Sterling Heights remains one of the safest cities in the state of Michigan," Reese said. "It also confirms that the police department must continue to be vigilant and pro-active in its crime suppression efforts to keep Sterling Heights one of the safest large cities in the United States."

Celebrate the season "Sterling" style

The city of Sterling Heights invites all residents to the 38th annual "A Sterling Christmas" on Saturday, December 6, 2015 in Dodge Park. Activities, including pony rides, a petting farm, horse-drawn wagon rides, ice sculpture carving, a carousel and caroling around a campfire will take place from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. The Historical Commission will also conduct tours of the Upton House (decked out for the holidays) throughout the night.

The official tree lighting ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. with entertainment, the lighting of holiday decorations and the arrival of Santa Claus.

Hot chocolate and cookies will be available and children can visit Santa in the Recreation Center. Parents are urged to bring a camera to take souvenir photos. Each family will be given a special 4" x 6" picture frame for its personal photos taken at the event.

Optional donations of canned and boxed foods will be collected for the Macomb County Food Bank.

"A Sterling Christmas" is sponsored by Sterling Van Dyke Credit Union, Christian Financial Credit Union, Great Clips and Sterling Heights McDonald's Restaurants.

For further information regarding this free event, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 586-446-2700 or the Special Events Hotline at 586-446-2692.



Admission is Free!
A Sterling Christmas
 Saturday, Dec. 6 • 5:45-8:30 p.m.
 Dodge Park • 6 p.m. Tree Lighting
 Canned/box goods accepted



Snow News

Snow Removal From Sidewalks

The city has an ordinance requiring the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours following the conclusion of a snowfall.

(1978 Code, § 31-35; Ord. No. 378, § 4, 5-3-05)

Declared Snow Emergencies

During a declared snow emergency, all vehicles are to be removed from city streets or be subject to ticketing and/or towing.

(Ord. No. 378, § 1, 5-3-05)



Stay up to date with snow emergencies and weather-related closures!

SNOW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS VIA:

Sterling Heights Television • AM 1700 • E-NEWS Subscription

Facebook.com/cityofsterlingheights

www.STERLING-HEIGHTS.net

twitter.com/sterling_hts.

City gears up for snow and ice season

Just as residents begin starting up their snow blowers and retrieving snow shovels from storage units in the months prior to winter, the city of Sterling Heights Department of Public Works also begins planning for the onset of the winter season by following a strict Snow & Ice Control Plan. Public Works readies its personnel, equipment and materials for action as the grass-cutting season winds down.

The preparation permits a smooth transition and efficient implementation of snow removal operations, when necessary.

On the basis of forecasts by the U.S. Weather Service, local weather reports, or actual falling snow, sleet or freezing rain, the following actions are taken by DPW officials:

1. DPW officials study weather reports and identify potential types of precipitation...sleet or snow.
2. Staff determines what equipment and personnel are needed.
3. Management dispatches crews at strategic times in order to minimize hazardous road conditions.



Understanding the Priority Street System

In any snow event, the Department of Public Works follows a Priority Street protocol to prioritize the manner in which city streets will be cleared. Once Priority One roads have been cleared of ice and snow, DPW crews will enter into subdivisions to clear remaining city streets.

PRIORITY ONE ROADS are the main arteries under the city's control. The 60 miles of Priority One roads include: 15 Mile, 16 1/2 Mile, 17 Mile, 18 1/2 Mile, 19 Mile, 19 1/2 Mile, Amsterdam, Calka, Canal, Canterbury, Clinton River, Delco, Dobry, Dodge Park, Fairfield, Fox Hill, Irving, Maple Lane, Merrill, Plumbrook, Riverland, Ryan, Saal, Stadler and Sterritt.

PRIORITY TWO STREETS are subdivision collector streets. They are not necessarily school bus routes, but, because the DPW crews keep the Priority Two roads open, school buses and emergency vehicles have an easier time getting in and out of the subdivision.

PRIORITY THREE STREETS are all other residential streets including courts and cul-de-sacs.



DURING SNOW EMERGENCIES:

Parked vehicles **MUST** be removed from city streets

Snow emergencies are declared only when heavy snowfalls impede vehicular traffic on subdivision streets. During a declared snow emergency, all vehicles are to be parked off city streets. Clear streets allow plows to proceed unimpaired. Those vehicles left parked on city streets, in violation of the traffic control order, may be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Illegally parking during the emergency snow alert is a municipal civil infraction. Those ticketed with a first offense will be subject to a \$25 fine. A second offense carries a penalty of \$100 and subsequent penalties of \$125 will be assessed.

All necessary personnel, from all Public Works divisions, work extended shifts in order to man and maintain all available snow removal equipment.

Priority #2 and #3 designated streets, as well as courts and cul-de-sacs, shall receive equal priority during a declared snow emergency.

It is the goal of the Department of Public Works to complete the plowing of all city streets including courts and cul-de-sacs, during a declared snow emergency, within 30 to 36 hours after snowfall ceases.

Find Snow Emergency alerts on local radio and TV, SHTV Chs. 5 & 10, Sterling Heights Informational Radio AM 1700, on the city's Web site & on Facebook & Twitter. Residents can also sign up for a free E-NEWS subscription that distributes Snow Emergency Alerts to your personal e-mail account each and every time city officials declare a Snow Emergency.



AFTER A SIGNIFICANT SNOWFALL:

Sidewalks **MUST** be cleared within 24 hours

Property owners in Sterling Heights are reminded that the city has an ordinance requiring the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowstorm.

The ordinance applies to sidewalks on all sides of a home or business within the city of Sterling Heights.

The intent of the snow removal ordinance is to keep sidewalks safe for children who walk to school, adults who enjoy walks with their

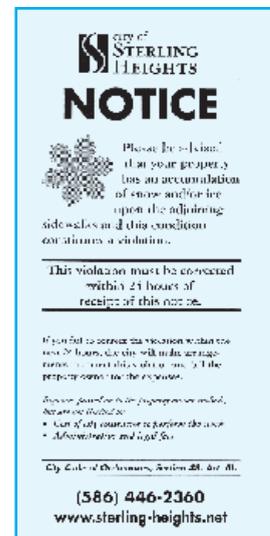
If homeowners or business owners/managers fail to correct the violation within the next 24 hours, the city will make arrangements to correct the violation and bill the property owner for the expenses. Expenses passed on include, but are not limited to, the cost of a city contractor to perform the work and additional administrative and legal fees.

Proper mailbox installation urged

Mailboxes should be installed with the leading edge at least six inches from the back edge of the curb. The U.S. Postal Service recommends a mailbox height of 41-45 inches.

While the city's policy is to pay for limited damages when it can reasonably be shown that there was direct physical contact between a city snowplow and a properly located mailbox, in many cases, the city does not consider damage claims to mailboxes that extend over the curb and/or into the street. In addition, the city does not honor damage claims for mailboxes damaged by the weight and force of snow and ice coming off the snowplow with no direct contact between the plow and mailbox, primarily because the city has no control over the weight and amount of a snowfall.

Homeowners who report mailbox damage are required to fill out a form detailing the incident. Contact the Department of Public Works at (586) 446-2440 to report a damage claim.



dogs, joggers, bicycle riders, mail carriers and senior citizens who use the city's public sidewalk system on a regular basis.

This winter, property owners who fail to remove snow within 24 hours may receive a reminder in the form of a yellow door tag (shown above left) issued by the Sterling Heights Office of Code Enforcement.



Community Foundation seeks year end gifts

Donations are tax deductible within the limits of the law

The Sterling Heights Community Foundation annually reaches out to businesses and residents to help fund programs, activities and endowments that strengthen the city's wide range of cultural, educational and recreational activities. Through your tax deductible donation to the Sterling Heights Community Foundation, you can assist local area students pay for college, provide evenings of supervised fun for area teenagers, be a part of Sterlingfest, support your local parks, library, area seniors and more! Through targeted donations to the foundation, you can also honor the memory of loved ones, celebrate special occasions, mark accomplishments or support vocations of interest to you.

You may use the form printed below to direct your financial gift to the Community Foundation's General Fund or to any of the Foundation's 19 specialized Endowment Funds. Please complete the form and mail it, along with your tax-deductible contribution, to the Sterling Heights Community Foundation before December 31st to take advantage of available tax deduction opportunities.



Sterling Heights Community Foundation

2014 ANNUAL FUND REQUEST

I wish to support the Sterling Heights Community Foundation with my gift of:

<input type="checkbox"/> Friend \$1-\$249	<input type="checkbox"/> Partner \$500-\$999	<input type="checkbox"/> President's Club \$2,500-\$4,999	<input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Club \$10,000-\$24,999
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Please apply my contribution of \$ _____ to the Foundation's General Fund.

OR

Please apply my contribution of \$ _____ to one of the following Endowment Funds:

- BAE Systems STEM Scholarship Endowment
- Clinton River Trail System Endowment
- Community Arts Endowment 
- Community Foundation General Endowment
- Community Foundation Directors' Scholarship Endowment
- Dr. Martin Brown Endowment for Children with Special Needs
- Donna Bozymowski Endowment for Children with Autism & Special Needs
- Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #118 Imus Park Endowment
- Friends of the Sterling Heights Public Library Fund Endowment
- General Dynamics Land Systems Engineering Scholarship Endowment
- Lil Adams Memorial Endowment to Benefit Turning Point
- Macomb County Chiropractic Association Endowment for Children with Autism
- Mayor Richard J. Notte Public Service Scholarship Endowment
- Michael Lazzara General Endowment 
- Professional Public Management Education Endowment
- Selfridge ANG/Base Community Council College Scholarship Endowment
- Sterling Heights Rotary Club Park Endowment
- Tom Kroll Scholarship Endowment
- Wujek Calcaterra and Sons Endowment



Please advise as to which fund you are contributing: all donations are deposited to the Sterling Heights Community Foundation General Endowment Fund unless otherwise noted.

PAYMENT ENCLOSED:
Return this form with your check or money order to the following address:
Sterling Heights Community Foundation
P.O. Box 7023
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-7023

Please make checks payable to "Sterling Heights Community Foundation"



Community Foundation to present record number of scholarships in 2015

A new scholarship season will commence in January as the foundation will award \$31,500 to students exhibiting academic excellence in a variety of upcoming fields of study. This year, the foundation will award 38 scholarships in 9 categories.

With the generous support of our partners, the foundation is pleased to announce that the 24th season of scholarship awards will culminate in \$234,000 in educational support for 282 students since the program's inception.

The foundation welcomes interested donors and organizations in joining us as a scholarship partner by establishing a specialized named endowment fund to support the giving of scholarship awards in specified fields.

For more information about the scholarship program or to access the scholarship application, please visit sterlingheightscommunityfoundation.org.

Thank you to our scholarship partners: BAE Systems, The Chrysler Foundation, Ford Motor Company, Friends of Tom Kroll, General Dynamics Land Systems, Macomb County Chiropractic Association, Mayor Richard Notte, Rotary Club of Sterling Heights and the Selfridge ANG/Base Community Council.

Foundation dedicated to continuing Mayor Notte's legacy



Mayor Richard J. Notte, a dedicated supporter of the Sterling Heights Community Foundation, previously established a specialized endowment fund to annually award a scholarship to a Sterling Heights college student pursuing a degree in public service. Each year, Mayor Notte personally congratulated the chosen winner and shared his

desire to enhance the community through service.

Mayor Notte's decades of service are certainly remarkable, and the foundation is committed to continuing his legacy through the Mayor Richard J. Notte Public Service Scholarship as donations to this endowment will facilitate this award in perpetuity.

Donations to the Mayor Richard J. Notte Public Service Scholarship Endowment may be made to the Sterling Heights Community Foundation, P.O. Box 7023, Sterling Heights, MI, 48311-7023.

"Puttin' on the Ritz" celebrates Veterans

The foundation celebrated its signature charity gala on November 22 at Villa Penna in Sterling Heights. Thank you to all who attended in support of our mission!

Due to the generous support of our sponsors and patrons, the foundation is looking forward to a new year of furthering the mission of supporting culture, education, and recreation in Sterling Heights.

For more event coverage and photos, please visit the foundation's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/SterlingHeightsCommunityFoundation

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Remembering Notte

As community tributes pour in, Civic Center renamed the “Richard J. Notte Sterling Heights City Center”



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together, unveiled an original painting of Notte by renowned artist Dave Santia, gifted to the city by the mayor’s family, and a plaque that will hang in City Hall naming the municipal complex the “Richard J. Notte Sterling Heights City Center.”

Although the evening’s tribute was requested by Romano at the October 21, 2014 regular meeting, he told the audience and, especially, the Notte family in attendance that this action was unanimous way before it came to the Council table.

“This is an honor and privilege for me to make the motion,” Romano said, “but I want the Notte family to understand... that every one of my colleagues are in full support of this tribute. It was a joint effort by the entire Council.”

Mayor Notte’s son, Michael, addressed the Council and thanked the council and the community for its support of his father over the years.

“I appreciate you bringing this idea up while my father was alive two weeks ago,” Mike Notte said. “My father and I watched the meeting and the next day talked about it (the tribute). It brought a smile to his face. Just knowing that he knew about it before he passed and knowing it was going to happen, means a great deal to me.

“I want to thank you, the residents, for the love you gave him over his many years. Through the flowers, cards, phone calls and well-wishes, he saw how much the community believed in him and loved him. He felt the love. Renaming the center in his honor means so much.”

Dick Notte, as his friends called him, served eleven two-year terms as mayor. He previously served ten years as a member of the city council prior to becoming the first mayor to be directly elected by a vote of the city electorate.

Constituents, friends pay tribute

“You were a treasure, Mayor Notte. This city loved you and will always love you. Thank you for everything you did to make our city what it is today. Rest in eternal peace, sir.”
• Sheryl Burns

“A great mayor and a greater man.”
• Frank Vogt

“Thank you for your service and dedication to our community. Sterling Heights is a wonderful community because of you. May you rest in peace and your children find solace in seeing all of their father’s accomplishments.”
• Ralph & Susan Tiseo

“‘To live in the hearts of those we loved, is not to die.’ Richard will be remembered as the great man with a big heart. May God be with you through this difficult time. We are sorry for your loss.”
• Don and Sharon Lukemire

“RIP. ~ What a great Mayor!”
• Donna Elbode Jones

“Such a friendly genuine man. May he rest in peace.”
• Kim Wlash-Raptis

“Thank You Mayor Notte for being our Mayor. Sterling Heights is a great city because of your leadership, may God receive you with open arms. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. God Bless.”
• Tony & Donna DiPalma

“RIP Richard Notte.....A Great Mayor and a Great Union Man who represented the middle class.”
• Get Real

“I remember him at my elementary school’s blue ribbon ceremony in 2005 and he would always come to my high school’s volleyball games. Rest in peace, Mayor Notte.”
• Shelby Herrmann

“Mayor Notte was a good man and leader for our community Rest in Peace we will miss you.”
• Maryann Camarata



Flood insurance is available for all residents

Office of Engineering can answer flood plain questions

Residents can buy federal flood insurance no matter where they live in the city of Sterling Heights because the city belongs to the National Flood Insurance Program.

The program was created in 1968 to provide affordable flood insurance to people who live in areas with the greatest risk of flooding called Special Flood Hazard Areas.



In fact, under the National Flood Insurance Act lenders must require borrowers whose property is located within a Special Flood Hazard Area to purchase flood insurance as a condition of

receiving a federally-backed mortgage loan.

Unfortunately, homeowners often do not find out until it is too late that their homeowner's policies do not cover flooding. Federal flood insurance protects your most valuable assets, your home and belongings.

The city of Sterling Heights Office of Engineering (586-446-2720) will help you determine if you are in a flood plain, and if you are, they will assist you with information pertaining to protecting your property from floods.

The Sterling Heights Public Library maintains a section on flood insurance and how to protect your home from flooding. Remember, you can purchase flood insurance whether you live in or outside of a flood plain.

What is a flood?

Anywhere it rains, it can flood. A flood is a temporary condition where two or more acres of normally dry land or two or more properties are inundated by water or mudflow. Many conditions can result in a flood: hurricanes, broken levees, outdated or clogged drainage systems and rapid accumulation of rainfall.

Just because you haven't experienced a flood in the past, doesn't mean you won't in the future. Flood risk isn't just based on history, it's also based on a number of factors: rainfall, river-flow and tidal-surge data, topography, flood-control measures, and changes due to building and development.

A prolonged rain event over several days or an ice jam can cause a river, stream or drain to overflow or flood the surrounding areas.

Flash flooding from an intense rainfall of one inch or more per hour often catches people unprepared.

- A flood WATCH means a flood is possible in your area.
- A flood WARNING means flooding is already occurring or will occur soon in your area.

How you can help prevent flooding

As we saw last summer, flooding can occur at any time. Below are the things that residents can do to help the city's effort to prevent or minimize potential flooding of your neighborhood:

- Do not dump or throw anything into the ditches or streams. Dumping in our ditches and streams is a violation of City Ordinance. According to Section 43-7 of the city's code of ordinances, no person shall throw or deposit litter in any park, publicly owned land or private land abutting recreational waters within the city. Even grass clippings and branches can accumulate and plug channels. A plugged channel cannot carry water and when it rains the water has to go somewhere. Every piece of trash/ debris contributes to flooding.
- If your property is next to a ditch or stream, please do your part and keep the banks clear of brush and debris.
- Always check with the Building Department before you build on, alter, regrade, or fill on your property. A permit may be needed to ensure that projects do not cause problems on other properties.

Homeowner Associations register now!

Homeowner and condominium associations that have not yet registered with the city, or those associations who need to update information already on file, are asked to do so with the Community Relations Department.

Registering helps the city contact association representatives in the event of a problem and when new residents are looking for information about their neighborhood representatives.

Call (586) 446-2470 or e-mail cityhall@sterling-heights.net and provide contact information, including e-mail and phone numbers for association representatives.



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A YEAR-ROUND GUIDE

REPORTING VIOLATIONS

With more than 48,500 residential properties and more than 3,000 businesses, Sterling Heights has proud status as Michigan's fourth largest city.

For the most part, homeowners and business owners do a nice job of maintaining their property.

When necessary, the city maintains a process for reporting and investigating ordinance violations for problems such as tall grass, property debris and other problems.

Complaints can be forwarded to the city in several ways: an e-mail to cityhall@sterling-heights.net, calling Community Relations at (586) 446-2470 and the city's Web site: www.sterling-heights.net.

Once a complaint is logged, an inspector will be sent to investigate the problem. If a violation is found, the property owner is notified that they have a specified number of days to correct the problem.

If the problem is not corrected, the issue will be reviewed by the city's Ordinance Board of Appeals (OBA). If the board confirms the violation, the city will correct the violation and bill the property owner.

In all, the ordinance violation process usually takes between 30-45 days to complete.

NOTE: Some violations are civil infractions and may result in issuance of a ticket but no OBA hearing.

Part of Sterling Heights' charm is the beauty of its residential areas.

As the city matures, residents can do their part to ensure that Sterling Heights remains a wonderful place to live, work and play. By keeping houses or businesses maintained, painted and landscaped, we not only display our pride in the community, but also add to property values.

The city, over the years, has compiled a comprehensive city code that contains property maintenance rules and regulations designed to promote beauty and protect the health, safety and welfare of all residents. What follows below are important seasonal guidelines based on existing Sterling Heights ordinances and community standards.

[Homes & Yards](#)

- Homes should be routinely painted or coated to prevent surface deterioration with no visible signs of peeling paint. Aluminum and vinyl siding and trim should be kept in good repair.
- All buildings should be maintained in a structurally-sound condition, with no sagging roof lines, worn or missing shingles, or tilted/bowed floors and walls.
- All building extensions and attachments, such as fences, porches, gutters and shutters, should be maintained. They should present an even, straight and structurally sound appearance.
- Single-family homes built in Sterling Heights are designed to be occupied by traditional family units for the safety and comfort of those residing in the dwelling.
- Some home-occupation businesses may be operated out of a residence, provided there are no employees, signs, storage, commercial vehicles or equipment or on-site parking.
- Grass and shrub areas should be mowed, trimmed and kept weed-free. No lawn areas should be allowed to grow to a height greater than 6 inches. Mowing and trimming of ditch lines and right-of-way areas, adjacent to the roadway, is also expected. All types of landscaping should be kept neat and clean. Diseased or dead landscaping should be removed.
- Yard areas should be free of litter, junk, debris and scrap storage. Failure to keep a yard uncluttered from debris may be considered a nuisance.
- Landscaping must be installed at a new home within one year of occupancy.
- Firewood shall be stacked neatly at least eight inches off the ground, no higher than 6 feet and 3 feet from the side lot line.
- Swimming pools must be in proper working order and, for public health reasons, must not contain stagnant water.
- **Holiday and lighting displays should be removed from dwellings or yards no later than 60 days following a holiday.**



Goal is to keep neighborhoods looking good all year

Garages/Driveways/Garage Sales

- Garage doors should be free of peeling paint and dents, and should close tightly and securely.
- Driveways and sidewalks should be free of broken areas and hazardous conditions.
- It is unlawful to sweep leaves, grass or snow into the public street.
- All vehicles should be parked in defined driveways and not in any yard areas. Vehicles should not be parked on the lawn or across the public sidewalk.
- Extreme caution must be exercised with all outdoor cooking and open flames (including barbecuing) and should be conducted outdoors.
- Residents do not need to obtain a permit to hold a garage sale.
- Recurring or continual garage sales (i.e. every weekend) are not permitted. Residents are encouraged to hold no more than two sales per year.
- Garage sale signs (or any other signs) are regulated by city ordinances and are never permitted to be posted in the public right-of-way.
- Sterling Heights' official Web site: www.sterling-heights.net posts garage sale notices free-of-charge. The garage sale notice form can be found on the city's Web site: www.sterling-heights.net. Notices must be submitted at least one week prior to scheduled event.

Sidewalks

- All public sidewalks should be kept free of ice, snow and other obstacles. Snow should be removed within 24 hours after a snowfall.

Vehicles (RVs & Commercial)

- Recreational vehicles must be stored in an enclosed building or garage, in the rear or side yard on a paved surface, or if access to these is not available, on a paved driveway no closer than 8 feet from the public sidewalk or 7 feet from the front lot line if sidewalks are not installed. Even if there is paved parking in the

side or rear yard, recreational vehicles may be temporarily parked in the driveway or street for a period of 48 hours if preparing for or returning from a trip or performing routine maintenance.

- Commercial vehicles and equipment may not be parked or stored in residential areas of the city. Trucks exceeding 3/4 ton and used for commercial purposes are considered commercial vehicles, as are semi truck-trailers, step vans, cube vans and any other vehicle capable of a payload of more than one ton.
- No unlicensed and/or junk vehicles should be parked on the property other than in the garage. Major vehicle repairs, such as engine and transmission overhauls and body work that require extensive time to complete, should not be attempted and are not permitted.
- The parking of personal vehicles (new or used) for purposes of sale is not permitted on commercial, industrial or public properties. Dealers are not permitted to operate in residential areas. Vehicle sales on private residential property are restricted by city ordinances. Contact the City Development Office at (586) 446-2360 for additional information.

Animals (Pets)

- No more than four adult animals may occupy a home.
- Exotic animals cannot be kept as pets. Exotic animals are defined as those not occurring naturally in the city presently or historically, which are normally found in the wild.
- Farm animals can only be raised on an eight-acre lot (minimum).
- Pets, including dogs and cats, must be controlled in public by a leash.
- When walking your pet, waste must be cleared from, picked up and disposed from all public places (including parks) and private property. No waste on your private property should be allowed to create a nuisance.

- Dogs must be licensed. Visit www.petdata.com to register your pet.
- Dogs should not bark excessively.
- Vicious animals are not allowed.
- To report strays, barking dogs, loose animals or deceased animals along roadways, contact the Police Department's Animal Control Division at (586) 446-2800.

Fight Rodent infestation; clean yards/garages

You can prevent rodent problems in your neighborhood. Property owners are responsible for preventing conditions that provide a home or food source for rats. Rodents will eat almost anything. To get rid of rats you must get rid of their food. Follow these steps to keep rats away or to keep their numbers in check:

- Clear away any rubbish piled close to buildings to expose burrows and openings that rats might use to get in.
- Store food in rat-proof containers, such as galvanized cans with tight-fitting lids. This includes birdseed, grass seed, and other possible foods kept in garages and/or outbuildings.
- Store and dispose of garbage properly, so that rats can't get into it.
- If you feed your pets outside, leave the food out for just long enough to be eaten, and then remove it.
- Clean up pet droppings from the yard every day.
- Remove old wood or rubbish from the property since these are regular rat hangouts.

Call DPW to report a Rodent/Rat infestation in your neighborhood at 446-2440.



Refuse disposal tips for odds and ends

Questions can be directed to Waste Management at (586) 791-5458

The Sterling Heights Department of Public Works (DPW) thanks residents for their cooperation and support in making its Refuse Disposal Program one of the most cost-effective and environmentally sound programs in the state. Residents have been supportive by using paper bags for yard waste disposal or refuse cans marked with “Yard Waste” stickers. If you have any questions regarding the following Refuse and Yard Waste Collection Guidelines, please contact Waste Management directly at (586) 791-5458 first, before potential collection problems occur. Please place all refuse and yard waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your regular trash day, but no earlier than 1 p.m. the day before.

RULES FOR DISPOSAL OF BULKY & OTHER REFUSE:

Refuse which cannot be placed in containers **MUST BE** tied and bundled in lengths not exceeding four feet and weighing less than 50 pounds. Remove all nails, screws and protruding objects.

MEDICAL SYRINGES: Sharp needles cannot be disposed of unless contained in heavy containers (such as plastic liquid detergent bottles or metal coffee cans).

WHITE GOODS: Large appliances should be placed with regular refuse. The law requires that doors be removed on any refrigerator or freezer in order to protect children. A separate truck will pick up the white goods on your scheduled collection day for recycling.



CANS OF PAINT: Dispose of paint with refuse by mixing in sand, cat litter or other absorbent and let air dry. Once dried, place with lid off with regular refuse. No paint in liquid form will be collected.



DISPOSAL OF COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT (CFL)

BULBS: The Macomb County Health Department also accepts CFLs through their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program. For drop-off dates and times, call (586) 466-7923. If you cannot take your CFL to the health department, place the CFL in two sealed plastic bags and place it with your garbage for curbside collection.

SEPARATE YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Place yard waste into an acceptable 32-gallon container – trash cans marked with an official Yard Waste decal or yard waste paper bags (which do not require a Yard Waste decal).
2. Place yard waste at the curb (not in the street) for pick-up on your regular trash day by 7 a.m.



3. Yard waste should be set several feet away or on the opposite side of the driveway from regular trash to distinguish it for separate collection.
4. Do not mix yard waste in any containers containing regular refuse. Yard waste in improper containers **will not** be collected.

YARD WASTE ACCEPTED FOR SEPARATE CURBSIDE COLLECTION:

- grass clippings and leaves
- flowers and other “soft” material
- branches / brush **less than four feet long, securely tied up and bundled** (no roots)

NO SOD - Please call the Department of Public Works at (586) 446-2440 for proper disposal options.



ACCEPTABLE REFUSE & YARD WASTE CONTAINERS

	Trash Cans	Plastic Bags
Regular Refuse	32-gal. max. capacity, 60-lb. limit when full.	30-gal. capacity, 40-lb. weight limit.
	Trash Cans	Paper Bags
Yard Waste	Mark can with Yard Waste decal, 32-gal. capacity, 60-lb. limit when full.	Use only heavy-duty 30 gal. paper yard waste bags, 40-lb. limit when full.



2014/2015 REFUSE/YARD WASTE/CURBSIDE RECYCLING CALENDAR COLLECTION DELAYS

The following are upcoming observed holidays with changes in refuse collection:

Christmas Day - Dec. 25: Refuse collection delayed one day Thursday & Friday (Fri. pickup on Sat.)

New Year's Day - Jan. 1: Refuse collection delayed one day Thursday & Friday (Fri. pickup on Sat.)

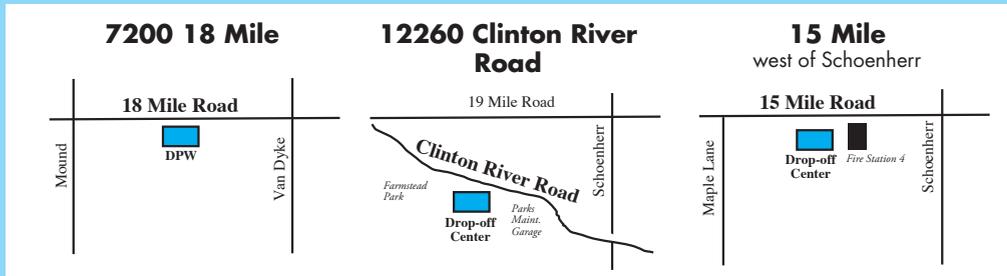
Memorial Day - May 25: Refuse collection delayed one day Monday-Friday (Fri. pickup on Sat.)

Labor Day - Sept. 7: Refuse collection delayed one day Monday-Friday (Fri. pickup on Sat.)

Thanksgiving Day - Nov. 26: Refuse collection delayed one day Thursday & Friday (Fri. pickup on Sat.)

Sterling Heights Curbside Recycling is NOW AVAILABLE!
ONLINE at www.wm.com/wm/sterlingheights or CALL toll-free 866.797.9018

RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS



For a list of items accepted and not accepted at the Recycling Centers, please visit www.sterling-heights.net

Proper prevention can avoid sewer back ups

The Department of Public Works maintains the public sanitary sewer system relentlessly through cleaning and inspecting. A city sewer truck is out nearly every workday diligently cleaning sanitary sewers. Despite this effort however, it is still possible for sewage to back up in the public mains due to obstructions in the sewers, such as foreign objects flushed down toilets and improper release of grease and other items into the sewer system.

The vast majority of public sewer customers do not experience any problems with their sewage system. However, all property owners are encouraged to minimize their

risk of a loss caused by sewage back ups. This can be done by taking the following steps:

Storing personal property so it is less likely to be damaged should a back up occur. This would include storing property off the floor in plastic storage boxes. Irreplaceable valuables, heirlooms and family photos are especially important to protect.

Purchasing sewage back up insurance coverage. Sewer back up insurance coverage is available from most of their companies as an endorsement to the homeowners policy. Annual premiums vary between \$40 and \$100. However, some do include minimal coverage in a homeowner's package policy.

Installing a backwater prevention valve(s). A backwater valve is designed to automatically close to prevent sewage from backing up into the basement from a blocked public sewer. Backwater valves are simply a large check valve installed under the basement floor at each drain or bathroom in the basement. Backwater prevention valves are now a requirement for all new construction and do require periodic maintenance. Homeowners interested in having a backwater valve installed should check with a plumbing contractor for installation cost and the city's Building Department for permit requirements (586-446-2360).



City celebrates rich diversity at March 13 Cultural Exchange

The city of Sterling Heights and its Ethnic Community

Committee will hold its 2015 Cultural Exchange Friday, March 13, from 6-10 p.m. in the Senior Center. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend this celebrated event. Free overflow parking and shuttle service is available in Dodge Park.

Sponsored by the Sterling Heights Ethnic Community Committee, the 2015 Cultural Exchange will feature a wide array of ethnic music and dance, educational cultural displays from area groups and retailers, and cuisine from city restaurateurs. A minimum suggested donation of \$1 is requested. Last year's event drew nearly 1,000 people.

2015 Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange
Friday, March 13 • 6-10 p.m. • Senior Center • \$1 Donation
Free Overflow Parking & Shuttle from Dodge Park

"This is really a great chance for people of various ethnic and cultural backgrounds to celebrate their similarities more than their differences," said Ike Cabase, chairperson of the Ethnic Community Committee. "We are hoping that moving the event to March will warm things up and encourage even more participation with better weather."

The Ethnic Committee's goals include developing, understanding and improving the communication among diverse races and ethnic groups in the city.

The city is currently seeking support for the 2015 Sterling Heights Cultural Exchange

Businesses interested in becoming a sponsor, restaurateurs who would like to donate samples of ethnic dishes and dance troupes and entertainment groups interested in performing are encouraged to call the city at (586) 446-2470.

Creative candidates sought for artist program

Local artists looking for recognition, exposure and a prestigious place to have their work displayed are invited to apply as a Featured Artist for the city of Sterling Heights.

Applications for the Featured Artist program are available at sterling-heights.net under the "Forms and Publications" section. In addition to the application, artists are asked to send a biography and photographs of their work to the city's Community Relations Department.

Selected artists will have their work displayed for two months on the lower level of City Hall and at the Public Library on display boards that are 4' x 15' in size. In addition, artists will be featured on Sterling Heights Television (SHTV) and have the opportunity to be interviewed by local media.

Now's your time to "Snow Off"

Contest salutes snowman/snow sculpture creativity



The Sterling Heights Beautification Commission is once again encouraging families to get out and enjoy Mother Nature's winter gift by participating in and welcoming entries in the 2015 Snowman/Snow Sculpture Contest.

Julia Ohman won the Beautification Commission's contest in 2014.

Entries must include a name, address, telephone number and photograph of your snowman or snow sculpture built between now and the entry deadline of Friday, Feb. 27.

Entries can be sent to:

Community Relations, Snowman Contest
P.O. Box 8009
Sterling Heights, MI, 48311-8009

Entries can also be e-mailed to:

cityhall@sterling-heights.net

The winner of the contest will receive a \$25 prize from the Beautification Commission. Nominations will be judged on Monday, March 2, followed by a presentation to the winning entry on Monday, April 6.

Parks & Recreation PROGRAMS

PARKS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

RECREATION CENTER.....446-2700

40620 Utica Road, 48313
 Kyle Langlois, P & R Manager 446-2705
 Troy Nowotny, Program Supervisor 446-2701
 Diane Winterstein, Program Supervisor 446-2708
 Jackie Cacioppo, Administrative Assistant 446-2702
 Karen Oddo, Program & Services Assistant 446-2709

SENIOR CENTER.....446-2750

40200 Utica Road, 48313
 Mark DiSanto, Supervisor 446-2751
 Kristen Briggs, Program Specialist 446-2755
 Mary Tackett, Program & Services Assistant 446-2756
 Sheryl Kawala, Senior Clerk 446-2758
 Larry Sharlow, Program & Services Assistant 446-2757

SENIOR CENTER GYM.....446-2766

SENIOR TRANSPORTATION.....446-2757

NATURE CENTER.....446-2710

42700 Utica Road, 48313
 Activity Line 446-2711

ATHLETICS WEATHER HOTLINE 446-2693

SPECIAL EVENTS 446-2692

DEPARTMENT EMAIL: recreation@sterling-heights.net

WEBSITE: www.myshpr.net



Access all of your recreation and leisure activity information via:

- * The Sterling Heights magazine
- * Nature Center News
- * Recreation Connection (SHTV programming)
- * Recreation Connection flier (sent home from school)
- * Senior News - Senior Center activities
- * Sterling Special - activities for individuals with special needs
- * Department Website: www.myshpr.net
- * Facebook: www.facebook.com/CityofSterlingHeights
- * Twitter: twitter.com/sterling_hts



Registration for Winter programs begins December 10th

Resident-only registration begins at 7am - Online registration begins at 8:30am

Walk-in Registration

Our walk-in registration begins at 7:00 a.m., Wednesday, December 10th for residents only. The Recreation Center will be accepting registrations that first day until 7 p.m. Registration will continue for residents and open for non-residents on Thursday, December 11th from 8:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Beginning Friday, December 12th and until classes begin, registrations will be taken at the Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any person with a disability needing special accommodations for the registration process must contact the Parks and Recreation Department one week prior to registration.



Online Registration

Beginning December 10th at 8:30 a.m., online registration begins for residents only. Beginning Thursday, December 11th at 8:30 a.m., online registration will open for non-residents. You can register for classes that have the mouse symbol shown. To register online for select classes and activities, log onto the department's official Web site – www.myshpr.net – and get a login name/customer ID number.

This symbol indicates classes that have online registration.



General policies

- Phone-in registrations are NOT accepted. You must pre-register online, in person, by mail/fax.
- Registration fees cannot be accepted at class locations or by instructors.
- Refunds will be issued for any cancelled classes.
- Waiting lists are formed when programs become filled. Every attempt is made to accommodate persons on waiting lists.
- Register early to ensure classes are not cancelled.

Forms of Payment

The city accepts cash, checks (payable to Treasurer, City of Sterling Heights), Visa, MasterCard and Discover.



Access To Recreation

We are proud of the vast array of programs we offer to people with varying degrees of disabilities. The Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Department is committed to an integrated approach to recreation and leisure activities and encourages people with disabilities to consider all recreation classes listed throughout this brochure. Leisure assistance can be provided to help people with disabilities participate successfully in our program. If a leisure assistant is needed to accommodate your participation, arrangements can be made. Contact Sterling Heights Special Recreation Services at 446-2708 to discuss arrangements or if you have questions regarding an activity.

Parks and Recreation Department Offers Program Guarantee

The Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation Department constantly strives to provide you with quality recreation programs. We are so confident that you will like these programs that we will ensure our promise to provide that quality. To continue our program development, we kindly request your input through suggestions, comments, ideas or changes for improvement. If you are not satisfied, tell us and we may arrange for you to minimally receive a prorated refund of the program fee.

Our program guarantee is based on fulfilling our promise to deliver the published description of the particular program for which you register. Refund requests under this guarantee must be made prior to the last scheduled meeting date of that program. (Refunds cannot be given for material fees or

any costs paid directly to an instructor or facility). Our satisfaction guaranteed policy applies to all programs, unless noted as an exception within this publication.

Refunds for any other reason must be requested immediately (one time programs) or before the third meeting of the program (multi-date programs), unless otherwise specified. Refunds will be prorated based on the number of meetings already held, as well as the number of total meetings scheduled.

Please apply for a refund in person at the Parks & Recreation Office at 40620 Utica Road. If you are unable to come to the office, please phone us at (586) 446-2700 to make other arrangements. Refunds will usually be mailed within 6 weeks (for original payment of cash or check). Refunds can be expedited if credit card was the original form of payment.





Wednesday, Dec.10 for STERLING HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ONLY:

In-person registration at the Recreation Center begins at 7 a.m. and continues until 7 p.m.
Online registration at www.myshpr.net begins at 8:30 a.m.
Mail-in registration, accepted for residents only, will be processed after 5 p.m. or earlier if time permits.

Thursday, December 11 for Residents and Non-Residents:

In-person registration at the Recreation Center begins at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 7 p.m.
Online registration at www.myshpr.net begins at 8:30 a.m.
Mail-in registration accepted for non-residents, will be processed after 5 p.m. or earlier if time permits.
Beginning Friday, Dec. 12 until classes begin, registration will be taken from both Sterling Heights residents and non-residents either in person at the Recreation Center from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday as well as online at www.myshpr.net or by mail after completing the form below.

Name of participant _____
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Name of parent or guardian (if minor) _____
 Phone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____
 Email Address _____

Enrollee Name	DOB	M/F	Program Name & Activity Number	Fee
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Payment Method:
 Visa/MC/Discover # _____ Exp. Date _____

For Visa/MC/Discover charges please sign here: _____

By accepting my registration in the above programs, I hereby understand that I release my rights or claims for damages that I may have against the City of Sterling Heights through which this program is conducted or its instructors or City staff.

Signature _____ Date _____

Clip and mail this form to: City of Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation
 40555 Utica Rd. PO Box 8009 Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009
 Make checks payable to: Treasurer, City of Sterling Heights
 Or fax form to (586) 276-4064 (credit card payments only)



Letter from the Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our residents a Happy Holidays in advance. We are very thankful this holiday season for all of our department supporters. Whether you are a program participant, park patron, sponsor, or advocate, please know that we appreciate you, and remain vibrant and relevant because of you!

The Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Department is once again working feverishly to make unforgettable memories with our holiday event lineup. These events are listed throughout our section of the magazine. In addition to the holiday lineup, we are pleased to showcase a number of great programs offered to our residents. Some of the programs have been brought back by popular demand, like Ballroom Dancing and Special Recreation Crafts, and others are annual favorites such as the Blackthorn concerts in March. And don't forget to start your new year off right with a resolution to join one or more of our fitness classes taught by certified instructors.

While I believe that we offer something for most everyone, please let us know if you have other ideas for programs that we've overlooked. We are in the process of researching a Farmers Market, bringing back tennis lessons, and renovating/adding many park amenities; But we do not want to stop there. Your Parks and Recreation Department is committed to creating your community through people, parks, and programs.

Again, I wish you all an enjoyable end of 2014 and a prosperous 2015.

Sincerely,
 Kyle R. Langlois
 Parks & Recreation Manager

Thank you!

A BIG thank you to our 2014 sponsors!

Major Sponsors

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 McDonald's of Sterling Heights

Program Sponsors and Supporters

American House Senior Living Communities
 AYSO Region 190
 Cherrywood Nursing & Living Center
 CJ Barrymore's
 Connor & Kensey Twardesky
 Detroit Lions
 Detroit Pistons
 Father Heary Knights of Columbus
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 Havel Elementary-1st Graders
 Independent Opportunities of Michigan
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 KinderCare Sterling Heights
 MMSTC Ecology Team
 Oakmont Sterling
 On-Site Event Photography
 Shelby Nursing Center
 St. Isidore's Knights of Columbus
 St. John Providence
 St. Lawrence's Knights of Columbus
 Sterling Heights Community Foundation
 Sterling Heights Dodge
 Sterling Heights Kiwanis
 Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce
 Sunnybrook Golf and Bowl
 Utica Schools
 Vanhoutte Farms
 Vibe Credit Union
 Waltonwood at Lakeside
 Warren Consolidated Schools



Often Requested Phone Numbers



- Animal Control (Police Department)(586) 446-2879
- Hunter's Safety (DNR) (248) 359-9040
- Liberty Park(586) 978-9070
- Macomb County Animal Shelter(586) 469-5115
- Sheriff's Department-Marine Division ... (586) 469-5803
- Utica Community Schools(Open Swim) ..(586) 797-6900
- Warren Consolidated Schools.....(888) 492-7543
- YMCA (Mt. Clemens)(586) 468-1411
- Music Lessons (A-1 Studios)(586) 992-1757
www.A1musiclessons.com



Sterling Heights Sports Contacts



- Sterling Heights Baseball Club**
www.SHBaseballClub.com
- Sterling Heights Softball Club**
www.sterling-softball.com
- Sterling Heights Redskins** Tackle & Flag Football and Cheerleading
www.sterlingheightsredskins.com
- Sterling Football Club** Flag, Tackle and Cheerleading.
Football-Ages: 5-12, boys and girls, Cheerleading Ages: 5-14, boys and girls
www.sterlingfootball.com
- Sterling Heights Basketball Club** boys and girls 7-16
www.sterlingbasketball.com
- American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)**
www.ayso190.org

SAVE THE DATE

Sterling Christmas
December 6th

Employment Opportunities for the 2015 Summer

Day Camp and Playground applications will be accepted from January 5, 2015 through February 13, 2015. Applications are available at the Parks & Recreation office and at

www.myshpr.net

Blackthorn in Concert
Sunday, March 8th - Two Shows

Playground & Daycamp Registration
Begins May 4th

Sterling Stars Dance Recital
at The Macomb Center
May 5th & 6th

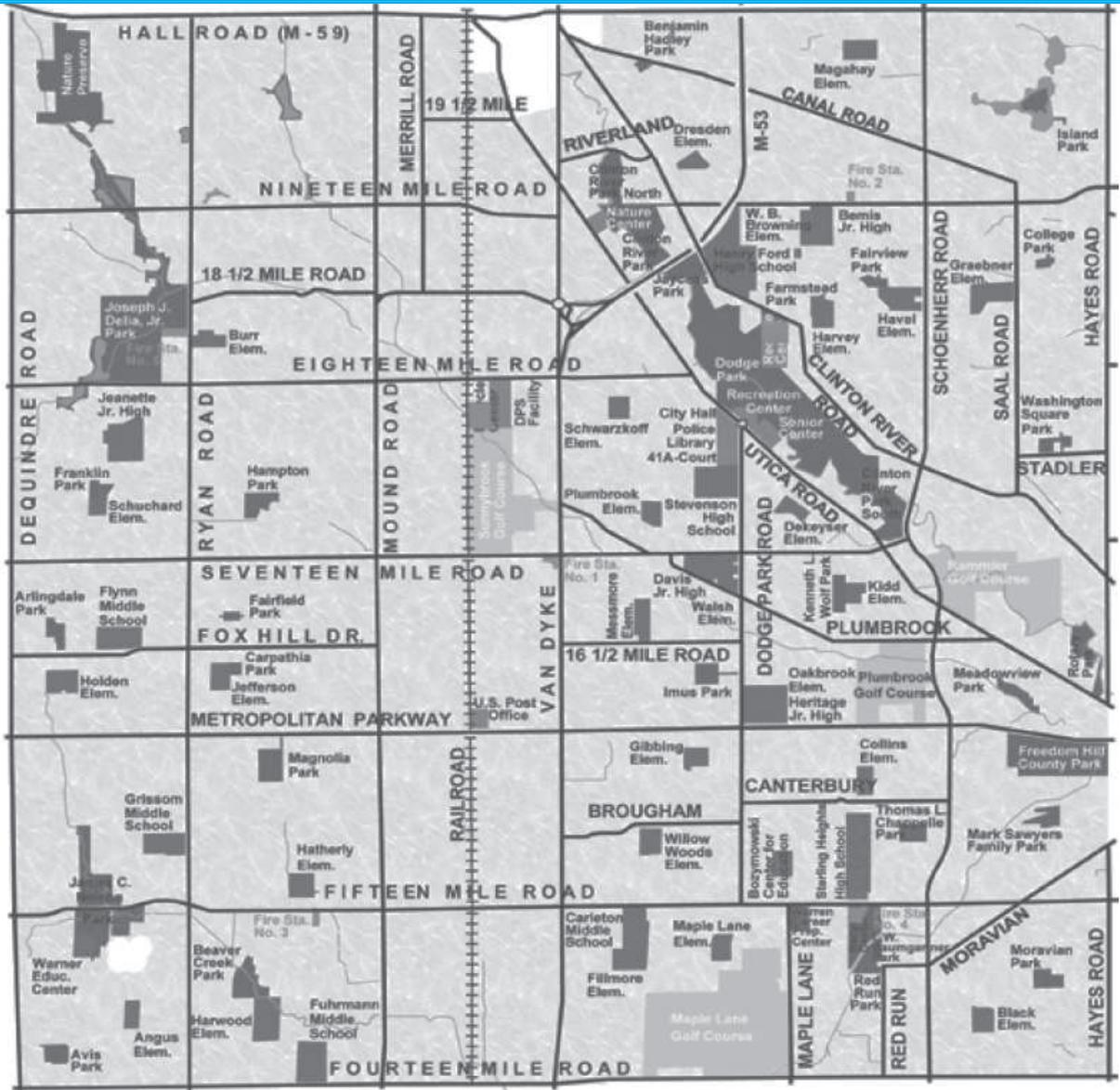
UCS - Sterling Heights SOS 5k & 1-Mile Run/Walk
in Dodge Park
May 30th

Sterlingfest
July 23rd, 24th, & 25th

Teenfest
Friday, August 21st

New Date!

MAP OF THE CITY OF STERLING HEIGHTS



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Park Rules

- * Alcohol is not permitted at any park in the city except Dodge Park.
- * Alcohol is allowed by permit at Dodge Park only after a valid picnic permit is obtained and/or pavilion rental fees are paid.
- * Alcohol permits may be obtained at the records bureau of the police department after a valid park permit is issued. Three names, addresses and phone numbers of people willing to accept responsibility/liability and a \$33 fee is required to issue the alcohol permit.

The parks belong to all of us

The residents of our community can all enjoy any one of the parks that are located throughout the city. There are 26 neighborhood parks and five major parks. The neighborhood parks are smaller in size and usually provide playground equipment, basketball and tennis courts and a pedestrian path. The major parks provide the larger picnic areas, athletic fields and more extensive pedestrian paths.

Because our park property is not for the exclusive use of any one individual or any one neighborhood, we are reminding homeowners whose property abuts a park that landscaping, gardens, structures, etc. cannot be installed on city property. It is also against the city ordinance to dump grass clippings, wood, or any type of material whatsoever onto park property. If additional information is needed, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (586) 446-2700.



Enjoy a spectacular Winter at one of our beautiful city parks

Arlingdale Park

2300 Jonathan Dr. - 8.7 Acres
Facilities: Multi-purpose Field, Magic Square: Tennis Courts, Basketball Courts, Play Structure, Picnic Areas, Non-Motorized Trail

Avis Park

2525 Avis - 9.5 Acres
Facilities: Play Structure, Non-Motorized Trail, Basketball Court, Inline Hockey Rink

Beaver Creek Park

34100 King Richard - 14.5 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, Multi-purpose Field, Baseball/Softball Diamond, Magic Square: Tennis Court, Basketball Courts, Non-Motorized Trail, Play Structures

Carpathia Park

37550 Carol Dr. - 5.5 Acres
Facilities: Magic Square: Basketball Courts, Play Structure, Non-Motorized Trail

Chappelle Park

35748 Ensign - 10 Acres
Facilities: Multi-purpose Field, Play Equipment, Swing sets, Picnic Areas, Non-Motorized Trail

College Park

14722 Rice - 4.1 Acres
Facilities: Magic Square: Basketball Court, Play Structure, Non-Motorized Trail

Fairfield Park

38345 Cheviot - 3.7 Acres
Facilities: Play Structure, Swing sets, Non-Motorized Trail

Mark Sawyers Family Park

14655 Carmel - 10.1 Acres.
Facilities: Baseball/Softball Diamond, Paved Play Area, Magic Square: Tennis Court, Basketball Court, Play Structures, Picnic Areas

Franklin Park

2850 Franklin Park - 6.4 Acres.
Facilities: Multi-purpose Field, Magic Square: Tennis Court, 2 Basketball Courts, Play Structure, Non-Motorized Trail

Hadley Park

11000 Canal - 3 Acres
Facilities: Play Structure, Non-Motorized Trail

Hampton Park

4600 Franklin Park Drive - 12.6 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, Multi-purpose Field, Paved Play Area, Basketball Court, Roller Skating Pad, Play Structures, Picnic Areas, Non-Motorized Trail, Sled Hill

Imus Park

37651 Dodge Park Rd. - 10 Acres
Facilities: Sand Volleyball Court, Magic Square: 2 Basketball Courts, Play Structures, Non-Motorized Trail

Island Park 14700 Lakeside Circle - 10.9 Acres
Facilities: Nature Area

Jaycee Park

11550 Clinton River Road - 5 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, 2 Baseball/Softball Diamonds, Swing sets, Picnic Areas, Non-Motorized Trail

Magnolia Park

4900 Metro Parkway - 16.9 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, Magic Square: Tennis Court, Basketball Court, Play Area, Non-Motorized Trail, Sled Hill, Pickleball Court

Moravian Park

14602 Brandywine - 9.7 Acres
Facilities: 2 Play Structure Areas, Non-Motorized Trail

North Clinton River Park

8600 Riverland Dr. - 82 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lots, Play Structure, Swing sets, Spring Riders, Picnic Areas, Paddle Landing, Non-Motorized Trail

Rotary Park

Utica Rd. at Hayes - .9 Acres.
Facilities: Parking Lot, Play Structure, Picnic Shelter

Washington Square Park

14760 Potomac/14645 Stadler - 3.6 Acres
Facilities: Paved Play Area, 2 Tennis Courts, Basketball Court, Play Structure, Picnic Areas, Non-Motorized Trail

Wolf Park

38405 Gladstone - 8.9 Acres
Facilities: Baseball/Softball Diamond, Play Structure, Non-Motorized Trail

MAJOR PARKS

Delia Park

3001 18 Mile Rd. - 119 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, 4 Lighted Baseball/Softball Diamonds, 4 Soccer Fields, Football Field, 5 Tennis Courts, Play Structure, Picnic Areas, 2 Pavilions, Concessions, Restrooms, Sled Hill

Dodge Park

40620 Utica Rd. - 51.2 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, 3 Sand Volleyball Courts, 2 Play Structures, Swing sets, Picnic Areas, 2 Pavilions, Restrooms, Outdoor Concert Stage, Non-Motorized Trail

Farmstead Park

12112 Clinton River Rd. - 55 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, Soccer Field, Sand Volleyball Court, Basketball Court, Metal Play Structure, Swing sets, Picnic Areas, Pavilion, Restrooms

L.W. Baumgartner Park

13000 15 Mile Rd. - 42.5 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, 2 Lighted Baseball/Softball Diamonds, Play Structure, Picnic Areas, 2 Soccer Fields, Restrooms

Nelson Park

2775 15 Mile Rd. - 36.6 Acres
Facilities: Parking Lot, Soccer Field, Sand Volleyball Court, 2 Play Structures, Picnic Areas, Non-Motorized Trail, Pavilion, Restrooms

Check the department's website at www.myshpr.net for special events in city parks



Winter Activities

Winter can be an especially fun time of the year and there are many city parks that will add to your enjoyment of the season. Due to ever changing weather patterns, conditions in the parks may change quickly. Please note that direct supervision is not provided at any of the city parks and park users are cautioned to exercise the utmost of care when participating in an activity.



Cross Country Skiing

While all Sterling Heights parks lend themselves well to cross country skiing, some areas are especially inviting. Forested trails and/or an undulating terrain can only add to your outing.

Delia Park

18 Mile Road (West of Ryan Road)

Dodge Park/South Clinton River Park

Utica Road (at Dodge Park Road)

Farmstead Park

Clinton River Road (S of 19 Mile)

James C. Nelson Park

15 Mile Road (W of Ryan)

North Clinton River Park



Sledding

Adults and children are invited to sled at the various hills found in the parks in Sterling Heights.

Beaver Creek Park

King Richard Street (S. of 15 Mile Road, E. of Ryan)

Carpathia Park

Connie Drive (S of Fox Hill Drive, E of Ryan Road)

Delia Park

18 Mile Road (W of Ryan Road)

Hampton Park

Franklin Park Dr. (E of Ryan)

Magnolia Park

16 Mile Road (E of Ryan)

6' Leash Required

City of Sterling Heights Code Sections • 38-21 & 8-10

Our park system is a treasure, maintained for all citizens to use and enjoy. Keeping your pet on a 6 foot leash and cleaning up after it is not only a courtesy to fellow park users, but it is a city ordinance. Every park in Sterling Heights has signs noting the city's ordinance.



For the health and safety of everyone enjoying our beautiful parks, please leash and clean up after your dog.



Pavilion Reservations begin February 2, 2015

For that special family reunion, graduation or company picnic, the Parks and Recreation Department offers four picnic pavilions for rental: two pavilions at Dodge Park, one at Nelson Park, on 15 Mile Road, between Ryan and Dequindre, and one at Farmstead Park, on Clinton River Road and Gainsley Drive.

The covered pavilions hold 10-12 picnic tables for a seating capacity of 80-96 people. Barbecue grills are adjacent to the pavilions. Electricity is not available.

Up to two tents no larger than 10' x 10' are permitted as an extension to the pavilion. Dogs must be on a leash no greater than 6 feet in length. We request that you leave the facilities in a clean condition. A complete list of rules and regulations will be provided upon completion of the park permit.

<p>2015 Picnic Pavilion Rental Fees</p> <p>Residents Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) \$64 Saturday, Sunday and holidays \$87</p> <p>Non-residents Monday-Friday (excluding holidays) \$96 Saturday, Sunday and holidays \$131</p>

Rental Policy

Residents will be able to make their reservations for the 2015 season beginning Feb. 2, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. Our "residents only" policy includes companies and businesses in Sterling Heights. Beginning April 6, 2015, non-residents will be able to make their reservations for the 2015 season. Reservations must be made at the Recreation Center located in Dodge Park at the intersection of Dodge Park and Utica Roads. Proof of residency is required when making a reservation. Refunds of up to one-half the rental rate are available, but must be requested at least seven days prior to the reservation date.



“A Sterling Christmas”

38th Annual
Saturday, December 6th
at the Recreation Center
Dodge Park
5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Carousel - Sterling Heights McDonald's Restaurants
 Food Donation Area - Vibe Credit Union
 Horse Drawn Wagon Rides - Christian Financial Credit Union
 Candy Canes - IOM (Independent Opportunities of MI)



**FREE
Event!**



Everyone is invited to welcome the holiday season with a variety of family fun activities including:

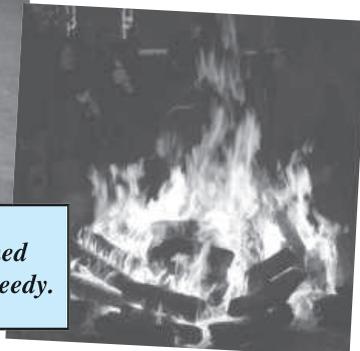
Santa will arrive rain or snow!

- Tree Lighting
- Train Rides - New!
- Holiday Music & Caroling
- Visit with Santa
- Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides
- Pony Rides
- Petting Farm
- Refreshments
- Ice Sculptures

Please bring your camera! Each family will be given a special picture frame for a 4x6 photo. (Additional frames can be purchased.)



We will also be collecting canned and boxed food items for the needy.





UCS - Sterling Heights SOS 5K in Dodge Park May 30th, 2015

Food, Raffle & Activities for Both Runners & Non-Runners!



Location: Scenic Dodge Park - 40400 Utica Rd, Sterling Heights, MI 48313

Registration for 5K: February 13 - May 29 \$20 per entrant (\$15 for 16 and under)
Race Day (6-8am only): \$25 per entrant (\$20 for 16 and under)

Registration for 1 Mile: February 13 - May 29: \$12
Race Day (6-8am only): \$15

Register and pay online at www.uticasos5k.com

Mail registration forms to:

UCS SOS 5k
11303 Greendale
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

or

Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation
40555 Utica Rd, P.O. Box 8009
Sterling Heights 48311-8009

1 mile Report to Starting Line at 8:30
1 mile Starts at 8:45
5k - Report to Starting Line at 8:45
5k Starts at 9:00am

Questions: sos5kevent@gmail.com

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Male Female Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

Entry Type: Adult Student Race Choice: 5k Run 5k Walk 1 Mile Run

Track Team Registrant Yes No If Yes, Name of School: _____

T-Shirt Size: Adult Small Medium Large X-Large (Choose One)
Child Small Medium Large X-Large

In Consideration of acceptance of this entry, I hereby, for myself, my heirs and my executors, waive and release all rights and claims for damages I may have against Utica Community schools, City of Sterling Heights, Hansons Racing, and all Sponsors and race management organizations for injuries suffered by me in this event. I attest that I have trained sufficiently to participate in this event and I am Physical fit. Further represent that I am authorized to excuse this waiver and release on behalf of all minors identified and listed on this registration and waiver form.

Participant Signature (or parent/guardian if under 18) _____ **Date:** _____



Sterling Coffeehouse

Presents

Blackthorn



Sunday March 8th

in the Sterling Heights Recreation Center



2 Show Times!
3:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

*Each show will have an intermission
*Stadium & Table seating available

Blackthorn will be enhancing your spirit in this early March event. Your eyes and ears will behold a wonderment of music as the band performs shanties, jigs and reels using various assortments of traditional instruments. Come enjoy the fun as we present Blackthorn in a cozy intimate setting on Sunday March 8th.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets are available at the Recreation Center and should be purchased in advanced.
Admission by ticket only (14 years and older.)

Advanced Tickets: \$14 (residents)**
\$18 (non-residents)
Tickets at the door: \$15 (residents)**
\$20 (non-residents)

All Seating on a first come first basis.

**Warren residents will be charged resident rates.

Call (586) 446-2700 for more information.



Mother & Son Cookout

Monday, May 11 ♦ 6:30-8:30 p.m.



Moms and sons will enjoy an evening at our Nature Center. We will go on a nature hike, I Spy Trail, "Sportsman Games" and end the evening with a cookout and s'mores. For boys 6-12 years of age. Cost is \$18 for residents mom/son couple, \$24 for non-residents mom/son couple. Additional sons are \$6 each. Register at the Parks & Recreation office or mail in registration form by May 4th, 2015.

Ref# 2001.305



Treasure Hunters Market

Watch for details in the summer magazine for this exciting event scheduled for August 8, 2015!



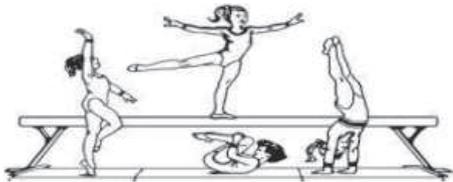
Co-ed Sand Volleyball League

The Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Department is accepting new team registrations for the Co-Ed Sand Volleyball League starting on April 6, 2015 (space permitting). The self-officiated league will be for adults 18 years old and older and will play on Wednesday evenings at the Dodge Park sand courts beginning May 13th. Teams consist of six players on the court at a time and there must be at least the same number or more women as men to start and end a game. The entry fee is \$224 per team. Full payment is due at registration. Fee includes championship awards. Call the Parks and Recreation office at (586) 446-2700 for more information.



Baseball Monitor Positions

The Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting applications starting in January for Baseball Monitors. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and available to work during the week from 5 to 11 p.m. and weekend hours from the months of April to August. Interested applicants can pick up an application at the Parks and Recreation Office, Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Starting pay rate is \$8.35 per hour.



Gymnastics Instructor Wanted

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking applications for a Master Gymnastics Instructor. This position is responsible for the weekly implementation of the instructional gymnastics program on Saturdays inside the Recreation Center. In addition to the actual classes, this position is responsible for making recommendations regarding program issues, marketing materials, equipment purchases, and staffing. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age with a background in gymnastics and/or cheerleading. Experience working with groups of children is preferred, but not required. Hourly wage is \$12-\$14 pending the applicant's qualifications. Applicant must be available to work Saturdays from September - May. Position is subject to an annual background check, and must possess or successfully gain CDC concussion training. Applications can be obtained at the Parks and Recreation office during business hours, or online at www.myshpr.net.

Adult Softball



Adults 18 and older interested in a competitive, yet fun place to play softball should look no further! Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation has just the league for you!

Men's: Monday (Class D) - \$646/team
Wednesday (Class C) - \$951/team
(Double headers)

Women's: Tuesday (Classes D & E) - \$646/team

Co-Ed: Thursday (Upper and Lower Division) - \$646/team
Friday (Upper and Lower Division) - \$646/team

All leagues are played at Baumgartner Park on 15 Mile Road, just west of Schoenherr. Registration for returning teams begins Monday, Jan. 5 at the Parks and Recreation office in Dodge Park. New teams may register (space permitting) beginning Monday, Feb. 2 on a first come, first served basis. HALF PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION! Fees include regular season, single elimination playoffs, game balls, championship awards and a refundable forfeit fee. Umpire fees are additional. Game start times are between 6:25 and 9:55 p.m. depending on the number of registered teams per league.

Minimum game guarantee (season and playoff):

12 games for single header leagues

24 games for double header leagues

Don't delay - these leagues will fill up!

No Residency Requirements!

Men's Gym



Players 18 years and older can work off some calories playing basketball and having fun, too. Appropriate attire and footwear are required.

Location: Flynn Middle School - 2899 Fox Hill Dr.

Fee: \$44 Resident
\$57 Non-resident

Day: Wednesdays

Age: 18 & over

Ref#	Time	Dates
3001.020	7:30 - 10:30 p.m.	2/25 - 4/29

No gym, 4/8

For information on how to register for programs, see pages 18-19.



Youth Sports

Karate for Children

Karate for children ages 8-15. Karate teaches self defense, it builds self confidence, teaches respect and humility and you make new friends. Learn the fundamentals of punching and kicking and how to protect yourself from harm. Class held by a Black Belt Instructor.

- Fee:** \$50 (resident); \$65 (non-resident)
- Location:** Recreation Center
- Day/Time:** Friday, 6-7 p.m.



Ref#	Dates
Session I: 3000.070	12/12-2/27 No class 12/26, 1/2
Session II: 3001.070	3/6 - 5/15 No class 4/10

Advanced karate for children 8-15. This class builds on the basics that were learned in the beginner class: learn forms of technique, and sparring techniques, sport kicks and more self defense. This class is for people who have attended the beginner class.

- Fee:** \$50 (resident); \$65 (non-resident)
- Location:** Recreation Center
- Day/ Time:** Friday, 6:30-8:00 p.m.



Ref#	Dates
Session I: 3000.071	12/12-2/27 No class 12/26, 1/2
Session II: 3001.071	3/6 - 5/15 No class 4/10

Youth Softball/Baseball

Registration for youth baseball and softball will take place at Stevenson High School Feb 3-6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In addition, registration will be taken from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Youth Athletic Building, 7520 18 Mile Rd., west of Van Dyke for Softball (Feb. 14) and for baseball (Feb.15). For more information on boys baseball, refer to www.SHBaseballClub.com. T-ball and girls softball, refer to www.sterling-softball.com. Youth Softball and baseball leagues are for children ages 5-18. All ages are as of Dec. 1, 2015.



Soccer

American Youth Soccer Organization, Region 190 - Provides an opportunity for kids and adults to learn and play soccer in a fun and encouraging atmosphere. AYSO philosophies are: open registration, balanced teams, everyone plays, positive coaching, good sportsmanship, and player development. We have a few spots left for our Spring 2015 season and registration for the Fall 2015 and Spring 2016 season will be starting soon!

Please see our website at www.ayso190.org for registration details.

AYSO 190 - Providing world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives!



Boating and Water Safety Instruction



The basic boating safety class taught by the Macomb County Sheriff Marine Division will include safety procedures, navigation rules, required and essential boat safety equipment, state and federal laws and regulations, rules of operation, aids to navigation and much more.

The class is open to all ages. Those 16 years old and younger who will be operating motor boats (6hp and greater), unsupervised; and anyone under 20 years old operating a personal watercraft are required to pass a boating safety class before they are able to legally operate a boat. Bring paper, pen, and highlighter.

- Location:** Senior Center
- Fee:** \$10 resident
\$13 non-resident
(2, 4-hour sessions)

Ref#	Day	Time	Date
3001.250	Saturday	12-4 p.m.	April 11 & April 18

Freaky Friday Bowling



- Location:** Sunnybrook Lanes
(17 Mile Road, west of Van Dyke)
- Dates:** Fridays, January 9 - April 3
- Time:** 4:15 p.m.
- Fee:** \$102
- Ages:** 4-12 years old

No class March 6th
(Includes two games, shoes, trophy and final party.)
To register, call Sunnybrook Lanes at (586) 264-2700.



Parent & Tot classes are playgroups packed full of fun and learning

Parent & Tot classes and playgroups are for children ages 12 months - 4 years old and their parents or other special adult. All of our classes meet weekly for six weeks at the Recreation Center. Each class time includes Circle Time, Music & Movement, Art, Story Time, and Free Play in our large playroom full of fun and developmentally appropriate toys.

Our goal for Parent & Tot classes is to provide a fun and stimulating environment for you and your little one to enjoy some special one-on-one time together. Setting aside this special time each week to come play with your child will be the highlight of your week, and will help to create some wonderful memories for you and your child for years to come! *Parent participation is required for all classes except "All by Myself". Parents must remain in the building for the "All by Myself" Classes.

**Note: All classes are for one child. No siblings are allowed in classes. It is highly recommended to sign up for both sessions when you register. You may register on line for these classes. Enrollment is on a first come, first serve basis and remains open to the public until filled.*

Fees:

- 6 - 1 hour classes
- \$36.75 Resident/\$55.50 Non-resident
- Come Play with Two
- \$41.25 Resident/\$62.25 Non-resident



Location: Sterling Heights Recreation Center

Instructors: Lorene Laurence & Julie Lagos



Wonderful Ones

Come have fun with your wonderful one year old, during play, story and craft time. Ages: 1 – 1 ½ years

Ref. #	Day	Dates	Time
Session I			
1000.602	T	Jan. 27 – March 10	9:30 - 10:30 am
No Class 2/17			
Session II			
1001.604	T	March 17 – May 5	9:30 - 10:30 am
No Class 3/31 & 4/7			

Terrific 2s & 3s

Always busy, ready to learn. Come play, share, and enjoy story time and crafts. Ages: 2 - 3 years

Session I			
Ref. # 1000.611	M	9:30 – 10:30 am	Jan. 26 - March 9
Ref. # 1000.612	T	12:15 – 1:15 pm	Jan. 27 - March 10
Ref. # 1000.613	W	9:30 – 10:30 am	Jan. 21 - March 11
Ref. # 1000.614	Th	9:30 – 10:30 am	Jan. 29 - March 12
Ref. # 1000.615	F	10:45 – 11:45 am	Jan. 23 – March 13
Ref. # 1000.616	F	12:15- 1:15 pm	Jan. 23 – March 13
Session II			
Ref. # 1001.640	M	9:30 – 10:30 am	March 16 – May 4
Ref. # 1001.641	T	12:15 – 1:15 pm	March 17 – May 5
Ref. # 1001.642	W	9:30 – 10:30 am	March 18 – May 6
Ref. # 1001.643	Th	9:30 – 10:30 am	March 19 – May 7
Ref. # 1001.644	F	10:45 – 11:45 am	March 20 – May 8
Ref. # 1001.645	F	12:15 - 1:15 pm	March 20 – May 8

NOTE: If Utica Community Schools are closed due to winter weather conditions, all Parent and Tot classes will be cancelled also.



Toddler Time

So much to learn and experience as a terrific two year old! Come play with others, share, and enjoy story time and crafts. Ages: 1 ½ - 2 ½ years

Ref. #	Day	Dates	Time
Session I			
1000.605	T	Jan. 27 - March 10	10:45 - 11:45 am
1000.606	W	Jan. 21 - March 11	10:45 - 11:45 am
1000.607	F	Jan. 23 - March 13	9:30 - 10:30 am
No Class 2/4, 2/6, 2/17, 2/18, 2/20			
Session II			
1001.608	T	March 17 - May 5	10:45 - 11:45 am
1001.609	W	March 18 - May 6	10:45 - 11:45 am
1001.610	F	March 20 - May 8	9:30 - 10:30 am
No Class 3/31, 4/1, 4/3, 4/7, 4/8, 4/10			



Come Play with Two

Come play, share, and enjoy story time and crafts with your younger sibling! Ages: 2 - 4 years and one Younger Sibling

All by Myself

Get ready for school with this intro to preschool class. This class can be taken concurrently with preschool classes. Ages: 3 ½ - 4 years 11 months old

Ref. #	Day	Dates	Time
Session I			
1000.620	M	Jan. 26 - March 9	12:15 - 1:15 pm
1000.621	W	Jan. 21 - March 11	12:15 - 1:15 pm
1000.622	TH	Jan. 29 - March 12	12:15 - 1:15 pm
No Class 2/4, 2/16, 2/18, 2/19,			
Session II			
1001.623	M	March 16 - May 4	12:15 - 1:15 pm
1001.624	W	March 18 - May 6	12:15 - 1:15 pm
1001.625	TH	March 19 - May 7	12:15 - 1:15 pm
No Class 3/30, 4/1, 4/2, 4/6, 4/8, 4/9			

Ref. #	Day	Dates	Time
Session I			
1000.636	M	Jan. 26 - March 9	10:45 - 11:45 am
1000.637	TH	Jan. 29 - March 12	10:45 - 11:45 am
No Class 2/16, 2/19			
Session II			
1001.638	M	March 16 - May 4	10:45 - 11:45 am
1001.639	TH	March 19 - May 7	10:45 - 11:45 am
No Class 3/30, 4/2, 4/6, 4/9			

NOTE: If Utica Community Schools are closed due to winter weather conditions, all Parent and Tot classes will be cancelled also.

Creative Movement

This program is designed to introduce the very young to rhythm, music and movement. Children will use a variety of fun activities during the class to develop balance and coordination. Dancers will also learn beginning ballet techniques and positions. For maximum range of movement, we require that participants wear appropriate dance attire! Girls must wear leotards, tights and ballet shoes. Boys must wear T-shirts, shorts and ballet shoes. Long hair should also be put up. Pink canvas or leather ballet shoes are required (no slippers!) Participants must be proper age at the beginning of the session. This class will not participate in the dance recital.

Instructor: Jen Kraemer

Fee: \$32 Resident/\$42 Non-resident (7, 30-minute sessions)

Location: Recreation Center

Age: 3-5 years old

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates
4000.063	W	10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	1/7 - 2/25
No Class Feb. 18			
Session II:			
4001.063	W	10:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	3/4 - 4/22
No Class April 8			





Tumbling & Gymnastics

Participants will learn basic gymnastic moves and tumbling on each of the Olympic gymnastic events, including balance beam, bars, floor exercise and vault, while increasing flexibility, balance and coordination. For class apparel, we recommend that girls wear either a T-shirt or leotard with shorts. For boys, a T-shirt and shorts are appropriate. No shoes, socks, jean shorts or jewelry. Supervision is not provided out of class. **It is required that parents remain in the building while their child is in class.**



Instructors: Gymnastics Staff
Location: Recreation Center
Day: Saturday
Dates:
 Session I Jan. 10 - March 7
 Session II March 14 - May 16
No Class 2/21, 4/4, 4/11

Tumbling

The Tumbling class is designed for students ages 7-12 years old who wish to work on improving their basic tumbling skills on floor. They will practice cartwheels, handstands, round-offs, back handsprings and front/back walk-overs. This class does not include training on balance beam or bars. Cheerleaders are welcome! Parents will be invited in to view the class on the eighth week of the program.

Fee: \$55 Resident
 \$83 Non-resident
 (8, 55-min. sessions)
 Maximum # per class: 24

Session I	
Ref#	Time
1000.421	1:40 - 2:35 p.m.
1000.423	2:40 - 3:35 p.m.
Session II	
Ref#	Time
1001.421	1:40 - 2:35 p.m.
1001.423	2:40 - 3:35 p.m.

Pre-School Gymnastics

This class is for students ages 3-4. Your preschooler will take part in activities to emphasize introductory gymnastics skills, motor skills, balance, listening skills and coordination, all in a safe, fun environment. Student must be 3 years old on or before first day of class, and be able to stay with their group and follow basic instructions, otherwise they will be transferred to a parent and tot class or offered a refund. **The instructors reserve the right to initiate a refund for any child who cannot adjust to the structure of the class.** Parents will be invited to view the class on the eighth week of the program.

Fee: \$55 Resident
 \$83 Non-resident
 (8, 50-min. sessions)
 Maximum # per class: 18

Session I	
Ref#	Time
1000.410	9 - 9:50 a.m.
1000.411	10 - 10:50 a.m.
Session II	
Ref#	Time
1001.410	9 - 9:50 a.m.
1001.411	10 - 10:50 a.m.

Parent & Tot Gymnastics

This class is designed for children 18-36 months old along with their parent or caregiver to participate in group activities which help develop coordination, balance, social skills and motor skills while introducing basic gymnastics skills and positions. This is accomplished using music, parachute play, climbing activities and exploration of gymnastics equipment. Parent participation is required. **Please do not bring siblings to class!**
Fee: \$44 Resident
 \$65 Non-resident
 (8, 30-min. sessions)
 Maximum # per class: 24

Session I	
Ref#	Time
1000.400	10 - 10:30 a.m.
Session II	
Ref#	Time
1001.401	10 - 10:30 a.m.

Youth Gymnastics

This class is for beginner students ages 5-8. Activities will include instruction for introductory skills on the balance beam, bars, floor exercise and vault along with basic tumbling. Flexibility and conditioning will be incorporated into each class. Students will be divided into groups based on their individual ability. As a child's competency increases, instructors will introduce more advanced skills to keep them interested and challenged. Parents will be invited to view the class on the eighth week of the program.

Fee: \$55 Resident
 \$83 Non-resident
 (8, 55-min. sessions)
 Maximum # per class: 24

Session I	
Ref#	Time
1000.420	10:50 - 11:45 a.m.
1000.422	12:35 - 1:30 p.m.
Session II	
Ref#	Time
1001.420	10:50 - 11:45 a.m.
1001.422	12:35 - 1:30 p.m.



Apply soon for 2015 Summer Playground positions

Applications for Summer Playground Program positions will be available beginning Monday Jan. 5, 2015, at the Parks and Recreation office. The deadline date to submit applications will be Friday, Feb. 13, 2015. The office is located in the Sterling Heights Recreation Center, in Dodge Park, at the intersection of Dodge Park and Utica Roads. The Summer Playground Program is for children 5-14 years old and begins June 18, 2015 and runs through July 31. The playgrounds will be closed on July 3, 23 & 24th. The six-week program runs daily, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Time off is not permitted during this program. Position descriptions and requirements are as follows:

Application Deadline Feb. 13, 2015!

* **Senior Leader** -- responsible for organizing and operating one summer playground site with assistance. Duties include supervision, leadership, activity planning, monitoring the safety of the participants and other duties as assigned. Some activities are pre-scheduled, but the day-to-day activities are left up to the entire staff's creativity. Applicants must be at least a two-year college student (major in education or recreation preferred) and have experience working with children. Pay rate - \$9.75 per hour.

* **Junior Leader** -- responsible for assisting the senior leader in conducting the various arts and crafts, games and activities. Duties include supervision, leadership, following directions and assignments given by the senior leader, assuming responsibility of the playground site in the absence of the senior leader and other duties as required. Applicants must be a high school graduate and have experience working with children. Pay rate - \$8.75 per hour.

* **Aide** -- conducts playground activities as assigned by the senior leader. Applicants must be 16 years of age or older and have some experience working with children. Pay rate - \$8.15 per hour.

Special Recreation Day Camps

2015 Day Camp staff positions are available. The Day Camp for the Mentally Impaired Senior Group and the Day Camps for Physically Challenged and Mentally Impaired Junior Groups will be held June 22 - July 31, 2015. The Day Camp for Physically Challenged Senior Group will be held June 15 - July 31 with no camp held July 20 - 24 due to Sterlingfest activities.

Applications are available at the Sterling Heights Recreation Center and online beginning January 5, 2015. The Rate of pay is the same as what is listed above on this page. For more information, call (586) 446-2708. This is an excellent employment opportunity for students seeking experience working with people who have cognitive or physical challenges. It also provides the campers with a great summer experience!

Become a teen volunteer

Teens, don't let this be another boring summer! Become a teen volunteer and let Parks and Recreation help you get some valuable experience in a real work environment. Accepted teens will develop job references, prepare for future employment and meet new friends.

Teen volunteers will be assigned to work in the Summer Playground Program or Day Camp at a school site near their home. City residents, ages 14 & 15 as of June 18, 2015, are invited to apply for the program beginning Monday, April 6. Applications will be available at the Parks and Recreation office located in the Recreation Center. The deadline to apply is Friday, June 12. Applicant placement is not guaranteed at requested locations. Volunteers will not be contacted until the week of June 16th for schedules.

What's the Summer Playground Program?



Here's a quick review of what the program is all about. Children 5 to 14 years old can register to attend the playground program at a local school near their home. It runs June 18 through July 31. Playgrounds will not be held on July 3, 23 & 24. The program is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Some of the fun stuff to do at the playground includes sports, arts and crafts, special events, games, and much more. Children are free to come and go as much as they like, daily attendance is not mandatory. However, if you want your children to stay at the playground program and not leave, it's up to you to instruct your children of your important wishes. Each playground is supervised by 3-5 staff members. All staff members have passed a criminal background check and are certified in CPR, first aid & concussion training. So if you are already thinking about making plans this summer, we hope you'll give us a try. Look for more detailed information, including costs, and how to register in the summer edition of the Sterling Heights Magazine. This program is sponsored by the Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with Utica Community Schools and Warren Consolidated Schools. (Playgrounds are closed on field trip days.)

Resident Fee: \$104
Non-Resident Fee: \$156



Dance & Fitness

Zumba®

A mix of dance and fitness moves, this latin-inspired fitness class will make you smile, sweat, and burn up to 600 calories! Zumba® is great for all shapes and sizes, involving a high & low intensity workout with international rhythms & music. Zumba® is designed to give you a great time and a great body. You don't need to know how to dance, just how to have fun!

Instructor: Sandra Currie
Location: Recreation Center
Fee: \$60 Resident \$78 Non-resident (8, 60 minutes classes)
Day: Tuesdays

Ref#	Time:	Tuesday
4000.005	7:35 - 8:35 p.m.	1/6 - 2/24
4001.005	7:35 - 8:35 p.m.	3/3 - 4/28 No class 4/7
4001.015	7:35 - 8:35 p.m.	5/5 - 6/23

Zumba® Toning

Zumba® Toning combines targeted body-sculpting exercises and high-energy cardio work with Latin-infused Zumba® moves to create a calorie-torching, strength-training dance fitness party. Using Zumba® toning sticks or light weight dumbbells, you'll work every muscle group while you groove. Along with light-weight upper body resistance, you'll work against gravity or the floor to define your leg and ab muscles. Bring your own 1-3 pound hand weights or toning sticks if you have them. We also have a variety of 1- and 2.5-pound toning sticks available to use during class.

Instructor: Sandra Currie
Location: Recreation Center
Fee: \$60 Resident /\$78 Non-resident (8, 60 minutes classes)
Day: Thursdays

Ref#	Time:	Thursday
4000.006	7:35 - 8:35 p.m.	1/8 - 2/26
4001.006	7:35 - 8:35 p.m.	3/5 - 4/30 No class 4/9
4001.016	7:35 - 8:35 p.m.	5/7 - 6/25

Ballroom Dancing

This class is for couples only. Learn to waltz, fox trot, jitterbug and cha-cha, including the basic steps, pattern, rhythm and style of each dance. Also learn to lead or follow. All taught by demonstration, repetition and individual assistance. Shoes must be soft-soled only, no heels. Cost is per person.

Instructor: Pamela Stephenson
Location: Senior Center
Fee Per Person: \$40 Resident / \$60 Non-resident (6, 90-min. sessions)

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates
1000.115	W	7 - 8:30 p.m.	1/14 - 2/18
1001.116	W	7 - 8:30 p.m.	3/4 - 4/8

Every Body Yoga

This style of yoga is for every body (beginners and continuing) and will be different at each class. Everyone comes to yoga with a different body type and physical and mental history. Your instructor will integrate the many different forms of yoga so that every one can benefit, no matter their level of experience. With the variety of poses offered, students will be given the choice to hold at the level 1 position or challenge themselves to do level 2 or 3 positions as they melt away stress, increase strength and flexibility and obtain a peaceful, quiet and harmonious mind. Breathing techniques are employed and each class concludes with a guided relaxing meditation. Wear loose-fitting clothing and bring a yoga mat to class.

Instructors: Donnie Koptyra
Location: Recreation Center

Session I

Fee: 6-Week Class* 8-Week Class**

Resident \$42 \$56
 Non-resident \$55 \$74

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates
1000.320	M	11a.m.-12 p.m.	1/5-2/23*
1000.322	Tu	6:30-7:30 p.m.	1/6 - 2/24**
1000.324	W	11a.m.-12 p.m.	1/7 - 2/25**
1000.325	Th	6:30-7:30 p.m.	1/8 - 2/26**

No class Jan. 19 & Feb. 16

Session II

Fee: 8-Week Class

Resident \$56 Non-resident \$74

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates
1001.320	M	11a.m.-12 p.m.	3/2 - 4/20
1001.321	Tu	6:30-7:30 p.m.	3/3 - 4/21
1001.322	W	11a.m.-12 p.m.	3/4 - 4/22
1001.323	Th	6:30-7:30 p.m.	3/5 - 4/23

Session III

Fee: 6-Week Class* 7-Week Class

Resident \$42 \$49
 Non-resident \$55 \$73

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates
1001.324	M	11a.m.-12 p.m.	4/27- 6/8*
1001.325	Tu	6:30-7:30 p.m.	4/28 - 6/9
1001.326	W	11a.m.-12 p.m.	4/29 - 6/10
1001.327	Th	6:30-7:30 p.m.	4/30 - 6/11

No class May 25



Maria Marino launched her company, Maria Marino Fitness Pros, LLC, 21 years ago with the goal of creating fun, motivating and outstanding fitness, wellness, weight loss and nutrition classes for the community. Maria and her fitness Pros empower people everywhere to define and reach their

personal goals, both physical and psychological. Excellent results of improved health & weight loss achieved by many of their committed clients shows that the classes they offer deliver results. Maria Marino Fitness Pros dedicates the knowledge they have acquired about exercise and living a healthy lifestyle and applying it to all of the classes that they offer. They thrive on impacting people's lives in a positive way. Maria and her fitness pros have enthusiasm, motivation and a sincere desire to help the community by improving their quality of life through fitness. Maria and her Fitness Pros are excited to be able to offer you a means of fitness here through Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation.

Strength & Tone

This non-impact, toning and shaping class utilizes light weights. It's motivating and shedding those unwanted pounds in no time! Strength & Tone is a combination of progressive exercise that guarantees to boost your metabolism, and is specifically geared to help you lose body fat! You'll be pumping, pushing and crunching your way to a fitter you. This class includes a variety of cardio with interval & strength training techniques. Please bring weights & mat to class!

Instructor: Maria Marino Fitness Pros
Location: Recreation Center
Fee: \$56 Residents \$73 Non-Resident (8 weeks)

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates	
4000.210	W	7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	1/7 - 2/25	8 weeks
4000.211	W	7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	3/4 - 4/29	8 weeks
4001.210	W	7:30 - 8:00 p.m.	5/6 - 6/24	8 weeks
No Class 4/8				

Muffin Top Meltdown

Want to look better in those jeans? Melt that muffin top in this 30 minute workout. This class will trim, tighten and tone your entire mid-section. A great class for any fitness level. Please bring mat to class.

Instructor: Maria Marino Fitness Pros
Location: Recreation Center
Fee: \$42 Residents / \$55 Non-Resident (8 weeks)
 \$37 Resident \$48 Non-resident (7 weeks)

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates	
4000.200	M	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	1/5 - 3/2	8 weeks
4000.201	M	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	3/9 - 5/4	8 weeks
4001.000	M	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	5/11 - 6/29	7 weeks
No Class 1/19, 4/6, 5/25				

Total Body Blast

This high-energy workout will have you sweating & shedding those unwanted pounds in no time! Total Body Blast is a combination of progressive exercise that guarantees to boost your metabolism, and is specifically geared to help you lose body fat! This class includes a variety of cardio with interval & strength training techniques. Please bring weights & mat to class!

Instructor: Maria Marino Fitness Pros
Location: Recreation Center
Fee: \$56 Resident \$73 Non-resident (8 weeks)
 \$49 Residents \$64 Non-Resident (7 weeks)

Ref#	Day	Time	Dates	
4000.222	M	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	1/5 - 3/2	8 weeks
4000.223	M	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	3/9 - 5/4	8 weeks
4001.224	M	7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	5/11 - 6/29	7 weeks
No Class 1/19, 4/6, 5/25,				

For information on how to register for programs, see pages 18-19.

Fitness In Motion & Yoga For Today

Keep fit with on your own Yoga for Today at 6:30 a.m. followed by Fitness in Motion at 7:00 a.m. on Sterling Heights Television (SHTV), found on cable channel 5 (Comcast) or cable channel 10 (WOW!). The classes repeat with Yoga for Today at 4:30 p.m. and Fitness in Motion at 5:00 p.m.



Discounts!

Palace Discounted Events



The Palace of Auburn Hills and Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation is pleased to present year round events at discounted prices exclusive to you, your family and friends!

Events include: Detroit Pistons Basketball and family events such as Disney on Ice and Extreme Monster Truck Nationals.

Please visit www.palacenet.com/groups and look under MRPA discount or visit www.myshpr.net for current discounts. For more information on upcoming events and games or please call:

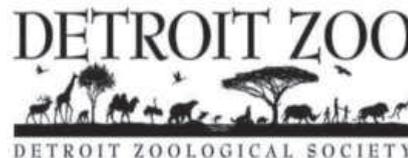
Steven Schmitz (248) 209-3658
Family Events & Detroit Pistons

Upcoming events for sports teams, special shows, and concerts will be available in the months ahead. Please visit the lobby at the Recreation Center for current fliers or log on to www.myshpr.net for current discounts.

Don't forget to mention Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation when you call the Palace.



Detroit Zoo Year Round



Did you know The Detroit Zoo is open year round, and as residents of Sterling Heights you have access to discount tickets! You can print your discount tickets anytime from home at:

www. <https://tickets.detroitzoo.org>
eloin: sterlingheights



Go Red Wings



Join us for a night of Red Wings fun and excitement! The City of Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation and the Detroit Red Wings are pleased to announce a special partnership for the 2014-15 season! Special ticket savings are available for select games throughout the season.

For more information, call Clark Rowekamp:

(313) 394-7546 or
e-mail Clark.Rowekamp@Hockeytown.com.

You may also purchase your tickets:

@ www.DetroitRedWings.com/mrpa
Enter Promocode: STERLING HEIGHTS

WINTER 2014/15



Family Field Trip— Detroit Red Wings vs. Montreal Canadians



Join the Parks and Recreation Department for a no-hassle experience as the Detroit Red Wings take on the Montreal Canadiens. Trip fee includes game ticket, round trip transportation from Dodge Park, curbside drop off and pick up, and parking. In addition, the first 10,000 fans will receive an Original Six Challenge Coin. The bus will depart promptly at 5:30 pm from the Recreation Center to take advantage of the giveaway. Make plans to see these two storied franchises square off and leave all the work to us! No refunds or exchanges. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Day/Date: Monday, Feb. 16th
Ref#: 4003.020
Time: 5:30 pm Bus Leaves. Game Time 7:30 pm
Fee: \$50/per resident & \$52/ per non-resident

- * **No-hassle experience!**
- * **Limited tickets still available!**
- * **Curbside dropoff & pick-up**
- * **No downtown parking costs!!**
- * **Receive an 'Original Six Coin'**





Parks and Recreation Employee Named Part Time Employee of the Year



Every year, nominations are accepted for City employees that provide exemplary service to the residents of Sterling Heights. The Parks and Recreation Department is very pleased to announce that Assistant Naturalist, Brenda Suchenek, was awarded the honor of being the 2014 Part Time Employee of the Year at an

appreciation banquet on October 29th at the Sterling Inn. Brenda has been an integral part of the Parks and Recreation Department's service delivery since taking on the role of lead Naturalist in the absence of a full time employee. She has continued to develop and lead high quality programs that are fun, yet educational, for all of the center's patrons. Brenda also makes it a priority to contribute to the department in many other ways as well, helping at many special events throughout the year.



The Parks and Recreation Department congratulates Brenda Suchenek on being named Sterling Heights' 2014 Part Time Employee of the Year, and is thankful for her efforts. Make sure to stop by the Nature Center this year to congratulate Brenda on a job well done!

The "Senior News" has it all!

**Are you 50+?
Get your copy of the Senior News!**

Want to stay current on all that is happening at the Senior Activity Center? Then you need to read the "Sterling Heights Senior News". This bi-monthly publication provides the latest information on all the programming, travel and services available to those 50+.



The "Senior News" is available the first Wednesday of the months in which it is published (January, March, May, July, September, and November) and can be viewed three easy ways:

1. A printed copy is available free of charge at the Senior Center, Parks and Recreation building and Sterling Heights public library.
2. Online at www.myshpr.net
3. Mailed directly to you. Get a year subscription, 6 issues, at the cost of \$14.00 for Sterling Heights Residents and \$21.00 for Non-Residents.

To sign up to be a part of our subscription service and have the "Senior News" mailed to you, please complete the form below. Mail it along with your check, made payable to: "Treasurer, City of Sterling Heights", to Senior News, P.O. Box 8009, Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009.

Swim Lessons

As a shared community service, the City of Warren is offering their swim lessons to Sterling Heights residents at Warren resident rates. The City of Warren has a full range of classes at the Warren Community Center located at 5460 Arden Warren, MI 48092 (south of 14 Mile Road and off of Mound Road).

Swim lessons are offered for all ages, in group, private or semi-private formats. These classes are held every day of the week. Morning, afternoon and evening times are available.

Fees:

Preschool Lessons (4 and under)	\$50
Red Cross Lessons (1-6)	\$58
Teen/Adult Lessons	\$58



Call 586.268-8400

for information on swim testing, registration dates/times, and more swim information

"Senior News" Subscription

Please send me "The Senior News" for 1 year! I have enclosed a check for \$14.00/Residents, \$21.00/Non-Residents, made payable to: "Treasurer, City of Sterling Heights."

Name: _____

Street: _____

Apt #: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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Email: _____

50+

Are You 50+?

If so, you are eligible to participate in the Senior Center classes and programming. Our beautiful facility was built to assist everyone 50 years of age and older to help maintain a healthy, active lifestyle and enjoy life to its fullest. Every effort is made by the staff to offer programs and activities suitable to all. Some of our programs include Pinochle/Euchre card parties, Bingo, Tai Chi, Bunco, Sit-n-Stitch and travel opportunities from local day visits to weeklong worldwide travel. On the gymnasium schedule you will find activities suitable to all, from the social skill player levels to the more competitive. The indoor walking track is a perfect way to stay moving no matter what Mother Nature throws our way.

Call us at (586) 446-2750 (option 0) for information on the current program offerings, or come in for a visit and check us out first hand. You never know what fun you may find or the familiar faces you may run into.



Don't see what interests you? Let the staff at the Center know. Your input is always appreciated and welcome; we are always looking for ways to enhance the programming.



C25K - Couch 2 5k Run

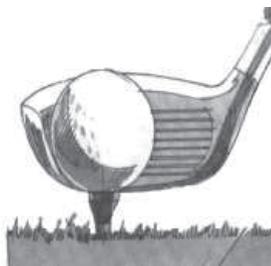
Have you ever wanted to participate in a 5k but know that running just isn't your thing? With many races becoming walker friendly, you really don't need to run to get in on the fun. This spring, the Senior Activity Center is looking to have a C25k program that will

focus on building participants' endurance to complete a 5k race. The instructor will not only help motivate the group, but will give helpful information on proper stretching techniques, race etiquette, etc. The program would conclude with participants taking part in the SOS 5k, on May 30th. Interested parties should contact the Center at (586) 446-2750 (option 0).

50+ Golf League

The Sterling Heights Men and Women's Senior Golf League is set to tee off their season on Thursday, April 30th, at Sunnybrook Golf Course and is looking for some new players.

The league fee is \$16.00 Resident / \$24.00 Non-Resident, due at time of registration. Greens fees are \$9.00, payable to Sunnybrook each week. Anyone wishing to join the league should call the Senior Center at (586) 446-2750 (option 0) to be put on the list. Openings will be filled once last year's golfers have registered (by the end of March). Interested individuals will be asked to leave their score for 9 holes so they can be placed in the correct flight.



Drop-In Fees

A daytime Drop-in fee of 25¢ for Residents and 50¢ for Non-Residents will be charged to everyone coming in to use the Senior Center or Gym. You will be asked to pay this fee and sign your name when you enter the building. This includes those coming in for all activities. Evening and Saturday fees are \$1.00 for Residents and \$1.50 for Non-Residents for the walking track; \$2.00 for Residents and \$3.00 for Non-Residents for the gym.



Bicycle Riders Wanted!

The Senior Center would like to form a 50+ Bicycle Group that would start spring of 2015 and run through early fall. If you would be interested in getting together with fellow riders for a fun and social group, please call the Center at (586) 446-2750 (option 0). We are also looking for individuals that would be interested in helping to coordinate and lead the rides.



AARP Tax Aide

AARP Tax Aide, the nation's largest volunteer-run tax assistance and preparation service, will be preparing tax returns and answering tax questions free of charge at the Center this winter. Appointments are necessary since space is limited. To make your appointment, please call the Center at (586) 446-2750 (option 0).



Get Out of Town!



The Senior Activity Center invites anyone 50+ to travel with us. Trips range from half-day to week-long excursions and are a great way to meet new people, see new sights (revisit some old), take advantage of group discounts and you won't have to worry about finding parking. Some upcoming trips include:

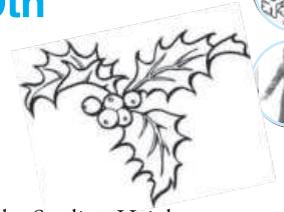
- Detroit Institute of Arts (January)
- Red Wings Game (March)
- Niagara Falls (June)
- Rum Runners (March)
- Air Zoo and St. Julian Winery (April)
- Pacific Northwest and California (September)

For more information, and to see all trips currently being offered, check out the Senior News or contact the Center directly.



The Community Partnership Program teams up SMART and the City of Sterling Heights to offer residents that are 55+, and those with disabilities, great transportation opportunities. Call (586) 446-2757 for more information Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Senior Center Christmas Party Friday, December 19th



10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Doors open at 9:30 a.m.)
 \$21.00 Resident / \$23.00 Non-Resident
 Ref. # 6003.410
 *Registration Deadline: Thursday, December 4th

Come celebrate the joys of the season with your friends at the Sterling Heights Senior Center. This Senior Center tradition includes food, entertainment and fun. Entertainment by Rennie Kaufmann, Twelfth Night Singers and more. Lunch will be provided by Dominic's Catering (Roasted Porkloin Medallions with light gravy, garlic smashed redskins, green beans, beverage and dessert.)

Tickets must be purchased in advance to attend. Those wishing to sit with specific friends should purchase tickets at the same time (Max. 12 per table). No tickets will be held and tickets must be paid in full upon registration. No refunds will be given after 12/4/14. Minibus service is available for non-driving Sterling Heights senior residents but must be scheduled in advance.

**Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for our Macomb Food Program Collection.

AARP Smart Driver Course

This 8-hour (2 days for 4 hours each day) classroom refresher course will help mature drivers improve their skills and lessen the possibility of traffic accidents. Participants will receive a certificate, which may be used for insurance reduction offered by some carriers. This class does not teach you how to drive. Participants must pay at time of registration. Don't delay, class size is limited.

Location: Senior Activity Center

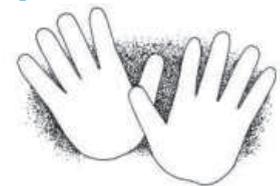
Days: Tuesday, April 21st and Thursday, April 23rd

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (a 30-minute break will be given so bring a lunch)

Cost: \$15.00 AARP Member / \$20.00 Non-AARP Member (Drop-in fee applies)

Must pay in advance. Only cash or checks made payable to: AARP.

Here to Help!



The Senior Center offers a variety of services. Some include:

- Massage
- Foot and Ankle Care
- Hearing Screening
- Blood Pressure Checks and Health Seminars
- Medicare Counseling
- Transportation services to and from Dr. Appointments and Shopping (for those that qualify)
- Veterans Benefit Outreach

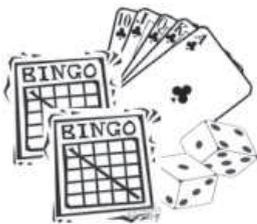
Since most services do not require residency in Sterling Heights, please pass on this information to those that live beyond the city limits that could benefit. Call the Center, or check out the latest edition of the Senior News, if you would like more information.

More information on 50+ programming can be found in the Senior News (available in print and online at myshpr.net) or by calling the Senior Center at (586) 446 -2750.



50 + Leisure

Game On!



The Center hosts Bingo, Bunco and Card Parties monthly. Please see the Senior News for specifics on each of these programs, since in some instances pre-registration is required. Upcoming dates include:

Bingo – December 9th, January 13th, February 10th, March 10th and April 14th

Bunco – December 12th, January 9th, February 6th, March 6th and April 10th

Pinochle & Euchre Card Party – December 12th, January 16th, February 20th, March 20th and April 17th

Acrylics Class

Come and enjoy this forgiving medium. Work from still life, your own pictures, and even have fun with abstracts. This will be YOUR class, your choice of subject. The instructor will assist you in whatever you choose to create. Paint, three canvas boards and the use of brushes will be provided with the materials fee. If you choose to purchase your own supplies, or share with a friend, a materials list will be provided. Instructor: Darleen Urbanek

Location: Senior Activity Center

Day: Mondays, March 23 - April 27th

Ref. #: 6000.108

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$75.00 Resident / \$112.50 Non-Resident
(Plus a \$15 materials fee)



Stained Glass Classes

If you would like to learn how to make beautiful works of art from stained glass, please call the Center. Instructor: Madelyn Cipriano

Location: Senior Activity Center

Days: Thursdays

Time: 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Fee: \$7.00 Residents / \$10.50 Non-Residents
(Drop-in fee applies)

No class 12/25, 1/1



Line Dance Exercise

“Line Dance Aerobics” can burn 200 to 400 calories in a one hour class. It is low impact, making it less stressful on knees and backs. No experience necessary. All of the dances are at a beginner level. Give it a try, your first class is FREE! Bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Instructor: Join Carol Pakizer

Location: Senior Activity Center

Day: Tuesdays & Thursdays

Time: 12:45 - 1:45 p.m.

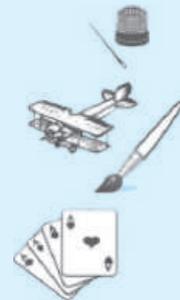
Cost: \$6.00 Resident/ \$9.00 Non-Resident (Drop-in fee applies)

No class 12/25 or 1/1

No Instructor! Just Fun!

The Center offers many drop-in activities for individuals looking to get together with others that share common interests. Some of these activities include:

- Painting Workshop
- Snippet Quilters
- Woodcarving
- Model Builders
- Sit-n-Stitch
- Bridge
- Pinochle
- Euchre
- Chess
- Scrabble
- Mah-Jongg



These activities are free (Drop – in fee applies) and do not require any pre-registration. Just show up and jump right in. More information regarding these groups can be found in the Senior News, or by calling the Center.

Pool Table Hours



Monthly Pool Tournaments

See Senior News for dates & times
(Drop-In fee applies)

DAY	9 a.m. 1 p.m.	1:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.
Mon.	Open	Open
Tues.	Women	Men
Wed.	Men	Women
Thurs.	Open	Open
Fri.	Men	Women

More information on 50+ programming can be found in the Senior News (available in print and online at myshpr.net) or by calling the Senior Center at (586) 446 -2750.



Exercise with Mary

Designed for people with arthritis, this fun class can be done seated or standing. Participants exercise to their individual potential. Instructor: Mary Tackett

Location: Senior Activity Center
Day: Mondays & Wednesdays
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Cost: \$6.00 Residents
 \$9.00 Non-Residents
 (Drop-in fee applies)

No class 12/3, 12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/19, 2/4, 2/16, 3/4, 4/1

Low Impact Fat Burner

Women & men will increase their cardiovascular conditioning with a 30-40 minute, fat-burning low-impact aerobic segment. Toning and stretching exercises will follow, making this a complete workout. Bring an exercise mat, exercise band and good aerobic shoes. Instructor: Dawn Surinck

Location: Senior Activity Center
Time: 7:45-8:45 p.m.
Fee: \$48.00 Resident
 \$62.00 Non-Resident
 (Eight 1-hr sessions)

Ref#	Day	Dates
6003.304	M	1/5 - 3/9*
6003.305	W	1/7 - 2/25
6001.100	M	3/23 - 5/11
6001.101	W	3/18 - 2/16

*No class 1/19 or 2/16

Calorie Conscious

Are you looking for a healthier way of eating? Do you just want to lose a few pounds? Then "Calorie Conscious" support group is just right for you. New members are always welcome.

Location: Senior Activity Center
Day: Thursdays
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Fee: 50 cents per week
 (Drop-in fee applies)

No class: 12/25 or 1/1

Tai Chi Chu'an Classes

Experience this soft, graceful, tranquil and non-aerobic exercise. Tai Chi Chu'an provides excellent health benefits including stress reduction, increased blood flow, greater flexibility and balance. Not sure you can do it? Give it a try, your first class is free. Instructor: John Marchewitz

Location: Senior Center
Time: Beginner I - 9:30 a.m.
 Intermediate - 10:45 a.m.
Cost: Drop in students (per session)
 \$6.00 Resident/\$9.00 Non-Resident (Drop-in fee applies)



Day	Ref.#Beg	Ref.#Inter.	Dates	#	Res.	Non-Res.
Tues.	6000.030	6000.031	1/6-1/27	4	\$18.00	\$27.00
Thur.	6000.032	6000.033	1/8-1/29	4	\$18.00	\$27.00
Tues.	6000.034	6000.035	2/3-2/24	4	\$18.00	\$27.00
Thur.	6000.036	6000.037	2/5-2/26	4	\$18.00	\$27.00
Tues.	6000.038	6000.039	3/3-3/31	5	\$24.00	\$36.00
Thur.	6000.040	6000.041	3/5-3/26	4	\$18.00	\$27.00
Tues.	6001.020	6001.021	4/7-4/28	4	\$18.00	\$27.00
Thur.	6001.022	6001.023	4/2-4/30	5	\$24.00	\$36.00

Please contact the Senior Center office for full details of the classes. If you are unable to attend a class there will be no refunds. **Registration for classes begins the first Tuesday of the month.**

Aquatic Exercise

Working out in the water isn't just fabulous for you but it is fun! Benefits of aquatic exercise can include: improving cardiovascular health, decreasing weight, increase strength, slowing age-related loss of muscle mass, and because it lowers the stress on joints can improve symptoms associated with arthritis. These 6-week aquatic exercise programs will take place at Henry Ford II High School. Participants will be transported to and from the High School via a SMART bus. The bus will depart the Sterling Heights Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. and return to the Center at approx. 12:30 p.m. Instructor: John Fasseel

Days & Time: Tuesdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 (Pool Time Approx.: 11:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m.)

Session #1: 2/24 - 3/21 **Session #2:** 4/14 - 5/19
Ref. #: 6003.132 **Ref. #:** 6003.133

Cost: \$36.00 Resident / \$54.00 Non-Resident

Zumba Gold

C.C. Plus will be teaching Zumba Gold, a "feel happy," high energy, low impact aerobic workout to Latin music. Instructor: Peggy DiMercurio

Location: Senior Center Gym
Days & Time: Mondays 9:30-10:30 a.m. / Fridays 12:45-1:45 p.m.
Cost: \$6.00 Resident
 \$9.00 Non-Resident
 (Drop-in fee applies)

More information on 50+ programming can be found in the Senior News (available in print and online at myshpr.net) or by calling the Senior Center at (586) 446-2750.



Yoga Class

See Page 30 for more information.



Body Sculpture

Use weights and tubing to tone and strengthen the entire body. Participants should bring an exercise mat, exercise tube, bottle of water, and a set of 1 to 3 pound weights. Instructor: Down Surinck

Location: Senior Activity Center

Morning Class:

Dates: Fridays, Jan. 9th - May 15th

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Cost: \$6.00 Resident / \$9.00 Non-Resident (Drop-in fee applies)

No Class 3/6, 3/13, or 4/3

Evening Class:

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fee: \$48.00 Resident / \$72.00 Non-Resident
(Eight 1-hr sessions)

Ref#	Day	Dates	Ref#	Day	Dates
6003.302	M	1/5 - 3/9*	6001.122	M	3/23 - 5/11
6003.303	W	1/7 - 2/25	6001.123	W	3/18 - 5/6

*No Class: 1/19 or 2/16

How to Stay Fit & Enjoy Life!

This eight session, health and wellness program is facilitated by a Registered Nurse who will help you jump start your fitness goals. Weigh in on the first day and track your weight loss. Learn about healthy snacks, how to use a food scale and possibly win a prize or two along the way. There will even be an ultimate biggest loser! Instructor: Denise Hubbard

Location: Senior Activity Center

Days: Tuesdays

Time: Noon - 1:30 p.m.

Cost: Free (Registration required)
(Drop-in fee applies)

Ref#	Day	Dates
6003.124	T	1/20 - 3/24*
6000.106	T	4/21 - 6-23*

*No class 2/10, 3/10, 5/12 or 6/9

Senior Active Life Center

The Senior Activity Center gym, and indoor walking track, hosts a variety of activities, so come participate in your favorite, or try something new. Unless noted all activities are on a drop-in basis, and all are welcome!

Day	Activities	Walking Track & Table Tennis
Monday	Zumba Gold: 9:30 a.m. Pickleball Beginners: 11:00 a.m. – Noon Pickleball Open: Noon – 4:30 p.m. Drop in Volleyball: 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Pickleball Beginners: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Pickleball Open: 10:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Pickleball Beginners: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Pickleball Open: 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Basketball League: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Thursday	Badminton: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Basketball: 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (1 court) Pickleball: 2:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. (1 court) Drop in Basketball: 4:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday	Pickleball Beginners: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Pickleball Open: 10:30 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.	9:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Saturday	Pickleball: 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Basketball: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (1 court) Pickleball: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (1 court)	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gym will be closed: 12/17 (p.m. only), 12/18, 12/19, 12/20, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1, 1/19, 2/16, 3/11(p.m. only), 3/12, 3/13, 3/14, and 4/3

Drop-in fee: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.: 25¢ Resident / 50¢ Non-Resident
After 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays: Gym = \$2.00 Resident / \$3.00 Non-Resident
Walking Track = \$1.00 Resident / \$1.50 Non-Resident

Please carry in your tennis shoes. No street shoes are allowed in gym or on walking track.



SPECIAL RECREATION

Reflections in the Night



2015 Special Recreation Prom Dance

Friday, May 8
6 -10 p.m.
Recreation Center

\$17.00 per resident
\$25.00 per non-resident
\$17.00 Staff

Reservations must be made by May 1

Ticket price includes dinner, dancing, supervision, refreshments and surprises. Dates are encouraged, but not necessary.

Ref# 5001.060

Special Recreation Christmas Dance

Friday, Dec. 12 we will celebrate this Christmas season. Delicious treats, a visit from Santa, gifts, great music to dance to and friends will be awaiting you. Please remember to pre-register to save money and help us plan for the food.

Ref# 5003.064



Brunch with Santa!

For mentally impaired or physically challenged, 12 years old and younger.

Date: Sunday, Dec. 7

Time: 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Location: Recreation Center

Fee: \$5 resident participant

\$8 non-resident participant

\$3 resident family

\$5 non-resident family

The registration deadline is Monday, November 24, 2014.

Ref# 5003.060



Dances

Let's rock 'n roll with tunes from the 50s to the present. Call your friends and meet them for an evening of music, dancing, munchies and loads of fun on Friday nights. Group home staff must also pay. Please pre-register to help us with refreshment planning and easier check-in. This dance is open to special recreation participants 16 and over.

Location: Recreation Center

Fee: Resident:
\$7 pre-registered
\$9 at door
Non-resident:
\$10 pre-registered
\$13 at door
\$1 Group Home Staff

Day/Time: Fridays; 7-10 p.m.

Registration information
for programs,
see pages 18-19

Special Recreation Day Camps

The Day Camp for the Physically Impaired Senior Group will be held June 15-July 31, 2015 at the Sterling Heights Recreation Center. (No camp the week of July 20-24 due to Sterlingfest.) The Day Camp for the Mentally Impaired Senior Group will be held June 22-July 31, 2015 at Maple Lane School. The Day Camps for the Mentally and Physically Impaired Junior Groups will be held June 22-July 31, 2015 at Messmore Elementary School (tentative location).

Fee: \$153 Resident
\$258 Resident Family
\$230 Non-resident
\$387 Non-resident Family



Registration begins May 4 for Sterling Heights residents

May 5 for Macomb County residents and

May 6 for out-of-county residents.

Ref#	Dates	Theme
5003.064	12/12	Christmas
5000.061	1/09	Snowball
5000.062	2/13	Valentine
5001.063	3/13	Spring
5001.064	4/10	Easter



Northeast Special Recreation Softball League



Sterling Heights Special Recreation teams play in the American and National Leagues of the Northeast Special Recreation Softball League. Players with developmental (TMI and EMI) and physical challenges, ages 12 years through adult are welcome to join.

Players with learning disabilities should not register for this program. Players will be placed on a team in either the American or National League by the Special Recreation staff upon review of the player evaluations, which have been completed over the past years.

Practices and games are played on Tuesdays and Thursdays May 14 - July 30 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Practices and Home Games:

American League: Baumgartner Park

National League: Delia Park

Away games will be played in: Clinton Township, Warren, Grosse Pointe and Shelby Township. Registration deadline is: Fri., May 8.

- Fee:** \$57 resident
 \$99 resident family
 \$74 non-residents
 \$129 non-resident family

Ref. #	League
5001.042	American
5001.043	National
5001.044	Family Plan

16th Annual Junior Wheelchair Basketball Fund-raiser Bowling Tournament



Saturday, March 21st, 2015

Bowl One
 1639 E. 14 Mile Road
 west of Dequindre

Check-in: Noon
 Nine-pin, no-tap
 bowling begins:
 12:30 pm

For more information or if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities call Diane Winterstein at (586) 446-2708.

Registration information
 for programs,
 see pages 18-19

Bowling

A competitive bowling league for individuals who are mentally impaired or physically challenged. An open bowling program for individuals who have mental or physical impairments. Family members may also register for the program.

Participants will bowl two games each week. Young children and individuals with limited abilities may use bumpers.

Location: Sterling Lanes
 (14 Mile & Schoenherr)

Fee: \$22 Resident
 \$33 Non-resident

Day: Wednesday
 This fee is paid once per season (season is Sept. 2014 – April 2015). There is also a \$2.50 per person fee each week. This includes two games and shoe rental.

Ref. #	Time	Ends
5003.031	Open 4-6 p.m.	4/15
5003.032	League 4-6 p.m.	4/15

No Class 12/24, 12/31, 2/18 & 4/1

Join the Challengers Junior Wheelchair Basketball Team

Join this awesome team of young athletes by calling Diane Winterstein at (586) 446-2708. We welcome new players. Come join us at the Bowling Tournament to be held March 21 at Bowl One.

Learn the basics about basketball, shooting techniques, rules and ball handling skills. Anyone 21 years of age and younger, and in elementary, junior and senior high school, with physical challenges is welcome. The team will play in conference regional and national tournaments.

Location: Carleton Middle School

Day: Monday & Wednesday

Time: 7-9 p.m.

Resumes: 1/5

AYSO VIP Soccer

AYSO Very Important Players (VIP) Program provides a quality soccer experience for children and adults whose physical or mental disabilities make it difficult to successfully participate on a mainstream team.

To register call (586) 726-8612 or email: nancydufoor@wowway.com. Check out the web site for details: www.AYSO190.org.



Creative Cooking

A class designed to help 16-year-olds through adults learn basic meal preparation skills. Special Recreation Participants must be able to follow basic directions or bring an assistant. Class limited to 12 people. A cookbook of all our recipes will be given to each participant on the last day.

Location: Recreation Center
Fee: \$8 Resident / \$12 Non-resident
Day: Tuesday

Ref#	Food	Time	Date
5000.070	Taste of Italy	5:30-7 pm	1/13
5000.071	Taste of Italy	7-8:30 pm	1/13
5000.072	Super Snacks	5:30-7 pm	1/27
5000.073	Super Snacks	7-8:30 pm	1/27
5000.074	Cocoa A'more	5:30-7 pm	2/10
5000.075	Cocoa A'more	7-8:30 pm	2/10
5000.076	Saucy Soup	5:30-7 pm	2/24
5000.077	Saucy Soup	7-8:30 pm	2/24
5001.078	Ham It Up	5:30-7 pm	3/10
5001.079	Ham It Up	7-8:30 pm	3/10
5001.080	Luck of the Irish	5:30-7 pm	3/24
5001.081	Luck of the Irish	7-8:30 pm	3/24
5001.082	Start the Day	5:30-7 pm	4/14
5001.083	Start the Day	7-8:30 pm	4/14
5001.084	Fantastic Fruit	5:30-7 pm	4/28
5001.085	Fantastic Fruit	7-8:30 pm	4/28
5001.086	Mexican Fiesta	5:30-7 pm	5/12
5001.087	Mexican Fiesta	7-8:30 pm	5/12

Decorative Crafts

Come let your creative juices flow. Create a craft to decorate your room or give as a gift. You must register for each class by the Friday of the week before it is scheduled. Open to all Special Recreation participants.



Location: Sterling Heights Recreation Center
Fee: \$8 Resident, \$12 Non-resident
Day: Thursday
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Ref. #	Dates	Craft
5000.022	1/29	Valentines/St. Patrick's Day
5001.023	3/26	Easter/Mother's Day



Special Recreation Pistons Games

See the Detroit Pistons with us!
 The Pistons will face the Philadelphia 76ers on Saturday, January 17, the Charlotte Hornets on Sunday March 8.

Tickets cost \$34.00 for residents, \$36.00 for non-residents.

The price includes a ticket, transportation and staff. Family and friends are welcome.

Ref#:	Game:	Date:	Time:
5000.065	Philadelphia 76ers	1/17	5:30-11 pm
5001.065	Charlotte Hornets	3/8	4:30-10pm



Dance Exercise Class for all Ages

Come and join C.C. Plus for a fun and interactive dance program, specifically created for children & adults with physical and/or developmental disabilities. Dances are choreographed with easy, repetitive movements, to music they will recognize and enjoy. Dances include party dances, circle dances and line dances. We will accommodate all skill levels. Wheelchair users and walkers are welcome. No dance experience necessary. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to dance if their dancer needs assistance. Ages 3-up.

Location: Sterling Heights Senior Center
Fee: \$31.50 Resident, \$47.25 Non-resident (Six 1-hour sessions)
Day: Monday
Time: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

	Ref. #	Dates
Session 1	5000.038	Jan 5 - Feb 23
Session 2	5001.039	March 9 - April 13
Session 3	5001.040	April 20 - June 1
No class 1/19, 2/16, 5/25		



Nature Center Hours:

Visitor Hours:

Tuesday - Friday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Closed on Sundays and Mondays

Morning Hours:

Reserved for School Field Trips & Special or Home School Visits.
Please call to make appointment.

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** Warren residents receive resident rates (Birthday Parties Excluded)

Birthday Parties



Are you looking for a unique location to host your child's birthday party? The Nature Center is now booking birthday parties on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Parties include a live animal demonstration! Call us for more information, or check out our website!



Winter and Spring Nature Classes

Children accompanied by an adult, will enjoy this fun-filled introduction to the wonders of nature. Crafts, songs, and games will keep the children smiling.

Fee: \$21 resident, \$30 non-resident three, 1-hour classes

Winter Classes

Ref. #	Age	Time	Day	Dates
7000.501	3 yrs	11:30 -12:30 p.m.	W	1/14, 1/21, 1/28
7000.503	4-5 yrs	11:30 -12:30 p.m.	Th	1/15, 1/22, 1/29

Spring Classes

Ref. #	Age	Time	Day	Dates
7001.501	3 yrs	11:30 -12:30 p.m.	W	3/11, 3/18, 3/25
7001.503	4-5 yrs	11:30 -12:30 p.m.	Th	3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Macomb Audubon Society

The Macomb Audubon Society will resume their monthly meetings. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of the month at the Senior Center. Programs start at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome.

For more information about programs go to:
www.macombaudubon.org.



Report Any Sightings of Fox, Coyote, or Beaver

If you see a fox, beaver or coyote in Sterling Heights, please call the Nature Center at (586) 446-2710.





Saturday Programs

Hawking Experience

Saturday, January 17th 2 pm

Meet a real Falconer! Patrick Browne will delight us with his Hawking Experience, starting with trapping of the raptor to first flight training. Patrick will bring some of the equipment he uses and cover topics such as the history of Falconry and things we can do to help preserve raptors. Followed by showing a LIVE hawk. This is a free program. Seating is limited, come early to get a good spot.

Girl Scout Program Watching Wildlife

Saturday, February 7th at 2 pm

We will take a close look at the animals in our neighborhood. We will fill all the requirements so you can obtain your "Watching Wildlife" try – it badge. Cost \$4.00 per scout. Leaders must pre-register. Approx. 2 hours long.

Boy Scout Program "Naturalist" workshop

Saturday, March 7th at 2 pm

"Calling all Webelos" would you like to earn your Naturalist badge? Now here's your chance. Cost \$4.00 per scout. Leaders must pre-register. Approx. 1 ½ hours long

Michigan Black Bear

Saturday, March 14th at 2 pm

Spend an afternoon learning about Michigan's Black Bears! Program participants will learn about the life cycle of the Michigan black bear, general biology and behavior, as well as how the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) manages and maintains a healthy black bear population. This is a free program.

#Owlhiking

#Birds of Prey Sighting

Saturday, April 11th at 2 pm

On this Naturalist led hike we are hoping to spot birds of prey. Dress to go outdoors after a short presentation. Hoping to spot Owls and Hawks. Camera phones/ cameras welcomed. #ADVENTURE! This is a free program.



Saturday Afternoon at the Movies

**-NO ADMISSION-
All movies start at 2pm**

This "NATURE" series is an award-winning, longest running natural history series on television. Join us as we bring these shows to the big screen.

January 24 • Penguins of the Antarctic

February 21 • Andres: The Dragon's Back

March 21 • Violent Hawaii

April 18 • Cuba: Wild Island of the Caribbean



Stories with the Animals

Wednesdays @ 10 a.m.

Feb 11 & April 22

Irresistible nature related stories and crafts. Don't miss this opportunity.

Please call 586-446-2710 to reserve your seat.

Fee: \$2.00 Resident
\$3.50 Non-resident



Lets Feed the Animals

January 31st and March 28th

2:00 p.m.

How much does the snapping turtle eat? What do we feed the snakes? Is a turtle a fast eater? Find out all the answers as you watch us feed all our animals and answer all your feeding questions. Free program.



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Sunday: Closed

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Mission Statement: The Sterling Heights Public Library serves as an information center for our community, offering a wide variety of materials and services for education, entertainment, and enrichment in a welcoming and helpful environment.

A note about registering for library programs

While most library programs are drop-in events, several require registration. Furthermore, some programs have a registration start date. The guidelines for registration are listed at the very bottom of each program's description. In all cases, registration is free, as are our programs.

Registration is requested to ensure the library has the appropriate amount of seating and handouts for all interested in attending and, in the case of programs with food or beverages, enough for all participants.

When registration does not close for a program, you may be able to enter the program without checking in at the door. However, if registration does close, you will definitely have to check in at the door. Those who have not registered may be admitted into the program if there are "no-shows" or cancellations. All registrations are void once the program begins. If you are late to the program, your slot may be given to someone waiting to enter.

Please do not register for a program if you do not plan to attend. Moreover, please call to cancel if a conflict arises. When you do not, you might be keeping someone else from enjoying the program.

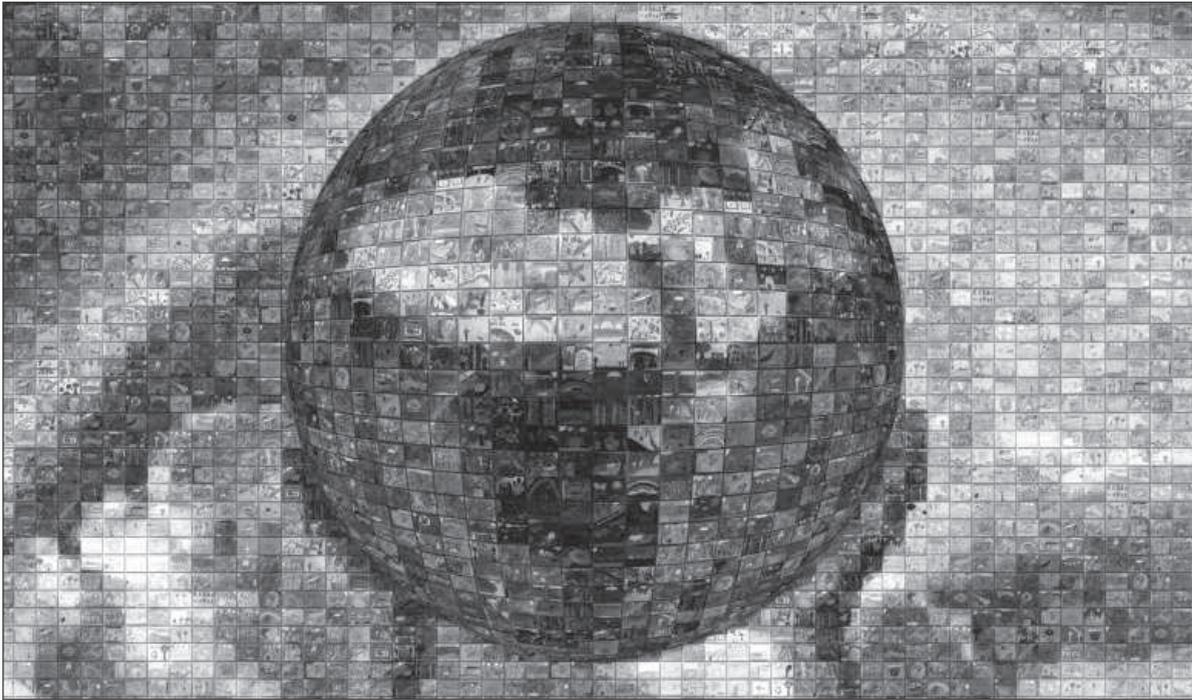
Registration can be completed by visiting www.shpl.net or calling (586) 446-2640.

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YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN...



THE WORLD IS IN OUR HANDS We Need Your Help to Make the “Big Picture”!

The Sterling Heights Public Library is partnering with Project S.N.A.P. to bring **The World is in Our Hands** to our community! The program will capture the voices of Sterling Heights residents through their individual artwork. Materials will be provided on the days and times seen to the right, giving everyone a chance to share their art with a message. The final result will be the creation of a giant mosaic mural, a single “big picture”, made from the artworks and messages that members of our community create.

The World is in Our Hands is a collaboration between our library, the Friends of the Library, and the Sterling Heights Community Foundation. Together we will raise awareness about the important role that the library plays for ourselves, our families, and our communities by creating art that shows how “Libraries Change Lives”.

If you create an artwork, you will be included in the mosaic mural and will gain access to the *Project S.N.A.P. Online Art Museum*. Not only will you be able to read and share your artistic statement, you can also see your artwork’s exact location in the mosaic. You can find your friends’ and family’s contributions as well!

JOIN US!

**Saturday, January 31 from
10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m**

**Tuesday, February 10 from
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Friday, February 20 from
1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



Sterling Heights Community Foundation





Read deeper with the library's book groups

Good Reads Book Discussion

Check out reader favorites from many genres with the Good Reads book discussion group. This readers' choice series offers many great books to read and talk about. The group will meet on **Tuesdays at 7 p.m.** in the library programming center. Check the library website at www.shpl.net for more information on Good Reads. Upcoming books include:

January 13: *Madame Tussaud: a Novel of the French Revolution* by Michelle Moran

February 10: *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger

March 10: *Her Fearful Symmetry* by Audrey Niffenegger

April 14: *The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb* by Melanie Benjamin

No registration necessary.

Senior Center Book Discussion

The Sterling Heights Public Library brings a book discussion to the Senior Center! Join a lively monthly discussion of some great reads. All chosen titles are available in multiple formats through the library, including large print and audiobooks. Call (586) 446-2669 for more information. Discussions will be held at **10 a.m.** in the **SENIOR CENTER LIBRARY** on the following dates:

January 20: *The Inn at Lake Devine* by Elinor Lipman

February 17: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson

March 17: *The Thirteenth Tale* by Diane Setterfield

April 21: *Middlemarch* by George Eliot

No registration necessary.

Get creative with the Crafters Cooperative

The library's very own Crafters Cooperative is a unique program that revolves around crafters helping crafters. During these informal sessions, library crafters offer instruction or assistance with another's chosen pastime. The group meets on **Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** on these dates:

January 21 **March 18**

February 18 **April 15**

This program is not only aimed at novice crafters who hit roadblocks or have questions, but also at those who are looking for a little inspiration; maybe a knitter who wants to attempt cables, or a scrapbooker who wants to try sewing.

No registration necessary.

Plan for college (and how to pay for it) at the library

The library's three-part college planning series will conclude **Wednesday, January 7 at 7 p.m.** with a session on Filling Out the Form. If you have FAFSA forms, bring them along. You can ask a librarian about getting the forms or print the form online at fafsa.ed.gov.

Sheryl Krasnow has been speaking at the Sterling Heights Public Library for nearly 25 years on this topic and has helped countless teens prepare for their future.

Registration is required and will begin on **Wednesday, December 17**. You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2640.

Banish writer's block at the Creative Writer's Workshop

Writers: Bring your work to the Sterling Heights Public Library during these informal sessions and workshop with others who are as passionate about writing as you. Use this program to overcome writer's block, get opinions on what is successful, and find out what needs work in your writing. While you're at it, help others improve too!

Each month, this group will meet on a **Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the library's programming center. The dates are:

January 28 **March 25**
February 25 **April 29**

Participants should bring 12 copies of their work. Workshop limit is two pages double-spaced for prose, two poems, or five pages of a play.

For more information about this program, please call (586) 446-2640.

No registration necessary.



Library closings

The library will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, January 1 for New Year's Day.

Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Monday, February 16 for President's Day.

Friday, April 3 for Easter.

Saturday, April 4 for Easter.





Checkout these free movie showings this winter!

Movie Mornings

Take a trip to the library for morning movies that are absolutely free! Movies will be shown on the below dates at **10:00 a.m.** in the library's programming center. Movie-goers will receive complimentary coffee, water, and popcorn!

Feel free to bring your own camping bag chair if you find that more comfortable than the provided chairs. Also, the room can get chilly, so a sweater may be advisable.

Thursday, January 15: *Jersey Boys* (R, 134 minutes, 2014) The story of four young men from the wrong side of the tracks in New Jersey who came together to form the iconic 1960s rock group The Four Seasons.

Wednesday, February 25: *Moonrise Kingdom* (PG-13, 94 minutes, 2012) A pair of young lovers flee their New England town, which causes a local search party to fan out to find them.

Wednesday, March 26: *Blended* (PG-13, 117 minutes, 2014): After a bad blind date, a man and woman find themselves stuck together at a resort for families, where their attraction grows as their respective kids benefit from the burgeoning relationship.

Thursday, April 22: *Wall Street* (R, 126 minutes, 1987): A young and impatient stockbroker is willing to do anything to get to the top, including trading on illegal inside information taken through a ruthless and greedy corporate raider.

No registration necessary.

Family Movie Theater

Head to the library for free movie showings that are perfect for every member of the family! Each movie will play on select days and times in the library's programming center. Snacks and refreshments will be available for free!

Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. *Muppets Most Wanted* (PG, 107 minutes, 2014): The Muppets find themselves wrapped into a European jewel-heist caper headed by a Kermit the Frog look-alike.

Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. *Fantasia* (G, 125 minutes, 1940): Disney's classic collection of animated interpretations of great works of Western classical music.

Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. *The Princess Bride* (PG, 98 minutes, 1987): A classic fairy tale, with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, and a beautiful princess all told by a kindly grandfather.

No registration necessary.

Afternoon Movies

Head to the library for free afternoon movie showings! Each movie will play on the below dates at **2:30 p.m.** in the library's programming center. Popcorn, pop, and water will be available for free!



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No registration for all showings.

Frozen Sing-Along

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No registration necessary.

Dig into this winter's diverse program line-up

Author visits this January

Legacy Workshop

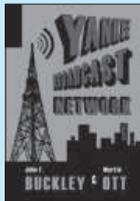
Local author and legacy coach Christine Pechacek is heading to the library on **Thursday, January 8 at 7 p.m.** to explain how each of us can best make our own legacy. Pechacek will also talk about her latest book, *Is It Too Late to Get My Money Back?* and how it figures into her own legacy.

No registration necessary.



Legacy Coach
Christine Pechacek

Book Signing & Poetry Reading



Buckley's
Latest Book

Author and poet John F. Buckley is coming to our library on **Thursday, January 29 at 7 p.m.** to sign and discuss his latest book, *Yankee Broadcast Network*. Buckley will also lead a community poetry reading session as well. So stop in for an artistic adventure that's sure to be as enlightening as it is entertaining!

No registration necessary.

Real Estate Seminar

Head on down to our library's programming center on **Tuesday, February 3 at 7 p.m.** for a crash course in real estate. Top-notch realtors from the Realteam will give an informative presentation on all the relevant details in our current marketplace for both buyers and sellers.

No registration necessary.



Learn Photography in Two Sessions

Take advantage of Randy Crowell's 45 years of professional photography experience in this two-session class. You do not have to have a camera to attend, but if you own one, please bring it.

On **Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m.**, learn how a camera operates, what lenses to use, and how to adjust your camera setting in manual mode to create your own photograph.

On **Wednesday, February 11 at 7 p.m.** learn how to compose a photograph like a professional does, to make it interesting to other people, and to show your creative side.

No registration necessary.

The Fundamentals of Ornamental Tree and Shrub Pruning

Head to the library on **Tuesday, March 3 at 7 p.m.** for an instructive presentation on ornamental pruning techniques. Homeowners will also be given the opportunity to ask questions to our local experts, Todd Fleishans and Clint Sherrill, after the presentation.

Fleishans is a Certified Master Arborist and Qualified Tree Risk Assessor. Sherrill is an Arborist and Arboriculture Society of Michigan Board Member.

No registration necessary.

The Boogie Woogie Kid Returns

Join Matthew Ball, aka The Boogie Woogie Kid, for another toe-tappin' performance of swinging piano favorites! The concert will be held on **Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m.** This family-friendly program will feature piano fun from the 20's, 30's, and 40's.

No registration necessary, but space is limited. Attendees will be admitted on a first-come first-served basis.



Matthew Ball, aka "The Boogie Woogie Kid"

Vintage Floral Workshop

Join us on **Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 p.m.** to take part in a lovely do-it-yourself vintage paper project! Art instructor Cynthia Rindt will show you how to design a beautiful bouquet of flowers for any special occasion. Participants will learn folding techniques and how to colorize papers to create a sweet and colorful floral display. You'll even get to walk home with a wonderful arrangement that you've created!

Registration is required and will begin on **Tuesday, April 1**. If you plan to build a bouquet with someone else, please register for one. You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2640.



Become Money Smart with new financial programs

Join us in April for several programs geared toward your financial education! The library is taking part in a national event called Money Smart Week, a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances. This year, Money Smart Week takes place between April 18 and April 25. So stop in to get a better handle on your finances!

For more information on Money Smart Week, go to <http://www.moneysmartweek.org/>



Coupon Class

Join us on **Wednesday, April 22 at 7 p.m.** for a presentation that's sure to save you cash! We've invited a knowledgeable coupon-veteran from the Michigan Coupon Club to explain how you can save a bundle with just a little coupon-clipping. All participants will receive a free coupon book and can choose to receive a free 3-month membership in the Michigan Coupon Club's online class as well!



Registration is required and will begin on **Wednesday, April 1.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2640.

Funeral Planning

Though it may not be comfortable to talk about, sooner or later everyone dies. Learn how to plan your funeral to make things easier on those you love and leave behind with our Funeral Planning session on **Thursday, April 23 at 7 p.m.** The program will feature Tom Rood and Bob Reige of Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Homes. The presenters will not only address your financial concerns, but answer any other questions related to funeral services.

Registration is required and will begin on **Thursday, April 2.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2640.

Financial advice for the whole month of April

Financial experts from Bloom Asset Management will return to the library to expand Money Smart Week throughout the entirety of April. Be sure to check out these informative presentations!

Estate, Tax, and Financial Planning for People Who are Suddenly Single



Widows, widowers, and the recently divorced can often suffer from terrible financial burdens. Attorney Jonathan Goldberg, another Bloom expert, will join us on **Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m.** to discuss estate planning, taxes, and financial planning so singles can once again thrive.

Registration is required and will begin on **Thursday, March 12.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2640.

Tax-Smart Strategies for Withdrawals From Your Retirement Portfolio

Ken Bloom comes to the library on **Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m.** to discuss the impact taxes can have when withdrawing money from a retirement portfolio. He'll also provide tips to help lessen the tax implications during retirement.

Registration is required and will begin on **Thursday, March 26.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2640.

How to Guarantee You Don't Run Out of Money in Retirement

It is not uncommon for people to live 30 or more years after they retire. Rick Bloom will be available on **Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m.** to discuss investment strategies to help retirees have enough money during their retirement no matter how long they live.

Registration is required and will begin on **Thursday, April 9.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2640.



Get tech savvy with new classes and old favorites

Whether you are looking for beginner instruction or just a little one-on-one help with your tablet or laptop, the Sterling Heights Public Library's slate of computer

classes can help you. Great programs are scheduled this winter, including several new classes, so check out the following programs to find what's best for you!

ABCs of Computers

Don't know how to open your email? Not even sure how to turn the computer on? Then this is the class for you! Head to the library's programming center on the below dates at **10 a.m.** for beginner's training with computers. Each session will start with a fundamentals training course followed by a question-and-answer period. The classes will be held on:

Thursday, January 8 **Thursday, March 5**
Tuesday, February 3 **Thursday, April 2**

No registration necessary.

Gadget Guy

Can't quite figure out that gadget you just got? Want to figure out how to download books to your new e-reader? Head to the library for a visit with the Gadget Guy, Chris Frezza, from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** on the below dates. This program will allow participants to bring their gadgets and questions to Frezza for one-on-one help. There will be a 15-minute time limit and questions will be answered on a first-come, first-served basis. The Gadget Guy will visit the library on:

Tuesday, January 27 **Tuesday, March 24**
Tuesday, February 24 **Monday, April 27**

No registration necessary.

Tech Appointments

Our library staff is here to help with all of your technology questions! Appointments can be booked up to three weeks in advance for 30 minutes of one-on-one support. We can solve your latest dilemma or teach you something new. It's up to you!

To book your appointment, please call us at **(586) 446-2640**.

All About eBooks

Stop by the library's programming center on the below **Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m.** for one-on-one training with eBooks. Library staff will be on hand to show you how to download and enjoy eBooks in focused 15-minute sessions. Participants will be helped on a first-come first-served basis. This program will be held on:

January 14 **February 18** **April 8**

No registration necessary.

Tablet Talk

Got a tablet, but don't know how to use it? Come down for a class that's just for you. On select **Thursdays at 10 a.m.** our library staff will put on a two-part program with tablets in mind. Part one will offer a thorough presentation on how to use the library's eBook service with various tablets. Part two will be a question-and-answer period for showing and sharing how to make the most of your mobile device. The program dates are:

February 12 **March 12** **April 16**

No registration necessary.

Special classes this winter

Computer Health

Is your computer running slow and you don't know why? If so, head to the library on **Thursday, January 22 at 10 a.m.** for a special class that's going to whip your computer into shape! This class will walk you through the necessary steps for improving the speed, efficiency, and security of your computer.

No registration necessary.

Computer Chitchat

Join us on **Thursday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to noon** for a social gathering that's centered on computers. Participants will enjoy free coffee and snacks while engaging our staff in an informal question and answer period. Raise questions and relate your tech-related frustrations with others who share your same experiences.

No registration necessary.

Excel Budgets

Money Smart week wouldn't be complete without a computer class! Get Money Smart and Tech Smart on **Thursday, April 23 at 10 a.m.** and learn the basic skills needed to set up a personal budget using Microsoft Excel.

No registration necessary.





Great teen programs for getting past the mid-year blues

Exam Study Sessions

With exams on the way this January, high-schoolers are invited to give themselves a change of scenery and get some last minute studying done. Join us in the library's programming center on **Tuesday, January 13 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.** for some serious studying, pizza, and pop.

This is not a tutoring session, but informal instruction may be available.

No registration necessary.



Family Gaming Day

This winter the Metro Detroit Gamers will host a number of gaming sessions for the entire family on select **Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.**

January 10 March 14
February 21 April 11

No registration necessary.



Teen Hangout

Stop by the library's programming center on the below **Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.** for an open-ended hangout session. Games, snacks, and informal tutoring will be provided on:

January 21	February 4	March 4	April 1
January 28	February 11	March 11	April 15
	February 25	March 18	April 29
		March 25	

No registration necessary.

Teen Chocolate Molding

Teens ages 13-18 are welcome to make candies with our chocolate melts and molds on **Saturday, February 7 at 2 p.m.** Make some for someone special, or treat yourself—we won't tell!

Registration is required. You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at (586) 446-2644. There may be drop-in slots if registration does not fill.

Teen Spa Day

Teens in grades 6-12, you deserve an afternoon of pampering! You can treat yourselves by sampling some of our homemade spa items on **Saturday, April 18 at 2 p.m.** We will also make some relaxing spa products including bath fizzies and sugar scrubs that you can take home.

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Teen Life

Join us on **Wednesday, April 22 from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.** for a life-size version of the game of Life. Spend or save your play-money wisely as you navigate the financial choices of life as a student. Those who wind up with the most money at the end of the game will win prizes worth real cash!

No registration necessary.





Classic children's programs are back for the new year

Monday Medley

This 30-minute evening program will hit spot for children ages 9 and under! Each night will be a grabbag of fun that may include storytimes, crafts, games, and experiments! So stop by on these **Mondays at 7 p.m.**

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| January 5: Snowmen | March 2: Windy Days |
| January 12: Ninjas! | March 9: Prince and Princess |
| January 26: Construction | March 16: Sensory Time |
| | March 23: Bugs |
| | March 30: Dr. Seuss |

No registration necessary.

Storytime

Drop by for a traditional children's storytime aimed at independent listeners ages 3½-5. Each storytime is held on the below **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** in the Storytime Room. Children must be able to attend unaccompanied by a caregiver for the 30-minute program featuring popular themes, stories, fingerplays, crafts, and related activities.

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| January 6 | March 3 |
| January 13 | March 10 |
| January 20 | March 17 |
| January 27 | March 24 |
| | March 31 |



No registration necessary.

Toddler Time

This dash of morning fun is held in the programming center on the below **Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Toddler Time is designed for children ages 2-3 with a caregiver. Your young ones will be enchanted by active and creative stories in this fun-filled 30-minute program.

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| January 13 | March 10 |
| January 20 | March 17 |
| January 27 | March 24 |
| | March 31 |



No registration necessary.

Baby Lapsit

Come down to the library with your pre-walking children ages 0 - 1 1/2 on the below **Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.** Bring a blanket and discover Mother Goose rhymes, fingerplays, and music with your littlest cuties!

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| January 7 | March 4 | April 1 |
| January 14 | March 11 | |
| January 21 | March 18 | |
| January 28 | March 25 | |

No registration necessary.

PAWS for Reading

Children and pets have a special bond because animals do not judge, correct, or interrupt a reader. Our specially certified dogs will welcome readers on the below **Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** in the storytime room.

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| January 20 | February 24 | March 17 | April 28 |
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| | | March 31 | |

No registration necessary.

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The sessions will include many varieties of board games, all of which will be taught. Participants are welcome to bring their own games as well. So come and learn a new game or enjoy playing an old favorite!

No registration necessary.

Shake, Rattle, and Roll!

Join Ms. Tish for a program that means rollicking good times! Children will enjoy dancing to music, action-filled movement activities, rhymes, and fingerplays. This half-hour program is for children of all ages on the below **Mondays at 10:30 a.m.**

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| January 12 | April 13 |
| February 9 | April 27 |
| March 16 | |

No registration necessary.

Talk and Play

Join us on select **Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.** for a non-structured program where toys, games, and music are provided for your little ones while coffee, water, and seating are provided for you! It's a great opportunity to sit and chat while the kids play freely!

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| February 4 | April 15 |
| February 18 | April 29 |

No registration necessary.



Letters About Literature Write Night

The library is prepping a write night on **Tuesday, January 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** to help children in grades 4 through 8 participate in the annual *Letters about Literature* program from the Library of Congress. This national reading-writing contest invites readers to write letters to authors of books that have changed their lives.

The library will provide materials, submission instructions, prize listings, and basic guidance for this open-ended program.

No registration necessary.

Craft Day - Nautical Crafts

Ahoy, matey! Join us on **Saturday, January 17 at 2 p.m.** as we make several nautical crafts. We'll even build a lighthouse that really lights up!

No registration necessary, but supplies will be limited to the first 100 children.

Pokemon Time

Pokemon fans: Bring your cards, games, and other paraphernalia on **Saturday, January 24 at 2 p.m.** Meet other fans, play your games, and talk about all things Pokemon! Cards will be sold at the program as well. Yu-Gi-Oh fans: you're welcome to bring your cards and games to Pokemon too! Snacks are provided and caregivers are welcome.

No registration necessary.



Family Movie Theater

Head to the library for free movie showings that are perfect for every member of the family! Each movie will play on select days and times in the library's programming center. Snacks and refreshments will be available for free!

Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. *Muppets Most Wanted* (PG, 107 minutes, 2014): The Muppets find themselves wrapped into a European jewel-heist caper headed by a Kermit the Frog look-alike.

Monday, February 23 at 6:30 p.m. *Fantasia* (G, 125 minutes, 1940): Disney's classic collection of animated interpretations of great works of Western classical music.

Tuesday, April 7 at 10:00 a.m. *The Princess Bride* (PG, 98 minutes, 1987): A classic fairy tale, with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, and a beautiful princess all told by a kindly grandfather.

No registration necessary.

Family Music Night

The library is proud to bring in Lozier Music on **Thursdays, February 5 and February 12 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** for a fun new event that has families playing the piano together! Children and parents will have an introduction to the Simply Music piano method that gives them access to playing blues, classical, accompaniments, and popular style music right away from their first lessons. Each family music night will feature three 45-minute sessions with lessons and information on the method.

No registration necessary.

Get ready for Valentine's Day at the library!

Sweets for the Sweet



Children ages 5-12 are invited to make chocolate candies on **Monday, February 9 at 7 p.m.** Kids will have a blast making these delectable treats from our variety of special molds. When they're done, they can share and enjoy their sweet creations!

Registration is required and will begin on **Monday, January 19.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at **(586) 446-2644.** Drop-in slots may be available if registration does not fill.

Superhero Valentine

Dress in your best super suit as we celebrate Valentine's Day superhero style! Children ages 0-4 with a caregiver are invited on **Wednesday, February 11 at 10:30 a.m.** to enjoy stories, games, and crafts that will have your child excited to celebrate the holiday of love.

Registration is required and will begin on **Wednesday, January 21.**

Valentine Crafts

Preschool children through grade 6 are invited to join us on **Saturday, February 14 at 2 p.m.** to make some creative Valentine crafts.

No registration necessary, but supplies will be limited to the first 100 children.



When I Grow Up Storytime

Local author Asha Meaders is coming to the library on **Tuesday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m.** for a special storytime that's all about growing up! Children ages 3 to 8 will learn about some of the problems growing up in this fun, but informative, author visit. As an added treat, program-goers will receive candy too!



Asha Meader's debut book

No registration necessary.

Scavenger Hunt

Where's George? There's George! Come in anytime on **Wednesday, February 18** for a fun-filled scavenger hunt where thinking green isn't about recycling, it's about that other green stuff, money! All ages are welcome to participate for cool prizes.

No registration necessary.

Chess Tournaments

Join us on **Saturday, March 7 at 1:30 p.m.** for chess tournaments of all skill levels! Anyone ages 8 and up can participate in beginner, intermediate, and advanced tournaments. For those new to the game, patient and knowledgeable instructors will be on hand to provide a thorough introduction of chess fundamentals. Even old hands might learn a thing or two from our first-class chess instructor! Snacks, chessboards, and chess pieces will be provided.



No registration necessary.

Frozen Sing-Along

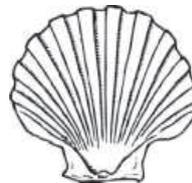
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Feel free to bring your own camping bag chair should you find that more comfortable. Snacks and refreshments will be available for free as well!

No registration necessary.

Craft Day - In the Ocean



Join us on **Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m.** for a special ocean-themed craft day as we make several crafts featuring undersea creatures!

No registration necessary, but supplies will be limited to the first 100 children.

Gemini Music Concert

Join us on **Saturday, March 28 at 2pm** for the beloved signing and storytelling of Gemini! This two-man band of twin brothers write and play acoustic music for children and families, celebrating the fun, warmth, and humor of family life. Their recordings and concerts are filled with rousing sing-alongs, folk tales, and music from around the world.

Registration is required and will begin on **Saturday, March 7.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at **(586) 446-2640.**

Interactive Puppet Show

Head down to the library on **Saturday, February 28 at 2 p.m.** for jokes, pranks, silliness, and all around fun through the art of puppetry! Alex Thomas and his zany gang of Muppet-style puppets are sure to bring everyone's imagination to life. Oh, and did we mention that you may be part of the show? This engaging and interactive show allows volunteers and audience members to play along and become part of the act!

Registration is required and will begin on **Saturday, February 7.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at **(586) 446-2640.**

Alex Thomas and Friends



Waxler, Prankster Extraordinaire



Origami Yoda

Fans of the Origami Yoda series should come to the library on **Wednesday, April 8 at 11 a.m.** Participants will be making the origami from this very popular series while dressed as their very favorite Star Wars character!



Children ages 7-13 with a caregiver are welcome to attend this celebration of all things Star Wars!

Registration is required and will begin on **Wednesday, March 18.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at **(586) 446-2640.**

Springtime Crafts

Join us on **Monday, April 13 at 7 p.m.** to make Springtime crafts! Children in preschool to grade 6 are invited to build a wide assortment of spring-themed crafts that will—hopefully—welcome back the warm weather!

No registration necessary, but supplies will be limited to the first 100 children.

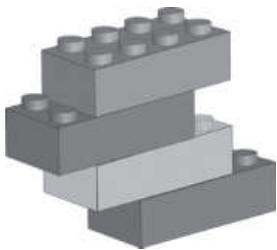
Live Animal Expo

Head to the library for a live animal presentation on **Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m.** Our very own experts from the Sterling Heights Nature Center will swing by the library with an assortment of native Michigan critters. Look, listen, and touch these friendly animals while learning an educational lesson on food chains.

Registration is required and will begin on **Tuesday, March 24.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at **(586) 446-2640.**

Library Legos

Join us for Library Legos on **Saturday, April 25 from 2-3:30 p.m.** in the library's programming center. For this session, participants can build for the first hour



and then take part in a show-and-tell for the final half-hour. Participants should bring their own bins of Legos for this program; a limited amount will be available for children who need them. Snacks will be provided and parents or

caregivers are welcome to stay.

No registration necessary.



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Kids can be Money Smart too!

Money Smart Storytime

Celebrate the start of Money Smart Week with this special storytime on **Monday, April 20 at 7 p.m.** Books, songs and crafts about money will be featured. Kids ages 4-7 with a caregiver are welcome to attend.

Registration is required and will begin on **Monday, March 30.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at **(586) 446-2640.**

Joel's Funny Money Magic Show

Come see Michigan's Family Funnyman, Joel Tacey, on **Tuesday, April 21 at 10 a.m.** for a delightfully entertaining and educational show! Money may not grow on trees, but there is a forest of laughter in this exciting performance that takes kids on a magical journey about money, math, and the importance of saving. Using amazing magic, side-splitting comedy, and lots of audience participation, kids will learn the basics of spending, giving, saving, and investing.

Registration is required and will begin on **Tuesday, March 31.** You can register online at www.shpl.net or by calling us at **(586) 446-2640.**

Symphony Storytime

Get in touch with your creative side on **Tuesday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m.** for this special symphony storytime! Kids ages 3 and up will begin by listening to musical tales and will follow up by making their own instruments. When everyone's finished, they'll all join in conducting their very own symphony!

No registration necessary.



19th century architecture still found in Sterling Heights

By Scott Townsend
Historical Commissioner

One by one, the old-fashioned barns and farms that used to be so prominent in the early days of Sterling Township (later to become Sterling Heights) are vanishing. Most were demolished to make way for the subdivisions, manufacturing facilities, and retail that now dominate our landscape.

A few reminders of our more rural heritage still remain. It may come as a surprise that a farm located in the northwestern area of Sterling Heights is now 175 years old. Located on Dequindre Road (north of 19 Mile Road), the Haff Family farm was owned by the same family for that entire time until its sale in early 2014.

The original 80 acres of the Haff Farm was sold by Stephen Page to Jacob Haff in 1839. The farm at one point encompassed over 160 acres. The farm was primarily first used for dairy and crops. A milk tank truck could pick up the milk each morning and was then taken to the Michigan Milk Producers in Detroit. Cows were milked twice a day. The farm remained in the Haff family over the years. Mr. Lawrence Haff was the last Haff to own the farm and resided there until he passed away in 2012.

In 1955, Lawrence's father, Edwin, passed away and Lawrence kept dairy farming until most of the farms in the area were sold. Eventually, there were not enough farmers left to justify picking up the milk, so his cattle were sold in 1956. The Haff family continued to farm by horse until a Case tractor was purchased in the late 1950s.

Lawrence then built a large addition to the cow barn and raised chickens to sell eggs. The eggs were placed in a refrigerator in the milk house where a passerby would purchase their eggs and leave the money in a can. In 1977, the family began a weekly egg delivery service to parts of Utica, Shelby, and Sterling Heights. After years of selling eggs, the family started one of the



Haff Farmhouse in Sterling Township

first "U-Pick" strawberry businesses in the area. People came from all over for the experience of picking their own fruit. In the fall of 1982, the family grew over 8,000 pumpkins which began a new family tradition for the next 25 years. Lawrence retired from farming in 2007 and maintained a small garden until his death at the age of nearly 92.

Seven generations of the Haff family lived on the farm until it was sold. The family held on to it that long as they enjoyed farming and were sentimental to that way of life. Most of the family held their wedding receptions at the farm.

Today, several structures still remain on the land including a chicken house, wood and tractor sheds, a corn crib (used to store corn to feed the cattle) and the original milk house which was used to store milk and later to sell eggs. Several corn cribs and the original horse barn were razed over the years. The present home was built in 1913 and includes a portion of the first home which was built in 1846.

While Sterling Heights is now the fourth largest city in Michigan, glimpses of our early days are still here to enjoy, they are just becoming more difficult to find.

Special thanks to the Haff family members for their assistance with this article.

Historical Display in Honor of Vietnam Veterans

The Sterling Heights Historical Commission will prepare a display case in honor of the Vietnam veterans of Sterling Heights on the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon. It will contain an Army uniform, a field pack, loose medals, patches, books, and maps. Please stop by the library to view these extraordinary pieces of history.

Checkout our Digital Media Archives

The Digital Media Archives makes historical materials available to patrons 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Use it to find fascinating photos, documents, and maps reflecting our city and regional history.

To access the archive, visit www.shpl.net and click on "Online Resources", then scroll down and select "SLC Digital Media Archives". Alternatively, perform a search on our catalog and change the "Everything" drop down menu to "Local History Search".



Thank you to our volunteers!

The Sterling Heights Public Library would like to recognize the men and women who help make the library as great as it is. The following volunteers will be recognized at a special event this spring:

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- 1) Go to **smile.amazon.com** and log in with your normal Amazon account.
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- 3) In that box, type in “Friends of the Sterling Hts Library” in that exact way, then press the enter key.
- 4) Once done, click the gold “Select” button next to “Sterling Hts, MI” and you are ready to donate!

From there on out, all smile-certified purchases kick back to the Friends!

Friends Funds Allocated for 2015

The Board of the Friends of the Sterling Heights Public Library has allocated its funds for 2015. The library is truly thankful for their support. The following are areas the Friends will support in the coming year.

Administration	\$17,700
Includes Wowbrary, Overdrive, movie license and aquarium care.	
Public Services	\$5,300
Includes support for audiovisual and print collections.	
Programming	\$20,000
Includes support for all library programs.	
Miscellaneous	\$7,000
Includes bookstore supplies, fundraising, printing, and taxes.	



Remember a loved one or celebrate an event with a book

The Library's Memorial and Honor Book Program

Books are a wonderful way to celebrate an event, to say "thank you," or to remember a loved one. With your donation, a book will be purchased and added to the library's collection. A special bookplate will be placed in the book. The person or family you designate will receive a letter acknowledging your gift in their name. Keep in mind that the program is also a great way to remember a beloved family pet. If you wish to make a donation, simply fill out the form below or visit <http://www.shpl.net/geninfo.htm>.

Please make checks payable to: Sterling Heights Public Library. Your contribution is tax deductible.

Recent Donations

The Little Brown Jug: The Michigan-Minnesota Football Rivalry from Carolyn Sherrill in Memory of Paul D. Wouters.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society from an anonymous donor.

The Fault in our Stars from an anonymous donor in honor of Ruth Miller.

Ronald Himmler gives generous donation to expand the library's scientific DVD collection

Sterling Heights resident Ronald Himmler recently donated \$4,525 to procure a vast assortment of DVDs from the popular PBS series, NOVA, as well as several nature-oriented DVDs. Mr. Himmler's donation will expand the library's collection by 212 DVDs with 195 NOVA titles and 17 nature items.

The library's director, Tammy Turgeon, commented on Mr. Himmler's donation by saying, "The enhancement of the collection made possible by Mr. Himmler's generous donation will meet the demand for science-related information by students and life-long learners. Mr. Himmler's generosity serves to further the mission of the library as a center for knowledge and education. The enhanced DVD collection has the potential to touch the lives of future generations by exposing them to science and inspiring them to think."

The charitable donation even drew the eyes of Sterling Heights' City Council. During the September 16 council meeting, Mr. Himmler received formal recognition and tremendous thanks from both the library and the city.

A sampling of Mr. Himmler's donation can be seen off to the right.



Sample DVDs from Ronald Himmler

- Arctic Dinosaurs*
- The Big Energy Gamble*
- Car of the Future*
- Dying to be Thin*
- Earthquake*
- Fire Wars*
- Great Cathedral Mystery*
- Inside Animal Minds*
- Lightning!*
- Magnetic Storm*
- Mars - The Red Planet*
- Parrot Confidential*
- Photographer's Secret*
- Private Lives of Dolphins*
- Runaway Universe*
- Saving Otter 501*
- Secrets Beneath the Ice*
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January						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Library Closed	5 Beautification Commission Meeting 6pm Library: Monday Medley 7pm	6 Cultural Commission Meeting 6pm Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: Letters About Literature 5:30pm Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm	7 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: Movie Day 2:30pm Library: Filling Out the Form 7:00pm	8 Ethnic Community Committee Meeting 8pm Library: ABCs of Computers 10am Library: Legacy Workshop with Christine Pachacek 7pm	9	10 Library: Family Gaming Day 10:30am
11 Library Closed	12 Library: Shake, Rattle, and Roll 10:30am Library: Monday Medley 7pm	13 Sterling Heights Community Foundation Meeting 7:30am Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: Exam Study Session 2:30pm Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Good Reads Book Discussion 7pm	14 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: All About eBooks 2pm	15 Library: Movie Morning 10am	16	17 Library: Craft Day - Nautical Crafts 2pm Nature Center: Hawking Experience 2pm
18 Library Closed	19 City Offices CLOSED	20 Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Senior Center: Senior Book Group 10am	21 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Creators Cooperative 6:30pm	22 Library: Computer Health 10am	23	24 Library: Pokemon Time 2pm Nature Center: Free Movie 2pm
25 Library Closed	26 Library Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30pm Library: Monday Medley 7pm	27 Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Gadget Guy 6:30pm	28 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Creative Writers Workshop 6:30pm	29 Library: Book Signing & Poetry Reading with John F. Buckley 7pm	30	31 Library: The World is in Our Hands 10:30am to 4:30pm Nature Center: Let's Feed the Animals 2pm



February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 Beautification Commission Meeting 6pm Library: Family Movie Night 6:30pm Recreation Center: 2015 Pavilion Reservations Begin 7:30am	3 Cultural Commission Meeting 6pm Library: ABCs of Computers 10am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Real Estate Seminar 7pm	4 Library: Talk & Play 10am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Photography Class 7pm	5 Ethnic Community Committee Meeting 6pm Historical Commission Meeting 6pm Library: Family Music Night 5:30pm	6	7 Library: Teen Chocolate Molding 2pm
8 Library Closed	9 Library: Shake, Rattle, and Roll 10:30am Library: Sweets for the Sweet 7pm	10 Sterling Heights Community Foundation Meeting 7:30am Library: The World is in Our Hands 2:30pm to 4pm Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Good Reads Book Discussion 7pm	11 Library: Superhero Valentine 10:30am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Photography Class 7pm Nature Center: Stories with the Animals 10am	12 Library: Tablet Talk 10am Library: Family Music Night 5:30pm	13	14 Library: Valentine Crafts 2pm
15 Library Closed	16 City Offices CLOSED	17 Library: When I Grow Up Storytime with Asha Meaders 10:30am Senior Center: Senior Book Group 10am	18 Library: Scavenger Hunt 10am Library: Talk & Play 10am Library: All About eBooks 2pm Library: Crafters Cooperative 6:30pm	19 Library: Movie Day 2:30pm	20 Library: The World is in Our Hands 1:30pm to 4pm	21 Library: Family Gaming Day 10:30am Nature Center: Free Movie 2pm
22 Library Closed	23 Library: Family Movie Night 6:30pm	24 Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Gadget Guy 6:30pm	25 Library: Movie Morning 10am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Creative Writers Workshop 6:30pm	26 Library: Movie Day 2:30pm	27	28 Library: Interactive Puppet Show 2pm



March						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Library Closed	2 Last day for "deferred" 2014 Summer tax Payments without penalty & interest Last day to pay 2014 Winter Tax without penalty & interest Beautification Commission Meeting 6pm Library: Monday Medley 7pm	3 Cultural Commission Meeting 6pm Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: The Fundamentals of Ornamental Tree and Shrub Pruning 7pm	4 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm	5 Ethnic Community Committee Meeting 6pm Library: ABCs of Computers 10am	6	7 Library: Chess Tournament 1:30pm
8 Recreation Center: Blackthorn Concert 3:30pm and 6:30pm Library Closed	9 Library: Monday Medley 7pm	10 Sterling Heights Community Foundation Meeting 7:30am Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Good Reads Book Discussion 7pm	11 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Frozen Sing Along 6:30pm	12 Library: Tablet Talk 10am	13	14 Library: Family Gaming Day 10:30am
15 Library Closed	16 Library Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30pm Library: Shake, Rattle, and Roll 10:30am Library: Monday Medley 7pm	17 Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Senior Center: Senior Book Group 10am	18 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Crafters Cooperative 6:30pm	19 Library: Computer Chat 10am Library: Movie Day 2:30pm	20	21 Library: Craft Day - In the Ocean 2pm Nature Center: Free Movie 2pm
22 Library Closed	23 Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting 6pm Library: Monday Medley 7pm	24 Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Gadget Guy 6:30pm	25 Library: Baby Lapsit 10:30am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Creative Writers Workshop 6:30pm	26 Library: Movie Day 10am Library: Boogie Woogie Kid Concert 7pm	27	28 Library: Gemini Concert 2pm Nature Center: Let's Feed the Animals 2pm
29 Library Closed	30 Library: Monday Medley 7pm	31 Library: Storytime 10:30am Library: Toddler Time 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm				



April						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Library Closed	6 Beautification Commission Meeting 6pm	7 Cultural Commission Meeting 6pm Library: Family Movie 10am	8 Library: Origami Yoda 11am Library: All About eBooks 2pm	9 Library: Movie Day 2:30pm	10 City Offices CLOSED	11 Library: Family Gaming Day 10:30am
12 Library Closed	13 Library: Shake, Rattle, and Roll 10:30am Library: Springtime Crafts 7pm	14 Sterling Heights Community Foundation Meeting 7:30am Library: Live Animal Expo 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Good Reads Book Discussion 7pm	15 Library: Talk & Play 10am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Crafters Cooperative 6:30pm	16 Library: Tablet Talk 10am Library: Tax-Smart Finance Seminar 7pm	17 Nature Center: Free Movie 2pm	18 Library: Teen Spa Day 2pm Nature Center: Free Movie 2pm
19 Library Closed	20 Library: Money Smart Storytime 7pm	21 Library: Funny Money Magic Show 10am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Senior Center: Senior Book Group 10am	22 Library: Movie Morning 10am Library: Teen Life 2:30pm Nature Center: Stories with the Animals 10am	23 Library: Excel Budgets 10am Library: Funeral Planning 7pm	24 Library: Retirement Finance Seminar 7pm	25 Library: Library Legos 2pm
26 Library Closed	27 Library: Shake, Rattle, and Roll 10:30am Library: Gadget Guy 6:30pm	28 Library: Symphony Storytime 10:30am Library: PAWS for Reading 5:30pm Library: Vintage Floral Workshop 6:30pm	29 Library: Talk & Play 10am Library: Teen Hangout 2:30pm Library: Creative Writers Workshop 6:30pm	30 Library: Retirement Finance Seminar 7pm		



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