

CITY OF Livonia

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Livonia...continues to attract new and renewed business investment

From retail to residential or office to industrial, business owners and developers continue to invest with confidence in our Livonia community. Development and redevelopment projects are occurring in all corners of the community, making it clear that Livonia is a preferred destination to live, work, play and grow! Whether it's a minor renovation or a newly constructed corporate headquarters, the current growth trend in our local economy is nothing short of...

ENERGIZING!

Below are just a few of the exciting development sites to check out around town this season.

"In 1945, my grandfather opened a road side apple stand right here in Livonia, which evolved into Joe's Produce Gourmet Market. We've watched generations grow up with Joe's, and we're so grateful for their loyalty.

Our renovation will deliver an even better shopping experience for all!"

– Joe Maiorana



\$22 Million investment in new MASCO Corporation World Head Quarters on Schoolcraft College Campus



Joe's exterior facade renovations bring a completely new look to the shopping center



Supernatural Spirits & Brewery brings an all new flavor to the mix of exciting restaurants on Plymouth Road



The old Washington Elementary School site brings over 40 new Condominium Homes



The old Clover Lanes Bowling Alley comes down to make way for a new indoor climate control storage facility

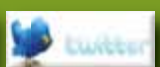


Consumers Energy invests over \$18 Million in their (LEED) certified new Livonia Service Center



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Looking forward to an Amazon-ing year!

Moving into 2017, I am convinced that our city will continue to build on the success achieved last year.

One reason for my optimism is the reaction of people I talked to soon after it was announced that Amazon plans to build a huge, 1 million-square-foot customer fulfillment center and hire at least 1,000 employees. The smiles, high-fives and congratulations went on for weeks.

The fact that Amazon is building on part of what was once an old General Motors spring and bumper plant is very exciting to me, especially since it seemed for a long time that this property would never be redeveloped.

Just as exciting is the work being done at another 1 million-square-foot former GM auto plant by Ashley Capital, the same property owner and developer building the Amazon distribution center. The old GM Powertrain plant on Middle Belt is being turned into the newly named Livonia Distribution Center, which will be filled with manufacturing and warehouse jobs.

What's really cool is that all of these corporations are choosing Livonia, thanks to the economic vitality; our second-to-none freeway access; proximity to the airport, downtown and Ann Arbor; our business-friendly, low-tax position; and our exceptional public safety.

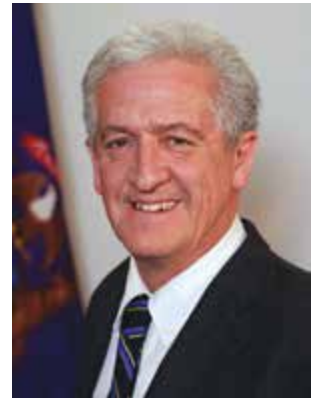
This past year really reinforces what has been going on for a few years in our City. Our industrial vacancy rate has hit a 15-year low... and that's before Amazon moves in!

Want more excitement? I've looked at some of the information in the City's Annual Report for the past year. This document (available on the city's website at CityofLivonia.net) outlines activities and statistics from Livonia's various departments, commissions and boards.

One highlight from our Inspection Department was the giant increase in the value of new construction in the City last year. New building activities jumped from \$121 million in 2015 to \$181 million in 2016 – a 50% increase.

All of this economic activity is bound to have a ripple effect on our community's stores, restaurants and businesses. We've seen it in the growth along the Middle Belt/ Schoolcraft corridor after Menards was built. And I'm confident we'll see it elsewhere in Livonia this year.

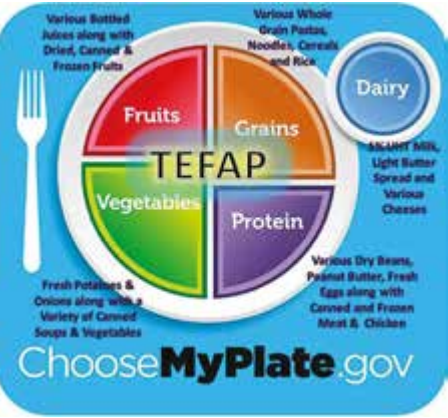
It's enough to make anyone smile and slap a few high-fives.



Mayor Dennis Wright



Officials from Livonia, Amazon, Michigan and Wayne County posed for a photo after construction plans were announced Dec. 20, 2016.



ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)

The City of Livonia, Department of Community Resources, distributes U.S.D.A. surplus food to **pre-qualified** low-income residents. Distribution is the 3rd Tuesday of the month, noon to 2 p.m. in the old District Court Building, 15140 Farmington Rd., next to the Civic Park

Senior Center. Recipients also receive items from Forgotten Harvest. **To see if you qualify, please call (734) 466-2673.** This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Senior housing residents should contact their housing office to inquire about eligibility.

Need Help With A Utility Shut-Off Notice? Emergency Assistance Program (EAP)

The City of Livonia Housing Commission provides eligible low/moderate income residents with utility (gas, electric or fuel heating) shut-off assistance when a "SHUT-OFF" notice has been received from the utility company.

- Up to \$500.00 may be available to those who meet eligibility requirements
- Funds are given on a **ONE-TIME ONLY** basis
- Applicant must be occupant at the address of the shut-off/disconnect notice with utility service in his/her name
- Income limitations and other restrictions apply

CALL (734) 421-6450 EXT. 103 for specific information about guidelines.
EMAIL utilityassistance@ci.livonia.mi.us.

Donations For Resident Assistance Programs

"People come first in Livonia" has long been the motto of the City. You now have the chance to personally help ensure this is true.

By making a donation to the City of Livonia, Resident Assistance Program, you help to keep a family warm in the winter, have light in the dark, feed hungry children and meet many more essential daily needs. All donations are tax deductible. Make your check payable to: **City of Livonia-Resident Assistance Program** and mail your check to: **Community Resources, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI. 48154.**



Lynda L. Scheel
City Treasurer

NOTICE TO ALL CITY OF LIVONIA PROPERTY OWNERS

Lynda L. Scheel, City Treasurer, would like to notify all Livonia property owners that the winter tax bills were issued on December 1st, and will be due

and payable without interest until Tuesday, February 14, 2017. To assist our property owners, partial payments are accepted throughout this time period.

Both summer and winter real property tax bills are payable to the Livonia Treasurer until Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Further information may be found on the Treasurer's Office page of the City's website at: (www.ci.livonia.mi.us)



NOTE: For your convenience, use the Red City Mailbox, located in the drive-through at City Hall, to drop off your Tax Payments and/or Water Bill. Checks only - use envelopes.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM



The City of Livonia Housing Commission provides financial assistance to income eligible Livonia residents to obtain professional mental health counseling services. The financial assistance provided is as follows:

- \$400.00 in assistance per year, per eligible family/household
- \$80.00 per counseling session
- A minimal Co-Pay, based on income, will be required per visit

The City of Livonia has contracted with four (4) local service providers to make available needed counseling services. Residents may contact the following providers for assistance:

- Cruz Clinic (734) 462-3210
- Hegira Programs, Inc (734) 744-0170
- Eastwood Clinics (734) 425-4070
- Stonebrook Counseling Associates (248) 343-4695

For more information call (734) 421-6450 ext. 103.

ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING PROGRAM SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL.

SEASONAL & TEMPORARY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Livonia Civil Service Department is accepting applications for seasonal and temporary jobs in the following areas:

PARKS AND RECREATION

- Community Recreation Center
- Parks
- Pools
- Athletics
- Ice Skating
- Sports Official
- Instruction

PUBLIC SERVICE

(March – November)

- Seasonal Laborer

LIBRARY

- Substitute Librarian
- Library Page
- Student Page

POLICE

- School Crossing Guard
- Police Reserve Officer

TEMPORARY CLERICAL

- As needed

For information on the qualifications, job duties and how to apply for these jobs, please contact the Civil Service Department, Third Floor City Hall at (734) 466-2530, or visit the City's website www.ci.livonia.mi.us.



Livonia Community Gardens

Come and sign up for your Garden plot this Spring!

Garden plots available for rent at Greenmead Historical Park. There are several garden plots available. Plots are 24'x24'. Water is available. Sign up for Garden plots begins April 3rd in the Community Resources office in Livonia City Hall, fifth floor. The cost is 25.00 (resident) or \$35.00 (non-resident) per plot. Cash or Check only. For further information, please call Community Resources Office at (734) 466-2542.

LIVONIA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT RESOURCE CENTER

The City of Livonia Youth Employment Resource Center offers information about job opportunities. This service is available for Livonia youth ages 15 - 20 or those attending a school in Livonia. Jobs for 15 year olds are extremely limited. The employment books are located on the 5th Floor of City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 5 p.m. JOB OPPORTUNITIES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON LINE AT WWW.CITYOFLIVONIA.NET UNDER THE "COMMUNITY" HEADING. A message can be left at (734) 466-2018 for the Youth Employment Resource Center Coordinator.





RATS AND VERMIN A CONTINUING ISSUE

The presence of rats, mice, squirrels, skunks and other vermin are nothing new. They share our space and have always been around – sometimes more widespread, sometimes less.

To thrive, these rodents need two things available to them:

1. Food source (and water).
2. Shelter.

Food Source – Rats and vermin feed on the following:

1. Pet food left outside, or made accessible in a garage or shed.
2. Pet waste – yes, pet waste, not cleaned up is a food source for rats.
3. Bird feeders, squirrel food, bread, peanuts, popcorn etc. Much of that food put out for the “friends” you enjoy, winds up feeding rats and vermin.
4. Home vegetable gardens.
5. Household trash put out overnight in bags (instead of solid trash cans).
6. Check your plastic garbage cans to see if there is a small entry hole on the bottom for vermin. **Rats are unable to enter metal cans with secured lids.**

Shelter – Rats and vermin will make a home in:

1. Debris, wood on the ground, trash, tires, building materials.
2. Accessory buildings or garages or slabs without rat wall protection – they can burrow under the slab and create a rat or vermin “hotel.”
3. Skirted decks and decks low to the ground – while they may be attractive, these decks can also provide living space for critters.
4. Holes in your foundation, home, garage or shed that lets them “bunk” with you.

Take away the food and shelter and the rats and vermin will not come around.

- Just a reminder that homeowners/residents are responsible for the extermination of rats from their property.
- If there is an infestation, either a **professional exterminator must be utilized – or the rat infestation must be exterminated using approved methods which will not be injurious to human health.** You do not want the vermin to go elsewhere.
- All structures and exterior property areas must be kept free from rat infestation.
- After extermination, proper precautions must be taken to prevent re-infestation.

Call Ordinance Enforcement for further information or if you wish to report a problem at (734) 466-2588.

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT CANVAS PROGRAM

The City Assessing Department has an ongoing review program of residential properties in the City. The purpose of this program is to ensure the accuracy of our records. The staff doing the review will visit every home in the City and, if possible, speak with the homeowner of the property. They will be identified with City logo shirts and photo ID. If the owner is not available, they will compare the record card to the exterior of the house. He/she may also look in the back yard.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please call the Assessing Office at (734) 466-2220.



CITY CLERK'S CORNER

SUSAN M. NASH,
City Clerk

Livonia City Hall
1st Floor
33000 Civic Center Drive
www.ci.livonia.mi.us

Plan Ahead For Your 2017 Block Party!

Requests to hold a neighborhood Block Party and/or the Barricading of City Streets, must be turned into the City Clerk's office for consideration by the Livonia City Council at least eight (8) weeks prior to the planned event.

You can obtain a form on the City of Livonia website (www.ci.livonia.mi.us) (City Council page) or they may be picked up at the City Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall.

Services

- Business Licensing (734) 466-2228
- Birth and Death Records (734) 466-2229
- Council Studies & Public Hearings (734) 466-2225
- Council Meetings (734) 466-2226
- Pet Licenses (Cat and Dog) (734) 466-2228
- Elections (734) 466-2235

VACANT AND/OR ABANDONED BUILDING ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2844 (VAABO) effective October 29, 2009.
Notifications published in the Observer.

Impacts **all** owners or managers of said property.

Information at city website at: www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Click on:

- ▶ Department home
- ▶ Inspection (Building and Enforcement)
- ▶ Vacant/Abandoned Building Ordinance

Other links:

- ▶ Application Forms
- ▶ Registration Forms and Fees

VAABO pertains to **any** vacant and/or abandoned properties:

- ▶ Residential
- ▶ Non Residential

Law Requires:

- ▶ Registration
- ▶ Monthly Fees
- ▶ Inspection Fees
- ▶ Repairs made
- ▶ Inspection approvals obtained
- ▶ All fees and past due monies must be paid

After the above qualifications are met, or arrangements are made for a temporary Certificate of Occupancy, the building can be reoccupied.

City will board up and secure VAABO properties as needed.

To report a VAABO or to get more information, please call: (734) 466-2580.

Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability

Livonia – An Evolving Sustainable Community

Greenleaf Mission:

“Greenleaf encourages energy efficiency, conservation and environmentally friendly practices in the City of Livonia”

Sustainability – What is it?

Sustainability is an emerging trend, but what exactly does it mean? Sustainability means meeting your current needs without having a negative impact on the needs of future generations. It also requires citizens and communities to make environmentally-conscious choices about the way they live. There are many positive sustainability initiatives underway in Livonia. Let's see how they are evolving Livonia into a sustainable community.

2017 City of Livonia Greenleaf Award – Recognizing Environmental Leadership

The City of Livonia Greenleaf Award recognizes local businesses or organizations that incorporate environmentally-friendly processes in their daily business operations. The 2017 City of Livonia Greenleaf Award will be presented at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce Leadership and Awards Celebration Event.

Green Building Certification

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is one of the most popular green building certification programs. This certification program was developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and consists of rating systems for the design, construction, and operation of green buildings and homes. LEED certified buildings benefits include lower operating cost and high lease rates. The Greenleaf Commission will work with the U.S. Council of Green Buildings with a goal to help Livonia building and home owners to be more environmentally responsible.

Zero Waste Events

The Greenleaf Commission will continue its work on Zero Waste Events. The Commission has received several inquiries on implementing Zero Waste Event concepts in local events. With Zero Waste Events, event organizers plan ahead to reduce solid waste from the event, reuse various elements such as banners, and set up recycling stations for recyclable and compostable materials such as paper cups and plates, food scraps, and plastic water bottles that are generated at the event. Zero Waste Event concepts can be applied to all sizes of events – from

major city events to small events like neighborhood block parties. By applying Zero Waste Event concepts to City of Livonia events, waste from these events can be diverted from landfills and be recycled for future use.

Livonia's Emerging Green Business Frontier

Several Livonia companies are building demand for recycled products into a competitive advantage. These companies are developing new products, new methods, and growing their businesses in Livonia.

Last Chance Logs to Lumber

This is a Livonia company started by Chris Last, a Livonia resident that focuses on urban forestry utilization or “tree-cycling”. This company picks up logs from local municipalities, private residences, tree service companies, and county and state parks. These logs are then cut into workable, recycled lumber (versus grinding up logs and disposing of them) and marketed to home owners, businesses and municipalities. Using recycled lumber reduces disposal costs and lumber costs for a project. Examples of this company's work – Livonia Ford Field (Picnic Tables), Dossin Maritime Museum, and Slo's BBQ.

GLR Advanced Recycling

GLR Advanced Recycling is owned by partners Mike Bassirpour, Ilene Bischer, Ben Rosen and Sandy Rosen. This organization recycles items like electronics, paper, plastic, and cardboard. Recently the company launched a new division that focuses on processing scrap vehicles. By utilizing new processes and technology for processing and recycling scrap vehicles, the company processes more than a 1,000 vehicles a month and is on track to bring in \$75 million dollars in revenue. The Livonia location only processes scrap metal.

Potbelly Sandwich Works

Greenleaf Commission members met with Paula Tarhanich and Natasha Zahor of Potbelly Sandwich Works (29579 Plymouth Road). The managers and staff at Potbelly's had an interest in making their operations at this location more sustainable. A number of areas were reviewed and recommendations were made in several areas (e.g. Energy Usage, Recycling, and Sustainable Operations).

Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability

The Greenleaf Commission is a citizen advisory group that works with the City of Livonia and makes recommendations to the city on sustainability areas. Sponsored by City Council Vice President Brandon Kritzman, Commission members include Jim Baringhaus (Chairperson), Betsy Calhoun, Heather Douglas, John Elkins, John Grzebik, Paul Sgriccia, and Mike Shesterkin. Visit the Greenleaf Commission page on the City of Livonia website and the Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability Facebook page for the latest sustainability information. For questions or comments on the Greenleaf Commission on Sustainability, please email Jim Baringhaus (jbaringhaus@gmail.com).

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channel 99

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SNOW EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Information on snow events and the declaration of **snow emergencies which require the removal of ALL vehicles parked in the street can be found at:**

- City of Livonia Webpage – www.ci.livonia.mi.us
- Livonia Television on cable TV:
 - Spectrum (formerly Brighthouse) - Channel 8
 - AT&T U-Verse - Channel 99
 - WOW - Channel 10
- Livonia Radio - 1670 AM
- Sign up for e-mail or text alerts on the City webpage (Link on the homepage - Contact us - eNews Subscribe)

Remove all vehicles from the street during a snow emergency. Vehicles not removed may be ticketed and/or towed.



Snow Removal Reminders

Snow Plowing Operations: Most major roads in Livonia are maintained by Wayne County.

Parked Vehicles: All parked motor vehicles/trailers must be removed from the roadway within six (6) hours of the declaration and notification of a snow alert (emergency) or the vehicle is subject to ticketing and/or towing (Livonia Code of Ordinances 10:63:060). (The Department of Public Works will attempt to maximize the notification time beyond six hours whenever possible based on all available weather data. The City of Livonia media outlets listed above will indicate the time of the declaration/notification of a snow emergency and a deadline time that parked vehicles/trailers must be removed from the roadway).

Snow at the End of Driveways: Snow buildup at the end of driveways will occur as the result of snow plowing operations. This is unavoidable as the result of clearing the roadway. You may help to alleviate some of the snow accumulation by clearing the area to your left (facing the street) before the snowplow arrives. Depositing snow in the roadway from shoveling/snow blowing the driveway is prohibited and will only result in the snow being pushed back into the driveway. The City is not able to return and clear individual driveways and is unable to prevent snow deposits at the end of over 39,000 driveways city-wide.

Mailboxes: Curbside mailboxes may become blocked by plowed snow and the U.S. Postal Service has a policy regarding access to mailboxes, which requires snow to be removed enough to allow the mail truck to drive up to and reach into the mailbox for delivery. Clearing the mailbox to allow for service is the responsibility of the postal customer. During snow plowing operations mailboxes can become damaged by the weight of the snow thrown by the plow. Check your mailbox before each winter and "shake your mailbox" to see if it is sturdy enough to make it through the winter season or is in need of repair.

Fire Hydrants: Fire hydrants should be cleared of snow. Time can make all the difference in an emergency and having the hydrant visible and accessible for the Fire Department will greatly aid in their efforts.

Safety: When driving, keep a safe distance from snow plow trucks. When your street is being plowed, keep children back and away from the roadway.

Assistance: The elderly and disabled often need help removing snow from their driveways. Please help if you can. The Livonia Senior Center maintains a list of contractors for snow removal at (734) 466-2555.

When Should I Shovel the Snow?

- ▶ When snow falls or drifts during the night, it **must** be removed from the public sidewalk by twelve noon.
- ▶ Snow falling or drifting during the day **must** be removed from the public sidewalk by twelve noon of the following day.
- ▶ City Ordinance **prohibits** plowing/shoveling/blowing snow onto any roads.
- ▶ Snow piled by the roadway must not obstruct the view of traffic.
- ▶ Do not deposit snow onto a neighbors' property.
- ▶ Ice on the sidewalk should be removed or treated with sand, chemical ice melter, or de-icer.
- ▶ Your cooperation is necessary to keep the sidewalk safe for pedestrians.
- ▶ Inspectors will take the steps necessary to obtain compliance up to and including **issuing a ticket if needed**.
- ▶ Use caution when shoveling snow, it is a strenuous chore.

Snow Shoveling Safety Tips:

- ▶ Before shoveling, warm up with a few stretching exercises.
- ▶ Do not smoke or eat a large meal before shoveling.
- ▶ Dress warmly in layers, wear a hat and cover your neck.
- ▶ Tackle heavy snow in two stages. Begin by skimming off the snow from the top and then remove the bottom layer. Don't overload the shovel.
- ▶ Don't rush, shovel with a slow and steady pace. Take frequent breaks, stretch and drink some water during breaks. Cold air dehydrates the body.

Grass and Weed Cutting Keeps Livonia Beautiful!

Livonia ordinance requires:

- ▶ Property must be mowed **as often as necessary** to keep grass or weeds below nine inches (9").
- ▶ Noxious weeds must be cut prior to seed bearing stage or nine inches (9") whichever comes first.
- ▶ Landscaping, hedges, vegetation, bushes **or** trees shall not be located or maintained or cause any vision obstruction for vehicles, riders, or pedestrians.
- ▶ May 1st is the beginning date for enforcement.
- ▶ Any property in violation (including the right of way adjacent to the property):
 - Subject to cutting without further notice (Notice will be published twice in March 2017).
 - All charges and administrative fees will be billed to the owner.

Complaints regarding high grass or weeds can be made:

- ▶ Call Inspection at (734) 466-2588.
- ▶ Email to ordinance@ci.livonia.mi.us.

NOTE TO PROPERTY OWNERS:

- ▶ Residents using a lawn service should ask them to use mulching mowers.
- ▶ Grass clippings must be put in paper compost bags or marked trash cans.
- ▶ **A maximum of eight (8) bags per week is allowed.**
- ▶ No grass clippings may be blown onto the street or adjoining property.
- ▶ Yard waste may not be left at the curb prior to 6 p.m. the day before pick up.
- ▶ **Clippings and yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up.**
- ▶ If your lawn is fertilized by a professional company:
 - A sign must be posted a minimum of twelve (12) hours after treated.
 - All Lawn, Landscaping, and Spraying companies must be licensed thru the City Clerk.
- ▶ Any plant material, trees, or vegetation shall not cause any vision obstruction. Maintenance or removal may be required in problem areas.



Separated Yard Waste Collection Service

Separated yard waste collection service will resume on your regular trash collection day the week of March 27. Yard waste should be disposed of in up to 33 gallon cans, marked with a yard waste sticker or an "X" or in paper compost bags. Yard waste containers should be placed out separate from your normal rubbish and recycle bin. (Preferably on the opposite side of the driveway).

Trash Collection and Storage

A durable, vermin-proof, water-proof container made of high-density plastic or metal with tightly sealed lid must be utilized for outside trash storage and/or collection.

Plastic bags alone will no longer be acceptable for food waste and/or any garbage (including animal feces) that may attract vermin, unless inside an approved, covered trash container. Animal waste or other bio-waste must be bagged prior to placement in an approved container.

Holiday Schedule & Trash Collections

- **President's Day – February 20, 2017**
City Offices Closed – Refuse collection on the regular schedule
- **Good Friday/Easter – April 14, 2017**
City Offices Closed – Refuse collection on the regular schedule
- **Memorial Day – May 29, 2017**
No collection on Monday, May 29, 2017
City Offices Closed – Refuse collection one day delayed Memorial Week

For questions regarding curbside refuse collection services, contact Sanitation at (734) 466-2588.

When is Trash Collection Delayed?

The following legal holidays are the only holidays that affect trash collection:

- **New Year's Day**
- **Memorial Day**
- **Independence Day**
- **Labor Day**
- **Thanksgiving Day**
- **Christmas Day**

If the holiday occurs on a **weekday**, collection will be one day late.

If the holiday occurs on a **weekend**, collection will remain on regular schedule.

Loads are light on holiday weeks – trucks run early.

For questions regarding curbside refuse collection services, contact Sanitation at (734) 466-2588.

Guidelines for Refuse Collection

Weekly trash collection starts at 6 a.m. There is no set time for a particular street. Trash should not be set out earlier than 6 p.m. the evening prior to the collection day.

Weekly trash collection is limited to eight (8) cans or bags of regular household waste and eight (8) cans or bags of yard waste.

Warning to Parents: Children, through their curious nature, are attracted to the operation of heavy equipment used in weekly trash collection. Please instruct your children to keep a safe distance from all collection vehicles.

Containers:

Containers should be set on the front curb or edge of street but NOT IN THE ROADWAY ITSELF. Garbage must not be packed too tightly in containers. All containers must be removed from the curb by the evening of the collection day.

Acceptable Containers:

Cans: An water-tight galvanized metal or heavy-duty plastic garbage cans with handles. MAXIMUM SIZE OF THIRTY-THREE (33) GALLONS. (Loose trash that may blow away [i.e. paper or packing material] must be disposed of in a plastic bag secured at the top).

Plastic Bags: 2 mil plastic bags recommended. (Food waste should not be in bags placed on the ground to discourage rodents or other wildlife from feeding on scraps).

Paper Bags: Compost bags for disposal of yard waste only. CONTAINERS SHALL NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT OF FIFTY (50) POUNDS EACH.

Preparing Items for Weekly Pick Up

Cardboard boxes larger than 2 feet by 2 feet must be broken down and tied in bundles or may be recycled at the Drop-off Recycle Center.

When disposing of sharp objects, care should be taken to prevent injury to the refuse collector. Used hypodermic needles should be placed in a "Sharps" container and sealed before disposing of. Broken glass should be wrapped securely.

Recycle Bin Collection

Recycling is mandatory in Livonia. To obtain a replacement recycling bin please contact the Sanitation Division at (734) 466-2588. For details on what items are recyclable and accepted at curbside please see page 12.

Large Item Pick Up: Household furnishings and appliances will be picked up weekly by a separate truck on the regular collection day. There is a limit of two (2) household items per week. These items should be set out the evening before (after 6 p.m.) or prior to 6 a.m. of the collection day. For refrigerator or freezer disposal, doors must be removed or securely taped shut.

Yard Waste (Compost) Collection

The separated yard waste collection program, on your regular trash collection day, begins the fourth Monday in March and ends the second Friday in December. Yard waste must be placed in paper compost bags or an acceptable container (33-gallon hard plastic or metal can with handles) marked with an "X" or a City of Livonia "Yard Waste Recycling" sticker. These stickers can be obtained by calling the Sanitation Division at (734) 466-2588. Containers must

not exceed 50 pounds in weight. To prevent injury to the yard waste collector, branches must not overhang the can. Sanitation crews are not allowed to reach into any can to remove lodged items. During the winter months there is no curbside collection service of yard waste. (The Refuse Disposal Facility will accept yard waste for a fee during the winter months).

Brush and Branch Collection:

There are two methods for disposal of brush and branches at the curb. (Logs and stumps are not collected at the curb).

Pickup of Small Brush: Branches less than four (4) feet long must be tied in bundles of less than fifty (50) pounds and placed out on trash collection day separate from the normal trash and recycling bin. Up to five (5) bundles of tied brush/branches may be disposed of weekly. Bundled brush service, on your regular trash collection day, is available from the fourth Monday in March through the second Friday in December.

Pickup of Large Brush: Chipper service for branches over four (4) feet long and less than four (4) inches in diameter is collected separate from the weekly trash collection. Branches and brush must be unbundled and placed as close to the road as possible with cut ends pointing towards the street. Roots, thorns and vines are prohibited for chipper service. Collection of large brush occurs:

- April to Memorial Weekend – Automatic Service
- Memorial Weekend to Second Friday of October – By request only
- E-Mail – brush@ci.livonia.mi.us
- Phone – (734) 466-2655
- Internet Service Request – www.cityoflivonia.net

Chipper service is not available from mid-October through March. Landscape and tree contractors are responsible for the removal of all tree materials.

Items NOT Collected at the Curb:

- Hot ashes
- Any part of a demolished structure, building debris or construction material (responsibility of contractor or resident)
- Paint (Latex or water based paint may be disposed of with regular trash provided the lid has been removed and the paint has dried)
- Chemicals (Hazardous chemicals should be retained until the next Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day or by calling the Wayne County – Department of Environment at (734) 326-3936 for instructions on proper disposal)
- Broken concrete, masonry, or dirt
- Automobile parts
- Waste oil or anti-freeze – Dispose of at the Recycling Center
- Sod, stumps, roots, logs or limbs over four inches in diameter
- Disposal of large amounts of rubbish due to clean-up, moving, flooding, fire, etc. are the resident's responsibility

For further information on collection, call

CITY OF LIVONIA

**Ordinance Enforcement and
Sanitation Division
(734) 466-2588**

**Disposal Site Information Or Brush
and Branch Collection (734) 466-2655**

Refuse Disposal Facility Hours

Winter (Saturdays Only)

Through April 1, 2017

Summer (Fridays and Saturdays)

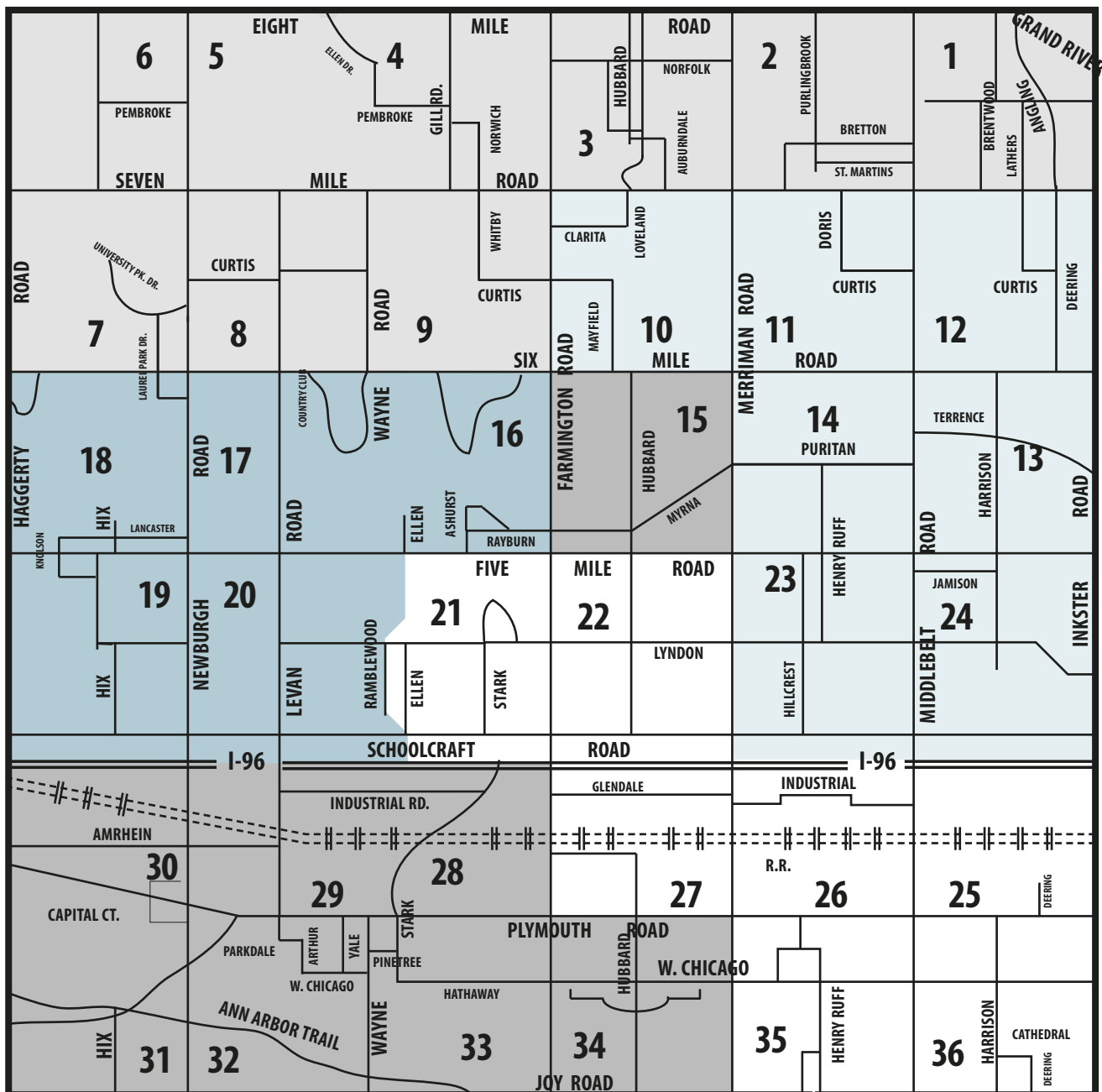
April 7 – December 16, 2017

For information on fees contact Sanitation or Public Service

A fee will be collected at the entrance gate on the following basis:
 Automobile and Station Wagon \$3.00
 Passenger Van (no seats removed) \$5.00
 Pickup Truck, Cargo Van or trailer under 8 ft. \$16.00
 Trailer exceeding 8 ft. \$16.00 (plus \$3.00 for each ft. over 8 ft.)



Map for refuse, curbside recycling and separated yard waste pickup.





Recycling in Livonia

Livonia residents have two options for recycling by using either the Curbside Recycling Program or the drop-off Recycle Center. For refuse or yard waste collection, please see the **Refuse Information** or **Brush Pickup** pages on the city website.

Curbside Recycling Program

For curbside recycling, place items curbside in the recycling bin next to your refuse on your scheduled refuse pick up day. Place all paper recyclables in brown paper or plastic grocery bags in, on top of or next to the recycling bin. If you need a recycling bin replacement or a second bin, you may pick one up from Sanitation located in the City Hall Annex or the Department of Public Works Yard located at 12973 Farmington Road, south of I-96. Items collected include

- **Plastic Bottles & Containers** marked on the bottom with the recycle symbol 1 through 7. No Styrofoam. No motor oil or antifreeze containers.
- **Clear, Green and Brown Glass Bottles and Jars.** No window glass, ceramics, dishes, drinking glasses, or light bulbs.
- **Tin, Aluminum and Empty Aerosol Cans.** Only empty aerosol cans.
- **Small Scrap Metal Items.** Pot, pans and license plates are acceptable. No clothing hangers.
- **Plastic Grocery Bags.** Stuff bags into single plastic grocery bag and place in bin when full.
- **Office, Computer and Loose-Leaf Paper** (any color).
- **Manila Folders** with no metal clamps.
- **Junk Mail** (including envelopes with windows).
- **Glossy Magazines/Catalogs.**
- **Newspapers** and inserts.
- **Telephone Books.**
- **Paperback Books** (or donate to the Library for the book sale).
- **Brown paper grocery bags.**
- **Boxboard/Paperboard** such as cereal and shoe boxes, etc. No waxed-coated containers such as milk and juice cartons
- **Corrugated Cardboard** and boxes must be cut down to 2' x 2' and bundled.

Drop-Off Recycling Center

The drop-off Recycling Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Center is located on the south side of Glendale Ave. approximately 1/2 mile east off of Farmington Rd. between Schoolcraft and Plymouth roads.

In addition to the items listed below for Curbside recycling, the Drop-Off Center accepts:

- Larger pieces of Corrugated Cardboard.
- Vehicle and household batteries.
- Oil and antifreeze.
- Larger scrap metal such as frames, folding chairs, etc.

Tips to Reduce Waste

- Learn to recognize "avoidables" - anything you cannot recycle or reuse, for example disposable razors, paper plates and napkins.
- Purchase items packaged in recyclable material and avoid items packaged in **non-recyclable packaging like Styrofoam.**
- Avoid over-packaging. \$1 for every \$10 spent at the grocery store is spent on packaging. Buying items in bulk saves money, saves trips to the store, and greatly reduces packaging.
- Switch to a reusable grocery bag or choose paper grocery bags instead of plastic.
- Reuse plastic containers that are not recyclable such as plastic tubs.
- Reuse the bags for your next shopping trip.
- Donate or sell reusable garments, repairable appliances, and furniture to organizations.
- Save your egg cartons. In the Spring, reuse them to plant seedlings. Small farms with chickens often appreciate egg carton donations.
- Save reusable bows and boxes from the holidays or birthday and reuse.

Unacceptable Items

- Styrofoam
- Light Bulbs
- Garbage
- Propane Tanks
- Paint Cans
- Medical Waste
- Flammable Liquids
- Household Cleaners
- Chemicals (Dry or Liquid)
- Wood Items
- Yard Waste: wood or trash



Printed on Recycled Paper

Two Programs To Make Home Maintenance Affordable

Sponsored By The Livonia Housing Commission



Sample Home Improvements:
Roof Replacement, New Windows And Doors, Electrical
Upgrades, Install High-Efficiency Furnace!

1. The Major Home Rehabilitation Loan Program is a low-interest loan program for income qualified homeowners for major home improvements as defined by inspections

- 0% and 3% Interest Rates with only one payment required; typically paid when home is sold
- The program concentrates on maintenance of the existing structure as it relates to health and safety issues and correction of local code violations based primarily on inspections by the City Building Department
- The program does not permit remodeling or updating for cosmetic purposes, additions, new construction projects or specific item requests
- Typical eligible home improvements may include roof, windows, doors, insulation, heating, electrical and plumbing repairs and some emergency repairs
- Once the loan is obtained, a lien is placed on the property and remains until the title transfers with loan repayment
- The average maximum loan amount range is \$15,000 - \$25,000
- Licensed and insured contractors complete all work

2. The Minor Home Repair Grant Program provides financial assistance to income qualified homeowners for general permanent home repairs

- Typical eligible repairs may include but are not limited to:
 - Hot Water Tank Replacement
 - Installation of Handrails & Grab Bars
 - Minor Plumbing & Electrical Repair
 - Insulation
 - Sewer Cleanout



For More Info on the Home Improvement Programs

Call: (734) 421-6450 ext. 104

Email: CDBG@ci.livonia.mi.us and minorhomerepair@ci.livonia.mi.us

Website: <https://www.ci.livonia.mi.us/Departments/Housing/CommunityDevelopmentBlockGrant.aspx>

Contractor?

If you are a licensed, insured, lead-based paint certified contractor interested in bidding on home improvement projects, please call (734) 421-6450 ext. 104 for an application. Minority or Women-owned Business Enterprise and Section 3 contractors welcomed and appreciated.

Qualifications?

BOTH PROGRAMS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES (CALL FOR COMPLETE DETAILS):

- You must be a homeowner/occupant for at least one year
- No land contracts
- The home must be covered by current homeowner's insurance
- The property taxes and water bills MUST be paid to date
- Assets (not including principle residence and automobile) must be less than \$50,000
- Total gross annual household income must not exceed current limitations and are subject to change annually (See graph on right):

Household Size	Max. Gross Income
1	\$37,450
2	\$42,800
3	\$48,150
4	\$53,500
5	\$57,800
6	\$62,100
7	\$66,350
8	\$70,650



The Livonia Housing Commission offers the above home improvement programs to assist qualified residents. Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.



SPRING 2017 STORYTIME REGISTRATION

**ROBERT AND JANET BENNETT
CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY**

**For more information on programs
or to register, call (734) 466-2493.**

Storytime programs are open to preschool Livonia children. Children younger than three years of age must be accompanied by an adult (one child per adult). Registration begins Monday, March 6th. Space is limited so register early!

Baby Storytime – Ages 12-23 months. Babies are invited to bring a loving caregiver along for songs, simple stories, rhymes, and toy time. Mondays, March 13 – April 24.

Session one – 12 to 17 months: 9:30 to 9:50 a.m.

Session two – 18 to 23 months: 10:30 to 10:50 a.m.

Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-5. Tuesdays, March 14 – April 25, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Stories, action songs, puppets, games and a small craft geared for children ages 3-5.

Musical Mayhem – Ages 1-6. Wednesdays, March 15 – April 26, 10 to 10:30 a.m. or 11 to 11:30 a.m. Fun with action songs, fingerplays, instruments, beanbags, parachute time and a short story. Parents and siblings welcome to join in. Registration not required.

Drop-in Storytime – Ages 0-5. Thursdays, March 16 – April 27, 9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Stories, marches to musical instruments, fingerplays, large movement activities and toys. Parents and siblings welcome. Drop-in anytime!

Toddler Storytime – Ages 24-36 months. Thursdays, March 16 – April 27, 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Stories, marches to musical instruments, fingerplays and large movement activities. Emphasis is on the introduction of some fundamental children's materials, learning to listen in a group and taking turns. No unregistered children please.

Saturday Cinema – For all ages; young children must be accompanied by an adult. February 18, March 18 & April 29 at 2 p.m. No registration required. Join us every month for a free G or PG-rated film in the library auditorium (sorry, no food or drink allowed). Films may be subject to change. Call (734) 466-2493 to confirm titles.

Reading with Sophie – Ages 5-12. Select Saturdays, February through May, call for specific dates and times. For ALL readers! Bring your favorite book and enjoy time improving your reading with Sophie, our certified therapy dog. Registration required in person or by phone at (734) 466-2493.

Valentines Palooza – Ages 6 and up. Saturday, February 11 from 12 – 4 p.m. or Sunday, February 12 from 1 – 4 p.m. Come make a valentine gift for that special someone – or for yourself! Perler bead and coaster tile projects. Drop-in, registration not required.

Make Your Own Balloon Animals – Ages 7-12. Saturday, February 25 at 1:30 p.m. Learn to make several different balloon animals and create your own in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes! Balloons and instructions will be provided. Registration required beginning February 11 in person or by phone at (734) 466-2493.

Page Turners: A Tween Book Club – Grades 5-8. Wednesdays: February 15, March 15, April 12 & May 17 at 4:30 p.m. Let's get together and discuss some fun books. Reading list to be determined. Space is limited! Register by visiting or calling the Children's Desk at (734) 466-2493.

Preschool Open House – Saturday, February 18 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Looking for a preschool? Stop by to talk with area preschools and see which one is right for you and your child. Are you a preschool that would like a table? Please call or email Karen at (734) 466-2454 or ksmith@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

Michigan Reads! Storytime – Ages 2-6. Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m. Celebrate author Lisa Wheeler and her amazing variety of picture books including *Bubble Gum, Bubble Gum*. Registration required beginning February 18 in person or by phone at (734) 466-2493.

American Girls Series – The Books & Dolls – Ages 7-12. Saturday, April 8 at 1:30 p.m. Participants may come as their favorite character and bring their doll to show other fans. Make a craft, learn about different time periods and characters, and receive handouts about the books, magazine, characters and fan websites. Registration required beginning March 25 in person or by phone at (734) 466-2493.

Money Smart Kids Read – Grades 4-8. Saturday, April 29 at 1 p.m. Learn the ins and outs of earning, spending, and saving money. Registration required beginning April 17 in person or by phone at (734) 466-2493.

Money Smart Week Storytime – Ages 3-6. Saturday, April 29 at 11 a.m. Join us for a money-related storytime. All children will decorate and take home their very own bank. Registration required beginning April 10 in person or by phone at (734) 466-2493.

NOBLE LIBRARY

Toddler Storytime – Ages 2-3. Wednesdays, March 15 – April 26 from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. Join us for songs, stories, and toy time! Drop-ins and siblings welcome.

Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-6. Wednesdays, March 15 – April 26 from 11 to 11:35 a.m. Stories, songs, and some amazing science demos! Drop-ins and siblings welcome.

Drop-In Playdate – All ages. Wednesdays, March 1 & 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Missing storytime? Meet up with your storytime friends for toy time. Registration not required, but child must be accompanied by an adult.

SANDBURG LIBRARY

Toddler Storytime – Ages 2-3. Thursdays, March 16 – April 27 at 10:15 a.m. Join us for a storytime filled with stories, songs, and toys! Registration not required and siblings welcome.

Preschool Storytime – Ages 3-6. Thursdays, March 16 – April 27 at 11 a.m. Stories, songs, and some amazing science demos! Drop-ins and siblings welcome.

Drop-In Playdate – Ages 1-6. Thursdays, March 2 & 9 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Missing storytime? Come hang out and play in the storytime room! Registration not required, but child must be accompanied by an adult.

Save the Date!
Summer Reading Program Kick-Off
Saturday, June 10, 2017

TEEN PROGRAMS

Visit us on the web –
<http://livoniapubliclibrary.org/teen/>

Like us on Facebook –
<http://www.facebook.com/LivoniaPublicLibraryTeenServices>

Follow us on Twitter –
<http://twitter.com/#!/LPLTeenServices>

Check our event cyber-calendar –
<http://livoniapubliclibrary.org/whatsapp>

Annual Teen Drawing Contest – Submit a drawing in Manga and/or traditional style for prizes to celebrate National Library Week. Deadline for submissions is April 15, 2017.

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Coffee & Coloring – Teens & Adults. Tuesdays: February 7, March 7, April 4 and May 2 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Relax and enjoy a cup of coffee while coloring a page or two from an adult coloring book. Supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Teen Advisory Committee – Ages 11 & up. Thursdays: February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4 at 6 p.m. Come to the library and meet like-minded teens who contribute to planning the library's teen programs. Let your preferences be known! Volunteer credit available.

Drop-In MakerSpace for Teens – Ages 11 and up. Tuesdays: February 14, March 14 and May 9 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Drop by our pop-up MakerSpace to see what we're making today! Could be a craft (buttons, handmade cards, crochet) or robots or videos for the library's YouTube channel. All you need to bring is your creativity and ideas.

Dungeons & Dragon Freeplay – Teens. Mondays: March 6 and 20, April 3 and 17 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join this exciting adventure lead by our experienced Dragon Master.

Parkour/Dumbledore's Army Training with Phoenix Freerunning Academy – Ages 11 and up. Thursday, March 23 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Learn how to defend yourself in the upcoming battle for Hogwarts as Phoenix Freerunning Academy demonstrates useful moves. Everyone welcome and registration is not required.

Babysitting Class – Ages 11 and up. Saturday, April 1 from 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Learn how to feed and diaper an infant, entertain kids, find clients, keep kids safe, advertise your services and perform basic first aid. Participants will receive a certificate at the end of the session. Registration required in person, by phone at (734) 466-2490 or online at <http://livoniapubliclibrary.org/whatsapp> beginning March 1st.

Harry Potter Club – Final Feast for our 5th Year – Ages 11 and up. Thursday April 13 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. All Hogwarts attendees, including alumni, are cordially invited to attend our final party celebrating our 5th year at Hogwarts. Come and see which house wins the House Cup this year! No dementors invited!

Escape Room for Teens – Ages 11 and up. Tuesday, April 18 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Work as a team to solve puzzles in order to get out of a locked room in the library within a one-hour time limit. Registration required in person, by phone at (734) 466-2490 or online at <http://livoniapubliclibrary.org/whatsapp> beginning April 1st.

NOBLE LIBRARY

Pokemon Club – Ages 7 to 17. Mondays: February 13 and 27, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24 and May 1 at 5:30 p.m. Card RPG, online and DS gaming and Anime. Registration not required.

Annual Teen Wii Super Smash Brothers Brawl Tournament – Monday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. Battle your friends for fun and prizes! Registration not required.

Livonia Public Library Family Fun Night at the Neighborhood Branches – All ages. Monday, February 6 from 6 – 8 p.m. Drop by anytime to relax and re-connect with family members, neighbors and friends while enjoying snacks, conversation and fun activities.

Teen Anime Night – Mondays: March 6 and April 17 at 6 p.m. Enjoy snacks, trivia contests, cosplay and cutting-edge Anime with your friends. Call for feature title.

SANDBURG LIBRARY

Teen Anime Night – Tuesdays: January 31 and March 28 at 6 p.m. Enjoy snacks, trivia contests, cosplay and cutting-edge anime with your friends. Call for feature title.

Doctor Who Appreciation Society – All ages. Tuesdays: February 21, March 21 and April 18 at 5:30 p.m. View selected episodes and engage in related crafts, games and activities.

Formal Dress Exchange – Sandburg Library hosts a FREE ongoing formal dress exchange program for teens needing a formal dress or wanting to donate one. Shop from home by clicking on "Formal Gown Exchange" on our teen webpage.

Formal Dress Exchange Blowout – Tuesday, April 4 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Try on dresses and have them altered while you wait! Registration not required.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Search for us on social media
under Livonia Public Library and . . .

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at LivoniaPublicLibrary.org.

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Book Discussion Group – The Livonia Civic Center Library book discussion group meets every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Writers' Group – First Wednesday of every month from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Are you writing fiction? Join the Livonia Public Library's Writers' Group and receive feedback and inspiration from fellow writers as well as the opportunity to have your writing looked over by a trained Writing Consultant! Contact Noelle Lomas at (734) 466-2485 for more information.

Livonia Civic Center Library Presents the Film Movement Program – Mondays, February 13, March 20, April 17 and May 22 at 6:30 p.m. – Auditorium. Join us for an award-winning feature film every month. These critically acclaimed independent and foreign films are carefully selected by Film Movement (www.filmmovement.com), and are made available to the library soon after they are shown in theaters. Each film is added to the library's permanent collection following the presentation date. Due to their sometimes mature themes and content, these films are recommended for adult audiences. Information about the film titles is available at (734) 466-2197, <http://livoniapubliclibrary.org> or by subscribing to the library's monthly e-newsletter. Please note: no food or beverages are permitted in the auditorium.

Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies – February 8, March 8, April 12 and May 10 at 2 p.m. – Auditorium. Enjoy a classic Hollywood picture each month. Films include dramas, comedies, and thrillers dating from the 1930s through the 1980s. Information about the film titles is available at (734) 466-2197, <http://livoniapubliclibrary.org>, and the library's monthly e-newsletter. Please note: no food or beverages are permitted in the auditorium.

Altered Book Art – Monday, February 6 at 7 p.m. Back by popular demand! Join us for another session of making beautiful art out of old library books! Learn to make paper roses, blackout poetry, book page mosaics, and more! Register online or at (734) 466-2490. Limit 32 adults/teens. For more information, contact Noelle Lomas at (734) 466-2485.

Coy Davis and Whatever Happened to Idlewild? – Wednesday, February 15 at 7 p.m. Once known as "The Black Eden," Idlewild was a vacation destination for tens of thousands of African Americans from the 1920s to the 1960s. At its peak, this resort community boasted hundreds of black-owned business and thousands of residents, flourishing at a time when Jim Crow laws restricted African Americans from buying land and vacationing in other parts of the country. In honor of Black History Month, Coy Davis, director of the documentary *Whatever Happened to Idlewild?*, will present his film and discuss the history, fate and significance of Idlewild. Program is free and registration is not required.

Death of Romance Murder Mystery Event – Ages 18 and up. Friday, February 24 from 6 – 8 p.m. A debut romance author is "shot" during her Best Book of the Year acceptance speech. Join us for an after-hours Murder Mystery event and discover who caused the Death of Romance. Register in-person at the Civic Center Reference Desk to receive your character information and script. Limited to 20 participants, registration begins January 9. Contact Noelle Lomas at (734) 466-2485 for more information.

The Ford-Wyoming Drive-In: Cars, Candy & Canoodling with Karen Dybis – Tuesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. She's back! Karen Dybis, Metro Detroit journalist and author of *Better Made in Michigan: The Salty Story of Detroit's Best Chip*, will discuss the history of Dearborn's beloved and iconic Ford-Wyoming Drive-In. Her book will be available for purchase and signing. Program is free and registration is not required.

Tips to Avoid Running Out of Money in Retirement – Wednesday, March 22 at 7 p.m. Join attorney, CPA and finance columnist Rick Bloom from Bloom Asset Management as he presents a valuable seminar on tips to avoid running out of money in retirement. Registration not required.

An Introduction to Hammered Dulcimer with the Silver Strings Dulcimer Society – Tuesday, March 28 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. This two-part program will entertain and educate the audience using the hammered dulcimer. The first part of the program will feature a 30-minute performance followed by a brief Q & A session. The second part of the program will teach pre-registered participants how to hold the hammers and navigate the instrument while trying to play a simple tune. The performance session is free and open to all. Registration is required for personal instruction by phone at (734) 466-2490, online at www.livoniapubliclibrary.org/whatsapp or in person at the reference desk.

Becoming Amish – Wednesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. Former Livonia native Jeff Smith will be discussing his book *Becoming Amish*. The book is based on the life of his childhood friend, Bill Moser, who gave up a lucrative career as an architect to pursue a simpler lifestyle by becoming Amish. Program is free and registration is not required.

GIFT CELEBRATION

Library Memorial and Commemorative Program

Need a unique and lasting way to remember a special person? Want to help your community? You can do both of these at once with the Memorial and Commemorative program which allows you to donate money in honor or memory of a loved one. A gift plate on the book shows the name of the person being honored as well as that of the donor. A brochure describing the program in more detail is available at all library locations or online at www.livoniapubliclibrary.org/donations.

Civic Center Library
32777 Five Mile – (734) 466-2491
Mon.-Th. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. & Fri., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday – 1-5 p.m.

Noble Library
32901 Plymouth – (734) 421-6600
Monday 12-8 p.m.,
Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sandburg Library
30100 W. Seven Mile – (248) 893-4010
Tuesday 12-8 p.m.,
Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Vestpocket
Civic Park Senior Center
15218 Farmington – (734) 466-2559
Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Fired Ink Art – Ages 18 and up. Wednesday, April 19 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Join us for a tutorial on making Fired Ink Art. This simple craft, which includes alcohol inks and fire, is the hottest way to make unique, colorful pieces of art. Participants will make one 4" x 6" framed work of art. Registration required online or at (734) 466-2490.

Marbled Mugs – Teens & adults. Wednesday, May 10 from 7 – 8 p.m. Join us for a tutorial on how to make Marbled Mugs. Participants may bring their own white or pale-colored mug, or use the ones provided. These fun mugs make great Mother's Day gifts. Register online or at (734) 466-2490. Limited to 24 participants.

Nook, Kindle and Tablet Classes – Call (734) 466-2490 to schedule an appointment for one-on-one instruction on how to use our valuable Library e-book service.

The Noontime Concert Series – Upcoming concerts in the series will take place every third Thursday on February 16, March 16, April 20 and May 18. Concerts begin at 12:15 p.m. and end at 1 p.m. *Co-sponsored by the Livonia Arts Commission.*

Genealogy Saturdays – Saturdays, Dates TBA beginning at 9:15 a.m. Registration is not required and all are welcome to attend.

History Lives at the Library – Dates TBA. The Friends of the Livonia Public Library has renewed its support to continue the popular History Lives Series at the Civic Center Library. Programs of various historical topics will occur on a monthly basis. Please check the library's website and click the "History Lives" link to see upcoming programs and their individual dates.

Friends Of The Livonia Library Programs

February 12
"The Forgotten President"
2 p.m. in the
Civic Center Auditorium

March 12
"Kit House" Hunters
2 p.m. in the
Civic Center Auditorium

May 7
"Silver String Dulcimers"
2 p.m. in the
Civic Center Auditorium



USED BOOK SALE!

Civic Center Library

Friday & Saturday, February 3 & 4
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 5
1 to 5 p.m.

Books sold by the bag on Sunday

Sponsored by The Friends of the Livonia Library

CITY FINE ARTS GALLERY

Livonia Civic Center Library
& City Hall Lobby Atrium

*Presented by the
Livonia Arts Commission*

New artists are on exhibit every month in both the Fine Arts Gallery, located on the second floor of the Civic Center Library, and the Lobby of the City Hall. Guests will enjoy a wide variety of styles and media.

Artists interested in exhibiting should contact Community Resources at (734) 466-2540 or go on to our city website www.ci.livonia.mi.us under the Arts Commission Gallery and print off an application.

Livonia Television's channel 8 (Spectrum formerly Brighthouse), WOW channel 10, and AT&T channel 99 will be airing a show called "ARTISTS" Daily at 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. This show features community artists and their work. You may also view this on line by visiting our city website www.ci.livonia.mi.us and clicking on Video Communications Center.

For the Month of February: **Chris Kulick** will display in the City Hall Lobby.
Greater Detroit Camera Club will display photography in the Fine Arts Gallery.

For the Month of March: **Jeremy Rheault** will display in the City Hall Lobby.
Van Nazarian will display photography in the Fine Arts Gallery.

For the Month of April: **Artifacts Club** will display a mixed media in the City Hall Lobby.
Livonia Public Schools will display student artwork in the Fine Arts Gallery.

For the Month of May: **Rich Emrich** will display a mixed media in the City Hall Lobby.
Clarenceville Public Schools will display student artwork in the Fine Arts Gallery.

LIVONIA SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES



Senior Golfers Annual Awards Banquet

Pictured are (seated, from left) Ken Gardner, Bill Willis, Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright, Craige Moore, & Ken Hunt and (standing, from left) Ted Davis, Mike Thomas, Bob Walsh, Craig Cebulskie, Tom Lesondak, Larry Gawlik and Paul Worley.

The monthly senior bulletin is currently available at www.ci.livonia.mi.us: click e-news signup, enter your email address, click the senior center, and click submit. The bulletin lists daily activities such as card, board, bingo games, weekly movies, continuing education classes, book and current events discussion groups, assistance programs, and the congregate lunch menu. The bulletin is also available at the Civic Park Senior Center

INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

Beginning Wednesday, February 1st

Certified AARP Volunteer Tax Preparers will be available to complete simple 2016 income tax returns for low to moderate-income clients, on a first-come, first-served basis. **NO APPOINTMENTS TAKEN!** Assistance will be provided Monday - Thursday (Closed Fridays), 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., through Tuesday, April 18th. The Senior Center opens at 8:30 a.m. Please call (734) 466-2555 for additional information.

Income Tax clients are required to bring the following pertinent documentation:

1. Copies of 2015 Federal and State (Michigan only) Tax Returns
2. Government-issued photo ID (for all taxpayers to be listed on return)
3. Social Security cards for all names referenced on the return, including dependents
4. Proof of health insurance (Form 1095-A, 1095-B or 1095-C).
5. Income documentation: W-2, 1099-MISC, 1099-R, 1099-B, 1099-INT, 1099-DIV, W-2G, Schedule K-1
6. Medical expense documentation: Proof of 2016 paid premiums, out-of-pocket medical receipts (if itemizing deductions)
7. Property Tax bills: Those issued and/or paid in 2016
8. Amount of Rent paid (have Landlord name and address available)
9. Proof of 2016 Home Heating costs (gas or electric): Reference your November or December utility bills)

IMPORTANT: All taxpayers referenced on a return, should be present. Those not present, must have legal representation documentation (Power of Attorney, Guardianship) presented to the tax preparer, on their behalf.

PARTY TIME AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Mark your calendar: *Valentine's Party*, Tuesday, February 14th, *Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday Party*, Tuesday, February 28th, *Saint Patrick's Day Party*, Friday, March 17th, *5th Wednesday!* Wednesday, March 29th, and May 31st. *Easter Party*, Thursday, April 13th, *Mother's Day Celebration*, Friday, May 12th. **You will need to sign up or purchase tickets in advance for these events.**

SUMMER SPORTS

62+ WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE MEETING – to be announced

LIVONIA SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION – Saturday, April 29th 9 a.m. meeting (Ages 59 and over, no residency required). Contact Roger Pattee at (313) 737-1422.

FOX CREEK MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE MEETING – Friday, April 28th, 9 a.m. Contact Myron (248) 477-3078.

RESOURCE FAIR FOR SENIOR CITIZEN NEEDS – **FREE EVENT!**

Friday, April 7th 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. The SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR is designed to assist older adults, adult caregivers, and family members in navigating the aging network. Over 50 organizations will provide vital information and resources within the community that will help our older adult population remain informed, safe, and independent. Raffle & many Door Prizes!

MACKINAC ISLAND & GRAND HOTEL TRIP

"Grand Experience" 4 Days – 3 Nights

Tuesday, September 26th – 29th, 2017

\$755 Double Occupancy, \$705 Triple Occupancy,

\$1,005 Single Occupancy

Join "M Park" Michigan Recreation and Parks Association & the City of Livonia. This trip includes: Round Trip Transportation, 4 Full Breakfasts, 3 Dinners, 3 Nights Lodging at the Grand Hotel, Ferry Crossing, Taxi Transfer to and from the Hotel, Carriage Tour of the Island, Tea & Cookies in the afternoon, Wine & Cheese Reception, Activities and Much, Much, More! \$250 deposit per person required to register. Forms are available at the Civic Park Senior Center or call Karl Peters at (734) 466-2556.



LIVONIA SENIOR SUMMER FESTIVAL "SAVE THE DATE"

Wednesday, June 28th 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
The theme this year is "Splish, Splash it's a Beach Bash!!"

FOCUS HOPE

Pick up your box at the Civic Park Senior Center between 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesday - February 8th, March 8th, April 5th, and May 3rd. For questions about Focus Hope, call the Senior Center at (734) 466-2557 or to make an appointment.

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM

Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services make available a well-balanced meal to Livonia residents age 60 years and older. There are three basic nutrition programs.

Liquid Nutrition: for those seniors who have difficulty swallowing solid food due to a debilitating disease or condition. A physician must complete the Wayne County Office of Nutrition Services medical form indicating the person's need for liquid meals. The eligible client or representative will be responsible for picking up the liquid nutrition once a month at a designated site. For additional information, please call 1-800-851-1454.

Home-Delivered: for those seniors who are homebound, unable to prepare their own meals or unable to feed themselves. Hot meals are delivered on weekdays, frozen meals are available to clients who cannot prepare food on the weekends. A physician, visiting nurse, family, friend or the senior resident can make the referral for Meals on Wheels at 1-800-851-1454.

Hot Lunch Program: for those seniors who are able to attend one of the two sites located within the City:

CIVIC PARK SENIOR CENTER
15218 Farmington Road
(734) 466-2555
11:45 a.m.

BRASHEAR TOWERS
17841 North Laurel Park Drive
(734) 591-6622

*"Suggested Donation" for the meal
is \$3 per person.*

McNamara Towers Senior Citizen Housing Community is currently accepting applications for its waiting list. To obtain more information, please contact **(248) 477-7086**.



LIVONIA COMMUNITY TRANSIT TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIOR AND DISABLED RESIDENTS - CALL (734) 466-2700

LIVONIA COMMUNITY TRANSIT (LCT)

Livonia Community Transit (LCT) is a transportation service for residents 60 years old or older and those who are disabled. Livonia Transit will pick up passengers from their home and transport them anywhere within the city limits of Livonia. The cost is \$2 each way.



Exact fare or ticket required because drivers do not make change. Hours of service are: Monday through Friday 7 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 - 6:30 p.m., Saturday & Sunday 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Reservations are necessary and are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call (734) 466-2700 for more information.

You can also book your trip through our "new" online reservation system through –
www.ci.livonia.mi.us/UsefulLinks.aspx.

ARE YOU A LIVONIA VETERAN NEEDING TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE TO THE VA HOSPITAL IN ANN ARBOR?

Livonia Community Transit (LCT) has expanded its service to assist qualifying veterans who need to get to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor for medical appointments. Livonia Community Transit will pick the veteran up from their home and take them to Meijer in Westland where they will board a shuttle bus to Ann Arbor. The VA Shuttle departs from Westland three times a day Monday through Friday, at 9:05 a.m., 1:15 p.m. and 5:10 p.m. Cost is \$2 each way. Livonia Community Transit staff will assist veterans in coordinating their shuttle service. **Call (734) 466-2700.**

SENIOR CENTER, GROCERY SHOPPING, WESTLAND MALL AND DOCTOR VAN - CALL (734) 466-2555

SENIOR CENTER TRANSPORTATION BUS (S.C.A.N.)

The Senior Center Transportation Buses provide curb-to-curb rides within the City limit on a donation basis. Rides are available to local shopping districts, grocery stores, Westland Mall (1st & 3rd Thursday 10:30 a.m.) and to the Senior Center. Service hours for the Senior Center are Monday thru Friday.

1. **Senior Center.** Buses leave from the Senior Center at 8:30 a.m. and we ask that you be ready for pick up by 8:30 a.m. Buses return home 1 p.m. Monday – Friday and 3 p.m. Mondays & Tuesdays & for Special Event Days.
2. **Grocery Shopping Monday** – Friday (locations vary) depending if you are North or South of 5 Mile Road. Call (734) 466-2555 for shopping locations. Driver will inform riders the amount of time allowed at the store and pickup location at designated time.
3. **Westland Mall Shopping** takes place on the 1st (minimum of 4 riders) & 3rd Thursdays of every month. Bus departs for pickup at 10:30 a.m. so please be ready for pickup at that time. Once at the Mall the driver will inform you the amount of time you will be allowed and the pickup location (usually where you are dropped off).

DOCTOR'S VAN

Monday – Friday 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., the Civic Park Senior Center offers a shuttle to Doctors' offices within the City of Livonia and up to one mile outside the city limits. Please contact (734) 466-2555 to make your advance reservation. There is no charge for this service (Donations Gratefully Accepted). This service fills up quickly so please call as soon as you know the date and time of your appointment. All vehicles are wheelchair equipped. Age 60 and over. Reservations accepted up to 90 days in advance. Maximum of two (2) rides per week.

You must make your appointment so that you are able to get home before/no later than 2:30 p.m. Our vehicles do not provide transportation to or from Nursing Homes or Assisted Living facilities. **We Do Not Transport Medical Emergencies!**

HISTORIC GREENMEAD ACTIVITIES

Located at 20501 Newburgh Road (South of Eight Mile).

Call Greenmead (248) 477-7375, for detailed rental information and availability.

Make History at Greenmead

Make your mark on the community by joining the dedicated volunteers at Historic Greenmead. Help to preserve Livonia's Legacy for the future and have fun in the process. Volunteers help with Special Events, Flower Gardening, Tours and more. Greenmead offers you a variety of ways to share your time and talents. A Volunteer Orientation is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at 10 a.m. at the Simmons/Hill House. To register, please call the Greenmead office at (248) 477-7375.

NEW! Birthday Party Luncheon at the Alexander Blue House

Saturday, February 11th, 12-2 p.m. We will be celebrating all birthdays. We will be playing classic birthday party games. Along with balloons and party hats for all. Lunch will be served. Of course there will be birthday cake. We are asking everyone to bring a wrapped **\$1 Birthday Gift**. For additional information, please call (248) 477-7375. Advance tickets only **\$20 per person**.



Happily Ever After

Thursday, March 9th, from 7-9:30 p.m.
A celebration of wedding traditions and fashions from decades gone by, classic wedding music and hors d'oeuvres. The program starts at the historic Newburg Church and concludes at the Alexander Blue

House. Space is limited. Advance tickets are required **\$15 per person**. Call for more information (248) 477-7375.

NEW! 1950 Coffee Klatch Luncheon at the Alexander Blue House

Saturday, April 1st, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. It's time to break out the hat and gloves for lunch. Enjoy a 1950s style lunch with friends at Greenmead. A Coffee Klatch is defined as *"A casual social gathering for coffee and conversation."* **Advanced tickets are \$20** and must be purchased in advance, space is limited. For more information, call (248) 477-7375.

Previously Enjoyed Jewelry Sale

Saturday, April 29th at the **Alexander Blue House – Greenmead 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.** If you love jewelry, this is for YOU. For more information, call Mary (248) 427-0226 or Barb (734) 464-0450. **Doors will open at 10 a.m.** If you have jewelry you are no longer wearing – consider donating it. The Senior Center and/or Greenmead will be happy to accept your donation

Livonia Garden Club - Plant Sharing

Saturday, May 20th, at Greenmead Farm Complex. The Livonia Garden Club will set up in the morning – the public will be invited in at 9 a.m. (no earlier). The Plant Sharing is a FREE event, from 9-10 a.m. Bring a plant to share and let the Garden Club share their plants with you. For more information, call Liz at (734) 425-6880.

The Livonia Historical Society (est. 1958)

The Society invites you to attend their events at the Alexander Blue House. Speakers are scheduled for January 16th, March 20th, September 18th, and November 20th at 2 p.m. These events are open to the public. The Livonia Historical Society Annual Banquet will be Thursday, May 18th. This is a ticketed event. Please call Greenmead for more information (248) 477-7375.

Mark Your Calendars!

Greenmead Summer Flea Market
June 4th, 10 a.m - 4 p.m.



The Alexander Blue House is available for rental.

Built in the mid-nineteenth century, this vintage house has been carefully adapted to provide meeting space for a variety of business and social events. The Blue House offers Victorian charm and a comfortable setting for small meetings, conferences, workshops, private parties and receptions. Daytime weekday rentals offer a great and affordable setting for classes and seminars. The facility provides many modern amenities, including a catering kitchen and audio visual equipment suitable for power point and video presentations. Guest Wi-Fi. **By appointment only**, (248) 477-7374.

The Historic Newburg Church can be rented.

Begin your wedding memories at the Newburg Church. Built in 1848 and authentically restored to its 1920s appearance, curved pews, vaulted ceilings and stained-glass windows make the Church a beautiful site for your wedding ceremony. **By appointment only**, (248) 477-7374.



Friends' Meeting House

For a casual event, the intimate setting of the Friends' Meeting House is great for small meetings, parties, dinners and showers. *Makes a great on-site location for your Rehearsal Night Dinner.* **By appointment only**, (248) 477-7374.



2016 Arts Commission Scholarship recipients. Left to right - Brian Duggan, Shannon Burke, Matthias Reed and Carrie Spurling.

Livonia Arts Scholarship

Attention: Livonia Resident College Students and Graduating 2017 High School Students. Livonia Arts Commission is offering \$1,000 scholarships for Livonia residents that will be attending college in 2017, and majoring in categories pertaining to the arts. Please contact Community Resources (734) 466-2540 for more information regarding application or go on-line at www.ci.livonia.mi.us for the application. Awards will be presented at a City Council Meeting in April. Deadline postmark is February 17, 2017.

The Livonia Youth Commission/ Spree Memorial Scholarship

The Livonia Youth Commission scholarship applications are available for the 2017 Spree Memorial Scholarship. Applications may be picked up at Livonia City Hall from the Community Resources Department on the fifth floor, or by accessing the City's web site at www.ci.livonia.mi.us. The scholarship eligibility requirements are that a student must be a Livonia resident and member of the 2017 graduating class, who either attends the Livonia Public Schools, Clarenceville Public Schools or is a Livonia resident attending a private school, and must be planning to attend a community college, university or accredited technical school in Michigan.

Up to six \$2,000 Scholarships may be awarded during the Spree 67 celebration in June 2017. This scholarship program is co-sponsored by the Livonia Anniversary Committee.

Deadline for postmark of applications is Friday, April 21, 2017. For additional information, call Community Resources at (734) 466-2540.

WINTER IS MADE FOR FAMILY FUN!

Although the weather has changed and we have gravitated toward indoor activities, there are still a number of options to keep you active and fit this winter.

Stop into the Kirksey Recreation Center and enjoy our new fitness and leisure programs. Look for a variety for new adult fitness classes including Hoop Fit, Pound It Out, and Kettlebell Conditioning. We offer classes for youth as well, including our new Pre-Tap class and ever popular Cartooning class.

If you are looking for family activities, be sure to join us for the Daddy Daughter Dance and Cardboard Boat Races in February, Dive in Movie in March, Open House, Bunny Brunch, and Egg Hunt in April and the ever popular Kids Night Out on the third Friday every month.

We invite you to join us at the Kirksey Recreation Center to stay active, get healthy and have fun this winter!

For more information on these and other events and programs, please visit us at www.ci.livonia.mi.us or call (734) 466-2900.



CITY CALENDAR & EVENTS

February

- 2 6 p.m.
Teen Advisory Committee
Civic Center Library
- 3 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Used Book Sale
Civic Center Library
- 4 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Used Book Sale
Civic Center Library
- 4 1 - 3 p.m.
Daddy Daughter Dance*
Livonia Elks Club
- 4 6 - 8 p.m.
Daddy Daughter Dance*
Livonia Elks Club
- 5 1 - 5 p.m.
Used Book Sale
Civic Center Library
- 6 6 - 8 p.m.
Livonia Public Library Family Fun Night
Noble
- 6 7 p.m.
Altered Book Art*
Civic Center Library
- 7 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Coffee & Coloring
Civic Center Library
- 8 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Focus Hope Distribution*
Civic Senior Center
- 8 2 p.m.
Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies
Civic Center Library
- 11 12 - 4 p.m.
Valentines Palooza
Civic Center Library
- 11 12 - 2 p.m.
Birthday Party Luncheon*
Greenmead Village
- 12 1 - 4 p.m.
Valentines Palooza
Civic Center Library
- 12 2 p.m.
"The Forgotten President"
Civic Center Auditorium
- 13 6 a.m.
Winter II Class Registration begins
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 13 5:30 p.m.
Pokemon Club
Noble Library
- 13 6:30 p.m.
Film Movement Program
Civic Center Library
- 14 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Drop-In MakerSpace for Teens
Civic Center Library
- 15 4:30 p.m.
Page Turners: A Tween Book Club*
Civic Center Library
- 15 7 p.m.

- 16 12:15 - 1 p.m.
Noontime Concert- Robert Johnson
Civic Center Library
- 17 6 - 10 p.m.
Kids Night Out*
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 18 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Preschool Open House
Civic Center Library
- 18 2 p.m.
Saturday Cinema
Civic Center Library
- 19 1 p.m.
Cardboard Boat Races*
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 20 **City Offices Closed - Presidents Day**
- 21 12 - 2 p.m.
TEFAP Distribution*
Old Court House
- 21 5:30 p.m.
Doctor Who Appreciation Society
Sandburg Library
- 24 6 - 8 p.m.
"Death of Romance Murder Mystery" Event*
Civic Center Library
- 25 1:30 p.m.
Make Your Own Balloon Animals*
Civic Center Library
- 25 4 p.m.
LSO - Classical Postcards
Clarenceville H.S.
- 27 5:30 p.m.
Pokemon Club
Noble Library

March

- 1 10 - 12 noon
Drop-In Playdate
Noble Library
- 2 10:30 - 12 noon
Drop-In Playdate
Sandburg Library
- 2 6 p.m.
Teen Advisory Committee
Civic Center Library
- 4 11 a.m.
Michigan Reads! Storytime Ages 2 - 4*
Civic Center Library
- 4 5 p.m.
Dive In Movie (Finding Dori)*
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 6 **Winter II Classes Begin**
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 6 6 p.m.
Teen Anime Night
Noble Library
- 6 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragon Freeplay
Civic Center Library

- 6 **Storytime Registration Begins**
Civic Center Library
- 7 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Coffee & Coloring
Civic Center Library
- 8 10 - 12 noon
Drop-In Playdate
Noble Library
- 8 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Focus Hope Distribution*
Civic Senior Center
- 8 2 p.m.
Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies
Civic Center Library
- 9 10:30 - 12 noon
Drop-In Playdate
Sandburg Library
- 9 7 - 9:30 p.m.
Happily Ever After*
Greenmead Village
- 12 2 p.m.
"Kit House" Hunters
Civic Center Auditorium
- 13 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.
Baby Storytime Begins*
Civic Center Library
- 13 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.
Baby Storytime Begins*
Civic Center Library
- 13 5:30 p.m.
Pokemon Club
Noble Library
- 14 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Preschool Storytime Begins*
Civic Center Library
- 14 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Drop-In MakerSpace for Teens
Civic Center Library
- 14 7 p.m.
Ford-Wyoming Drive In: with Karen Dybis
Civic Center Library
- 15 10 - 10:30 a.m.
Musical Mayhem
Civic Center Library
- 15 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Toddler Storytime Begins
Noble Library
- 15 11 - 11:30 a.m.
Musical Mayhem
Civic Center Library
- 15 11 - 11:35 a.m.
Pre-School Storytime Begins
Noble Library
- 15 4:30 p.m.
Page Turners: A Tween Book Club*
Civic Center Library
- 16 9:15 - 9:45 a.m.
Drop-in Storytime
Civic Center Library
- 16 10:15 - 10:45 a.m.
Toddler Storytime Begins*
Civic Center Library
- 16 10:15 a.m.
Toddler Storytime Begins

- Sandburg Library
- 16 11 a.m.
Preschool Storytime begins
Sandburg Library
- 16 12:15 - 1 p.m.
Noontime Concert - Nessa Music
Civic Center Library
- 17 6 - 10 p.m.
Kids Night Out*
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 18 2 p.m.
Saturday Cinema
Civic Center Library
- 20 2 p.m.
Livonia Historical Society Speaker
Greenmead Village
- 20 6:30 p.m.
Film Movement Program
Civic Center Library
- 20 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragon Freeplay
Civic Center Library
- 21 12 - 2 p.m.
TEFAP Distribution*
Old Court House
- 21 5:30 p.m.
Doctor Who Appreciation Society
Sandburg Library
- 22 7 p.m.
Tips to Avoid Running Out of Money in Retirement
Civic Center Library
- 23 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Parkour/Dumbledore's Army Training
Civic Center Library
- 27 **Separated Yard Waste Collection Resumes**
- 27 5:30 p.m.
Pokemon Club
Noble Library
- 28 6 p.m.
Teen Anime Night
Sandburg Library
- 28 6:30 - 8 p.m.
An Introduction to Hammered Dulcimer*
Civic Center Library

April

- 1 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Babysitting Class*
Civic Center Library

- 1 12 - 2 p.m.
1950 Coffee Klatch Luncheon*
Greenmead Village
- 3 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragon Freeplay
Civic Center Library
- 4 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
FORMAL Dress Exchange Blowout
Sandburg Library
- 4 **Holiday - City Offices Closed**
- 4 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Coffee & Coloring
Civic Center Library
- 5 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Focus Hope Distribution*
Civic Senior Center
- 5 7 p.m.
Becoming Amish
Civic Center Library
- 6 6 p.m.
Teen Advisory Committee
Civic Center Library
- 7 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Resource Fair for Senior Citizens
Civic Senior Center
- 8 11 a.m.
Bunny Brunch*
Senior Center
- 8 1:30 p.m.
American Girls Series - Ages 7-12*
Civic Center Library
- 9 12 - 4 p.m.
Open House (Easter Theme)
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 10 6 a.m.
Spring Class Registration begins
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 10 5:30 p.m.
Pokemon Club
Noble Library
- 12 4:30 p.m.
Page Turners: A Tween Book Club*
Civic Center Library
- 12 2 p.m.
Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies
Civic Center Library
- 13 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Harry Potter Club-Final Feast for our 5th year
Civic Center Library
- 15 10:30 a.m.
Egg Hunt
Rotary Park
- 17 6 p.m.
Teen Anime Night
Noble Library

- 17 6:30 p.m.
Film Movement Program
Civic Center Library
- 17 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Dungeons & Dragon Freeplay
Civic Center Library
- 18 12 - 2 p.m.
TEFAP Distribution*
Old Court House
- 18 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Escape Room for Teens*
Civic Center Library
- 18 5:30 p.m.
Doctor Who Appreciation Society
Sandburg Library
- 19 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Fired Ink Art*
Civic Center Library
- 20 12:15 - 1 p.m.
**Noontime Concert –
Carl Henry & Terry Murphy**
Civic Center Library
- 21 6 - 10 p.m.
Kids Night Out*
Kirksey Recreation Center
- 24 5:30 p.m.
Pokemon Club
Noble Library

- 24 5:30 p.m.
**Annual Teen Wii Super Smash Bros Brawl
Tournament**
Noble Library
- 29 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Previously Enjoyed Jewelry Sale
Greenmead Village
- 29 11 a.m.
Money Smart Week Storytime*
Civic Center Library
- 29 1 p.m.
Money Smart Kids Read*
Civic Center Library
- 29 2 p.m.
Saturday Cinema
Civic Center Library

May

- 1 5:30 p.m.
Pokemon Club
Noble Library
- 2 6:30 - 8 p.m.
Coffee & Coloring
Civic Center Library
- 3 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Focus Hope Distribution*
Civic Senior Center
- 4 6 p.m.
Teen Advisory Committee
Civic Center Library

- 6 4 p.m.
LSO - Musical Treasures
Clarenceville H.S.
- 7 2 p.m.
Silver String Dulcimers
Civic Center Auditorium
- 9 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Drop-In MakerSpace for Teens
Civic Center Library
- 10 2 p.m.
Wednesday Afternoon at the Movies
Civic Center Library
- 10 7 - 8 p.m.
Marbled Mugs*
Civic Center Library
- 16 12 - 2 p.m.
TEFAP Distribution*
Old Court House
- 17 4:30 p.m.
Page Turners: A Tween Book Club*
Civic Center Library
- 18 12:15 - 1 p.m.
Noontime Concert – Royal Sounds
Civic Center Library
- 19 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Used Book Sale
Civic Center Library

- 20 8:30 - 11 a.m.
Rouge Rescue Day
- 20 9 - 10 a.m.
Livonia Garden Club Plant Sharing
Greenmead Village
- 20 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Used Book Sale
Civic Center Library
- 21 1 - 5 p.m.
Used Book Sale
Civic Center Library
- 22 6:30 p.m.
Film Movement Program
Civic Center Library
- 29 **City Office Closed – Memorial Day**

June

- 4 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Greenmead Summer Flea Market
Greenmead Village

*Indicates pre-registration required.
Please see related articles.

In accordance with the American with
Disabilities Act, the City of Livonia,
upon adequate notice, will make
reasonable accommodations for
persons with special needs.

Livonia Symphony Orchestra Schedule

44th Season / 2016-17 Concert Season
All concerts begin at 4 p.m.

Louis Schmidt Auditorium,
Clarenceville High School
20155 Middlebelt Road, Livonia

Special Concert Events:

- ▶ February 25, 2017 **"Classical Postcards"** featuring Soloist Svetlana Tsivinskaya
- ▶ May 6, 2017 **"Musical Treasures"** featuring Soloist Patricia Fisher

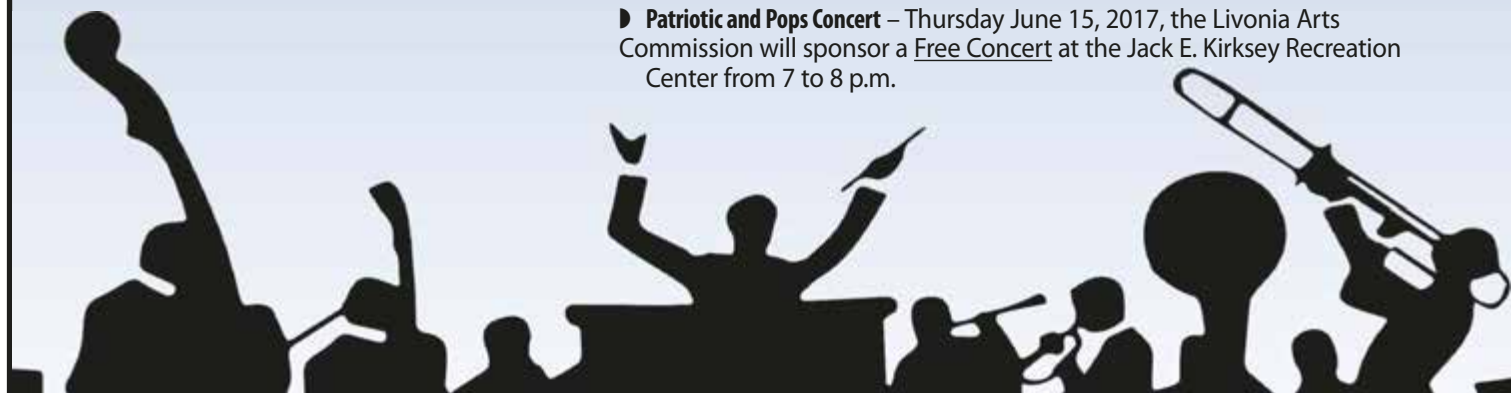
Tickets: \$20 Adult / \$10 Students 6-18 – College Students must show ID / Children under 5 free. Group tickets of 10 or more are available by calling Ron Laing at (313)538-2536. Special Concert Event tickets available on-line at www.livoniasymphony.org.

Special Fundraising Events on:

- ▶ Sunday, March 12 – **Shamrocks and Tea**
- ▶ Saturday, May 20 – **Spring Garden Party Luncheon**
- ▶ Friday, June 9 – **Bob Bennett Memorial Golf Outing/Lunch**

Tickets for the concerts are available at the Livonia Civic Center Library, on line at www.livoniasymphony.org or at the door on concert night. For more information, leave a message on the Symphony's Music Hot Line at (734) 421-1111.

- ▶ **Patriotic and Pops Concert** – Thursday June 15, 2017, the Livonia Arts Commission will sponsor a Free Concert at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center from 7 to 8 p.m.



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Livonia, Michigan 48154
City Hall: (734) 466-2200
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www.facebook.com/LivoniaCommunity
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Rouge River Rescue Day Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 20
8:30 - 11 a.m.

Volunteers and groups are needed to help clean-up and restore the Rouge River in Livonia at Moelke Park, 19444 Lathers. Join in the fun! It's good to work with other people in our community to help improve the quality of the Rouge River.

Pre-registration is recommended. For more details about the event or to register, please call Doug Moore at the Department of Public Service (734) 466-2655.

Co-Sponsored with Livonia Rotary Club,
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