

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY IN MARCH

Information on events and activities for you and your family. Also for inclusion in church bulletins, homeowner's association newsletters and school/PTO newsletters. For a complete listing and schedule of events, see the **Troy Today** newsletter and www.troymi.gov.

March 1: The Cat in the Hat Comes Back, Library, 11:15am. It's time again to remember Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Listen carefully and work hard and you might stay out of trouble like the children in the Cat in the Hat story. Celebrate with us as we have fun and make a goldfish project. Ages 3+

March 1-31: Troy Family Aquatic Center passes available for purchase, Troy Community Center.

March 1-31: Troy Community Center 10 Year Anniversary. During the month enjoy drawings, special prices, new recipes & more (Sponsored by: TCBY, Dicks Sporting Goods, Whole Foods Market and Red Robin).

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Free Tax Assistance for Seniors, Community Center, 9 am-2 pm. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, will help low to moderate income seniors prepare tax forms, each Friday through April 13. No walk-ins will be accepted. Appointments can be made by calling 248.526.2608.

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Talk Time, conversational group for adults whose first language is not English, Library, 10:15am-12pm. A relaxed atmosphere for non-native English speakers to enhance their speaking and listening skills and improve their English vocabulary. Each session, led by volunteers, is followed by a tour of the English as a Second Language (ESL) collection, where books, audio books, and other language-learning materials are available. Register online at www.troylibrary.info; stop by the Technology Desk; or call 248.524.3542.

March 4: PNC Bank Taste of Troy, San Marino Club, 1-4 pm. Enjoy great food from over 30 Troy restaurants with a "World of Flavors" theme to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Troy. Silent Auction, Live Auction, Raffles & Entertainment. Tickets **\$40 in advance** (call 248.689.1687), **\$50 at the door** (if available).

March 4: Andru Bemis in Concert, Central Woodward Christian Church, 3955 W. Big Beaver Road, 2-3:30 pm. Wearing a three-piece suit & derby hat, Bemis carries his beat-up instruments on his back: banjo, guitar, fiddle or banjolele. His quirky humor, engaging stage presence and exquisitely crafted songs have earned Bemis a worldwide fan base. **FREE**

March 7: Life Readers, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 7pm. Reading *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. (Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm). **FREE**

March 7: Booked For Lunch, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 12:15pm. Reading *Five Quarters of the Orange* by Joanne Harris. (Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 12:15pm). **FREE**

March 7: Cheddar's Preschool Story Time, Historic Village, 10:30-11:15 am. Join Cheddar the Museum Mouse in listening to a classic tale related to the theme of "Zoo Animals" in our monthly program for little historians with a simple craft and yummy treat. Ages 2-5. Register. **FEE: \$2 Children/\$3 Adults.**

March 10: Preserving Your Family's Images Workshop, Troy Historic Village, 1-4 pm. Instructor Kim Schroeder, from Wayne State University, teaches photo preservation (paper & digital) so future generations can see your important family memories. **Fee: \$25; THS members \$20.**

March 10, 17: Maple Syrup Time, Nature Center, 9 am-3 pm. Program starts (every half hour between 9am & 3 pm) with a short introduction to maple syruping indoors, and then we'll hike the trails to see how sap is collected. Afterwards, we'll stop in the sugar shed and see the wood-stoked sap evaporator in action. The tour finishes with syrup tasting over warm min-pancakes! **Fee: \$6; TNS members \$5. For info, call 248.688.9703 or register at www.troynaturesociety.org.**

March 10, 24: Family Night, Community Center, 5-7:45 pm. An inexpensive, fun night out for families! Activities include basketball at 8' goals, parachutes, an inflatable castle, open swim and more. **Fee: \$2.50/Resident; \$3.50/non-resident.**

March 13: Mystery Reader's, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 10:15am. Reading *The 6th Man* by David Baldacci. (Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:15am). **FREE**

March 13: Dan Ewald's Book Group, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 7pm. Reading *Welcome to the Monkey House* by Kurt Vonnegut. (Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm). **FREE**

March 14, 20: Get a Raise in Retirement, Library, 10:30 am. Learn about solutions that can help you keep pace with rising costs over a long retirement. Find out about variable annuity retirement solutions that can provide you with annual income that will increase every year for your lifetime as long as the terms of the benefit are met. You could grow your retirement income by 2.5% compounded interest annually. **Free**

March 15, 27: All About eBooks, Library, 6:30 pm. Electronic books and readers have generated a lot of buzz lately. Do you have a Kindle, Sony eReader, Barnes and Noble Nook, or another type of eReader? Are you thinking of purchasing one? This program will answer your questions, show you what resources are available to you at the Library, and demonstrate some of the more popular eReaders. If you have an eReader, bring it and we will show you how to set up an account.

March 20: 2012 Spring Senior Expo, Community Center, 10am-2pm. This year's expo features 80+ vendors in the health, housing and financial services areas. Stop by the senior lunchroom and register for lunch served from 11:45am-12:30pm (**\$2.75 suggested donation, \$6 if under age 60**).

March 21: ABC's of Nutrition, Community Center (Room 302), 6:30-7:30pm, FREE. Join Dawn for a closer look at real nutrition as part of the Troy Community Center Anniversary Celebration. Check out the Health Starts Here program and ANDI score system that labels and scores products and a sampling that rates highest on the ANDI score. **Register, 248.524.3484. Sponsored by Whole Foods Market.**

March 21: As a Matter of Fact..., Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 7 pm. (Meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7 pm). **FREE**

March 21: Evening Lecture Series, Troy Historic Village, 7:30 pm. Monthly lectures will explore ethnic groups from around the world and how they found a place in Michigan. This month join speaker Padma Kuppa, Outreach Chair Bharatiya Temple and Executive Council to the Hindu American Foundation. Reservations not required and free to all THS members. **\$5 donation for non-members. Refreshments served.**

March 24: 2012 Walk Like MADD Michigan 5k Walk, Oakland Mall, 412 W. 14 Mile Road, 8:30am-12pm. Enter by the main mall entrance, Walk Ceremony in the center of the Mall, 8:30 am. Walk begins at 9 am. 5k non-competitive fund-raising and awareness walk for MADD Michigan.

March 24: Troy Fire Women's Auxiliary Annual Euchre Party, 6 pm at Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main St, Clawson. Proceeds benefit fire and burn-related charities. Registration begins at 6:15pm, Tournament begins at 6:45pm. For tickets call 248.879.7912 or e-mail Donna Noble9091@yahoo.com. \$27 per player.

March 29: Thursday Teas at Two, Historic Village, 2-3 pm, Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the "Little House" books, loved singing and listening to her Pa's fiddle. Glen Morningstar will step into Pa's shoes and fiddle these same tunes for you. Fee: \$7 per person. Registration required.

March 31: Read to Gulliver the Dog, Library, 2 pm. Practice your reading by sharing a story with Gulliver, a big and gentle Newfoundland dog, who loves to hear a good tale. He'll be accompanied by his caregiver Terese and be ready to listen. Come early to sign up for a reading time slot. Ages 5+

CITY NEWS & INFORMATION:

March 5, 19: City Council Meetings, Troy City Hall Council Chambers, 7:30 pm.

March 6: Board of Review, 1 pm-9 pm. Call 248.524.3311 for appointment.

March 11: Daylight savings time begins. Change your smoke detector batteries.

March 12: Board of Review, 9 am-5 pm. Call 248.524.3311 for appointment.

March 13: Board of Review, 1 pm-9 pm. Call 248.524.3311 for appointment.

See www.troymi.gov for more details!

Contact Numbers: City of Troy Community Affairs Dept: 248.524.1147; Troy Public Library: 248.524.3538; Stage Nature Center: 248.688.9703; Troy Community Center: 248.524.3484; Troy Historic Village: 248.524.3570.



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