



# h o m e t o w n HERALD

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## COMMISSIONER'S CORNER: JOE ROZELL

Congratulations to Mayor Paul and Commissioner Elder on their re-election to the City Commission. Please also join me in welcoming our newest Commissioner, Jessica Jacobs Steinhart, to the City Commission. I wish former Commissioner Jeff Jenks a wonderful "retirement" after decades of service to the residents of our great City.

You've likely noticed lots of construction equipment in our City again this summer as we continue sewer main replacements, pipe lining and road reconstruction. We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work to honor our commitment to improving our infrastructure. We also recently received a \$100,000 grant from the State of Michigan to install a new traffic light at City Hall on Eleven Mile Road not only to calm traffic but to create a safe pedestrian crosswalk.

We had a special opportunity on July 28th to dedicate the Historical Marker placed at Rackham Golf Course honoring the 100th anniversary of the course being built as well as the long time Club Pro, Ben Davis. Rackham Golf Course and the Detroit Zoo were pivotal in the development of the City of Huntington Woods and its importance cannot be underplayed. Our City literally grew up around this active and popular golf course!

Several months ago, the City Commission retained a new company to handle the maintenance and upkeep of our City parks and contracted with a consultant to provide an extensive review of each park and related capital improvements. Our parks are a great asset and my colleagues and I are committed to investing in them so that they are a beautiful place to engage in active and passive recreation. Look for the improvements to begin in the spring of 2024!

As we transition out of fall and winter approaches, we are reminded to slow down and turn inward, as the winter season encourages us to hold a quieter space and enjoy hibernating and resting.

I'd like to continue to hear from you on your suggestions, concerns, or questions about city government. Feel free to call me at 248-719-9169, email jrozell@hwmi.org. This is your city government, and it works best with your feedback!

Your commissioner and neighbor,

**Joe Rozell**  
City Commissioner

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# PUBLIC SAFETY

## BUILDING HOURS

Non-emergency and general business calls are received by Huntington Woods Public Safety during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. After 5:00 pm, telephone services are switched over to Berkley Dispatch. All 9-1-1 calls are answered by Berkley dispatch 24 hrs a day.

## COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION: NIXLE

Nixle provides a quick, efficient, and secure way to get neighborhood-level information out to community members who subscribe to the system. Through [www.nixle.com](http://www.nixle.com), the Public Safety Department is able to send text messages (SMS) and e-mail alerts to subscribers in a specific area.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT TOOL

Residents may fill out an Alert Form for Dispatchers to have important information on file so dispatchers can relay it quickly to first responders. The project was developed by the City's Senior Advisory Committee to identify seniors and other vulnerable residents in an emergency and to ensure Public Safety can respond appropriately to calls for service. By providing additional emergency information to 9-1-1, the City can help residents faster in an emergency. The Alert Form for Dispatchers is located on the City's website at [www.hwmi.org](http://www.hwmi.org) under Public Safety Forms.

## FREE GUN LOCK WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

This free Gun Safety Lock Giveaway is courtesy of the National Shooting Sports Foundation | NSSF / Project ChildSafe in partnership with the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Study Group on Gun Violence and the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. Gun locks can be picked up at Public Safety during building hours.

## HEADING OUT OF TOWN?

Residents are welcome to contact Public Safety weekdays, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm when going out of town so that officers may keep an extra watch on your home.

## KINDCALL

Kindcall is an automatic telephone calling service for residents. A Public Safety Dispatcher calls the resident daily at a pre-approved time. If no one answers the phone, a Public Safety officer responds to the home to assure the resident is safe. The service is upon request, and without charge, and can

be obtained by calling the Public Safety Department at **248.541.1180**.

## KNOX-BOX SERVICE

The Knox-Box Residential Program is an extension of the Knox Rapid Entry system that provides first responders with safe and immediate entry into a residential property in the event of an alarm or an emergency. The Knox Company has been the leading provider in Rapid Access Solutions to the fire service, government and security industries for more than 30 years. Residents who are interested in the program should contact the Public Safety Department at 248.541.1180 for written approval and program information.

## OVERNIGHT STREET PARKING

Reminder, the City has an ordinance that prohibits parking on all streets, 3:00 - 5:00 am. If there is some reason why you need to park on the street during these hours, please contact DPS at **248.541.1180**. Permission to park on the street is given on a case-by-case basis.

## RESIDENTIAL HOME INSPECTIONS

Residents can call Public Safety to schedule a home inspection for fire safety review and home security issues.

## RX DRUG DROP-OFF BOX

Residents can safely dispose of unwanted and expired prescription drugs between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. All drugs must be brought in sealed bags. Needles are not accepted and all liquid must be sealed.

*Drug test kits for concerned parents are available, no questions asked.*

## SAFE HAVEN

DPS offers the lobby as a "Safe Haven" for Craigslist or like transactions. Nationwide, many Craigslist scams have resulted in robberies, assaults and even homicides. Residents do not need to call in advance. The Public Safety Lobby is open 24/7. However, you will need to use the red phone located in the foyer to contact a public safety officer Monday - Friday after 5:00 pm and on weekends/holidays. If the involved party refuses to meet in the lobby or parking lot of our Public Safety Department, refuse the transaction. Officers will need to be aware that a transaction is taking place, but will not serve as witnesses or take

# DPS

248.541.1180

12755 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Emergency (Berkley Dispatch): 911

## BUILDING HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Director: Andrew Pazuchowski  
Deputy Chief: Bill Cudney  
Lieutenants: Mark Bell, Bill Spencer  
and Ben Zawacki

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part in the transactions unless something gave rise to their involvement. By being proactive and implementing a Safe Haven for such transactions it allows our residents the opportunity to meet in a safe environment.

## SIREN TEST SCHEDULE

Oakland County Homeland Security tests the outdoor warning siren system on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 pm.

## WALKERS/JOGGERS

All walkers/joggers are encouraged to use sidewalks where provided. It is contrary to traffic law to use the street for jogging or walking. Where no sidewalks are available, pedestrians should use the left side of the street facing traffic. Always carry ID in case of emergency. Wear light colored clothing or reflective vests so you are visible to traffic.

## DOG LICENSES

Dog licenses can be purchased online or at the front desk of the Public Safety Department Monday - Friday during normal business hours.

Licenses applied for online will be mailed. Dog licenses need to be renewed on a yearly basis between January 1 - March 15.



*Please bring proof of rabies vaccination. The renewal cost is \$8 (neutered) and \$15 (non-neutered).*

# CITY NOTES

## 2023 WINTER TAXES AND WATER BILL PAYMENTS

The 2023 Winter taxes were mailed to those homeowners without an escrow account on November 30, 2023. If you do not have an escrow account and have not received a tax bill within a week of that date, contact the Treasurer's Office immediately. Winter taxes are due February 14, 2024. Non-receipt of the bill does not negate the owner's responsibility to pay. Taxes for those who were eligible for the summer tax deferral are also due in full on February 14, 2024. Any 2023 property tax bills not paid by February 28, 2024 are turned over to Oakland County for collection.

Property taxes and water bills may now be paid online by visiting the City website. Payment may be made by credit card or e-check. Please note fees may be attached to this service.

Water payments may also be direct debited from your bank account similar to the convenience offered by many utility companies. Enrollment forms may be obtained at [hwmi.org](http://hwmi.org) or by calling the Treasurer's office at **248 541.4300, ext 639**.

## 2024 CHANGE OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES

The 2024 Change of Assessment notices will be mailed to homeowners in late January or early February from Oakland County Equalization Department. Please examine your notice carefully. Your 2024 property taxes will be based on the values stated on the notice. If you disagree with your assessment, contact the Treasurer's office immediately to make an appointment with the March Board of Review. The March Board of Review is the only opportunity to make an appeal, please call early to schedule an appointment.

## 43<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL HWMC SERVICE AUCTION

The 2023 Auction was once again the Event of the Year! This year will be just as excellent. The 43rd Annual HWMC Service Auction will be an in-person event at the Gillham Recreation Center on April 20, 2024.

### SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 20, 2024

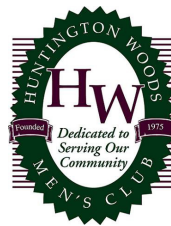
We know you LOVE this event, so TICKET SALES will open on March 1, 2024. Tickets will be limited, and this event has traditionally sold out. So, get your tickets early by visiting [HWMC.org/auction](http://HWMC.org/auction) on March 1, 2024.

### A CALL FOR GIFTS AND ADS

**GIFTS** - In order to have the best auction in HWMC history, we need your help. The auction features gifts donated by members of this great community. Tickets, artwork, events, services, and gift cards are all welcome, but don't be afraid to get creative! The BEST ITEMS are those that cannot be easily purchased anywhere else. To donate a gift, find information at [HWMC.org/auction](http://HWMC.org/auction) or contact the 2024 gift chair directly at [hwmc.gift.chair@gmail.com](mailto:hwmc.gift.chair@gmail.com).

**ADVERTISING** - Do you have a business or know someone with a business that would like to get their message out to the HW Community? The always impressive HWMC Auction Catalog gets hand delivered to EVERY home in Huntington Woods. Ads in that catalog remain very reasonably priced. Find information regarding advertising in the 2024 HWMC Auction Catalog at [HWMC.org/auction](http://HWMC.org/auction) or contact the 2024 ad chair directly at [hwmc.ads.auction@gmail.com](mailto:hwmc.ads.auction@gmail.com).

Please support the 2024 HWMC Auction. All proceeds are reinvested back into this community. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 20, 2024. Watch for Auction tickets to go on sale on March 1, 2024 @ [HWMC.org/auction](http://HWMC.org/auction).



## OFF TO THE RACES

Saturday, March 16, 2024  
7:00 - 11:00 pm at The Kingsley Hotel  
in Bloomfield Hills.

Support the after-school enrichment programs and teacher mini-grants at Burton by attending Off to the Races! Over 750 students have enrolled in 22 free courses since 2018 including: Coding, Garden Club, Math Pentathlon, Cardio, Crocheting, Diversity Alliance, LEGO robotics and Math Enrichment. Teachers have received fine motor development kits, sensory materials, STEM kits and more! The more funds the Berkley Education Foundation raises at Off to the Races, the more courses and mini-grants are offered at Burton!

Off to the Races is the biggest fundraiser for the Berkley Education Foundation. The purpose of the BEF is to help maintain and enhance educational opportunities and programs for all Berkley Schools students.

Off to the Races includes: hors d'oeuvres, simulated horse racing, mobile silent auction and a cash bar.

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Call 248.837.8095

Tickets available online closer to the date at [www.BerkleyEdFoundation.org](http://www.BerkleyEdFoundation.org)

# City Hall

248.541.4300  
[www.hwmi.org](http://www.hwmi.org)

## CITY OFFICES HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Closed for lunch from 1:00 - 2:00 pm

## OFFICES CLOSED

Dec. 25, 25, Jan 1, 2

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Chris Wilson, City Manager , x632  
Ethan Haan, Finance Director, x640  
Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk, x638  
Renee Bullen, Deputy Treasurer, x639  
Hank Berry, Planning Dept., x637  
Francesco Ferrara, Building Dept., x641  
Sarah Wagner, Community Engagement, x633  
Inspections, x635

# LIBRARY

We proudly serve the residents of Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge. As a member of The Library Network ([www.tln.org](http://www.tln.org)) we provide access to books and other resources from more than 50 Detroit-area libraries. Come and see what your library can do for you!

## VITAL VOICES BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday

11:00 am | Friends Room

Read books that take place outside the U.S. Our "travels" around the globe give us an appreciation of just how wide and varied our world really is.

**January:** Sitting Pretty: The View from my Ordinary, Resilient Body, by Rebekah Taussig

**February:** Haben: The Deafblind Woman who Conquered Harvard Law, by Haben Girma

## KNITTING GROUP

Last Wednesday

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Friends Room

All fiber arts welcome.

## HWPL BOOK DISCUSSION

Fourth Monday

7:00 pm | Via Zoom

Visit our website's events calendar for book titles.

This is a Zoom-only event; if this is your first time joining this discussion, please email [dhemmye@hwoodslib.org](mailto:dhemmye@hwoodslib.org) to get the Zoom link.

# Library

248.543.9720  
26415 Scotia Road  
[HuntingtonWoodsLib.org](http://HuntingtonWoodsLib.org)

## LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thurs 10:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Friday/Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Sunday 1:00 to 5:00 pm

## LIBRARY STAFF

Deb Hemmye - Director  
Reference Librarians- Karen Tower,  
Joanne Johnson, Anna Fast  
Gallery Coordinator - Joann Kallio  
Technical Services - Jesse Mitchell  
Youth Services Librarians- Shannon Rourke,  
Gillian Demeter  
Clerks - Jessica Anyanwu, Joslyn  
DeVinney, Karen Dubrinsky, Lucille  
Evans, Eleanor Retish, Jack Rizzo, Judy  
Schram  
Pages - XiXi Alexander, Matthew  
Linn, Keira Mullane, Lilly Tuite

## THE WOODS GALLERY



**Woods  
Gallery**

The Woods Gallery is located in the lower level of the Huntington Woods Library with hours consistent with regular library hours, except when events/activities are taking place.

Artist receptions are an excellent time to learn more about the artist and their work. Although intended as an adult reception, all are welcome.

Should you or someone you know be interested in displaying work in the Gallery, please contact the Woods Gallery Coordinator at [woodsgallery@hwoodslib.org](mailto:woodsgallery@hwoodslib.org).

Find the gallery at [woodsgallery.org](http://woodsgallery.org), on the web or facebook and on instagram @woodsgalleryhw.

### "TURNING POINT" BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS January 7 - February 22

Artists' Reception: Thursday, January 25 | 6 - 8 pm

The Woods Gallery is kicking off the new year with a new, juried exhibit from The Birmingham Society of Women Painters. Originally founded in 1944, today the BSWP is a group of over 50 artists, including professional artists as well as women for whom art is a high-priority avocation, and the Woods Gallery is pleased to invite them back this year. Be sure to mark your calendar for your opportunity to view the variety of artistic media and subjects from this talented group of women painters.

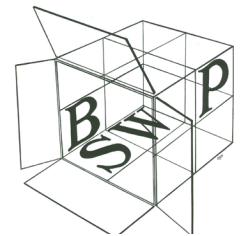
### "FACES IN NATURE" PHOTOGRAPHS BY CHARLES STERN

March 4 - April 27

Artist's Reception: Thursday, March 7 | 6 - 8 pm  
Brief Gallery Talk 7pm



Charles Stern has an eye for seeing beyond the surface. For example, he doesn't just see tree bark, but rather is inspired by it to create a face within the photograph, giving nature both a personality and mystery. The viewer will see some faces immediately, while others are more subtle. Gallery guests, young and old, will be captivated by these beautiful, intriguing photographs.



# ADULT PROGRAMMING

All programs begin at 6:30 pm. Registration is not required, but it is helpful. Please register by going to the Library's website, [www.huntingtonwoodslib.org](http://www.huntingtonwoodslib.org) and sign up under Events. These programs are made possible through fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Huntington Woods Library.

## HOW DETROIT BECAME THE MOTOR CITY

Thursday, January 11 | 6:30 pm

Author Paul Vachon will discuss his book, *How Detroit became the Motor City* as well as have copies for sale for those who wish to purchase one. Join us for this exploration as to how Detroit became the city it was and is evolving to be.



## GENEALOGISTS

Wednesday, January 17 (Part 1)

Wednesday, February 21 (Part 2)

Wednesday, March 20 (Part 3)

Wednesday, April 17 (Part 4)

6:30 pm

Robbie Tierman, archivist at the Jewish Historical Center, will help you

explore the world of your family's past in this series of four genealogy programs.



## CREATIVE WRITING

Wednesday, February 7 | 6:30 pm

Local resident Cindy Frenkel will ignite the audience's creativity and lead us in writing a poem of our own. This is a great opportunity to spark your creative spirit.



## ORGANIZE DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thursday, February 29 | 6:30 pm

Wait, wait, I have this great photo on my phone now I just need to find it so you can see how much my child has grown, how big my dog has gotten, or the great photos from my trip! Ever tried to quickly locate that special photo and had trouble? Corey Sleeman will give tips on how to make your digital photographs work for you.

## LOOKING THROUGH A DIFFERENT LENS

Wednesday, March 6 | 6:30 pm

Huntington Woods resident Cindy Frenkel will highlight strong literary openings then give participants a prompt for writing a brief autobiographical piece. Bring your sense of humor for this program!



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Thursday, March 14 | 6:30 pm

Help celebrate Women's History Month by looking at the life of Harriet Tubman, the great conductor on the Underground Railroad with author Carol Trembath.

## APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Wednesday, April 3 6:30 pm

Join Master Gardener Jim Miller from English Gardens as he helps you plan your best garden ever.



## CREATIVE ART SERIES W/ SUSAN FOX

Art and Crafts classes are held monthly on select Saturdays at 1:00 pm with instructor, Susan Fox. Registration is required for each day. Materials provided.

Saturday, January 13

Saturday, February 10

Saturday, March 9

Saturday, April 13

Check the website for more information, and please remember registration is required.

## BIRDING VS. BIRD WATCHING

Thursday, April 11 6:30 pm

Did you know there is a difference between birding and bird watching? What do these terms mean? Join Greg Bodker to find out the difference and which group you belong (or want to belong) to.



Visit the Library's website, [huntingtonwoodslib.org](http://huntingtonwoodslib.org) for more information.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

All programs are free for participants thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Huntington Woods Library. Registration may be required for some programs. Visit the library website at [huntingtonwoodslib.org](http://huntingtonwoodslib.org) to reserve your space.



movement and early literacy activities. Open to all ages 0-5. No registration required.

**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**  
Tuesdays at 10:30am  
Join Ms. Shannon for stories, rhymes, finger play,

**BABY DROP-IN PLAYTIME**  
Wednesdays at 10:30am

Enjoy open-ended play with your infant and social interaction with other families. Our toys are best suited for 6 months-2 years. No registration required.



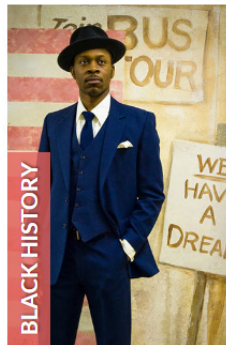
**ELEMENTARY CRAFTING**  
Ages 7 -11  
Monthly crafts for kids offered after school. Check the library website/Facebook page for additional details.

**BRIGHT STAR THEATER PRESENTS: BLACK HISTORY HALL OF FAME**

Saturday, February 10  
10:30am

Join us in this fast-paced adventure through the Black History Hall of Fame. In just 45-minutes, our young audience will be introduced to over a dozen groundbreakers and hall-of-famers that have largely contributed to shaping our nation's past, present, and future.

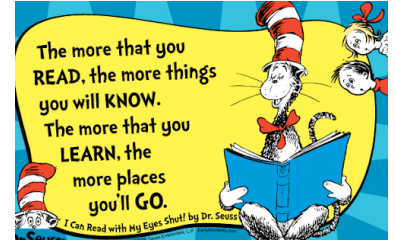
Registration is required. Ideal for grades 2 - 8.



**MARCH IS READING MONTH BINGOBOARD RAFFLE**

March 1 - 31

Complete a March is Reading Month Bingo Board to celebrate reading month and win big raffle prizes! Completed boards will receive a raffle ticket and winners will be announced at the end of the month!



**CUTE AND CUDDLY ANIMAL SHOW PRESENTED BY DAN THE CREATURE MAN**

Tuesday, April 16  
11:00 - 11:45 am



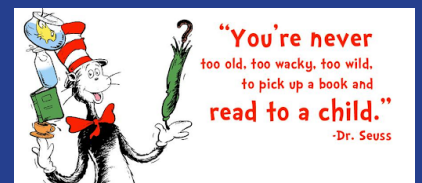
This show is perfect for toddlers & preschoolers! It is short and simple and very hands-on. Visit with small snakes, a tree frog, tortoise, chameleon, parrots, a hedgehog and a chinchilla!

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**BOOK BUDDIES (TEENS + PRESCHOOL)**

Saturday, March 2, 10:30 - 11:00 am

Sign your preschool child or teen reading buddy up for this very special reading event. Buddies will be teens (12+yrs) and children (2- 6 yrs.) We will have storytime books ready for you and be here to support! Meet at the library for snacks, smiles, and time with a reading role model! Teens, make a difference for a young reader!



# TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMMING

## TWEEN/TEEN CRAFTING



**Ages 12+**  
Check the website/  
Facebook page/Sign up for REMIND for additional

details about after school monthly crafts for teens.

## SAT PRACTICE EXAM AND FOLLOW-UP MEETING

**Grades 9 - 12**

### SAT PRACTICE EXAM

**Saturday, January 20**

**10:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Free proctored SAT practice exam in advance of the spring test dates. Bring your laptop and we'll provide the rest.

### SAT Follow-Up Meeting

**Thursday, January 25**

**6:00 - 6:30pm**

An SAT test instructor will review your scores, talk about updates to this year's test, review test-taking strategies, and answer any questions you might have about optimizing your score on the SAT.



**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[HUNTINGTONWOODSLIB.ORG](http://HUNTINGTONWOODSLIB.ORG)

*All programs are free for participants thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Huntington Woods Library, but may require advance registration as space may be limited.*

## RESUME WRITING WORKSHOP

**Thursday, February 1**

**4:30 - 5:30pm**

For teens in grades 9-12  
Learn tips for writing a professional resume from a Wayne State University Career Planning professional. Also learn about career planning information.



## LASER TAG AT THE LIBRARY

**Teen After Hours Event**

**Friday, February 9**

**6:00 - 8:00pm**

When the lights go off, the lasers come out! Bring your friends and blast the competition away in this all-out laser tag battle, complete with pizza for ages 12+. There's always something fun happening when the Library shuts down! **Registration is required.**



## TEEN STUDY NIGHT

**March 4 & 5, 8:00 - 9:30 pm**

For teens in grades 9-12  
Come study at the library after hours. Study for the SAT on the computers and/or study for an upcoming exam. Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided.

## HOW TO WRITE YOUR COLLEGE ESSAY

**Thursday, April 25**

**5:00 - 6:00pm**

**Grades 9 - 12**

Learn tips and tricks for writing your college essay from a professional writing consultant.



## REMIN APP FOR TEENS & TWEENS

Sign up for Remind and receive text messages about upcoming teen events at the library!

Text **@hwlib** to 81010. Once approved, follow the link to download the app.

## TEEN BLACKOUT POETRY KITS

Do you enjoy writing poetry? Do you hate writing poetry? Do you like writing in books but know that you're not supposed to? Blackout poetry is the process of creating a poem by blacking out, or coloring over, words in a book to make a poem. It's fun, it's creative, and you'll be amazed at the poetry you come up with.

Kits will be available for pick up **April 1 - 30** and include random torn out Young Adult book pages, a black marker, and instructions.

## BLACKOUT POETRY SLAM

**April 30 at 5:00pm**

Share your Blackout poetry with other blackout poetry writers and celebrate your artistic and poetic self. This is a positive, supportive space that will encourage your creativity and build your confidence in speaking and writing! Poetry Slam etiquette will be introduced.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## CHIPPING: WEDNESDAYS

*Chipping of branches resumes after leaf pickup ends on December 1st.*

Chipping is for small amounts of branches, minimum 2" to maximum 6" in diameter and 4 feet to 8 feet long. (Smaller branches and root balls should be put in yard waste containers, for Tuesday pickup in yard waste season.) Stack branches neatly with cut ends toward curb. Have branches out for chipping by 7 am on Wednesday. (In case of inclement weather on chipping day, or following a storm, the branches will be picked up on the following days.) Landscapers and contractors must remove branches and brush that they cut. Please note that chipping of branches is deferred during leaf pickup season.

Christmas trees are acceptable for the chipper, provided every decoration, wire hangers, light strands, etc. are removed.

## TREE CARE – Updated DNR Recommendations

In an effort to avoid spreading diseases of oak and elm trees, the DPW restricts pruning of those species until the insects that carry it are not active. No pruning of oaks should be done between April 15 and July 15. Residents should do the same for their privately owned oaks. This can limit the spread of oak wilt virus. If emergency cutting of oak or elm trees must be done during the vulnerable season, the cuts should immediately be sprayed with a pruning seal – the insect that spreads oak wilt can sniff out a fresh cut within ten minutes!

Find out more at: [www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report/disease/oak-wilt](http://www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report/disease/oak-wilt)

## DPW

12795 W. Eleven Mile Rd  
Phone: 248.547.1888  
hwdpw@hwmi.org

### DPW OFFICE/YARD HOURS

Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Office/yard closed weekends & holidays

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Director – Rocco Fortura  
Supervisor – Kevin Wayne  
Office Manager – Amy Hood

## SOCRRA's "WASTE WIZARD" TOOL

SOCRRA's "Waste Wizard" is available as an app on your mobile device or as a widget on your computer from [www.socrra.org](http://www.socrra.org). From the App Store, search for "socrra waste wizard". Then type in your item and see if it can go in the cart or be taken to SOCRRA.

## SOCRRA DROP-OFF

SOCRRA's drop-off site is available BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, which can be scheduled online at [www.socrra.org](http://www.socrra.org).



SOCRRA will continue to offer alternate sites for residents to access for household hazardous waste, electronic recycling, recycling of paper, cardboard, scrap metal, and paper shredding. These options have been well-utilized to date, and offer no lines, waiting or appointments to residents. Please visit SOCRRA's website for information on hours of operation, location, and procedures for participation at the individual sites.

- e-Cycle Opportunities (JVS) in Southfield or ERG in Livonia will accept electronics
- ERG in Livonia will accept household hazardous waste.
- GFL Environmental in Royal Oak will accept paper, cardboard, scrap metal and paper shredding
- Clean, empty plastic bags can be returned to Target, Kroger and Kohls stores, and most grocery stores.



# RECYCLING, YARD WASTE & TRASH - TUESDAYS

**HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS:** Trash collection is delayed one day after Christmas Day 2023 and New Years Day 2024. Items will be picked up on Wednesday those two weeks.



## RECYCLING: CURBSIDE PICK-UP

With our single-stream recycling carts, curbside recycling is fairly simple: everything goes into the cart with no need to separate items.

- Cardboard, which should be flattened and placed in the cart.
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, tissue boxes, etc.)
- All paper, including envelopes with windows, a staple or two. Shredded paper should go in a heavy, clear plastic bag (available at DPW) and placed in the recycling cart. This is the **ONLY** plastic bag allowed in the cart.
- Plastic containers (including “clamshell” and thermoform packaging). If it once held something, it’s a container. Keep lids on plastic bottles, jugs, or jars – containers should be clean.
- Metal cans, including aerosol cans. Balls of clean aluminum foil.
- Glass containers – jars, bottles, thick vases, but no window glass or mirrors. Any color of glass is ok.

If there’s anything consistent about recycling, it’s that it is constantly evolving. The best source for up-to-the-minute recycling rules is to check with [www.socrra.org](http://www.socrra.org). The good news is that we continue to do a good, clean job of recycling, and SOCRRRA has been able to find buyers for our recycled materials.

To drop off materials that cannot go in your cart, go to [socrra.org](http://socrra.org) to make an appointment. Next day appointments can often be scheduled and there are usually one or two Saturdays a month. If you do not have access to a computer, call the DPW and we will help you make your appointment.

## TRASH

Trash must be put into either a 2-mil-thick plastic bag or in bags inside of a 35-gallon covered container. Be sure to have trash set out at the curb by 7:00 am on Tuesday or it could be missed. Bulk items, like appliances, can be set out next to other trash.

Wheeled 35-gallon trash carts are available, at cost, at the DPW while supplies last.

### CURBSIDE COLLECTION TUESDAYS 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Containers for recycling, yard waste, or landfill (trash) may be put at the curb no earlier than 4:00 pm Monday and no later than 7:00 am on Tuesday. Place carts and bags on the city right-of-way, not in the road! We can’t collect leaves or plow snow around trash carts and cannot return to a street to re-do areas that are missed.

Empty containers must be removed by midnight on Tuesdays.

### MAXIMUM CONTAINER SIZES AND WEIGHTS

- **Trash:** 35-gallon cans/50 lbs or 2 mil plastic bags/40 lbs
- **Recycling:** City-supplied wheeled cart/60 lbs.
- **Yard waste/kitchen scraps:** 35-gallon cans with sticker/50 lbs or paper yard waste bags/40 lbs.

Free stickers for cans are available at DPW. Little bins for kitchen scraps are available for purchase at the DPW.

### Curbside yard waste collection resumes on April 2, 2024.

*If you experience problems with collection, please contact the DPW at 248.547.1888 or email [hwdpw@hwmi.org](mailto:hwdpw@hwmi.org) as soon as possible - leave a voice mail with your address and your phone number, and we will get back to you.*

# WINTER WEATHER

## PLEASE BE ADVISED: SNOW EMERGENCY

A snow emergency is in effect for any snowfall amounting to 4" or more. During a snow emergency, you may not park your vehicle in the street. Any vehicle left in the street may be ticketed or towed.

You can sign up for **NIXLE** alerts from Public Safety to receive texts or emails on snow emergencies on the City website, [hwmi.org](http://hwmi.org), located at the bottom of the home page.

## SIDEWALKS - HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

Even though the DPW makes every attempt to broom sidewalks, homeowners are still responsible for keeping them clear of snow and ice. Please do not park vehicles across or too near sidewalks, so that our broom can clear the walks.

When clearing your driveway, please make sure that you or your contractor keeps plowed snow on your property, not on your neighbors' or in the street.

## SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

For safety's sake, keep streets and sidewalks clear of vehicles, overhanging limbs, and debris (including trash and recycling carts!) During and after a snowfall, do not park your car in the street or across the sidewalk. The DPW will always keep streets safe, but declining revenue sharing from the State highway fund means that plowing after snowfalls of less than 4" must be carefully considered. Your cooperation in keeping the roads and sidewalks clear allows us to be more efficient.

To reduce the amount of snow that gets plowed into your driveway, you could clear out a "pocket" on the right-of-way past your driveway. This means that more snow ends up on the right-of-way and less in your driveway.

## WATER METERS

Please maintain a clear path to your outside meter reading device in all seasons. This little black device is linked to your water meter and is used by the City to read the meter from outside. DPW employees must connect directly to the black box.

## FIRE HYDRANTS

Public Safety and the DPW appreciate your help keeping hydrants clear of snow. This effort is important for the safety of the entire community.

## FREEZING TEMPERATURES AND WATER PIPES

Cold weather can wreak havoc on plumbing and cause pipes to break. If temperatures fall below 15° F for an extended period of time, you may prevent pipes from freezing by leaving a cold water faucet dripping. If you will be away, you might want to turn your water off at the meter. Your water meter should be exposed to the heat in your home. Yes, dripping or trickling water will add to your water bill, but it is far less costly than a burst pipe.



# PARKS & RECREATION

## Parks & Recreation

26325 SCOTIA ROAD

248.541.3030

EMAIL: [HWREC@HWMI.ORG](mailto:HWREC@HWMI.ORG)  
[RECREATION.HWMI.ORG](http://RECREATION.HWMI.ORG)

### HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 9:00 pm

Friday, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday/Sunday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

### BUILDING CLOSED

December 25, 26, January 1, 2

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Tracy Shanley, Director

Bridget Levine, Asst. Recreation Director

Lauren Fletcher, Program Coordinator

Jenny Morgan, Childcare Director

Jennifer Furlong, HW Cares Sr Outreach

Jan Alpert, Administrative Manager

Daniel Monaco & Elaine Eggleston,

Maintenance & Program Aides

Julie Brooks, Mark Hurley, Sally Mace,

Marcy Peters, Marva Watkins, Lisa

Zimmerman, Front Desk

### RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Ben Black, Joe Egan, Mark Feiler,

Logan Field, Francesca Haley, Sarah

MacDonald, Suzie Potter, Jessica

Steinhart, Kim Tarnopol

Recreation Advisory Board

meets the last Tuesday

of each month at 7:30 pm

The public is welcome.

### WINTER & SPRING CLASS SESSION, 2024

The winter session begins Monday, January 8. Classes will not be held January 15, February 19 - 23, February 27, March 12, March 25 - 29, May 7 and May 27. Registration will begin **Wednesday, December 13 at 8:30 am** online at [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org) and in person at the Gillham Recreation Center. **Check dates closely - classes are scheduled through June.**

### INCLEMENT WEATHER/SCHOOL CLOSING POLICY

When Berkley Schools are closed because of inclement weather, all daytime recreation classes will also be canceled. Please call the Recreation Center after 4:00 pm regarding evening classes. Every attempt will be made to make-up all canceled classes. There will be no refunds for weather-related cancellations that cannot be added to the end of the session.

## Infant/Preschool Classes

### PRESCHOOL ART CLASS

Ages: 3 - 5

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Winter 1: Jan. 10 - Jan. 31

Winter 2: Feb. 7 - March 6

(no class 2/21)

Spring 1: March 13 - April 10

(no class 3/27)

Spring 2: April 17 - May 8

Instructor: Vicki Rickard

"Every Child is an Artist."

This class is all about the process as we explore the wonders of art through hands-on, open-ended materials. Children will be inspired to create beautiful masterpieces as they experiment with sensory play and different art materials such as paint, clay, and nature. Come join in the fun as we express ourselves in a

creative environment and leave the mess with us!

Cost: \$85/4 week session

### GYMNASTICS

Ages: 3 - 5 years

6 weeks/session

Tues., 2:45 - 3:30 pm

Session 1: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13

Session 2: March 5 - April 23

(no class 3/12, 3/26)

Session 3: April 30 - June 11

(no class 5/7)

Instructor: Jump-A-Rama

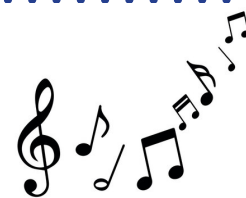
In this fun and friendly environment, children will learn gymnastic skills and stunts that encourage self-confidence and coordination.

Cost: \$95/session

## MUSIC, MOVEMENT & MORE WITH MISS TERESA

Huntington Woods' very own Teresa Beckerman brings her 20 plus years of experience as a nursery school teacher to the Gillham Recreation Center!

Cost: \$125/8 week session



### BABY BEATS (with parent/caregiver)

Ages: 3 months - 18 months **9:00 - 9:45 am**

Create great memories with your baby and meet new parents like yourself. Your baby will enjoy listening to music, being sung to, movement activities and exploring instruments.

### TODDLER TUNES (with parent/caregiver)

Ages: 18 months - 3 years **10:00 - 10:45 am**

Your child will have fun singing songs, playing with instruments and moving to the beat. They will also enjoy listening to stories and making new friends.

### WEDNESDAYS

Winter: Jan. 10 - March 6 (no class 2/21)

Spring: April 10 - May 29

### THURSDAYS

Winter: Jan. 11 - March 7 (no class 2/22)

Spring: April 11 - May 30

## JUMP-A-RAMA

Ages: 1 - 4 years  
6 weeks/session  
Tues., 10:00 - 10:55 am  
Session 1: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13  
Session 2: March 5 - April 23 (no class 3/12, 3/26)  
Session 3: April 30 - June 11 (no class 5/7)  
Children build hand-eye coordination, focus on gross motor skills and boost self-confidence. Gymnastic equipment is incorporated into each week's theme. Parent/caregiver involvement required.  
Cost: \$95/session

## KIDDIE SPORTS

Ages: 4 - 6 years  
Thurs., 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Session 1: Jan. 18 - Feb. 29 (no class 2/22)  
Session 2: March 14 - April 25 (no class 3/28)  
Session 3: May 2 - June 6  
Instructor: Leisure Unlimited LLC, Coach Jo Schirtzinger  
This jam-packed hour introduces your kids to sports including football, soccer, floor hockey, basketball, lacrosse, volleyball and much more! Our emphasis is on effort, sportsmanship and teamwork for a positive learning experience. Silly games and drills have your youngsters looking forward to this hour of play. Bring a water bottle and wear gym shoes. For more info: [www.leisureunlimited.net](http://www.leisureunlimited.net)  
Cost: \$101/6 week session

## RECREATION.HWMI.ORG

*Register online by visiting the above website.  
Need assistance?  
Contact [hwrec@hwmi.org](mailto:hwrec@hwmi.org) or 248.541.3030*

## Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation 2024 - 2025 PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K PROGRAMS

HWP&R Preschools follow the Burton school calendar, September - June. The programs utilize Recreation Center facilities and playgrounds. This established, creative, hands-on curriculum is differentiated to meet each child's developmental level.

### 3's PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Children who are 3 years old by the first day of school are eligible to attend. The program runs Monday - Friday, 8:15 - 11:15 am with a lunch option until noon. Flexible scheduling allows you to choose the number of days per week your child attends. Three half days/week minimum. Add days as needed.  
Contact Vicki Rickard at [vrickard@hwmi.org](mailto:vrickard@hwmi.org) for more information.

### PreK PROGRAM

Children who are 4 years old by the first day of school are eligible to attend. The program runs Monday - Friday.  
AM PreK: 8:15 am - 11:15 am  
AM PreK & Lunch: 8:15 am - noon  
Full Day: 8:15 am - 3:00 pm  
Flexible scheduling allows you to choose the number of days per week your child attends - three half days/week minimum. Choose between half and full days or a combination of both. Add days as needed.  
Contact Colleen Loree at [cloree@hwmi.org](mailto:cloree@hwmi.org) for more information.

### OPEN HOUSE

An Open House is planned for **FEBRUARY 15, 2024 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.**  
Email Vicki or Colleen if you are interested in attending.



### REGISTRATION

There is a \$70 non-refundable registration fee. Registration is limited. HW resident registration begins **Thurs., Feb. 15, 2024**, at the open house. Non-resident registration begins **Thurs., Feb. 22, 2024**, if space is available.



## LOTS FOR TOTS DROP-IN

Fridays, 10:00 am - noon  
Ages: Up to 5 yrs with an adult

Enjoy the Gillham Recreation Center gym and a variety of equipment to run, jump, play ball, and laugh while learning socialization skills in a safe atmosphere. Children must be actively supervised by an adult while in the gym. PLEASE NOTE: The riding toys and weight-bearing toys are for use by children only. Excessive weight may result in damage to the equipment.

No food or drink in the gym.

Cost: \$15 Annual School Year Membership (residents only) per household. Keytags must be scanned at the front desk.  
Drop In: \$2/\$3 (Non-resident guests must be accompanied by a resident)

# CLASSES FOR YOUTH

## **CERTIFIED BABYSITTER/CPR/ FIRST AID AND SAFE HOME ALONE**

Ages 9+

Sunday, January 21, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, May 5, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Instructor: Live Safe Academy  
Held at the Gillham Recreation Center

Learn to be safe and responsible. Build confidence. Have a competitive edge over other babysitters. Topics include first aid, when and how to call 911, CPR with manikin practice, choking, dealing with difficult behaviors, basic care methods like feeding and diapering, marketing and more! Students will also learn how to be safe and responsible when home alone, including the importance of not giving out personal information and what to do if somebody comes to the door. Students who successfully complete the course requirements will receive a certificate of completion for Certified Babysitter/CPR/First

Aid course by Live Safe Academy (valid for two years). For more information please visit: [www.livesafeacademy.com/babysitting/](http://www.livesafeacademy.com/babysitting/)  
Cost: \$75

## **PET SITTER - ADD ON COURSE TO BABYSITTER SAFETY**

Sunday, January 21, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Kids, would you like to learn pet first aid and be a certified Pet Sitter? Increase your competitive edge by being more valuable to families with pets and kids. Increase your market by being certified to watch pets or kids. Learn to care for the pets in your own family. Have fun and help keep animals safe. Topics include pet first aid, CPR, choking, and more!

Cost: \$15

## **BAKING**

Grades: K - 5

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Session 1: Jan. 10 - January 31

Session 2: Feb. 28 - March 20

(no class 3/16, 3/30)

Friday, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Session 1: Jan. 12 - February 2

Session 2: March 1 - March 22

Instructor: Deb Walter

Is it possible for kids to love anything more than dessert?

Yes...making them! While working with other sweets lovers and being assisted by Deb, they will create some delicious treats they will love to make as much as eat. Limited spots available, new students only please. Register for only one session/day. HW residents/Grandfathered RO Section only. A lottery will be held for each session on January 5. Make sure you enroll by 1/4 to be included in the lottery. Payment for class due after notification of enrollment (no payment for lottery).

Cost: \$125/ 4 week session (materials included)

## **BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC with PISTONS ACADEMY**

Grades: 2 - 5

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

6 weeks: Feb. 28 - April 10 (no class 3/27)

This high-energy, exciting youth basketball clinic is perfect for all players in grades 2 - 5 that are looking to improve their basketball skills in a fun, welcoming environment. The Pistons Academy staff leads drills and games designed to help all players improve, regardless of their current skill level. Featuring Detroit Pistons giveaways and prizes! Minimum of 30 students required by February 14.  
Cost: \$105

## **BRIXOLOGY**

Grades: 1 - 5

Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

8 weeks: Jan. 18 - March 14 (no class 2/22)

Instructor: Mad Science Detroit  
Our BRIXOLOGY program inspires kids to become engineers. Using LEGO® bricks, kids build different engineering-themed projects in each class. They will use critical thinking, cooperation and creative-problem solving skills to test and improve their projects during each class. As an added benefit,

## **LATCHKEY REGISTRATION 2024-25**

### **Afterschool - until 6:00 pm Transitional/Kindergarten - 5th Grade**

The Huntington Woods Recreation Department (not affiliated with Berkley Schools) provides afterschool care in the Gillham Recreation Center for children attending Burton School. This program is licensed by the State of Michigan and follows all required guidelines. The program provides age-appropriate activities and quality care. During half-days and full vacation days, a wide variety of activities and fieldtrips are offered first-come, first-serve.

Due to State Licensing guidelines, each classroom has limited space. Registration will continue until classroom (grade) maximums have been reached. Therefore, some students might be on a waitlist and we will notify these families if something becomes available.

**Online registration begins at 8:30 am on the following dates:  
(first come-first serve)**

**Tuesday, April 9  
Tuesday, April 16**

**HW Residents & Grandfathered RO Section  
RO Section & BSD Teachers**

A \$70 non-refundable deposit must accompany each registration.

For additional information, please contact Latchkey Director, Jenny Morgan at 248.541.3030 x 719 or email [jmorgan@hwmi.org](mailto:jmorgan@hwmi.org).

at the end of each class kids will receive a branded take home item to extend the learning and reinforce the concepts learned at home.

Cost: \$180

### **CANDYLAND WITH KIDCREATE**

Friday, February 9, 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Grades K - 5

Instructor: Kidcreate Studio  
Every kid loves playing the board game Candy Land by Hasbro®. Whether you are Mally Mallo or Giggly Gumdrop, you can go down the rainbow path to Peppermint Forest, the Lagoon of Lord Licorice and Princess Frostine's Ice Palace! Let your imagination soar as you make your way to King Kandy's Castle to win! In this class, we will create our own 3D version of the game on a real canvas board.

Cost: \$40

### **CARTOON DRAWING (YOUNG REMBRANDTS)**

Grades: K - 5

Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

8 weeks: April 15 - June 10 (no class 5/27)

There's no better way to get a jump on spring than with our fun Young Rembrandts cartoon class. Your student will be exposed to the excitement of drawing and animating dinosaur expressions and funny anime characters. These drawings will delight our students as they learn how to draw dynamic figures and action-filled scenes. Your funny bone will be tickled when you see the humorous, floral-inspired personas created in our flower characters lesson. And we'll have an enormous amount of fun as we draw cartoon animals of all shapes and sizes doing their favorite hobbies.

Cost: \$133

### **CHEER/DANCE/POM**

Grades: K - 5

Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Winter: Jan 12 - March 8 (No class 2/23)

Spring: April 12 - June 7 (no class 4/19)

Instructor: Coach Brooke

Get ready for a workout! Join Coach Brooke and learn routines,

## **PILLO POLO & FLOOR HOCKEY**



### **PILLO POLO LEAGUE**

(Kindergarten/1st Grade)

### **FLOOR HOCKEY LEAGUE (2nd/3rd Grade)**

Mondays, 4:00 or 4:45 pm

(times alternated each week)

January 29 - March 25

Gillham Recreation Center Gym

*Games are run in a league format. Players will receive a game schedule and a t-shirt to wear to each game.*

- Pillo Polo is similar to floor hockey, only the sticks are cushioned (like giant Q-Tips!).
- Player evaluations and practices are not held. No requests for specific teams are honored.
- **This league is possible because of Volunteer Parent Coaches! Please designate interest with your child's registration.** Make sure you leave your email address, as you will be contacted by email.
- Players will be notified of team placement by email in mid January.
- Those in Latchkey are checked in and given time to eat their snack before being dropped off by the LK staff for games.

**Register by January 7 | Cost: \$95, includes t-shirt**

cheers, basic moves and stunts. Wear comfortable clothing.

Students will showcase what they have learned in a performance for family & friends during a basketball game halftime show!

Cost: \$109/ 8 week session

### **CHEER/DANCE/POM - RETURNING STUDENTS**

Grades: 3 - 5

Fridays, 3:30 - 5:15 pm

Winter: Jan 12 - March 8 (No class 2/23)

Spring: April 12 - June 7 (No class 4/19)

This advanced class is for students who have taken before and can already do a cartwheel or bridge kick over with the wall. Students will stay after and work on more advanced gymnastic tumbling and dance moves.

Students will showcase what they have learned in a performance for family and friends during a basketball game halftime show!

Cost: \$149/8 week session

### **POWER OF DRAWING (YOUNG REMBRANDTS)**

Grades: K - 5

Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

8 weeks: Jan. 22 - March 18 (no class 2/19)

This winter, Young Rembrandts artists are in for a treat with a lineup of ALL NEW drawing lessons. From a vibrant pop art dog to fascinating art history and a powerful unicorn, there's so much to learn and love. We prioritize proper technique and excellent color selection in every lesson. Your child will not only enhance their skills but also have a blast personalizing cool drawings like soccer players and robots. Waste no time and enroll your child today to unleash their artistic potential!

Cost: \$133

### **GYMNASTICS**

Grades: K - 5

Tuesdays, 3:35 - 4:25 pm

Session 1: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13

Session 2: March 5 - April 23 (no class 3/12, 3/26)

Session 3: April 30 - June 11 (no class 5/7)

Instructor: Jump-A-Rama

Children learn progressive

skills that encourage self-

confidence and coordination.

A fun, friendly environment is

provided where children can learn to do gymnastic stunts safely. Equipment will be rotated each week to accommodate the weekly area of emphasis.  
Cost: \$95/6 week session

### ILLUMINART WITH KIDCREATE STUDIO

Grades: K - 5  
Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
4 weeks: March 1 - 22  
Instructor: Kidcreate Studio  
Get ready to light up the night with art! Our ultra-cool class creations will shine, shimmer, and glow for their big debut in the dark. Join us as we use clay, paint and other luminescent materials to craft extraordinary pieces of art that are really glow-in-the-dark. Your child's creative imagination is sure to illuminate like never before!  
Cost: \$70

### KNITTING CLUB

Grades: K - 5  
1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month  
January 19 - May 17,  
3:30 - 5:00 pm  
Instructor: Dee McCray  
Learn to Knit and Crochet!  
Students will learn to knit dish cloths, scarves, hats and a simple vest. **Knitting:** Please bring knitting needles size US 7, and one skein of worsted weight yarn in any color, preferably in a wool or wool blend.  
**Crochet students:** Please bring hook size H and a skein of worsted weight yarn in a wool or wool blend.  
Hooks and yarn may also be purchased from the instructor on the first day of the club.  
Cost: \$70

### LACROSSE

Tuesdays  
Session 1: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13  
Session 2: Feb. 27 - April 9 (no class 3/26)  
Grades 1 - 4: 7:05 - 8:00 pm  
Grades 5 - 8: 8:05 - 9:00 pm  
Held at the Berkley Community Center  
Instructor: Woodward Bears Lacrosse  
The fastest sport on two feet and the oldest sport in North America, upbeat with no

contact. New players welcome! Equipment is provided. We focus on skill development, use a progressive teaching method and end every session playing fireball! We cultivate an atmosphere of teamwork, positive coaching and competitive play.  
Cost: \$60/6 week session

### MAD SCIENCE - FANTASTIC FORCES

Grades: 1 - 5  
Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Instructor: Mad Science Detroit  
6 weeks: Jan. 17 - Feb. 28 (no class 2/21)  
Kids will explore a variety of introductory topics in engineering, physics, and chemistry as they learn how science can be applied in

everyday life. Learn about concepts like bridge construction, the forces of flight, how air pressure can be used to move things, and more!  
Cost: \$140

### MAD SCIENCE - READY, STEM, GO!

Grades: 1 - 5  
Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Instructor: Mad Science Detroit  
6 weeks: March 6 - April 17 (no class 3/27)  
Learn foundational science and find out how STEM is at work in the world around us! Learn about the animal kingdom, both on land and under the sea. Make mixtures and explore the science of motion and energy, and discover the technology that powers our modern world.

## TEE BALL-to-COACH PITCH BASEBALL LEAGUE

CURRENT TK/KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 24

GAMES PLAYED MONDAY AND/OR THURSDAY EVENINGS (6:30 PM) AND SATURDAY MORNINGS ON BURTON FIELD.

- Practices begin in late April and the season runs early May - June.
- Practices are arranged by the coach. Days may vary throughout the season.
- Game days may be on days other than listed, due to scheduling conflicts.
- Grades listed are current grades.
- All baseball players are required to wear white baseball pants to games. Shirts and caps will be provided for each player.
- First games are teeball and then when ready, players are pitched to!
- Sign up deadline is FINAL. No refunds after 3/24.
- Cost: \$95

### PARENT COACHES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

This league is possible because of Volunteer Parent Coaches! Please designate interest with your child's registration. Make sure you leave your email address, as you will be contacted by email.

Ideally, parents sign up to coach in teams of two (coach and assistant/co-coach). But if a single parent signs up to coach, we are happy to match them with another coach.



SAVE THE DATE: OPENING DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 4, 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY SUNDAY, MARCH 24  
REGISTRATION FORM AND CONCUSSION WAIVER REQUIRED.

Cost: \$140

### **MAD SCIENCE - NASA ACADEMY**

Grades: 1 - 5

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Instructor: Mad Science Detroit

6 weeks: April 24 - May 29

Mad Science and NASA have teamed up in a quest for exploration! Take a voyage of discovery into the atmosphere and beyond as we explore planets, moons, and other space phenomena in our solar system. Kids will get a firsthand experience of the challenges of living in space as they try to assemble a satellite while training to be an astronaut.  
Cost: \$140

### **MESSES AND MASTERPIECES WITH KIDCREATE STUDIO**

Grades: K - 5

Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

4 weeks: May 2 - 23

Instructor: Kidcreate Studio

What's one thing all great artists have in common? They make a mess, of course! In this class, we'll create stunning masterpieces while using some of the coolest, messiest art techniques ever. From Frida Kahlo, Picasso, Salvador Dali and more, each messy masterpiece will be inspired by a different master artist. Kids, you better roll up your sleeves, because no masterpiece was ever made without first making a mess!  
Cost: \$70

### **NINJA TRAINING**

Grades: K - 5

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Session 1: Jan. 9 - Feb. 13

Session 2: March 5 - April 23 (no class 3/12, 3/26)

Session 3: April 30 - June 11 (no class 5/7)

Instructor: Jump-A-Rama

Our ninja class is specifically designed for kids. The focus is on developing motor skills through mobility, balance, power, strength and endurance. We want to create a strong mind and body through fitness, in a fun and safe manner. By learning new obstacles, it helps athletes develop a positive mindset

towards themselves and others. Setting and achieving goals will help boost their self-confidence and self-worth. Your child will jump, roll, climb and balance through our obstacle course. The last 15 minutes of class partner exercises will be introduced.  
Cost: \$95/6 week session

### **POTTERY**

Tuesdays

Winter: Jan. 9 - March 19 (2/20,

2/27, 3/12)

Spring: April 2 - May 28 (5/7)

K - 2 grade, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

3 - 5 grade, 4:40 - 5:40 pm

Instructor: Alice Ham

Learn a variety of hand building pottery techniques including pinch pottery, coil building and slab building. All pieces will be glazed and fired. Students will take home many unique projects. NEW PROJECTS each session!  
Cost: \$145 (includes \$25 material fee)/8 week session

### **SELF DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN**

Ages 6 - 11

Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Instructor: Live Safe Academy

If someone wants to hurt our children, they will not choose a time or place with witnesses. That means no parents, no teachers, no policemen, just our children and the predator. The safety of our children will depend on their ability to recognize danger and respond appropriately. This fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshop teaches essential, lifesaving information about the dangers that our children face, strategies for prevention and real-world techniques designed to reduce their risk of abductions, assaults, and other forms of violence. But most of all, these programs teach students that they have the right to be safe, that no one has the right to hurt them, and that they are worth protecting. For more information please visit:  
[www.livesafeacademy.com/childsafety](http://www.livesafeacademy.com/childsafety)  
Cost: \$20

### **SENSATIONAL SLIME**

Grades: K - 3

Thursday, January 11, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Instructor: Kidcreate Studio

We think slime is sensational! Once you've mixed up a batch of our fabulous fluffy slime, then tried your hand at our special Bubblegum-scented silly putty slime, we're sure you'll think slime is sensational too!  
Cost: \$32

### **SOCCER KICKERS**

Ages: 7 - 10 years

Thursdays, 4:45 - 5:45 pm

Session 1: Jan. 18 - Feb. 29

(no class 2/22)

Session 2: March 14 - April 25

(no class 3/28)

Session 3: May 2 - June 6

Instructor: Leisure Unlimited

LLC, Coach Jo Schirtzinger

Players will receive instruction on trapping, dribbling, various

kicks, throw-ins, passing and shooting. We cover player positions, offense, defense, rules and strategy. Drills are progressive and evolve into in-class scrimmages. Bring a size 4 or 5 soccer ball or balls will be available. Wear gym shoes and bring a water bottle. For info:  
[www.leisureunlimited.net](http://www.leisureunlimited.net)  
Cost: \$101/6 week session

### **TAI CHI FOR KIDS**

Grades: K - 5

Thurs., 3:30 - 4:15 pm

4 weeks: April 4 - 25

Certified Instructor: Mary Ann Kashef

Come have fun learning animal postures like "Rooster Stands On One Leg", "Swimming Dragon" or "White Crane Flying"! Kids will love mimicking different animal poses while practicing focus, sequencing, balance, confidence and calming. Tai Chi has been proven to help with stress relief, building the immune system and overall well being.  
Cost: \$73



**VALENTINE'S DAY  
MOSAIC HEART  
(PARENT/CHILD CLASS)**

Grades: K - 5 w/ a parent or guardian

Monday, February 12,  
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Looking for a new Valentine's Day tradition? Why not feel the love as you create amazing art together with your child! In this class, we will design our own glittery heart mosaics using clay, beads, and more. These mosaics are great to keep, or they're the perfect Valentine's Day gift for a friend or loved one. Get ready for some messy fun, as each parent and child will create their own craft.

Cost: \$40/pair (\$15 each additional sibling)

**VOLLEYBALL TRAINING CLINIC**

Grades: 3 - 6

Saturday, January 27, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Instructor: Jen Gurzick

Volleyball Training Clinic will include 1.5 hours of instruction in technique training reps, to include footwork, passing, setting, serving, etc. The last 30 minutes will include play and competition against each other. Please bring an official size volleyball, knee pads and a water bottle.

Cost: \$50

**VOLLEYBALL FOR GIRLS**

Grades: 4 - 6

Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

6 weeks: April 8 - May 20 (no class 4/22)

Instructor: Jen Gurzick

Learn fundamental skills, such as bumping, passing, hitting, setting, blocking and digging.

They will practice these skills in a competitive and fun setting.

Please bring an official size volleyball, knee pads and a water bottle to class.

Cost: \$115

**FIRST SERVE TENNIS  
INDOOR TENNIS & PICKLEBALL  
GILLHAM RECREATION CENTER GYM**

First Serve loves to share the fun and freedom of movement with kids and adults. Kids are taught competition tempered with good sportsmanship. Lesson plans and competitions are based on the latest research and guidelines from the top youth sports and tennis programmers in the country. Kids learn more when they are having fun and are less likely to quit sports, when sports are fun. Fundamental athletic skills are taught that apply to all sports. The goal is to make tennis more accessible and fun to more people, especially kids!

**TENNIS, KIDS AND ADULTS**

Saturdays, 5 weeks per session

4 - 6 yrs 10:45 - 11:30 am

7 - 10 yrs 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

11 - 17 yrs 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Adult 1:30 - 2:30 pm

**S1:** January 13 - February 17 (no class 1/27)

**S2:** February 24 - March 31 (no class 3/23)

**S3:** April 6 - May 11 (no class 4/20)

Cost: \$91

**ADULT PICKLEBALL**

**Intro to Pickleball 9:00 - 10:30 am**

Intended for pickleballers with anywhere from 0 to 20 hours experience. You will learn rules, scorekeeping, basic technique, tactics, and etiquette.

**Pickleball Drill Session 10:30 am - noon**

Thursdays, 4 weeks per session

A fast-paced drill session for players from 2.5-3.5 level, or 20 hours of playing experience. If you will get instruction on specific shots, techniques, tactics. We will play fun drill games that reinforce those skills. If you want to level up your pickleball game, this class is for you!

**S1:** January 11 - February 1

**S2:** February 22 - March 14

**S3:** April 11 - May 2

Cost: \$109

**HUNTINGTON WOODS ADULT DOUBLES  
PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, January 27, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm**

This is a gender neutral, non-elimination doubles tournament, 3 match guarantee. Teams can be M-M, M-F, or F-F. Limited to 8 doubles teams. 2.5-3.5 skill level please. Register with or without a partner.

Cost: \$30/player

**TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES, GO TO IFIRSTSERVE.NET**

Contact Coach Chip with any questions.

chipfazio@gmail.com

313.670.3277 | facebook.com/firstservemi

## BERKLEY AREA SPORTS LEAGUE DIRECTORY

Berkley Parent Associations do a wonderful job of offering youth sport leagues. Registration is done directly with the organizations. Please call the number listed or check the given website for more information.

### BERKLEY DAD'S CLUB BASEBALL

*Bringing youth baseball to Berkley and its neighboring communities for over 70 years!*

Spring (ages 5 - 17) Games May - July  
 Registration opens in January  
 Fall (ages 8 - 17) Games Sept. - Oct.  
 Registration opens in July  
 Travel Baseball - tryouts in July & Aug.  
 Contact: Dave Schmidt - BDC President  
 BerkleyCubs9u19@gmail.com or 248.515.0049  
 or Jamie Stepanian-Bennett - Cubs Director  
 JamieStepanianBennett@gmail.com  
 Facebook: @BerkleyDadsClub / @BerkleyCubs  
 Website: berkleydadsclub.net

### MOM'S CLUB SOFTBALL

*Spring Season runs April - July  
 Fall Ball August - October*

Contact: Corrina Campbell 248.255.6263 or  
 crazycampbellclan@gmail.com  
 Berkleysoftball@gmail.com  
 Website: BerkleySoftball.com  
 Facebook Page: Berkley Moms Club Softball  
 Travel softball 10u - 16u: Berkley Burn  
 Facebook page: Berkley Burn Softball

### STEELERS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

*Season runs August - November*

Football GM: Andrew Hadfield, 248.506.2464  
 or berkleysteelersfbcb@gmail.com  
 Cheerleading GM: Michelle Rowlett,  
 248.224.2743 or berkleysteelercheer@gmail.com  
 Website: berkleysteelers.net

### BERKLEY HOOPS YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Boys TK - 12 & Girls TK - 8th  
 2nd-3rd Grade Fall Season (Oct. - Dec.)  
 All Other Grades Winter Season (Jan. - March)  
 Registration Starts Sept. 1st at BerkleyHoops.org  
 Contact: Scott Rowlett at FANS@Berkley-Hoops.org

### SOCS YOUTH SOCCER

*Spring season: April - June*

Registration begins in November  
*Fall season: September - Early November*  
 Registration begins in May  
 Website: www.socsf.com  
 Contact: socsregistrar@gmail.com

## HURRICANE SWIM TEAM



**JOIN THE TEAM!** We are open to any student in the Berkley School District, 5 - 18 yrs, who can swim at least one length of the pool unassisted. The Hurricane Swim Team holds daily practices from May - July competing in the Northwest Suburban Swim League. Guided by an outstanding professional coaching staff, the members of the Hurricanes are looking forward to another season of competition and fun. Pre-season practice for all swimmers begins in late May. The regular season runs through July followed by the "A" and "B" finals and the team banquet.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Returning swimmers

Deadline: Sunday, March 3

Returning swimmers will receive registration materials via email and may register in person or online. Returning swimmers registering after March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be enrolled as new swimmers as space is available. **DO NOT WAIT TO REGISTER** - there may not be any openings available.

*For new swimmers*, registration dates are listed below.

Registration begins at 8:30 am on the given dates. All registration is done online at [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org) on a first come, first serve basis. Establish an online household account, prior to your registration date to ensure prompt registration.

#### New HW/RO Section Grandfathered Families BSD Non Resident

Begins March 4, 8:30 am

Begins March 18, 8:30 am

Please do not attempt to register before your assigned time. If an inaccurate registration occurs, you will be refunded and asked to reregister on the appropriate date/time. Limited openings available. Registration remains open until maximum is reached. Anyone registering after the team has been filled will be placed on a waitlist. Should registration reach capacity, waitlists will be maintained by age group. Coaches determine if they can accept swimmers off the waitlist in particular age groups. Swimmers are eligible to receive a refund if requested by May 31, less a \$10 administrative fee.

### TEAM FEES

HW Resident	\$304	(\$274 + \$30 team fee)
Non Resident/BSD	\$381	(\$274 + \$50 facility fee + 10% surcharge + team fee)
Addl. non-res. family member	\$331	(\$274 + 10% surcharge + team fee)

PARENT MEETING for REGISTERED NEW SWIMMER parents  
**Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm at the Gillham Recreation Center**

The \$30 team fee covers the concession fee, team t-shirt and latex swim cap for each swimmer along with the option of a free ad in the book for A or B finals.

If you have a NEW REGISTERED swimmer, parents are HIGHLY encouraged to come to the New Swimmer Parent Meeting, **Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm** at the Recreation Center. Parents of returning swimmers are welcome for a refresher, but not required. The team is run by a volunteer Parent Board and facilitated by the Recreation Center.

Please direct questions to Parent Board President, Juliann Snavley at [hwacswimteam@gmail.com](mailto:hwacswimteam@gmail.com) or visit [www.hwacswimming.org](http://www.hwacswimming.org).

# TEENS/ADULTS/SENIORS

## ADULT AND PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/CPR/AED

Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 - 9:30 pm

Instructor: Live Safe Academy  
Class held at the Berkley Community Center

Be prepared when seconds count! You might save a life, but only if you know what to do. Learn how to respond effectively to adult, child and infant cardiac and choking emergencies, sudden illness, bleeding, and other life-threatening conditions from the American Red Cross programs that set the national standard. You will also learn how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and your vital role in the chain of survival.  
Cost: \$95

## CHAIR YOGA STRETCH & STRENGTH

Tuesdays, 9:00 - 9:45 am

Winter: Jan. 9 - March 19 (no class 2/20, 2/27, 3/12)

Spring: April 2 - May 28 (no class 5/7)

Instructor: Lauren Brooks.

Improve your flexibility and strength with gentle exercises performed in a seated position.

This class is perfect for all ages and levels including seniors.

Equipment such as stretch bands and light hand weights will be provided to offer a variety of exercises that will stretch your muscles and build strength. You will leave class feeling relaxed and rejuvenated.

Cost: \$85/8 week session or drop in for \$15/class

## CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDAMENTALS

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

6 weeks: Feb. 1 - March 14 (no class 2/22)

Instructor: Marc M. Bronzetti

This course is intended to provide an introductory overview of climate change. We will look at the history of energy sources, the basics of earth's climate, and climate change modeling results and limits. Then we will look at



## DROP-IN PICKLEBALL

### MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

### SATURDAYS

9:00 - 11:00 am

Ages: 18 yrs +. A game for all ages that combines elements of tennis, ping-pong and badminton. It's played on a court, like tennis but half the size, with a wiffleball and paddles. Court and player rotation information can be found online at [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org) under facilities>gym. When school is closed, Pickleball is not held. Schedule subject to change. Pickleball is not available: 1/15, 2/19, 2/20, 3/25, 3/27

### PICKLEBALL CHECK-IN

Membership key tags are assigned to residents purchasing an annual pass. Key tag must be scanned at the front desk prior to entering the gym. Daily Drop In fees must also be paid at the front desk prior to entering the gym. The annual resident membership may be purchased/renewed online. Membership Cost: \$40; Daily Drop-In Fee \$2/\$4 (non-res) per visit.

today's technologies as well as the developments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the primary sources, and how that can impact our lives in the coming decades. Classes will be interactive and discussion encouraged.

Cost: \$60 (minimum of 10 students for the series to run)

### DIY FAIRY GARDENS

Friday, April 12, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Adults 18+

I do believe in fairies, I do! We'll use clay, paint, glitter, and more as we sculpt our very own enchanted fairy gardens. These adorable little fairy retreats will have sparkling streams, colorful flowers, a fairy swing, and more! You don't want to miss this magical class.

Cost: \$35

### MAH JONGG

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

4 weeks: April 4 - 25

Instructor: Elayne Urnovitz  
Learn the basics of the popular game of Mah Jongg taught by Huntington Woods resident, Elayne Urnovitz. Participants will

be instructed through game play. A \$15 materials fee (Mah Jongg card) payable to the instructor, will be collected at the first class.  
Cost: \$65

### MEN'S 30+ BASKETBALL

Spring Season: January 18 - May 16 (18 weeks)

Thursdays, 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Thursday night drop-in men's basketball at the Recreation Center. Limited registration.

Cost: \$100

### NOURISH FROM WITHIN

Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Winter: January 11 - March 7 (no class 2/22)

Spring: April 4 - May 23

Instructor: Stacey Schreiber

This yoga class is designed to bring strength and flexibility to the body, ease in the breath and a sense of calm to the body/mind. Utilizing yoga postures, yoga therapy techniques and breath work, we will explore the wisdom that yoga has to offer to bring balance to our whole being. This is an all-levels class. All are welcome! Please bring a mat to class.

Cost: \$100/ 8 week session or \$15 drop in per class

### SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
12 yrs & older

Can you defend yourself against a violent attack? Do you have the knowledge, skill and confidence to defend your family? You do not have to spend years training in an expensive program. Learn simple, lifesaving skills from programs designed to increase your safety after only one class! Our hands-on courses teach time-tested, realistic methods that are easy to learn and remember. Designed to be safe, this course instills confidence by building on success. You are coached according to your own rate of progression. No previous training required. A great stress reliever and lots of fun.

Cost: \$40

### TAI CHI

Thursdays, 11:00 - 12:00 noon  
Winter: January 18 - March 14 (no class 2/22)

Spring: April 4 - May 23

Certified Instructor: Mary Ann Kashef

Enjoy an hour of peace and tranquility while learning the beautiful art of Tai Chi/Qi Gong. One of the most effective ways to improve health, muscle tone, flexibility, focus, memory, balance and relaxation. Scientific studies have proven Tai Chi to reduce stiffness and pain in people with arthritis.

Cost: \$133/8 week session

### RELEASE AND REJUVENATE

Mondays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Winter: January 8 - March 18 (no class 1/15, 2/12, 2/19)

Spring: April 1 - May 20

Instructor: Stacey Schreibe

This yoga class is designed to bring balance back into the body/mind by releasing stress and tension that can accumulate throughout our day. Using yoga posture sequencing, yoga therapy techniques that focus on typical areas of the body where stress can accumulate (i.e. shoulders, hips, hamstrings), calming breath work, visualization meditation and restorative yoga postures, we

will encourage the body/mind to unwind, release and rejuvenate at the end of the day. This is an all levels class. All are welcome!  
Cost: \$100/8 week session or \$15 drop in per class

### REBECCA'S ENERGIZING YOGA

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Winter: Jan. 10 - March 20 (no class 2/21)

Spring: April 3 - June 5

Instructor: Rebecca Sobczak, CYT  
Level I & II Yoga is great for people of all ages. Not only is it good for your body, it is also an excellent way to relax, increase flexibility, boost your energy level, balance your emotions and stay in shape. Attention is paid to the alignment of the bones and muscles to aid in freedom of movement and thought. (LEVEL II: students will refine alignment, work toward a better knowledge of how the body works in each position and begin to feel the work from inside). Class is taught by a certified Level V yoga instructor. Bring sticky mat and blanket to class.

Cost: \$150/10 week session

### WALK THE GYM

Enjoy walking in the temperature-controlled gym.  
16 laps = 1 mile

#### Mornings:

Mon & Wed, 8:30 - 9:00 am;

Tue, Thur & Fri, 8:30 - 9:30 am

**Afternoons:** Mon, Wed - Fri (no Tue), 1:00-2:00 pm

Cost: Free



Stay & Play Social Club is offering intermediate level volleyball on Wednesday nights and intermediate level dodgeball on Sunday afternoons at the Recreation Center. Huntington Woods residents are given member rates! Full teams, small groups or free agents welcome.

### Wednesday Volleyball

January 10 - March 13

6:00 - 9:30 pm

### Sunday Dodgeball

January 14 - March 10

3:00 - 6:00 pm

Register online as a full team, small group or individual

[www.SPSCdetroit.com/league\\_info/](http://www.SPSCdetroit.com/league_info/)

### CITY OF HUNTINGTON WOODS

## DONATION WITH A PURPOSE

Interested in donating to the City for a purpose?

Contact Tracy at 248.541.3030 or [tshanley@hwmi.org](mailto:tshanley@hwmi.org) to purchase any of the following items:

- Tree in memorial/honor of someone
- Bench in memorial/honor of someone
- Brick paver @ the Gillham Recreation Center



# Teens & Teen Council

## HWTC MISSION STATEMENT

*This teen-led council provides a safe place to grow, gain leadership experience and get involved in the community. By taking initiative, teens become active in volunteerism, community service projects and recreation programs. Through support, inclusivity and teamwork, teens are empowered to become strong leaders.*

## HWTC MEETINGS 2024

Typically held on the first and third Thursday of the month at Gillham Recreation Center from 7:00 - 8:00 pm (some meetings will go later for fun activities – see below)

- January 18 – Game Night
- February 1
- February 15 - Pajamas & Ice Cream Bar
- March 7
- March 21 - Walking Tacos
- April 4
- April 18 – Elections

## ATTN: GRADES 6 - 12!

If you live in HW and are in 6th grade or older – now is a great time to get involved in Teen Council.

- Help plan teen trips
- Help plan programs
- Assist with community service projects
- Volunteer at awesome recreation events and activities

Just send Tracy Shanley an email ([TShanley@HWMI.org](mailto:TShanley@HWMI.org)) with your name and cell phone number and you are added to the Teen Council list! *It's that easy!* You'll start receiving Teen Council messages and information about the various social media we use to keep you informed of all the good stuff.

## HWTC

Parks & Recreation  
26325 Scotia Road  
248.541-3030

[TSHANLEY@HWMI.ORG](mailto:TSHANLEY@HWMI.ORG)

### HWTC EXECUTIVE BOARD

**Council Coordinator**

*Francesca Haley*

**Council Manager**

*Rayna Kushner*

**Secretary/Organization Chair**

*Nadia Ceaser*

**Program Development/Social Action**

**Awareness Chair**

*Hannah Conti*

**Middle School Liaison**

*Lily Elder*

**Newsletter & Recruitment**

*Maddy Rocchi*

**Representative & Public Relations**

*Isabel Guerra*

### FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!



Scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera!

## TEENS ON THE TOWN

### BOWLERO BABY!

*Friday, January 12, 4:30 – 8:30 pm*

Grades: 6+ (HW residents only)

Come join your friends for some bowling fun at Bowlero in Royal Oak – a cool, boutique bowling alley with lots of charm. This fun experience will include some “crazy” bowling antics. After bowling we will stop by Panera for dinner (on your own).

Cost: \$28 - includes 2 hours of bowling, transportation, bowling prizes and supervision. Dinner on your own. Registration deadline is January 5.

### CREATIVE ARTS STUDIO AND LUNCH

*Saturday, February 3, 11:00am – 2:30pm*

Grades: 6+ (HW residents only)

Come paint some pottery with your friends! We will be at our own reserved table for some pottery painting fun. Afterwards we will walk over to Noodles & Company for lunch (on your own).

Cost: \$25 - includes pottery piece & time at the studio, transportation, and supervision. Lunch on your own. Registration deadline is January 27. Limited spaces so don't delay in registering.



## PRE-LEAD MINI-WORKSHOP

**Thursday, January 11, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Grades 6+ (HW residents only).

This Pre-Leadership, Education and Development Mini-Workshop is for those who have not taken the summer LEAD Program and are brand new to volunteering at the HWP&R. Please join us at this mini-workshop to learn how to be a leader and an effective volunteer for our P&R programs. Leadership skills, taking initiative, staying on task and volunteer expectations are to be covered. In order to volunteer in HW, it is mandatory for you to participate in this program and the week-long L.E.A.D. camp which will jump even more into learning leadership and taking initiative skills.

Cost: \$10 - pizza & pop dinner provided. Registration deadline is January 4. NO late registrations accepted.

# HWP&R SPECIAL EVENTS/TRIPS

# FEBRUARY

**REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS/TRIPS:** Registration begins December 13 online and at the Gillham Recreation Center. Non-residents may register for trips at an additional \$5/trip beginning December 27 unless noted otherwise.

**EVENT/TRIP REFUND POLICY:** In the event a trip does not require the purchase of tickets, 48 hour notice of cancellation is required in order to receive a refund. For trips involving tickets, no refunds will be given for cancellation once the tickets have been purchased, unless a replacement is found. Please inquire at the time you are requesting to cancel whether you will receive a refund. A \$5 service fee is retained on all refunds due to trip withdrawal. Cancellations/withdrawals are given a household credit or refund check.

## JANUARY

### 17 CANTORO ITALIAN MARKET & TRATTORIA

Wednesday, January 17, 11:20 am - 4:00 pm

Cantoro Italian Market & Trattoria is inspired by the famous Italian markets in Rome, Venice and Palermo. It is the largest Italian market in Michigan – a lively 55,000 square foot Italian culinary mecca with a multi-award-winning restaurant attached. Cantoro Italian Trattoria offers an authentic Italian dining experience - featuring dishes that are

deeply rooted in tradition, with adventurous new flavors and an extensive wine list. Register by January 10.  
Cost: \$10 (lunch and shopping at the market on your own)

### 25 DIA: THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM

Thursday, January 25, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Join us at the DIA for a guided Highlights Tour. This is a free program for adults 55 yrs+. A short time to purchase lunch in the cafe is available, if desired. We are going with Pleasant Ridge and taking the DIA motorcoach! Register by January 10.  
Cost: Free (lunch on your own)

### 2 BEACH PARTY BASH

Friday, February 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
Ages: 5th grade & under with an adult.

Beat the Winter blues and join us at the beach! While no sand to play, flip off your shoes to dance the night away to some good, good, good vibrations.

Dress: Beach formal  
Registration is required by January 26, no late registrations accepted. Residents only.  
Cost \$18/person

### 3 FROSTY THE SNOWMAN W/ KIDCREATE STUDIO

Saturday, February 3, 9:00 -11:00 am

Grades K - 3  
Instructor: Kidcreate Studio  
Frosty the snowman was a jolly happy soul! We will create snowman themed art using a variety of different art materials. We'll create corncob pipes, button noses and oh, so much more out of Model Magic® clay, paint, and air-dry clay. Look at Frosty go! Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.  
Cost: \$40

## Huntington Woods



## Women's League

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Are you interested in becoming more involved in your community, while meeting your neighbors? Join us to learn about the Huntington Woods Women's League. We focus our efforts on fundraising for Women's and Children's causes,

while socializing with our friends and neighbors.

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 - 9:00 pm. We'd love for you to join us and learn more about who we are and what we do! We are starting to look for docent volunteers for the 2024 Huntington Woods Home Tour.

For more information, please visit [hwwl.org](http://hwwl.org), or scan the QR code.



### 21 THE CHINESE LADY @ TIPPING POINT THEATRE/ ROCKY'S

Wednesday, February 21 11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Since 1993, Rocky's has been serving up delicious food to Northville and surrounding communities. Enjoy a bite to eat (on your own) before heading to the Tipping Point Theatre to see The Chinese Lady. Inspired by the true story of the first Chinese woman to set foot in America, we witness a 14-year-old girl change before our eyes, even as she remains in the confines of her beautiful, ornate room. We cannot help but change with her. Compelling, profound, and sharply funny, it poses a

question: when we look, do we really see?  
Register by January 24. \*Note early deadline! We need to commit to tickets in advance. No refunds after January 24.  
Cost: \$45 (lunch on your own)

## MARCH

### 6 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE - A LITTLE MORE ALIVE + ALFOCCINO

Wednesday, March 6, 10:30 - 4:45 pm

First stop, Alfoccino. Select lunch options when registering. Then on to the show! In this heartfelt and original folk-pop musical, two estranged brothers reunite at their childhood home after their mother's funeral. An unexpected revelation distorts every memory they have, and as they uncover secrets that had been hiding in plain sight their whole lives, Nate and Jeremy find that no one is exempt from the gray area between right and wrong. Register by February 6.\*  
Cost: \$68 (includes lunch & ticket)

**\*note early deadline!**

We need to commit to tickets one month in advance. No refunds after February 6 unless a replacement is found.

### 14 TEENIORS BINGO & PASTA DINNER

Thursday, March 14, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Teens and seniors together = Teeniors! The Huntington Woods Teen Council is hosting the event, providing baked goods for Bingo winners, as well as a delicious pasta dinner for both groups to enjoy together. Get to know one another while having fun! Register by March 7. Residents only.  
Cost: \$6 - includes one bingo card and dinner; additional bingo cards are \$1 each.

## NEW RESIDENTS RECEPTION

Thursday, May 23 - Gillham Recreation Center

*If you moved into Huntington Woods in 2023 or 2024, please watch your mail for an invitation to attend. If you haven't received notice by early May, feel free to contact the Chair for additional info. Residents, please take a few minutes to alert your new neighbors to be aware of this event!*

*Sponsored by the Men's Club, various clubs/organizations and the City of Huntington Woods. Please contact chairperson Charlotte Paul, 810-845-0245, charpaul59@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.*

WELCOME  
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## APRIL

### 6 FAIRY GARDEN W/ KIDCREATE STUDIO

Saturday, April 6, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Grades: K - 5  
Instructor: Kidcreate Studio  
I do believe in fairies, I do! We'll use clay, paint, glitter, and more as we sculpt our very own enchanted fairy gardens. These adorable little fairy retreats will have sparkling streams, colorful flowers, a fairy swing, and more! You don't want to miss this magical class. Please pack a nut free snack and drink for your child.

Cost: \$40

### 27 CHALK FEST

Saturday, April 27, 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Join the Rec Center for their first Chalk Fest event showcasing chalk art by our community members. Buy a square and decorate away! Watch the artists or be the artist while you enjoy music, food trucks, and more. Please bring your own chalk. Registration is required to purchase a square by April 23. Residents only.  
Cost \$5/per square

## MAY

### 1 MEADOW BROOK THEATRE - ROUTE 66 + KRUSE & MUER ON MAIN

Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 - 4:45 pm

First stop, lunch at Kruse & Muer on Main. Select lunch options when registering. Then on to the show! Take a dollop of Grease, mix in some Pump Boys and Dinettes, and add a generous dose of Forever Plaid and you have the high-octane fun of Route 66! Beginning with the sounds of 1950s Chicago and traveling along the 'Main Street of America' to the California coast with the surf music of the 1960s, this exciting musical revue features 34 of the greatest 'Rock 'n Road' hits of the 20th century. Songs include "Dead Man's Curve," "King of the Road," "Little Old Lady from Pasadena," "Beep Beep," "Six Days on the Road," "Little GTO," "Fun, Fun, Fun," and many more. Get your kicks with this smash coast-to-coast hit musical revue! Register by April 1.\*

Cost: \$83 (includes lunch & ticket)  
**\*note early deadline!**

We need to commit to tickets one month in advance. No refunds after April 1 unless a replacement is found.

# FRUIT CAMP

*A state-licensed summer day camp*

For over 40 years, the Huntington Woods Fruit Camp program has provided children with a wonderful summer experience!

Due to the high demand for Fruit Camp spots, a lottery is held to determine the session rosters. Please see directions on the next page to register for the Lottery.

Below is a brief description of each camp. Please note that camps are based on your child's CURRENT age or school grade (not the grade they will be entering in the Fall). There are no exceptions for age/grade requirements. Camps are designed to meet the needs of a specific age group for an optimal and rewarding experience.

If you have any questions about Fruit Camp, please contact Jenny Morgan, Director: [jmorgan@hwmi.org](mailto:jmorgan@hwmi.org) or 248.541.3030.

**Please note:** No camp on Tuesday, June 19 (Juneteenth) or Thursday, July 4.

## STRAWBERRY/BANANA CAMPS (CURRENT PRE-K, TK)

Camps are play-based and provide many creative and fun activities, including art, music, water play, large and small motor activities and more. Children **must be** completely toilet-trained (Pull-Ups are not allowed). A copy of the camper's birth certificate is required with registration for 1st time fruit campers. Tropical Storm is not offered with these camps.

**NOTE TO TRANSITIONAL K:** Current Transitional Kindergarten students are only eligible for Camp Banana.

### STRAWBERRY/BANANA SESSION DATES:

Session A: June 17 - June 28 (no camp June 19)

Session B: July 1 - July 12 (no camp July 4)

Session C: July 15 - July 26

### Camp Strawberry - 1/2 day

2 week sessions, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm \*no lunch\*

**Age:** 3½ (by 6/17/2024) - 4½ years. Limit 20 campers.

**Cost:** \$248/session

*Before Camp Care (BCC) and After Camp Care (ACC) are NOT available for Camp Strawberry.*

### Camp Banana - full day

2 week sessions, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Current Transitional Kindergarten or entering Kindergarten in Fall 2024. Limit 20 campers.

**Cost:** \$496/session

Included are field trips and pool time.

*Before Camp Care (BCC) and After Camp Care (ACC) ARE available for Camp Banana.*

## WATERMELON - PINEAPPLE CAMPS (CURRENT K - 5TH)

Fruit Camp staff plan age appropriate, fun-filled activities including games, arts and crafts, sports, field trips, free swim and more. No electronics, no movies - just good old summer FUN in the SUN!

### Watermelon/Honeydew/Pineapple Session Dates

2 week sessions, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Session A: June 17 - June 28 (no camp June 19)

Session B: July 1 - July 12 (no camp July 4)

Session C: July 15 - July 26

Session D: July 29 - August 9

### Camp Watermelon

Current Kindergarten\* - 1st grade

Limit 30 campers per session

Cost: \$524/session

*\*if your child does not attend Burton, proof of current Kindergarten enrollment is required.*

### Camp Honeydew

Current 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Limit 30 campers per session

Cost: \$524/session

### **\*NEW THIS SUMMER! CAMP KIWI AGE GROUP:**

Camp Kiwi will only be offered to

CURRENT 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

There is NO full summer program for

CURRENT Kindergarten/1st graders.

Kiwi will change and rotate grades

yearly, based on need.

### Camp Kiwi - 8 weeks

Current 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade\*

One 8 week session: June 17 - August

9 (no camp June 19 or July 4)

Limit 30 campers.

Cost: \$1,760/8 week session

### Camp Pineapple

Current 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Limit 25 campers per session

Cost: \$540/session

### Before (BCC) & After Camp Care (ACC)

Before Camp Care (7:30 - 9:00 am)

and After Camp Care (3:00 - 6:00 pm)

are available June 17 - August 9 for

Banana, Watermelon, Honeydew,

Pineapple and Kiwi at an additional

cost. Watch for information in your

confirmation email. Register early!



# FRUIT CAMP GENERAL INFORMATION

For all Fruit Camp information including payment, refund policies, procedures and FAQ's, visit [RECREATION.HWMI.ORG](https://RECREATION.HWMI.ORG) (Programs>Fruit Camp)

## LOTTERY

Due to the popularity of Fruit Camp, a Lottery is used to determine camp rosters and a maximum of 2 sessions per child is allowed.

To participate in the Lottery you must be a Huntington Woods resident or grandfathered Royal Oak Section resident. Grandfathered RO Section families should contact the Rec Center directly ([hwrec@hwmi.org](mailto:hwrec@hwmi.org)) to register.

*Registration for the Lottery begins online on Monday, December 11 and closes on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 11:59pm*

If you prefer to not register online, please contact [hwrec@hwmi.org](mailto:hwrec@hwmi.org) or go to the Rec Center front desk for a Lottery Application Form. Lottery Application Forms are due no later than 5:00PM on Monday, 1/8/2024.

Non-grandfathered Royal Oak Section and other non-residents can register for camp at a later date (please see details in the Fruit Camp Deadlines & Important Dates section).

## CAMP DEPOSIT PAYMENT

Your camp deposit must be paid upon Lottery registration:

- Strawberry, Banana, Watermelon, Honeydew, Pineapple: \$50 per camper, per session
- Kiwi: \$200 per camper

## CAMP BALANCES

**Remaining payments are due by Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 11:59pm.** Please refer to late payment fee details in the Camp Deadlines & Important Dates box.

## PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION

Notification of camp placement will be received via email, in mid-February. If your child is not on a roster they will be placed on the waitlist for that session. **NOTHING** on your account is finalized until you receive a welcome email with your session details.

## REQUIRED FORMS

You will receive an email notification from CampDocs with required camp forms, which need to be completed electronically. **All camp forms must be completed and submitted no later than Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 11:59pm.** Please refer to late paperwork fee details in the Fruit Camp Deadlines & Important Dates box.



## FRUIT CAMP DEADLINES & IMPORTANT DATES

### REGISTRATION

**Monday, January 8, 11:59pm:** Registration must be completed on [recreation.hwmi.org](https://recreation.hwmi.org) to be included in the Fruit Camp Lottery (HW residents and RO Section Grandfathered households only). Families not registering online must submit their Lottery Application Form and deposit payment to the Gillham Recreation Center front desk by 5:00pm on 1/8/2024.

**Thursday, March 21, at 6:00pm:** HW/RO Section Grandfathered households Post-Lottery registration, for open spots (if available) and adding to waitlists, online or at the Rec Center. First come, first served.

**Monday, March 25 at 6:00pm:** RO Section and Non-Resident registration for open spots (if available) and adding to waitlists, online or at the Rec Center. First come, first served.

### PAYMENTS

**Thursday, April 11, 11:59pm:** All balances and forms due. Full payment and completed forms must be submitted by 11:59pm. After 11:59pm:

- a 10% late fee will be applied to all unpaid balances
- a \$25 late fee will be charged for any forms not submitted

**Monday, April 29, 11:59pm:** If full payment is not received by April 29, your camp spot will be forfeited. No monies paid up to this date will be refunded.

### DROPS/REFUNDS

**Sunday, March 17, 11:59pm:** Last day to drop Fruit Camp sessions with a full refund (less \$10 drop fee per camper, per session). A Fruit Camp Drop Form must be submitted, via email to [hwrec@hwmi.org](mailto:hwrec@hwmi.org) or to the Rec Center front desk, to request a camp cancellation.

**March 18 - April 11:** Camps may be dropped, but deposit is forfeited. Balance payments will be refunded if a replacement camper is secured from our waitlist.

**April 12 - July 22:** Camps may be dropped, but deposit is forfeited, and there is no balance refund unless a replacement camper is secured from our waitlist. If a replacement camper is found, a \$25 fee per camper, per session will be deducted from the balance refund. If you request to drop from a waitlist, and your deposit has not been applied to another session of Fruit Camp, your deposit will be refunded in full.

### PARENT MEETINGS

**Wednesday, June 5, 6:15 pm:** Strawberry/Banana Parent Meeting

**Wednesday, June 5, 7:00 pm:** Kiwi, Watermelon, Honeydew, Pineapple Parent Meeting

# LEAD, Leaders-in-Training (LIT) & Jr Counselors (JC)

## L.E.A.D. CAMP (LEADERSHIP, EDUCATION & DEVELOPMENT)

### CURRENT 6TH GRADE +

Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28  
12:30 - 2:30 pm

In this one-week program, teens learn what it takes to be a leader in the community and future camp counselors. Through team building activities, hands-on training and practical life lessons, they will gain confidence and skills, including how to participate in interviews; all that will help them with future endeavors. We believe it's never too early to learn these practices.

**Attendance in L.E.A.D is required to be an LIT or JC in Fruit Camp.**

**Register early - spots are limited.**

**Registration ends June 14.**

Go to Register Now!>Camps>LEAD, LIT & JC

**Cost:** \$70 (includes t-shirt)

## LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT): CURRENT 6TH GRADERS +

The LIT program allows our teens to develop strong leadership skills and self-awareness. LITs spend the summer making new friends, amazing memories, creating positive relationships with campers, and gaining work experience, all while having fun. LITs will be placed in various Fruit Camp areas assisting with camper groups and other camp-wide activities. Depending on their assignments, LITs will go on field trips and swim at the pool. All LITs will receive on the job training, feedback and support from camp staff.

**Required:** Must commit to and register for 1 session, complete and submit application by April 18 (no exceptions), interview for an LIT position, and be able to attend ONE of the two training sessions. See **Registration Responsibilities** for full details.

**Cost:** \$75 per 2-week session (includes t-shirt) \*\*2nd session **ONLY** available by request and if space is available.

## JUNIOR COUNSELORS (JC): CURRENT 9TH GRADE+, PLUS 2 YRS LIT EXPERIENCE

The Junior Counselor program is a continuation of our LIT program and allows teens, 9th grade and up with at least 2 years LIT experience, to gain more training and increased responsibilities while working in the Fruit Camp program.

**Required:** Must commit to and register for 2 or more sessions, complete and submit application by April 18 (no exceptions), interview for a JC position, and be able to attend ONE of the two training sessions. See **Registration Responsibilities** for full details.

**Cost:** \$75 per 2-week session (includes t-shirt). Must register for at least two 2-week sessions.

**Please refer to page 24 for Fruit Camp session dates.**

## HOW TO APPLY TO BE AN LIT/JC

### REGISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

The following steps **MUST** be completed to become an LIT or JC.

1. Applicant must have already attended LEAD camp or register to attend it in Summer 2024.
2. Applicant should register for one or more sessions\* on recreation.hwmi.org (Register Now!>Camps>LEAD, LIT & JC)  
\*maximum of 1 session for LIT (need to ask to do a second session if space is available)  
\*minimum of 2 sessions for JC
3. After you register, a LIT/JC Application Form will be emailed to your household.
4. Complete and return the Application Form to Jenny by Thursday, April 18. Late applications will not be accepted.  
**Parents, please let this be the responsibility of your child (we are building strong, independent teens in HW).**
5. Applicants who have completed the above responsibilities will be emailed a Sign-Up Genius link where they will need to schedule and complete an interview with the LIT Director. Applicants need to know their availability and be certain of the interview day and time, before signing up for an interview. We are unable to reschedule interviews.
6. Applicant must attend one of the two mandatory training sessions:  
Tuesday, June 4, 6:00-8:30pm OR Saturday, June 8, 9:30 am - 12noon.  
You are **ONLY** eligible for the program if you attend one of these dates. Due to time constraints, no additional training dates are available.

**Every attempt is made to accommodate as many applicants as possible, but spaces are limited. Placements are based on age, previous experience and availability. This program is open to HW residents only.**



# Specialty Camps

Specialty Camps are one-week camps designed to complement our Fruit Camp offerings and appeal to special interests of our campers. Registration begins on December 13 at 8:30 am for residents and December 27 for non-residents and will remain open until filled.

- **Specialty Camp refunds** must be requested at least 2 weeks prior to the camp start date. After that time (2 weeks or less prior to the start of camp), a refund will be issued only if a replacement camper is found off our waiting list. A \$10 processing fee will be charged. For *Adventure Squad, Fruit Salad and Broadway Bound*, refunds must be requested at least 4 weeks prior to the camp start date. After that time (4 weeks or less prior to the start of camp), a refund will be issued only if a replacement camper is found off our waiting list. A \$25 processing fee will be charged.
- **Check locations of camps closely.** Many of our Specialty Camps partner with Berkley P&R. Joining forces gives us the opportunity to offer more programs to our residents. For camps held at Berkley Community Center, the address is 2300 Robina, Berkley (south off Catalpa, west of Coolidge).
- **When registering, please note age and grade requirements carefully.** The grades are designated as the grade your child is currently in (as of Winter, 2024) unless specified otherwise. Ages are designated as of the date camp begins.
- **Additional specialty camps** may be offered. Visit [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org) for a complete list of camp offerings.

## WEEK OF JUNE 17 - 21

(NO CAMP WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19)

### BASKETBALL CAMPS

Entering grades 5 - 8 (in Fall)

Monday - Friday (no camp Wednesday)

**Boys: 9:00 am - Noon** Instructor: Joe Sermo

**Cost: \$85**

**Girls: 12:30 - 3:00 pm** Instructor: Ben Bancroft

**Cost: \$75**

Basketball Camp teaches offensive skills, team concepts, shooting, ball handling, passing and one-on-one. Campers learn defensive skills including team defense, rebounding, stance, footwork and techniques. Camp includes free throw, 3-on-3 and hot shot contests. Participants receive a t-shirt.

Held at Berkley High School

## WEEK OF JUNE 24 - 28

### AMAZING ATHLETES SUMMER CAMP

Ages 3 - 6 Monday - Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Instructor: Kendra Alpert, Amazing Athletes

An educational sport and fitness camp where each student will learn the basic fundamentals of the following ten sports: football, soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, golf, tennis, track & field, lacrosse and hockey. We will work on 2 to 3 sports a day and will have fun while still focusing on gross motor development! The camp is engaging, structured and noncompetitive! By the end of the week your child will start to learn what sport or sports speak to them personally!

Held at Peasley Park (Rain location - Gillham Recreation Center)

Cost: \$120

## WEEK OF JULY 1 - 3

### SIMPLY SILLY STUFF WITH KIDCREATE STUDIO

Ages: 4 - 9 Monday - Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Instructor: KidCreate Studio

Get ready to go bananas with all the silly stuff you'll create in this camp! You're going to make some of the craziest art you could imagine. A messy monster made of mush. A cute 3D goldfish to bring home and keep you company in your room. And, have you ever made your very own pop-up art? Well now you will! This combination of wacky projects will teach you all sorts of simply silly stuff you never thought artistically possible! Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child each day.

Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$150

## WEEK OF JULY 8 - 12

### ANIME MANGA CAMP - YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Ages: 6 - 11 Monday - Friday, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Instructor: Young Rembrandts

If you have Manga Mania, sign up for this class. Join Young Rembrandts for a 5 day drawing workshop; we'll be drawing and coloring all things ANIME! Artists will learn to draw their own anime style characters ranging from easy to challenging - this is a great way to perfect those skills and learn new manga tricks. Each day students will complete multiple pieces of artwork like customized faces, animals, sugoi action and more ARTastic drawings. On the last day dress up like your fav anime character for the Art Exhibition.

Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$212

## **WEEK OF JULY 15 - 19**

### **GYMNASTICS/CHEER CAMP**

Ages: 4 yrs + Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Instructor: Jump-a-Rama

Promoting fitness, proper arm movements, dance routines, cheers, jumps, stretching, basic tumbling and stunting. Your child also covers five important components to successfully be a team player: building unity, responsibility, leadership, discipline and friendship. Campers should wear comfortable clothes, bring water and a snack. T-shirts and pom poms are sold on the first day of camp for \$15 (not mandatory to purchase).

Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$199

### **VOLLEYBALL CAMP**

Grades 5 - 8 Monday - Friday

Girls Volleyball Camp 9:00 am - 11:30 am Cost: \$74

Boys Volleyball Camp 11:30 am - 1:30 pm Cost: \$60

Instructor: Theresa Stanichuk Cabalum is the former BHS Varsity Volleyball coach and is currently Anderson Middle School 8th grade coach.

This camp will teach basic fundamentals of volleyball for beginners and those who already have team experience. Competitions and team strategies will be a part of this one week camp. Knee pads are recommended along with a water bottle! All participants will receive a camp t-shirt. Held at Berkley High School.

### **CHESS WIZARDS**

Grades: 1 - 5 Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Instructor: Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards has been teaching the game of chess since 2002. Join us this summer for tons of challenging chess lessons, exciting games, and cool prizes. You'll improve your chess skills, meet new friends, and work out your most powerful muscle - your brain! Our camp includes fun team chess games (like Corner Chess), recess time (of course), snacks, tournaments, and puzzles. Each camper receives a T-shirt, trophy, and puzzle folder. We include all the materials necessary for your child to participate. Unleash your brain power and spend part of your vacation with Chess Wizards!

Held at the Berkley Community Center.

Cost: \$293

### **FASHION DESIGN & SEWING**

Ages: 6 -13 Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm\*

Instructor: Elena Victoria

Love Fashion? Want to design your own clothing? Learn how to sew and design your own clothing! Campers will work on a different project each day, gaining a great sense of accomplishment after they see each garment come to life. There is a fashion show at the end of the week for the campers to showcase all of their hard work.

Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$325

### **JEWELRY DESIGN**

Ages: 6 - 13 Monday - Friday, 12:30 - 3:30 pm\*

Instructor: Elena Victoria

Come design and create your very own jewelry! Work with young fashion designers to learn how to create beautiful handmade necklaces, bracelets, and earrings out of polymer clay. There is fashion show for parents to attend at the end of the week for the campers to showcase all of their hard work. The camp price includes all supplies and materials necessary for creating 5 handmade pieces over the week. All levels of experience are welcome to join camp. Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$325

*\*Stay all day! Students are welcome to pack a lunch and eat in the classroom with an Elena Victoria instructor between Fashion Design & Jewelry Design.*

## **WEEK OF JULY 22 - 26**

### **SELF-DEFENSE AND SAFETY CAMP**

Ages: 6 - 10 Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Instructor: Live Safe Academy Instructors

Have fun and learn to be safe at the same time! Learn real self-defense and practice on an instructor wearing a padded suit. Also learn fire safety, how to use 911, stranger awareness, drug resistance, gun accident prevention and more. Cartoons, art, physical practice, and classroom games are just some of the fun ways that your child will learn in this camp. Pack a lunch, snacks, water bottle, sunscreen and a bag for activity sheets and handouts. For more information please visit: <https://www.livesafeacademy.com/childsafety/>

Held at the Berkley Community Center.

Cost: \$150

### **ZOMBIE OUTBREAK RESPONSE TEAM CAMP**

Ages: 8 - 11 Monday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Live Safe Academy Instructors

Learn preparation methods for the zombie apocalypse! Learn the skills vital for your survival in this brave new world of the undead. Topics include surviving the elements (shelter, water, and food), signaling and navigation. Did we mention all the squirt gun fights and other fun zombie survival games? Parents, even though zombies are just fantasy, your kids will have a lot of fun learning valuable outdoor and safety skills. Campers need daily snacks, sunscreen, water bottle, large capacity working squirt gun, goggles, and towel. Change of clothes is optional.

Held at the Berkley Community Center.

Cost: \$150

### **PRE-K YOGA PLAY CAMP**

Ages 4 - 5 Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Instructor: Stacey Schreiber

In this play-based camp, campers will be invited to explore key concepts of yoga and mindfulness thru interactive play, yoga postures, art, music, games, time

in nature and its unique connection to yoga, quiet time and just having FUN! Please have your camper dress comfortably for movement and bring any appropriate outdoor wear if needed.

Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$115

### **PRESCHOOLER SOCCER STARTERS**

Ages: 3 - 5 Monday - Friday, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Instructor: Leisure Unlimited LLC, Coach David East

A basic introduction to soccer. Campers will learn various kicks, trapping, passing, shooting, positions and rules while working toward in-camp scrimmages. Kids play at their own pace. Our emphasis is on participation and effort to make this a positive learning experience. Children must be 3 by the first day of camp and must be potty-trained. Bring a water bottle and wear gym shoes.

Held at Community Field #3 @ Berkley Community Park

Cost: \$75

## **WEEK OF JULY 29 - AUGUST 2**

### **LITTLE NINJAS CAMP**

Ages: 4 - 10 Monday - Friday,

AM: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm, PM: 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Instructor: Jump-a-Rama

Join us for interactive obstacle courses to conquer, jump, climb and slide your way through. Participate in drills to beat your best time. Optional \$15 kit includes - Head/wrist band, t-shirt to decorate and snow cone on Friday. Purchase on the first day of camp. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail jump-a-rama@sbcglobal.net. Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$199

### **A VERY MESSY ART CAMP W/ KIDCREATE STUDIO**

Ages 4 - 9 Monday - Wednesday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Let's take mess-making to a whole new level! We'll paint with plaster, sculpt with gooey gunk, make papier mache birds and fling paint like Jackson Pollock. We will even learn some art terms along the way. These are not projects to tackle at home - leave the mess with us. After all, being a kid is messy business! Please pack a nut-free snack and drink for your child each day. Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$150

## **WEEK OF AUGUST 5 - 9**

### **AMAZING ATHLETES CAMP**

Ages 3 - 6 Monday - Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Instructor: Kendra Alpert, Amazing Athletes

An educational sport and fitness camp where each student will learn the basic fundamentals of the following ten sports: football, soccer, baseball, volleyball, basketball, golf, tennis, track & field, lacrosse and hockey. We will work on 2 to 3 sports a day and will have fun while still focusing on gross motor development! The camp is engaging, structured and noncompetitive! By the end of the week your child will start

to learn what sport or sports speak to them personally! Held at Peasley Park (Rain location - Gillham Recreation Center)

Cost: \$120

### **SPORTS STARTER CAMP**

Ages: 3 - 5 Monday - Friday, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Instructor: Leisure Unlimited LLC, Coach David East  
Your child will love this first introduction to sports such as tee ball, football, volleyball, soccer, basketball, hockey and more! Campers will learn sport fundamentals such as throwing, catching, kicking and running with easy-to-understand instructions and silly games. Camp emphasis is on fun and effort while creating a positive learning experience. Wear gym shoes and bring a water bottle. Kids must be three by the first day of class.

Held at Community Field #3 @ Berkley Community Park

Cost: \$75

## **WEEK OF AUGUST 12 - 16**

### **ADVENTURE SQUAD**

Current Grades: 6 - 8 Monday - Friday,

9:00 am - 3:00 pm, but potential later end time

depending on the activity.

This camp is filled with thrills and chills with fun field trips daily, including a trip to Cedar Point! Meet at the Gillham Recreation Center daily. **Please note that there is no Before or After Camp Care for this program.** Field trip details will be emailed to families prior to the start of camp. HW residents only.

Cost: \$420

### **FRUIT SALAD**

Current Grades: K - 5 (Transitional Kindergartners are not eligible) Monday - Friday, 9:00am - 3:00pm

Fruit Salad provides campers with a field trip every morning and open swim at the pool most afternoons! The camp is held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

**Please note that there is no Before or After Camp Care for this program.** Field trip details will be emailed to families prior to the start of camp. HW residents only.

Cost: \$400

### **BROADWAY BOUND**

Ages: 6 - 12 Monday - Friday

AM: 10:00 am - Noon, PM: 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Instructor: Rachel Gubow, Huntington Woods native; New York City Resident & Actor

Calling all kids who love to sing, dance, and act!

Broadway Bound show to be announced soon. Campers will spend the week honing their performance skills, building confidence, and having fun on stage, with a culminating performance of selections from the chosen show. Held at the Gillham Recreation Center.

Cost: \$165

# Senior Outreach

Jennifer Furlong is on staff to assist you with your day-to-day needs to maintain your quality of life in the City of Huntington Woods. Contact Jennifer at 248.581.2712 or [jfurlong@hwmi.org](mailto:jfurlong@hwmi.org) concerning any of the following special services provided to our mature residents.

## CURB-TO-CURB TRANSPORTATION

**Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Such a great service! Residents 55 years or better and unable to drive, temporarily or permanently, are able to arrange for transportation on the City SMART Van for medical appointments, support groups, shopping or other activities of daily living.

- Passengers must be able to independently board and exit the bus. The bus is equipped with a lift to accommodate individuals seated in wheelchairs or motorized scooters. Riders must provide a caregiver to accompany them on the trip if any assistance is needed.
- Riders, please make sure to be ready 15 minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
- A 48-hour (business hours) advance notice is required.
- The travel distance must be within a 7-mile radius of the Gillham Recreation Center.
- The fee is just \$1 each way. Trips are limited to one per day.
- Changes/additions may not be made on the day of transportation (other than cancellations). Please do not ask the driver to alter the schedule.



To arrange for transportation, please call Jennifer at 248.581.2712 between 9:00 am - noon, Monday - Friday or email [hwcares@hwmi.org](mailto:hwcares@hwmi.org).

Financial sponsors for the Senior Transportation Program are the City of Huntington Woods, Beaumont and SMART. Alternate transportation options are available for individuals requiring door-to-door assistance, including the SMART Connector at 866.962.5515 or [smartbus.org](http://smartbus.org). Call Jennifer at 248.581.2712 for additional options if needed.

## MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH - Noon on Mondays

Join your neighbors on Mondays at noon for lunch supplied by Tim's Kitchen of Royal Oak. Lunch Bunch meets in the Multipurpose Room of the Recreation Center. The lunch fee is \$5.00, paid in advance.



Call 248.581.2712 to register for lunch and arrange transportation, if needed, by noon on the preceding Wednesday. Please see **The 60+ CROWD publication** for more details.

Registration is also available online at [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org) (REGISTER NOW! > Adults > Enrichment)

## HW CARES

Parks & Recreation  
26325 SCOTIA ROAD  
248.581.2712  
[HWCARES@HWMI.ORG](mailto:HWCARES@HWMI.ORG)

### SERVICES STAFF

Jennifer Furlong, HWCares, HARP  
Coordinator  
Marcy Peters, Day Trips

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

A great thing about Huntington Woods is its sense of community and caring. Help us watch out for our Seniors. Does a neighbor need some assistance? Have you noticed change in their usual daily routine?

- a drop in care of their yard or home maintenance
- degradation in their appearance or loss of mobility
- decrease or lack of visiting friends/relatives
- change in mood or increased isolation

Please contact our HW Cares Outreach Coordinator, Jennifer Furlong: 248.581.2712 or [hwcares@hwmi.org](mailto:hwcares@hwmi.org). We would like to let them know they are a valuable part of our community, and we are here to help. Let our City's seniors know we are thinking of them. Thanks for being a good neighbor!

## MOVIE MATINEES

**Select Fridays, 12:00 pm**  
Movies are shown on select Fridays at noon in the Multipurpose Room of the Recreation Center.

**January 19: The Fabelmans**  
**February 16: TILL**  
**March 15: The Book Club**  
**April 19: Jules**

See The 60+ Crowd for more details regarding each movie. Pre-registration and a \$1 popcorn donation is suggested.

## TECH SUPPORT

Do you have questions about using a computer, phone, or other device? National Honor Society students from Berkley High School are ready to help



with one-on-one sessions from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Available dates: **January 7, February 4, March 17, April 14 and May 5.**

Pre-registration required through [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org) (Adults - Enrichment) or call 248.581.2712

## MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

Looking to borrow medical equipment? Contact Jen at 248.581.2712 or [hwcares@hwmi.org](mailto:hwcares@hwmi.org) to find out whether we have available what you are looking for! Our City has durable medical equipment to help you remain independent.

## OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION - NURSE ON CALL

The Nurse on Call telephone service offers information about health and related resources. Calls are answered by Oakland County Health Division Public Health Nurses and can provide referrals to health-related resources located in Oakland County. Contact them at 800.848.5533 or email them at [NOC@Oakgov.com](mailto:NOC@Oakgov.com).

## AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B

Certified Resource Specialists are able to help older adults, adults with disabilities and caregivers find, navigate and understand the programs and services available to help them—whether those are programs offered directly by the AAA 1-B or programs offered by other local organizations such as, Meals on Wheels, transportation, caregiver and respite services, housing, legal assistance, In-home services (personal care and homemaking), and wellness programs. Information is available Monday - Friday, from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm at 800.852.7795.

## REASSURANCE CALLS AND AT-HOME ASSISTANCE

Would you, or someone you know, like to be checked on? Please contact Jennifer 248.581.2712 or [hwcares@hwmi.org](mailto:hwcares@hwmi.org) to be included. She can help with grocery delivery, zoom usage, online books, movies, music and games, and connecting with friends through phone apps.

## BLOOD PRESSURE READING

Join us on the third Wednesday of each month in the Senior Lounge at the Recreation Center from 10:00 - 11:00 am to have your blood pressure checked by a registered nurse. If you are tracking your blood pressure, this is a great service. Winter/ Spring blood pressure dates are **January 17, February 21, March 20, April 17.**



## YOUR CITY CARES

If trips and activities are no longer for you, Recreation Center staff is available to assist you with your day-to-day needs to help you maintain your quality of life in the City. Feel free to contact us concerning any of the following special services:  
- Information and Referrals  
- Volunteer Opportunities  
Call 248.581.2712 for additional information.

## SUNDAY SENIOR DROP-IN

Sundays, 10:30 am - Noon  
Gillham Recreation Center - Warming Room  
Stop by to chat with your neighbors! New to the neighborhood or looking to meet with residents in the 60+ age group? A group of HW residents, 60 yrs and better, meet at the Gillham Recreation Center to share conversation, program ideas, concerns, friendship and support. All welcome. No registration necessary.

## Home Assistance Repair Program (HARP)

The purpose of the HARP program is to assist Huntington Woods residents maintain their home and remain independent. The following residents are eligible for HARP services:

- Seniors (ages 60+)
- Physically challenged individuals
- Households with a member serving in active duty in the Armed Services

Our registered volunteers can perform minor, basic repairs and, to date, have serviced over 100 requests from residents including:

- Installation of grab bars, door locks, hinges and weather stripping
- Changing light bulbs and smoke detector batteries
- Fixing leaking faucets, toilets, slow-draining sinks and garbage disposals
- Repairing closet rods
- Fixing electrical outlets
- Moving items

Materials are paid for by the homeowner, but labor is free thanks to the generous residents who volunteer their time and efforts.

Please note that HARP's work is not intended to replace the work of licensed professionals. To get assistance, fill out a HARP Request for Work form (About Us - Forms) and submit it to [HWcares@hwmi.org](mailto:HWcares@hwmi.org). Or stop by the Rec Center to fill out a form.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Furlong: 248.581.2712 or [HWcares@hwmi.org](mailto:HWcares@hwmi.org).



HOME REPAIR

# RECREATION REGISTRATION

## ONLINE OR IN PERSON

Registration for Winter and Spring classes, events and specialty camps begins on **Wednesday, December 13 at 8:30 am** online at recreation.hwmi.org or at the Gillham Recreation Center

## NON-RESIDENT REGISTRATION

Many activities are available to non-residents after residents have had a chance to register. Unless otherwise noted, non-residents may register beginning December 27 for an additional fee. Special Events are residents only. An annual \$50 Facility Fee is assessed to non-residents participating in the Pre-K/3's Program, Fruit Camp, Hurricane Swim Team, indoor Pickleball and Lots for Tots.

## ROYAL OAK SECTION

Royal Oak Section residents are assessed the same fees as other Non-Residents (please see above) but are eligible to purchase a pool membership and participate in Latchkey for an additional fee over resident rates.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

A household account is required to use our online registration platform. Complete and submit a Household Information Form found online at [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org) (About Us - Forms) and submit to hwrec@hwmi.org or fill one out in person at the front desk. Once we have entered your data into our system, you are sent a password which will allow access to online registration. Proof of HW residency is required upon submittal.

If you are having difficulty registering online, please contact hwrec@hwmi.org or call 248.541.3030 during regular business hours (see page 11).

## EDITORIAL POLICY

Although the Parks and Recreation Department goes to great lengths to ensure that all information contained in this publication is accurate at the time of printing, errors occasionally occur and last minute changes in programs, classes and activities – such as dates, times and locations – may be necessary due to circumstances beyond our control. We apologize ahead of time for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

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## FEES

Registration costs listed in the Hometown Herald are for Huntington Woods residents.

## REFUND POLICIES

- **CAMPS:** Please see camp pages for refund policies.
- **CLASSES:** All requests for refunds must be made prior to the second class. A pro-rated refund will be withheld if one class session has already been held. In addition, a \$10 processing fee will be withheld for each cancellation. Material fees associated with a class are not refunded.
- **EVENTS/TRIPS:** In the event a trip does not require the purchase of tickets, 48 hour notice of cancellation is required in order to receive a refund. For trips involving tickets, no refunds will be given for cancellation once the tickets have been purchased, unless a replacement is found. Please inquire at the time you are requesting to cancel whether you will receive a refund. A \$5 service fee is retained on all refunds due to event/trip withdrawal.
- **SPECIAL EVENTS/WORKSHOPS:** Refunds are given up until one week prior to the start date. After that, no refunds are given unless a replacement is registered. A \$5 processing fee is withheld for each cancellation. Material fees associated with a workshop are not refunded.

## LATE DELIVERY

All Huntington Woods Hometown Heralds are mailed at the same time. For this reason, we cannot take responsibility for lost or late delivery. Please contact the Royal Oak post office with any delivery concerns.

## PHOTO/VIDEO AUTHORIZATION

The City of Huntington Woods respects your privacy. Please note that we do take pictures/videos at many of our public events. Our photographer is clearly identified. These pictures/videos may be used in print and social media by the City of Huntington Woods. If anyone does not want their picture/video taken or used by the City you can make your wishes known and we will make every effort to honor that request. If there is a picture/video on social media that includes you or a family member and you would like to have it removed, you can contact the City and we will make every effort to remove that photo/video.

## SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Should anyone require special accommodations to attend or participate in a Huntington Woods program or activity, please call 248.541.3030 at least 48 hours prior to the activity.

## SEASONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation Department will be accepting applications for summer employment beginning January 1. Applications and more information can be found online at [recreation.hwmi.org](http://recreation.hwmi.org).

### Aquatics: 15 years +

(Aquatic certification required prior to the season. HW will provide a certification opportunity in early Spring.)

### Fruit Camp: 17 years +