



h o m e t o w n HERALD

WINTER/SPRING 2025



MAYORS MEMO: BOB PAUL

I presented the 2024 State of the City address recently at the Berkley Area Chamber of Commerce annual event. Some of the highlights included the rankings we received during the last year - accolades such as being ranked in the Top 100: Best Places to Raise a Family, Buy a House and Best Suburb to Live in the United States. We also earned second and third place ratings in similar lists for the State of Michigan and Metro Detroit. We all know what a great place Huntington Woods is to live but it is always nice to hear that from outside sources!

I also talked about our aggressive investment in infrastructure during 2024. During the year we completed over five and a half million dollars in infrastructure improvements including 2.4 miles of roads, 5,600 feet of water main and 1,880 feet of new sewer. That brings the total spent on road, sewer and water improvements over the last 4 years to just over 13 million dollars. Going forward we are not slowing down with 2025 plans for road and water replacements on Parkwood and Newport as well as resurfacing on Scotia.

Another exciting addition to our roads in 2025 will be a new traffic light at City Hall – 11 Mile Rd and Mortensen – this will not only calm traffic but create a safe pedestrian cross walk for everyone, especially our children walking to Berkley High School.

The City Commission is currently in the process of reviewing all our parks and evaluating improvements and changes to aesthetics and function to better fit in the community and promote usage by our residents. We hope to have our plan ready to forward to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for their review and input in the next couple of months.

Finally, please take a moment to save the date of Saturday, April 26, 2025 for the 44th annual Huntington Woods Men’s Club Auction. It is always the best party of the year and a great time to re-connect after a long winter with many of your neighbors and friends.

Your Mayor,

Bob Paul

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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 hours 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, the Public Safety Department is able to send text message (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. The Alert Form for Dispatchers is located on the City's website at 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. 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 baggies. Needles are not accepted and all liquid must be sealed.

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

SAFE HAVEN

DPS is offering 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

DPS

12755 W. Eleven Mile Road
248.541.1180
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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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 part in the transactions unless something gave rise to their involvement.

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

**PLEASE BRING
PROOF OF
RABIES
VACCINATION.**

\$8 Neutered | \$15 Non-Neutered

CITY NOTES

2024 WINTER TAXES AND WATER BILL PAYMENTS

The 2024 Winter taxes were mailed to those homeowners without an escrow account on November 30, 2024. 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, 2025. Non-receipt of the bill does not negate the owner's responsibility to pay. Taxes for those who were eligible for the summer tax deferment are also due in full on February 14, 2025. Any 2024 property tax bills not paid by February 28, 2025 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 or by calling the Treasurer's office at **248 541.4300, ext 639**.

2025 CHANGE OF ASSESSMENT NOTICES

The 2025 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 2025 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.

City Hall

26815 Scotia Road
248.541.4300
www.hwmi.org

CITY OFFICES HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Closed for lunch from 1:00 - 2:00 pm
BUILDING CLOSED
December 24, 25, 31, January 1

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
Allie Sutton, Administrative Asst./ Communications, x633
Francesco Ferrara, Building Dept., x641
Inspections, x635

44th ANNUAL HWMC SERVICE AUCTION

The 2024 Auction was once again the Event of the Year! This year will be just as excellent. The 44th Annual HWMC Service Auction will be an in-person event at the Gillham Recreation Center on April 26, 2025.

SAVE THE DATE - APRIL 26, 2025

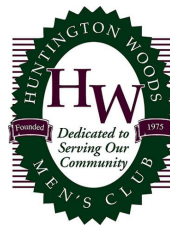
We know you LOVE this event, so TICKET SALES will open on March 1, 2025. Tickets will be limited, and this event has traditionally sold out. So, get your tickets early by visiting HWMC.org/auction on March 1, 2025.

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 or contact the 2025 gift chair directly at 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 2025 HWMC Auction Catalog at HWMC.org/auction or contact the 2025 ad chair directly at hwmc.ads.auction@gmail.com.

Please support the 2025 HWMC Auction. All proceeds are reinvested back into this community. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, April 26, 2025. Watch for Auction tickets to go on sale on March 1, 2025 @ HWMC.org/auction.



OFF TO THE RACES

Saturday, March 8, 2025
7:00 - 10:30 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 and the Berkley School District. 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: desserts, late night snacks, simulated horse racing, mobile silent auction and a cash bar.

Tickets: \$50/person.
Buy online starting in December 2024:
www.BerkleyEdFoundation.org

Interested in becoming a sponsor? Call 248.837.8095

LIBRARY

We proudly serve the residents of Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge. As a member of The Library Network (TLN) we provide access to more than 4 million books and other items from more than 50 Detroit-area libraries. Come and see what your library can do for you!

HWPL BOOK DISCUSSION

Fourth Monday

7:30 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 to get the Zoom link.

KNITTING AND CROCHET GROUP

Fourth Wednesday

6:30 - 8:00 pm | Friends Room

All fiber arts welcome.

HOTSPOTS

Need internet in a remote area? Check out a hotspot for 7 days!

VITAL VOICES BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday

11:00 am | Friends Room

The Vital Voices book discussion focuses on different population groups or geographic regions of the world. We read both fiction and non-fiction in an effort to better understand our amazing world and the many different people who live here.

Library

26415 Scotia Road
248.543.9720
www.huntingtonwoodslib.org

LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thurs: 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday/Sunday: 10:00 am - 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 Librarians - Shannon Rourke, Gillian Demeter
Clerks - Carrie Danaher, Karen Dubrinsky, Lucille Evans, Rebecca Kinney, Jason Klamm, Cosmo Krom, Judy Schram, Callum Stoy Pages - XiXi Alexander, Matthew Linn, Keira Mullane, Sophia Snell, Rachael Wychyuse

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Beth Applebaum, Eliza Bressack, Michelle Curtin, Mary Foreman, Judy Goldsmith, Bridget McKinley, Angie Povilaitis, and Barbara White

Library Board meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm
The public is welcome.

THE WOODS GALLERY



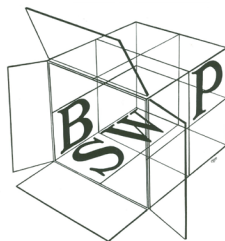
**Woods
Gallery**

are 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.

The Woods Gallery is located in the lower level of the Huntington Woods Library and features rotating artists for the pleasure of our residents. Hours



THE BIRMINGHAM SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS

January 12 - February 27

*Artists' Reception: Thursday, January 16
6:00 - 8:00 pm*

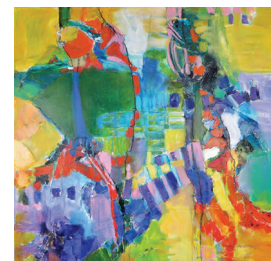
A new juried exhibit of works in oil, acrylic, watercolor and pastel selected from this talented group of over 50 women artists from all over southeastern Michigan. This popular group returns with their latest landscapes, florals, portraits and abstracts.

ACRYLIC PAINTINGS OF VERONICA SCHADEN

March 2 - April 25

*Artists' Reception: Thursday, March 6
6:00 - 8:00 pm*

Veronica's color sense is mesmerizing. Her large abstract canvases incorporate drawing along with smaller, painted shapes on brightly colored canvases. Veronica has a background in collage, papermaking and printmaking as well as painting. She has taught art and has participated in many regional art exhibits.



ADULT PROGRAMMING

All of our programs are free for participants thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Huntington Woods Library. While registration is not required, it is preferred. Most adult programs begin at 6:30pm.

ART SERIES WITH SUSAN FOX

Select Saturdays | 1:00 pm
January 11, February 14,
March 14

Join artist Susan Fox for a new art project each month. Watch for details in the eblast and on the Library's website. Registration required.

CELL PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Thursday, January 23 | 6:30 pm

Have a cell phone and want to take better pictures with it? Photographer, Linda Piasecki, will give you hints and tips on how to improve your cell phone photography so you can make those shots shine and become memorable pictures to share with friends and maybe even frame. Linda will leave time for Q and A at the end of her presentation.



HISTORY OF "BLACK BOTTOM" PRESENTED BY DETROIT'S HISTORIAN, JAMON JORDAN

Wednesday, February 12 | 6:00 pm

Jamon Jordan, Detroit's first official historian, will be here to discuss the historical and cultural significance of the area known as Black Bottom. When Mr. Jordan spoke on this topic last February, we quickly realized there is still much more to explore.



So whether you were able to attend Mr. Jordan's excellent presentation last year or not, you won't want to miss this one!

MET COLLEGE SAVINGS PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 5
6:30 pm

Got a teen? A toddler? It's never too early (or too late) to think about planning for your child's college education. The Michigan Department of Education will discuss the excellent MET college savings program as well as a number of other ways to save for your child's education.



HISTORIAN: ROBBIE TERMAN

Thursday, March 20 | 6:30 pm

The one hundred years between 1850 and 1950 proved to be a very active and significant time for the Jewish population of Detroit. Archivist and historian Robbie Terman will discuss the contributions of this significant population.

BOOGIE WOOGIE KID - MATTHEW BALL

Thursday, April 10 | 6:30 pm

Ragtime music is often a favorite of many people and local pianist Mathew Ball is one of the best. Join the Boogie Woogie Kid for an evening of musical fun.

GET COZY CHALLENGE

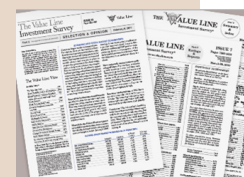
February 15 - March 15

Back by popular demand! The adult reading Get Cozy Challenge will be held February 15 - March 15, 2025. Everyone who signs up will get a bag with some cozy treats and a chance to win a prize at the end of the reading challenge. Get ready to get cozy!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE LIBRARY'S DIGITAL LIBRARY

You now can use the **Value Line** investment online database at home. VL gives you access to stock information, company financial data, and VL's esteemed newsletter – all free with your library card.



Like comics or manga? With **Comics Plus** and your HWPL library card, you have access to thousands of comics and manga books with no borrowing limits and no waiting. Download the Comics Plus app or click on the link on our website under Digital Library.



Winter is a great time for arts and crafts and **Creativebug** has free ideas, classes, and pattern downloads to keep you busy until it's gardening season again.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

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early literacy activities. Craft to follow. Stay to play or do a scavenger hunt! Open to all ages 0 - 5. No registration required.

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

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.



PRESCHOOL STEAM TEAM
6 weekly sessions
Thurs., 10:30 - 11:00 am
January 9, 16, 23, 30
February 1, 8

The Preschool STEAM TEAM is play-based learning that teaches STEAM concepts such as Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math. Caregivers and children will build, count, sort, classify, imagine, and more at learning center tables that build early learning skills! Preschool STEAM TEAM requires parent participation at each learning center and is best suited for ages 2 - 5. Drop in. No registration required.

VALENTINE'S STORY TIME AND DANCE PARTY

Tuesday, February 11
10:30 am
Love is in the air! Get ready for a love themed story time, craft, and dance party made especially for preschoolers! Ideal for ages 2 - 5. No registration required.



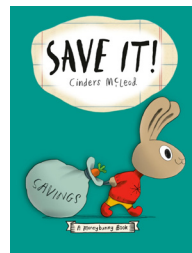
MARCH IS READING MONTH MAGIC SHOW: THE MAGIC OF READING
STARRING **BAFFLING BILL AND FEATURING GUS THE BUNNY**
Saturday, March 8
10:30am

Baffling Bill ignites your imagination with this show featuring optical illusions, magic, and audience participation to encourage and teach the importance of reading. Ideal for children 5 - 12. Registration is required.



FINANCIAL LITERACY STORY TIME FOR TODDLERS

Tuesday, April 8 at 10:30 am
Join Ms. Shannon for a charming introduction to simple money concepts in which a little bunny learns about the power and satisfaction that come with earning and saving money. This year's selected book is a crowd favorite, Cinders McLeod's Save It and each family will receive a free copy of the book! Registration is required.



APRIL IS FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH FEATURING VIBE CREDIT UNION

Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30 pm
Join us for story time with Owl + Otter and learn all about the Basics of Savings! This educational event is designed for young children. Ideal for school aged children ages 5 - 10.



TEEN/TWEEN PROGRAMMING

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. Visit the library website at huntingtonwoodslib.org to reserve your space.



PRACTICE SAT TEST

Saturday, January 25 | 1:00 pm

Calling all TEENS! Please bring a laptop, the practice test will be online. You can view your scores

online at sylvanprep.com. HW library now offers the practice test in both January and September. Check the library website for more details. For grades 9 - 12. Registration is required.

FEAR FACTOR FOOD CHALLENGE

Thursday, February 6 | 6:15 - 7:00 pm

For tweens/teens. Challenge yourself with a frightening feast and whoever eats everything will win. Bring your friends. The winner will receive a candy bar and a trophy. Please let us know if you have dietary restrictions. Registration is required.



NERF GAMES

Thursday, March 13 | 7:30 - 9:00 pm

This is an after hours event for tweens/teens. Bring your friends



and try to out-wit and out-blast the competition during Mobile NERF Games! A variety of games will be played including Capture The Flag, Eliminator and Protect The VIP. Snacks will be provided! Registration is required.

APRIL FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH - BASICS OF MONEY MANAGEMENT PRESENTED BY VIBE CREDIT UNION

Wednesday, April 9 | 4:30pm

Join us to learn how to be financially responsible in the most delicious way. Following we will play trivia to earn essential knowledge and a full size candy bar! For grades 6 - 8. Registration is required.



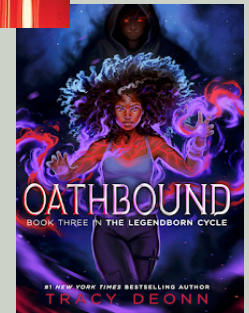
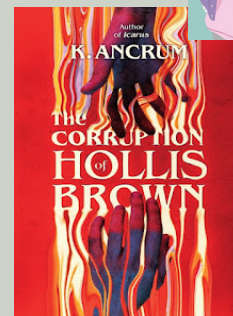
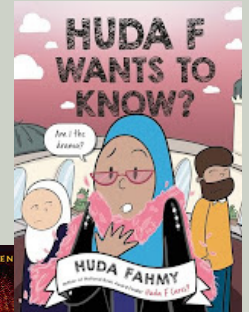
COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 23 | 6:00 pm

Learn tips and strategies for writing your college application essay from

a professional writing consultant. For grades 9 - 12. Registration is required.

Check out these YA releases in 2025



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

DPW

12795 W. Eleven Mile Rd
Phone: 248.547.1888
hwdpw@hwmf.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 Shea

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. 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.



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
- Plastic bags can be returned to Target, Kroger and Kohls stores located immediately north of the Drop-off Center, in the Meijer store immediately east of the Drop-off Center and at other Target, Kroger, Kohls and Meijer stores in the area. Please visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org to find retail locations in your zip code.

Battery Disposal: Please put a small piece of tape (any kind) over both ends of batteries before bringing them to SOCRRA as a household hazardous waste.

RECYCLING, YARD WASTE & TRASH - TUESDAYS

HOLIDAY TRASH DELAYS: This year, trash collection is not delayed for any of the Fall/Winter holidays, including New Year's Day 2025.
The final collection of bagged yard waste is Tuesday, December 10.



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.)
- **Paper**, including envelopes with windows, a staple or two. Shredded paper should go in a thick, clear plastic bag (available at DPW) and placed inside the recycling cart. *Unshredded paper has a higher value, so only shred paper that has sensitive information.*
- **Plastic containers** (including "clamshell" and thermoform packaging). If it once held something, it's a container. Plastic caps can stay on their containers.
- **Metal cans**, including aerosol cans.
- **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. 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 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 8, 2025.

If you experience problems with collection, please contact the DPW at 248.547.1888 or email 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, 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
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 24, 25, 31, January 1

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Tracy Shanley, Director

Bridget Levine, Asst. Recreation Director

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Jennifer Furlong, HW Cares Sr Outreach

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Julie Brooks, Ben Barckholtz, Sally Mace,

Marcy Peters, Marva Watkins, Lisa

Zimmerman, Front Desk

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Ben Black, Joe Egan, Naomi Loeb,

Erica Just, Mark Feiler, Sarah

MacDonald, Suzie Potter

Recreation Advisory Board

meets the last Tuesday

of each month at 7:00 pm

The public is welcome.

WINTER & SPRING CLASS SESSION, 2025

The winter session begins Monday, January 6. 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 11 at 8:30 am** online at 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 years

Wednesdays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Session 1: Jan. 8 - 29

Session 2: Feb. 5 - March 5

(no class 2/19)

Session 3: March 12 - April 9

(no class 3/26)

Session 4: April 16 - May 7

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

PRESCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Ages: 3 - 5 years

6 weeks/session

Tuesdays, 12:00 - 12:50 PM

Session 1: Jan. 7 - Feb. 25

(no class 1/21, 2/18)

Session 2: March 4 - April 15

(no class 3/25)

Session 3: April 22 - June 3

(no class 5/6)

Instructor: Jump-A-Rama

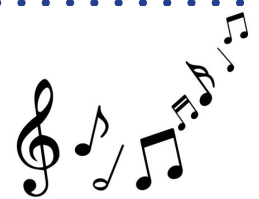
In this fun and friendly environment, children will learn gymnastic skills and stunts that encourage self-confidence and coordination.

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: \$133/8 week session



BABY BEATS (with parent/caregiver)

Ages: 3 months - 18 months

Wed. 10:00 - 10:45 am | Thurs. 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

Wed. 9:00 - 9:45 am | Thurs. 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. 8 - March 5 (no class 2/19)

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

THURSDAYS

Winter: Jan. 9 - March 6 (no class 2/20)

Spring: April 3 - May 29 (no class 5/8)

JUMP-A-RAMA

*Please note: An additional time has been added

Ages: 1 - 4 years
6 weeks/session
Tuesdays, 10:00 - 10:55 am or
11:00 am - 11:55 am
Session 1: Jan. 7 - Feb. 25
(no class 1/21, 2/18)

Session 2: March 4 - April 15 (no
class 3/25)

Session 3: April 22 - June 3
(no class 5/6)
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

KIDCREATE STUDIO: READY, SET, MESS!

Ages: 18 months - 4 years
Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am
4 weeks: Jan. 25 - Feb. 15
In this class, get ready to get
messy with some of our most
fun projects! Your little one will
love getting messy with mosaics,
creating with clay, and painting in
wacky ways. We'll even make our
own puffy paint so we can paint
yummy-looking ice cream cones
on real canvas boards. Get ready,
get set, and let's go make a MESS!
Children must be accompanied
by a caregiver.
Cost: \$80

KIDDIE SPORTS

Ages: 4 - 6 years
Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Session 1 (8 weeks): Jan. 16 -
March 13 (no class 2/20)
Session 2 (6 weeks): April 10 -
May 15
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: \$133/\$101

Huntington Woods Parks and Recreation 2025 - 2026 PRESCHOOL AND PRE-K PROGRAMS

HWP&R Preschools follow the Burton school calendar, September - May.
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 September 1 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 for more information.

PreK PROGRAM

Children who are 4 years old by September 1 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 for more information.

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House is planned for **February
13, 2025 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm**. Registration
begins that evening for Huntington Woods
residents. A \$70 registration fee will be due
once enrolled.
Non-resident registration begins February 20,
2025 if space is available.

Email Vicki or Colleen if you are interested in
attending.



LOTS FOR TOTS DROP-IN PLAY IN THE GYM

Fridays, 10:00 am - noon
Ages: Up to 5 yrs with an adult
(Ends May 2)

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. No membership fee. Scan keytag at the front desk prior to entering
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.

YOUTH CLASSES

CERTIFIED BABYSITTER/CPR/ FIRST AID AND SAFE HOME ALONE

Ages 9+

Sunday, Jan. 19, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Held at the Gillham Recreation Center

Wednesday, March 5, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Held at the Berkley Community Center

Instructor: Live Safe Academy

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/

Cost: \$75/\$55

PET SITTER - ADD ON COURSE TO CERTIFIED BABYSITTER

Sunday, January 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Held at the Gillham Recreation Center

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

4 weeks: Jan. 8 - 29

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. HW residents/Grandfathered RO Section only. No lottery will be held.

Cost: \$130 (materials included)

BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC with PISTONS ACADEMY

Grades: 2 - 5

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

6 weeks: March 12 - April 23 (no class 3/26)

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 March 5.**

Cost: \$105

BRIXOLOGY

Grades: 1 - 5

Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

8 weeks: Jan. 16 - March 13 (no class 2/20)

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, 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

LATCHKEY REGISTRATION 2025 - 2026

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 8
Tuesday, April 15**

**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.

CARTOON DRAWING WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Grades: TK - 5

Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

6 weeks: April 14 - May 19

Got a little jokester with a knack for drawing? Then our Young Rembrandts Cartoon class is perfect for them! They'll get to bring inanimate objects to life, turning the Sun and Moon into hilarious cartoon characters. A funny Bird Feeding Sequence will have them mastering the art of visual storytelling, and our colorful Forest Animals will be bursting with personality! Give your child the gift of laughter, learning, and artistry—enroll them in our Cartoon class today! Cost: \$101

CHEER/DANCE/POM

Grades: TK - 5

Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Winter (8 weeks): Jan 17 - March 14 (no class 2/21)

Spring (7 weeks): April 11 - June 6 (no class 4/18, 4/25)

Instructor: Coach Brooke

Get ready for a workout! Join Coach Brooke and learn routines, 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/\$96

CHEER/DANCE/POM - RETURNING STUDENTS

Grades: 3 - 5

Fridays, 3:30 - 5:15 pm

Winter (8 weeks): Jan 17 - March 14 (no class 2/21)

Spring (7 weeks): April 11 - June 6 (no class 4/18, 4/25)

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/\$131

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, this will be fully outlined in schedule)

January 27 - March 31 (no games on 2/17 & 3/24)

Gillham Recreation Center Gym

- Pillo Polo is like floor hockey, only the sticks are cushioned (like giant Q-Tips!). There are no practices, and games are 40 minutes long, played in a league format.
- Players will receive a game schedule and a T-shirt to wear to every game
- Team placements will be emailed in mid-January, and specific team requests cannot be met. Players also participating in latchkey, will have time for a snack before latchkey staff drop them off for games.

This league relies on Volunteer Parent Coaches! Please indicate your interest in coaching during registration and include your email.

Register by January 5 | Cost: \$95, includes t-shirt



POWER OF DRAWING WITH YOUNG REMBRANDTS

Grades: TK - 5

Mondays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

8 weeks: Jan. 13 - March 17 (no class 1/20, 2/17)

Transform afterschool into an adventure of art and discovery with Young Rembrandts! Your elementary-aged artist will explore basic composition with the Fish Below Ice project and they will travel to the Great Wall of China right from their seat. Sports fans will cheer for our Hockey Player drawing, while budding historians can learn about the master strokes of Leonardo Da Vinci and Franz Marc's Blue Horse. It's a season filled with creativity and learning—perfect for enhancing your child's drawing and coloring expertise. Enroll your young creator today! Cost: \$133

GYMNASTICS

Grades: TK - 5

Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:20 pm

Session 1: Jan. 7 - Feb. 25 (no class 1/21, 2/18)

Session 2: March 4 - April 15 (no

class 3/25)

Session 3: April 22 - June 3 (no class 5/6)

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

KARATE FOR KIDS

Ages 5 - 14

Mondays, 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Instructor: Sanchin-Ryu

Session 1: Jan. 27 - March 10 (no class 2/17)

Session 2: April 7 - May 12

Instructor: Sanchin-Ryu

Some of the topics and lessons covered include: Handling stranger-danger and bullies, building a positive self-image, navigating peer pressure and circumventing it, developing self-control, both physically and emotionally, and how to improve your concentration. Cost: \$42/6 week session

FAMILY KARATE

Ages 5+
Mondays, 7:15 - 8:00 pm
Session 1: Jan. 27 - March 10 (no class 2/17)
Session 2: April 7 - May 12
Instructor: Sanchin-Ryu
This activity provides an opportunity for the entire family to participate in a way that does not have a negative impact on the pocketbook. Features lessons on family safety and protection, how to avoid conflict using awareness and communication and drills and exercises.
Cost: \$84/family's 6 week session

KIDCREATE STUDIO: FROSTY FUN

Grades: TK - 5
Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
4 weeks: January 10 - 31
Let's get artsy this winter! In this creative class you'll be able to whip up a flurry of projects full of frosty fun. From making your own snow globe to designing your own winter wonderland scenes, the possibilities are endless. With a variety of materials at your disposal and guidance from our instructors, you'll be amazed at what you can create. Come warm up with us and bring some artistic joy to this chilly season!
Cost: \$85

KIDCREATE STUDIO: KAWAII CUTE

Grades: TK - 5
Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
4 weeks: Feb. 7 - March 7 (no class 2/21)
Are you ready for some serious cuteness? You are going to love creating these Kawaii-style projects that are so cute they'll make everyone go "Awww!" We'll be using clay, paint, and Model Magic as we make these adorable masterpieces that emphasize the true quality of cuteness. We will make a teeny tiny succulent garden, draw a happy avocado, and sculpt a teddy bear macaroon that is just cute as can be!
Cost: \$85

KIDCREATE STUDIO: LET'S DRAW, PAINT AND SCULPT

Grades: TK - 5
Fridays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
4 weeks: April 4 - May 9 (no class 4/18, 4/25)
You asked for it, so here it is—a class with all that art has to offer and more! Your child will love experimenting with many different materials while learning lots of new techniques. We'll learn to draw a wacky llama, and we'll sculpt and paint a box full of delicious-looking donuts. We'll even create one of our most popular projects—a snow globe! Parents, you'll need to make space on the fridge and the mantle for these amazing works of art!
Cost: \$85

KNITTING CLUB

Grades: 2 - 6
Fridays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm
January 10, 24, February 7, 28, March 7, 14, April 4, 11
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 US10, and one skein of worsted weight yarn in any color, preferably in a wool or wool blend.
Crochet: 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

TEE BALL-to-COACH PITCH BASEBALL LEAGUE

CURRENT TK/KINDERGARTEN & 1ST GRADE

- Practices begin in late April and the season runs May - June.
- Games are played on Monday and/or Thursday evenings (6:30 pm) and Saturday mornings on Burton Field.
- Practices are arranged by the coach. Days may vary throughout the season.
- First games are teeball and players will transition to coach pitched when ready.
- Shirts and caps will be provided for each player. White baseball pants preferred for games.

PARENT COACHES ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!

This league runs thanks to Volunteer Parent Coaches! We prefer parents to sign up in pairs (a coach and an assistant), but if a parent signs up alone, we can pair them with another coach. Please indicate your interest in coaching when registering your child and include your email address.



**SAVE THE DATE:
OPENING DAY IS
SATURDAY, MAY 3,
9:00 AM**

**REGISTRATION &
CONCUSSION WAIVER
REQUIRED BY
SUNDAY, MARCH 23
Cost: \$95**

LACROSSE

Tuesdays

Session 1: Dec. 10 - Jan. 28
(no class 12/24, 12/31)

Session 2: Feb. 4 - March 11

Grades 1 - 4: 7:00 - 7:55 pm

Grades 5 - 8: 8:00 - 8:55 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 - STEM ODYSSEY

Grades: TK - 5

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Instructor: Mad Science Detroit

8 weeks: Jan. 15 - March 12 (no class 2/19)

In this STEM program, kids explore a variety of introductory topics and learn about the wonders of both the life and physical sciences. They explore themes and answer questions like "What makes your hair stand up?", "Is it a magnet or magic?", and "Just what are carbs, anyway?".

Cost: \$185

MAD SCIENCE - CRAZY CHEMWORKS

Grades: TK - 5

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

8 weeks: April 2 - May 21

Instructor: Mad Science Detroit

In this program, jr scientists will make goopy slime, experiment with different reactions and learn to use the tools that chemists use. Polymers and catalysts are only two of the fascinating concepts young scientists explore in this thrilling trip through the chemistry lab! At the end of every class, they take home an educational toy that extends the learning experience!

Cost: \$185

MAD SCIENCE - SCIENCE SURPRISE

Grades: TK - 5

Thursdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

8 weeks: April 3 - May 22

Instructor: Mad Science Detroit

You can encounter science anywhere - the world is your laboratory! Whether you're in the kitchen, outside, or watching a movie; there is science going on behind the scenes. Join us for some amazingly fun science.

Cost: \$185

NINJA TRAINING

Grades: TK - 5

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:20 pm

Session 1: Jan. 7 - Feb. 25

(no class 1/21, 2/18)

Session 2: March 4 - April 15

(no class 3/25)

Session 3: April 22 - June 3

(no class 5/6)

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

8 weeks: Jan. 7 - March 4

(no class 2/18)

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

ADULT/CHILD POTTERY CLASS

4 weeks: April 8 - 29

Tues., 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Instructor: Alice Ham

Enjoy an evening of working together and exploring new pottery techniques while creating homemade, unique gifts.

Cost: \$145 per pair

SELF DEFENSE FOR CHILDREN

Ages 6 - 11

Tuesday, May 20, 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
 Cost: \$20

VOLLEYBALL

Grades: 3 - 6
 Thursdays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
 Session 1 (8 weeks): Jan. 16 - March 13 (no class 2/20)
 Session 2 (6 weeks): April 10 - May 15
 Instructor: Leisure Unlimited LLC,
 Coach Jo Schirtzinger (a former Class A High School volleyball coach and 10-year MHSAA volleyball official).
 Learn fundamentals such as bumping, passing, spiking, setting, blocking and digging. Students will practice these skills in scrimmages to enhance their skills and game comprehension. Players advance at their own pace. Join the fun!
 Balls provided. Knee pads suggested. Wear gym shoes and bring a water bottle. For info: www.leisureunlimited.net
 Cost: \$133/\$101



FIRST SERVE TENNIS INDOOR TENNIS & PICKLEBALL GILLHAM RECREATION CENTER GYM

TENNIS, KIDS AND ADULTS

Classes will be run by certified USPTA First Serve tennis instructors. Participants will learn technique, tactics, sportsmanship, vocabulary and gain match play experience. All aspects of this program will be age-appropriate to increase your child's learning curve and make learning the game of tennis fun.

Saturdays

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

Session 1: January 11 - February 15, 6 weeks, \$112

Session 2: February 22 - March 15, 4 weeks, \$75

Session 3: April 5 - May 10 (no class 4/19, 4/26) 4 weeks, \$75

ADULT PICKLEBALL

Thursdays, 4 weeks per session (\$112)

Intro to Pickleball 9:00 - 10:30 am

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

Intermediate Pickleball Drill Session 10:30 am - noon

A fast-paced drill session for players from 2.5-3.5 level, or 20 hours of playing experience. Gain instruction on specific shots, techniques and 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!

Session 1: January 23 - February 13

Session 2: February 27 - March 20

Session 3: April 3 - 24

HUNTINGTON WOODS ADULT DOUBLES PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, March 16 12:00 - 3:00 pm

Register by Friday, March 14

A fun, friendly community-based pickleball tournament. Two divisions, beginner and advanced. Register as individual players. For doubles, please indicate if you have a partner during registration, and who they are. If you do not have one, we will match you with a partner. Players must have prior knowledge of the rules, scorekeeping, and amicable conflict resolution, as we will not have referees. Open to players rated 3.0-4.0 or equivalent, though you do not need an established rating to enter. \$35/player.

REGISTER AT RECREATION.HWMI.ORG

Contact Coach Chip with any questions.

chipfazio@gmail.com

313.670.3277 | [facebook.com/firstservemi](https://www.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 Jeff Nowaske- Cubs Director
jeff@liteam.com
Facebook: @BerkleyDadsClub / @BerkleyCubs
Website: berkleydadsclub.net

MOM'S CLUB SOFTBALL

*Spring Season runs April - July
Registration starts in February*

Contact: Corrina Campbell 248.255.6263 or
Berkleysoftball@gmail.com
Website: BerkleySoftball.com
Facebook Page: Berkley Moms Club Softball
Travel Softball U10 - U16: Berkley Burn
Facebook page: Berkley Burn Softball

STEELERS FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING

Season runs August - November

Football GM: Scott Rowlett, 248.229.3420 or
berkleystealersfbc@gmail.com
Cheerleading GM: Michelle Rowlett,
248.224.2743 or berkleysteelercheer@gmail.com
Website: berkleystealers.net

BERKLEY HOOPS YOUTH BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Boys & Girls TK - 12
TK - 3rd Grade Fall Season (Oct. - Dec.)
Boys 4th-6th, Girls 4th - 8th (Nov. - March)
Boys 7th-12th, Girls 9th-12th (Feb - April)
Registration starts Sept. 1st at BerkleyHoops.org
Contact: Scott Rowlett at FANS@BerkleyHoops.org

SOCS YOUTH SOCCER

Community based recreation soccer for kids ages 2 - 19, where kids play soccer with their friends, neighbors and classmates!

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 2

Returning swimmers will receive registration materials via email and may register in person or online. Returning swimmers registering after March 2nd 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 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 Begins Mon., March 3
BSD Non Resident Begins Mon., March 17

Please do not attempt to register before your assigned time. If an inaccurate registration occurs, you will be refunded and asked to register 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 23, 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
Monday, May 12, 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, **Monday, May 12, 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 Snively at hwacswimteam@gmail.com or visit www.hwacswimming.org.

TEENS/ADULTS/SENIORS

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC FIRST AID/CPR/AED

Tuesday, January 28, 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

DANCE FITNESS

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Session 1: Jan. 7 - March 4
(no class on 2/18)

Session 2: March 18 - May 20
(no class on 3/25, 5/6)
Instructor: Paisley McGee
Join us for some fun with upbeat music tempos and dance moves that will work out your entire body. Fitness with a sprinkle of dance will help your personality shine brightly! Let's get you moving with a smile and a purpose. Beginner-friendly - all levels welcome.

Cost: \$125/8 week session or drop in \$18/class

KARATE & SELF-DEFENSE

Ages: 14+

Mondays, 8:00 - 8:45 pm
Session 1: Jan. 27 - March 10
(no class 2/17)

Session 2: April 7 - May 12
Instructor: Sanchin-Ryu
Equip yourself with the confidence and abilities you need to stay safe! Learn how to read an environment for threats, think and be proactive, what to do if you are attacked and how to generate power so that no matter "how big they are" you can protect yourself.

Cost: \$42/ 6 week session



INDOOR DROP-IN PICKLEBALL

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
9:00 am - 12:00 pm (4 Courts)

SATURDAYS (2 Courts)
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 under facilities>gym. When school is closed, Pickleball is not held. Schedule subject to change. Pickleball is not available: 1/1, 1/20, 2/17, 2/19, 3/24, 3/26.

HW RESIDENTS

12-month membership: \$40
Unlimited indoor play membership loaded on to your key tag. Scan tag at the front desk prior to play.
Drop-in: \$2 per visit.

NON-RESIDENTS

Drop-in: \$50 Facility Fee + \$4 per visit.
Drop in fees must be paid at the front desk prior to play.

MAH JONGG

Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm
4 weeks: Feb. 26 - March 19
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

Thursdays, 7:00 - 9:00pm
14 weeks: Feb. 6 - May 29
(no basketball on 2/20, 3/27, 4/24)
Sundays, 9:00 - 11:00 am
11 weeks: Feb. 9 - May 18
(no basketball on 3/23, 3/30, 4/20, 4/27)
Drop-in men's basketball at the Recreation Center Gym. Registration fills up fast!
Cost: \$78 (Thursdays) / \$60 (Sundays)

NOURISH FROM WITHIN

Thursdays, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Winter: January 9 - March 20 (no class 2/20)
Spring: April 3 - May 29

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: \$125/\$118 or \$15 drop in per class

LEARN TO PAINT LIKE BOB ROSS

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Ages 13+
January 15, February 12, March 12, April 16, May 14 (Register for each day individually)
Join certified instructor Ted Simpson, as he guides you through a complete oil painting in just a few hours. Paint fluffy clouds, strong mountains and of course, happy little trees! No experience is required and ALL supplies are included to make your masterpiece. Price is per date.
Cost: \$70

SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Tuesday, May 20, 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

STRENGTH

Fridays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Session 1: Jan. 10 - March 7

(no class 2/21)

Session 2 (mini session 5 weeks):
May 2 - 30

Instructor: Paisley McGee
Guide through progressive strength and core training with a gentle approach towards building muscle, conditioning, and mobility. All levels welcome - will modify any routine to fit your needs.

Cost: \$125 (8 weeks) /\$80 (5 weeks) or drop in \$18/class

TAI CHI

Thursdays, 11:00 - 12:00 noon

Winter: January 16 - March 13
(no class 2/20)

Spring: April 3 - May 22

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

REBECCA'S ENERGIZING YOGA

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Winter: January 8 - March 19 (no class 2/19)

Spring: April 2 - June 4

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



Intermediate Level Volleyball

Wednesdays

6:00 - 8:45 pm

January 8 - March 5

Indoor Pickleball

Sundays

11:45 AM - 2:45 PM

Jan 12 - March 2

(no pickleball 2/9)

Huntington Woods residents are given member rates! Full teams, small groups, or free agents welcome.

Register online at:
spscdetroit.com

OAK PARK & BARK DOG PARK

Location: 21950 Scotia,
Oak Park

Hours: 7:00 am - 9:00 pm (closed on Mondays, 8:00 am - 11:00am for maintenance).

Oak Park Recreation is now accepting applications for residents and non-Oak Park residents to join their dog park.

Non-Oak Park Residents: **\$65**



OAK PARK & BARK DOG PARK

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR
OAK PARK & BARK NOW!



SCAN ABOVE TO APPLY!

Find more information at
oakparkmi.gov/departments/recreation/oak_park_bark

Call the Oak Park Recreation Department with questions at
248-691-7555

Teen/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 2025

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 16 – Bingo Party

February 6

March 6 - Pajamas & Ice Cream Bar

March 20

April 3

April 17 – 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) 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.

TEENS ON THE TOWN

TEEN BINGO NIGHT AT THE REC!

Friday, January 10

Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm

Grades: 6 - 12; HW residents only
Come and join your friends for some BINGO...teen style. Prizes will be given to Bingo winners and a great time will be had by all! We will also enjoy some snacks and pop. What a great way to spend a cold January evening in HW!
Cost: \$10.00 per person

ROCK PAINTING AND PANCAKES

Friday, February 7

Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm

Grades: 6 - 12; HW residents only
Come to the Gillham Recreation Center and paint some rocks and eat some pancakes! We will have all sorts of rocks for you to choose from to paint and make into amazing works of art. Remember during Covid when people painted rocks and then placed them out in the world for others to find? Let's bring that back...or keep them for yourselves! Rocks, paint, paint supplies and some delicious pancakes will be provided.
Cost: \$15.00 per person



HWTC

Parks & Recreation

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Mia Mracna

Middle School Liaison

Gray Pitcoff, Amelia Daniylew

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Representative & Public Relations

Ava Guerra

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM!



Scan the QR code with your smartphone's camera!

PRE-LEAD MINI-WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 23, 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 17. NO late registrations accepted.

EVENTS & TRIPS

REGISTRATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS/TRIPS: Registration begins December 11 online and at the Gillham Recreation Center. Non-residents may register for trips at an additional \$5/trip beginning December 23 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

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: FOOTLOOSE + KRUSE & MUER

*Wednesday, January 22,
10:30 am - 4:30 pm*

Reg. required by Dec. 20.

First stop is lunch at Kruse & Muer where your lunch selection will be pre-ordered, then on to the show! The explosive movie musical bursts onto the live stage! With dynamic new songs augmenting the powerhouse hits from its bestselling Oscar-nominated score, Footloose celebrates the exhilaration of youth, the wisdom of listening to

one another, and the power of forgiveness.

Cost: \$80 (includes ticket & lunch)

FEBRUARY

SWEETHEART DANCE

Friday, February 7, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Reg. required by Jan. 31.

Grab your sweetheart (parent, grandparent, someone special etc.) for a night of dancing, photos, crafts and life long memories! Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome but geared towards children 5th grade and under.

Cost: \$18 per person

CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM: BEHIND-THE-SCENES COLLECTIONS WING TOUR

Wednesday, February 12, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Reg. required by Feb. 5.

See a selection of the 7,500+ items in Cranbrook's extensive collection in their state-of-the-art storage facility. Have you ever wondered where all of the artwork lives when it's not on display? Or thought about how it is moved from place to place? The Collections Wing opened in late 2011, making Cranbrook one of the first museums in the world to allow public access to its storage facilities.

Cost: \$35

GETTING STARTED WITH TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY: PRESENTED BY JEFF AISEN

Thursday, February 13, 7:00 pm

Come and learn how to take your vacation photos from boring snapshots to WOW photographs. Learn the #1 secret of better photos, the rule of thirds, composition tips, and travel tips. Open to all travelers with cameras or cell phones. Bring your enthusiasm and your questions. Light refreshments will be served.

Cost: \$15

MARCH

DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY TOUR

Thursday, March 6, 10:30 am - 2:00 pm

Reg. required by Feb. 27.

Explore the Detroit Public Library's historic Main Library. Discover Pewabic tiles, Detroit-themed murals, and the 1921 design by Cass Gilbert. Following our tour, we will head to lunch at a restaurant to be determined.

Cost: \$14 (lunch on your own)

TEENIORS BINGO & PASTA DINNER

*Wednesday, March 12,
5:00 - 7:00 pm*

Teens and seniors together = Teeniors! The Huntington Woods Teen Council is hosting the event, providing baked goods for Bingo

Huntington Woods



Women's League
Est. 1970

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!

For more information, please visit hwwl.org, or scan the QR code.



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.

DIA: THURSDAYS AT THE MUSEUM

Thursday, March 20, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Reg. required by March 13.

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!
Cost: Free (lunch on your own)

APRIL

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: VANITIES THE MUSICAL + LOCCINO

Wednesday, April 9, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Reg. required by March 10.

First stop is lunch at Loccino Italian Grill and Bar where your lunch selection will be pre-ordered, then on to the show! The life-affirming journey of three vivacious Texas teens from cheerleaders to sorority sisters to housewives to liberated women and beyond. This musical captures a snapshot of the lives, loves, disappointments, and dreams of these young women. A funny and poignant look at three best friends who discover that, through thirty years of rapidly changing times, the one thing they can rely on is each other.
Cost: \$80 (includes ticket & lunch)

PARADE COMPANY

Thursday, April 17, 11:00 am - 3:00pm

Reg. required by April 10.

Venture into the magical ParadeLand and experience a behind-the-scenes look at America's Thanksgiving Parade® presented by Gardner-White. Learn more about the Parade's fascinating history, explore the

NEW RESIDENTS RECEPTION

**Thursday, May 22 - Gillham Recreation Center
7:15 - 8:45pm**

WELCOME home

If you moved into Huntington Woods in 2024 or 2025, 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! Such a great way to meet new people and get some information from the City.

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.

200,000 square-foot storyland of floats, and see how our award-winning artisans bring them to life. Dress for the weather. Lunch location TBD.

Cost: \$25 (lunch on your own)

MAY

CHALK FEST

Saturday, May 3, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Join the Rec Center for their annual Chalk Fest event showcasing chalk art by our community members. Buy a square and decorate it away! Watch the artists or be the artist while you enjoy music, snacks, and more. Please bring your own chalk. Registration is required to purchase a square by April 30. Residents only.

Cost \$5/per square

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: THE RAT PACK LOUNGE + ALFOCCINO

Wednesday, May 14, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm

Reg. required by April 14.

First stop is lunch at Alfocchino Restaurant where your lunch selection will be pre-ordered, then on to the show! Frank, Dean, and Sammy are up in heaven, but God tells them they left some unfinished business back on Earth. It seems Frank made an unfulfilled promise to Vic, the owner of the Rat Pack Lounge. Now he and the boys have one night to make things right. With hits like "My Way," "What Kind of Fool Am I?" and "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime," this show will leave you singing and savoring the days of highballs and high rollers.
Cost: \$85 (includes ticket & lunch)

JOIN THE HUNTINGTON WOODS STUDY CLUB

The Huntington Woods Study Club is a group of interesting women who meet once a month for a speaker, light refreshments, conversation and friendship. In their 83 year history, their speakers have included artists, historians, musicians, chefs, gardeners, medical and financial experts, and current and cultural events speakers. While fund raising is not their focus, they do raise money to support among other organizations, the Library (which the Club was instrumental in creating,) a scholarship for a Berkley High young woman, and the Youth Assistance program. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, October - May from 12:00 - 2:30 pm in the Library or the Rec Center. If you are interested in joining us — please call Shirley Gillham at 248-546-8288.

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 or 248.541.3030.

Please note: No camp on Thursday, June 19 (Juneteenth) or Friday, 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 16 - June 27 (no camp June 19)

Session B: June 30 - July 11 (no camp July 4)

Session C: July 14 - July 25

Camp Strawberry - 1/2 day

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

Age: 3½ (by 6/16/2025) - 4½ years. Limit 20 campers.

Cost: \$260/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 2025. Limit 20 campers.

Cost: \$520/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 16 - June 27

(no camp June 19)

Session B: June 30 - July 11

(no camp July 4)

Session C: July 14 - July 25

Session D: July 28 - August 8

Camp Watermelon

Current Kindergarten* - 1st grade

Limit 30 campers per session

Cost: \$550/session

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

Camp Honeydew

Current 2nd - 3rd grade

Limit 30 campers per session

Cost: \$550/session

Camp Kiwi - 8 weeks

Current 2nd - 3rd grade

One 8 week session: June 17 - August 8

(no camp June 19 or July 4)

Limit 30 campers.

Cost: \$1,850/8 week session

Camp Pineapple

Current 4th - 5th grade

Limit 25 campers per session

Cost: \$570/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 16 - August 8 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 (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) to register.

Registration for the Lottery begins online on Monday, December 9 and closes on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 11:59pm

If you prefer to not register online, please contact 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, 1/6/2025.

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 Monday, April 7, 2025 @ 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 by 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 Monday, April 7, 2025 @ 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 6, 11:59pm: Registration must be completed on 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 1/6/2025.

Monday, March 3, 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 10 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

Monday, April 7, 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 28, 11:59pm: If full payment is not received by April 28, your camp spot will be forfeited. No monies paid up to this date will be refunded.

DROPS/REFUNDS

Monday, 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 or to the Rec Center front desk, to request a camp cancellation.

March 17 - April 7: Camps may be dropped, but deposit is forfeited. Balance payments will be refunded if a replacement camper is secured from our waitlist.

April 7 - July 14: 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 4, 6:15 pm: Strawberry/Banana Parent Meeting

Wednesday, June 4, 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 23 – Friday, June 27
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)

Read more about L.E.A.D Camp at recreation.hwmi.org

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 17 (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 17 (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 2025.
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 17. 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 3, 6:00 - 8:30 pm OR Saturday, June 7, 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 11 at 8:30 am for residents and December 23 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 of 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 for a complete list of camp offerings.

WEEK OF JUNE 16 - 20

(NO CAMP THURSDAY, JUNE 19)

BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP

Entering grades 3 - 8 (in Fall)

Monday - Friday (no camp Thursday), 9:00 am - Noon

Instructor: Joe Sermo

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 Cost: \$85

FASHION DESIGN & SEWING

Ages: 6 -13 Monday - Friday (no camp Thursday)

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: \$260 (all materials included)

JEWELRY DESIGN

Ages: 6 - 13 Monday - Friday (no camp Thursday)

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 a 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: \$260 (all materials included)

**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 JUNE 23 - 27

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 non-competitive! 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

ISLANDMON STEAM QUEST

Ages: 5 - 12 Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 12:00pm*

Instructor: Challenge Island

Join us for a mini-monstrous journey into the Challenge Island wild! Our adventurous STEAM Teams are on a quest to catch, collect and train all of the island's mini-monsters. They'll visit gyms, earn badges, go on treasure hunts, and even engage in a battle or two. With the help of their ally STEAMaroo, a clever

and friendly kangaroo islandmon, our STEAM Teams will tackle an island full of engineering challenges as they evolve into true STEAM Champions. Ready? Let's go!
Cost: \$180

SLIMETOPIA 4: ONCE UPON A SLIME CAMP

Ages: 5 - 12 Monday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm*
Instructor: Challenge Island

Once upon a time, there was a bestselling camp that turned favorite children's books into fantastical slimy adventures. Students will work in small STEAM Teams to mix up new slime classics like Alice's Unbirthday Cake Slime, Charlie's Everlasting Gobstopper Slime, Percy's Blue Cookie Slime, Narnia's Turkish Delight Slime and STEAMwarts Butter Beer Slime. In addition to making two slimes a day, every camper will also receive a copy of our book Surprise at Blow Cart Beach: A Challenge Island STEAM Adventure, which is filled with slimy science and treasures. Cost: \$180

**Stay all day! Students are welcome to pack a lunch and eat in the classroom with the instructor.*

WEEK OF JUNE 30 - JULY 3

LEDS, CIRCUITS & CONDUCTIVITY WITH KIDSCIENTIFIC

Ages: 5 - 12 Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Instructor: KidCreate Studio

Spark up curiosity in our illuminating science camp! Dive into the world of circuits, conductivity, and LEDs as young scientists embark on a journey of discovery. In this electrifying camp, kids will craft their own light-up greeting cards and fireflies as they bring their creations to life with the magic of LEDs. Explore the captivating realm of electromagnets, learning the principles that power many everyday devices, and conduct hands-on experiments to unravel the mysteries of magnetism. Cost: \$150

WEEK OF JULY 7 - 11

BRIXOLOGY

Ages: 7 - 12 Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Instructor: Mad Science Detroit

Brixology Camp sets the foundation for our next generation of makers! Children learn about different types of engineering and then team up to construct a different engineering-themed project using LEGO® bricks. We'll learn about aerospace engineering while assembling a space station. We'll explore mechanical engineering as we build boats and vehicles. That's not all! From carnival rides to drawing machines, mechanical animals to truss bridges, your future engineer will build upon their creativity to solve real-world design challenges, while developing their problem-solving and team-building skills. Let the tinkering begin! Campers receive daily custom Mad Science take homes. Cost: \$240

WEEK OF JULY 14 - 18

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

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Grades 5 - 8 Monday - Friday
Grades 5/6: 9:00 - 11:30am Grade 7/8: 11:30 - 2:00
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. Cost: \$80

CHESS WIZARDS

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

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 camps include 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, but full-day kids should bring a lunch. 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*
See description on page 27.
Cost: \$325 (all materials included)

JEWELRY DESIGN

Ages: 6 - 13 Monday - Friday, 12:30 - 3:30 pm*
See description on page 27.
Cost: \$325 (all materials included)

**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 21 - 25

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. 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. 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

WEEK OF JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

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

STEAM SPACE EXPLORERS

Ages: 5 - 12 Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 12:00pm*
Instructor: Challenge Island
Get ready for a journey through time and space as we meet the great explorers. From Copernicus to Galileo, from the Wright Brothers to Amelia Earhart, from Neil Armstrong

to Mae Jemison, from Elon Musk to wherever your imagination will take you. This camp is guaranteed to be an out-of-this-world experience! Cost: \$180

STEAM TANK ENTREPRENEUR

Ages: 5 - 12 Monday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00 pm*
Instructor: Challenge Island
Inspired by the Shark Tank TV show, this camp is a true experience in STEAM and entrepreneurship. Students will work together in small STEAM Teams to learn about famous entrepreneurs, target markets, logo and slogan creation and more as they create their own businesses as PIZZApreneurs, SWEETpreneurs, PETpreneurs, HAUNTpreneurs and SLIMEntrepreneurs. Can your STEAM Team convince the island sharks that their new businesses belong in the Challenge Island mall?
Cost: \$180

**Stay all day! Students are welcome to pack a lunch and eat in the classroom with the instructor.*

WEEK OF AUGUST 4 - 8

FANTASTIC WITH KIDCREATE STUDIO

Ages: 4 - 9 years Monday – Friday, 9:00 - 12:00pm
Your wishes will come true! Enjoy making our top-requested projects in one FANtastic class. Design and build cute puppy bobbleheads, craft a 3D pet goldfish, design and draw your dream treehouse, and more. Let's even transport ourselves to a beach getaway as we create sand castle sculptures. Come see why these awesome art projects are our FAN favorites! Cost: \$170

WEEK OF AUGUST 11 - 15

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, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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 not 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

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 concerning any of the following special services provided to our mature residents.

CURB-TO-CURB TRANSPORTATION

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

Residents 55 years or better and unable to drive, temporarily or permanently, can arrange for transportation on the City SMART Van for medical appointments, support groups, shopping or other activities of daily living.

- The bus is equipped with a lift to accommodate individuals seated in wheelchairs or motorized scooters.
- Riders, please make sure to be ready 15 minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
- A 48-hours (business hours) advance notice is required.
- The travel distance must be within a 7-mile radius of the Gillham Recreation Center.
- The fee is \$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.

Financial sponsors for the Senior Transportation Program are the City of Huntington Woods, Corewell Health Beaumont and SMART. An alternate transportation option is the SMART Connector (866.962.5515) or 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 (REGISTER NOW! > Adults > Enrichment)

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THANK YOU

We would like to give an extra special thank you to our incredible Senior Transportation Bus Drivers for always going above and beyond the call of duty. Thank you for all that you do Brian Boland, Tommy Furlong, Daniel Monaco, Dave Roegner, Jeff Roegner and Vicki Webb. You are much appreciated.

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. 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!

AGEWAYS (PREVIOUSLY AAA1B)

1.800.852.7795 | ageways.org
Programs and services include:

- Information and Assistance Telephone Line
- Adult Day Services
- Direct Home Care Services and Care Coordination
- Medicare/Medicaid Assistance
- Home injury control programs
- Wellness classes to help stay healthy

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 15, February 19, March 19, April 16.**

MOVIE MATINEES

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

January 17: 2nd Hand Lion
February 14: Grease
March 21: Our (Almost Completely True) Love Story
April 11: My Cousin Vinny

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 12, February 2, March 2, April 6 and May 4.** Pre-registration required through 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 to find out whether we have available what you are looking for! Our City has durable medical equipment to help you remain independent.

NURSE ON CALL

Do you have a medical question? Please call Oakland County's nurse on call at 800-848-5533.

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 to be included. She can help with grocery delivery, zoom usage, online books, movies, music and games, and connecting with friends through phone apps.

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. 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.



RECREATION REGISTRATION

ONLINE OR IN PERSON

Registration for Winter and Spring classes, events and specialty camps begins on **Wednesday, December 11 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 23 for an additional fee. An annual \$50 Facility Fee is assessed to non-residents participating in the Pre-K/3's Program, Fruit Camp, Hurricane Swim Team and indoor Pickleball. Special Events are residents only.

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 (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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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.



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Aquatic certification required prior to the season. Visit redcross.org/take-a-class to locate a class near you!
- Pool Desk/Café (15+)
- Fruit Camp (17+)
- Rec Center Support Staff (17+)

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recreation.hwmi.org