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SUMMER 2025



Commissioner's Corner: JESSICA STEINHART

I moved back home to Huntington Woods in 2018 after nearly 20 years of living out of state. It was important to me to be closer to my aging parents and to raise my children in the same loving community that shaped my childhood. Every corner of this city holds important memories for me - from my childhood home where my mother still lives, to the gazebo in Mary Kay Davis Park in memory of my sister, to Burton Elementary

School where my children learn in the same classrooms that I did, to the Parks and Rec and Library complex where I benefited from the excellent programming when I was a kid. Since I moved home, my family and I have been making wonderful new memories together in Huntington Woods. The arrival of Spring marks nearly a year and a half since I joined the City Commission. I am incredibly grateful to serve as your Commissioner and work towards improvements in our beloved city.

By the time you receive this edition of the Hometown Herald, you should see new street signs across Huntington Woods. I am proud to have spearheaded the inclusion of this upgrade in the budget. These signs will be larger and more reflective, ensuring we meet the updated standards of the Federal Highway Administration. While they are critical from a compliance perspective, the street signs also demonstrate the city's commitment to accessibility and inclusivity. Upgrading our street signs is a testament to our support for residents with vision impairment. As many of our community members continue to age in place and struggle with changes in vision, the new street signs will make it easier for them to find their way throughout the neighborhood. The signs also serve to welcome visitors and potential new residents to our city. They will be the first thing that delivery drivers, landscapers, home health aides, and others see as they turn into Huntington Woods. These big and bright new signs will signal to others that our city is the welcoming place that we all know it to be.

Sincerely,

Jessica Steinhart

CIVIC AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED BY MAY 31

The City of Huntington Woods has a long-standing tradition of honoring citizens for their contributions to the community. Please nominate a deserving resident for the following:

- Bob & Charlene Nutton Citizen of the Year - Specifically for a resident who has provided long-standing and noteworthy service, making Huntington Woods a better place to live.
- Senior Citizen Award - Nominate a resident, 60 years or better, who has continued to make contributions that make this City great.
- Virginia Jones Spirit Award - Nominate a youth, 6th - 12th grade, who has exhibited involvement and dedication to the City.

Nomination forms are available at HWMI.ORG. Please mail or email hbarckholtz@hwmi.org with the name of the person you believe deserving of this special recognition, the award category, and include the reasons for your nomination to Huntington Woods, Attention: Civic Award Committee, 26815 Scotia Road, Huntington Woods, MI 48070 by May 31. For additional information, please contact Heidi at 248.541.4300.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

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.

HOPE NOT HANDCUFFS

Huntington Woods is a participating member of the Hope Not Handcuffs (HNH) initiative, through which a person with a substance use disorder can walk into the Department of Public Safety and ask for help without fear of judgment or punishment. If a person does not feel comfortable coming to Public Safety, they can also complete an online assessment. Once accepted into the HNH program, an intake process will determine the best course of treatment and what services are needed to support recovery.

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

DPS

12755 W. Eleven Mile Road
248.541.1180

Emergency (Berkley Dispatch): 911

BUILDING HOURS

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

After 5:00 pm, telephone services are switched over to Berkley Dispatch. All 9-1-1 calls are answered by Berkley dispatch 24 hrs a day.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Director: Andrew Pazuchowski

Deputy Chief: Bill Cudney

Lieutenants: Mark Bell, Bill Spencer, Ben Zawacki

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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. By being proactive and implementing a Safe Haven for such transactions it allows our residents the opportunity to meet in a safe environment.

SIREN TEST SCHEDULE

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

WALKERS/JOGGERS

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



CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE
May 16 - 17 - 18
9am-7pm

Obtain a permit through Public Safety or at the Giltham Recreation Center for \$5. The City website (HWMI.ORG) will have a list of homes having a sale.

For more information contact Lynn at Public Safety, 248.541.1180.

CITY NOTES

2025 SUMMER PROPERTY TAX BILL

The 2025 summer tax bills will be mailed to those homeowners without escrow accounts on June 30, 2025. If you do not have an escrow account and have not received a tax bill within a week of July 1, contact City Hall immediately. Non-receipt of bill does not negate the owner's responsibility to pay.

SUMMER TAX DEFERMENT

The summer tax deferment allows certain taxpayers to delay payment of their summer bill until February 14, 2026 without additional interest and penalty. The deferment is available to residents whose gross household income for 2024, will not exceed \$40,000, and also qualify under one of the following classifications: 62 years of age or older, paraplegic or quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow or widower, blind person, or totally and permanently disabled. The deferment can be taken on the principal residence only. Proof of income may be required. Forms are available at City Hall or the website www.mich.gov/treasury, search for form #471.

AN EASY WAY TO PAY YOUR WATER BILL

City water bills may be paid by direct debit of your checking or savings account similar to the convenience offered by many utility companies. On the due date, payment is drafted from your account to pay the bill in full. Enrollment forms may be obtained from the City website or by calling City Hall at 248.541.4300.

ONLINE PROPERTY INFORMATION

Property Tax, Water Billing Information and Building Permits are available online on the City website www.hwmi.org. Property taxes and water bills

may also be paid online using a credit card or e-check, but please note there is a fee. Summer taxes are due on August 12, 2025. Half payments are allowed if the 1st half is paid by August 12, the remainder may be paid on or before October 31, 2025.

ELECTION INFORMATION

There will not be an August 2025 Election, the next election will be November 4, 2025. This will be a local election. Be on the lookout for information regarding temporary precinct consolidation for the November 2025 election.

Do you need to register to vote or update your voting registration? Visit mi.gov/vote or contact the clerk's office. If you would like to be added to the permanent absentee ballot list (automatically receive an absentee ballot from the clerk for all upcoming elections) you may apply in person with the city clerk's office or go online to mi.gov/vote.

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

OFFICES CLOSED

The following holidays will be observed and City Hall staff will not report:
May 26, June 19 and July 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Chris Wilson, City Manager, x632
Ethan Haan, Finance Director, x640
Heidi Barckholtz, City Clerk, x638
Renee Bullen, Deputy Treasurer, x639
Hank Berry, Planning Dept., x637
Francesco Ferrara, Building Dept., x641
Allie Sutton, Administrative Asst./
Communications, x633
Inspections, x635



44th ANNUAL HWMC SERVICE AUCTION

The 44th annual Huntington Woods Men's Club Service Auction is going to be the party of the year in HW! Tickets are on sale now at hwmc.org/auction.

Join us April 26 at the Gillham Recreation Center for food, drinks, live entertainment and a fun night with a few hundred of your neighbors!

More than 200 items will be up for online bidding at <https://hwmc.maxgiving.com>. You can bid online without a ticket to the live event, but a number of higher-value items will be auctioned exclusively in-person.

This year's auction proceeds will go toward improvements to Burton Community Field. The project plan includes better drainage and grading, removal of the south baseball field, upgrades to the north T-ball field, new fencing along Nadine Avenue and maybe more. Say goodbye to those nasty puddles and mud pits!

Additional auction proceeds would fund the Men's Club's community-improvement projects throughout the rest of the year.

Please support the 2025 HWMC Auction! And if you're interested in joining the 140+ members in the Men's Club, sign up today at hwmc.org.

LIBRARY

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



ADULT PROGRAMMING

Visit the library's website, www.huntingtonwoodslib.org, to find out more and to register, if necessary. These programs are made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Huntington Woods Library.

ART SERIES WITH SUSAN FOX

Saturday, May 10 | 1:00 pm

Wind Chime w/ found materials

On the second Saturday of most months during the school year, we hold an adult arts & crafts hands-on event led by local artist and art teacher, Susan Fox. Registration is required as space and supplies are limited.

For this project participants will need to have 3 or more various sized cans to make their chime, so begin sorting and saving your cans now. All other decorative materials will be available at the Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION - INTO NO MAN'S LAND: A HISTORICAL MEMOIR BY IRENE MILLER

Thursday, May 22 | 6:30 pm

Holocaust survivor, Irene Miller will be at the Library to discuss her book *Into No Man's Land*. Please join us for this enlightening and educational evening.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MACKINAW ISLAND?

Thursday, June 12 | 6:30 pm

We live in a wonderful state with a great deal of history. How much do you know about Mackinac? Or is it Mackinaw? Why is there one pronunciation and two spellings? Learn more about the 300 years of this key area in American History. Presented by Andrew Kercher.

CIVILITY PROJECT

Tuesday, June 17 | 6:30 pm

Join Nolan Finley (former editor of the Detroit News) and Stephen

Henderson (host of the PBS program American Black Journal) to learn more about a project/book they have been working on called the Civility Project.

The Civility Project seeks to bring people of opposing viewpoints together for healthy disagreement, personal interactions and constructive conversations.

THE ROLE OF JEWISH ASSISTANCE IN WORLD WAR II

Thursday, July 17 | 6:30 pm

Local resident Ken Katz will be here to discuss a topic near and dear to his heart: The role of Jewish Assistance in World War II.

GREAT FIRES OF THE MIDWEST

Thursday, August 14 | 6:30 pm

How many of us know that the Michigan's Thumb burned so intensely that people sought safety in Lake Huron? How many have heard of the firestorm in Peshtigo Wisconsin which happened to occur on the same day as the Great Chicago Fire? Join historian Derek Blount to learn what caused these fires to occur.

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Saturday, June 7 | 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Theme: COLOR OUR WORLD
Register for BEANSTACK, log your reading, and win big prizes! Our summer reading program is for Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge residents. More information can be found on page. 8.

LIBRARY

26415 Scotia Road

248.543.9720

www.huntingtonwoodslib.org

SUMMER LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thurs 10 AM - 8 PM

Friday 10 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 5 PM

Sunday Closed

LIBRARY CLOSED

May 11 (Mother's Day), May 24 - 26 (Memorial Day Weekend), June 19 (closing at 3), July 3 - 5 (4th of July), August 30 - Sept. 1 (Labor Day Weekend)

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

Dubinsky, Lucille Evans, Rebecca

Kinney, Jason Klamm, Cosmo Krom,

Callum Stoy

Pages - XiXi Alexander, Matthew Linn,

Keira Mullane, Sophia Snell, Rachael

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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

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THE WOODS GALLERY



The Woods Gallery is located on the lower level of the Huntington Woods Library with hours consistent with regular library hours, except when events/activities are taking place. Find the gallery at woodsgallery.org, on the web or Facebook, and on Instagram #woodsgalleryhw.

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



"FAUNA" PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRYCE DENISON AND LINDA PIASECKI MAY 2 – JUNE 26

Artist's Reception: Wednesday, May 7 | 6 - 8 pm (Brief Artists' talks 7 pm)

Additional Talk and Presentation Wednesday, June 4 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Husband and wife photographers, Bryce Denison and Linda Piasecki, will be sharing their compelling, as well as some close-up photography, of some of the animals and insects that

inhabit our wild world, near and far. Whether using a traditional SLR camera, a digital SLR or a cell phone camera, these images capture the essence of each wild animal's characteristics. If you are fascinated by photography or wildlife, come to the Wednesday night reception and feel free to ask questions of these two talented photographers. Also don't miss their additional longer talk on June 4.



"CONNECTIONS" - A GROUP OF THREE
CHIZUKO DONOVAN, JAN FILARSKI AND SUSAN KWOLEK

Artists' Reception - Thursday, July 10 | 6 - 8 pm

Brief Artists' Talks - 7pm

From organic robots to abstracted acrylic landscapes to portraiture, this 'Group of Three' painters all use water media, such as watercolors and acrylics, in unique ways. In the portrait series, the painting is combined with collage and line work to give further expression, character and depth to each subject. Science is the springboard for the organic robot series and you can learn more about these and the faceted landscape paintings, at the reception and during the artist's talks.



JULY 6 - SEPTEMBER 4



TWEEN & TEEN PROGRAMMING

Registration may be required for some teen/tween programs. Visit the library's website, www.huntingtonwoodslib.org, to find out more and to register, if necessary. These programs are made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Huntington Woods Library.

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TWEEN/TEEN PROGRAMMING CONTINUED



TWEEN/TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Sign up for the Middle/High School Summer Reading Challenge that is for Huntington Woods and Pleasant Ridge residents. We will be using Beanstack, an online reading tracker. Earn badges for reading, completing activities and attending summer reading programs. We will have weekly drawings in which you have a chance to win a variety of prizes. Earn tickets for each 75 minutes you read and use your tickets toward raffle prizes!



SUMMER READING CRAFT SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AND TWEEN/TEENS
Wednesdays
3:30 - 4:15 pm

June 18: Swiftie Friendship Bracelets

June 25: Coffee Filter Flower Butterflies (children's) Bouquet (Tween/Teen)

July 9: LIBRARY EVENT - Tie Dye T-shirt Workshop

July 16: LIBRARY EVENT - Splat Art Party

Register for the children's event ages 5-10 yrs tween/teen event ages 11+yrs.

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER READING FINALE GLOW PARTY
Thursday, July 31 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Middle/High - Ages 11-17

Join us for a glow paint party, glow tattoos/glow face paint, glow sticks, a dance party and snacks! You must participate in the summer reading challenge to attend.



Registration is required.

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

All of our programs are free for participants thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Huntington Woods Library but may require advance registration, as space is limited. Visit our website to reserve your space.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Join Ms. Shannon for stories, rhymes, finger play, movement and early literacy activities. No registration required. 6/24 and 7/15 will be "Pages in the Park"!



PAGES IN THE PARK - STORY TIME IN PEASLEY PARK

Tuesday, June 24 10:30 am

Tuesday, July 15 at 10:30 am

Join us for story time in the park for stories, rhymes, songs and fun with librarians from HW, Oak Park, and Southfield! Bring a blanket or chairs for some summer time fun!

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.

Wednesdays
10:30 am

Babies
age 0-2



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CREATURE FEATURE SHOW AND WOODS GALLERY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT WALK

Tuesday, May 6 at 1:00 (No school - Teacher PD Day)

This show is called Creature Feature by Dan the Creature Man! It is for all ages, lasting 50-60 minutes. This is an interactive animal show that is educational too! Be sure to then visit the "Fauna" wildlife photography exhibit in the Woods Gallery to see the collection of animal art that corresponds with the show! Ideal for school age children and up. Registration is required.





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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER NEIGHBORHOOD SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, June 13 - Drop in anytime between 11:30 - 4:30

Bring your bike or scooter and search the neighborhood for the items on the list. You can hunt as a group or on your own. Take a pic of each item you find. One cell phone is needed per group. Prizes will be awarded to all hunters that complete the search.

No registration required.

BOUNCE INTO SUMMER READING!

Friday, June 13, 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Oakland County Parks & Rec inflatables will be in Scotia Park. There will be an inflatable Obstacle Course and bouncers suitable for all ages! No registration needed. SOCKS are required!



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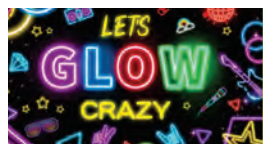


ELEMENTARY SUMMER READING FINALE GLOW PARTY

Thursday, July 31 11:00 - 11:45 am

Elementary - Ages 5 - 10

Join us for a Glow paint party with glow tattoos, glow sticks, a dance party and snacks! You must participate in the summer reading challenge to attend. Registration is required.



Color Our World Summer Reading Challenge begins!

Saturday, June 14



PRESCHOOL
'1000 BOOKS
BEFORE
KINDERGARTEN'
SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE

The Preschool challenge is designed especially for our youngest readers. Log each picture book and earn a badge for every 10 picture books completed! It's ok if you read the same book over and over again. Log it each time! The more you read, the better your chances are to win! Come in for a treasure chest prize for each badge you earn. (10 books) Earn a certificate and a book when you reach 1,000 books!

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The children's challenge is for elementary students. Log your reading minutes. The goal is 15 min per day (Mon-Fri) Earn badges for reading, completing activities and attending summer reading programs. The more you read, the better your chances are to win big prizes! Come in for a treasure chest prize for each reading badge (75 minutes) earned. Earn tickets for each 75 minutes you read and use your tickets toward raffle prizes!

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SUMMER READING LIBRARY COLLABORATION PASSPORT CHALLENGE

Come in to get your passport during summer reading! Take your passport and visit each of the seven libraries. Earn a summer reading badge if you collect a stamp from each of the participating libraries!



SUMMER READING 2025 AT THE HUNTINGTON WOODS LIBRARY

SIGN UP FOR THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE RUNNING JUNE 14 - JULY 26

Huntington Woods Library will be using Beanstack, which is a great and easy to use reading challenge tracker. We will have a separate challenge for preschool (0-4), elementary (5-10), middle/high school (11-17) and adults (18+).

You will receive badges for reading, completing activities and attending summer reading programs. Come in to the library for more information starting on registration day: June 17! Log your reading beginning June 14! Win prizes through July 26!

WHAT IS BETTER ABOUT BEANSTACK?

- Premium reading tracker
- Write reviews, invite and engage with friends
- Earn badges, participate in a reading streak
- User friendly, can log several readers at once.



HOW DO I REGISTER IN BEANSTACK? Sign up for Beanstack on your phone by downloading the app.

1. Find the library by clicking on the purple button marked "Find Your School or Library".
2. Search for Huntington Woods Library. Tap the library name to get to the login screen.
3. Login with Username/Password or Click on "Don't Have an Account? Sign Up!"
4. Create Username and Password
5. Personal Information: First Name and Last Name
6. Contact Information — both email and phone number are optional, but it is recommended that all patrons include an email for easy password reset, and to be notified if they are a winner.

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Adults have a Summer Reading Challenge too! Sign up, read and win! Go to our website or visit the library for all information!

PUBLIC WORKS

CHIPPING: WEDNESDAYS (EARLY DECEMBER - MID-OCTOBER)



The City provides chipping for branches minimum 2" to 4" in diameter and minimum 4 feet to 8 feet long, all year except for leaf season (mid-October to December 1), and weather permitting. Because we serve over 2,400 homes in one day, the amount of branches we can handle is limited – huge piles of unstacked branches with other debris

mixed in cannot be handled by the DPW.

Smaller branches, brush, root balls, and soft plant materials should be put in yard waste bags or containers, for Tuesday pickup, early April through mid-December. 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, the branches will be picked up the following day, or as soon as possible thereafter.) Contractors cutting branches or brush must remove their own debris.

WATER/SEWER

Avoid surprise water bills – not just in summer but year-round. The most common cause for wasted water (and high bills) is toilet leaking. Leaks are often silent, can be intermittent, and can even occur with new toilets. The second most common source of leaks (or unnecessary use) is sprinkler systems. Monitor your water use and find problems before they cause huge water bills.

WATER METERS

Water readings in Huntington Woods are actual, not estimates. Your water meter is in your basement (in nearly all homes). We read from the little black device outside your home, connecting our reading device directly with it. Please make sure we have access to that device.

DPW

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

DPW OFFICE/YARD HOURS
Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
Office and yard closed weekends
and holidays

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF
Director – Rocco Fortura
Manager – Kevin Wayne
Office Manager – Amy Shea

WEEKLY E-BLAST
Sign up for the City's weekly e-blast
to receive DPW updates regarding
upcoming projects, road construction,
recycling updates, contractors, etc.
Sign up online at hwmi.org

IMPORTANT NOTICE: WATER QUALITY REPORTS

Each year, the "Consumer's Annual
Report on Water Quality" is
published for the previous calendar
year some time in June or July.

It is available on the City
website (hwmi.org) under
the tab "Government" and
then selecting "Water
Quality Report". You may
also pick up a paper copy at
City Hall or the DPW, or
request that a copy be
mailed to you by calling
248.547.1888.



RECYCLING, YARD WASTE & LANDFILL: TUESDAYS

RECYCLING CURBSIDE PICK-UP

With our single-stream recycling carts, curbside recycling is simple: everything goes into the cart with no need to separate anything. What can't go in the cart may be dropped off at SOCRRA. Here's what can be put in your cart:

- Cardboard: All cardboard must be placed in the cart. Please flatten completely, cut down to fit into cart.
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, 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 in the recycling cart.
- Plastic bottles, jugs, and containers (including "clamshell" and thermoform packaging). If it once held something, it's a container. Keep lids on plastic bottles, jugs, and jars—no need to save the lids separately.
- Metal cans, including empty aerosol cans
- Glass containers – jars and bottles, but no window glass or mirrors. All colors of glass are acceptable.

NO BATTERIES in the carts! Household batteries may be taken to SOCRRA for disposal in a hazardous waste landfill.

SOCRRA DROP-OFF

Visits to the SOCRRA facility require appointments and they can only be made online at socrra.org. If you don't have internet access, the DPW will help you make that appointment. Just call between 7am and 3pm for assistance: 248-547-1888

SOCRRA SIGN-UP

Stay informed with SOCRRA eNews

If you'd like to receive e-mail updates from SOCRRA on changes to what can be recycled in the curbside bin or brought to the Recycling Drop-Off Center, upcoming workshops, special events, etc., please enter your name and e-mail address on the SOCRRA website: socrra.org.



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. Empty containers must be removed by midnight on Tuesdays.

TRASH COLLECTION DATES TO NOTE FOR 2025

- **Memorial Day - One day delay to Wed., May 28**
- **Labor Day - One day delay to Wed., September 3**

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.

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.

LANDFILL/TRASH

Trash must be put into either a 2-mil-thick plastic bag or in closed plastic 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 neatly next to – but not mixed in with other trash.

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

NOT ACCEPTED FOR COLLECTION

There are certain items that are not acceptable for curbside collection. These items must be disposed of privately. Please check the SOCRRA website to find out how to dispose of these items: liquids, radioactive items, flammable products, explosives, infectious materials, asbestos insulation, tires and hazardous waste. Also, very large or very heavy items (like pianos, etc.) must be disposed of privately. Call the DPW if you are unsure whether an item is acceptable for curbside pickup.

YARD WASTE

(INCLUDING FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MATTER!)

Yard waste pickup extends from early April through mid-December. From small branches to grass clippings, raw fruit and vegetable matter, your yard waste can be placed in tall paper bags or 35 gal cans with **YARD WASTE** stickers. If you like, you may purchase a small 6-gallon container at the DPW for fruit and vegetable scraps, or you can mix those items into other yard waste.

WEST NILE VIRUS PREVENTION

West Nile Virus is still a threat to human health in Michigan and elsewhere. The DPW treats the City catch basins with a biological larvicide, but it's important that individuals take precautions in the summer months. Check the Oakland County Health Department website for prevention tips: oakgov.com/health/information/pages/weat-nile-virus.aspx

ADOPT-A-GARDEN

It's here! Spring has arrived! There are many opportunities to beautify the City through the Adopt-A-Garden program. Adopt a garden yourself or with a group, sign up as a "sub" to tend another's plot, or participate in occasional "garden clean-up" days. To inquire about the Adopt-A-Garden program, please contact the DPW at 248 547-1888

TREE CARE

Don't forget to water your trees in periods of dry weather. Trees prefer long slow drinks over sprinkler watering. A "donut" of mulch around but not touching the tree will keep the water from evaporating. Do not put large rocks or heavy materials on the roots and keep weed whips and mowers away from the bark.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Undoubtedly, by the time of publication, some roadwork projects will be slated for 2025. The DPW communicates information to affected residents before, during, and after the construction project. One great way to stay informed is to sign up for the city's e-blast: go to the City website homepage, scroll to the bottom and enter your email address. You'll get an email every Friday about happenings in the City, including road construction news.

PARKS & REC

Registration for Pool memberships, summer classes, trips and special events begins on Monday, April 7 at 8:30 am either at the Gillham Recreation Center or online at recreation.hwmi.org.

Please note: Spring classes and specialty camps were published in the Winter 2025 edition of the Hometown Herald. Visit recreation.hwmi.org to view available classes and programs.



FRUIT CAMP QUICK REFERENCE


SESSION DATES

A SESSION	JUNE 16 - JUNE 27 (NO CAMP 6/19)
B SESSION	JUNE 30 - JULY 11 (NO CAMP 7/4)
C SESSION	JULY 14 - JULY 25
D SESSION	JULY 28 - AUGUST 8
KIWI	JUNE 16 - AUGUST 8 (NO CAMP 6/19 & 7/4)

BEFORE CAMP & AFTER CAMP CARE

BCC	7:30 - 9:00 AM COST: \$9.40
ACC	3:00 - 6:00 PM COST: \$15.00

BCC/ACC IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR
STRAWBERRY CAMP. SPACE IS LIMITED.



PARENT MEETINGS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

6:15 PM
STRAWBERRY/BANANA
7:00 PM
KIWI, WATERMELON,
HONEYDEW, PINEAPPLE

Jenny Morgan, Director
jmorgan@hwmi.org
248.541.3030

OPEN GYM

When scheduled activities are not in progress, the Gillham Recreation Center gym is available for drop-in play for residents and their guests. Availability is different every day. Please call 248.541.3030 or visit recreation.hwmi.org for the week's schedule.

Residents who want to participate in Open Gym should complete and submit the Gym Membership form. Available online at recreation.hwmi.org under About Us - Forms or at the Gillham Recreation Center front desk. The membership will be assigned to your existing (or a new) Key Tag.

KEY TAGS

Key Tags are required for each person participating in most Gym activities. If you already have a Key Tag from the pool or other activity, please bring it with you. If you need a Key Tag, please contact us at hwrec@hwmi.org. Replacement Key Tags are \$5.00 each. Please remember to save your Key Tags! They do not expire.

LATCHKEY ENROLLMENT 2025-2026

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

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

Tuesday, April 8 HW Residents & Grandfathered RO Section
Tuesday, April 15 RO Section & BSD Teachers

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

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.

For additional information, please contact Latchkey Director, Jenny Morgan at 248.541.3030 x 719 or email jmorgan@hwmi.org.

PARKS & RECREATION

26325 SCOTIA ROAD

248.541.3030

RECREATION.HWMI.ORG

EMAIL: HWREC@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

The Gillham Recreation Center will be closed May 26, June 19 and July 4.

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Tracy Shanley, Director

Bridget Levine, Asst. Recreation Director

Sarah Finegood, Program Coordinator

Jenny Morgan, Childcare Director

Jennifer Furlong, HW Cares Sr Outreach

Jan Alpert, Administrative Manager

Daniel Monaco & Elaine Eggleston,

Maintenance & Program Aides

Julie Brooks, Ben Barckholtz, Sally Mace,

Marcy Peters, Marva Watkins, Lisa

Zimmerman, Front Desk

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Ben Black, Joe Egan, Naomi Loebel,

Erica Just, Mark Feiler, Sarah

MacDonald

Recreation Advisory Board

meets the 3rd Tuesday

of each month at 7:00 pm

The public is welcome.

SUMMER SPECIALTY CAMPS

NEW
CAMPS
ADDED!

JUNE 16 - AUGUST 15

Specialty Camps are one-week camps designed to complement our Fruit Camp offerings and appeal to special interests of our campers. Registration began in December and will remain open until filled.

CAMPS:

- Boys Basketball
- Fashion Design & Sewing
- Jewelry Design
- Amazing Athletes
- Island Steam Quest
- Slimetopia 4
- STEMgineers
- Brixology
- Plus Skateboarding
- Gymnastics/Cheer
- Volleyball
- Chess Wizards
- Self Defense & Safety
- Zombie Outbreak Response Team
- Pre-K Yoga Play
- Little Ninjas
- Steam Space Explorers
- Steam Tank Entrepreneur
- Fantastic with Kidcreate Studio
- Broadway Bound: Wicked



For more details, visit: recreation.hwmi.org

PICKLEBALL & TENNIS



REGISTER FOR CLASSES AND LEAGUES ONLINE AT
RECREATION.HWMI.ORG OR AT THE REC CENTER FRONT DESK.

INDOOR PICKLEBALL DROP-IN

APRIL 2 – MAY 28

MONDAYS: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (NO PLAY ON 5/26)

TUESDAYS: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (NO PLAY ON 5/6)

WEDNESDAYS: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

FEES:

HW RESIDENTS: \$40/YEAR OR \$2/DROP-IN
NON-RESIDENTS: \$50 ANNUAL FEE + \$4/DROP-IN
CHECK IN AND PAY AT THE FRONT DESK BEFORE ENTERING THE GYM.

GILLHAM RECREATION CENTER

RESERVE A COURT



GILLHAM RECREATION CENTER
4 COURTS

11 MILE/HUNTINGTON
3 COURTS + 1 STAND ALONE
PICKLEBALL COURT

RESERVE ONLINE
RECREATION.HWMI.ORG

RESIDENTS
\$2/HOUR
NON-RESIDENTS
\$4/HOUR

PICKLEBALL LADDER LEAGUE

LOCATION: 11 MILE COURTS

THURSDAYS, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

SPRING LEAGUE: MAY 8 – 29

4 WEEKS, \$52

SUMMER LEAGUE: JUNE 19 – JULY 31, (NO PLAY ON JULY 3)

6 WEEKS, \$78

- PLAYERS ROTATE PARTNERS EACH WEEK IN A ROUND-ROBIN DOUBLES FORMAT (5 PER COURT, 4 MATCHES, 1 BYE). THE TOP PLAYER MOVES UP, AND THE BOTTOM MOVES DOWN WEEKLY FOR COMPETITIVE PLAY. SIGN UP SOLO.
- PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU WILL MISS NO MORE THAN TWO DATES. SIGN UP FOR FREE TO BE ON THE SUB LIST! WE WILL NEED SUBS OCCASIONALLY.

PICKLEBALL CLASSES

INSTRUCTED BY FIRST SERVE TENNIS

SPRING PICKLEBALL CLASSES, COST: \$112

LOCATION: 11 MILE COURTS

4, 90-MINUTE CLASSES

TUESDAY EVENINGS: MAY 20, 27, JUNE 3, 10

BEGINNER PICKLEBALL: 5:30 – 7:00 PM

- FOR PLAYERS WITH 0-20 HOURS OF EXPERIENCE. PADDLES PROVIDED IF NEEDED.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED PICKLEBALL DRILL: 7:00 – 8:30 PM

- NEXT LEVEL DRILLS & TACTICS: FOR PLAYERS WITH 20+ HOURS OF REC-LEVEL EXPERIENCE.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

LOCATION: OUTDOOR COURTS AT THE GILLHAM RECREATION CENTER

COST: \$35/PLAYER

A FUN COMMUNITY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT WITH BEGINNER AND ADVANCED DIVISIONS. REGISTER SOLO; PARTNERS CAN BE REQUESTED OR ASSIGNED. MUST KNOW RULES, SERVING, AND SCORING. NO REFEREES. NON-ELIMINATION, 3-GAME MINIMUM.

BEGINNER, SATURDAY, MAY 17

2:30 – 5:30 PM

2.5 – 3.0 LEVEL OR EQUIVALENT
PLAYERS SHOULD KNOW HOW TO SERVE AND KEEP SCORE BUT MAYBE LACK CONSISTENT 3RD SHOTS, VOLLEYS, AND COURT POSITIONING. IDEAL FOR THE LOWER HALF OF REC PLAY.

ADVANCED, SUNDAY, MAY 18

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

3.5 – 4.0 LEVEL OR EQUIVALENT
PLAYERS CONSISTENTLY REACH THE NET AND USE 3RD SHOT STRATEGIES, VOLLEYS, AND POSITIONING. IDEAL FOR THE TOP HALF OF REC PLAY.

TENNIS CLASSES

INSTRUCTED BY FIRST SERVE TENNIS

SPRING TENNIS CLASSES, COST: \$75

LOCATION: OUTDOOR COURTS AT THE GILLHAM RECREATION CENTER

SATURDAYS, MAY 17, 31, JUNE 7, 14

4 CLASSES

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM PEE – WEE TENNIS (4–6 YRS)

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM (7–10 YRS)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (11–17 YRS)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (ADULT TENNIS 18+)

SUMMER TENNIS CLASSES, COST: \$112

LOCATION: 11 MILE COURTS

TUESDAY EVENINGS: JUNE 24–JULY 29

6 CLASSES

5:15 – 6:00 PM PEE–WEE TENNIS (4–6 YRS)

6:00 – 7:00 PM (7–10 YRS)

7:00 – 8:00 PM (11–17 YRS)

8:00 – 9:00 PM (ADULT TENNIS, 18+)

HUNTINGTON WOODS CONCERTS IN THE PARK 2025



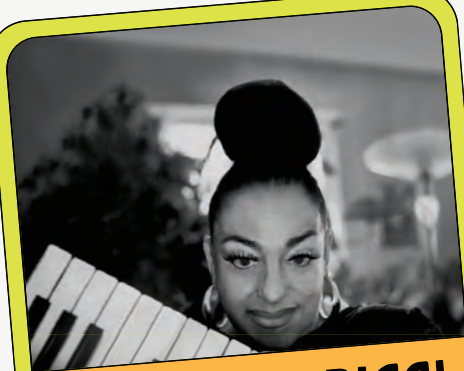
LEAVE THOSE KIDS ALONE
BURTON PARK
JUNE 24



WEEKEND COMEBACK
SCOTIA PARK
JULY 4



THE TREAD LIGHTLIES
SCOTIA PARK
JULY 8



URBAN TROPICAL
SCOTIA PARK
JULY 15



UAVOOM
SCOTIA PARK
JULY 22



THE STONE BLOSSOMS
SCOTIA PARK
JULY 29

CONCERTS BEGIN AT 7:00 PM. BRING A BLANKET AND/OR LAWN CHAIR.

family
NIGHT
AT BURTON PARK

TUESDAY, JUNE 24
7:00 – 8:30 PM

- **CONCERT: LEAVE THOSE KIDS ALONE**
- **BOUNCERS & CLIMBING TOWER FROM OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS (SOCKS REQUIRED!).**
- **FACEPAINTING**
- **TEEN COUNCIL PENNY CANDY SALE**
- **TREAT DREAMS & OTHER FOOD TRUCKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**

*Thank you to
our sponsors!*

**OAKLAND
COUNTY PARKS**



FOR MORE INFORMATION: RECREATION.HWMI.ORG

Inclement Weather Policy:

In the event of inclement weather, a location decision must be made at 4:00 pm on concert days. If it is decided to be held indoors, the concert will be moved to the Gym at the Rec Center. When possible, the band will set up facing the outdoor space in front of the Rec for an indoor/outdoor experience.

EVENTS & TRIPS

EVENT/TRIP CANCELLATIONS

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.

Register for all events at recreation.hwmi.org or at the Rec Center Front Desk. Day trips require a minimum of at least 8 participants. Register early to ensure the trips are not cancelled due to low enrollment.

Transportation is provided for all day trips.

MAY

DIVINE DETROIT PRESENTED BY DISTINCTIVELY DETROIT TOURS

Thursday, May 1, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Reg. required by April 1.

Transportation provided by the HW bus and trip facilitated by Distinctively Detroit Tours.

Visit three historic churches located in Detroit, each with its own unique story and history. We will stop for lunch at Pegasus Restaurant in Greektown.

- Basilica of Sainte Anne de Detroit
- The Sweetest Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church
- Old St. Mary's Church of Detroit

Cost: \$100 (includes transportation, church tours, and lunch at Pegasus in Greektown)

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Thursday, May 1, 1:15 pm

Gillham Recreation Center

Dancers from CASA, Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts, will perform and share their contemporary styles with us and maybe teach us a step or two!

CHALKFEST

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

Showcase your art work by purchasing a square or watch your neighbors chalk away. Enjoy music, food (for purchase) and bounce houses from Oakland County Parks. Reg. required to purchase a square by April 30. Cost \$5/per square

SING ALONG WITH THE SILVER STRUMMERS

Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 pm

Gillham Recreation Center

Enjoy snacks while singing some of our favorite songs from the 60's/70's led by a group of local musicians.

BINGO AT THE REC

Friday, May 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join us at the Gillham Recreation Center for Bingo! Fun prizes will be awarded. Registration required.

Cost: \$2 for your first bingo card, \$1 each additional card.

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 (selection with registration) 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 transportation, ticket & lunch)

BELLE ISLE HIGHLIGHTS TOUR

Thursday, May 15, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Reg. required by April 14.

Spend the day touring Belle Isle with a local expert where we will visit several highlights of the island. We will see the famous James Scott Memorial Fountain, the Livingstone Memorial Lighthouse and learn about many of the historical statues. We will visit the new Oudolf Garden, designed by Piet Oudolf the internationally renowned Dutch garden designer and horticulturist who created the planting designs for the High Line in New York City and the Lurie Garden in Chicago. We will also visit the newly renovated Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. Lunch will follow at the Detroit Yacht Club (selection with registry). We will also have the opportunity to tour the historic Yacht Club Building and walk on the Main Dock.

Cost: \$42 (includes transportation, tour and lunch at the Detroit Yacht Club)

PROM PARK

Thursday, May 15, approx. 5:15 pm

Held in Mary Kay Davis Park (aka Prom Park) at York and Lincoln. See your babysitters, lifeguards, camp and latchkey staff, friends and neighbors before they head off for their big night. Great photo ops - everyone is welcome! Rain location is the Gillham Recreation Center.

NEW RESIDENTS' RECEPTION

Thursday, May 22

Gillham Recreation Center

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! Sponsored by the Men's Club, various clubs/organizations and the City of Huntington Woods. Please contact chairperson Charlotte Paul, 810.845.0245 or charpaul59@gmail.com to RSVP.

JUNE

PURPLE DOOR TEA ROOM
Wednesday, June 4, 10:40 am - 2:30 pm

Reg. required by May 28.

Join us for a relaxing afternoon in the ambience of Afternoon Tea at the Purple Door Tea Room. Enjoy gracious service and a fine selection of finger sandwiches, pastries, soups and salads. Dress in your Wednesday best.

Cost: \$40 (includes transportation and lunch)

HUNTINGTON WOODS
JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
Thursday, June 19, 6:00 - 8:00pm

Gillham Recreation Center Parking Lot. All are welcome to learn, reflect and celebrate.

FAMILY NIGHT & LEAVE THOSE KIDS ALONE CONCERT

Tuesday, June 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Burton Park

Enjoy activities and bouncers from Oakland County Parks (socks required!). Lots of free fun and music, thanks to a generous donation by the HW Men's Club! Treat Dreams and other food trucks will be available for purchase.

JULY

HURON LADY II CRUISE
Thursday, July 17, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Register by July 10.

Take a moment to unwind and appreciate the beautiful sights of Port Huron from the water. Our journey will begin at the Black River in Port Huron, proceeding south along the St. Clair River to admire the River Walk and the freighter docks in Sarnia. Then, navigating north beneath the stunning Bluewater Bridges into Lake Huron, where you can view the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, Michigan's oldest operational lighthouse, followed by a glimpse of the Huron Light Ship before returning to the Black River. Enjoy

lunch in downtown Port Huron before we board the ship.
Cost: \$45 (includes transportation/boat cruise)
Lunch cost on your own.

AUGUST

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS
Wednesday, August 6, 8:30 pm
Thursday, August 21, 8:30 pm

Join us on the Gillham Recreation Center lawn for an outdoor movie! Bring blankets, chairs, snacks, and insect repellent. Movie titles announced in August. Popcorn available (while supplies last). Free event! Weather permitting.

TOWN PEDDLER CRAFT AND ANTIQUE MALL, CANTORO ITALIAN MARKET + TRATTORIA

Wednesday, August 13, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Register by August 6.

There's no place on earth like Town Peddler. At Michigan's first and largest Craft & Antique Mall, you'll find 400+ dealers offering everything from handcrafted items, gift lines, vintage, retro & repurposed, antiques, artist creations, and so much more. Next we will head to Cantoro Italian Market for more shopping, followed by lunch at Cantoro Trattoria. Inspired by the famous Italian markets in Rome, Venice and Palermo. Cantoro Italian Trattoria offers an authentic Italian dining experience - featuring dishes that are deeply rooted in tradition, with adventurous new flavors and an extensive wine list.
Cost: \$15 (lunch and shopping cost on your own)

HUNTINGTON WOODS BABYSITTING CO-OP

Discover a fun and supportive community where parents trade babysitting services and playdates! The Co-Op also offers regular social activities for kids, families, and moms, making this a great way to meet people and join a community.

Join us for a park play date on June 8, 2025, at 10 am at Reynolds Park to learn more and meet some of our members. For more information, or to express interest in joining, please email: hwbcvp@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Blossoms for Mom Fundraiser
Online Orders April 12-22/Flower Pickup May 10th

Place your order by April 22nd & pickup on May 10th at the City Hall.
Order at www.hawt.org



\$40 Mixed Bouquet with Vase



Gala Fundraiser - June 7th

Good Friday dinner and silent auction at the Huntington Woods High School Gymnasium. Tickets are for 8 guests (including children). Seating, tables, chairs, linens, and more to come.

\$75 entry
Limited to 80 tickets



Visit www.hawt.org for more information about the events. All residents are welcome to come to our monthly meetings to learn more about our organization. All proceeds from fundraisers go toward Huntington High School Scholarships & Local Women's & Children's Charities.

HW AQUATICS CLUB

Purchase your 2025 membership or punch cards:

recreation.hwmi.org or at the Gillham Recreation Center front desk

Questions? Call us 248.541.3030

No refunds on memberships, punch cards, or daily fees.
Memberships and punch cards are only valid for the current season.

KEY TAG REMINDER

Keep your Key Tag for memberships. Need one? Contact us! Replacements are \$5. Tags don't expire and are also required for the gym, Lots for Tots, and Pickleball.

Entry isn't guaranteed if at capacity.

Same day re-entry is allowed with daily paid admissions.

GUEST ADMISSION POLICY

Households may bring up to 8 guests per visit. Guests must enter and exit with the resident and pay daily fees. Please be aware that hosting parties and large gatherings at the pool is not permitted.

Season Swim Pass Membership

Adult (18 yrs.+) \$192
Senior (60 yrs.+) \$135
Child (birth - 17 yrs) \$162
Family of 2 \$305
Family of 3 \$348
Family of 4 \$381
Family of 5 \$413
Family of 6+ \$442
Starting July 14, get 1/3 off full-season rates.

2025
MEMBERSHIP
OPTIONS!

DAILY VISIT FEES

Card only accepted for payment at the Pool Desk.

General Swim

Resident \$11

Guest (with resident): Child \$11, Adult \$13

Twilight Swim

(After 5:00 pm)

Resident \$8

Guest (with resident): Child \$8 Adult \$10

Six-Visit Punch Card \$53

Entitles household 6 individual visits to the pool.

Grandchildren Pass Card \$74 Per Grandchild

Grandchildren (under 18) can enter with a Senior Swim Pass holder. Each grandchild is added to the Senior's household account and gets a Key Tag.

Babysitter Pass Card \$80

Allows caregiver to enter Aquatics Club while babysitting members' children. This fee is added to the family household in addition to their family membership fee.

Royal Oak Section Residents may purchase passes/punch cards for an additional 25%, plus a \$50 annual facility fee.

HELPFUL POOL POLICIES

POOL RULES

For your safety and enjoyment, please become familiar with the updated Pool Rules & Regulations. Printed copies are available in the Recreation Center, at recreation.hwmi.org and at the pool desk. All patrons are held responsible for knowing and abiding by the pool rules.

LIFE JACKETS AT THE POOL

Children wearing Personal Flotation Devices must be accompanied and actively watched in the pool by a parent or guardian (at least 15 years of age) while remaining within an arm's reach. Inflatable toys, rafts, and other flotation devices are not permitted.

WEATHER/CLOSING POLICIES

SEVERE WEATHER

The facility will close in the event of a severe weather warning. Patrons will be asked to go into the Recreation Center.

THUNDER/LIGHTENING

The pool will be cleared immediately. Patrons must leave the pool and deck area. The pool will remain closed for 30 minutes after each occurrence of thunder/lightning.

COLD WEATHER/RAIN

The pool will close at the discretion of the manager if the air temperature is below 69°, steady rain, or the total attendance is fewer than 10 people in a 2-hour period. If the facility closes during General Swim, it may be reopened if the weather improves. Pool closings will be posted and sent out via the Remind App. Please call before returning to the pool.

LOW ATTENDANCE

At the discretion of the manager, the number of lifeguards on duty will be reduced if pool attendance remains low. The slide will be closed as a result of this reduction in staff.

CONTAMINATION

The pool will be cleared in the event of contamination. The closing period is dictated by the severity of the contamination. The Pool Manager will determine the length of time required based on health department standards.

THANK YOU!

**THE HUNTINGTON WOODS AQUATIC CLUB IS GENEROUSLY SPONSORED BY
THE HUNTINGTON WOODS MEN'S CLUB**

POOL SCHEDULE



OPENING SEASON

MEMORIAL WEEKEND

- May 24 - 26
 - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm General Swim

BEFORE SUMMER BREAK BEGINS

- May 27 - June 12
- Mon. - Fri.
 - 4:00 - 6:30 pm General Swim
 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Shallow/slide open & Swim Practice

- Weekends
 - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm General Swim

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

- Friday, June 13
 - 1:00 pm - 6:30 pm General Swim
 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm Shallow/slide open & Swim Practice

SUMMER SEASON

- June 14 - August 17
- Mon. - Thurs.
 - 10:30 am - 12:40 pm Toddler Swim (June 16 - August 14)
 - 11:30 am - 12:40 pm Adult Swim (June 16 - August 14)
 - 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm General Swim
- Fridays
 - 3:00 - 8:00 pm General Swim
- Weekends
 - 11:00 am - 8:00 pm General Swim

LATE SUMMER

- August 18 - Sept. 1
- Hours depend on staff availability.
- Updates will be posted at the pool, Recreation Center, and website.

TODDLER SWIM

- June 16 - August 14
- Mon. - Thurs.
 - 10:30 am - 12:40 pm
- For children up to 5 years old with a caretaker in the water. Older siblings not permitted to swim during this time. Pool clears at 12:40 pm, reopening at 1:00 pm.

ADULT SWIM

- June 16 - August 14
- Mon. - Thurs.
 - 11:30 am - 12:40 pm
- Designated swim time for Adults (18+) in the 4ft section and lap lanes. Pool clears at 12:40 pm, reopening at 1:00 pm.

LAP SWIM

- Every hour during general swim, adults get 10 minutes of exclusive swim time. Two lap lanes are also available on a first come, first serve basis, with lane sharing encouraged.

NOTIFICATIONS

- Get pool updates on the Remind App, sign up when you purchase your membership or punch card! Entrance into the pool is for HW residents and their guests only.

COURSES

MASTER LEVEL SWIM PROGRAM (Ages 18+)

- 6 weeks: June 16 - July 24 (No class 6/19, 7/4)
- Mon. - Thurs.
 - 6:00 - 7:00 am
- Instructor: Sean Peters, WSU Swim Coach
- Masters Swim offers structured training to improve fitness and workout technique for all skill levels. Not competitive.
- Cost: \$145

AQUA FIT

- 8 weeks: June 8 - August 3 (No Class: 7/13)
- Sundays
- 10:00 - 11:00 am
- 8 weeks: June 25 - August 13
- Wednesdays
 - 7:00 - 8:00 pm
- For those interested in improving cardiovascular fitness, muscle tone, coordination and circulation. You do not need to be able to swim to participate. Music sometimes added!
- Cost: \$70



TROPICAL STORM: PRE-SWIM TEAM

- Mon. - Thurs., 11:00 - 11:30 am
- 4 weeks: June 16 - July 10 (No class 6/19, 7/4)
- Instructor: Hurricane Swim Coaches and Senior Swimmers
- Ages 5+ (Must swim one length of the pool unassisted, participants will be tested on the first day). This program focuses on stroke improvement, endurance, and swim team fundamentals. A mini meet is held on the last day. Tropical Storm does not guarantee a spot on the Hurricane swim team.
- Cost: \$105



EVENTS



*Regular pool rates apply

POOLSIDE MOVIE NIGHT

- Friday, August 1, 9:00 pm
- Enjoy a family-friendly movie by the pool! Only the shallow area will be open. The pool closes at 8:00 pm and reopens at 9:00pm for the show. Kids under 9 must have a guardian.

ADULT ONLY NIGHTS AT THE POOL (Ages 18+)

- Thursday, July 17: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- Thursday, August 7: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

HWAC HURRICANES HOME SWIM MEETS: JUNE 23, JULY 7, & JULY 10

- HWAC hosts the Hurricanes, a competitive team in the Northwest Suburban Swim League. Catch a home meet! Home meets are at 5:30 pm, general swim ends at 3:30 pm on meet nights. Rec Center tennis courts will be unavailable during meets.



SENIOR OUTREACH

Huntington Woods Storytelling Evening

Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 pm
Gillham Recreation Center

Topic - SILVER LININGS

"When one door closes, another opens;
but we often look so long and so
regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened
for us" - Alexander Graham Bell

Please prepare a true story (5-minute max) about good things which came to
you from bad events - in career, in love, or in life! Something wonderful that
surprisingly came as a result of something bleak or disappointing. How you
learned to make lemonade from lemons.

Please join us as a storyteller or listener for this special event! We seek first-
time or experienced storytellers for an informal evening of personal stories of all
kinds on this topic. Our emcee will be Huntington Woods resident and three-
time Moth Storyslam winner Marjory Cohen who will also tell a story.

Don't be shy - we hope to create a warm and supportive environment of
laughter and of compassion for our neighbors' experiences. Storytelling events
build community, as we share this time and learn interesting things about each
other!

We encourage you to let us know if you plan on sharing a story but walk-ins
are also welcome!

Dancing with the Stars

Thursday, May 1, 1:15 pm

Dancers from CASA, Center for Advanced Studies and the Arts, will
perform and share their contemporary styles with us and maybe teach us
a step or two!

Sing Along with the Silver Strummers

Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 pm

Enjoy snacks while singing some of our favorite songs from the 60's/70's
led by a group of local musicians.



MONDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Join your neighbors Mondays at noon
at the Huntington Woods Library
for lunch and a presentation. Pre-
registration required with payment, 1
week in advance. Meals provided by
Tim's Kitchen of Royal Oak for \$5.

Call 248.581.2712 for info or to
arrange for transportation if needed.
Register online at recreation.hwmi.org

STEPS TO SAFETY - PREVENT FIRES AND FALLS AT HOME

Friday, May 16 | 11:00 - 12:30 pm

Join the Huntington Woods
Fire Department and the
NFPA (National Fire Protection
Association) to re-think your
daily activities so you can
continue to live safely at home
and prevent falls and fires.

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BLOOD PRESSURE READING

May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20

10:00 - 11:00 am

Have your blood pressure checked
outdoors, in front of the Gillham
Recreation Center, by a registered
nurse. Call Jennifer at 248.581.2712
for more information.

CURB-TO-CURB TRANSPORTATION

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

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

- 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 or
email hwcares@hwmi.org between
9:00 am - noon, Monday - Friday.
Financial sponsors for the Senior
Transportation Program are the
City of Huntington Woods, Corewell
Health and SMART.

54TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION

JUNE 28

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

9:00 - 10:30 am, Gillham Recreation Center

Join your neighbors for camaraderie, fun and a delicious breakfast!
Cost: \$6/adults, \$4/children. Pre-registration required.

FLOAT- A-BOAT

9:30 am, Huntington Woods Aquatics Club

Build a boat from cardboard, plastic containers, and duct tape! Pre-register by June 27. Residents only. Everyone wins!

JUNE 29

RUN WALK BOOM

1 Mile Run/Walk @ 8:15am Cost: \$15
5K Run/Walk @ 8:45am Cost: \$35

A family-friendly race through the City, ending at Gillham Recreation Center. Volunteers needed—email sfinegood@hwmi.org. Register by June 2nd to receive a shirt.

JUNE 30

BOXED LUNCH AT HASSIG PARK (60+) Noon - 1:45 pm

Boxed lunch provided by Hollywood Market. Adults 60+ only.
Entertainment sponsored by the HW Men's Club. Cost: \$6

SCAVENGER HUNT

5:30 pm, Gillham Recreation Center

Gather your team and compete in a city-wide scavenger hunt. Bikes encouraged!

JULY 1

BABY SHOWCASE

6:00 pm, Gillham Recreation Center

Meet your neighbors with children the same age as your own. Patriotic attire highly recommended. Door prizes, including two winners to ride in the 4th of July parade. Pre-register by 6/16.

JULY 2

GAMES & RACES

5:30 pm, Burton Field

Events include pie eating, water balloon toss, the ever-popular adult egg toss, sack races, tug of war and more!

JULY 3

PET PAGEANT

6:30 pm, Kiwi Tent on Burton Field

Bring your family pet (dog, cat, bird, guinea pig, turtle, etc.) because all pets are welcome. Tricks are not a requirement, but are fun to see. Costumes welcome!

Join the annual tradition of a weeklong celebration leading up to the 4th of July. Many events require pre-registration and are limited to HW residents only. Register at Recreation.HWMI.org.

Questions?
hwrec@hwmi.org or
248.541.3030.

Visit recreation.hwmi.org for more information on each event.

4TH OF JULY SCHEDULE

JULY 4, 2025



9:00 AM

BAKE OFF

Bakers of all ages are encouraged to enter this culinary contest. Bring your entry to Scotia Park between 9:00 am - 10:00am. All recipes must be submitted with your entry.



10:00 AM

PARADE

Rain or shine! The 54th annual parade boasts half the town marching and the other half watching. Ending at Scotia Park. Parade route - recreation.hwmi.org



11:00 AM

HOT DOG ROAST SPEECHES & AWARDS

Hot dogs (all beef or veggie), chips & pop/water available for purchase. Pre-order online at recreation.hwmi.org until 10:00 am on July 4 or cash only at Scotia Park. Join Mayor Bob Paul as we honor civic award winners.



7:00 PM

CONCERT IN THE PARK: WEEKEND COMBACK

Get ready for a rockin' good time on the 4th of July! Weekend Comeback will be sure to have you dancing the night away.



10:05 PM

FIREWORKS OVER RACKHAM

Families bring your lawn chairs, blankets and friends to enjoy the fireworks.

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RECREATION REGISTRATION

ONLINE OR IN PERSON

Registration for Pool memberships, trips and special events begins on Monday, April 7 at 8:30 am either at the Gillham Recreation Center or online at recreation.hwmi.org.

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 April 21 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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Registration costs listed in the Hometown Herald are for Huntington Woods residents.

REFUND POLICIES

- **CAMPS:** Please see camp pages on recreation.hwmi.org 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.

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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.

BE ON ALERT FOR SCAMS

To protect yourself from scams, never give out personal or financial information in response to unsolicited calls, emails, or texts, and always verify the legitimacy of any request for information.

- Be wary of unsolicited requests
- Don't trust emails, texts, or calls
- Verify before you share
- Don't fall for "urgent" requests
- Never give out sensitive information
- Be suspicious of requests for upfront fees or unusual payment methods
- If you think you've been scammed contact Huntington Woods Public Safety