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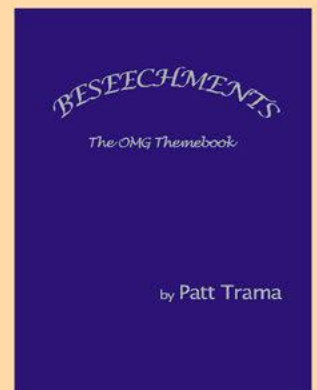
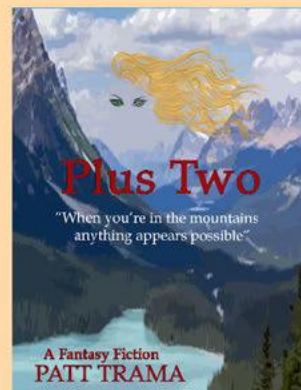
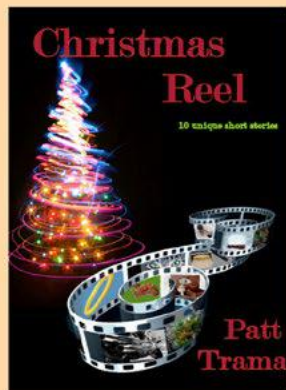
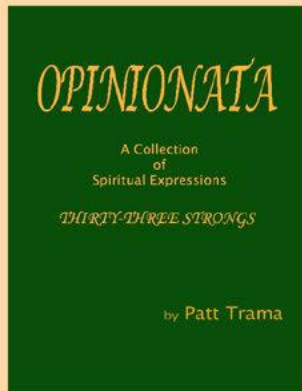
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From the MAYOR

Fall in Love with Royal Oak this Fall ... and Don't Forget to Vote!

EVERY fall/holiday season there is a new reason to fall in love with Royal Oak. It's a special time of year full of fun and excitement. Here are some things sure to "pumpkin spice" up your holidays:

- Enjoy the fall colors with a stroll through Tenhave Woods and Cummingston Park
- Celebrate Halloween at the Zoo Boo or Spooktacular downtown
- Get your fall harvest and holiday décor at the Royal Oak Farmers Market – Detroit Metro Times readers' pick
- Spend an evening enjoying the Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra's fall concert
- Catch a high school swim meet, volleyball match, football game, or soccer match
- Check out the Lighting of the Park tree lighting event on November 20
- And most important – make a plan to vote November 3!!!



Our elections are safe and secure because of the hard work of our clerk's office and election workers. Something else to know about the November election:

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Someday Happens Here: Jerrad Changes Course

Long-held law interest turns into a new career path – while balancing work, family and college

IT'S almost as if Jerrad was always destined to work in a courtroom.

Long before he enrolled at Oakland Community College, Jerrad imagined himself pursuing a career in law. Criminal defense. Civil rights. Something that would put him in the courtroom and allow him to make a difference.

Instead, life took him in another direction.

Jerrad became a semi-truck driver, built a career and started a family. But the idea of working in law never completely went away.

Then Michigan Reconnect came along.

Jerrad began hearing a message that stuck with him: It wasn't too late to return to school. It wasn't too late to pursue a different field. And it wasn't too late to continue learning.

"I've always been an avid learner," Jerrad says. "And I believe that knowledge and education is 360."

That opportunity prompted Jerrad to reconsider his career path. While becoming an attorney wasn't necessarily his next step, he found a way to get closer to the legal profession by pursuing Paralegal Studies.

When Jerrad began researching where to study, one school kept appearing at the top of his list: Oakland Community College.

"I searched up and down to see where I could go and get the best paralegal classes," he says. "And everywhere I looked, it recommended Oakland Community College."

Jerrad enrolled in OCC's Paralegal Studies program and quickly found that the experience lived up to what he had heard. The program is designed to prepare students for direct entry into a career, giving them practical knowledge they can put to work.

For Jerrad, that career connection is exactly what he was looking for. He is on track to graduate from the Paralegal Studies program, which is backed by the American Bar Association.

But the value of OCC, Jerrad says, goes beyond the program itself.

The college offers programs designed not only for students ready to enter the workforce, but also for those who plan to transfer to a four-year university. And with faculty who bring real-world experience into the classroom, students can



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connect what they're learning to the work they hope to do.

For Jerrad, returning to college also meant finding a way to fit school into a life that was already full.

"I'm a full-time student at Oakland Community College. I have eight children. I'm a full-time father, and I'm a full-time worker," he says.

It's a demanding schedule, but Jerrad has found a rhythm that works. He goes to work, comes home and spends time with his children, then does his schoolwork after they go to sleep.

His wife plays an important role in making it possible.

"She's really the engine behind us," Jerrad says.

That support, combined with his own commitment to learning, has helped Jerrad keep moving forward.

For Oakland County residents, the opportunity to begin or continue an education at OCC can also be more affordable than they may realize.

Recent high school graduates may qualify for free tuition through The Community College Guarantee, while adults age 21 and older may qualify for free tuition through Michigan Reconnect.

And for students planning to earn a four-year degree, beginning at OCC can offer significant savings. Students can save more than \$28,000 when they transfer 60 credits to a public university.

Michigan Reconnect helped make Jerrad's return possible, but the support he received along the way helped him stay on course.

At Oakland Community College, Jerrad is proving that your next chapter doesn't have to wait for the perfect time.

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Main Street Minute

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AFTER years of planning and months of

construction, Fifth Street

Plaza is now complete! What does this mean for downtown Royal Oak? First off, it is another link in interconnected public spaces. Surrounding businesses will see an uptick as more people visit this area. And residents have a new favorite place downtown.

As exciting as all of this is, it is important to put Fifth Street into context. Since Centennial Commons opened in December 2021, over 400,000 people have visited, driving civic, social and economic vitality for the neighboring blocks.

Since July, downtown has added two new employers with dozens of employees – Tomo Mortgage and Woodward Sports Network. Two new businesses have opened: The Bijou at 316 W. Fourth Street, which brings high-end cocktail and dining vibes, and Mulligan's Vintage at 510 S. Washington Avenue.

For Small Business Saturday we will give away \$100,000 in gift cards through a BOGO deal that starts two weeks before Thanksgiving. Follow Downtown Royal Oak on social media or visit our website to see the offer (<https://downtownroyaloak.org/>). Then please be ready to shop small on Saturday, November 28, 2026.

How do public spaces, business openings and retail promotions fit together? Community is at the heart of everything we do in downtown Royal Oak. Whether it be on the streets, sidewalks, public spaces or within businesses themselves – in Royal Oak everyone is welcome to get together.

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A New Chapter for Downtown: The Fifth Street Pedestrian Plaza

AFTER years of vision, planning and collaboration, a long-envisioned transformation has officially come to life in Downtown Royal Oak. Construction on the Fifth Street Pedestrian Plaza wrapped up for the season at the end of August, marking an exciting milestone in the evolution of our downtown.

What began as an idea is now a vibrant new public space designed to bring people together, create opportunities for gathering and connection and add a new dimension to the downtown experience.

Construction began this March, and the Royal Oak Downtown Development Authority has been proud to champion this project from its early vision through its transformation into a permanent part of the downtown landscape.

But this is just the beginning. In the coming weeks and months, the plaza will continue to take shape as tables, chairs and other amenities are added and we begin

exploring opportunities to activate and program the space. From community events and live entertainment to casual gatherings and everyday moments downtown, the goal is to create a space that feels welcoming, flexible and uniquely Royal Oak.

And there's more to come. The next phase of the project will extend the transformation beyond Fifth Street, with the nearby alley adjacent to Stagecrafters set to be reimagined as an additional public space. Together, these improvements will create new connections, new gathering places and even more reasons to spend time in the heart of Downtown Royal Oak.

The Fifth Street Pedestrian Plaza is more

than a construction project – it's an investment in the future of downtown and in creating a place where people want to linger, gather and experience all that Royal Oak has to offer.



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Wellness is Key

Local doctor and her team help patients live their best lives

By Pamela MacIntyre

DR. Sharon D. Minott was about 7 years old when a neighbor asked what she wanted to be when she grew up.

A doctor, she answered.

The neighbor, Mrs. Brown, was a nurse and offered a suggestion: If she ever made it to medical school, she should consider anesthesiology.

Minott never forgot it.

Her curiosity about medicine began early. Her mother worked in dietary at a hospital, and Minott remembers visiting her and wandering the halls, wondering why the patients were sick. Both of her parents encouraged her interests and taught her the value of hard work, giving her the confidence to pursue her goals.

A board-certified anesthesiologist and pain medicine specialist, Minott earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, where she also completed her anesthesiology residency and a fellowship in pain medicine. She has served as medical director of Michigan Interventional Pain Associates (MIPA) since 2004.

Minott was drawn to the hands on, procedural side of medicine, eventually finding her way to pain medicine, where she could combine that expertise with ongoing patient care.

"Movement kind of equals independence," she said.

At MIPA, Minott and her team care for patients experiencing acute and chronic pain, using interventional treatments and evolving technologies to help improve function and quality of life. Her background in anesthesiology also allows her to offer sedation for certain pain procedures, providing another level of comfort for patients.

For some, successful pain management can mean returning to activities they enjoy. For others, maintaining mobility can help them remain independent and in their own homes longer.

But Minott has never been content to stop learning.

In 2016, she attended an orthopedic conference wondering if there was something she was missing in treating her patients. Learning more about the relationship between certain medications and hormones sparked a new direction. She began exploring hormone replacement, and

as patients began feeling better, her interest expanded into aesthetics and broader wellness care.

Today, that evolution continues through 2ReviveYou, with locations in West Bloomfield and Bloomfield Hills. Minott offers hormone replacement, men's and women's wellness, aesthetics and hair restoration. Her approach addresses concerns that can affect how people feel, function and see themselves, from hormonal changes and intimate wellness to hair loss and aesthetic concerns.

While her work has expanded beyond pain management into aesthetics and wellness, the purpose behind it remains the same: helping people maintain quality of life and feel more like themselves.

"Aging doesn't make you obsolete," she said.

Minott believes people shouldn't automatically assume that changes affecting their mobility, wellness or confidence are simply things they must accept. Education is an important part of her mission, particularly around health and wellness topics people may be hesitant to discuss.

She is also quick to credit the team behind her practice.

"I couldn't do it without them," she said.

Looking ahead, Minott plans to continue growing her health and wellness services, educating people about available options and embracing new technology as medicine evolves.

After all these years, the same curiosity that sent a little girl wandering hospital halls is still pushing her to ask what else might be possible.

"I feel like my journey's not done," Minott said. "There's many people yet to hear my story."

And she plans to keep writing it.

Michigan Interventional Pain Associates/2ReviveYou is located at 2300 Haggerty Road, Ste. 2100, in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 624-7246 for more information on MIPA; call (248) 642-1020 for more information on 2ReviveYou.



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KEY ELECTION DATES

- Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 2026
- Polls open: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.
- Registered voters in line by 8 p.m. may still vote.

YOUR KEEP-AT-HAND VOTER GUIDE

Important voting information, election dates, and ballot proposal details inside.



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Learn about the city's two millage renewal proposals on the November ballot.

Open for more information



PARKS, FORESTRY, RECREATION, PLAYGROUNDS & ANIMAL SHELTER MILLAGE

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

Voters will decide whether to continue a dedicated funding source for Royal Oak parks, recreation facilities, forestry programs, playgrounds, and animal shelter services.

If approved: Dedicated funding continues for operations, staffing, maintenance, and improvements.

If not approved: The city would need to reevaluate funding levels and could face reductions in maintenance, programming, and facility repairs.

MILLAGE AT A GLANCE

- Maximum rate: 0.700 mills
- Length: Five years
- Begins: 2027, if approved. Current authorization expires December 31, 2026.

WILL TAXES INCREASE?

No. This proposal renews existing voter-approved funding at the Headlee-reduced rate of 0.6861 mills for the 2026 tax year. A “yes” vote would continue this authorization without increasing the rate, which would remain subject to future Headlee reductions.



WHAT DOES IT SUPPORT?

Royal Oak's park system includes:

- More than 50 parks covering over 350 acres
- 61 sports fields
- 51 basketball, tennis, volleyball, and pickleball courts
- 49 playgrounds
- 2 splash pads
- 7 pavilions
- 2 nature preserves

The millage also supports:

- Animal shelter operations



SENIOR MILLAGE

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

The Senior Millage Ballot Proposal allows voters to decide on a plan to keep supporting programs and places for older adults. It gives the city dedicated money to help seniors stay active, healthy, and connected.

If approved: Dedicated funding for senior programs continues.

If not approved: The city would need to reevaluate funding levels and could face reductions in maintenance, programming, and facility repairs.

MILLAGE AT A GLANCE

- Maximum rate: 0.200 mills
- Length: Five years
- Continues current funding level approved by voters in 2022.

WILL TAXES INCREASE?

No. This proposal renews existing voter-approved funding at the Headlee-reduced rate of 0.1960 mills for the 2026 tax year. A “yes” vote would continue this authorization without increasing the rate, which would remain subject to future Headlee reductions.



WHAT DOES IT SUPPORT?

Health, Fitness, and Learning

- Exercise and wellness programs
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- Lifelong learning opportunities
- Arts and enrichment activities
- Social events designed to reduce isolation and build connections

Community Center

Funding helps support operations, staffing, and utilities at:

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Aging in Place Initiatives

The millage supports efforts to help residents remain active, independent, and connected as they age in their own homes and neighborhoods.

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The first mailing of absentee ballots were sent out the last week of September.

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Saturday, Oct. 31 - City Clerk's office open from 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Monday, Nov. 2 - Deadline for registered voters to request an absent voter ballot in-person at the Clerk's office until 4pm.

Tuesday, Nov. 3 - Election Day - polls are open from 7am - 8pm. Absentee ballots must be returned no later than 8pm on Election Day to be counted. The results for early voting will be tabulated at 8pm on election day at City Hall, 203 S Troy Street.

SCAN FOR ELECTION INFORMATION



Helping Your Teen Navigate Friendships

By Tracy Willis

So much of middle school and high school drama revolves around friendships. When your child reaches their teen years, friends can morph from besties into enemies, seemingly overnight. The desire to fit in with a social group comes with tons of pressure. Add social media into the mix, and friendships can feel like tiptoeing through a minefield.

Navigating the ups and downs of adolescent friendships is a rite of passage. How can you help your child manage the drama?

Begin by helping your teen think about the qualities they value in their current friends. What traits do they exemplify? Point these characteristics out when you see them in other people. Encourage them to seek friends who have the qualities they value.

Next, teach your teen to recognize the trouble signs in friendships. Discuss dysfunctional friendship patterns like one-sidedness, jealousy, competitiveness, or exclusion. Help your teen build emotional awareness: how does the friendship make you feel? Do you feel unsure or unsupported when you're around a certain friend? A big part of navigating friendships for teens is learning that they deserve to be treated well within the relationship.

Boundaries. It's a popular word that seems to be everywhere lately. It's the foundation of healthy friendships and relationships. Reassure your child that it's okay to assert themselves, to say "no" to friends, and to communicate honestly about their own limits and to respect the limits of others.

And finally, talk openly with your teen about rejection and exclusion. They're a normal aspect of life that everyone deals with. Let them know that rejection doesn't define their worth. It may feel like it does, but that's a normal feeling, too. There's nothing wrong with asking for support when those big feelings well up.

Even if you talk with your child about their friendships until you're blue in the face, chances are they will still ride the friendship rollercoaster. Pay attention to your teen's behaviors:

- Are they withdrawing from social situations?
- Do they seem sadder or irritable after social commitments or time on social media?
- Are they complaining frequently about certain friends?
- Are they engaging in negative self-talk?

Tuning into your teen on a regular basis will help you know when they need more support, as well as the level of support they might need.

Most of us have cringy teen memories about our own over-involved parents. Giving the right amount and type of support feels like riding a bucking bronco at the rodeo. Here are some things to avoid while you're riding that bull:

1. Don't minimize their feelings or qualify them as being "right" or "wrong."
2. Avoid criticizing their friends. Remember, a week from now, they might be besties again. Criticism makes communication shut down when your teen becomes defensive.
3. Don't pry. This is a hard one. You want to know the ins and outs of the situation, but your teen is learning to be independent. Respect their boundaries (it's how they learn to have boundaries themselves).
4. You're not a friendship mechanic. Don't try to fix it unless there are extreme circumstances. Leaping in with your relationship wrench undermines your child's confidence.

It's hard to watch your child struggle. Remind your teen that facing challenges is about growth. They might not have it all figured out yet, but they're moving in the right direction.

Tracy has been teaching for over 30 years in and out of Michigan. She currently teaches middle school and spends her free time writing for publications and small businesses. When she's not putting pencil to paper or dreaming up ways to inspire her English students, she can be found in the woods on the trails.



NEWS FROM ROYAL OAK SCHOOLS



The ribbon cutting of the new RAVENS program space.

New Learning Spaces at the Royal Oak Education Center and Beyond

NEW this school year are renovated and reconfigured spaces at the Royal Oak Education Center, formerly Churchill Community Education Center, now home to the Early Childhood Center, TRAILS and Churchill Community High School. Each program has dedicated spaces designed to better support students and their unique needs.

The ECC has two additional classrooms, larger learning spaces and dedicated areas for therapy services. RAVENS now has a dedicated K-8 space designed to support neurodivergent students. TRAILS features a classroom kitchen and simulated apartment to help students build life and career skills, while Churchill Community High School has revitalized spaces for learning, collaboration and community-building. The district has also strengthened partnerships with Oakland Schools Technical Campus and Oakland Community College to expand college and career opportunities for students.



A student learning at TRAILS.

Left from top: An Early Childhood Center classroom; students playing at the Early Childhood Center; TRAILS learning space including a full kitchen and laundry unit; student learning at Churchill Community High School; and a Churchill Community High School classroom.

Royal Oak Schools Announces New Principal at Oak Ridge Elementary

ROYAL OAK Schools is pleased to announce that Jeanette McLeod has been named principal of Oak Ridge Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mrs. McLeod joined Royal Oak Schools in 2014 and has served as both a second grade and developmental kindergarten teacher at Keller Elementary. She also has a special connection to Oak Ridge as a proud alumna.

In 2025, Mrs. McLeod was recognized as the Royal Oak Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year, Oakland County Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and a FIRST™ Educator Recognition Honoree. She has also served in several leadership roles across the district and helped expand

FIRST™ Robotics programming to all six elementary schools, creating STEM opportunities for hundreds of students.

Please join us in congratulating Mrs. McLeod on this well-deserved promotion. We look forward to the leadership, experience and dedication she will bring to the Oak Ridge community.



Jeanette McLeod posing with students at the Oak Ridge Elementary playground

Shaking the Tree: A Royal Oak Schools Podcast is back for Season 2!

SEASON 2 of **Shaking the Tree: A Royal Oak Schools Podcast** is here!

Hosted by Royal Oak Schools Superintendent Dr. John Tafelski, **Shaking the Tree** takes listeners behind the scenes of the district through conversations with students, educators, staff, and community partners. From leadership and innovation to student life, athletics, the arts, and community partnerships, each episode highlights the people, programs and experiences that make Royal Oak Schools what it is.

Released biweekly on Fridays, the podcast gives students and members of the Royal Oak Schools community a chance to share their stories, perspectives and experiences.

Season 1 was recently honored with the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) Award of Excellence for its storytelling and impact. Now, Season 2 brings even more conversations, stories and voices from across Royal Oak Schools.

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Hilzinger's Helped Spur City's Early Growth

By John S. Schultz

THE construction of the Hilzinger Block in 1925 and the opening of Hilzinger Brothers Hardware symbolized Royal Oak's rapid commercial expansion in the 1920s, fueled by Detroit's economic boom and outward growth along the Woodward Avenue corridor.

As Detroit's automotive industry fueled massive population growth and suburbanization, Royal Oak's village population surged from more than 6,000 in 1920 to 22,805 by 1930, prompting widespread redevelopment of Royal Oak's downtown core.

Contractors Henry J. Mouw and Harry Van Essen, local businessmen also associated with the Royal Oak Tool & Machine Co., secured the building permit and completed the two-story commercial block at 106-110 South Main Street for a projected cost of \$24,000, with most of the work finished by early August 1925. The structure featured three ground-floor retail storefronts, topped by a second story intended for offices or assembly spaces, reflecting the era's emphasis on mixed-use commercial architecture amid Royal Oak's incorporation as a city in 1921. The development stood on property owned by the Storz-Hilzinger family since 1859, marking the culmination of their commercial legacy at the southwest corner of Main Street and Eleven Mile Road.

From its opening, the Hilzinger Block housed key tenants that underscored its role in the community's early commerce. The central storefront was occupied by Hilzinger Brothers Hardware, founded by Albert and Carl Hilzinger, sons of William Hilzinger, who had previously operated various businesses on the site, including a wholesale milk



The Hilzinger Brothers Hardware Store in the 1940s. The store occupied one, and eventually all three, ground-floor storefronts of the two-story building.

operation and the village's first electric light plant in his home. Shortly after completion, the north section quickly became Maison's Sandwich Shop and Chop House, a popular eatery, while the south space hosted dry goods and clothing retailers.

Upstairs, the second floor was designated as John K. Westerburger's Main Ball Room, serving as a venue for social gatherings and later accommodating fraternal groups such as the Eagles and Masonic organizations. In the 1950s, it housed the offices of Minoru Yamasaki, the Japanese American architect best known for designing the World Trade Center in New York City.

After Hilzinger Hardware's initial occupancy in the 1920s, the business remained a cornerstone tenant in the Hilzinger Block for decades under family management. When Albert and Carl retired, Albert's sons, Raymond and Franklin, assumed control in the 1950s and operated the store as Hilzinger Brothers Hardware Store until 2000. Franklin Hilzinger co-managed the store with his brother until retiring in 1998, after which Raymond continued operations with assistance from family members.

During this long-term tenancy, the hardware store expanded within the building to accommodate its growing operations. In 1955, it expanded northward to add space, and in 1963, it expanded southward to further increase its size. These modifications reflected the business's success and its adaptation to postwar commercial demands in downtown Royal Oak.

The Hilzinger Brothers Hardware Store closed after Raymond Hilzinger's death in 2002. Its inventory was liquidated that year, resulting in a period of vacancy and a general decline in the building's use. The site was later redeveloped, but the closure marked the end of more than 75 years of continuous hardware-retail tenancy by the Hilzinger family.

Currently, the space is occupied by Leo's Coney Island, Royal Oak Masala Indian cuisine and a yoga studio. In May 2006, the building was listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

For the full story on the Hilzinger family, visit royaloakhistoricalsociety.com and click on the Newsletters tab.

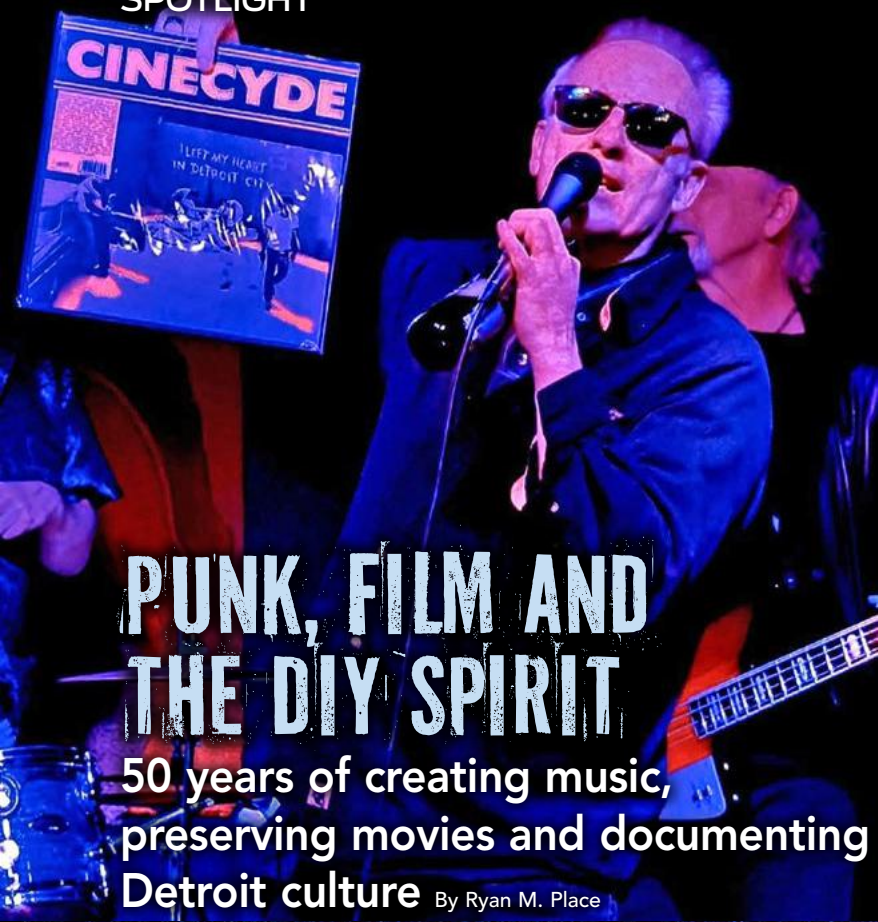


Please visit and support the Royal Oak Historical Museum at 1411 W. Webster Road in Royal Oak. For more information visit royaloakhistoricalsociety.com or call (248) 439-1501. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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PUNK, FILM AND THE DIY SPIRIT

50 years of creating music, preserving movies and documenting Detroit culture By Ryan M. Place

FOR Gary Reichel, the DIY spirit has shaped more than five decades of music, film and creativity.

"It is critically important for an artist to document themselves," he said.

Reichel has been a musician, filmmaker, record-label founder and co-owner of Thomas Video, one of Metro Detroit's most beloved video stores.

Born in May 1954, Reichel spent his early years moving between Chicago and Detroit before his family settled in Clawson while he was in junior high. There, he met Jim Olenski, beginning a lifelong friendship that would help shape Detroit's early punk scene.

Reichel taught himself guitar and played in garage bands before studying filmmaking at Oakland Community College.

"In 1975, I made a 20-minute Super 8 film called 'Rock Is Dead', my response to The Who's 'Long Live Rock,'" he said.

Music soon took center stage. In 1976, Reichel recorded a demo of a song called "Gutless Radio" and played it for Olenski.

"I gave it to him and said we must DIY and self-issue this. And we did," Reichel recalled.

The pair formed Cinecyde, one of Detroit's earliest punk bands, and released "Gutless Radio" in 1977 after becoming frustrated with local radio stations unwilling to play The

Ramones. That same year, they created their own label, Tremor Records.

"At the time, punk was so new that venues weren't quite sure what to make of it," he said.

Cinecyde played its first show at Detroit's Red Carpet Lounge and performed at the legendary Bookie's Club 870 in April 1978. Reichel remembers another venue, The Freezer, where bands performed atop a makeshift stage of milk cartons and plywood. From 1980-1993, Reichel also assembled six compilation albums showcasing Detroit music and filmed local bands for the punk documentary, "Deface the 80's".

In 1982, Cinecyde recorded "I Left My Heart in Detroit City" on an Otari 8-track in drummer Roger Wesch's basement on Etowah Street in Royal Oak.

"Soon afterward, the house was taken by eminent domain to make way for I-696," he said.

That same year, Reichel and Olenski took over Thomas Video, where Olenski had worked since 1975 and Reichel since summer 1977. Founded in Royal Oak in 1974, the VHS store grew alongside the emerging home-video industry and became a destination for obscure, foreign and cult films. Among its customers were Quentin Tarantino and other notables.

"Sam Raimi, Bruce Campbell and Scotty Spiegel were customers when they were teenagers," Reichel said. "They were always telling us about their grand ideas for projects."

Thomas Video eventually moved to Clawson before returning to Royal Oak. It closed in 2014.

"Streaming finally killed us," Reichel said.

Reichel remains passionate about classic films, particularly 1930s-50s cinema and film noir. "Out of the Past" is a favorite. His musical tastes span punk, rockabilly and '60s garage rock, while his collection includes thousands of records, CDs and rare VHS tapes. He also builds cigar-box and license-plate guitars by hand.

Reichel has embraced his creative impulse for more than half a century, from teaching himself guitar and recording homemade demos to releasing his own records, documenting Detroit's underground music scene and building instruments by hand.

"Creating music is really important to me," he said.



South Oakland Art Association Celebrates Another Season of Art, Community and Creativity

THE South Oakland Art Association (SOAA) is back for another season of creativity, learning and community. Founded in 1960, SOAA continues its long tradition of bringing artists together to share ideas, learn new techniques, exhibit their work, and enjoy the friendships that develop through a shared love of art.



The organization got off to a wonderful start this fall with an inspiring presentation by Pewabic Pottery at its first meeting of the season. After a busy summer filled with outdoor art events, members were excited to come back together and begin another year of programs and activities.

SOAA members had a great summer participating in several local art fairs, including the Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair, the Hazel Park Art Fair and the Trenton Art Festival. These events give members opportunities to exhibit and sell their artwork while connecting with other artists and members of the community.

Now, SOAA is looking ahead to one of its most important events of the year – the SOAA Annual Art Show at the Royal Oak Historical Society Museum. The exhibition will run November 7–21, 2026, with a public opening reception on Sunday, November 8. The annual show features artwork created by SOAA members and provides the community with an opportunity to see the variety of talent and creativity within the organization.

The public is warmly invited to attend the opening reception and visit the exhibition throughout its run.

The upcoming season offers



South Oakland Art Association ANNUAL ART AT THE MUSEUM SHOW & SALE

November 7 - 21

Opening Reception Sunday, November 8 • 2:00 - 5:00PM

**Royal Oak Historical Museum
1411 W. Webster, Royal Oak**

Museum Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 1:00PM - 4:00PM

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something for artists of many interests and skill levels. On November 10, members will bring a nature-inspired creation and learn about cyanotypes. December brings SOAA's annual potluck holiday gathering, beginning 30 minutes early on December 1. The new year will continue with presentations by Eugene Clark on January 5, Ashley Mentha on February 2 and Jill Stephanie Wagner presenting Working in a Series on March 2. April's program will feature Melissa Wilson presenting Color Mixing and Pastel, followed by Model Drawing on May 4 and an Ice Cream Social to close the season on June 1.

Beyond its monthly meetings, SOAA is a great way to meet other artists and become part of a creative community. Members often organize plein air painting outings, visit museums and fill a car to explore and photograph Michigan's beautiful landscapes and communities. These informal gatherings are an important part of



what makes SOAA more than just an art organization – they provide opportunities for artists to make connections and friendships.

SOAA welcomes artists at all levels, as well as anyone who simply enjoys being around creative people. Membership is open to anyone 18 or older and costs only \$30 per year. Monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais Avenue, Royal Oak.

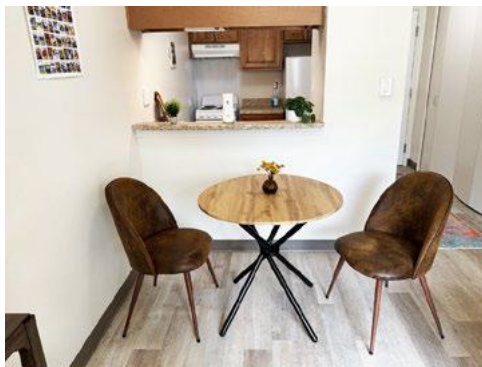
Whether you are an experienced artist or someone looking for a creative community, SOAA invites you to join them, attend a meeting and experience what the organization has been building since 1960. For more information, contact the South Oakland Art Association at SOAA200@gmail.com.

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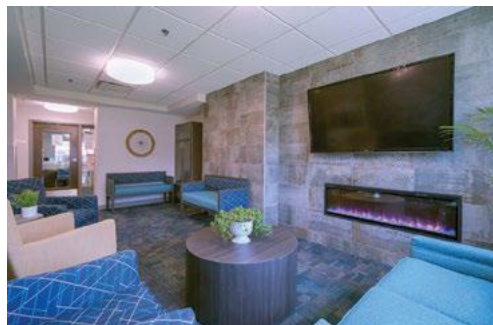


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We are proud to work together with many community partners. The **Clawson Senior Center** has been providing important services such as transportation and activities, playing a pivotal role in the well-being of seniors in Clawson.

In addition to programming, meals and other outreach services for our member residents, the Center recently organized tech classes for Clawson Manor which were received with much enthusiasm!

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Michigan's Unsung Heroes of Fall

*What would the season be without
farmers and orchards?*

By Kelsi Klein

ALTHOUGH summer seems to go by too fast, fall in Michigan is a welcomed season. From visiting pumpkin patches to drinking fresh apple cider, fall traditions are highly anticipated each year.

For many people, these traditions simply come with the territory of changing leaves and dropping temperatures, but behind every crisp apple, ripe orange pumpkin and jar of local honey are dedicated folks whose work begins long before September arrives.

Michigan's farmers, orchard owners, greenhouse growers, turkey farmers and more shape the harvest season, making fall traditions possible for all to enjoy.

Thanks to its climate, proximity to lakes and nutrient-rich soil, Michigan is the ideal place to grow apples. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the state is the second largest apple-producing state in America, with approximately 850 family-run farms producing over one billion pounds of apples each year.

Though apples are harvested from mid-to-late August through October, apple farming is a year-round job. Without these farms and farmers, fall staples like apple cider, apple pie and visits to the apple orchard wouldn't exist.

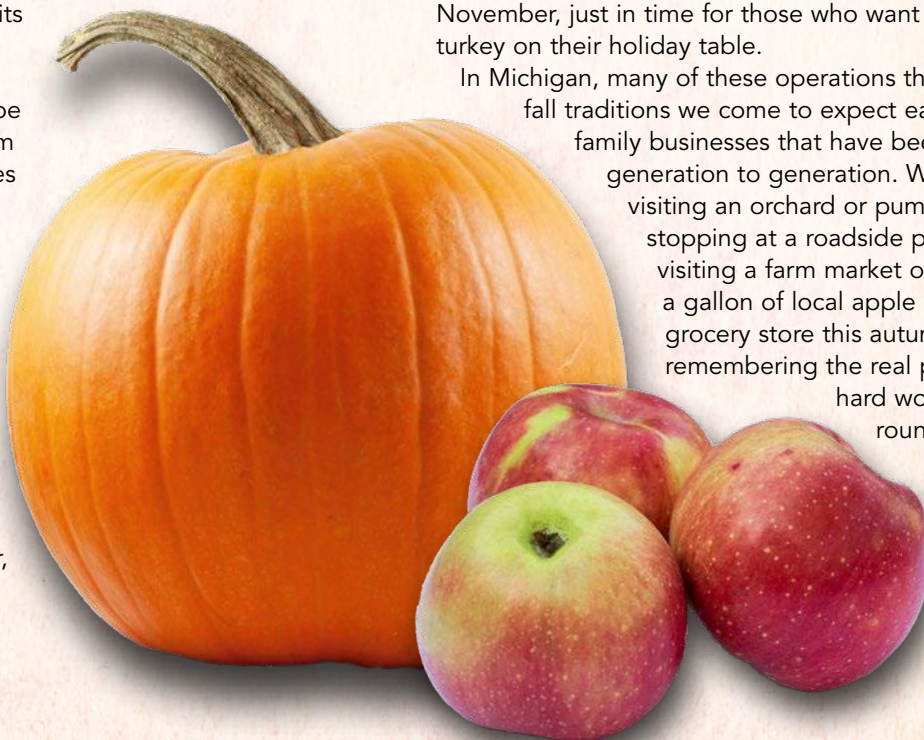
And what would fall be without pumpkins? From visiting pumpkin patches to pick the perfect Halloween jack-o-lanterns to indulging in a classic pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving, the orange winter squash is a sign of fall. Farmers plant seeds in late spring, and the plants require maintenance throughout the summer, taking 90-120 days to mature from seed to harvest.

Michigan beekeepers play a vital role in not only honey production, but also pollination. According to Michigan State University, about 50 percent of Michigan's fruit and vegetable industry depends on honeybees. Michigan fall honey is harvested between late August and early October and is a darker, full-bodied honey – perfect for fall baked goods and hot drinks. Beekeepers work year-round to maintain hives and protect the bees from parasites, disease, starvation and more.

Greenhouses and family farms continue working long after the spring and summer season, extending local produce supply past the first outdoor frost, helping make late-season crops and cool-season greens available at local farmers markets.

Michigan is the 15th largest producer of turkeys in the country, and turkey farmers begin prepping for Thanksgiving months in advance. Farmers typically receive young poults in early July, and they grow for about 16-20 weeks on a grain-based diet on local farms. They reach their full market weight and are ready for processing in November, just in time for those who want a fresh, local turkey on their holiday table.

In Michigan, many of these operations that bring us the fall traditions we come to expect each season are family businesses that have been passed from generation to generation. Whether it's visiting an orchard or pumpkin patch, stopping at a roadside produce stand, visiting a farm market or even buying a gallon of local apple cider at the grocery store this autumn, it's worth remembering the real people whose hard work and year-round commitment make all the things we love about fall possible.



Fall Bucket List

By Kelsi Klein

THERE'S no need to travel far to make the most of fall in Southeast Michigan. Sometimes the season goes by so fast before you realize you didn't even do any fall activities. Enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes of fall right here in Metro Detroit with this bucket list:

- **Visit a cider mill**

There are many cider mills to choose from in the area. Watch the production process, try some freshly pressed apple cider and, of course, enjoy a fresh apple cider donut while it's hot.

- **Pick your own apples or pumpkins**

Support local growers this year and visit an apple orchard or pumpkin patch to pick your own produce.

- **Visit a corn maze or hayride**

Challenge friends or family to a corn maze and enjoy a fall hayride. Many farms also offer outdoor activities like petting zoos, giant slides and other family-friendly attractions.

- **Take your own fall color tour**

Visit a local park and walk, hike or bike ride through the trails to enjoy nature as the leaves change colors. If you prefer to stay out of the elements, take a scenic drive along Hines Drive, through the local metroparks or down tree-lined country roads and enjoy the view.

- **Visit a farmers market**

Stock up on late-season vegetables like spinach, kale, broccoli and root vegetables from local growers along with fall staples like apple butter, honey and baked goods.

- **Attend a fall festival**

Many Metro Detroit cities host fall festivals featuring craft vendors, live entertainment, food trucks and family-friendly activities to take advantage of before it gets too cold.

- **Go to a football game or host a watch party**

Take in the spirit of fall and cheer on a local football team, whether it's under Friday night lights, tailgating at a college game or cheering on the Lions at home.

- **Visit a local craft or vendor show**

Browse the booths at a craft show for handmade candles, home décor, artwork, soaps and more for yourself or to get a head start on holiday shopping.

- **Bake your own fall treats**

With local apples or pumpkins, bake your own pies, breads or muffins to enjoy with hot apple cider or coffee.

- **Decorate your porch for fall**

This small gesture is often overlooked but welcomes the season. Decorate your porch or front door with fall-themed wreaths, colorful mums, corn stalks and decorative gourds.

- **Enjoy a seasonal beverage**

Whether a pumpkin spice latte or seasonal craft beer, try a fall-themed drink you haven't had before.

- **Make homemade soup**

Fall is the perfect time for soup. Use vegetables from a local farmers market and warm up with homemade soup.

- **Watch for migrating birds**

Visit a park, nature center or even sit in your own backyard and watch for birds as they migrate south.

- **Volunteer**

Find a local organization to volunteer at this fall, help clean a public park, rake a neighbor's leaves or do something small to make a difference during the Thanksgiving season.

Connecting, Learning, Growing

Business Women's Network supports women in business through Royal Oak Chamber By Kelsi Klein

As a branch of the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce, the Business Women's Network (BWN) is dedicated to "supporting women in business through meaningful connections, professional development and engaging discussions on topics that matter to today's professionals."

BWN is open to entrepreneurs, executives, nonprofit leaders and emerging professionals who identify as female and are looking for opportunities to connect, learn and grow together.

"We're here to provide a space for women whether they're just starting out in the business world or have tons of experience and are looking for mentors or ideas," said chair Mary Frances Kilcoyne.

Although the organization was formed in the early 1990s, BWN recently underwent a revitalization designed to focus on education, networking and meaningful conversations.

BWN is led by an advisory committee including Mary Francis Kilcoyne of Toshiba Business Solutions, Michelle Gleba of Gleba & Associates and Gabrielle Makowski of Gabrielle Makowski Realty, KW Metro.

Working along Chamber staff, the BWN team works to create programming that is relevant, inspiring and beneficial to women at each stage of their careers.

Their most recent event was the Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) Certification Orientation on July 31 at Woodward Corner Market, presented by Veronica Johnson, director of certification for the Great Lakes Women's Business Council.

"The WBE program gave attendees an overview of the certification process and how WBE certification can open doors to corporate and supplier-diversity opportunities for women-owned businesses,"



said Shelly Kemp, Royal Oak Chamber president and CEO.

The program's relaunch has been successful. Earlier in the year, BWN hosted an event with featured speaker Amanda Lewan, co-founder and CEO of Bamboo, who shared insights on building community, fostering innovation and creating opportunities through meaningful relationships during her presentation titled "The Power of Connection: Turning Community into Opportunity."

"We had over 50 women show up," Kilcoyne said.

Kilcoyne described the excitement in the air as the BWN continues to grow and pick up steam in the Royal Oak area.

"It just gives women a space to talk about things that need to be talked about but aren't always easy to bring up," she said, mentioning topics like fair pay and navigating the business world as a woman in today's world.

Moving forward, the organization is focused on building an ongoing schedule of well-attended, substantive programming for women throughout the business community.

For more information or to register for upcoming events, visit www.royaloakchamber.com/business-womens-network-bwn.

To become a member of Royal Oak Chamber, please contact Christine Perez Thompson, christinep@royaloakchamber.com.



TO YOUR HEALTH!

NUTS & SEEDS

Tiny But Potent Flavors for Fall

By Lisa Howard

FAVORITE fall dishes have many perks, among them that their key ingredients tend to be easy and inexpensive to prepare: hearty greens take well to long simmers, chicken thighs with the bones and skin create their own broth, brown rice pilafs are an excellent way to use leftover veggies in the fridge.

No matter which dishes are on the menu, nuts and seeds are the perfect way to add even more flavor and texture! A little goes a long way, and as long as you store your nuts and seeds in the fridge (or even freezer), those can be inexpensive pantry items since they'll stay fresh that way.

Raw nuts and seeds taste more subtle than their toasted counterparts, and many can be ground in a regular coffee grinder to create fresh flour to be used in a wide variety of baked goods, from pumpkin bread to DIY crackers. (Technically, the coarser-than-flour result is a meal, but you can swap it out for a quarter of the flour called for in most recipes, or you can find recipes based on nut and seed meals.)

Candidates for the coffee grinder are: flax seeds, chia seeds, sunflower seeds, sesame seeds, pepitas, rolled oats, sliced almonds, chopped pecans and chopped walnuts. Larger, harder nuts can be ground in a flour mill or a very sturdy food processor.

Two bonuses of grinding your own nuts and seeds are that they're maximally fresh – they haven't been sitting pre-ground on a grocery shelf with their delicate inner fats exposed to light – and they're less costly because you can use them as nuts or meal (two for the price of one!). Also, the sticker price of the pre-ground version is typically far higher than the price of the un-ground nut or seed. A quick zzzt! through the coffee grinder is a big money-saver.

Toasted nuts and seeds have a far more robust flavor and make excellent garnishes for

just about anything: soups, salads, pilafs, roasted squash halves, homemade cereals, yogurt parfaits, you name it.

The most

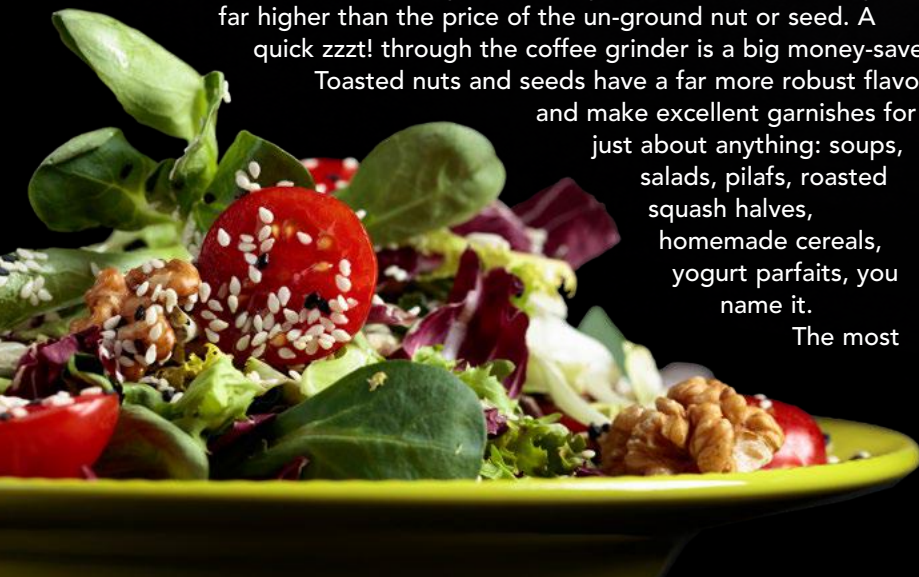
foolproof way to toast them is to scatter them onto a skillet over medium-low heat in a single layer. No need to add oil – just let them toast, stirring them or shaking the skillet occasionally, for 5 to 8 minutes or until they smell delightfully toasty. (Smaller pieces will toast more quickly than larger pieces.)

Do not leave nuts or seeds unattended! They go from perfectly toasted to burnt slag surprisingly quickly. Have a cool plate ready and just slide them onto the plate as soon as they're aromatic and darkening.

In addition to a big kick of flavor, certain nuts and seeds offer outsized nutritional oomph. Walnuts, chia seeds and flax seeds, in particular, have high levels of anti-inflammatory omega-3 fats, making them especially welcome toppers for a wide range of dishes. Chia and flax both have mucilaginous qualities, too, meaning that they'll thicken any liquid they're stirred into. (To make a no-cook pudding, stir chia seeds into coconut milk or half-and-half along with a splash of maple syrup and a few drops of vanilla and let sit for about 5 minutes.)

Of course, all nuts and seeds are an excellent source of fiber. So this fall, go nuts! And don't forget the seeds.

Lisa Howard is a writer, editor and health educator who loves to share her joy of cooking delicious and nutritious foods during her community talks and culinary classes. You can find out more about her classes and recipes at www.theculturedcook.com.





AROUND Royal Oak

November – January

ONGOING

● The Royal Oak Farmers Market will be held every Saturday from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. and the Antique and Collectibles Vendors will be selling items at the Market every Sunday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. year-round at 316 E. 11 Mile Rd. For more information, visit www.romi.gov.

NOVEMBER

November 7

Ruck 22 March

10 a.m.

The Royal Oak Veterans War Memorial
Troy and Second Streets
Help raise awareness for veteran suicide by walking a 2.2-mile course with a weighted backpack. Personal items and non-perishable food items will be collected. For more information, visit www.romi.gov.



November 11

Veterans Day Service

11 a.m.

Royal Oak Veterans War Memorial
Troy and Second Streets
Join community members and the Veterans Events Committee in honoring veterans at the War Memorial. For more information, visit www.romi.gov.



November 19-20

Royal Oak Market: Art Fair Edition

11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Royal Oak Farmers Market
316 E. 11 Mile Road
Visit the 11th annual art fair market produced by The Guild of Artists and Artisans featuring 60 jury selected artists, live entertainment, food vendors and adult beverage offerings. Learn more at www.royaloakchamber.com.

November 20

Lighting In The Park

Festivities begin at 4 p.m.;

7 p.m. tree lighting

Centennial Commons

221 E. Third Street

Come out and experience the grand opening of The Rink at Royal Oak ice skating, live music from local groups and choirs, skating performances, food trucks, holiday huts, and a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Admission is free, but bring canned goods or a small donation for local youth holiday programs to enjoy extra activities like mini-carnival rides.

November 24

Special Holiday Market

7 a.m.-1 p.m.

Farmers Market

316 E. 11 Mile Road

Come out and experience a limited market where people pick up their pre-ordered turkeys, pies and other items. Customers can also shop for other holiday fest essentials and more!

November 28

Small Business Saturday

Downtown Royal Oak

Spend the day in downtown Royal Oak, supporting businesses and experiencing all the district has to offer. There will be holiday promotions, special offers, new products, events and more! The DDA will also once again be giving away Downtown Dollars, so we hope to see you there!

DECEMBER

December 3

Holiday Magic Marketplace

4-9 p.m.

Royal Oak Farmers Market

316 E. 11 Mile Road

Kick off the holiday season with a Royal Oak tradition and shop from over 60 vendors, visit Santa after he lights the tree and enjoy live entertainment, free cookies and hot cocoa. Admission is free. Learn more at www.romi.gov.



December 4-20

Royal Oak Holidays

Downtown Royal Oak

Stop by Downtown Royal Oak on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays for three consecutive weeks of winter fun, including shopping at the expanded holiday markets, the cookie crawl, toy drive, visits with Santa and the Grinch, ice skating, horse and wagon rides and more. For more information, visit www.royaloakholidays.com.

JANUARY

January 18

MLK Day of Service

9-11:30 a.m.

Royal Oak High School

1500 Lexington Blvd.

To honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the cities and school districts of Royal Oak, Berkley and Clawson will come together for a joint MLK Day of Service. The event is open to the public and includes a Freedom Walk, donation drive and hands-on service projects, including making blankets and cards, creating community art, sorting donations and more. Learn more at romi.gov/mlk.

PLEASE NOTE: Event details may have changed. Please check event website or social pages for the most up-to-date information.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE
UPCOMING DATES AT YOUR FARMERS MARKET!**

Friday, November 6, 5-10 p.m. Simply Unique Market (vendor show) Thursday and Friday, November 19 & 20 11 a.m.-9 p.m. – Guild Art Show Saturday, November 21, 5-10 p.m. Mitten Vintage Vendor Market Tuesday, November 24, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Special Thanksgiving Market Day	Thursday, December 3, 4-9 p.m. Holiday Magic Marketplace with tree lighting Saturday, December 5, 6-10 p.m. Wine & Whiskey Fest Saturday, December 12, 5-10 p.m. Holiday Night Market (vendor show)	Saturday, December 26, 7 a.m.-1 p.m. We are open for regular farm market. Sunday, December 27, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. We are open for regular Antique & Collectibles Show.
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For more information about the Farmers Market, its vendors and renting space, visit <https://www.romi.gov/1533/Farmers-Market>.



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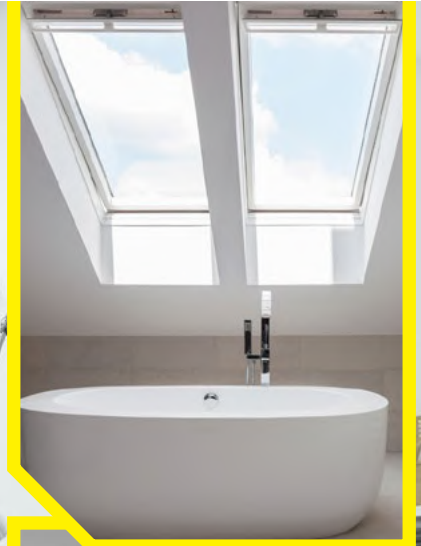
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