

Oakland County

Blood drives

▪ The City of Troy is hosting American Red Cross Blood Drives, 1-7 p.m. Nov. 11; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Nov. 15 and Nov. 18; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 22 and 1-7 p.m. Nov. 25, at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, Troy. Donation appointments can be scheduled by calling 313-300-9617 or visiting www.redcrossblood.org and entering zip code 48083. Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card will be required. Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds, and be in good general health.

Business events

▪ Annual Troy Chamber Nonprofit Management Conference is 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 13, at Walsh College (3838 Livernois Road, Troy. The event features keynote speaker Kelley Kuhn, president and CEO of the Michigan Nonprofit Association, and educational sessions. Tickets are \$50 for Oakland University students, \$75 for Troy Chamber members and \$85 for nonmembers, <https://bit.ly/4gejJHM>, 248-641-8151.

▪ Nominations are being accepted for the 2025 Michigan Celebrates Small Business Awards program, at <https://michigancelebrates.secure-platform.com/a>.

Charitable activities/Fundraisers

▪ Michigan Affiliate of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network to host Purple Light, 6 p.m. Nov. 3, at Gilda's Club Detroit — Garden, 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak, to raise awareness for pancreatic cancer at a brief PurpleLight ceremony, register at <https://pancan.org>, www.facebook.com/groups/pancanmichigan.

▪ Step Up to the Plate is Nov. 3-8, dine out at participating restaurants to benefit Troy schools, turn in receipts to Troy school of choice, <https://troychamber.com>.

▪ The Youth Community Agency announces Gatsby's Charity Affair, to support teens and poverty-driven

families in metro Detroit is 6-10 p.m. Nov. 9, at Hunt Street Station, 2200 Hunt Street, Detroit, entertainment, DJs, silent auction. tickets at www.youthcommunityagency.org, (free parking available).

▪ Medical Weight Loss Clinics are collecting leftover Halloween candy, through Nov. 9 for Gleaners Community Food Bank. Unopened, non-perishable leftover Halloween treats can be dropped off at Medical Weight Loss Clinics donation boxes to be donated to Gleaners Community Food Bank. For a locations, visit mwlc.com.

▪ The Living and Learning Enrichment Center will host its annual "Hockey, Hearts, and Heroes" Charity Hockey Game is 12:30-5 p.m. Nov. 10, at the USA Hockey Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth. The event will feature veterans, police officers, firefighters, and first responders competing against the Detroit Red Wings Alumni Association. General admission tickets are \$25, tickets for ages 6-11 are \$15, free for children ages 5 and younger. purchase tickets at <https://livingandlearningcenter.org/event/hockey-hearts-and-heroes-Charity-hockey-game>.

▪ The Zekelman Holocaust Hosts its 40th Anniversary Benefit Dinner, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 10, at Huntington Place, 1 Washington Blvd., Detroit. The annual fundraising event will celebrate honorees Marcie and Rob Orley and features keynote speaker Mitch Albom. Purchase tickets at <https://holocaustcenter.org/events/anniversary-benefit>.

▪ Paint a Miracle hosts Miracle at Meadow Brook exhibit event is 7 p.m. Nov. 13, Meadow Brook Hall, 350 Estate Drive, Rochester. The event will feature a curated exhibit of unique, one-of-a-kind art pieces created by Paint a Miracle artists, available for viewing and purchase. Attendees will also have the opportunity to enjoy self-guided tours of Meadow Brook Hall. All proceeds from art sales will directly benefit the talented artists of Paint

a Miracle. Ticket sales will close at noon on Nov. 4. Tickets can be purchased at <https://paintamiracle.cbo.io>. Tickets are \$100 each, two for \$175, or six for \$450.

▪ Annual Trade Secrets Fundraiser for Geshur Human Services supporting programs for women and families, is 6-8 p.m. Nov. 14, at Detroit Marriott Troy, 200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy. The event includes dinner and program with honoree and keynote speaker Amy Nederlander, raffles and a silent auction. The silent auction will go live, Nov. 3, ending on Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$150+, \$75 for ages under 36, geshermi.org/tradesecrets.

▪ GMAR Gives Back is 6-10 p.m. Nov. 15, at Fifth Avenue, 215 West 5th Street, Royal Oak, to support Shades of Pink, ages 21+, includes two drinks and appetizers, tickets are \$50 until Oct 31, then \$60 up until the day of the event, Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors, <https://gmaronline.com/event/2024-11-15/gmar-gives-back>.

▪ Volunteers of America Michigan Holidays of Hope Gala is 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at M1 Concourse, 1 Concourse Drive, Pontiac. The fundraiser will feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, gourmet dinner catered by Andiamo, live and service auctions, slot car racing, professional drivers, cocktail attire requested, www.voami.org/holidaysof-hope, tickets are \$175+.

▪ Yoga Moves MS to host The Gratitude Gala, Nov. 16, at The MINT, 27000 Evergreen Road, Lathrup Village, to benefit those impacted by Multiple Sclerosis and other neuromuscular conditions. The gala features dinner, live music, auction, wine pull, tickets are \$150+, purchase at www.yogamovesms.org.

▪ Coats for the Cold Coat Drive is happening through Nov. 30, sponsored by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office and boxes provided by 1-800-Self-Storage.com. Donations of new or clean, used coats are being collected at local Real Estate One and Max Brook Realtors

offices, Genisys Credit Union branches throughout Oakland County, and more locations, www.oakgov.com/government/sheriff/community-services/domestic-safety.

Community events

▪ Shoppe Sylvan is noon-4 p.m. Nov. 3, at Sylvan Lake Community Center, 2456 Pontiac Drive, Sylvan Lake, \$1 admission.

▪ Harvest Dance is 6-10 p.m. Nov. 9, at Bonadeo Farms, 1215 White Lake Road, Highland Twp. BBQ dinner, DJ, line dancing, country casual attire for line dancing, cash bar, veterans tribute, presented by Highland White Lake Business Association, \$55 per person, register at hwlba.com.

▪ Waterford Festival of the Arts craft and vendor fair is 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 9, at Waterford Recreation Center, 5640 Williams Lake Road, Waterford Twp., 248-674-5441, admission is \$1 per person.

▪ The City of Farmington Hills Fire Department is hosting a car seat installation and inspection, 8 a.m. to noon, Nov. 10, at Fire Station #3, 29260 Grand River Ave., by appointment. The inspections are free to the public with no residency requirements. To register for an appointment, contact FDevents@FHgov.com.

▪ Downtown Rochester Holiday Expo is 5-7:30 p.m. Nov. 11, at the Royal Park Hotel. Attendees are encouraged to shop, discover holiday ideas and inspirations, more than 60 businesses with booths. Admission is free and includes light refreshments and door prize drawings, downtownrochestermi.com.

▪ Ladies' Night Out is 4-8 p.m. Nov. 12, in downtown Highland, kick off the holiday season with a Christmas cookie tasting, shop the Maker's Market and special promotions and refreshments at participating businesses. HWLBA RedBox Food Drive, donate for a chance to win prizes. Begin at the HVCA Welcome Station, free shuttle service, www.highlandda.com/events/ladies-night-out.

Library activities

▪ Know Your Digital Services including e-Books, Libby and Hoopla is 5:30-6:30 p.m. Nov. 6, at Salem-South Lyon District Library, registration required at https://ssldl.info/about_us/events.php.

▪ "Connected but Disconnected-Fostering Genuine Communication in the Age of Screens with Samantha Walters, MSW" is 7 p.m. Nov. 7, at Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, in partnership with the Rochester Area Youth Assistance League's Family Education Committee, open to the public. Registration is required at calendar.rhpl.org or call 248-656-2900.

Parks

▪ Night Hike and Campfire-S'mores and Stars is 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 4, at Bloomer Park, 345 John R Road Rochester, Participants to meet at the Pine Grove Shelter in Bloomer Park. The event includes marshmallows over a campfire and hike to view skies with the Oakland Astronomy Club. If cloudy, hike and owl prowling instead. Suitable for ages 6+, children younger than 14 must be accompanied by a paid adult, no pets allowed, pre-registration is required at [\\$7](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/night-hike-campfire-smores-and-stars-tickets-1029067898787) each.

▪ Oakland County Parks and Recreation Appreciation Days offer free park entry on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, with access to natural areas, trails, dog parks and all park amenities. For information, visit www.oakgov.com/community/oakland-county-parks/events/-npage-2.

▪ Drop-in Hayrides are Noon-1 p.m. Sundays, through Nov. 21, at Hess-Hathaway Park, 825 S. Williams Lake Road, Waterford Twp., not offered if raining, \$5 per person, free for 2 years and younger, www.waterfordmi.gov/1329/Parks-Recreation.

▪ Huron-Clinton Metroparks 2025 annual passes are on sale now, with a \$5 discount to residents of the five coun-

ties they serve, for annual vehicle passes purchased through Dec. 31, 2024, \$35 (\$24 for Seniors 62+). The pass can be used to access all of the 13 Metroparks all year long. Additionally, 2025 passes can be used immediately, even before the new year. Starting Jan. 1, the 2025 Metroparks annual pass will again cost \$40 for residents (\$29 for Seniors 62+) or \$45 for non-residents (\$34 for Seniors 62+).

▪ TrailBlazer Walking Series-"Owls," is 6-7 p.m. Nov. 8, at Independence Oaks County Park, 9501 Sashabaw Road, Independence Twp., one-mile informational hikes, dress for the weather and bring a water bottle. Text name and number of people attending to reserve a spot at 248-221-8040, www.oakgov.com/community/oakland-county-parks/events, free event, park entrance fees apply.

▪ Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas, michigan.gov/dnr. Park entrance fees apply.

Support activities/Resources

▪ For access to local community services, dial 211 (844-875-9211) or text zip code to 898211, for information and referrals to physical and mental health resources; housing, utility, food, and employment assistance; and suicide and crisis interventions, United Way, <https://unitedwaysem.org/get-help>.

▪ Common Ground's Resource & Crisis Helpline is available 24/7 — call or text 800-231-1127.

▪ The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7 confidential support for people who are suicidal or in emotional distress, or who know someone who is. Calls and text messages to 988 route to a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call center, www.fcc.gov/988lifeline.

▪ Veterans Crisis Line, dial 988 and then press 1 to connect to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline. For texts, veterans should text the Veterans Crisis Lifeline short code: 838255.

Submit community events online at <https://bit.ly/4Oa2iAm>.

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- Flexible AM or PM routes
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