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A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION:





PARKS & RECREATION



Letter from the Parks & Recreation Director



Dear Royal Oak Community,

As the leaves begin to turn and we welcome the crisp days of fall, I'm excited to share what's ahead in this season's Fall Insight. Autumn is a time for fresh starts and renewed energy—and nowhere is that more evident than in the exciting transformations underway at our Mahany-Meiningner Senior Community Center.

The Senior Center closed on June 25 for a much-anticipated renovation that promises a brighter and more welcoming space for all. We can't wait to welcome you back to an improved facility featuring:

- Fully renovated restrooms
- New flooring and ceiling tiles
- Fresh paint and lighting
- Upgraded front desk
- A new generator and electrical system enhancements

We deeply appreciate your patience and support as we enhance the Center to better serve the community. Our dedicated Senior Center staff remains available to assist you at the Royal Oak Public Library, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, or by phone at 248-246-3900. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Meanwhile, we're bringing the fun outdoors! Join us for the **Health & Housing Summer Fest** in partnership with Oakland County on Tuesday, August 5 from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at Normandy Oaks Park. Enjoy a lively event with a bounce house, backpack giveaways, free health screenings, vaccine clinics, and more. See page 3 for more info.

Starting this season, we're excited to introduce **Priority Registration for Residents**. Residents will now have exclusive access to register for programs two weeks before non-residents, giving them the first opportunity to secure their spot.

I invite you to explore all the offerings in our guide – from classes and athletics to special events that bring our community closer together. Thank you for letting us be a part of your lives and memories. We look forward to seeing you out in the parks and back in our refreshed spaces soon.

Sincerely,
Nicole McEachern, MPA, CPRP, CPO
Parks & Recreation Director



Senior Center Staff are available at the Royal Oak Public Library, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

Celebrating 30 Years of Car Show in Memorial Park

Join us for the 30th Annual Car Show in the Park during Dream Cruise Weekend at Memorial Park on Friday, August 15 and Saturday, August 16, 2025! This is your chance to showcase your classic car at one of the most anticipated events of the year.

Friday, August 15, 12:00 - 7:00 pm:
Performance Park Classic Car Show

Saturday, August 16, 8:00 am - 8:00 pm:
Performance Park Classic Car Show

Fee - \$50.00 | Late Fee (AFTER August 1) - \$60.00

To register your classic car and be part of this incredible event, visit royaloakrec.recdesk.com.

Don't miss out on celebrating 30 years of classic cars and memories at Memorial Park!



HEALTH & HOUSING SUMMER FEST

Family Fun and Resource Expo

Tuesday, August 5 | 11am - 2pm
Normandy Oaks Park - 4234 Delemere Blvd

Event Activities:

- Bounce house*, backpack giveaway and raffles
- Free vision screenings, exams and glasses**
- Free Kindergarten dental screenings
- Vaccine clinic for youth and adults
- Enroll in free health programs like WIC and home-visiting nursing
- Free hearing screenings and a basic ear exam

*Must wear socks on bounce house. **For those 4 to 21 years old while supplies last.



oakgov.info/HHSFest



Honey Tasting at the Hives

Join us at Normandy Oaks Pavilion on **Monday, August 25 at 10:30 am** for a **FREE** educational experience with local beekeeper, Ann Marie. Enjoy a delicious honey tasting and Q&A session where you'll learn all about the fascinating world of bees, honey production, and the vital role pollinators play in our ecosystem.

Afterward, take a short walk to the hives for a closer look at the bees in action. For those who want to get up close without the buzz of worry, we'll have a few bee jackets available for your comfort and safety.

Whether you're a nature enthusiast or just love honey, this is a unique opportunity you won't want to miss!



Family Movie Night in Centennial Commons

Presented by the Downtown Development Authority and Parks & Recreation

Wednesday, September 24
Lawn opens at 6:30 pm;
Movie starts at 7:00 pm

Bring your blankets and lawn chairs for a fun evening under the stars!

Scan the QR code for more details!



**For more information,
 visit romi.gov/539/Special-Events**

Soup and Salad with the Super

Wednesday, September 24, 11:30 am
M/M Community Senior Center

Enjoy a light lunch and lively conversation with the **Superintendent of Royal Oak Schools** and members of the **Royal Oak High School Class of 2026**. Don't miss this special intergenerational gathering!

Call 248-246-3900 to learn more or register.

Royal Oak Senior Healthy Living Fair

Wednesday October 1, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Fuel your mind, body, and spirit!

Join us for a day packed with valuable resources on Nutrition, Self-Care, Immunizations, and More!

Enjoy **FREE** refreshments, connect with local organizations, and discover tools for a healthier you. Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and take charge of your well-being!

Call 248-246-3900 to RSVP by September 15 to be entered into our Prize Drawing.

We Invite You to Join Our **FREE** Expo for All Ages!

COMMUNITY WELLNESS EXPO

SEPTEMBER 10TH
4PM - 8PM

Located at Royal Oak Farmers Market – Our Event Partner!
 316 E. Eleven Mile Rd. • Royal Oak, MI 48067

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

- Interactive Health & Wellness Stations
- Health & Wellness Resources
- Narcan Training
- Kids Corner

BONUS! FOOD TRUCK RALLY

Food is available for purchase from the Royal Oak Farmers Market Food Truck Rally occurring at the same time.

BROUGHT TO YOUR COMMUNITY BY
 The Alliance of Coalitions & Royal Oak Farmers Market

- Hazel Park Community Coalition
- Southeast Oakland Coalition
- Holly Area Community Coalition
- Tri-Community Coalition
- Prevention Pontiac Coalition
- Troy Community Coalition
- Royal Oak Community Coalition
- Words of Hope 4 Life

BECOME A VENDOR!

If you'd like to become a vendor for this event, please scan the QR code to register.

For More Info: (248) 221-7101 | www.alliancecmi.org



Federal, State, and/or County funding has been provided through the Oakland Community Health Network - Office of Substance Use Disorders to support the project costs.

Premiere Plus Royal Oak Dance

Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Session 1: Sept. 9 - Dec. 18 • Session 2: Jan. 6 - May 9, 2026

Dress Rehearsal: TBD | Recital: TBD

Students must participate in both sessions to perform in recital!

Theme: "Live, Laugh, Love, Dance!"

Join us this dance season to celebrate life, laughter, and love through dance! No matter which class you choose, each class will be full of love and laughter while we strengthen our technique and expression through movement. We have tap, jazz, and lyrical classes all waiting for your dancer. No matter the age or dance experience, we have a class for you! As always, we can't wait to dance with you! to multiple songs from the show, bringing this provincial life to the big stage! No matter the age or dance experience, we have a class for you! As always, we can't wait to dance with you!

This full school-year program runs in two sessions. An invoice for Session 2 will be sent in late December. Classes take place at the Salter Community Center and require a minimum of 8 students. Visit royaloakrec.recdesk.com to register and view class descriptions.

Tuesday - Ms. Sydney

Class	Code	Time	Fee (Res./Non-Res)
4 & 5 year old Preschool	YD1000	5:30-6:00 pm	\$105 / \$131.25
Movin' with the Mouse (K-2nd grade)	YD1001	6:00-6:45 pm	\$110 / \$137.50
Excel Prep Jazz/Lyrical Combo (4th & 5th grade)	YD1002	6:45-7:30 pm	\$125 / \$156.25
Excel Lyrical/Jazz Combo (6th grade & up)	YD1003	7:30-8:30 pm	\$125 / \$156.25

Thursday - Mrs. Stacey

Class	Code	Time	Fee (Res./Non-Res)
3 & 4 year old Preschool	YD1004	5:30-6:00 pm	\$105 / \$131.25
3 & 4 year old Preschool	YD1005	6:00-6:30 pm	\$105 / \$131.25
4 & 5 year old Preschool	YD1006	6:30-7:00 pm	\$105 / \$131.25
Movin' with the Mouse Tap/Jazz (K-2nd grade)	YD1007	7:00-7:45 pm	\$115 / \$143.75
Hip Hop Jazz/Tap Combo (3rd-5th grade)	YD1008	7:45-8:30 pm	\$125 / \$156.25



Four Seasons Preschool

2025-2026 Registration

- There is a non-refundable \$100 deposit fee due at time of registration.
- To be eligible for registration for the 2025-2026 school year students MUST be:
 - 3 years of age by Sept. 1, 2025
 - Toilet trained

For more information regarding pricing and scheduling, please visit:

www.fourseasonspreschoolonline.com

Four Seasons Preschool is licensed by the State of Michigan

2025 - 2026 Class Schedule

Morning Classes, 8:30 - 11:00 am

2 Days: Tuesday & Thursday

Tuition Fee: \$1,304.00 / 33 weeks

PRE2025-R3

FULL

3 Days: Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Tuition Fee: \$2,010.95 / 33 weeks

PRE2025-R1

FULL

Afternoon Class, 12:15 - 2:45 pm

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Tuition Fee: \$2,681.25 / 33 weeks

PRE2025-R2

OPEN

Three Ways to Register:

1. Online at royaloakrec.recdesk.com

2. In Person at City Hall

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Located at City Hall:

203 S. Troy St, Royal Oak, MI 48067

3. Mail-In Registration

**Mail completed registration form
with check made payable to:**

Royal Oak Recreation

PO Box 64

Royal Oak, MI 48068-0064

Priority Registration for Royal Oak Residents

Residents now have exclusive access to register for programs two weeks before non-residents, giving them the first opportunity to secure their spot.

See page 24 for Senior Center Registration.



The following policies apply to all Recreation programs unless otherwise noted:

- Accounts with unpaid balances are not allowed to register.
- All refunds will be assessed a \$10 processing fee.
- Refunds will only be granted if requested at least five business days prior to the start of activity.
- Refunds will be returned in the form of the original payment. Credit card refunds are processed in 3–5 business days. Cash or check refunds take three to four weeks.
- No refunds on one-day or drop-in classes.
- Activities may be cancelled due to low enrollment. Full refunds will be issued if activity is cancelled due to low enrollment.
- Insufficient Funds: There will be a \$35 Returned Check Charge to all accounts for checks that are returned by the bank.

When Royal Oak Schools are closed due to inclement weather:

- Four Seasons Preschool is closed for the entire day.
- All programs held at school facilities are cancelled.
- Programs held at the Salter Center starting before 12:00 pm are cancelled. Determination on programs held at the Salter Center after 12:00 pm will be updated on website after 10:30 am.
- For programs held at other Parks and Recreation facilities: Contact the facility directly.
- For outdoor programs, we will make decisions on the status of games/programs up to 4:00 pm. After 4:00 pm, report to the site and a decision will be made by officials/program leaders. If the Oakland County tornado siren sounds signifying a tornado warning, all games/programs will automatically cease.

Registration for Residents begins August 12; Non-Residents, August 26

Parks & Recreation Facilities

Administration - City Hall	Monday - Thursday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Friday, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	248-246-3180
Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center	Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm	248-246-3900
Salter Community Center	Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm	248-544-4166
John Lindell Ice Arena	Monday - Thursday, 6:00 am - 11:00 pm Saturday & Sunday, 7:00 am - 8:00 pm	248-246-3950
Royal Oak Golf Course	Monday - Sunday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm	248-554-0019
Royal Oak Golf Center (Driving Range, Mini Golf)	Open 9:00 am Closing varies by season; please visit website	248-549-4653
Total Soccer	Closed for Season Reopens in Fall	248-288-2110
Royal Oak Farmers Market	Friday - 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. (May – October) Saturday, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm (year-round) Sunday, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm (year-round)	248-246-3276

Registration Form

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male/Female _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Telephone - Home _____ Work _____

E-mail _____

Class _____ Day _____ Time _____ Start Date _____

Class _____ Day _____ Time _____ Start Date _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Cash☐ Visa/Discover # _____ 3-digit Security Code _____☐ Mastercard # _____ 3-digit Security Code _____

Cardholder Name _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

I hereby voluntarily release and hold harmless the City of Royal Oak, City of Royal Oak Contractors/Independent Contractors and the Royal Oak School District from all liability for all types of damages or injuries, whether foreseeable or not, sustained by myself, my child and other family members while participating, watching and traveling to or from this activity.

Signed _____ Date _____

(If youth, parent or guardian must sign)

Registration Form

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____ Male/Female _____

Address _____ City, Zip _____

Telephone - Home _____ Work _____

E-mail _____

Class _____ Day _____ Time _____ Start Date _____

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Signed _____ Date _____

Leisure Unlimited

Session 1: Wednesdays, Sept. 17 - Oct. 22

Session 2: Wednesdays, Oct. 29 - Dec. 10 *No class Nov. 26*

Fee: Res. \$90; Non-Res. \$112.50 / 6-week session

Location: Salter Community Center Gym

Instructor: Leisure Unlimited LLC, Coach Dave East

Sports Starters (preschoolers, ages 3 - 5) YA2001

A fun introduction to individual sports skills. Various balls, bean bags and hula hoops will be used to help your toddlers understand and execute the skills of running, catching, throwing, and kicking. Class emphasis is on participation, effort and FUN!

Kiddie Sports (ages 4 - 6)

YA2002

Introduce your youngsters to a variety of sports including soccer, lacrosse, floor hockey, tee-ball, volleyball, kickball, football and a few surprises! Fun, progressive drills allow kids to work at their own pace while improving their individual and team skills. Emphasis is on teamwork and effort.

Youth Basketball (Skills & Scrimmage) (ages 7 - 11)

YA2003

A combination of skills instruction and league play. Improve individual techniques. Increase player confidence, team strategies, sportsmanship and game comprehension. With Coach Dave's guidance, new teams are picked each week for league play.

Babysitter Safety (ages 9+)

Certified Babysitter/CPR/First Aid and Safe Home Alone

Become a safe, confident babysitter with skills in first aid, CPR, choking, basic care, and more. Learn safety tips for home alone and how to handle personal info and door visits.

Students will receive a Certified Babysitter/CPR/First Aid certificate from Live Safe Academy upon completion.

Drop-off/pick-up in the classroom. Instructor: Live Safe Academy.

Saturday, Oct. 11 OR Sunday, Dec. 7 at Salter Community Center

9:00 am - 3:00 pm (6 hours) **YA4011**

Fee: Res. \$75; Non-Res. \$93.75 / 1 class

Certified Pet Sitter/CPR/First Aid (Add-on only; ages 9+)

Kids, learn pet first aid and become a certified Pet Sitter! Stand out by offering both babysitting and pet sitting services.

This add-on class follows the Certified Babysitter course on the same day.

Saturday, Oct. 11 OR Sunday, Dec. 7 at Salter Community Center

3:00 - 4:00 pm (1 hour) **YA4012**

Fee: Res. \$15; Non-Res. \$18.75 / 1 class

TumbleBunnies

Gymnastics

This fun and energetic class is designed for parents to work with their child and is filled with a variety of activities, including gymnastics-focused warm-ups, movement to music, and engaging exercises on a wide range of equipment such as octagons, wedge mats, trampolines, bars, and more. Comfortable clothing is all that's required.

Tuesdays at Salter Community Center

Fall 1: Sept. 23 - Oct. 28

Fall 2: Nov. 11 - Dec. 16

Saturdays at Salter Community Center

Fall 1: Sept. 27 - Nov. 1

Fall 2: Nov. 8 - Dec. 20 *No class Nov. 29*

Fee: Res. \$92; Non-Res. \$115 / 6-week session

Itty Bitty Bunny, 18 months - 2 years: 9:30 - 10:00 am

Saturday - YA 3001 • Tuesday - YA3008

Bizzy Bunnies, 3 - 4 year olds: 10:05 - 10:35 am

Saturday - YA 3002 • Tuesday - YA3009

Happy Hoppers - 5 - 7 year olds: 10:40 - 11:10 am

Saturday only - YA3003

Karate/Parkour

This class teaches martial arts skills in a fun way while emphasizing life skills like respect, self-discipline, focus, and kindness. Children will improve agility, coordination, and strength as they become Ninja Bunnies. Each week offers a variety of activities and props to keep the classes fresh and exciting.

Fridays at Salter Community Center

Fall 1: Sept. 19 - Oct. 24

Fall 2: Nov. 7 - Dec. 19 *No class Nov. 28*

Fee: Res. \$92; Non-Res. \$115 / 6-week session

3-5 year olds, 4:00 - 4:30pm YA3004

6-8 year olds, 4:35 - 5:05pm YA3005

Paint Like Bob Ross

Learn to Paint like Bob Ross in just one day! Join Certified Bob Ross Instructor Ted Simpson as he guides you through an entire painting in just a few hours. Paint big mountains, fluffy clouds, and of course, lots of Happy Little Trees! Each class is a different painting. All supplies are included to complete your masterpiece. No previous painting experience is required. You can do this!

Northern Lights

Saturday, October 11 at Salter Community Center Art Room

1:00 - 4:00 pm AE2016

Fee: Res. \$80; Non-Res. \$100

Lakeside Path

Saturday, Dec. 7 at Salter Community Center Art Room

1:00 - 4:00 pm AE2017

Fee: Res. \$80; Non-Res. \$100



Line Dancing

Basic Beginner/Beginner Plus

Tuesdays, Sept. 17, 6:15 - 8:00 pm at M/M Community Center

Session 1: Sept. 23 - Oct. 28 AE2006

Session 2: Nov. 11 - Dec. 16 AE2006

Fee: Res. \$42; Non-Res. \$52.50 / 6-week session

Welcome to the fun world of LINE DANCING. Whether you are brand new or have had some experience, this class is for you. Terrific exercise for mind, heart and body. Learn to dance to all genres of music. Class will start with Basic Beginner (No Experience) and progress to Beginner Plus (Some Experience). Come for one or both classes. Bring your friends and join us for a fun evening. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and bring water.

Cooking

Send an email to supplylist@gmail.com or call 586-256-8144 for a list of supplies to bring.

Cake Decorating for Beginners

Monday, Oct. 6, 6:00 - 8:30 pm AE2011

Room 3 at M/M Community Center

Fee: Res. \$36; Non-Res. \$45

Learn how to create beautiful, colorful buttercream flowers, leaves, stars, borders, and more for your baked goods! It's really fun and surprisingly easy too!

Gourmet Stuffed Meatballs

Monday, Nov. 3, 6:00 - 8:30 pm AE2013

Room 3 at M/M Community Center

Fee: Res. \$36; Non-Res. \$45

Join us for a fun evening where you'll work on your own to prepare these new, very popular (and expensive) meatballs! Create these three varieties: savory bacon and cheddar, 3-cheese, and Swiss and mushroom (or zucchini).

Holiday Appetizers:

Egg Rolls, Spring Rolls and Potstickers

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6:00 - 8:30 pm AE2015

Room 3 at M/M Community Center

Fee: Res. \$36; Non-Res. \$45

Just in time for your holiday table! You'll work on your own and prepare a tasty, traditional Asian inspired filling from scratch, then learn how to use all of the traditional edible 'wrappers' needed to create your scrumptious appetizers!

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese practice that enhances the body, mind, and spirit, leaving you feeling refreshed. It improves muscle tone, joint flexibility, and circulation. Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing. Instructor Han Hoong Wang, a certified senior instructor with over 35 years of teaching experience, has studied with top masters in the U.S. and China. She welcomes students of all ages to join her class.

Location: Salter Community Center | Fees: Res: \$108; Non-Res: \$135 / 12 weeks

Mondays, Sept. 15 - Dec. 8

No class Nov. 3

Chen Style - Beginner

6:30-7:30 pm **AF2001**

Yang Style Hand Form - Continued

7:30-8:30 pm **AF2002**

Yang Style Saber, Sword and Long Pole

8:30-9:30 pm **AF2003**

Thursdays, Sept. 11 - Dec. 4

No class Nov. 27

Chen Style - Continued

6:30 - 7:30 pm **AF2006**

Sanshou Continued

7:30 - 8:30 pm **AF2004**

Mulan Fan

8:30 - 9:30 pm **AF2005**



Hatha Yoga

Rejuvenate your mind and body. Improve your mental concentration, body alignment, and learn to enjoy deep relaxation. Join our basic Hatha Yoga class. Everyone is welcome regardless of age, flexibility, or fitness level. Postures can be modified to make the practice as gentle or challenging as each individual needs. We practice without competition or judgement. Yoga is especially beneficial for people leading stressful lives as it promotes centering, balance, and relaxation which enhances our quality of life. **Classes are for all skill levels. Beginners are welcome.** Wear comfortable, loose clothing and **bring a mat, blanket and strap**. Do not eat 1½ to 2 hours prior to class. Instructor: Christine Walbridge.

Wednesday at Senior Community Center

Sept. 10 - Dec. 10, 5:40 - 6:55 pm **AF2007**

Fee: Res. \$96; Non-Res. \$120 / 12 weeks

No class Oct. 29, Nov. 26

Thursday at Senior Community Center

Sept. 11 - Dec. 11, 7:00 - 8:15 pm **AF2010**

Fee: Res. \$96; Non-Res. \$120 / 12 weeks

No class Oct. 30, Nov. 27

Fit Mix

Burn calories in this heart-healthy class that includes the essential components of fitness: cardio, strength, core, and flexibility. Low-impact cardio portion includes warm-up, aerobic drills, and fun combos – with intensity options to keep it low, take it higher or somewhere in-between. Hand weights are used during strength segment, followed by core work and a series of controlled, static stretches to release stress. Bring a mat, hand weights, dynaband (optional) and water.

Monday, 5:50-6:50 pm Instructor: Karen B

Sept. 15 - Dec. 8 at M/M Senior/Community Center **FF2005**

No class Nov. 3

Fee: Res. \$84; Non-Res. \$105 / 12 weeks

Wednesday, 5:50-6:50 pm Instructor: Karen B

Sept. 17 - Dec. 10 at M/M Senior/Community Center **FF2006**

No class Nov. 26

Fee: Res. \$84; Non-Res. \$105 / 12 weeks

Low-Impact Workout **Great for Beginners!**

Need to restart your exercise program? Perform simple low-impact, joint-friendly moves to burn calories, condition your body, and improve balance and functional fitness. Get a motivating workout to music without complicated choreography. Bring a mat for floor work (chairs are available for modified floor work) and water. Light hand weights are optional.

Thursday, 6:20 - 7:20 pm Instructor: Angie M

Sept. 11 - Dec. 18 at M/M Senior/Community Center **FF2002**

No class Oct. 30, Nov. 27

Fee: Res. \$91; Non-Res. \$113 / 13 weeks

Stretch Relief

Stretching and flexibility are the focus of this class. Using proper form and breath awareness while moving through a variety (standing/seated/mat) of simple functional movements as well as controlled concentrated stretches, you'll enhance range of motion, increase circulation, release stress and feel more limber, clear-headed and relaxed. Bring a mat, dynaband (optional) or towel and wear loose, comfortable clothing.

Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm Instructor: Karen B

Sept. 15 - Dec. 8 at M/M Senior/Community Center **FF2023**

No class Nov. 3

Fee: Res. \$84; Non-Res. \$105 / 12 weeks

Mat Pilates

Pilates, a non-impact deep muscle conditioning method, strengthens the body's "powerhouse" – the abdominal, gluteal, and back muscles – by redressing unbalances and altering movement patterns. This mat-intensive workout enhances posture, flexibility, endurance, and balance while toning and firming your core and can be modified from gentle to challenging, depending on fitness level and goals. Bring a mat and light weights.

Monday, 6:20-7:20 pm Instructor: Ginger V

Sept. 8 - Dec. 8 at Salter Community Center **FF2013**

Fee: Res. \$98; Non-Res. \$122.50 / 14 weeks

Wednesday, 6:20-7:20 pm Instructor: Tammy R

Sept. 10 - Dec. 10 at Salter Community Center **FF2014**

No class Nov. 26

Fee: Res. \$91; Non-Res. \$113.75 / 13 weeks

Total Body Conditioning **New Additional Night!**

Build muscle strength and endurance and burn more calories for safe, fast results with this full body training set to energetic music. Whether you are a beginner with new fitness goals or an experienced exerciser looking for a cross-training body toning workout, this fun class is for you. The cardio warm-up leads into weight training geared to sculpt and strengthen muscles, ending with a series of refreshing stretches. Bring a mat, hand weights, towel, and water.

Tuesday, 6:20-7:20 pm Instructor: Angie M

Sept. 9 - Dec. 16 at M/M Senior Community Center **FF 2010**

No class Nov. 4

Fee: Res. \$98; Non-Res. \$122.50 / 14 weeks

Thursday, 7:30-8:30 pm Instructor: Kendell M

Sept. 11 - Dec. 11 at Senior Community Center **FF 2016**

No class Nov 27

Fee: Res. \$91; Non-Res. \$113.75 / 13 weeks

Saturday, 8:45-9:45 am Instructor: Angie M

Sept. 13 - Dec. 20 at Salter Community Center **FF 2012**

No class Oct. 11, Nov. 29

Fee: Res. \$91; Non-Res. \$113.75 / 13 weeks

Our Department receives federal funds from the US Department of the Interior. Accordingly, all activities must be operated free from discrimination, on the basis of race, color, national origin, age or handicap. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against or who would like further information regarding the prohibition of discrimination should write to:

Director, Equal Opportunity Program
National Parks Service
PO Box 37127
Washington DC 20013-7127

Special Thanks

A special thanks to the Royal Oak School District for the excellent City-School cooperation which allows us to provide numerous activities in school facilities.

Adult Softball Leagues

League Offerings

Coed

Thursday Coed Division III

Men's

Tuesday Men's Division II

Registration Dates

July 21 - August 15

Open registration

August 25

Beginning August 25, Manager's Packets will be available for pick up at the Royal Oak City Hall, 203 S Troy St, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday.

Week of September 2

All Leagues begin

Entry Fee

\$600, includes 12-game season, playoff tournament for top four teams (single elimination), ASA Registration, and awards for Season Champs and Playoff Champs.

Umpire Fee

\$20 per game per team (paid at site)

Fields/Times

Worden #2 6:10 pm
 Worden #4 6:10, 7:20, 8:30
 Worden #5 6:10, 7:20, 8:30

Times subject to change based on number of participants.

Non-resident teams are welcome to participate.

Register online at royaloakrec.recdesk.com



Women's Volleyball League

League Offerings

Women's A-Open

Tuesday nights

Women's B Division

Thursday nights

Week of September 2

All Leagues begin

Entry Fee

\$325, includes 12-game season, playoff tournament for top four teams (single elimination), awards for Season Champs and Playoff Champs.

Official Fee

\$15 per game per team (paid at site)

Game Times

6:30, 7:30, 8:30 & 9:30

Salter Community Center

Schedules will be emailed by September 2.

Registration

Team Availability: Spots are limited to **8 teams** for each night

- Priority registration for **resident** returning teams begins August 12. Email recreationinfo@romi.gov if you would like to return for this upcoming season. Balances must be paid in full to reserve your spot.
- Priority registration for **non-resident** returning teams begins August 19. Email recreationinfo@romi.gov if you would like to return for this upcoming season. Balances must be paid in full to reserve your spot.
- Open registration for **new teams**: August 25 | register online at royaloakrec.recdesk.com under the Adult category.

Fees: \$325 per team **AV 1000 | AV 1001**

Drop-In Sports at the Salter Center

Pickleball

Beginning October 20

- Drop-in fees are listed below. Any individual caught not paying will be asked to leave the gym immediately.
- Sign-in sheets will be made available 30 minutes before scheduled start times.

Monday - Friday

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
West Gym - 3.5 & higher
Drop-in fee: \$5

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

11:00 am - 3:00 pm
East Gym - Beginner - 3.5
Drop-in fee: \$5

Tuesday, Thursday

1:30 - 3:30 pm
East Gym - Beginner - 3.5
Drop-in fee: \$3



Bounce Volleyball

Tuesdays and Thursdays

11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Salter Community Center

Bounce Volleyball, a slightly slower paced game than power volleyball, allows a wider range of skill levels to participate and enjoy this great game. \$1 per session.

Drop-In Pinochle

Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:30 pm
Salter Community Center

Drop in for an enjoyable game of pinochle, meet new friends. \$1

Helping Hands

Fridays, 9:30 am
Salter Community Center

Interested in knitting, crocheting or sewing? Create blankets for chemotherapy patients at the Salter Center on Fridays, or work at home. Kits are available, or you can use your own materials to create squares that can be assembled into blankets for the patients. Stop by and get the details about the size and type of materials desired, or call (248) 246-3180. Donations of 4-ply yarn gratefully accepted.

Let's Walk!

Monday - Friday, 8:30 - 11:00 am
Meet at Salter Community Center

Strengthen your heart, lungs and vascular system. Improve your circulation. Relieve tension and modify the aging process. How? Join **Let's Walk!** and enjoy the four seasons, briskly walking at your own pace. Walk indoors around the gym or outdoors in the park and neighborhoods, weather permitting. Track your progress by completing a mileage log sheet at the Salter Center.

Sit Down & Tone Up

Monday, Wednesday, Friday; 9:30 am
Salter Community Center

A lively workout without leaving your chair. You'll build strength, stimulate bone growth and improve posture and balance. Work lower body and abs by using your leg's own weight (or bring ankle weights). Work upper body with 1 - 3 lb. weights. Video workout, free!

Senior Pilates

Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:15 pm
Salter Community Center

August 19 - Oct. 7 **SA2302**

Fee: Res. \$48; Non-Res. \$60 / 8 weeks

Oct. 14 - Dec. 9 **SA2302**

No class Nov. 4

Fee: Res. \$54; Non-Res. \$67.50 / 9 weeks

Pilates is a neuro-muscular resistance control method of exercise designed to help develop strong, flexible muscles and better posture. This is a basic class with emphasis on gradual progression and strict body alignment and exercise form. Wear loose comfortable clothes and bring a mat. Instructor: Cheryl Baugh, ACSM, Certified Fitness Instructor.

Stretch & Strength (40+) Cardio, weights and stretching

11:00 am - 12 Noon
Salter Community Center

Fall 1

Mondays: Sept. 8 - Oct. 27 SA6001

Wednesdays: Sept. 10 - Oct. 29 SA6002

Fridays: Sept. 12 - Oct. 31 SA6003

Fee: Res. \$48; Non-Res. \$60 / 8 weeks

Fall 2

Mondays: Nov. 3 - Dec. 22 SA6001

Fee: Res. \$48; Non-Res. \$60 / 8 weeks

Wednesdays: Nov. 5 - Dec. 17 SA6002

Fee: Res. \$42; Non-Res. \$52.50 / 7 weeks

Fridays: Nov. 7 - Dec. 19 SA6003

No class Nov. 28

Fee: Res. \$36; Non-Res. \$45 / 6 weeks

Drop-in any Monday, Wednesday or Friday for \$6 per class.

Fun exercise for the active adult and senior. Improve your stamina, strength and flexibility. All exercises are adaptable to allow you to work at your own pace and fitness level. Each class includes low-impact aerobics, strength training and stretching. Workout to great music, make new friends, socialize, laugh and have fun! Bring a water bottle and hand-held weights if you have them. Wear tennis shoes and loose, comfortable clothing. Instructor Jo Schirtzinger, from Leisure Unlimited LLC, has been teaching this popular class in Royal Oak since 1994.

Yoga

Tuesdays, 1:30 - 2:30 pm
Salter Community Center

August 19 - Oct. 7 **SA2322**

Fee: Res. \$48; Non-Res. \$60 / 8 weeks

Oct. 14 - Dec. 9 **SA2322**

No class Nov. 4

Fee: Res. \$54; Non-Res. \$67.50 / 9 weeks

Yoga is a great way to deal with hypertension, back pain, headaches, stress, depression and even arteriosclerosis. Through a series of movements, postures and breathing techniques, one will increase, strength, flexibility, alignment and balance. Instructor - Cheryl Baugh. Preregister.



Locally grown produce and plants are in abundance at the Royal Oak Farmers Market. Every Saturday more than 30 Michigan farmers set up their booths offering everything from apples to zucchini. Most are picked within 24 hours of purchase. In addition to produce, there are several vendors selling antibiotic- and hormone-free meats, free range eggs and chicken, cheeses, freshly made salsa, baked goods, and much more. **For more information, please call (248) 246-3276.**

Open All Year!

Farmers & Specialty Food Vendors are at the market

- Fridays, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, May - Thanksgiving
- Saturdays, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm, All year

Antique & Collectible Vendors are at the market

- Sundays, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, All year



Farmers Market Events

Food Truck Rally and Community Wellness Expo Wednesday, September 10, 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Celebrating 100 Years with 100 Vendors and Corn Roast Saturday, August 9, 7:00am - 1:00 pm

Experience one of the biggest market days of the year with 100 vendors celebrating 100 years of the Royal Oak Farmers Market! Browse fresh produce, handmade goods, specialty items and Antique & Collectibles vendors while enjoying entertainment, corn on the cob, and special giveaways. Don't miss this historic day of shopping and fun!

Centennial Celebration - Harvest Festival Wednesday, October 8, 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Come enjoy an evening of food, music, and community fun as we honor a century of fresh produce, local vendors, and market history. Don't miss this milestone event!

Holiday Magic Marketplace Thursday, December 4, 4:00 - 9:00 pm

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Royal Oak Football Club offers programs for all ages and abilities, from preschool through High School! Rec Teams are built by grade level so kids can play with their peers. ROFC is proud to play at Royal Oak parks thanks to our partnership with Royal Oak Parks and Recreation.

- ROFC focuses on fun, teamwork and developing player skills
- The fall season runs from early September thru late October
- Our Little Renegades program is specifically for 3- and 4-year-olds and runs on Saturday mornings
- Rec teams practice weekly (time and location determined by volunteer coaches) and play 8-10 games throughout the season

As a community-based not-for-profit organization, ROFC Recreational Soccer offers an affordable, fun program for kids to learn and play the game of soccer!

Register online. Hurry, teams fill up fast!

**For more information and to register, visit
www.royaloakfc.com**



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Neighborhood Parks

Clawson Park
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Kenwood Park
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Marks Park
Mark Twain (Dog) Park
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Community Parks

Centennial Commons
Cummington
Isabel & Myron Zucker Park
Memorial Park
Normandy Oaks Park
Quickstad Park
Red Run Park
Starr Jaycee Park
V.F.W. Park
Wagner Park
Worden Park

Lockman Park Ninja Course



Mark Twain Dog Park FOBS

Dog Park applications are available on our website at www.romi.gov/542/Dog-Park-Membership-Renewal or in person at the city clerk's office. The application and waiver must be filled out and brought into the city clerk's office in order to process. Owner must show proof that all shots for their dog are current (Bordetella, Distemper, Parvovirus and Rabies) and non-residents must also show a copy of their dog's current license. The fees for first time applicants are \$50 for residents and \$75 for non-residents. If you are renewing your dog park FOB and return the old FOB, the yearly fees are \$40 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. If a FOB is lost and needs to be replaced, there is an additional \$10 fee. FOBS expire one year from the original application date. If there will be additional handlers in the household using the FOB, they must sign a waiver as well.

Dog Licenses

Dog Licenses are available in the clerk's office. All dogs must be licensed by their owner (City Ordinance § 195-10). A copy of the dog's rabies certificate is required in order for the license to be issued, as well as proof of spaying or neutering. The licenses are issued according to the expiration of the rabies vaccination. A three-year license is \$20 for dogs that are spayed or neutered. A three-year license for dogs that are not spayed or neutered is \$40. There is a \$20 late fee if the dog license is renewed more than 30 days after the expiration of the current license. Residents who are 60+ receive a \$2 discount on dog licenses. You may now apply for dog licenses online at www.romi.gov/179/Licensing-Dogs

Great Lakes Live Steamers

The Great Lakes Live Steamers provides free miniature train rides in the Starr Jaycee Park on the first full weekend of every month from May to October, starting at 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. All ages are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult to ride. Though rides are free, donations are appreciated to maintain the track and trains.



Royal Oak Nature Society Protecting Our Nature Parks and Educating the Community

The Royal Oak Nature Society is a volunteer group working with the city to maintain and improve Royal Oak's two nature preserves, Cummingston Park & Tenhave Woods. Dogs are not allowed inside either Tenhave Woods or Cummingston Park. The Nature Society is also developing the Fred A. Erb Arboretum behind the Senior Center. If you are interested in joining the conservation effort or just need more information, please phone us at 248-246-3380 and leave a message, e-mail us at naturesociety@romi.gov, mail us at: Royal Oak Nature Society, 1600 N. Campbell Rd, Royal Oak, 48067 or check out our website at www.romi.gov/nature. You can also find us on Facebook. Check www.romi.gov/411/Nature-Walks for park trail maps, park locations, plus where to meet for nature walks and park programs.

Speaker Programs

At our speaker programs, we present speaker programs that are usually Power Point presentations focusing on various natural history topics. If you watch nature programs on PBS or the Discovery Channel, this is better because you can talk with the speakers afterwards and ask questions. There is no cost and registration is not required. Programs are held on Thursdays at the Royal Oak Historical Museum (1411 W. Webster) and begin at 7:00 pm. At present, there are no Nature Society speaker programs scheduled. When they do get scheduled, they will be posted on our website.

Friends of Fungi Mycology Club

The Friends of Fungi Mycology Club will meet on **Thursday, November 13** at the **Royal Oak Historical Museum** (1411 Webster, just west of Crooks Rd.) beginning **at 7:00 pm**. Lorenzo Piccolo will be doing a program entitled "Ascomycota Fungi of Michigan." Everyone is welcome to come. There is no cost and registration is not required..

Nature Walk Schedule

There is normally at least one naturalist lead walk per month with additional ones added during the spring wildflower and fall color seasons. The walks take place at Cummingston Park, Tenhave Woods and the Fred A. Erb Arboretum. An emphasis is put on understanding the different forest types found in our parks. Further information is given on individual plant and animal species, geology, and human history of the area. There is no cost, and registration is not required for our nature walks.

DATE	TIME & PLACE	TOPIC
Sept. 20 (Sat)	2:00 pm at Tenhave	Forest
Sept. 27 (Sat)	10:00 am at Tenhave	Mushrooms
Oct. 5 (Sun)	2:00 pm at Cummingston	Fall Color
Oct. 12 (Sun)	2:00 pm at Tenhave	Fall Color
Oct. 19 (Sun)	2:00 pm at Cummingston	Fall Color
Oct. 25 (Sat)	10:00 am at Cummingston	Mushrooms
Oct. 26 (Sun)	2:00 pm at Tenhave	Fall Color
Nov. 16 (Sun)	2:00 pm at Tenhave	Geology

Park Shelter Reservations

**Shelter Dates of Operation:
April 1 through October 31**

**Rental Time slots are
10:00 am - 2:00 pm OR 3:00 - 7:00 pm**

	Weekdays		Weekends/Holidays	
	Res.	Non-Res.	Res.	Non-Res.
Large Shelter-Normandy	\$125	\$175	\$150	\$200
Large Shelter-Memorial	\$75	\$100	\$100	\$125
Large Shelter-Starr/VFW	\$50	\$65	\$80	\$95
Small Shelter-Lawson	\$50	\$65	\$80	\$95
Small Shelter-Starr	\$30	\$45	\$40	\$50

Reserve at royaloakrec.recdesk.com/Community/Facility



Lawson Park small pavilion



Memorial Park large pavilion

Field and Gym Reservations

Full payment is required for single-day reservations at the time of registration.

- A 20% non-refundable deposit is required for multi-day reservations.
- The balance must be paid 14 days before the reservation date; otherwise, the reservation will be forfeited, and the customer will be banned from making reservations for one year.
- New reservations will not be accepted by customers with an outstanding balance.

Please visit: romi.gov/485/Facility-Pavilion-Rentals for more information or to make reservations.

Salter Center Gym

Multi-purpose gym that can be rented for \$60 per hour.

Please note:

- Food and drinks are not allowed in the gym.
- The gym cannot be rented for birthday parties.

Fields

Fees vary based on specific locations. Permits must be on-site to be considered valid.

Please note:

- No outdoor athletic field reservations will be made during the month of March.
- Parks & Recreation city partners are given priority field use during their designated permit time.



Rentals at M/M Community Center

3500 Marais Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

Rentals are available Monday through Saturday only. Building closed on Sundays. A \$200 security deposit and full payment is due upon booking.

The security deposit is refundable only if the following conditions are met:

- Premises are left in the same condition as the start of the event. No damages or additional cleaning required by the city staff.
- Trash has been taken to the dumpster.
- Tiled floors have been swept.
- Tables and chairs returned as they were upon arrival.

No alcohol or bounce houses are allowed on the premises.

- Optional add-ons may be available. Some rooms have a monitor, AV, amplified speaker and microphone podium, easel. Coffee service is available for an additional fee.*

CANCELLATION POLICY: A full refund will be given with 48 hours advanced notice, otherwise it will be forfeited.

If you would like to book a rental or require further information, please call **248-246-3900**.

Room/ Facility	Rental Rate per hour		Maximum Occupancy	Details
	(w/food)	(w/o food)		
Lounge 608 sq ft	N/A	\$25	12	Square tables, chairs, carpeted floor, windows looking out to the Arboretum, TV in the corner
Game Room 1088 sq ft	N/A	\$25	20	Rectangular and square tables, chairs, carpeted floor; *Use of the pool tables is NOT INCLUDED and no food allowed.*
Room 1 400 sq ft	\$35	\$30	20	Rectangular and square tables, chairs, carpeted floor, dry erase board, TV in the corner
Room 2 416 sq ft	\$45	\$40	20	Rectangular tables, chairs, carpeted floor, sink, coat rack, pull-down screen projector
Room 3 638 sq ft	\$50	\$40	40	Rectangular tables, chairs, tiled floor, sink, coat rack, dry erase board, 50" monitor on wall
Rooms 4 & 5 4416 sq ft	\$65	\$55	100-150	Oval tables, chairs, tiled floor, 86-inch monitor, 12 ft. ceiling, windows looking out to the Arboretum
Room 7 280 sq ft	\$30	\$20	10-12	Square tables, chairs, carpeted floor
Rooms 8 & 9 1040 sq ft	\$55	\$45	45	Rectangular tables, chairs, tiled floor, 75-inch monitor, two sinks
Patio 2275 sq ft	\$35	\$25	N/A	Cement pavement surrounded by the Arboretum
Parking Lot 105 regular spaces 10 accessible spaces	\$75	\$75	N/A	Call for details. Must provide own \$1 million dollar Liability insurance to indemnify the city for all accidents

* **Coffee Service** is available at time of booking. Preparation includes regular or decaf brewed coffee, hot water, teabags, paper cups, powdered creamer, sweeteners, stir sticks and napkins. Fees are as follows:

30-person, \$20; 55-person, \$30; 100-person, \$35; 150-person, \$40; 200-person, \$50

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For more information on any of these programs,
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Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra

Join us in our 30th anniversary season of providing a cultural offering to Royal Oak and its neighboring communities! Formed specifically for area musicians who desire to continue making music a life-long avocation, the orchestra is composed of adults of all ages and professions. ROSO rehearses September to May every Wednesday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Royal Oak Middle School and performs four concerts each season. For concert ticket information, call 248-549-0262. If interested in joining, click on the "Auditions" tab at www.royaloakorchestra.org.

Tickets available at the door or in advance at www.royaloakorchestra.org.

Concert admission: \$20.00 Adults; Seniors and Students \$15.00
Ages 12 and under free

Concerts are held at the Royal Oak Middle School auditorium on Fridays at 7:30 pm (note earlier start time).

Royal Oak Concert Band

Organized in the mid-1960s, the Royal Oak Concert Band is the oldest community band in southeastern Michigan. The band meets each Monday, 7:00-9:00 pm, September through May, at Royal Oak Middle School. The ROCB is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining, please visit their website at www.royaloakconcertband.org.

Tickets available at the door or in advance at www.royaloakconcertband.org.

Concert admission: Adults \$12; Seniors and Students, \$10
Ages 12 and under free

Concerts are held at the Royal Oak Middle School auditorium on Sundays at 3:00 pm.



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Code of Conduct

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Act with Patience

Take Responsibility

Listen Attentively

Communicate Effectively

Lead by Example

Be Proactive

Live Royal Oak

Discover the Royal Oak Senior Community Center! We are committed to working with and for older adults to develop activities and services that support their efforts to remain healthy, active, and independent. Check out the next few pages to see what we have to offer. Join the mailing list or stop in and pick up the free monthly *Times Newsletter* to stay informed of all the daytime programs held in our building.

Senior Program Registration

- To register for programs on the Senior Center pages, you may call **248-246-3900** and pay with a credit card OR you may register in-person and pay with cash, check or credit card. **NO ONLINE REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE.**
- Registration for all extended trips should be done in person.
- Classes are open to adults of all ages who are available for daytime activities. No membership fee.
- Non-residents are welcome for an additional fee.

Refund Policy

- For classes, no refund will be granted after the start of the second week of class. If it is a cooking class, you may cancel seven days before the date of class for a refund.
- Trip cancellations and refunds will vary and depend on the independent travel agency. For more information, call Kathy Kast at 248-246-3916.
- **A \$10.00 processing fee will be deducted from all refunds.**

Special Events and Workshops

September

1	Labor Day	CLOSED
2	Questions on Cremation L/L	11:30 am
4	1st Thursday Book Club	11:00 am
5	BINGO	12:30 pm
8	The Osteopracitic Difference FREE	9:00 am
9	SOAA Meeting; Guest fee \$5.00	6:30 pm
15	Sushi Making Class FEE	5:30 pm
16	"Into Every Life..." L/L	11:30 am
17	Legal Consultations FREE	By appt.
23	Importance of Annual Enrollment L/L	11:30 am
24	Soup and Salad with Super	11:30 am
24	Keep Learning with the ROPL	11:00 am
26	4th Friday M/M Book Club	10:00 am
29	Mistakes of Medicare L/L	11:30 am

October

1	Healthy Living Fair FREE	9:00 am
2	1st Thursday Book Club	11:00 am
3	BINGO	12:30 pm
6	Senior Living Q&A; by appt. or walk-in	10:00 am
6	Welcome Newcomers	10:30 am
7	Grand & Me Craft; fee + materials	4:30 pm
7	SOAA Meeting; Guest fee \$5.00	6:30 pm
10	Senior Craft Class; fee + materials	10:00 am
13	Medicare: It's Complicated L/L	11:30 am
15	Legal Consultations FREE	By appt.
22	Keep Learning with the ROPL	11:00 am
24	4th Friday M/M Book Club	10:00 am
25	Early Voting Begins	Posted times

November

3	Welcome Newcomers	10:30 am
4	Election Day	CLOSED for programming
6	1st Thursday M/M Book Club	11:00 am
7	BINGO	12:30 pm
10	Senior Life Advisor Board L/L	11:30 am
11	FREE Dine-in Meal for Veterans - RSVP	11:30 am
11	R U on the MC Plan to fit Your Needs L/L	11:30 am
11	SOAA Meeting; Guest fee \$5.00	6:30 pm
14	How to Avoid Holiday Stress FREE	10:00 am
17	Sushi Making Class FEE	5:30 pm
18	Grand & Me Craft; fee + materials	4:30 pm
19	Legal Consultations FREE	By appt.
21	Coffee with a Veteran	10:00 am
21	4th Friday M/M Book Club - Special date	10:00 am
21	Senior Craft Class; fee + materials	10:00 am
27-28	Thanksgiving	CLOSED

Have you signed up for a Kiosk Key Tag?

My Senior Center software allows us to keep accurate numbers of those who take part in our numerous programs. By swiping in with your kiosk tag, we can continue to provide you with the low-cost, unique programming we love to offer. If you are a current participant, it is recommended that you update your profile with your most current contact information. Please ask a staff member for assistance when you visit the Mahany/Meining Senior Community Center.

Mission Statement:

The City of Royal Oak offers older adults opportunities for lifelong education, fitness, nutrition and leisure activities. Supportive services that promote independence and quality of life are available for residents who are 50 and over or permanently disabled adults.

The City of Royal Oak's Recreation Department does not discriminate against any program participant or applicant for participation because of actual or perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, height, weight, condition of pregnancy, marital status, physical or mental limitation, legal source of income, family responsibilities, sexual orientation, gender identity, or HIV status of person, that person's relatives, or that person's associates or for any other reason(s) prohibited by law. The City of Royal Oak will take affirmative action to insure that all practices are free from such discrimination.

Royal Oak Seniors Resource Center

Stop by the Mahany/Meining Resource Center for brochures from businesses with products and services for older adults. If you are a business owner and would like to display your brochures at the Resource Center, please call Carolyn Marsh at (248) 246-3917 for an application form. The fee to display in house physical brochures is \$150.00 per 12 months. **The Royal Oak Senior Community Center and/or the City of Royal Oak does not provide medical advice, diagnosis, treatment, legal, financial, or professional service advice or endorse any professional services or institutions.**



Drop-in Fitness Center

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

Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

NEW!

Try out the new Fitness Center! The 1,034 square foot workout room is fully outfitted with treadmills, incumbent bikes, pulley weight machines, free weights, exercise balls, resistance bands, aerobic step platforms, an elliptical machine and workout benches! Start your Fitness Center journey with a DAILY DROP-IN or jump right in with one of the membership options below. For 50 years and older. Please call or see a staff member for further details.

Resident fee: Daily, \$3.00; Monthly, \$25.00;

Biannual, \$125.00; Annual, \$225.00

Non-Resident fee: Daily, \$3.75; Monthly, \$31.00;

Biannual, \$156.00; Annual, \$281.00

Day Trips



Detroit Institute of Arts

Fee: Res. \$5 ; Non-Res. \$10

Thursdays, 12:15 - 3:30 pm

Sept 18 - Musical Performance TBD

The world-renowned Detroit Institute of Arts continues to serve as a place for inspiration, calm and respite. Our visit is a millage benefit for tri-county (Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb) residents and includes museum admission, bus transportation, a guided tour or musical performance, and a coupon for a free coffee at the Café DIA. 25- person minimum. Registration deadline: 2 weeks prior to the event date.

Pioneer Wine Trail

Bianco Tours

Fee: Res. \$122 ; Non-Res. \$152.50

Wednesday, September 17

8:30 am - 6:45 pm

Get ready for three wine tastings today: St. Julian Winery in Dundee, Cherry Creek Cellars in Brooklyn, and Flying Otter Vineyard in Adrian. Lunch will be at Danley's Country House in Tecumseh where you will enjoy a family style lunch of "broasted chicken". You will also stop in at Russell Stover Chocolates, an American Classic since 1923, where you can get started on your holiday shopping. Cost includes transportation via motor coach, tastings and lunch. Registration deadline: September 3, 2025.

If you need special accommodations for travel, it is your responsibility to let us know upon registration.

Please call or visit Senior Center to register for all trips and see the complete list of trips offered. Overnight trips do offer rates for single rooms and triple rooms.

All prices and travel agent terms and conditions are notated on the trip flyers.

Historically Haunted Detroit: The Dark Side of History Bus Tour

Rybicki Tours

Fee: Res. \$140 ; Non-Res. \$175

Tuesday, October 28

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Together with your professional step-on guide, you will learn the stories that have intrigued, scared and delighted Motown's residents for generations! Lunch will be at Taqueria Mi Pueblo, a beloved Mexican restaurant established in the late 1990s, which began as a weekend taco operation in a family room and has since grown into a bustling authentic restaurant. Cost includes transportation via modern motor coach, guided tour and lunch. Registration deadline: September 30, 2025.

Parade Company

Bianco Tours

Fee: Res. \$119 ; Non-Res. \$148.75

Friday, November 7

8:45 am - 3:30 pm

Take a look behind the scenes at The Parade Company Studio! Enjoy lunch at Sindbad's on the Detroit River, and lastly, take a guided stroll through 1Whitney mansion while sipping champagne. Cost includes transportation via motor coach, lunch and tours. Registration deadline: Oct. 24, 2025.

Nite Lights at M.I.S.

Bianco Tours

Fee: Res. \$96 ; Non-Res. \$120

Thursday, December 4

2:30 - 8:45 pm

Michigan International Speedway, in Brooklyn, MI, hosts one of Michigan's largest Christmas light displays. We will be driving right on the track and along pit row through this animated display for over three miles! We'll stop for a buffet lunch at Jerry's Pub before the lights tour. Cost includes transportation via motor coach, lunch and tour. Registration deadline: November 20, 2025.

Holly History and Harmony

OCP

Fee: Res. \$50 ; Non-Res. \$62.50

Tuesday, December 9

4:15 - 9:15 pm

Enjoy an elegant buffet prepared by Oaks Management at the Buhl Estate in Addison Oaks County Park. Learn about the history of Addison Oaks, then listen to seasonal music from the twelfth Night Singers. Transportation provided by Oakland County Parks. Bus pick-up will be at the Troy Community Center – North Entrance, 3179 Livernois Rd. Troy, MI 48083. Limited seating, registration deadline, Nov. 21, 2025.

Extended Trips

Haunted Happenings

\$450pp/DBL

October 31-November 1, 2025

Bianco Tours

A two-day journey to Northwest Ohio for the Haunted Happening Tour. Day one includes a two-hour train ride, on the Cuyahoga Railroad where you will ride through the beautiful fall foliage, while enjoying a boxed lunch. Then, refresh at the hotel before an interactive Murder Mystery Dinner Show! Celebrate Halloween with a fun "who-dun-it". Day two take a tour of the Ohio State Reformatory, where you will visit the cells of some of history's toughest criminals. Tour the intact set of one of the world's favorite movies, *The Shawshank Redemption*. Whether you are reliving scenes from classic films, or basking in the beautiful Romanesque architecture, take a walk through history with this guided tour. *To fully enjoy this tour you will need to climb numerous stairs.* Cost Includes: transportation via deluxe motorcoach, one-night accommodation at Springfield Suites or Courtyard by Marriott Canfield, OH; one breakfast, one lunch and one dinner. \$20 deposit due upon registration. Balance due and registration deadline: September 15, 2025.



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ILLumi Toronto **\$999pp/DBL** **November 19-21, 2025** **Shoreline Tours**

Take advantage of this never before offered short holiday getaway to see Niagara's Festival of Lights, one of Canada's premier Christmas lights festivals. Travel to Niagara Falls and enjoy a highlights sightseeing tour before checking in to the 4-star Hilton Fallsview resort. Dinner will be at the Greg Frewin Theatrical Center where you will see the world-class Discover the Power of Illusion & Evolution of Magic Show. After dinner tour through the dazzling Festival of Lights. Day 2 includes The Famous People Players Theatre, lunch and Dinner, and then ILLUMI, the largest holiday light, sound and multimedia show in the world. Day 3, after breakfast enroute home experience a guided tour of Dundurn Castle, a 40-room Italianate -style villa built in the 1830s. Cost includes: round trip transportation via modern motorcoach, 2-nights accommodations, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners, all attractions outlined on the flyer. \$200 due upon registration. Balance due and registration deadline: September 10, 2025



A Grand Hollanday Christmas **\$364pp/DBL** **December 10-11, 2025** **Bianco Tours**

This Christmas expedition starts off in the Christkindl Markt in Grand Rapids, a German style market with 60+ artisan food and gift vender and holiday entertainment. After lunch on your own, visit the Frederik Meijer Gardens for the Festival of Trees Display. After dinner at Brann's Steakhouse, you will take a drive through Comstock Park which features over a million lights! Day 2 includes a visit to the Critter Barn with a guide, to experience a live nativity performance. Then it is off to downtown Holland for shopping and lunch on your own. The final stop before heading home is the Robinette Apple Haus Christmas Gift Barn. Cost includes: Transportation via deluxe motor coach, 1 night at Holiday Inn Express Grand Rapids North, 1 breakfast and 1 dinner, admission to all attractions. \$20 due upon registration, registration deadline and final payment due by October 24, 2025

Sensations of the South **\$2,991 pp/DBL** **March 13 -22, 2026** **Bianco Tours**

10 days/ 9 nights featuring 3 nights in New Orleans! The first stop is Berea KY, including the Old Kentucky Dinner Train, the Kentucky Horse Park, and the Kentucky Artisan Center. Then it is off to Stone Mountain in Georgia, and the Wind Creek Casino in Atmore, AL. Day 4 head to Mississippi to experience the Biloxi Shrimping Trip, and more sight-seeing before heading to New Orleans. Spend 3 nights in New Orleans while touring the city during the day. Take in the French Market, the Mardi Gras World Tour, the Jean Lafitte Swamp Tour, and take a Jazz Dinner Cruise! Day 7 head to Natchez MS, to tour Stanton Hall, and Longwood, before settling in for the night in The Waterview Casino & Hotel. Day 8 includes a guided tour of Vicksburg National Military Park and free time in downtown Vicksburg. Day 9, tour Graceland, Sun Studio and then dinner at Loretta Lynn's Kitchen. Day 10 travel back home after breakfast. Cost includes transportation Via deluxe motorcoach, 9 nights of hotel accommodations, 8 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 7 dinners and all the attractions listed on the flyer. \$100 deposit due upon registration, registration deadline and final balance due January 7, 2026.

Presidential Estates & Cherry Blossoms **\$2,699 pp /DBL** **April 7-12, 2026** **Shoreline Tours**

Six days and five nights immersed in history and the beauty of our nation's Capital. Guided tours of the Lincoln and Vietnam Memorial, the Holocaust Museum, and Arlington National Cemetery. Visit George Washington's Mount Vernon and spend two nights lodging at the 4-star Williamsburg Lodge. Spend a full day exploring Colonial Williamsburg after a one-hour guided walking tour. Tour Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and finally stop on the way home to take a tram tour through the vintage Beckley Coal Mine. Cost includes: Transportation via modern motorcoach, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, and all attractions listed on the flyer. \$500 due upon registration, registration deadline and final balance due by February 7, 2026.



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Explore Northern Italy **\$3,899pp/DBL** **November 5 -13, 2026**

W/air from DTW and 11 meals. (7 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 3 dinners)

Highlights: Treviso, Tiramisu-Making Demonstration, Verona, Glassblowing Demonstration, Venice, Asolo, Prosecco Winery, The Dolomites, Bassano del Grappa, Venetian Villa Visit. Save \$100 by registering before May 6, 2026. Travel arrangements through Collette.

Welcome Newcomers

1st Monday, 10:30 am

Oct. 6, Nov. 3 Closed Sept. 1

FREE

Here's your chance to acquaint yourself with the programs and services available at the Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center. Learn how to register for classes, trips, programs, and meet the staff. **Call ahead to register.** Need a ride from your R.O. home? Call 248-246-3914.

Billiards

Day drop-in: Res. 50¢ ; Non-Res. 75¢

Month unlimited: Res. \$3.00; Non-Res. \$3.75

Two pool tables are located in the game room at the Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center. Pool may be played Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Drop-In Cards

Rubber Bridge

Mondays, 12:15 - 3:30 pm No Cards Sept. 1

Res. \$1.00 ; Non-Res. \$1.25

Drop-in with a partner to play Rubber Bridge. Come early if you have no partner and we will try to pair you up.

Pinochle

Tuesdays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Res. \$1.00 ; Non-Res. \$1.25

Drop-in for Pinochle and meet new friends.

Duplicate Bridge

Wednesdays, 12:15 - 3:30 pm

Res. \$2.00 ; Non-Res. \$2.50

Drop-in with a partner to play Duplicate Bridge. For more information, visit roduplicatebridge.org.

Euchre

Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30 pm

No Euchre Nov. 27

Res. \$1.00 ; Non-Res. \$1.25

Euchre is played with 4 players split into teams of 2. A deck consists of the Aces, Kings, Queens, Jacks, 10's and 9's of each suit. Rounds last 5 turns, or "tricks". Players place 1 card down, the card with highest value of the suit led wins the trick. Most points win the round. Must be able to play all 7 rounds. Must be knowledgeable in the game and able to keep pace with players.

The Royal Oak Senior Community Center no longer accepts donations of yarn or fiber crafts tools. Helping Hands, Sit n' Knit, and Crochet Creations will accept your donation directly. Bring your donations ONLY during the groups' meeting times listed below. The group will inspect and select the donations they need. Currently only accepting red, white and blue yarn.

Crochet Creations and Sit 'n Knit Combined

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Fee per person/per session for room use:

Res. 50¢; Non-Res. 75¢

Attention all Yarn Craft Enthusiasts: These two groups are combining on a new day and time!

Come and join in on "yarn arts", knit or crochet while visiting. Share works in progress, pattern discussions, and/or get help reading a pattern or learning a new stitch. Beginners are welcome, Get helpful advice from others. Drop-in fee is payable at the front desk.

Helping Hands

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 am

No meeting Nov. 27

Do you like to knit or crochet? This group creates beautiful hats, scarves, lap blankets, and afghan blankets and donates them to Corewell Health, local churches, and other charitable organizations in the area. Feel free to drop-in. Beginners up to expert crafters are welcome!

Quilters

Tuesdays at 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Res. \$5.00 ; Non-Res. \$6.00 / month

for room use

OR \$2.00 drop-in fee

Come join us for a day of hand quilting, machine piecing quilt tops and socialization. Dues are payable on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Fees are payable at the front desk.

Soup and Salad with the Super

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 11:30 am

This special event offers you the chance to share a meal and engage in conversations with the Superintendent of Royal Oak Schools and the Royal Oak High School Class of 2026 Seniors. Call 248-246-3900 for information and registration details.

Royal Oak Senior Healthy Living Fair

Wednesday, Oct. 1, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

ATTENTION Royal Oak Seniors and SURROUNDING AREAS: Join us for resources on nutrition, self-care, vaccinations, and more. Free refreshments and opportunities to connect with essential services and local organizations that will help you with Healthy Living.

Call 248-246-3900 to RSVP by Sept 15 and you will be entered into a Prize Drawing. Walk-ins welcome.

Mah-Jongg Beginner Class

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Sept. 30 - Oct. 21

Res. \$50 ; Non-Res. \$62.50 / 4 weeks

For all beginning students or those wanting a refresher. Instructor Robin Kaufman grew up watching her mother play Mah-Jongg and developed a love for the game in her adulthood. Come well-rested and with a clear head – there is a lot of information to absorb in the first class! The National Mah-Jongg League rules are followed; \$14 Materials Fee payable to the instructor at the first class. Don't wait to sign up – 8-person maximum. Sign-up deadline: Sept. 16.

Mah-Jongg Drop-In

Res. 50¢ ; Non-Res. 75¢ / session

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

This group is open to everyone who is interested in making friends, having fun, and playing American Mah-Jongg. Players of all levels are welcome, from beginners to experts, but a basic understanding of the game is required. Advanced players should be willing to assist novices as necessary. Join us for a fun time!

**Wednesdays and Fridays,
9:30 am - 12 noon**

Experienced players may drop in and play on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Players must follow National Mah-Jongg League rules only.



Friday Recreational BINGO!

1st Fridays at 12:30 pm

Sept. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7

Preregister by phone or in person

Royal Oak Senior Community Center hosts Friday Recreational BINGO. First Card FREE, all additional cards are 25¢ each (MAX 5 extra cards). Format is 5 regular games with prizes and one coverall round with a Grand Prize of \$5.00. Fall Bingo prizes are sponsored by Debbie Spencer REALTOR® AT Properties Realty. Join us for lots of fun!

Bingo is conducted solely for the amusement and recreation of the ROSC guests. Any and all revenue from Bingo is used towards future Bingo Coverall cash prizes.



Rummikub with a "Twist"

Every Tuesday, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Res. 50¢ ; Non-Res. 75¢

This group is open to everyone who would like to play Rummikub. We play with a twist. Our rules differ from the official rules. Much like Rummy style, only played with tiles vs cards. Players take turns placing numbered tiles in runs and groups. The "twist" allows players to tile horizontally and vertically, like a crossword puzzle. Game tiles are supplied by attendees at each meeting.

Please drop in to play and try it without any commitments or judgment. Our rules are a bit different but not challenging. We are willing to teach and show you how to play.

Band Jam and Vocals

Every Friday 1:10 - 4:00 pm

Fee per person to play or to listen:

Drop-in: Res. \$2.00 ; Non-Res. \$2.50

Monthly: Res. \$5.00 ; Non-Res. \$6.00

Come sing and/or play at the Royal Oak Jam Session. All talent and skill levels of voice and instruments are welcome. Bring your instrument or vocal chords! A vast range of songs (new ones submitted by attendees). Everyone participates and everyone chooses songs. Text messages to volunteer group leader Jim for inquiries at 248-302-6036.

Japanese Sushi Education & Tasting with Takayuki Sakaguchi

Mondays, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Sept. 15, Nov. 17, Dec. 8

Res. \$42 ; Non-Res. \$52.50 / class

Don't miss out on the fun! Learn the proper techniques of sushi making with the former manager of Noble Fish. Taste your works of art as you go and leave with the knowledge to make sushi at home! Open to all ages. Please call by Friday before the date of class to register.

Massage Therapy

By appointment only

30-minute massage:

Res. \$35; Non-Res \$43.75

60-minute massage:

Res. \$60; Non-Res \$75

Licensed massage therapist Heidi, who is celebrating 12 years of serving our center and clientele, offers Swedish massage, stretching and relaxation techniques which help alleviate muscle tension, stress and nerve pain. Massage also improves circulation, promotes well-being and increases overall energy. Please call the center for an appointment: 248-246-3900. Books up fast!

Garden Club

Since 1932, the Royal Oak Garden Club has welcomed all garden enthusiasts and those curious about gardening. During the summer, members focus on being out in their gardens, so the club does not hold regular meetings or educational events. However, it does hold frequent members-only social mingles in member gardens. If you would like to explore joining the club, please email royaloakgardenclub@gmail.org to request additional information. **Regular general meetings will resume in September 2025.**

Koffee Klatch

Fridays, 1:00 - 2:30 pm

M/M Senior Community Center

3500 Marais in Royal Oak

A discussion and networking group for LGBTQ+ community ages 45 and over. Meetings are open to any topic presented by those in attendance. Various social outings and potlucks are held throughout the year.

FREE!



Royal Oak
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Keep Learning with ROPL: Technology Help, and More!

4th Wednesday of each month

Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 26

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

FREE

A Royal Oak Public Library staff member will visit the M/M Center to answer your technology questions and ensure that you maximize your library membership. Whether you need a library card, have a smartphone question, need help with your email or want to learn about online resources, they can help! The focus will be on technology. Be sure to check back for future topics in the *Times* newsletter. It's FREE to attend. Please bring your own device if you have one. Call 248-246-3900 to RSVP in advance.

M/M Book Clubs

In partnership with ROPL

Two options are available to fit your schedule. Free for everyone!

1st Thursdays, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Sept. 4, Oct. 2, Nov. 6

Contact volunteer Reyes, 248-545-6064

This club chooses books by consensus among the members and the Royal Oak Library provides the books to ROSC in time for discussions.

4th Fridays, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Special Date Nov. 21

Contact volunteer Doris, 248-586-0045

This group also chooses books among members and then votes on the order in which they read and discuss each. They are volunteer leaders, so don't hesitate to contact each other and ask questions.



Painting – All Media**Thursdays, 9:15 - 11:45 am****Sept. 25 - Nov. 13****Res. \$65 ; Non-Res. \$81.25 / 8 weeks****Dec. 4 - Feb. 5, 2026** *No class Dec. 25, Jan. 1***Res. \$65 ; Non-Res. \$81.25 / 8 weeks**

Explore the exciting art world of watercolor or acrylic painting with instructor John Rash! Beginners through advanced artists will work in beginning to finishing techniques. A supply list is given at sign-up for those without any of their own supplies. Preregister.

Watercolor Painting**Fridays, 9:15 - 11:45 am****Sept. 26 - Nov. 14****Res. \$65 ; Non-Res. \$81.25 / 8 weeks****Dec. 5 - Feb. 6, 2026** *No class Dec. 26, Jan. 2***Res. \$65 ; Non-Res. \$81.25 / 8 weeks**

Explore the exciting art world of watercolor painting with instructor John Rash! Beginners through advanced artists will work in wet-on-wet through to finishing with techniques that include dry brush. A supply list is given at sign-up for those without any of their own supplies. Preregister.

Watercolor Techniques**Wednesday evening, 6:15 - 8:45 pm****Sept. 10 - Oct. 29****Res. \$80 ; Non-Res. \$100 / 8 weeks**

In this class we will explore various watercolor techniques and practice suggestions for using these techniques. We will get through as many techniques as we can during this course, but we will allow time for all participants to enjoy and feel comfortable with using each technique. Students can work at their own pace with each technique and create as few or as many paintings as they wish. Near the end of the course, a piece (or pieces) of artwork combining favorite techniques can be created. Suggested supply list available upon registration. Instructor: Joyce Knight-Coyne

Independent Art Studio for Painters**Friday mornings 9:15 - 11:30am****Drop-in: Res. \$2.00 ; Non-Res. \$2.50**

Bring your painting supplies and join a fun group of artists who love to work alongside others while enjoying conversation and friendship.

**Susan Robb
Crafting for All Ages****Grand and Me
Fall Leaf Lantern****Tuesday, Oct. 7, 4:30 - 6:00 pm****Res. \$7 ; Non-Res. \$8.75****+ \$7 cash for supplies per person**

A special class for a grandparent and their grandchild/ children. Both the grandparent and the grandchild will make a lantern. To create this craft, artificial fall leaves are applied to a glass jar with a lid and handle to transform it into a lantern. A battery-operated candle will be supplied to illuminate the lantern. Preregister.

**Senior Craft Class
Fall Welcome Sign****Friday, Oct. 10, 10:00 - 11:30 pm****Res. \$7 ; Non-Res. \$8.75****+ \$10 cash for supplies per person**

Create a beautiful fall welcome door hanger to beautify your home. Fall flowers, special fall ribbon, and a wood welcome applique are applied to a unique circular base. Preregister.

**Grand and Me
Christmas Ornaments****Tuesday, Nov. 18, 4:30 - 6:00 pm****Res. \$7 ; Non-Res. \$8.75****+ \$7 cash for supplies per person**

Grandparent and grandchild each create three glass ball ornaments. There will be many different options available to make the ornaments unique. Preregister.

**Senior Craft Class
Holiday/Winter Wreath****Friday, Nov. 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am****Res. \$7 ; Non-Res. \$8.75****+ \$15 cash for supplies per person**

Create a beautiful silver and white winter wreath using snowflakes along with white and silver accents, and snowflake ribbon. This wreath can stay up after the holidays and brighten your home through the winter. Preregister.

Creative Coloring Club**Every Monday, 10:15 - 11:45 am***No meeting Sept. 1***\$2 material drop-in fee or****Res. \$5; Non-Res. \$6 / month**

Discover the joy of coloring at the ROSC! Choose from beautiful designs on cardstock or from our selection of coloring books. All materials provided. Engage your mind and improve your fine motor skills while connecting with fellow coloring enthusiasts in a friendly atmosphere. Make coloring your new hobby. Call 248-246-3900 for more information.

Mini Makers aka Wee Bees**1st Mondays in Room 3, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm****Sept. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3****Res. and Non-Res. fees TBD**

Do you like making miniatures or want to learn more about it? This group meets monthly to make projects that are "dollhouse scale" or smaller. Feel free to drop-in to check us out! There may be materials costs or tools needed for some projects. (If the building is closed for a holiday, we'll meet the next Monday.)

For more information, contact
CarrieStroup86@gmail.com

**South Oakland Art Association***Since 1960***1st Tuesday of each month at the****M/M Community Center (Rooms 8 & 9)****Sept. 9, Oct. 7, Nov. 11, Dec. 2****6:30 - 9:00 pm****\$5.00 guest fee; Annual dues \$30.00**

Artists and art lovers are welcome! Monthly meetings September through June feature speakers, demonstrations, paint-togethers and art-related activities for adults of all ages

Join us at our upcoming event:**Annual Member Art Show & Sale**

Nov. 1-15, 2025 at the RO Historical Museum,
1411 W. Webster.

Visit southoaklandart.com or email
roac.carol@gmail.com for more information.

Mahany/Meininger Center Presents

SENIOR VIBES!

EXCITING DISCUSSION GROUP

2nd Wednesday of every month, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Drop-in fee: Res. 50¢ ; Non-Res. 75¢ per person

Join our Senior Vibes discussion group for a positive and relaxed atmosphere to spill the T! Here, you can freely discuss thoughts and feelings about situations impacting your surroundings. We aim to create a fun and happy environment by sharing joyful life experiences as we learn from each other. As a member, you'll find a sense of belonging, camaraderie, and mood boost through connecting with other older adults. The group is led by our Vibing Volunteer, Ilene Orlanski, a professional with training in group dynamics and facilitation, as well as prior volunteer experience in support group moderation. The group features built-in topics of discussion, exchange of ideas, occasional guest speakers, hot coffee, hot tea and hot topics!

The Osteopractic Difference

Monday, Sept. 8, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Please join us for an informative health event as we welcome Erik Rebbe PT, DPT, Cert. DN, Cert. BFR, LSVT-BIG to discuss the Osteopractic Difference. Learn how this advanced, evidence-based approach to physical therapy goes beyond traditional methods to help relieve pain, restore mobility, and improve quality of life. The presentation will cover techniques such as dry needling, spinal manipulation, and targeted exercise therapy, followed by a Q&A session. This is a great opportunity to discover how Osteopractic care can benefit seniors dealing with chronic pain, arthritis, or mobility issues. All are welcome! No insurance billing. Must RSVP for this event.

FREE!

American Sign Language (ASL) with Lamarr Paige - Level 2

Wednesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Sept. 10 - Oct. 29

Fee: Res. \$80 ; Non-Res. \$100 / 8 weeks

This is a continuation of Level 1 (ONE) ASL. Delve deeper into Deaf culture and community. Level 2 ASL is an introduction to more vocabulary and defines grammatical understanding. First day of class is refresher to review the basics of ASL level 1 and to add new vocabulary to expand your abilities. Each class builds confidence, worksheets are shared for review. ASL Level 2 is for anyone 6th grade to Adult who has completed level 1 ASL. Register by Aug 29.

Computer Club

2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 12:30 pm

Sept. 10 & 24; Oct. 8 & 22; Nov. 12 & 26

Drop-in fee: Res. \$3.00 ; Non-Res. \$3.75 per person

Beginner to experienced computer and tech enthusiasts. All levels are welcome; no membership required. Guest speakers discuss various tech topics covering computers, cell phones, tablets, smart TVs, etc. There is always time for questions and answers so bring your tech questions.

Save the Date: AARP Safe Driver Workshop

September 25 & 26

AARP member \$30; nonmembers \$35

AARP Safe Driver will return for a two-day in-person classroom teaching session. Please check the monthly *Times* newsletter for exact times and RSVP dates.

Come Talk to A Physical Therapist

Friday, Oct. 3

By appointment 11:00 am - 2:00 pm; walk-in available

Have you had pain or physical limitations that you are dealing with? Visit Doctor of Physical Therapy Douglas Johnson from Foundation Manual PT. You will receive a 20 minute mini evaluation to let you know if PT would be beneficial to you. Call for an appointment. No insurance billing.

FREE!

Senior Living Q & A

Monday, Oct. 6

Call 248-246-3900 for an appointment and time

Information and advice on where and how to afford senior living from leasing director and Certified Senior Advisor. Walk-ins also welcome.

FREE!

"We Thank You for Your Service"

Veterans Day Lunch from Tim's Kitchen

Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 11:30 am

The Royal Oak Senior Community Center is offering a free dine-in meal and presentation for all current and prior military service members (active or reserve). Please call 248-246-3900 to RSVP by Nov. 4. When you call, kindly provide us with your branch of service. We look forward to honoring you!

FREE!

Coffee with a Veteran

Friday, Nov. 21 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Please join us for a morning of camaraderie, refreshments, and veteran resources. The event will take place at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center. Representatives from the MVAA and Easterseals MORC Veterans Services Team will be on-site to answer questions regarding VA benefits, Veterans Resources, and MVAA services. The event is for all current and prior military service members (Active and Reserve), veterans, and their families. This free event will include coffee, donuts, a raffle, and a door prize. Space is limited; please call 248-246-3900 to RSVP by Nov. 3.

FREE!

Ask the Computer Lady!

Tuesdays

11:00 am - 12:00 pm; 12:15 - 1:15 pm; 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Res. \$35; Non-Res. \$43.75 per person

Have your questions ready for Marta and be ready for an informative one-on-one session. Bring your laptop or Kindle, your Mac, Tablet, Android or iPhone, and learn how to check your email or make sure your security is up to date. Call ahead to register and pay. Please provide 24 hours notice for cancellations.

Lunch and Learn Series

Receive a free lunch for all whom pre-register and attend a presentation. **Presentation is from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.** Out of respect for the presenter, please remain for full presentation and silence all phones during workshop. Please, no carry-outs. If you sign-up for a Lunch and Learn and fail to show up or call to cancel two times in a calendar year, you will not be permitted to sign-up for any Lunch and Learn sessions for the remainder of that year.

Questions on Cremations

Tuesday, September 2

Presenter: AJ Desmond and Sons

What does cremation entail? Can I have a traditional visitation before I'm cremated? What can be done with my cremated remains? Can my cremated remains be "mailed" to loved ones? Can more than one cremated remains be buried in one cemetery plot? What if I die while on vacation or away from home? Can I still be cremated? Is cremation less or more expensive than a burial?

RSVP by August 25; call 248-246-3900.

Into every life, some rain will fall.

What does your umbrella look like?

Tuesday, September 16

Presenter: Rita Capkey

How to make the most of your money that is safer than the market, receive monthly income for YOUR life and beyond. What to do with the sale of your last home. Moving into Senior Living? Pre-retirees, where is your balance with your 401k, 403b or IRAs?

RSVP by September 8, call 248-246-3900.

The Importance of Annual Enrollment Period

Tuesday September 23

Presenter: Mark Steffans

Free workshop designed to take the confusion out of Medicare and what to pay attention to during this Annual Enrollment Period. Here are some of the topics we will cover: • What is Medicare and do I have to enroll? Enrollment, premiums, and penalties for Medicare? • When do I sign up for Medicare? How to compare Medicare Advantage to Medicare supplements? Who is eligible for Medicare? Answer any questions you may have! This is a very confusing topic, and we want to make sure you understand all aspects of Medicare so you can make the best decision for your healthcare coverage. No cost to attend and lunch will be served.

This is an educational event; no products will be sold at this event. Mark Steffans is a licensed and certified agent who works with Medicare enrollees to explain Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement, and Prescription options.

RSVP by September 15; call 248-246-3900.

New Lunch and Learn topics are frequently added. Please see monthly *Times* for new topics or call the Royal Oak Senior Community Center to see what is new.

Mistakes Of Medicare

Monday, September 29

Presenter: Andrea Hicks

Mistakes of Medicare presented by Andrea Hicks Medicare is confusing and very complex! There are so many different components to it and mistakes happen everyday. Often people don't even know that they are making a mistake or have made one. Andrea will discuss some of the most common mistakes people make and how to avoid making one yourself!

RSVP by September 22; call 248-246-3900.

Medicare: It's Complicated!

Monday, October 13

Presenter: Rita Capkey

Are you FULLY insured? Do you have the right prescription plan? As your health changes, your needs may need tweaking. New info for 2026.

RSVP by October 6; call 248-246-3900.

Senior Life Advisor Council: Your Trusted Advisor Panel

Monday, November 10

Presenter: Senior Life Advisor Council

A distinguished team of trusted advisors dedicated to addressing questions and offering essential resources and solutions to the senior community. Professional Advisors: Independent Living | Assisted Living | Memory Care | Financial | Medicare | Funeral Planning | Moving Care Transition | Organizing | Rehabilitation PT | Home Health Care | Hospice | Private Duty | Law | Power of Attorney | Estate Planning | Respite | Occupational Therapy.

RSVP by November 3; call 248-246-3900.

Are you on the correct Medicare plan?

Tuesday, November 11

Presenter: Andrea Hicks

Many people will sign up for a certain Medicare plan because it is one that a family member, a friend, or neighbor is on. Every Medicare plan is different just like us as individuals and I will discuss what you need to address before the end of AEP (Annual Enrollment Period) which ends December 7. I want you to feel confident and comfortable knowing the plan you picked will work best for you in 2026.

RSVP by November 3; call 248-246-3900

Chair Exercise with Cindy**Wednesdays, 9:30 - 10:15 am****Sept. 3 - Oct. 15****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Oct. 29 - Dec. 17***No class Nov. 16***Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Fridays, 9:30 - 10:15 am****Sept. 5 - Oct. 17****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Oct. 31 - Dec. 19***No class Nov. 28***Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks**

Improve your aerobic capacity, strength, balance and flexibility, doing a variety of fun exercises to music you will love! This class is designed to work gently but effectively on every area of the body, as well as emphasize posture, coordination, and fall prevention. It is appropriate for those who have joint limitations, as well as for anyone who prefers a mostly-seated workout. Wear comfortable clothing and shoes, and bring a water bottle and hand-held weights, if you wish. Instructor – Cindy Erlandson.

Chair Yoga with Cindy**Wednesdays, 10:30 - 11:15 am****Sept. 3 - Oct. 15****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Oct. 29 - Dec. 17***No class Nov. 26***Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Fridays, 9:30 - 10:15 am****Sept. 5 - Oct. 17****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Oct. 31 - Dec. 19***No class Nov. 28***Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks**

This class consists of three 15-minute sections: first and last are performed seated, the middle section is performed standing using a chair for balance. Focus: breathing, relaxation, stretching for flexibility and balance practice, which also increases muscular strength. Instructor – Cindy Erlandson.

Drop-in Line Dancing**Fridays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm****Fee: Res. \$3.00 ; Non-Res. \$3.75 per session**

This class consists of beginner and high beginner dances for those who **have some line dance experience**. Dances are done not just to country music but to many genres including pop, rock, oldies, Latin and Irish music. So come and join our line dance family for some fun and great exercise. Your body and mind will thank you for it! **NO BOOTS. MUST HAVE SOME EXPERIENCE.** Instructor- Jeannette Forster

Social Square Dance**Mondays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm****Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:45 pm****Drop-in: Res. \$7.00 ; Non-Res. \$8.75 per class CASH ONLY**

This dance group will teach you how to move in a square of eight people. An excellent way to get cardio while still having low impact on joints. The directions are simple and Walt creates a fun atmosphere while calling out the moves. No partner necessary. Wear comfortable shoes that won't mark up our floors. Ask about monthly Friday evening dances with creative themes!

GOLD Toning® Zumba with Debbie**Fridays, 12:00 - 1:00 pm****Drop-in: Res. \$6.00 ; Non-Res. \$7.50 per class CASH ONLY**

Join Debbie as your instructor for a group class with lots of positive body movements. Wear comfortable clothing, athletic shoes and bring a bottle of water. On pleasant weather days the class is held outdoors. She will entertain you with her personality, get your blood pumping and teach you with the beat stomping music of Zumba routines. Beginners to advanced Zumba dancers are welcome, modifications can be made to keep students comfortable but remain involved. All abilities will gain health benefits. Weights are available for purchase from the instructor, but not required.

**Gentle Yoga***Please note NEW TIME***Mondays, 10:30 - 11:30 am****Sept. 8 - Oct. 20****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Nov. 3 - Dec. 15****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Mondays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm****Sept. 8 - Oct. 20****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Nov. 3 - Dec. 15****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Thursdays, 1:00 - 2:00 pm****Sept. 11 - Oct. 23****Res. \$49; Non-Res. \$61.25 / 7 weeks****Nov. 6 - Dec. 18***No class Nov. 27***Res. \$42; Non-Res. \$52.50 / 6 weeks**

Yoga creates many benefits in your overall health and wellness. Improve your strength, flexibility, and sense of well-being with breath awareness and movement. Relax and rejuvenate to look and feel better. **Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing.** Instructor Noreen Daly.

Tai Chi Chen Style with Han**Thursdays, 9:15 - 10:00 am****Sept. 11 - Dec. 4***No class Nov. 27***Fee: Res. \$84 ; Non-Res. \$100 / 12 weeks**

Tai Chi Basic exercises are for beginner and continuing students. The class will include Tai Chi warm-up, gentle stretching, Tai Chi walking and silk reeling, and section one of Chen Style Tai Chi old form.



Tim's Kitchen

The current month's meal calendar will be available in the *Times* News-letter and online at romi.gov. Menu is subject to change without notice due to availability. All meals are \$5.00 each and payment is due upon placing order either by phone with a credit card OR in person with cash, credit card or check. Ordering DEADLINE is by 11:30am THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR to the date you want to purchase. Closure may affect cut off dates. There is no same-day purchase, punch cards, or walk-ins. DINE IN ORDERS CANNOT BE CHANGED TO CARRY-OUT. Carry-out lunches will be refrigerated in compliance with food safety protocols and will be available for same day pickup only until 4:00 pm. There are NO REFUNDS if you are not able to come in to eat or pick up your lunch.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels are available to home bound residents unable to travel to the Center. Call Western Oakland Meals on Wheels at 248-223-9160 for hot meals delivered daily. The menu for homebound meals differs from the meals served at the Senior Center.

Medical Equipment Loan Closet

This is a donation-based service. Items donated to us are lent out at no charge and "as is". Keep as long as necessary. We inspect all items received to the best of our ability and lend them out in good faith. The City of Royal Oak and Senior Community Center will not be held liable for any malfunction of equipment.

The following items are accepted for donations to lend out: shower chairs, bed rails, rollators, knee scooters, raised toilet seats, bedside commodes, standard canes, reach assistance devices, standard and large wheelchairs.

We **DO NOT ACCEPT** the following: crutches, slings, air casts, wedge pillows, nebulizers, adult incontinence products, medical tubing.

Please call ahead prior to donating and/or borrowing to see if we have storage space and to check for availability.

Transportation

This service provided by the City of Royal Oak promotes independence for residents aged 60 or older, and adults with permanent disabilities. Door-to-door service is available to those with mobility problems who need to be personally escorted to the buses. You are limited to six grocery bags and must handle them yourself. **Call 248-246-3914 between the hours of 9:30 am - 4:00 pm** to arrange your transportation needs. Call up to two weeks before your appointment so that we may assure you of a ride. Be ready for your pickup 15 minutes before and after your scheduled time. Drivers cannot always accommodate exact scheduled times. All buses are equipped with lifts.

Prepaid tickets are available:

\$24 / 5 round-trip tickets

\$14 / 5 one-way tickets

The Royal Oak Transportation service is sponsored by the City of Royal Oak; funded by Corewell Health, SMART Municipal and Community Credit Funds, and rider donations.



R.O.S.E.S. - Royal Oak Senior Essential Services

R.O.S.E.S. is a program designed to assist city residents aged 62 and older and who qualify to live more independently in their own homes. To qualify for subsidy, **you must live in your own home alone, with a spouse or with a disabled adult child. Seniors living with able-bodied adult children do not qualify for subsidy assistance.**

Services available include:

Home Chores - Household tasks such as yardwork, housework, and gutter cleaning (first level only) are available. No windows, weeding, wall washing or roofing.

Home Repair - Repairs that do not require a licensed contractor are available to homeowners. Repairs including minor plumbing, carpentry and minor electrical. No roofing.

Personal Home Care - Includes assistance with activities of daily living; bathing, meals, shampoos, dressing and help with ambulating. Personal aides cannot handle incontinent clients and are not trained to clean up bodily fluids. NO pill sorting or dispensing of medication.

No Pet Care - We do not walk, handle feedings or clean up after pets.

Rates Effective April 1, 2025

Income-One	Income-Two	Hourly Rate
\$0 - \$21,250	\$0 - \$24,250	\$3
\$21,251-\$35,350	\$24,251-\$40,400	\$5
\$35,351-\$56,600	\$40,401-\$64,650	\$7

The City of Royal Oak sponsors this service. Please call **248-246-3919** for more information.

Earn \$ Helping Seniors with Home Chores

The **Royal Oak Senior Essential Services (R.O.S.E.S.)** program, located at the City of Royal Oak Senior Community Center, is seeking new contracted, paid employees to assist our Royal Oak Seniors with home cleaning services to help keep them in their home and aging in place.

Please call **John Dionne** at **248-249-3919** or email him at **John.Dionne@romi.gov** to ask questions or get started!

Adjacent Generational Exchange (A.G.E.)

Sponsored by a grant from Beaumont Hospital, the A.G.E. program provides assistance to the frail elderly of Royal Oak, utilizing the talents of volunteers.

Looking for a Few Good Volunteers!

The M/M Community Center is always looking to introduce new programs. Do you have a few hours of time to spare each month?

Have you recently retired and would like to share your on-the-job experience to help others? Or do you have a skill, a hobby or craft to share? If so, please consider volunteering and enlightening others in our community. Call Carolyn Marsh, Volunteer Coordinator at 248-246-3917.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group

1st Mondays, 3:00 pm FREE

Oct. 6, Nov. 3

No meeting Sept. 1

Facilitator - Theresa Neu

Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe space for caregivers, family, and friends of persons with dementia to build support system with people who understand. It allows participants to exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns, as well as learn about community resources. The support group meets each month to encourage caregivers to maintain their own personal, physical, and emotional health, as well as optimally care for the person with dementia.

Aphasia Support Group

Thursdays, 10:00 am - 12 noon

No meeting Nov. 27

This group is for adults with communication disorders. Gain support from others on your road to recovery. For more information, call Carolyn Marsh, Volunteer Coordinator at (248) 246-3917.

Grief Support – Living On

Hosted by Hospice of Michigan

1st and 3rd Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 am

FREE

Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21

Living On is a series of ongoing groups where grief and loss topics are addressed as they arise, depending on the interests of those attending the group. The focus of this group is to express feelings and experiences related to the loss in a supportive, caring and non-judgmental environment.

Registration required. Contact Cindy Palmer, Grief Counselor, at 248-334-1323 or email cpalmer@hom.org.

Legal Consultations

3rd Wednesday No Fee

Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19

By appointment only

Soren Andersen has completed 40 years of law practice. His practice includes consumer and small business issues, debtors' rights and creditors remedies, real estate transactions, probate administration, and estate planning. Provided free 20-minute consultations to older persons. Consultations will be in person. A fee will be charged for additional services. Please call ahead to request an appointment.

Low Vision and Blind Support Group

2nd Thursday, 10:00 am FREE

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13

Hosted by Henry Ford Health and the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology

Hosted by Henry Ford Health and the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. Through support groups, the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology seeks to help those who suffer from vision loss by providing a comfortable environment to discuss the successes and challenges. Attendees will engage in open discussion and will hear from speakers on a variety of topics. Pre-registration is required Contact Ashley Livshiz, Support Group Coordinator, at 313-936-1969.

SHIP Counselor by appointment

SHIP is your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program. SHIP provides unbiased help to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. Call for an appointment when choosing health plans. SHIP Counselor can assist in questions regarding Medicare, Medicare part D prescriptions plans, and Medicaid. Call Carolyn Marsh at 248-246-3900 for in-person assistance.

Outreach

Our Outreach Administrator is available to help residents aged 62 and over through the sometimes overwhelming process of obtaining needed services. Please call (248) 246-3900 with your concerns about personal care, housing or other independent living requests. An in-home visit to assess needs is available through this service at no cost.



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Residents Can Help Make Leaf Collection Go Smoothly

The large number of trees in Royal Oak makes leaf collection a major task. To make it happen, the department uses 12 dump trucks, two sweepers and a front-end loader with a clam bucket with crews working long hours to cover the 414 miles of streets twice during the pick up season.

The City has to wait until late October to begin the process to make sure most of the leaves are down. Since the schedule is very tight, we need all the help we can get from our residents.

No Street Parking

Royal Oak will post signs on neighborhood streets, just off major thoroughfares, notifying residents that leaf pickup will be in the neighborhood the following day. The signs ask residents to **park their cars off the streets** because cars at curbside can slow down the trucks and make it impossible to pick up leaves in front of and on either side of the residence where the car is parked.

It's important to be considerate of your neighbors. A parked car left on the street doesn't just affect one house. The trucks have to go around and sometimes they can't pick up the neighbors' leaves. Temporary no-parking signs are available at the DPS office at 1600 N. Campbell (east side of Campbell, south of 12 Mile Rd.), Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

When

Schedules are available at the DPS, on Cable Comcast (channel 17) and WOW (channel 10), and on the city's web page, www.romi.gov. Schedules and updates are also available by calling the DPS during business hours, Monday-Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, at 248-246-3300 and selecting option 2 then option 1.

Please Help

Just as important as keeping cars off the streets on leaf pickup days is removing sticks, rocks, pieces of wood and other hard objects from leaf piles because they can damage propellers in the leaf vacuums which disables them and causes delays in pick up.

Where They Go

Royal Oak leaves go to the Southeast Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority's (SOCRRA) compost facility in Rochester Hills where they are turned into humus-rich compost. The compost is offered to residents in SOCRRA member communities, including Royal Oak, for use as compost.

Other Ways of Disposal

Leaves or any soft yard waste including woody material up to 2" in diameter may be placed at curbside in 32 gallon cans with a yard waste decal facing the street or brown paper landscape bags. They will be picked up on your regular rubbish day (until the third week of December) – set to curb by 7:00 am. Bags and cans must weigh less than 40 lbs.

Reminders:

- Residents are requested to rake leaves into the edge of the roadway in windrows.
- Do not make the piles larger than 3 feet high and 4 feet wide.
- Please keep all sticks, rocks and other debris out of leaf piles.
- Do not park your car on or near the leaves (Trucks need at least a "house length" after a parked car to get near the curb.)
- It is important not to wait until your scheduled day to rake out your leaves. Do not rake leaves just ahead of the crews and expect them to wait for you.
- If by chance the City does run ahead of schedule, a truck will be by on your scheduled day.
- Residents may call the DPS at 248-246-3300, option 2 then option 1, to get any updates.
- Residents should note that schedules are subject to change due to mechanical breakdowns or other factors beyond the City's control.
- Work with your neighbors to make sure there are no parked cars on the street to get in the way of the trucks.

After Leaf Pickup

After December 19, 2025 leaves and yard waste will NOT be picked up either curbside or on your regularly scheduled refuse day. Either hold onto yard waste until the program begins April 6, 2026 or residents will be allowed to take a limited number of bags to SOCRRA between December 22, 2025 and March 30, 2026 for disposal.

Please call (248) 288-5150 for more information.



Tentative 2025 Leaf Pick-up Schedule

Residents should note that schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, mechanical breakdowns, or other factors beyond the City's control. If collections are ahead of schedule, a truck will still be down your street on your regularly scheduled pickup day. Please note that clear or colored plastic bags are no longer acceptable for yard waste, including leaves. Be sure to use the appropriate container. If a resident's scheduled leaf pickup day coincides with their garbage collection day, please place trash bins behind the curb – not in the street – to avoid obstructing leaf collection efforts.

Week 1

11/03/25 11 Mile to 12 Mile – Woodward to Main
11/04/25 11 Mile to 12 Mile – Main to Campbell
11/05/25 Lincoln to 11 Mile – Woodward to Campbell
11/06/25 10 Mile to Lincoln – West City Limits to Campbell
11/07/25 10 Mile to 12 Mile – Campbell to Stephenson

Week 2

11/10/25 12 Mile to 13 Mile – Main to Campbell
11/11/25 13 Mile to North City Limits – Main to Campbell
11/12/25 12 Mile to 13 Mile – Crooks to Main
11/13/25 12 Mile to 13 Mile – Woodward to Crooks
11/14/25 13 Mile to Normandy – Woodward to Main
11/15/25 Webster to Normandy – Greenfield to Woodward
(Saturday)

Week 3

11/17/25 Normandy to North City Limits – Greenfield to Crooks
11/18/25 Catalpa to 12 Mile – Woodward to Main
11/19/25 11 Mile to Catalpa – Woodward to Main
11/20/25 11 Mile to Gardenia – Main to Campbell
11/21/25 Gardenia to 12 Mile – Main to Campbell and
11 Mile to 12 Mile – Campbell to Stephenson

Week 4

11/24/25 10 Mile to 11 Mile – West City Limits to Main
11/25/25 Lincoln to 11 Mile – Main to Campbell
11/26/25 10 Mile to 11 Mile – Campbell to Stephenson
11/27/23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING - No collection
11/28/25 10 Mile to Lincoln – Main to Campbell

Week 5

12/01/25 12 Mile to 13 Mile – Rochester to Campbell
12/02/25 12 Mile to North City Limits – Main to Rochester
12/03/25 12 Mile to 13 Mile – Crooks to Main
12/04/25 12 Mile to Webster – Woodward to Crooks
12/05/25 Webster to 13 Mile – Greenfield to Crooks

Week 6

12/08/25 13 Mile to 14 Mile – Greenfield to Woodward
12/09/25 13 Mile to 14 Mile – Woodward to Coolidge
12/10/25 Normandy to North City Limits – Coolidge to Crooks
12/11/25 13 Mile to Normandy – Coolidge to Main
12/12/25 13 Mile to North City Limits – Rochester to Campbell





Refuse and Recycling

Department of Public Services (DPS)

1600 N Campbell, Royal Oak 248-246-3300 DPS@romi.gov

Calls regarding garbage and recycling pickups

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal & Electronic Recycling

Drop off at 995 Coolidge: **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Visit socrra.org

Hazardous Waste – To dispose of: automotive products, ink jet cartridges, lawn/garden products, cleaning products, fluorescent light bulbs, rechargeable batteries, insulin syringes (in rigid container), oil-based paint, propane tanks, etc. NOTE: Containers will NOT be returned. NOT ACCEPTED: unlabeled containers with unknown contents, radioactive, explosives or hazardous waste from businesses.

Electronic Recycling – To recycle computer monitors, CPUs, printers, TVs (no wooden cabinets), radios, phones, cell phones, copy & fax machines, stereos, VCR/CD/DVD players, video game systems, etc. Residents must remove sensitive or personal information from ALL devices.

Paper Shredding - SOCRRRA's Paper Shredder is available by appointment only for RESIDENTS (not businesses) Shredder is our most popular service - please limit shredding to two boxes!

Curbside Pick-Up

Holiday Collection – When one of the following holidays (official not observed) falls on a weekday, collection for the remaining days of the week will be delayed one day: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day. Refuse collection is not affected by any other holidays or when the above holidays fall on a weekend.

Refuse – Put household materials in the blue 64-gallon city issued trash cart. You may continue to use 20-to-32-gallon containers (max. size) or in 13-to-30-gallon plastic bags. Put all trash at curb by 7:00 am. Non-city issued cans and bags cannot weigh over 40 lbs. Containers under 20 gallons will be considered expendable and may be thrown out with the trash. Yard waste cannot be mixed with trash at any time due to state law.

Recyclables – All plastic if it is a container; all glass bottles, jars; metal cans/pie tins/empty aerosol cans; newspaper; magazines, catalogs, paper, mail, paperback books, food/beverage/drink/juice boxes, paper cups; phone books; (flattened) corrugated cardboard; paperboard. Place everything loose in recycling bin/toter and set at curb on refuse day before 7:00 am. Material cannot stick out of the toter/bin. **No styrofoam or batteries at curb. These items must be dropped off at SOCRRRA by appointment.**

Yard Waste (when in season) – Picked up curbside from early April through mid-December: Yard waste is converted into compost at SOCRRRA's compost facility in Rochester Hills. Yard waste may be placed in a 32-gallon container, clearly marked with a "Yard Waste" sticker fac-

SOCRRRA

995 Coolidge Hwy, Troy 248-288-5150 socrra.org

Drop-off accepts: All acceptable curbside recyclables; unflattened, un-bundled cardboard; automotive and household batteries; paperback and hardcover books; all paper (except carbon); used clothing; screw-off lids/caps; styrofoam (no peanuts).

ing the street (stickers are available at some city offices) or a 30-gallon paper yard waste bag. Containers or bags cannot weigh more than 50 pounds each. Plastic bags are not acceptable. **Yard waste cannot be mixed with trash at any time.**

Brush (less than 2 inches in diameter and under 4 feet in length) can also be bundled with twine for yard waste collection.

During the off season, either hold on to your yard waste bags until the program begins again or residents can take up to 10 paper bags to the SOCRRRA Transfer Station at 995 Coolidge Road in Troy at no charge. (No contractors or landscapers, please.)

Tree Trimmings & Shrubs – Tie woody material between 2"-5" in diameter in bundles up to 4' long (with a max of 15" in diameter combined) weighing no more than 40 lbs. each (under 2" SEE YARD WASTE). Set at curb with trash by 7:00 am of refuse day OR contact a private tree company (the city's recommended chipping contractor is JH Hart, 586-795-5581).

Curbside Leaf Collection begins early November. Rake leaves into the street according to city schedule. For pick-up schedule, check Insight, WROK Cable (Channel 17 or 10) or the city's website at www.romi.gov.

Broken Glass – Wrap in heavy paper or place in cardboard box or metal can with lid and mark as broken glass. Put with regular refuse NOT in recycling bin/toter.

Appliances (refrigerator, stove, hot water tank, etc.) – Set at curb on refuse day by 7:00 am. In an apartment, cul de sac or dead end street, call DPS the day before your pickup at 248-246-3300. Remove doors on refrigerators and freezers and place to side (state law).

Carpeting & Padding – Roll and securely tie no longer than 4' in length and weighing no more than 40 lbs. per bundle. Set at curb with trash by 7:00 am on refuse day.

Latex Paint – Remove lid and allow to harden or add kitty litter or sand to absorb liquid; set at curb on refuse day with lid removed for pickup with trash. Or chip out dried paint, rinse can and put in recycling with lid removed. Oil-based paint is hazardous, please take to SOCRRRA for disposal. Refer to Hazardous Waste for hours.

Excluded Curbside Items – The following items are **NOT** acceptable for curbside collection: Liquids, radioactive items, flammable products, explosives, infectious materials, asbestos insulation, tires, hazardous waste, engines, transmissions, rear axles, construction items, loose items such as bricks or concrete (even if it's attached to something). These materials must be disposed of privately. See www.socrra.org or call 248-288- 5150 for locations, hours, rates and procedures. Limited amounts of construction items from home occupant's personal repair or remodeling are acceptable. However, items cannot be longer than 4' in length, must be bundled and weigh less than 40 lbs. per bundle.



SOCRRA Member Community Talking Points

Yard Waste Curbside Collection & Compost

Compost Site General Information

- SOCRRA's Yard waste compost site is located at 1741 School Road, Rochester Hills, Michigan. (South of Avon Road, between John R. and Dequindre)
- SOCRRA manages curbside collection of all residential yard waste materials.
- Spurt Industries manages and operates SOCRRA's compost site.
- **Hours of Operation:**
Summer: Monday - Friday, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Winter: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Instructions for Residents Obtaining or Purchasing Compost

- Residents can obtain compost at SOCRRA's compost site or order home delivery.
- Residents will need to show proof of residency.
- No appointment is required.

Compost Service Options

- **On-site self-serve:** Residents can self-serve (shovel) compost at SOCRRA's compost site. Free of charge, unlimited. Remember to bring your own shovel and container.
- **On-site load:** Residents can purchase compost or Spurt Dirt blend on-site and Spurt will load it into your truck or trailer for you. 25% discount off retail price, unlimited.
- **Off-site delivery:** Residents can order compost or Spurt Dirt blend to be delivered to their homes directly from Spurt. 25% discount off retail price plus delivery fee, unlimited.

Contact Information for Residents

SOCRRA residents interested in scheduling a residential delivery can contact Spurt directly by telephone or email.

- Call: (248) 375-8900 and select option 1 for Sales, and 1 for Residential Sales
- Email: info@spurtindustries.com

SOCRRA residents interested in contacting the Spurt-SOCRRA compost yard can contact Spurt directly.

- Call: (248) 375-8900 and select option 3 for the SOCRRA yard
- Email: info@spurtindustries.com

Please note: See Instructions for *Communities Purchasing Compost* if a resident inquires about a compost delivery in their community.



What's Lost in a Leak?





Water is Precious – Use It But Don't Waste It




One of the more common causes of water waste is the leaky faucet. Though it can be seen, the amount of water that can be wasted by such a leak is seldom appreciated. Toilet leaks are common too, and they are a little more difficult to detect. The escape of water from tank to bowl is often so slow that the movement of the water is not discernable. A quick check can be made by dumping some laundry bluing in the tank after it has filled and become quiet, and watching for its appearance in the bowl. Even if no leak is detected, the test should be repeated, as such leaks are often intermittent.

Outside the house, too, leaks often remain undetected because the water they waste soaks into the ground. Outside fixtures or underground pipes are often guilty of such undetectable leaks, as are garden hoses and similar equipment when left attached.

If you have reason to suspect a leak, your meter furnishes you with an excellent checking device. To make a leak test, turn off all faucets and other water outlets, and keep watch on the hand of the one-cubic-foot or a flashlight on the meter face for ten or fifteen minutes. If the hand continues to move or there is water use recorded on the meter face, you will know there is a leak. You can measure the size of the leak by timing the hand or taking a timed beginning and ending reading from the meter to see how long it takes to waste a given quantity. If a hidden leak is indicated, call your plumber immediately. You will save money by having the wasted water stopped at once. If the leak is wasting a considerable quantity, you may want to consider shutting off the water at the meter while you are waiting for repairs.

Diameter of stream	Gallons	Cubic Feet	Cubic Meters
 1/4"	1,181,500	158,000	4,475
 3/16"	666,000	89,031	2,521
 1/8"	296,000	39,400	1,115
 1/16"	74,000	9,850	280

 A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown above.

Help Protect Our Environment: Keep Drains Clear of Fat, Oil & Grease (FOG) and Flushable Wipes (FW)

Fat, oil and grease (FOG) and Flushable Wipes (FW) in sewer pipes can create severe pollution and sewer problems in our City. FOG & FW enters sewer pipes through restaurant, residential and commercial drains. Once in the sewer, FOG sticks to the pipes and thickens which can build up and eventually block the entire pipe. FW can easily get stuck on FOG and other items within the sewer pipe compounding the problem. Blockages can send sewage backward – out of manholes into streets, rivers or into homes.

Impact of FOG & FW

Preventing sewer backups from FOG & FW blockages saves residents money and protects the environment. When sewer pipes on private property back up, the homeowner is responsible for the cleanup. If you regularly pour grease or FW down the drain, it will form a blockage in the sewer pipe which then backs up through floor drains, toilets and/or at the lowest point in the house. A plumber will have to be hired to clean the sewer and possibly repair plumbing inside the home.

Sources of FOG

Fat, oil and grease are by-products of cooking found in: food scraps, meat fats, lard, cooking oil, butter, margarine or shortening, etc.

"Flushable" Products

Wet wipes, which are used for everything from wiping babies' bottoms to removing makeup to quick house cleaning are labeled "flushable." The problem is they're really not ~ at least not the way toilet paper is. They may be flushable, but they are not biodegradable (like toilet paper) and are clogging sewer systems across the state and country. The phenomenon, which local officials call ragging, is causing major clogging problems. All it takes is one wipe to catch on a tree root or any other debris in the sewer system and then wipes or other items pile on each other causing a blockage. If residents think "out of sight, out of mind, it's not my problem" they are mistaken. If a main sewer line gets dammed by a pile of wipes, then eventually it will back up into private sewer lines which will cause a back-up in people's homes.

Unfortunately, the most frequently found items in sewer systems are paper towels/napkins, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products and household wipes which don't deteriorate like toilet paper does. The only items that should be flushed is toilet paper and human waste; please throw everything else in the garbage.

Keep Drains Clear by Following These Tips

1. Pour or scrape greasy or oily food waste into a container or jar.
2. Allow grease to cool/freeze in a container before throwing in the trash.
3. Mix liquid vegetable oil with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing in the trash.
4. Keep drains clean by pouring ½ cup baking soda down the drain followed by ½ cup vinegar. Wait 10 – 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.
5. Do not put any flushable products down the drain, please throw in the trash.



Drinking Water: We Need Your Help

The City of Royal Oak, along with state and federal agencies, has taken extra precautions to protect our water systems. But we need help from residents and business owners to keep our drinking water system safe.

If anyone observes someone tampering with and/or opening a fire hydrant, manhole lid, etc., who does not appear to be a City employee, please call the Department of Public Service immediately at (248) 246-3300, if the incident occurs between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and the Royal Oak Police Department at (248) 246-3500 any time thereafter.

Our goal is to continue to provide pure and wholesome water to our community. We know that we can do that with your help.

What to Do About Sewer Problems

Residents who experience sewer problems should call the Department of Public Service immediately at (248) 246-3300 during regular working hours (7:30 am - 4:00 pm) Monday - Friday or the Police Department at (248) 246-3500 any other time. A Sewer Department representative will respond to your emergency. If the problem exists in the main sewer line, a City crew will clear the line. If the problem is in the property owner's sewer line, it is the homeowner's responsibility to call either a plumber or a sewer cleaning company. For full details on water and sewer emergency procedures, consult the City's website at www.romi.gov.

Residential Cross Connection Control Program

The City of Royal Oak is required under Public Act 399, Part 14, to maintain a cross connection control program to identify and eliminate any possible connections that could contaminate the public water system.

To fully comply with this state mandate, the city has contracted with HydroCorp of Troy, MI to assist with facilitating a Cross Connection Control Program.

Inspectors from HydroCorp will be in Royal Oak neighborhoods reviewing exteriors of homes for connections that could possibly contaminate the water distribution system. A typical site visit lasts approximately five minutes and the inspector will be looking at exterior garden hose connections, lawn sprinkler systems, and any other water sources.

There are no fees for the inspection; however, in circumstances where cross connections exist, any costs associated with the replacement, modification, installation and/or testing of backflow prevention assemblies remain the obligation of the homeowner.

The city's website has answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Cross Connection Control Program at www.romi.gov/cccp. Informational brochures may also be picked up at the Royal Oak Public Library and at City Hall.

Additionally, residents may call HydroCorp directly at 1-800-690-6651 or email residential@hydrocorpinc.com. You can visit HydroCorp's website at www.hydrocorpinc.com/resources/faq.

Reporting Streetlight Outages

Streetlights connected to a wooden pole should be reported online to DTE at <https://outage.dteenergy.com/outdoor-lights>. Please be aware that DTE policy allows a two-week response time once the problem has been reported to DTE. In cases where a pole has been knocked down or if there is any other emergency, please call DTE Energy at 800-477-4747.

Streetlights on a metal pole should be reported to the City of Royal Oak Department of Public Service by emailing DPS@romi.gov or by calling at 248-246-3300 Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. Please have the following information ready when calling:

1. The specific streetlight location (i.e. the nearest cross streets, nearby address, etc.).
2. The streetlight pole number (if possible).
3. Details about the outage (i.e. light out, light turns on and off, light stays on during the day, etc.)


FREE Street Tree


Royal Oak residents have the opportunity to help expand the tree canopy by requesting that a tree is planted in the easement in front of their home! The form may be filled out online at romi.gov/tree-program-2025. After submitting your tree request, a City Arborist will review the planting site to ensure there is sufficient space before planting. Questions? Contact us at: (248) 246-3300 or DPS@romi.gov



The Environmental Advisory Board makes recommendations to the city commission on all issues concerning city efforts related to energy waste reduction, air quality, water, waste, resilience, and/or other sustainability issues that improve quality of life and protect the environment.

The board meets the fourth Wednesday of every month, except December, in Room 122 at City Hall.
Questions? Email: roaeb@romi.gov

 Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board

 [roenvironmentalboard](https://www.instagram.com/roenvironmentalboard)



Solarize Royal Oak brings friends and neighbors together to learn about solar and participate in group buy-ins to save money! Visit [Solarize Royal Oak](https://www.facebook.com/SolarizeRoyalOak) (on Facebook) or email roaeb@romi.gov for more details.



Check out the City's Sustainability Efforts Here:
www.romi.gov/sustainability

At Your Service

Emergency Calls Only Police, Fire & Ambulance	911
General Information	248-246-3000
Animal Complaint	248-246-3500
Animal Shelter 1515 N. Edgeworth.	248-548-3058
Assessor	248-246-3110
Building Inspection	248-246-3210
Building Inspection Requests	248-246-3234
Building Inspection Fax	248-246-3006
Cable TV (WROK) 203 S. Troy St.....	248-246-3040
Questions regarding Comcast.....	800-934-6489
Questions regarding WOW	866-496-9669
City Attorney	248-246-3240
City Clerk	248-246-3050
City Manager	248-246-3200
Code Enforcement	248-246-3210
Code Enforcement 24-hour Hotline	248-246-3238
44th District Court	248-246-3600
Probation, 400 E. 11 Mile	248-246-3670
Engineering	248-246-3260
Farmers Market 316 E. 11 Mile.....	248-246-3276
Finance	248-246-3030
Fire Department 215 E. Sixth St.	
Emergency.....	911
Non-Emergency.....	248-246-3800
Fire Prevention Bureau	248-246-3810
Housing Assistance - Rehabilitation Loans.....	248-246-3280
Human Resources	248-246-3070
Ice Arena 1403 Lexington Blvd.....	248-246-3950
Information Systems	248-246-3080
Landlord Licensing Program	248-246-3210
Library 222 E. 11 Mile Rd.	248-246-3700
Mahany-Meininger Sr./Community Center 3500 Marais.....	248-246-3900
Mayor	248-246-3200
Orson Starr House 3123 N. Main St.....	248-588-0170
Parks & Recreation 203 S. Troy St.	248-246-3180
Planning & Zoning	248-246-3280
Police Department 450 E. 11 Mile Rd.	
Emergency.....	911
Non-Emergency.....	248-246-3500
Community Policing.....	248-246-3524
Detective Division.....	248-246-3515
Record Division	248-246-3530
Snow Emergency Announcement.....	248-246-3442
Public Service Department 1600 N. Campbell	
Highway Maintenance	248-246-3300
Parks & Forestry.....	248-246-3300
Recycling & Refuse Collection	248-246-3300
Sewer Maintenance.....	248-246-3300
Water Maintenance	248-246-3300
Emergencies between 4:00 pm - 7:30 am & weekends.....	248-246-3500
Purchasing	248-246-3030
Royal Oak Golf Course 3417 Don Soper Dr.	248-554-0019
Royal Oak Golf Center (Driving Range & Mini Golf) 3500 Edgar Ave ..	248-559-4653
Salter Community Center 1545 E. Lincoln.....	248-544-4166
Senior Center 3500 Marais	248-246-3900
Street Lighting Outage - DTE Energy	800-477-4747
TDD (Hearing Impaired)	248-246-3010
Treasurer	248-246-3140
Voter Registration	248-246-3050
Water Bills	248-246-3160
Youth Assistance 1601 N. Campbell.....	248-546-8282
Website	www.romi.gov



City of Royal Oak Home Improvement Program

Loans and grants are available through the City's Housing Office to help qualified homeowners repair their homes. The Home Improvement Program is intended to maintain and improve the City's neighborhoods by helping low- and moderate-income homeowners make necessary repairs. Eligible applicants must be the owner and occupant of a single-family home in the City of Royal Oak with a household income within the established guidelines.

INSTALLMENT LOANS/FORGIVABLE LOANS: Regular monthly installment loans up to \$50,000 with 0% interest require applicants to be the owner and occupant of a single-family home with a total household income that does not exceed the following:

Family Size	Max. Income	Family Size	Max. Income
1	\$56,600	4	\$80,800
2	\$64,650	5	\$87,300
3	\$72,750	6	\$93,750

DEFERRED LOANS: Homeowners may be eligible for a deferred loan up to \$50,000. These loans have a interest rate of 3%, interest starts when payment begins. The loan becomes due for a period of time as determined by the Loan Committee. Applicants for deferred loans must have a household income that does not exceed the following:

Family Size	Max. Income	Family Size	Max. Income
1	\$35,350	4	\$50,500
2	\$40,400	5	\$54,550
3	\$45,450	6	\$58,600

Forgivable loans are available for qualified exterior work up to \$15,000, the income qualification is the same as the installment loan.

The City assists determining the work necessary to selecting a contractor. Applicants are not required to put money down or pay fees usually charged by private lenders. Mortgages and Liens are placed on the property.

Home improvements are to correct health and safety violations, provide for structural preservation, energy conservation or handicapped access. The program is also equipped to address lead-based paint hazards. These are some eligible improvements:

ROOF	PLUMBING/SEWER
SIDING	FURNACE/ AIR CONDITIONING
WINDOWS	ELECTRICAL UPDATE
INSULATION	KITCHEN UPDATE
PORCH REPAIR	BATHROOM UPDATE
DRIVEWAY	BASEMENT WATERPROOFING

The City maintains a list of qualified general contractors who are responsible for all of the trades involved in residential construction. The program will provide a loan or grant up to the amount of the lowest, viable bid.

For more information call (248) 246-3280 or visit www.romi.gov



Non-English speaking or hearing impaired and disabled persons wishing to arrange translation or interpretive services may inform the City Clerk's Office. The City Clerk may be reached at (248) 246-3050 or (248) 246-3010 for telecommunications device for the Deaf (TDD).

“Will the apartment still be available when they hear my accent?”



I called 5 different numbers about apartments for rent. They all said they had been rented. I started to get suspicious so I had a white friend call. Suddenly these apartments were available.

National origin is protected under the law. If you feel you've been discriminated against, call 1-800-669-9777.

NFHA
National Fair Housing Alliance



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A PLAN FOR ROYAL OAK

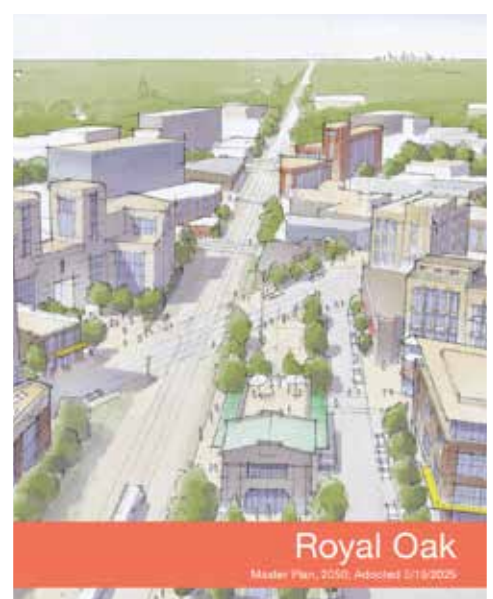
Today, Tomorrow, 2050

On May 19, 2025, Royal Oak's City Commission unanimously adopted its *Master Plan, 2050*, the key guiding document for development and projects within the city. Four years and 5,000+ community engagement touchpoints in the making, the plan looks ahead more than 20 years, considering best practices in land use, where and how the city should grow, and any changes that may be needed to support future residents.

You may wonder: Royal Oak is such a great city as it is... why do we need a plan to change it? The reality is that cities change constantly; having a successful master plan allows our city to change in thoughtful ways. It's about being proactive, setting goals, and creating a community that serves the needs of residents—versus reacting to change as it occurs.

Balancing Preservation & Change

A master plan isn't simply about making changes: it's an intentional balance between celebrating the existing character of the city with finding ways to foster and grow to meet the needs of a changing community.



View the master plan in its entirety at
www.romi.gov/301/Master-Plan

This master plan celebrates the city for its vibrancy, livable neighborhoods, active downtown, rich greenspaces and parks, progressive policies (for sustainability, climate action, aging in place, and more), and for being one of the most walkable and bikeable cities in Metro Detroit. However, it also highlights opportunities for improved safety and navigation, development of walkable main street districts more easily accessible from the city's neighborhoods, and additional housing that meets the demand in thoughtful and predictable ways.

Master Plan Goals

The best way to put a plan into motion is to set meaningful, actionable goals—and that's exactly what has been done in Royal Oak's master plan.



GOAL A

REINFORCE THE CITY'S STRUCTURE

Retain and refine the historic structure of Royal Oak by more clearly defining the character of places throughout the city, reversing the problems caused by use separation and car-centric design in the late 20th Century, and coordinating the city, developers, and business owners in a shared future vision for Royal Oak.

Action items include:

- Adopting the Future Land Use Map, with a focus on preserving the scale and character of existing neighborhoods.
- Adopting a Unified Development Ordinance to streamline zoning and align policies with the Future Land Use Map.
- Developing a Downtown Master Plan to enhance vibrancy and support new housing and business growth.



GOAL B

ADVANCE SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE ACTION

Implement the Sustainability and Climate Action Plan, advance Royal Oak as a regional and statewide leader in sustainability, and utilize land use and transportation policy to reduce transportation-related emissions, furthering the city's sustainability goals.

Action items include:

- Increasing public education and outreach to support energy efficiency, sustainable landscaping, water conservation, and more.
- Creating a Tree Canopy Plan to identify and improve areas needing more tree coverage, with a focus on neighborhood greenways and safe routes to schools.
- Implementing stormwater solutions such as integrating stormwater solutions into parks and open spaces and identifying problem areas for ponding during major storms.



GOAL C

PROVIDE MORE HOUSING OPTIONS

Accelerate market-based solutions that provide greater housing type diversity and housing supply, to provide housing options for every stage of life, and to provide for attainably-priced housing to the extent feasible under Michigan law.

Action items include:

- Developing a plan to transform Delemere Boulevard into a main street with enhanced streetscapes, wider sidewalks, street trees, and improved lighting.
- Promoting, encouraging, and partnering to provide senior and affordable housing.



GOAL D

PRESERVE AND ENHANCE THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTER

Enhance Royal Oak's high-quality neighborhoods by preserving their existing character, adding to existing qualities in places they are lacking, and improving access to parks and existing neighborhood-scaled retail areas.

Action items include:

- Updating the Recreation Plan to improve equitable access to park amenities; create wellness circuits linking parks, neighborhood centers, markets, and schools; and add seating, walking paths, recycling bins, bike racks, repair stations, and lighting to parks.



GOAL E

REINFORCE ACTIVITY CENTERS

Provide residents and visitors with significant destinations for shopping, dining, services, and entertainment that are diverse in character and distributed throughout the city.

Action items include:

- Improving public transit access by collaborating with SMART and Oakland County to enhance services by adding key stops, improving routing, and reducing wait times, supported by new transit funding.



GOAL F

INCREASE MOBILITY ACROSS THE CITY

Ensure that people who walk, roll, bicycle, drive, or use public transit are well accommodated throughout Royal Oak by optimizing and expanding shared and dedicated facilities, making streets safe for everybody, and connecting the city's many destinations

Action items include:

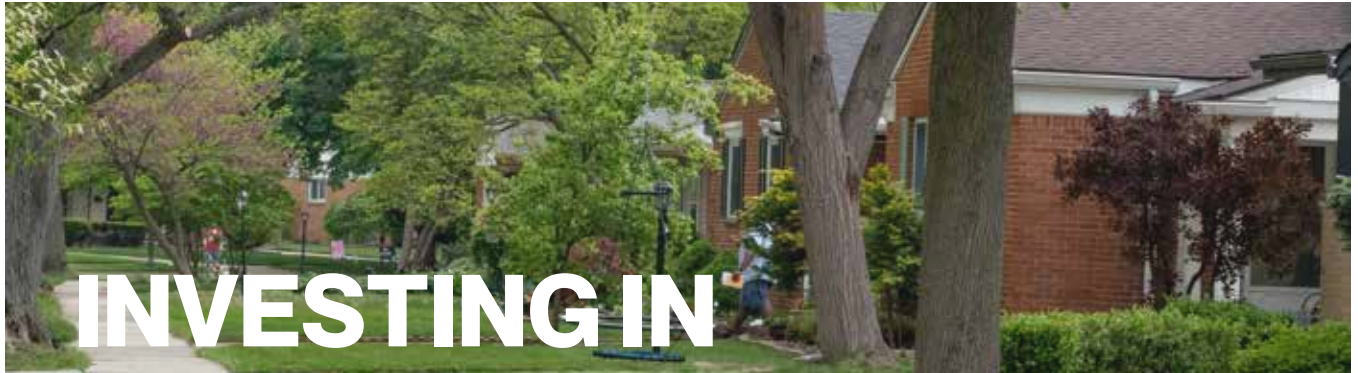
- Revising the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan to enhance pedestrian and bicycle access and create safer crossings on major streets.
- Addressing mobility needs specifically along major roads, where improvements may be restricted by traffic volume and physical limitations.
- Providing public parking outside of downtown to encourage business and housing growth in Activity Centers and Neighborhood Main Streets.



GOAL G

ALIGN POLICIES

Align Royal Oak's future land use policy, zoning regulations, and other ordinances in order to produce the future city that residents and city leadership desire, directing the development and business community, and expediting development and zoning processes, recognizing that the city, developers, and business owners are partners in building Royal Oak's future.



INVESTING IN NEIGHBORHOODS

RENO Program Supports Residents + Neighborhoods

The City of Royal Oak will soon launch a new program that incorporates some key master plan tenets. RENO, or Residential Enhancement and Neighborhood Opportunity, is a fee-waiver program designed to incentivize residential improvements that advance key community priorities—sustainability, housing affordability, and aging in place.

The program provides eligible homeowners, property owners, and developers with permit and inspection fee waivers, and provides up to two hours of complimentary consulting with the City's Building Division to support successful project delivery.

The program will focus on three areas:



GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS

Promoting energy-efficient and sustainable improvements to reduce utility costs and environmental impacts. Qualifying projects include high-efficiency HVAC systems, solar panels, EV charging stations, attic and wall insulation, and more.

Eligible properties:

- Residential: single-family homes, duplexes, townhomes, and condominiums
- Commercial: small-businesses and mixed-use buildings

Open to residential and commercial property owners.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Increasing the supply of workforce housing by incentivizing development and rehabilitation of units affordable to middle-income households (80%–120% of Area Median Income, or AMI).

Eligible properties:

- Residential only: multifamily developments, e.g., apartment complexes, townhome clusters, senior community/living homes, and residential components of mixed-use projects



SENIOR HOUSING IMPROVEMENT

Supporting older residents to safely age in place by reducing financial and logistical barriers to critical home modifications and repairs. Qualifying projects include wheelchair ramps, accessibility modifications, stair and chair lifts, and more.

Eligible properties:

- Owner-occupied single-family homes and condominiums

Open to resident homeowners aged 62 and older with household income at or below 120% AMI.

The RENO Program is expected to launch in September. For more information, email RENO@romi.gov or call 248-246-3280.



Fire Safety at Your Home Away from Home

Peer-to-peer hospitality services, such as Airbnb, Vacation Rentals by Owner and other types of vacation rentals are not regulated in the same way as hotels. Requirements vary widely across jurisdictions. Act as your own safety advocate and know before you go. Be sure the following safety measures are addressed.

SAFETY TIPS

- ✓ Working smoke alarms are in every sleeping room. They are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home.
- ✓ Working smoke alarms are interconnected, if possible. When one alarm sounds, they all sound.
- ✓ Portable fire extinguishers are in the home and are easy to reach.
- ✓ Working carbon monoxide alarms are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home and in other locations as required by laws, codes, or standards.
- ✓ The owner has posted a floor plan. It notes all escape routes and exits and provides emergency contact information.
- ✓ Everyone knows the address of the home.
- ✓ Everyone staying in the home has identified two ways out of every room and how to escape in an emergency.
- ✓ All doors and windows that lead outside are able to be opened.
- ✓ An outside meeting place has been chosen. It is a safe distance away from the home.
- ✓ Everyone knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone from outside.
- ✓ If smoking is allowed, a smoking area has been designated and is well away from the structure. Deep, sturdy ashtrays have been provided.
- ✓ All pathways are free and clear of tripping hazards.
- ✓ Electrical outlets are free from multiple cords and adaptors.
- ✓ The stovetop is clear. Anything that can catch fire is not near the stovetop, such as curtains and towels.

WINDOW AND DOOR ALERT!

Be on the lookout for rooms with tiny windows. These are too small to serve as a means of escape.

Security bars on doors and windows can trap people in a fire. Make sure any security bars have quick-release devices. Tools, keys, or special efforts should not be needed to open them.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Peer-to-peer hospitality services are not regulated in the same way as hotels. Requirements vary widely across jurisdictions. Do your homework before making a reservation. Check online to see your travel destination's regulations for rental properties. Ask your host if the property meets the regulations. Discuss other safety concerns you may have.

Check the forecast in case of storms that could cause power outages; assure the property has equipment (batteries, lanterns, etc.) in the event of a power outage.



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Royal Oak FIRE DEPT



Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™



Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online.

What is your alarm telling you?

SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call **9-1-1**, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call **9-1-1** and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it’s time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Some tips:

- ✓ Install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and CO alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.
- ✓ Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone close to your bed.
- ✓ Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!

Get out and stay out! Call 9-1-1 from outside.



Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire unit if it's over 10 years old. If you don't remember how old the unit is, replace it!



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Upcoming Events

Find our events calendar at royaloak.librarycalendar.com

Rainbow Body Scrub

Tuesday, July 22 at 4:30 pm

Ages 11 - 18 yrs

Registration Required

Teens will be able to create their own sugar scrub - like Tree Hut but better! We'll have different colors and fragrances, and you'll be able to mix them to create your own combination to take home.



Foam Party

Friday, August 1 at 3:30 pm in Centennial Commons Park

Family – Ages 0 - 18 and their adults



What better way to end summer reading than with a FOAM party?! Join us on the lawn of Centennial Commons at 3:30 pm for two large cannons of foam-tastic fun. Bathing suits and towels are welcome but not required. Shoes should be worn. A waiver must be signed for participation.

Make Your Own Bookmark at Woodward Corner Market

Tween - Adults

Mon 8/18 12pm



Join us off-site at the Woodward Corner Market for a fun make your own bookmark craft in the cafe area! Participants will be given a blank wooden bookmark and will be able to decorate it however they want using paint markers, washi tape, and more. All supplies will be provided.

While you are there grab a coffee, do some shopping, and check out the library's new library vending machine! Whatever you do, come ready to get crafty!

Story Times Start in September

Story Time for babies through preschoolers returns the week of September 9! Our schedule is as follows:

- **Family Story Time – Tuesdays, 10:15 am**
- **Toddler Story Time – Wednesdays, 10:15 am**
- **Baby Size Story Time – Thursdays, 10:15 am**

All story times are first-come, first-served, with the Youth Services Desk handing out tickets at 10:00 am.

Architecture of the Upper Peninsula

Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30 pm

Experience a visual tour of Michigan's Upper Peninsula architecture, presented by Josh Lipnik a Detroit-based architectural photographer, speaker, and writer. Josh will cover historic landmarks as well as hidden architectural gems. The presentation will include Josh's own photographs as well as archival images to explore the history of industry, labor, and immigration in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.



Repair Café

Saturday, September 27 at 12:00 pm

Registration Required

Repair your old things at Repair Cafe hosted by The Royal Oak Public Library! Repair Cafés are all about repairing things (together)! At the Repair Cafe you will find tools and materials to help you make any repairs you need on old items such as clothes, furniture, electrical appliances, bicycles, crockery, appliances, toys, etc.

There will be expert volunteers with repair skills in all kinds of fields who will be there to assist you with repairing your own item. Patrons should bring one broken item from their home to repair. Please Note: The Cafe Repair volunteers will not repair your item for you while you wait; they will help you to repair your own item and provide guidance, knowledge, and support.

Come ready to roll up your sleeves and learn!



Check Out Books at Woodward Corner Market



Today is your lucky day! The LibCabinet Library Book Vending Machine (aka Vickie) has a rotating collection of best-selling materials, for children through adults. Vickie is in the Woodward Corner Café in Woodward Corner Market, located at 13 Mile and Woodward. Check it out!



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Dear Royal Oak Schools Community,

I'm excited to begin my journey with Royal Oak Schools and to build strong relationships with students, staff, families, and community members. As a former teacher, coach, principal, and assistant superintendent, I look forward to connecting with you in our schools, at events, and throughout the community. Together, we'll embrace the opportunities and challenges of the year ahead, working to ensure every student reaches their full potential, regardless of their educational path.

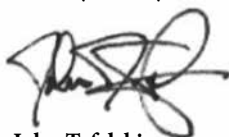


As we open our doors for another exciting year, I'm proud to celebrate the strong partnership between our schools and the community - a connection that's very quickly become clear to me, reinforcing my belief that when we work together, great things happen. So, as we cross paths at events, I invite you to stop and share your thoughts on how we can continue to enhance our community of excellence. My plan this year, borrowing from a great coach and leader (albeit a fictional one), is to "be curious, not judgmental" as I learn more about our schools and the people who make them special. I'm grateful to be part of this district and look forward to the journey ahead with all of you.

The first day of school for students is August 25, 2025. Our dedicated administrators, teachers, and staff are prepared and eager to welcome students back into the classroom. In the week leading up to students' return, our entire staff will come together to launch the new school year. This time allows us to welcome new team members, align around shared goals, and complete essential safety training. As we prepare to start the third year of our strategic plan, our district will also engage in meaningful professional learning. We extend our congratulations to the staff and administrators who have retired or moved on to new opportunities, and we thank them sincerely for their service to the students and families of Royal Oak Schools. Thank you to Superintendent Fitzpatrick for her eight years of exemplary leadership and service to Royal Oak Schools. She has left behind a legacy with big shoes to fill, and I am up for the challenge.

To stay informed about key district happenings, please follow us on social media, check out our district website, and subscribe to our monthly newsletter, *The District Dispatch*.

Thank you for your continued support of our district's students and families.



John Tafelski
Superintendent

2025-2026 School Year Begins Monday, August 25, 2025

Students in grades K-12 should report to school on the morning of **Monday, August 25, 2025**.

If you are new to the district and **need to enroll**, please call Central Enrollment Office at (248) 435-8400, Ext. 1260.



K-12 Enrollment Requirements/Procedures

Enrollments for Royal Oak Schools are completed entirely online at **royaloakschools.org/enrollment**. Once you have completed the online enrollment and uploaded your documents, our staff will process the enrollment and send a confirmation email. Pre-enrollments must be completed, with all the required documents, by August 18, 2025 to ensure your student can start on the first day of school. Should you require assistance, please contact Theresa Baughman at the contact information listed below to schedule an appointment.

District Central Enrollment Office

800 DeVillen, Royal Oak, MI 48073

Enrollment Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Phone: (248) 435-8400, Ext. 1260

Fax: (248) 280-2591

Enrollment@royaloakschools.org

Listed below are the documents required to be uploaded to the enrollment in Step 5:

Required Documentation

- Birth Certificate
- Parent Photo ID
- Up-to-date immunization records or a waiver from the health department
- Previous report card for grades K-8 or transcript of final grades (9-12)
- Special Education Documents - Current IEP/MET/504 (for students receiving special education services)
- Legal guardianship or custody documents, if applicable
- Residency documentation in a parent/legal guardian's name (outlined below)

Residency Requirements

Michigan law states that a child's residence for educational purposes is with his/her parent or legal guardian, regardless of custody status. Enrollment in Royal Oak Schools is based on residency, where a parent or legal guardian owns or rents and physically resides.

To establish a qualifying residence, the district requires:

Homeowners:

- Mortgage Statement/Deed/Property tax bill
- Current utility bill (DTE, Consumers or Internet)

Renters:

- Current signed lease agreement
- Statement of Landlord's form (available on our website)
- Current utility bill (DTE, Consumers, or Internet).
- If you are living in someone else's home or apartment, please contact the enrollment office for assistance.



Back-To-School Information

First Day of School is August 25.

Annual Registration opens on August 4.

Elementary School Class information available August 15.

Secondary Class information

Middle School: 7th and 8th grade schedule pickup on August 13.

6th Grade Bulldog Bound on August 14.

High School Class Information: 3:00 pm on August 18 (after class schedule pickup).

Staff positions available at Royal Oak Schools

Royal Oak Schools is seeking substitute teachers and secretaries, support staff, and latchkey staff.

EduStaff is the district's partner for substitute teachers, paraprofessionals, and secretaries. If you are interested in learning more, please go to www.edustaff.org for information and to apply.

Individuals interested in working with and caring for school-age children before and after school for our Young Oaks (Latchkey) Program should the Addams Early Childhood Center at (248) 288-3220.

For instruction and administrative positions, check the Oakland Schools Consortium portal at

<https://bit.ly/3rO26d1workforros>

If you have further questions, feel free to contact Beth Caverly at the District Offices: elizabeth.caverly@royaloak-schools.org or (248) 435-8400, Ext.1210.

Kindergarten Dental, Hearing and Vision Screening

Michigan law requires these screenings for Kindergarten entrance. Please call the Oakland County Health Division for **free** vision and hearing screenings at 248-424-7070.

Family Information Updates

Some parent and student information can be changed in the MiStar Parent Portal. Login to update your email, phone numbers, and emergency contacts. Change of address forms can now be submitted digitally along with proof of residency.

Project Find

Project Find needs your assistance to help children with special needs. Special Education Services are available for eligible children ages birth to 26 who have trouble seeing, hearing, talking, or learning. Call about available free services for eligible children through your local Royal Oak Schools.

Erika Watson

Special Education Director
(248) 435-8400, Ext. 1269

Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)

The Royal Oak Schools Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) currently offered at Addams Early Childhood Center is designed to get your four-year-old ready for Kindergarten. The program runs from mid-September to mid-May each year, following the district holiday and break schedules. The classroom is staffed with a certified K-8 teacher with ZA endorsement (early childhood emphasis) and an associate teacher. The student-to-teacher ratio is 10:1. Classes are held Monday through Friday. This program is fully licensed through the State of Michigan.



Apply now for the 2025-2026 school year. Students must be four years of age by December 1, 2025. Visit aecc.royaloakschools.org for more enrollment information.

GSRP is a state program that is funded through a grant from the State of Michigan Department of Education. For qualifying families, there is no cost to participate.

Save the Date Family Welcome Back Night

Family Welcome Back Night will be held on **Thursday, August 28, 4:30 - 6:45 pm** before the first Ravens home football game at the **ROHS Ravens Stadium**. Meet school staff, connect with community partners, enjoy free food, games, raffles, and more as we kick off another great year in Royal Oak Schools!

Young Oaks Before & After School Child Care Program

Royal Oak Schools offers a fee-based before and after school child care for school-aged children at each of the six elementary schools.

The Young Oaks Program emphasizes a comfortable, supervised atmosphere that includes activities that will enhance the child's physical, social and academic growth.

The program is fully licensed by the State of Michigan and follows all of its guidelines. The staff is fully trained in CPR and first aid and receives additional appropriate in-service training throughout the year.

We offer care before and after school, as well as on some vacation days. In addition, summer care is available during the summer break.

For more information regarding the fee structure of the Young Oaks Program, call (248) 288-3220, Ext. 0.



Early Childhood Center Offers Preschool Programs for Three & Four-Year-Olds

The Royal Oak Schools Preschool Program offered at Addams Early Childhood Center is available to three and four-year-olds. This program is fully licensed by the State of Michigan. We have specially trained early childhood teachers providing a student-to-teacher ratio of 18:3 for four and 14:3 for three-year-olds.

Our HighScope Curriculum supports developmentally appropriate practices (DAP), including gross motor skills, small and large group activities, songs, stories, creative arts, and social interaction. To support the transition to kindergarten, teachers share information with elementary buildings each spring.

We offer a variety of programs to help fit the diverse needs of families. Families can have full or half-day programming. Half-day programming is Monday through Thursday 8:45 am-11:45 am or 8:45 am-3:45 pm. Full-day programming is Monday through Friday, 8:45 am-3:45 pm. Extended Care is available for an additional fee for families who need to extend their child's day. Extended Care is available Monday through Friday 7:30 am-5:30 pm. The program operates from September through mid-June with holidays in accordance with the district calendar. For registration information and/or questions on these fee-based programs, please call (248) 288-3220, Ext. 0.

Royal Oak Celebrates the Class of 2025 Across Two Meaningful Commencements

Royal Oak's graduating Class of 2025 was recently celebrated with heartfelt ceremonies that honored academic excellence, personal growth, and the promise of bright futures. Students from Royal Oak High School, Churchill Community High School, and Churchill Continuing Education were recognized in front of proud families, dedicated educators, and community supporters.

At Royal Oak High School, over 300 seniors received diplomas, with many being honored for standout achievements in and out of the classroom. The class included 56 Summa Cum Laude graduates, 17 Magna Cum Laude, 19 Cum Laude, and 42 who Graduated with Distinction. Seventy students were inducted into the National Honor Society, and collectively, the class earned close to \$1 million in scholarships.

Churchill Community High School's ceremony offered a powerful tribute to students' determination and growth. The event reflected the school's inclusive and personalized approach, as

many graduates shared their journeys of perseverance, self-discovery, and academic and personal success. Churchill was especially honored to welcome Justice Richard Bernstein of the Michigan Supreme Court as the evening's keynote speaker. Justice Bernstein shared his journey of facing and overcoming adversity, inspiring the graduates with his message of perseverance and self-belief. He reminded the Class of 2025 that setbacks and obstacles do not define a person's future—instead, they build strength and character. His words resonated deeply with our students, many of whom have experienced their hardships, and reinforced a powerful message: never give up, even when others doubt you.

Together, these ceremonies highlighted the core values of Royal Oak Schools: fostering an inclusive, student-first environment that prepares learners to adapt and thrive. The Class of 2025 moves forward not just with diplomas but with the resilience, compassion, and confidence to meet the future head-on. Congrats.





Celebrating Student Success Across Royal Oak Schools

Royal Oak Schools is proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of several students whose success stories reflect the strength, diversity, and determination of our #ROSCCommunityofExcellence. From prestigious scholarships to statewide recognition, these students are shaping their futures with confidence and purpose.



Abigail Woodruff – Voice of a Generation

A Royal Oak Middle School student, Abigail Woodruff, continues to impress with her talent in public speaking. After winning her local and regional contests, Abigail earned a \$2,500 scholarship in the Michigan District Oratorical Contest. She represented the state at the Optimist International Regional

Competition in St. Louis in July. Her powerful voice and poise make her a rising leader and an inspiration to peers.



Lillian Navin – MSU Full-Ride Scholar

Royal Oak High School senior Lillian Navin stood out among nearly 1,000 global applicants to be awarded one of Michigan State University's highly selective Alumni Distinguished Scholarships. Her academic excellence, leadership, and performance in the two-day scholarship competition earned her

a full-ride scholarship and a place in MSU's Honors College.



Devon Mills – Giving Back & Moving Forward

Devon Mills, also from ROHS, has been awarded the Robert A. Schuele Scholarship through the Metro Detroit Youth Club. Devon's journey from club participant to mentor for younger members stood out among more than 900 applicants. His award covers the full cost of attendance at MSU, allowing him

to pursue his dream of becoming a physical therapist without the financial burden of college.



Declan O'Reilly – Champion for Conservation

Known for his advocacy in conservation, Declan O'Reilly made headlines again this year as the Arctic Grayling Initiative he supported took a big step forward. Invited by the DNR to attend a milestone event for the project, Declan was celebrated for his fundraising ef-

forts and ongoing dedication to environmental stewardship. His leadership continues to make a lasting impact on Michigan's natural resources.

ACE & OTEC Graduates – Career-Ready Trailblazers

Graduates of the Oakland Schools Technical Campus (OTEC) and Adult and Community Education (ACE) programs exemplify real-world readiness. Eight ROHS students were honored at the 2025 Oakland ACE and OTEC Graduation Celebration for earning college credit—and even associate degrees—while still in high school!

Josephine Devine, Emma Fields, Carter Harris, Oliver Harris, Tair Karanfli, Jonathan McNett, Jacob Mihelic, and Mia Yerke showed incredible dedication and balance. These students pursued career-focused paths in trades, health care, IT, and more, earning certifications and hands-on experience that set them apart. Their success reflects Royal Oak Schools' commitment to preparing every student for a meaningful future, whether through college, apprenticeships, or direct-to-workforce careers.

Each of these students demonstrates what it means to be adaptable, growth-minded, and community-focused. We are proud to celebrate their stories and look forward to all they will accomplish in the years ahead.





Churchill Community Education Center

Churchill Community High School

Daytime Alternative High School Program for students 16-19 years of age and currently in 10th grade or higher. Students must be under the age of 20 as of September 1 of the current school year. **Enrollment interviews are being scheduled now for the 2025-26 school year.**

Days: Monday through Friday

School Calendar: CCHS operates on four quarters per year. Students have the opportunity to earn up to two credits per quarter, or eight credits in a school year. There are opportunities for students interested in earning additional credit each quarter as well. Quarters begin on: August 25, October 29, January 22 and April 6.

Potential students, please call 248-588-5050, Ext. 1502 to schedule an enrollment interview.

Royal Oak Continuing Education

Continuing/Adult Education is for adults age 19 and older who wish to complete the requirements for a high school credential. After analyzing factors like previous progress in school and placement tests, staff and students will decide on an individualized plan together. That plan could include taking the GED or finishing a HS diploma.

English as a Second Language is for adults who are learning the English language. This class provides basic English vocabulary, grammar pronunciation, speaking, listening, and culture. Teaching materials and methods include multimedia presentations, discussion, and independent online work.

Online Registration opens August 1, 2025

Placement Tests begin August 13, 2025

Start by making an appointment for the program that interests you at the website below. These programs are open to any Michigan resident, regardless of their district of residence.

For more details, please visit www.ccec.royaloakschools.org

Residents invited to apply for Board of Education Committees

The School Board actively seeks the advice of community members through a wide range of advisory committees and councils. These advisory committees and councils are appointed by the School Board, advise the School Board and, when appropriate, make recommendations on issues or policies related to the successful operation of the school district.

Applications are now being accepted for the Royal Oak Schools 2025-2026 committees, which include:

- Arts & Preservation
- Communications
- Wellness
- Health/Sex Education Advisory
- Finance & Facilities
- Curriculum Advisory

Applications are available on the district website, www.royaloakschools.org, Board of Education page under the "District" tab. Application forms should be returned to the Superintendent's Office, Royal Oak Schools, 800 DeVillen Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073, or e-mailed to Jennifer Perkins at jennifer.perkins@royaloakschools.org. For more information, contact Jennifer Perkins, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education and Superintendent, at 248-435-8400, Ext. 1228. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, September 12, 2025.

Annual Notices

Royal Oak Schools are required to annually provide notices to the community. The notices make community members aware of their rights in regards to directory information, educational records, pupil rights, bloodborne pathogens, privacy rights and nondiscrimination. The notices are posted on our website, www.royaloakschools.org. If you have questions about these notices, or would like to have hard copies of them provided to you please contact the Superintendent's Office, at (248) 435-8400.

Welcome New Leadership to Royal Oak Schools

Royal Oak Schools is pleased to welcome three outstanding professionals to key leadership roles in the district:



**Dr. John Tafelski,
Superintendent**

With a strong background in educational leadership and student-centered practices, Dr. Tafelski brings a collaborative spirit and a forward-thinking approach as he steps into the role of Superintendent.



**Derek Smith,
Director of Athletics and Activities**

Mr. Smith joins us with a wealth of experience in student athletics and extracurricular programming. He is dedicated to fostering school pride, promoting teamwork, and providing inclusive opportunities for all students.



**Jennifer Perkins,
Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent**

Ms. Perkins brings exceptional organizational skills and a dedication to service that will support the Superintendent's office and district operations.

Together, their leadership will help strengthen our mission of fostering a safe, inclusive, and student-first environment across Royal Oak Schools.

Welcome to all new employees! Have a great year!

Soup with the Super Save the Date

**Wednesday, September 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center**

Meet the new leadership of Royal Oak Schools!

When You Have a Question or Concern...

1. Take your question or concern to the person closest to the problem.

Whether in the classroom, in the cafeteria, or on the playground or practice field, the quickest and easiest solution is usually found with the person most directly involved. Talk with that person first. In order to find a time that is satisfactory to both you and the individual involved, you may need to make an appointment. When you make an appointment, please state the general nature of your question or concern, so the staff member can save both of you time by researching the issue and gathering the necessary information in advance of meeting with you.

It is a good practice to establish and maintain open communication with school staff. Please contact them not only when you have a question or concern, but also when things are going well.

2. If your question or concern is not resolved, contact your administrator.

The School Principals, Special Education Director, Athletic Director, Community Education Director, and Food Services Director are all individuals who are willing to work with you to help answer questions or resolve concerns. These persons, too, may need to find a time that is appropriate for both of you to meet. When you make contact with them, to arrange a time to talk or meet, it is helpful for them to know the basic nature of your concern and the person with whom you first talked in working to resolve the concern.

3. If your concern is still not resolved, contact District Administration.

There are times when you may not receive satisfaction and need to contact the Superintendent's Office. When you do, either the Superintendent or one of the Executive Directors who work closely with the Superintendent will respond to you. Please keep in mind that a meeting may require advance planning. When you make contact with the Superintendent's Office to arrange a time to talk or meet, it is helpful for them to know the basic nature of your concern, and the persons with whom you have talked at the building or department levels to resolve the concern.

4. How can Board of Education members help you?

School Board members are elected to represent the interests of all parents and district residents. They do not, however, have direct authority in day-to-day operations of the school. The authority of the Board of Education is the result of official actions decided on by a majority of Board members at meetings open to the public. The Board's primary responsibility is to make policies that guide the school district.

Contact with the Board of Education is appropriate after you have attempted to resolve a question or concern at all prior levels, when a policy is being enforced but you believe it results in bad consequences, or when you believe that at the Superintendent level a policy isn't being followed or is not being followed fairly for all.

Special thanks to Royal Oak Schools Foundation Golf Outing Sponsors and Donors

Special thanks to the following sponsors of the Royal Oak Schools Foundation Golf Outing. The Royal Oak Schools Foundation is excited to welcome another school year in partnership with Royal Oak Schools. They take pride in supporting our district through various initiatives that benefit students and staff. Learn more about how ROSF makes a difference a royaloakschoolsfoundation.org.

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Superintendent Mary Beth Fitzpatrick Retires After Years of Impactful Leadership



The Royal Oak Schools community is honoring the retirement of Superintendent Mary Beth Fitzpatrick, whose leadership has helped shape the district into one of excellence, resilience, and innovation.

Since taking the helm in 2017, Fitzpatrick has led Royal Oak Schools through a period of transformation and challenge, including navigating the complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic, launching forward-thinking instructional practices, and overseeing long-term strategic planning. Throughout it all, she remained focused on what mattered most: students, staff, and the larger community.

Her leadership was grounded in values of inclusion, equity, and student-centered decision-making. She championed initiatives that supported social-emotional health, expanded academic opportunities, and fostered strong relationships between schools and families. These efforts reflect her profound conviction in the transformative power of public education to uplift and empower.

Beyond programs and policies, Mary Beth Fitzpatrick is known for her commitment to the people she served. From families and educators to city leaders and business partners, her collaborative spirit helped build bridges and strengthen Royal Oak's educational foundation.

As she steps into retirement, the legacy of her work will continue in the classrooms, hallways, and neighborhoods of Royal Oak. The district—and the community it serves—extends its heartfelt thanks for her vision, dedication, and unwavering belief in the potential of every child.

Honoring Our Retirees

As the sun rises on another school year, Royal Oak Schools would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the staff members who retired this year. These individuals have given their time, talents, and hearts to generations of students, helping shape the district into the Community of Excellence it is today.

From classrooms and offices to cafeterias, buses, libraries, and maintenance teams, our retirees have touched countless lives and left a legacy built on dedication, compassion, and professionalism. Their commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and student-first environment reflects the very heart of our mission.

As they step into retirement, we celebrate not only their careers but also the difference they made in our schools and community. Whether they spent five years or forty in Royal Oak, their contributions are woven into the fabric of our district.

To all our 2025 retirees: thank you. We wish you joy, rest, and fulfillment in this next chapter. Total years of combined educational service: 495 years!

Leah Barnett (31)	Margie Martin (30)
Alicia Brown (32)	Tammy Martin (37)
Jeffrey Couzens (25)	Barbara Miller (12)
Kristina Ellenberger (28)	Derek Miller (23)
Karen Erwin (37)	Laurie O'Dell (4)
Mary Beth Fitzpatrick (39)	Patricia O'Leary-Dunn (10)
Joseph Homrocky (32)	David Potter (34)
David Jensen (33)	Kelly Sebastian (31)
Jane Lancaster (10)	Paula Sutterfield (15)
Lynn Legg (32)	



Bridging Generations: Waltonwood and Royal Oak Schools Build a Stronger Community Together

A unique and growing partnership between Royal Oak Schools and Waltonwood Royal Oak, a local senior living community, is demonstrating the power of intergenerational connection to enrich lives and strengthen community bonds. Through shared projects that support literacy, wellness, and mutual learning, this collaboration is becoming a model for meaningful engagement across ages.

At the heart of this partnership is a shared belief: that everyone, no matter their age, has something valuable to contribute. Waltonwood residents have actively embraced opportunities to connect with students in ways that are both heartwarming and impactful.

One such initiative was a book drive organized by Waltonwood to benefit Upton Elementary School. Inspired by the spirit of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the drive focused on providing students with new, age-appropriate books to build their home libraries and promote a lifelong love of reading. Residents went a step further by visiting Upton to read with students, creating meaningful moments of connection through storytelling and conversation.

At Oak Ridge Elementary, students and seniors came together for the second year in a row to contribute to the school's Wellness Rock Garden—a vibrant, student-and-senior-created display of hand-painted rocks carrying messages of encouragement, positivity, and hope. Over 450 rocks were decorated during this year's event, which has grown into a cherished tradition.

The unveiling celebration of the Wellness Garden captured the spirit of the partnership: a community coming together, joyfully and creatively, to support student wellness and promote emotional connection.

This partnership reflects the shared values of both organizations: prioritizing compassion, creativity, and the well-being of all. As Royal Oak Schools continues its mission to create a safe, inclusive, and student-first environment, collaborations like this one are helping to bring those goals to life, reminding us that community strength is built across generations.

Waltonwood Royal Oak's involvement serves as a powerful example of civic engagement and service in action. Their continued support and presence in our schools are helping to inspire students and build a culture of kindness, empathy, and community pride.



Residents of Waltonwood at Upton Elementary delivering books for the Imagination Library.



Above: Oak Ridge students with residents of Walton Wood showing off wellness rocks.

Left: Students enjoy reading and crafting with Waltonwood residents.



Rolling Into the Future: Mobile STEAM Lab Inspires Northwood Students



Excitement filled the air at Northwood Elementary as students in grades 1–4 stepped aboard a cutting-edge classroom on wheels. The Mobile STEAM Lab, a new initiative from the Girl Scouts of Southeastern Michigan (GSSEM), made a special stop in Royal Oak to offer a sneak peek at the future of hands-on learning.

Four classrooms – led by Ms. McCutchen, Mrs. Palmatteer, Mrs. Christian, and Mrs. Cavell – were selected to participate in an exclusive pilot of the lab, which features state-of-the-art tools designed to engage students in science, technology, engineering, art, and math.

For two days, the lab transformed the school parking lot into a hub of creativity and curiosity. Inside, students built simple robots, explored the basics of coding, and tackled interactive challenges that encouraged problem-solving and teamwork. The energy was contagious, with students exchanging high-fives and excited questions as they moved through the stations.

The experience equally energized teachers. Many commented on how powerful it was to watch students connect classroom learning to real-world applications in such an immersive setting.

The Mobile STEAM Lab is part of GSSEM's broader mission to spark early interest in STEM fields and make high-quality educational experiences accessible to more students across Southeast Michigan. Northwood's participation not only gave students a unique opportunity, it also played a role in helping GSSEM refine the program through valuable student feedback.

This partnership reflects Royal Oak Schools' commitment to innovative learning and aligns with the district's mission to prepare students for an ever-evolving world. By opening doors to exploration and discovery, programs like this help ensure that students are not just learning – they're inspired to lead.

Royal Oak Middle School Expands Student Engagement Year-Round

Royal Oak Middle School held its first Summer Activities Fair for students before school let out. This initiative connected students and families with a wide range of local programs, camps, and enrichment opportunities available throughout the summer. The event highlighted the school's continued efforts to keep students engaged not just during the academic year, but all year long.

Held in the school gym, the fair welcomed community partners, local organizations, and school-affiliated groups who shared everything from athletic clinics and theater camps to volunteer programs, STEM activities, and library reading challenges. Students had the chance to explore hands-on displays, chat with program leaders, and discover new ways to stay active, creative, and connected over the break.

This past year, Royal Oak Middle School implemented or continued several key initiatives aligned with its mission of putting students first in a safe and inclusive environment:

- **Recess Returned:** ROMS brought back daily recess for students, allowing students to move, play, and recharge during the school day, supporting both physical and emotional wellness.
- **Phone-Free Learning:** A no-cell-phone policy was upheld to help students stay present, focus on their learning, and build stronger peer connections without distractions.
- **STEMi Truck Experience:** In partnership with Oakland Schools, the school welcomed the STEMi Truck—a mobile, state-of-the-art learning lab where students explored robotics, automation, coding, and other high-tech career pathways.
- **First-Ever Career Fair:** ROMS hosted its inaugural Career Fair, providing students with the opportunity to meet professionals from a diverse range of industries, ask questions, and start envisioning their own future possibilities.



These efforts reflect Royal Oak Schools' commitment to whole-child development and future-ready learning—special thanks to all the staff, volunteers, and community partners who made this year a success. Together, we're helping students discover what's possible.

Support Person of the Year

Congratulations to **Paula Sutterfield**, our Royal Oak Schools Support Person of the Year!

With 15 years of dedicated service as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education, Paula played a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of our district. Her commitment, professionalism, and heart for service made a difference every single day.

Paula shared, “I am incredibly honored and humbled to be named Royal Oak Schools Support Person of the Year. Working alongside such dedicated educators, staff, and leaders is a privilege I never take for granted.”

Thank you, Paula, for all you did for our students, staff, and community, and enjoy your retirement.



New Student Members to the Board of Education

Royal Oak Schools is proud to welcome its newest student representatives to the Board of Education for the 2025–2026 school year. These student leaders will serve as the voice of their peers, helping ensure that student perspectives are taken into account in district decision-making. This year’s student board members were selected through a thoughtful application and interview process that evaluated leadership, community involvement, and a desire to represent fellow students with responsibility and integrity. As non-voting members of the Board, they will participate in regular meetings, report on student experiences, and share insights that help inform the district’s policies and initiatives.

Serving in this role offers students a unique opportunity to develop civic leadership skills while making meaningful contributions to their school’s governance. Their participation reflects Royal Oak Schools’ mission to create a student-first environment where every voice matters and where students are empowered to become growth-minded, adaptable citizens. Please join us in congratulating our new student board members.



The newest members of the student representatives to the Board of Education were welcomed at a summer board meeting. Pictured above (L to R): Cameron Balis, Aiden Brock, Owen Krueger, Leilani Hamilton, Grace Hatton, and Haneen Awada.

2025-26 School Meals Information

As we prepare for the 2025–2026 school year, we want to remind families that meal benefits for all students have not yet been finalized. While the Michigan School Meals Program provided free meals last year, we are awaiting guidance from the state on whether that will continue. In the meantime, it is critical that families complete a free/reduced meal application. Submitting this form not only helps determine eligibility for meal benefits but also supports school funding and access to additional resources for students. Federal and state education funding also relies on free and reduced-price eligibility.

To apply for the 2025-2026 school year, please use the online application available under Free and Reduced Meals Information on our website. Paper applications will be distributed in August and will be accessible at the district office and all schools during that time.

For any assistance or inquiries regarding the Food Service Department and the application process, please feel free to contact us at (248) 435-8500, Ext. 1123.



USDA Rules for 2025-2026:

- Students are required to select at least one serving of fruit or vegetable at lunch and breakfast (100% juice counts as a serving of fruit).
- Smart Snacks in School, the USDA's "All Foods Sold in Schools" Standards ensure kids are only offered tasty and nutritious foods during the school day.

Nutrition Standards for All Foods Sold in Schools

Any food sold in schools must:

- Have as the first ingredient a fruit, vegetable, dairy product or protein food; or
- Be a combination food that contains at least ¼ cup of fruit and/or vegetable; or
- Contain 10% of the Daily Value of one of the nutrients (calcium, potassium, vitamin D, or dietary fiber)

Foods must also meet several nutrient requirements:

- Calorie limits: snacks 200 calories; entrees 350 calories
- Fat limits: total fat 35% of calories; saturated fat 10% of calories; trans fat zero grams
- Sugar limit: 35% of weight from total sugars in foods

**Note: These guidelines also pertain to fundraising programs unless the school has granted an "exception" to the fundraising group.*

Nutrition Information

Digital menus are available via **Nutrislice**. Features will include: mobile and web application convenience, improved communication with parents, students and community, enhanced navigation for food allergies and dietary concerns, easy to access anytime and anywhere. Go to www.royaloakschools.nutrislice.com. No log in required, just visit this site and choose your menu.

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2025-2026 Royal Oak Schools Calendar

August 18	First Day for Teachers
August 25	First Day for Students
Aug. 29 & Sept. 1	No School - Labor Day
September 10, 24	Late Start for Students
October 8, 22	Late Start for Students
October 16	Half-Day for ROHS only Conferences 1:00-3:00 pm & 4:00-7:00 pm
October 23	Half-Day for ROMS only Conferences 1:00-3:00 pm & 4:00-7:00 pm
October 31	Half-Day - Students PM; Teacher Records Time
October 31	End of 1st Quarter
November 19	Late Start for Students
November 3, 4	No School for Students Teacher Professional Development
November 12	Elementary Evening Conferences 4:00-7:00 pm
November 13	Half-Day for Elementary only Conferences 1:00-3:00 pm & 4:00-7:00 pm
November 26-28	No School - Thanksgiving Break
December 3, 17	Late Start for Students
December 22 - Jan. 2	No School - Holiday Break
January 14, 28	Late Start for Students
January 19	No School - Martin Luther King Day
January 20-23	Half-Day for ROHS only Student Exams
January 23	No School for Students - Teacher Records Day End of Second Quarter
February 11, 25	Late Start for Students
February 13-17	No School - Mid-Winter Break
March 11, 25	Late Start for Students
March 5	Half-Day for ROMS - Teacher Work Day: Personal Project Grading
March 5	Half-Day for ROHS only Conferences 1:00-3:00 pm & 4:00-7:00 pm
March 12	Half-Day for ROHS - Teacher Work Day: Personal Project Grading
March 12	Half-Day for ROMS Conferences 1:00-3:00 pm & 4:00-7:00 pm
March 30 - April 3	No School - Spring Break
April 10	Half-Day for Students - Teacher Records Day PM End of 3rd Quarter
April 15, 29	Late Start for Students
May 6, 13	Late Start for Students
May 22-25	No School - Memorial Day
June 3-4	Half-Day for ROHS only Student Exams
June 5	Half-Day for Students and Staff ROHS Student Exams Last Day for Students and Staff

Late Start Wednesdays

On specific Wednesdays, students will be beginning their instructional day one hour later. This will provide time for regular and consistent teacher professional development and collaboration. Please refer to the school calendar on a regular basis, as there are rare occasions these dates may change. Late Start Homework Club is available for students.

- **September 10 and 24, 2025**
- **October 8 and 22, 2025**
- **November 19, 2025**
- **December 3 and 17, 2025**
- **January 14 and 28, 2026**
- **February 11 and 25, 2026**
- **March 11 and 25, 2026**
- **May 6 and 13, 2026**

Activity Gold Card for Seniors

Royal Oak Schools is happy to continue its Senior Activity Gold Card program. The card serves as a complimentary pass for Royal Oak residents ages 60 and over to attend Royal Oak Schools events. The pass is renewable every three years.

Gold Card includes free admission to:

- Athletic Events (except state sponsored tournaments)
- Drama programs and dance shows
- Vocal and Instrumental Music Concerts

Applications are available at the Administrative Offices, 800 DeVillen Ave., Royal Oak. Residents will be asked to present a driver's license or identification verifying their age and residency when applying for the pass. For additional information, please call (248) 435-8400 between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

School	Address	Administrator	Secretary	Phone	Fax
Addams	2222 W. Webster 48073	Mr. Boyer	Ms. Say	288-3100	288-3144
Keller	1505 N. Campbell 48067	Mrs. Dryden	Ms. Saltsman	542-6500	541-1260
Northwood	926 W. 12 Mile Rd. 48073	Ms. Bascom-Keller	Ms. Till	541-0229	541-4709
Oakland	2415 Brockton 48067	Mr. Taylor	Ms. Hall	542-4406	542-9289
Oak Ridge	506 E. 13 Mile Rd. 48073	Dr. Parrott	Ms. Johnson	588-8353	588-0750
Upton	4400 Mandalay Ave. 48073	Mr. Grzywack	Ms. Catchpole	549-4968	549-0013

ROYAL OAK MIDDLE SCHOOL

709 N. Washington 48067

541-7100

541-0408 Fax

Administrator	Secretary	Phone
Kristen Meldrum, Principal	Ms. Tracie Sandzik (main office)	Ext. 2039
Dan Colligan, Asst. Principal	Ms. Carie Hooker (6th grade)	Ext. 2025
Angela Mallory, Asst. Principal	Ms. Lynn Liedel (7th grade)	Ext. 2073
Laura Derda, Asst. Principal	Ms. Angela Mallory (8th grade)	Ext. 2013

ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL

1500 Lexington Blvd. 48073

435-8500

288-8733 Fax

Administrator	Secretary	Phone
Donald Loomis, Principal	Ms. Kate Breuckman	Ext. 1078
Michael Corridor, Asst. Principal		Ext. 1016
Caroline Krynak, Asst. Principal		Ext. 1016
Alyssa Reimold, Asst. Principal		Ext. 1016
Derek Smith, DAA	Ms. Pamela Moore	Ext. 1148

ROYAL OAK CHURCHILL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

707 Girard 48073

588-5050

588-2881 Fax

Administrator	Secretary	Phone
Karen Powell, Supervisor	Ms. Lauren Makled	Ext. 1502
Continuing Education, English as Second Language, High School Completion, GED Prep		
Joy Zug, Coordinator		
Ursula Mortimer, Program Advisor		

OTHER FACILITIES

Facility	Address	Phone	Fax
District Offices	800 DeVillen Ave. 48073	435-8400	435-6170

Dr. John Tafelski, Superintendent
 Jennifer Perkins, Executive Assistant, Ext. 1228
 Dr. Joseph Youanes, Exec. Dir., Teaching & Learning
 Marnie Pinho, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 1232
 Dr. Ericka Watson, Director of Special Ed.
 Phillip Hay, SE Secretary, Ext. 1269

Patrick Wolynski, Exec. Dir., Staff & Student Services
 Mary Werden, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 1211
 Kathy Abela, Exec. Dir. Finance & Facilities
 Anne Marie Carlisle, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 1223
 Amy Murphy, Communications Specialist, Ext. 1215
 Jaret Grisamer, Multimedia Specialist/WOAK, Ext. 2184
 Ashley Phillips, DEI Coordinator, Ext. 7069

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2222 W. Webster 48073

288-3220

288-3047

Danielle Truesdell, Supervisor
 Amber Ceresnie, Secretary

Ext. 3561

Maintenance / Transportation Center

1601 N. Campbell Road 48067

545-0064

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 Robin Newsome, Secretary

Ext. 3245

Around the District



Seniors and classmates sing at the ROHS graduation.



What better way to figure out who goes first? Rock, paper, scissors, SHOOT!



The Girls Tennis team had an incredible season, finishing with an 11-2-2 record and going undefeated in league play (6-0) to claim their third straight OAA league championship.



The Varsity Softball team had a standout season, finishing with a 21-15-1 record and capturing the District Championship.



Two ROMS students held book signings at Juneteenth and represented Royal Oak Schools; Shaelyn Simms, Journey To Freedom, and Princeton Lockett, Secret of the Wolves.



Upton students celebrate being named a Michigan Green School at the Detroit Zoo.



Students, families, and staff across Royal Oak Schools participated in walk-to-school events in partnership with the City of Royal Oak's Safe Routes to School initiative.

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Friday, 8:00 am - 12 noon

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Big Changes Are Coming!

The Senior Community Center closed its doors on June 25 to undergo an exciting, long-awaited renovation—and we can't wait to welcome you back to a brighter, more beautiful space! The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

Get ready for a fresh new look and improved comfort, including:

- Fully renovated restrooms
- Stylish new flooring and ceiling tiles
- Fresh paint and modern lighting throughout
- An upgraded, more efficient front desk
- A powerful new generator and enhanced electrical system

We're building a better space for connection, activity, and community—just for you!

Stay updated on our progress at **romi.gov/356/Senior-Community-Center**