

FALL 2024 🔍 CLAWSON COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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PHONE DIRECTORY

Emergencies

911

CITY OFFICES & FACILITIES

Animal Control	248-858-1070
Blair Memorial Library	248-588-5500
Chamber of Commerce	248-435-6500
City Municipal Offices	248-435-4500
Department of Public Works	248-288-3222
Downtown Clawson	248-435-5299
Historical Museum	248-588-9169
Parks & Recreation	248-589-0334
Police/Fire Dispatch	248-524-3477
Senior Services	248-583-6700
SOCRRA	248-288-5150

SCHOOL NUMBERS

Clawson Public Schools	248-655-4400
Clawson High School	248-655-4200
Clawson Middle School	248-655-4250
Clawson Elementary School	248-655-3838
Clawson Youth Assistance	248-655-4401

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Paula Millan, Mayor Susan Moffitt, Mayor Pro Tem

Council Members

Bruce Anderson Matt Binkowski Glenn Shepard Joseph Rheker, *City Manager*

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We are so proud to present this joint publication, the Clawson

Pulse, showcasing the many entities and individuals that come together to make our city so special and to highlight the many opportunities available for you to get involved in our community. There are so many wonderful events coming up in the fall that will allow you to connect with your neighbors and take advantage of the wonderful services the city of Clawson offers. Our City Council has been working with the City Manager and our Administration to address some of the pressing concerns that we all have, primarily roads and infrastructure. The work has been identified and a plan is in place. There will be a bond proposal on the ballot in November for your consideration. The city is unable to address these infrastructure needs through the general fund alone therefore we need to go before the voters to ask for a millage increase dedicated to addressing our infrastructure needs for sewers, water and roads. The administration has prepared much data to show how this could impact you. Be sure to visit the highly visible orange section of the Clawson Pulse titled Infrastructure Improvement Bond (#IIB24) and scan the QR code to view the Infrastructure Priority List and to use the My Financial Impact Calculator. Feel free to ask questions and thank you for being the best part of Clawson. It is such an honor to serve as your — Mayor, Paula Millan Mayor.

CITY MANAGER'S CORNER

Hello, Clawson Residents! I hope this first issue grabs your attention. At the south entrance of city hall, inside the lobby, right past the vestibule, on the east wall hangs the joint proclamation signed by all members of your elected bodies of City Council and School Board. This is truly a collaborative effort between the Clawson Public Schools and the City. All of you deserve the greatest of coordination when it comes to your tax dollars. From the city's side of the house you can expect such staple articles as; Employees in the Spotlight, Neighbors in the News, and Featured Business/Civic Organization as well as other time-related information. In this issue I'd like to bring your attention to the section titled Infrastructure Improvement Bond 2024 (see page 18). The city has a lot of work to do, and this section explains what we're doing and how it impacts you. From issue to issue the Clawson Pulse will evolve over the upcoming year, becoming more refined. Please keep an eye out for it! Privileged to be your City Manager and very respectfully.

– City Manager, Joe Rheker



MEDIA POLICY: Photographers and videographers frequently capture moments of Clawson's vibrant activities, programs, and events. These images and videos often find their way into flyers, promotional materials, our website, and publications, as well as being utilized by sponsors. If you'd rather not be featured in these media, please kindly inform the photographer/videographer of your noninvolvement before they start to capture images.





"For this inaugural issue I felt it necessary to share the stories of two retirees that are so committed to Clawson", said City Manager Joe Rheker. Machele Kukuk served for 43 years and retired as City Clerk. Mark Pollock served the city for 18 years; first as the Finance Director for 9 years and then in a dual role as both the City Manager and Finance Director from 2009 to 2018. Thankfully early in Rheker's tenure he learned of their distinguished careers. In his first 18 months on the job, he realized the city administration was suffering due to lack of institutional knowledge. Graciously both were willing to return to City Hall and assist with staffing and training. From 2018-2022 the city administrations suffered greatly due to the revolving door of City Managers and City Clerks that occurred both after Mark and Machele had already left the workforce. The administration is now working closely with them and their near future successors so that the offices of City Clerk and Finance Director have continuity and institutional knowledge.



Mark reflecting on his career, "I have always considered Clawson as my best career stop. I am now proud to say that I have a total of over 30 years serving in Municipal Government and I am thrilled to be back to end my career in Clawson. He continues, "My family and I love everything about Clawson. We love the services we get here, we love our home, we love our neighbors and we love our neighborhood." Mark reflects on why he returned, "I am thrilled to be a part of this administrative team. And after discussions with my family and conversations with the City Manager, I decided that it was a good time to come back and

Mark Pollock at N. Rochester & 14 Mile Rd.'s '*Welcome to Clawson*' sign (2011).

help with the rebuilding of trust in staff and administration in Clawson that was starting to rebuild. A big part of that decision to come back was the opportunity to rejoin a team with City Clerk, Machele Kukuk, who I've worked very well with for the 18 years I was here previously. The City Manager has been very supportive of our theme of returning to what worked before. He is working hard to rebuild the trust and sense of community that was always a part of administration, staff, and the community as a whole. Our current city administration and department leaders are doing great things here in Clawson and I am thrilled to be a part of that team once again. The support of Clawson residents and business owners has always amazed me and I am proud to be a part of this great city once again."

Machele reflecting on her career, "Clawson has always been homebase, I graduated from Clawson High School and began my career with the City of Clawson as a co-op in 1977. My deep understanding and institutional expertise are a result of 40+ years of hands-on learning as I worked across various departments including Building, Police Dispatch, Treasurer, and Water until I found my passion in the Clerk's office in 1995. In 2002, I was honored to be appointed City Clerk and for the opportunity to become a Certified Municipal Clerk. I continued to pursue education and received my Master Municipal Clerk



Machele Kukuk

certification in 2009. I am proud of my contributions to this city and retirement was a wonderful opportunity for a much-needed break, to travel, and spend time with my family." Machele reflects on why she returned, "In 2019 there was an opportunity for me to continue to contribute to the growth and success of the City and I was happy to do so. I love this city. The people, culture, events, and businesses have all been part of my most memorable moments as a young girl, then later in life with mv own children when they were young and now with my grandchildren".

Mayor Paula Millan stated, "Machele and Mark's stories exemplify the significance of finding purpose and fulfillment in one's work. Their decision to return after retirement showcases a deep passion for their professions and dedication to the city they have been a part of for so many years. Their experience serves as an inspiration to others, reminding us that retirement doesn't always mean leaving one's craft behind, but rather finding new ways to contribute and thrive."



Mark Pollock and Machele Kukuk being honored at Clawson City Hall. (July 10, 2024).

NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Little City WITH a Big Heart



Eva and Tim Burns.

Eva and **Tim Burns** are likely recognizable to you as she has lived in Clawson since 1966 and Tim since 2000. Both have greatly contributed to the community over many years. Tim is an *Air Force veteran* and has been civically involved since he arrived. Tim has been active as the **Clawson Historical Museum Treasurer** for over **20 years**. Eva rolled up her sleeves and got involved with the *Blair Memorial Library* in 2004 and a year later, quickly found herself as the **President of the Library Board** where she still remains today. One of her proudest accomplishments is the library millage of 2008. She explained the expansion of the library and pointed out how diligent they were in making sure the expansion brickwork was an exact match of what was already in use.

"Both Eva and Tim Burns have been applying their elbow grease around the museum from hanging wallpaper, to gardening, to recruiting presentations, to staffing the museum's booth at events. For many years Tim managed the Historical Museum's 4th of July float for the parade; from building it, to storing it, to driving it. Tim has been the go-to for so much when it comes to history in Clawson," said Museum Director Leah Davis. Library Director Jenni Gannod reflected on Eva's service. "Eva Jovce has been an amazing library volunteer. Her consistent and dedicated service has been invaluable, and we are very grateful for everything that she has done for the library. From being the Library Board President to putting out flags for Memorial Day and the 4th of July, Eva Joyce wears many volunteer hats for us!" City Manager Joe Rheker recalls, "Eva and Tim were some of the first residents that introduced themselves to me and let me know where they stood on issues. It was obvious they had the city's best interest at heart, have a true spirit of volunteerism, and hold strongly their support for literacy and history. Their years of service deserve the recognition and appreciation of their fellow neighbors and the city administration."

"Eva and Tim Burns are the quintessential community supporters. My first encounter with them was at the Clawson Historical Museum." as Clawson Mayor, Paula Millan recalls. "I can distinctly recall asking questions about missing yearbooks, as I was looking for information on my Mom and my Aunt. This took us down a road of stories and history on Clawson, their commitment to the Museum building, the many challenges of volunteering and ultimately, their pride in this little place called Clawson. Their energy and enthusiasm is contagious and the pride they have in our town is exemplary. "

Both Eva and Tim realized that service organizations have dwindled over the years and getting folks to volunteer is challenging. Additionally, they have realized that as life progresses, they can't do as much as they used to. In coordination with the city administration, they wanted to use this recognition to urge Clawson residents to get involved! Both Eva and Tim are appealing to you reading this article right now, **"Don't be shy, reach out and lend a hand to our community!** We welcome everyone but we especially need some younger residents to volunteer so we can pass on the knowledge and foster a renewed sense of community fellowship!"

To get involved with the Clawson Historical Museum contact Director, Leah Davis at historicalmuseum@cityofclawson.com or 248-588-9169; and contact Blair Memorial Library Director, Jenni Gannod at jgannod@clawson.lib.mi.us or 248-588-5500. for the Friends of the Blair Memorial Library contact clawsonlibraryfriends@gmail.com; for Community Gardening; text Jeanne Nenadovich at 248-275-9661.



Eva and Tim Burns celebrating the Fourth of July at their home in Clawson (July 4, 2024).

NEXT STORY: CLAWSON LIONS CLUB



FEATURED CIVIC ORGANIZATION



Established June of 1944, The Clawson Lions are celebrating 80th anniversary of service to the Clawson their community. Club Administrator, Clive Brown was elated for the Clawson Lions to be recognized in the first issue of the Clawson Pulse. He shared, "Our club has provided the opportunity for many of its members to advance in serving as Zone, District, and Region positions. I mention this because Clawson Lions have the moxie to rise to the challenges in serving for the betterment of Lionism and the dedication to serve with a 'can do' attitude". Not bad for a small club in a small community! The Clawson community boasts of being the 'Little City with a Big Heart'. We believe the Clawson Lions are part of keeping that heartbeat going! "Our membership consists of men and women, sprinkled with a few Leader Dog volunteers and employees".



Paul Schalm, a retired superintendent of the Clawson school system, instigated its charter and was elected the first club president. Local community projects can be seen all over the City of Clawson, including the Pavilion and the Flagpole at the city park. Clawson Lions Club have provided design and labor for wheelchair ramps all around town for Clawson residents in need. Over the years, fund raising is accomplished through ideas and volunteerism by members and support from community leaders. *"The Clawson Lions are not afraid to do the hard jobs."* says Clawson Mayor, Paula Millan. *"You can see them at most events. Serving with a smile. We are so fortunate to have them"*. To raise

funding for projects, the Clawson Lions have sold Christmas trees, fruitcakes, mints, white canes, Koeze nuts, and at a time sold chickens.



Clawson Lions are supporters and participants in the annual 4th of July Parade and Festival with the popular "Dime Toss, Sno-Cones and Popcorn". The annual Golf Outing, in co-operation with the Clawson Steak House which started in 1987, but sadly ended in 2019 had raised north of a guarter million dollars for Leader Dogs for the Blind. The biggest and most exciting charity event, the "Down on Main Street" Clawson Lions Car Show conceived by a Clawson Lions Club member, City Administration and local car club began in 1998 and continues to "Put Clawson on the Map". To date this event has proven successful for the club's activity fund to write donation checks throughout the year. An example of supported Charities are; the two Clawson Lions Club Scholarships at \$1,000 each, for Clawson residents enrolled in a College/University. Michigan Eye Bank, The Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Beaumont Silent Children Fund (started as joint venture with Royal Oak Lions Club), Madonna University,



Hearing and American Sign Language Fund, Bear Lake Camp for Blind Children, Mary's Children, and a list of many more as long as your arm. Clawson Lions are a *"Top Dog" contributor for the "Leader Dogs for the Blind"* not only statewide, but worldwide. It's important to note; public money does not operate the club. All administrative costs are through member dues, member donations, and member labor, true volunteerism. In 2007, Lions Club International Foundation was ranked the best nongovernmental organization (NGO) worldwide according to ratings by *the Financial Times* in association with *Dalberg Global Development Advisers* and the *United Nations Global Compact*.



For more information on the Lions; e-mail info@clawsonlions.org and visit www.E-ClubHouse.org or www.ClawsonLions.org. To become part of this exciting and rewarding experience meet the Clawson Lions at City Hall on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7 PM. "Become a Lion. You'll be thrilled you did!"

CITY INFORMATION





Deadlines for the August 6, 2024 General Election:

- In-person Only Voter Registration July 23-August 6
- Early In-Person Voting Saturday, July 27-Sunday, August 4 at Troy Community Center (3179 Livernois Rd, Rooms 304 & 305) from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (except Thursday, August 1 when hours are 12 PM-8 PM)
- Write-In Candidates for Precinct Delegate Friday, August 2 *An Individual who wishes to seek a precinct delegate position with write-in votes is required to file a "Declaration of Intent" with their county clerk by 4 PM on August 2. As an alternative, such candidates may file a Declaration of Intent with the appropriate precinct board on the day of the August primary any time prior to the close of the polls.
- Clerk's Office Open for AV Ballots Saturday, August 3 8 AM-4 PM
- Election Day-Polls Open Tuesday, August 6 from 7 AM-8 PM
- AV Ballots Due to City Clerk's Office Tuesday, August 6 at 8 PM

Deadlines for the November 5, 2024 General Election:

- In-person Only Voter Registration October 21-November 5
- Early In-Person Voting Saturday, October 26-Sunday, November 3 at the Troy Community Center (3179 Livernois Rd, Room #304 and #305) from 8:30 AM-4:30 PM (except Thursday, October 31 when hours are 12 PM-8 PM)
- Clerk's Office Open for AV Ballots Saturday, November 2 8 AM-4 PM
- Election Day-Polls Open Tuesday, November 5 from 7 AM-8 PM
- AV Ballots Due to City Clerk's Office Tuesday, November 5 8 PM

There is a **24/7 "ELECTION ONLY" drop box** located in the vestibule on the south side of the Building. The City Clerk's Office is actively looking for Precinct Inspectors to work the polls on Election Day – applications are available on the City of Clawson website. For more information, call the City Clerk at 248-435-4500 (Ext. 118).

Please visit www.Michigan.gov/elections for more information.

Michigan voters have the right to cast a ballot early and in person at an early voting site before Election Day.

Early voting will be available beginning with the presidential primary in 2024 and every statewide and federal election thereafter.

How is early voting different from absentee voting? Both early in-person voting and absentee voting allow voters to vote their ballot prior to Election Day. However, there are important differences between the two choices in voting.

ABSENTEE VOTING

How you CAST YOUR BALLOT—Absentee Voting allows you many options to vote your absentee ballot. You may vote your absentee ballot at home, or at the City Clerk's Office, then submit your ballot in the signed envelope by mail, in person, or by City drop box. After your absentee ballot in the signed envelope is received by the City Clerk's Office, your absentee ballot is processed and tabulated by the Absent Voter Counting Board. You may also vote your ballot at home, at the Early Voting Center during the early voting period, or at your voting precinct on Election Day. You may then take your voted absentee ballot (*with numbered stub attached, in an absentee secrecy sleeve*) to the Early Voting Center during the early voting period, or to your voting precinct on Election Day, and feed your ballot into the tabulator.

(*<u>Note</u>: You will be required to complete an Application to Vote, and show picture ID or sign the Affidavit of No Picture ID, at the Early Voting Center or at the voting precinct on Election Day, just like non-absentee voters.)

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

How YOU CAST YOUR BALLOT—Early in-person voting is similar to how you would at your precinct on Election Day. Voters are issued a ballot, or they bring in their absentee ballot with numbered stub attached and in the absentee secrecy sleeve, vote it at the Early Voting Center, and then insert it into the tabulator, just like at a precinct.

TEMPORARY VOTING PRECINCTS

PRECINCT #4 – VOTES AT HUNTER COMMUNITY CENTER 509 FISHER CT.





PRECINCT #5 – VOTES AT GRACE APOSTOLIC CHURCH 700 E. ELMWOOD

2024 WINTER TAX BILLS ARE MAILED OUT DECEMBER 1ST AND DUE BY FEBRUARY 14TH, 2025

There is a drop box available for payments (check or money orders only) at the south entrance of City Hall. To avoid penalties or late charges, payments must be received BEFORE closing on the date the bill is due. When a due date falls on a weekend or a citydesignated holiday, payments will be accepted without penalty before the close of the next business day.

Payments can be made at the Clawson Treasurer's Department, online at www.CityofClawson.com, over the phone at (855) 563-9104, or mailed to Clawson Treasurer's Department. A 3% fee is charged when using a debit or credit card, with a minimum fee of \$2. E-check payments are accepted online and are subject to a fee.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Down on Main Street 26th Annual Lions Club **Car Show**



Main Street, South of 14 Mile Road Saturday, August 10 | 8 AM-4 PM It's the event's 26th year! Find registration and sponsor forms at City Hall, The Hunter Community Center, and clawsonlions.org. For more information, E-mail info@clawsonlions.org.

Sunday Summer Market City Park

Sunday, August 11 & 25 | 9 AM-1 PM

Join us for the remaining Sundays this summer for fresh fruit, produce, local crafts, live music, and more!



Demeulenaere Farms

Citv Park

Sundays until November 3 | 9 AM-1:30 PM Bob and Julie Demeulenaere, of Demeulenaere Farms, will continue to be the weekly local Farmstand for fresh vegetables, fruit and baked goods at Clawson City Park!

2024 Gazebo Concert Series Memorial Park

Monday, August 19 | 7 PM-8:15 PM Join us for free, family-friendly concerts in the gazebo hosted by the Friends of the Blair Memorial Library. Bring your blanket or lawn chair!

American Red Cross Blood Drive

City Hall Thursday, August 22 and Thursday, October 24 | 1 PM-7 PM Every minute of every day, someone needs blood. Please help support your community. To make an appointment, visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

Clawson Fest

Downtown Clawson

Saturday, August 24 | 12 PM-8 PM Free all ages concert, food and art festival outdoor event. Visit www.ClawsonFest.com to find out more about this exciting event!

City of Clawson Parks & Recreation Annual Fall Festival

Clawson City Park Saturday, September 28 | 3 PM - 7 PM The Clawson Fall Festival at Clawson City Park has been celebrated for nearly 20 years! Join us on Saturday, September 28th for hayrides, music, an artisan market, food trucks, kids' activities, nonprofit booths, a cider & donut tent, and a bonfire by the Clawson Fire Department!

Clawson Senior Center Ouiche Sale Monday, September 30 – Friday, October 18 (Price is \$10)

All proceeds support programming at the center. Order in person, by phone, 248-589-0334. or online at

Recreation.CityofClawson.com. The quiche sale starts on September 30th. The last day to order is October 18th. Please pick up orders on October 23rd. Pickup Orders at the Hunter Community Center on October 23rd after 1 PM.

Halloween Trick or Treat Trail City Park

Sunday, October 20th | 6 PM-7:30 PM Bring a flashlight and a bag for collecting candy from local businesses and organizations along the trail at Clawson City Park! After trick-or-treating, you can enjoy cider and donuts provided by the Parks and Recreation Department. If you're interested in providing treats, please get in touch with our recreation department to obtain an application for your business to apply to take part in this popular event!

Trick or Treasure and The Great Pubkin Crawl Downtown Clawson



Saturday, October 26th | 12 PM-2 PM Businesses throughout the downtown open their doors to kids in costume seeking treats and the sidewalks are filled with our Downtown neighbors making sure treats are available all along the way. Then at dusk; from 8 PM-10 PM, The Great Pubkin Crawl allows adult 'kids' to dress up in costume and come downtown to enjoy food & drink specials at our favorite Downtown spots.

Senior Center Sweet Bread Sale Monday, October 28 - Friday, November 15 | Price \$7

All proceeds support programming at the center. Order in person, by phone, 248-589-0334, or online at Recreation.CityofClawson.com. The sweet bread sale starts on October 28th. The last day to order is November 15^{th} . Please pick up orders on November 26th. Pickup Orders at the Hunter Community Center on November 26th after 1 PM.

A Salute to Our Veterans - Clawson **High School Band Performs!** Hunter Community Center

Thursday, November 7 | 11:30 AM A special Veterans Day program to honor those of us who have served and continue to serve. Join us at the Hunter Community Center to enjoy a Clawson High School Band performance!

Recirculate Your Gently Used Goods Buy Nothing City-Wide Giving Event!

Hunter Community Center Saturday, November 9 | 9 AM-3 PM Get ready for a heartwarming opportunity to give back and recirculate your gently used belongings at the Hunter Community and Senior Center on This highly anticipated Buy Nothing City-Wide Giving Event promises a day of generosity and community spirit. To participate in this meaningful occasion, givers are required to register in advance, as space is limited. Upon registration, each giver will be provided with a 6-foot rectangular table and two chairs to beautifully display their beloved goods. Whether it's books, clothes, toys, or household items, there's room for everything on and under the table. Join us for a day of giving and spreading joy!

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Memorial Park



Wednesday, December 4 | 6:30 PM-8 PM Join us for the winter holidays kickoff at Memorial Park. Enjoy caroling from the Clawson Public Schools Choir, Grace Apostolic Church Choir, and other community groups, Santa lighting the tree, and music from the Clawson Public Schools String Orchestra! We're collecting gift cards for the Clawson Goodfellows "No Child Without A Christmas" program to help local families in need.

Breakfast with Santa

Hunter Community Center Saturday, December 7 | 10 AM-12 PM



Tickets cost \$10 per person and must be purchased in advance at Hunter Community Center. Price includes breakfast, a visit with Santa and a holiday craft! Tickets go on sale November 1st. E-mail parksrec@cityofclawson.com or call 248-589-0334 with any questions!

Clawson Public Schools Orchestra Performs!

Hunter Community Center Thursday, December 12 | 11:30 АМ-12 РМ



The community is invited to enjoy a FREE holiday-inspired concert! Join us at the Hunter Community Center to enjoy music from the Clawson Public Schools Orchestra!

For more events; visit our City Calendar on our website at www.CityofClawson.com.









You can register for the following Hunter Recreational Community and Senior Center classes below by scanning the QR Code to the left or on our new Parks & Recreation programs registration website at; www.Recreation.CityofClawson.com

We welcome adults of all ages and abilities. We ensure that our programs are accessible to everyone, including those with different mobility and health levels. While most participants are 50 and older, we embrace diversity and inclusivity. Some programs have age restrictions due to funding institution policy requirements.

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation is available for Clawson residents within specific boundaries. The cost is \$4 per round trip to locations and no charge for transportation to and from our Senior Center. *Call Dispatch to* Book transportation Monday–Thursday, between 8 AM–12:30 PM, at least 2 business days in advance at **248-583-6700**.

LUNCH

Lunch is served at 12 PM noon from Monday—Thursday at the Senior Center for \$4. Orders must be placed no later than 9 am on the day of dine-in or pickup. Carry-outs are ready for pick up starting at 12:30 PM. Call **248-583-6700** to place your order.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

We have wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches, shower chairs, bedside commodes and other items in a medical equipment loan closet available to the community. Call ahead to check availability.

REGULAR MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

- Bingo Monthly at 1 PM.
- Birthday Celebrations Every Second Wednesday at 12 PM.
 *Advanced registration is required.
- Card Players Club Monday-Thursday at 12:45 PM.
- Casino Last Thursday of every month at 10 AM. *Advanced registration is required.
- Current Events Club Every First Thursday at 1 PM.
- Chair Exercise Mon., Wed., and Fridays. 10:30-11:30 AM.
- Chair Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30-11:30 AM.
 Indoor Walking in the Gym
- Indoor Waiking in the Gym Mon., Wed., and Fridays. 9:15-10 AM.
- Lunch Bunch Every Second Monday, times vary. *Advanced registration is required.
- **Ongoing Educational Talks** *Date and times vary.
- Quilting Club Tuesdays 10 AM to 2 PM.
- Shopping at Meijer Tuesdays at 9 AM. *Call to schedule.
- Shopping at WalMart Thursdays at 9 AM. *Call to schedule.
- Socrates Club Every Third Tuesday at 5 PM.
- Solo-Seniors Every Second Thursday at 1 PM.
- Spanish Conversational Group Wednesdays at 11:30 AM, (Starting from Sept. 18th.) *Advanced registration is required.
- Somerset Mall Walking & Shopping Every First and Third Wednesday at 9:45 AM. *Call to schedule.
- Tai Chi Wednesdays at 10 AM. \$5 Fee.
- Wheel of Fortune Monthly at 1 PM. *Advanced registration is required.
- Zumba Gold Mondays at 9:30 AM. \$5 Fee.

Hunter Fitness Center Monday-Fridays | 7:30 AM - 7:30 PM

*The cost is \$8 per month, payable only for the months you attend.

Zumba Gold Instructor: Ivy Mitchell Mondays | 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Ongoing classes \$5/Drop-In or register online.

Pickleball

Mondays | 1 PM - 3 PM Ongoing \$2/Drop-In.

Dance Lessons Instructor: Robere Meldrum Mondays | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Indoor Walking - Self-Guided Walking Group

Monday/Wednesday/Fridays | 9:15 AM - 10 AM No Fee/Drop-In.

Chair Exercise Instructor: Karen Kmiecik Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Level I at 10:30 AM and Level II at 11 AM No Fee/Drop-In, Donations are welcomed.

Guitar Lessons—5 Weeks (\$125) Instructor: Patrice Tuesday, October 15-November 12 at 5:30 PM -OR- 6 PM

Gentle Mat Yoga Instructor: Marilyn Bird, RYT Tuesdays | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM Ongoing classes \$7/Drop-in or \$25/5-class pack.

Chair Yoga Instructor: Melissa Weber, RYT Tuesday & Thursdays 10:30 AM-11:30 AM No Fee Drop-in, Donations are welcomed.

Zumba Instructor: Ivy Mitchell Tuesdays & Thursdays | 6 PM-7 PM Drop-Ins Welcome.

Piano Lessons – 4 Week Session (\$150)

Instructor: Matthew Ball *Lesson day and time determined after contacting Recreation. **Website:** <u>www.MatthewBallPianoTeacher.com</u>.

Tai Chi Instructor: Cheryl Goodwin Wednesdays | 10 AM-11 AM Ongoing classes \$5/Drop-in or register online.

Learn Spanish Conversational Group—Ages 18+

Instructor: Spanish Montessori Immersion Specialist Wednesdays (starting September 18 at 11:30 AM.) *Call to register. Donations are appreciated!

Mindful Moves-Ages 16+ Instructor: Lisa Ball, LBSW, RYT200, Y12SR, Recreation Staff Member

Wednesdays | 6:45 PM-7:30 PM (starting October 9) Drop-ins welcome. Donation-based, \$3 minimum. *Advanced registration suggested.

Sanchin Ryu Karate for Parents & Child—Ages 4+ Instructor: Sanchin Systems –6 Weeks (\$60)

Instructor: Sanchin Systems — 6 Weeks (\$60) Wednesdays, September 18-October 30 from 7:15 PM-8 PM

Sanchin Ryu Karate for Adults & Teens—Ages 14 & Up Instructor: Sanchin Systems 6 Weeks (\$40) Wednesdays, September 18–October 30 from 7:15 PM-8 PM

Taste & Learn: How to Choose, Use & Enjoy Healthy Instructor: Lisa Howard (\$35) Wednesday, October 2 | 6:30 РМ-8 РМ

Taste & Learn: Snacks & Drinks Made with Sweets Instructor: Lisa Howard (\$35) Wednesday, November 13 | 6:30 PM-8 PM

Reiki Level I Workshop Instructor: Emily Samperi, Reiki Practitioner Thursday, September 26 | 5 PM-9:30 PM (\$145 per student)

Yoga and Conversations—Ages 21+ (starting Oct. 10) Group Facilitator & Yoga Instructor: Lisa Ball, LBSW, RYT200, Y12SR Every second Thursday | 6 PM-7:15 PM.

Training for Puppies

Instructor: Julie Bennett, Total Dog 7 Weeks (\$240) Friday, September 20-November 1 from 6:30 PM-7:20 PM *First class meets at 7pm without dogs.

Training for Dogs

Instructor: Julie Bennett, Total Dog **7 Weeks** (\$240) Friday, September 20-November 1 from 7:30 PM-8:20 PM *First class meets at 7 pm w/out dogs. *Please bring proof of rabies vaccine.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Self Defense and Safety Camp for Kids—Ages 6-11 Instructor: Live Safe Academy (\$150) Monday through Friday, August 26–30 from 9:30 AM–12:30 PM

Sanchin Ryu Karate for Kids—Grades K-8 Instructor: Sanchin Systems 6 Weeks (\$30) Wednesdays, September 18–October 30 from 3:30 PM-7:15 PM

Junior Theatre Class—Ages 4-7 Instructor: Acting Out Kids Theatre Group 5 Week session (\$90) Wednesdays 5:30-6:00 PM <u>Session 1</u>: Sept. 18-Oct. 16 <u>Session 2</u>: Oct. 30-Dec. 4 (no class Nov. 27) *\$25 yearly membership fee is due the first night of class.

The Creator in Me Youth Program – Ages 6-18 Instructor: Uni, RYT (**\$50 per 4 week session**) **Tuesdays & Thursdays, Sept. 24–Oct. 17 from 4:30 PM–5:30 PM** *There is a one-time \$125 supply fee which includes, clothing, art supplies, nap sack, yoga mat, and mat carrier.

Piano Lessons – Ages 7 & Up Instructor: Matthew Ball **4 Week session (\$150)** *Lesson day determined after contacting Recreation. **Website:** <u>www.MatthewBallPianoTeacher.com</u>.

Zombie Response Team Camp—Ages 8–11 Instructor: Live Safe Academy (\$150) Monday through Friday, August 26–30 from 1 PM–4 PM

Kids Reiki Workshop—Ages 8-12 Instructor: Emily Samperi, Reiki Practitioner (\$40) Monday, September 23 from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM *Bring comfy clothes, a water bottle, and a yoga mat or towel.

Guitar Lessons—Ages 8 & Up Instructor: Patrice 5 Weeks (\$125) <u>Tuesdays, October 15–November 12</u> from 5:30 PM OR 6 PM A music book and guitar picks will be provided at the first lesson.



Get a hard copy of the monthly Senior Center Newsletter at the Clawson Senior Center, City Hall, The Blair Memorial Library, or the Clawson Historical Museum. Access the digital edition by scanning the QR Code and downloading a copy from the city website.

Acting and Improv Class Ages 8-14

Instructor: Acting Out Kids Theatre Group **5 Week session (\$90)** Wednesdays 6:15-7:00 PM <u>Session 1</u>: Sept. 18-Oct. 16 <u>Session 2</u>: Oct. 30-Dec. 4 (no class Nov. 27) *\$25 yearly membership fee is due the first night of class.

Babysitter/CPR/First Aid and Safe Home Alone-Ages 9+ Instructor: Live Safe Academy

Monday, September 16 from 5:30 PM-8:30 PM (\$55) Wednesday, November 27 from 5:30 PM-8:30 PM (\$55) *Students will receive a certificate of completion for Certified Babysitter/ CPR/First Aid course by Live Safe Academy (Valid for two years).

Youth Group Guitar Lessons for Beginners—Ages 12 - 17 Instructor: Patrice 5 Weeks (\$80) Tuesdays, October 15–November 12 from 4:30 PM–5:30 PM

Youth Open Gym - Ages 12-18 (18 must still be in high school) Friday Afternoons (Sept. 13 - Dec. 20) from 3 PM-6 PM (FREE) *This program is made possible through our partnerships with Clawson Youth Assistance and Clawson Community Coalition.

SENIOR CENTER RESOURCES

OLHSA: Oakland-Livingston Human Service Agency provides lawn mowing, and snow removal services to residents who are 62 years of age or older, or those living with a permanent physical disability and meet the income eligibility criteria. To apply for the program, download the application from www.olhsa.org/en-us/chore or contact Alessandra Baglioni at 248-935-6898 or alessandrab@olsha.org.

OATS: In-Person Technology Classes for Older Adults Keep an eye on our website for upcoming technology classes for older adults, powered by AARP affiliate OATS. You'll recognize the instructor leading these classes after their training is complete!

Community Outreach for Older Adult Residents: Our outreach staff offers Community Outreach Services to older adult residents. A state-licensed social worker can assist with agency referrals, applying for services, home care services, and other referrals. For assistance, please contact Lisa Ball, LBSW, at 248-589-0334.

AARP Tax-Aide: FREE Income Tax Assistance from February to April at the Clawson Senior Center. You must make an appointment to receive these services. We start taking appointments in January.

MMAP-Free and Unbiased Help and Guidance:

MMAP provides free, unbiased Medicare assistance. Certified volunteers can answer questions and help understand plan options. To book an appointment with Lisa Ball, LBSW, MMAP counselor. contact the Clawson Senior Center at 248-589-0334.

RECREATION YOUTH PROGRAMS

Clawson Youth Sports

Providing a safe and organized environment for promoting physical activity, teamwork, leadership, good sportsmanship, and community involvement through various sports activities and leagues in the City of Clawson. Visit us at www.ClawsonYouthSports.com.

Spanish for Toddlers Program

An engaging Spanish Immersion Program for children aged 3 months to 6 years old. This program offers a fun and interactive environment where Spanish is the primary language, where children learn naturally through activities, songs, and play. Visit www.SpanishForToddlers.com or call 248-597-9932.

Team GUTS[™] — Youth and Adult Programs Team GUTS[™] offers inclusive fitness classes for individuals with special needs and disabilities. Visit www.TeamGUTSMichigan.com or call 248-701-3067 or info@teamgutsmichigan.com for more information.





BLAIR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

416 N. Main Street, Clawson, MI 48017 (248) 588-5500 | www.Clawson.lib.mi.us Library Director: Jenni Gannod

Hours: Mon. & Wed. 12 PM-8 PM | Tues. & Thur. 10 AM-6 PM | Sat. 9 AM-5 PM

ADULT PROGRAMS

Be a Friend!

First Monday of Each Month | September–June at 6:30 PM The Friends of the Blair Memorial Library invite you to become actively involved as they support the library in many special ways. A variety of Friends activities could use your help. Please ask at the Library for more information.

STEM & Electronics Meetup

First Wednesday of Every Month | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Are you a tinkerer, inventor, maker or other STEM/electronics hobbyist? Join our monthly meetup! Ask for pointers on an upcoming project, share your successes, discuss new technologies, or just come to learn! Bring your 3D printing, programming, Arduino, or other electronic projects (or even just ideas) to share and inspire others.

Friends of the Library Pop-Up Sale!

Monday, August 19 | 12 рм-8 рм

The Friends of the Library are having a one-day book sale.

2024 Summer Gazebo Concert Series Jacki Daniels & Rob Louis

Monday, August 19 | 7 PM-8:15 PM

Join us for a concert in the gazebo featuring Jacki Daniels (vocals & guitar) accompanied by Rob Louis (keyboard/vocals). The duo will be performing a mix of Motown, jazz, pop & rock. The concert is sponsored by Three Cats, it is free to the public and family-friendly, bring your blanket or lawn chair!

Wednesday Afternoon Book Club

Every third Wednesday of the month | 1 PM-2 PM

On the third Wednesday of each month, from 1 PM-2 PM, the Wednesday Afternoon Book Club will read from the list below; 8/21: The Friend by Sigrid Nunez 9/18: Absolution by Alice McDermott 10/16: The Giver by Lois Lowry 11/20: Calling for a Blanket Dance by Oscar Hokeah

4th Wednesday Writing Group

Every fourth Wednesday of the month | 6 PM-7:30 PM

Are you ready to take your writing to the next level? Join our writers' monthly meetup! Share your work and take part in the meetings through constructive, friendly critiques. All skill levels and genres are welcome. Bring your laptop or a notebook too!

Yoga-For-All Ages

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Monday, August 12 | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM (Registration begins July 15) Monday, November 25 | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM (Registration begins Oct. 28) Bring your mat or use a chair and join Marilyn Bird for a free basic yoga class, designed for all ages and skill levels. This class will teach you how to improve your flexibility, strength and balance with basic yoga poses and breathing techniques. *Class size is limited*.

Medicare Educational Seminar

David Banet, a Licensed Insurance Counselor, will present a FREE Medicare Educational Seminar. The seminar focuses on Medicare Parts A, B, C, & D, and how Medicare Supplemental plans work. Light snacks will be served for those that register in advance. Seating is limited.

Medicare Educational Seminar Dates:

Wednesday, August 14 6:30 PM-7:30 PM (Registration begins July 24) Saturday, September 7 11 AM-12 PM (Registration begins August 16) Wednesday, October 9 6:30 PM-7:30 PM (Registration begins Sept. 11) Saturday, November 16 11 AM-12 PM (Registration begins October 26)

Financial Wellness Seminars

Alec Speshock, a Financial Wellness Consultant from KeyBank in Clawson, will provide information and tools on topics that will assist you with your financial education.

- **ID Theft Seminar** *Saturday*, *September* 21
- 10 AM-11 AM (Registration begins August 23)
- **Debt Management Seminar** Saturday, October 5
- 10 AM-11 AM (Registration begins September 14)
- Home Refinance Seminar Saturday, November 2
- 10 AM-11 AM (Registration begins October 12)

<u>The Art of Fall Garden Clean-Up</u> Wednesday, September 25 | 6 PM-8 PM

Work smart in the fall season to save time now and next year, plus make your garden healthier and more beautiful. With 50 years' experience settling gardens in for the winter between them. *Professional gardeners*; Janet Macunovich, and Donna Hughes have plenty of practical advice for you to use this fall. *Registration begins September 4*.

For the Love of Crazy Quilting

Monday, September 30 | 6:30 PM-7:30 PM Come listen to local resident, Theresa Nielsen share her experiences as an author, writer, and quilter. Registration begins September 3.

Michelangelo's Dream

Saturday, October 19 | 11:30 AM-12:30 PM

If there were a list of the wonders in the art world, the ceiling frescoes of Vatican's Sistine Chapel would be found at the top. Whether you may have joined the crowd of five million tourists who visit the iconic room each year, read about it in art books, or hope one day to stroll the gallery rooms, this talk wishes to serve as a muse to the eyes and the soul, to inspire a new vision for your life. *Registration begins September 21*.

Essential Oils 101

Monday, October 21 | 6:30 рм-7:30 рм

Kimberly Voorhees will discuss the benefits of using pure essential oils and have you create your own immunity roller. *Class size is limited. Registration begins September 23.*

Friends of the Library November Book Sale Saturday, November 9 | 9 AM-5 PM Tuesday, November 12 | 10 AM-6 PM

The Friends of the Library are holding their November Book Sale. Find great deals on hardcovers, paperbacks, puzzles, and audio-visual materials! Proceeds will help fund library programs and projects throughout the year.

These free programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Blair Memorial Library. To register, stop by or call us!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

<u>Preschool Storytime</u> For children aged 3–5 years old. Storytime meets on Tuesdays from 10:30 AM-11:00 AM. We will listen to stories and participate in songs and creative movement activities to encourage development of early literacy skills in your preschooler. Advanced registration is required. Please sign-up at the Library or by phone.

Fall Session 1: Sept 10 – Oct 22 (Sign up starts on 8/19) Fall Session 2: Nov 19 – Dec 17 (Sign up starts on 10/22)

Parent & Tot Time

For toddlers up to 3 years old accompanied by an adult. Tot Time meets on Thursdays from 10 AM-10:20 AM & 10:30-10:50 AM. Enjoy an interactive story time with your child that includes early literacy fun with books, songs, and movement activities. Advanced registration is required. Please sign-up at the Library or by phone.

Fall Session 1: Sept 12 – Oct 24 (Sign up starts on 8/19) Fall Session 2: Nov 14 – Dec 19 (Sign up starts on 10/24)

StarLab Planetarium – Autumn Sky

Experience the wonders of the autumn night sky inside the StarLab inflatable planetarium. Due to the enclosed and darkened environment of the StarLab, children under the age of 5 will not be admitted. *This program will take place at the Hunter Community Center. Registration begins September 14.

Saturday, September 28 10 AM-10:45 AM -OR-Saturday, September 28 11 AM-11:45 AM

Blue Heeler Bash

Activate DANCE MODE! Everybody's favorite blue heeler is coming to the Library! Enjoy activities & games inspired by this sweet pup for real life! Registration begins September 28. Saturday, October 12 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

LEGO @ Your Library!

Calling all LEGO fans! Join us at the Library to build & create with LEGO. We will provide the bricks – bring your ideas & imagination! Registration begins November 9. Saturday, November 23 10:30 AM-11:30 AM

PAWS to Read!

Come to the Library and read to a dog! Our favorite certified therapy dogs love to be read to, so pick out a book to read to a furry friend! Participants will be assigned a 10 minute time slot. **Tuesday, September 24** 3:30 PM-5:00 PM (Sign up starts 9/10) **3:30 PM-5:00 PM** (Sign up starts 10/8) **Tuesday**, October 22

Youth Readers Thank Local Businesses The following organizations generously supported our youth programs this summer:

Diversified Members Credit Union, Fables & Tales, Friends of the Blair Memorial Library, Jet's Pizza, Kahve House, T&I Credit Union, Perry's Pizza, Warp 9 Comics, Woodpile BBQ

**For more information about Adult & Youth Programming, please contact the Library. Check our website or Facebook page for upcoming programs*



CLAWSON HISTORICAL MUSEUM

41 Fisher Court, Clawson, MI 48017 (248) 588-9161 | Historical Museum@CityofClawson.com Museum Curator: Leah Davis Hours: Wednesdays & Saturdays | 2 PM-5 PM | FREE ADMISSION

Garden Party (located at the Clawson Historical Museum in the Garden) Saturday, September 14 | 2 PM-5 PM

Come enjoy a tour of the museum, games in garden and treats for sale! All sales from treats will go to the Clawson Historical Society to help fund presentations, artifact preservation, and exhibit updates.

Oral Histories: The museum is starting an oral histories program to record memories of Clawson from the 1940s to its present. We are still finalizing our plans for this program but wanted to get it on the radar of people who have lived in Clawson a long time. To start, we will be interviewing people who have lived their whole life in Clawson and have been here at least 40 years. The program will evolve over time to include people who have moved to Clawson later in life, interviews about specific events or times (example; the pandemic), and other interview topics in regards to Clawson.

If you are interested in being apart of this program please contact the curator at HistoricalMuseum@CityofClawson.com or by phone; 248-577-9169.

Kit Homes Tour: Though Clawson is a small city it actually has many kit homes (also known as Sears homes). The Clawson Historical Museum is planning to have a bus driven kit home tour this November with limited seats. The tour will be roughly an hour and we will drive around and talk about the different kit homes in Clawson as well as the history of kit homes. Sign ups for the tour will start in September and additional information will be available in August. You can get updates by visiting the Clawson Historical Museum tab on the City of Clawson website or our Facebook page.

Museum Support: One way to support the Clawson Historical Museum is by joining the Clawson Historical Society. It is \$10 (\$5 for Seniors) and helps cover the cost of bringing in presenters, exhibit updates, events and artifact preservation. You can join the Historical Society by scanning

the QR code below with your phone's 🗖 camera, drop off/mail a check to the Museum (mailing address is; 425 North Main Street, Clawson MI 48017), or by visiting the city website under the Historical Museum tab. We appreciate everyone's support.





CLAWSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

111 Gardner Street, Clawson, MI 48017 (248) 524-3477 (NON-EMERGENCY DISPATCH) www.Facebook.com/ClawsonFD Fire Chief: Troy Engel — On-Duty 24 Hours a day, 7 Days a week

Open Burning

With the fall season fast approaching, our yards will soon be covered with leaves. We want to remind everyone that under the Clawson Outdoor



Burn Permit, it is unlawful to burn leaves. You may only burn untreated wood or charcoal. A full list of the regulations can be obtained from the City Clerk when you obtain your Outdoor Burn Permit on our City website or at City Hall.

Fire Prevention and Open House

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign is *"Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"*, which is from October 6–12, 2024. **Key messages** for this year's **Fire Prevention Week** theme, *"Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!"* include the following:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (*like a hallway*), and on each level (*including the basement*) of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or will not respond when tested.

At the completion of Fire Prevention Week, we will be holding our Fire Department Open House on **Sunday**, **October 13th**. It's a chance for everyone to come to our fire station, meet Clawson's firefighters, check out our trucks and equipment, and have some cider and donuts.





Interested in becoming a Clawson Firefighter?

We are always looking for committed, hardworking individuals to **join the Clawson Fire Department.** If you are at least 18 years old, live in the City of Clawson, and have the ability to pass a physical test and background application, a job application can be obtained on the City of Clawson's website and submitted with the City Clerk.

With being a volunteer fire department, we do not work set schedules and hours. Members must have the willingness and commitment to respond to any emergency any day, at any time. They must also be willing to train weekly, with additional trainings available. While applicants with Fire Fighter I and II are preferred, applicants that are hired without training will be sponsored to attend a fire academy to obtain all required certifications to become a fire fighter.

CLAWSON POLICE DEPARTMENT

425 N. Main Street, Clawson, MI 48017 (248) 524-3477 (Non-Emergency Dispatch) www.Facebook.com/ClawsonPolice Police Chief: Kellie Bauss – On-Duty 24 Hours a day, 7 Days a week



*ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED.78-122: SECTION 8.26. A PERSON SHALL NOT PARK A VEHICLE ON ANY STREET BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2 AM-6 AM (CITY PARKS: 11 PM-6 AM)

Copsicles (and School Supplies Drive) at City Park

Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 11 am – 1 pm Kids of all ages are invited to join us for Copsicles! Come play at City Park, meet Clawson Police Department's finest, look into a police car, and have a popsicle! We are also collecting school supplies (*Paper, binders, crayons, markers, pencils/pens, etc.*) to disperse between our city's educational institutions.

Public Act 17 of 2023

To help protect Michigan families from the tragedies of gun violence and unintentional firearms injuries, a law requiring secure storage of firearms went into effect on February 13. The new secure storage law requires individuals to keep unattended weapons unloaded and locked with a locking device or stored in a locked box or container if it is reasonably known that a minor is likely to be present on the premises. The new law is designed to prevent unintentional deaths involving guns. CPD is providing gunlocks to the public for free and they can be obtained at CPD during regular business hours. Free gun safety kits can also be obtained online at the <u>www.ProjectChildSafe.org</u> website.

Virtual Neighborhood Watch

Do you currently have video surveillance at your home or business? If so, we would like you to sign up for our Clawson Virtual Neighborhood Watch. Video surveillance is one of the best methods to apprehend and convict suspects in the act of committing crimes. **Installing video surveillance** is an excellent step toward helping to **secure and protect your home, business, and neighborhood**.

How does it work?

The Clawson Police Department is committed to their partnership with residents and businesses throughout our community. Many business owners and residents operate surveillance systems and could be a part of our Virtual Neighborhood Watch. As crimes occur, residents and businesses are not always aware that their systems may have captured vital information that could help solve crime and/or keep their neighborhood safer. Additionally, Detectives are not always aware of who may have this information.

There is **no cost to register** your surveillance camera system, and this is a completely voluntary program. There is **no requirement** to give access to your system to the police department. The Clawson Police Department is asking for all residents and businesses to register their surveillance camera systems with the Clawson Police Department. If an

Law Enforcement Torch Run[®] for Special Olympics MI

Friday, September 13, 2024

CPD will be participating again this year in the annual *Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics*. We will have a fundraising link created in the near future to share on our social media. More information about the event and how fund raising supports Special Olympics can be found at the <u>www.somi.org/letr</u> website.



incident occurs in the vicinity of your camera system, you will be contacted by the Clawson Police Department, and we will request that you review your video to determine if there is valuable information.

Registration:

Please complete the form on our city website. Any information submitted will be sent directly to the Clawson Police Department and will not be shared. Again, this is a voluntary program and you can cancel your participation at any time.





DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

635 W. Elmwood Avenue, Clawson, MI 48017 (248) 288-3222 | Water@CityofClawson.com www.Facebook.com/ClawsonDPW | (248) 524-3477 (After-Hours Emergency) Superintendent: Trever Zablocki – Hours: Monday through Thursday | 6:30 AM-3:30 PM

2024 Schedule of Important COLLECTION DATES

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September 2nd Labor Day	Trash collection delayed to Thursday, September 5th
October 15th	Normal Trash Collection Week –
Street Leaf Collection	No Delay (Street Leaf-Normal)
November 11th	Normal Trash Collection Week—
Veterans Day	No Delay
November 28th	Normal Trash Collection Week—
Thanksgiving Day	No Delay
December 5th	Street-Leaf Collection Ends.
December 11th	End of Separate Yard Waste Collection

DON'T FORGET THAT FINAL WATER BILL!

If you are selling your home or have a rental with a tenant moving out, make sure to request a final water bill to pay for any usage since the last meter reading. Please take a picture of the read on your water meter and e-mail it to; Water@CityofClawson.com.



Final water bills will be generated and emailed to you on the next business day. The water meter is located inside your house, typically in the basement or first floor laundry room. If you have questions, call 248-288-3222



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or e-mail us at Water@CityofClawson.com

Yard Waste/Compost

Any can (35 gallons or smaller) that has the approved yard waste sticker on it or the brown compost bags may be used to dispose of compost. Free stickers are available at the DPW office and also at City Hall. We ask that one sticker be placed on each side of the compost can. Compost cans and paper compost bags may only be used for all manner of yard waste 50 pounds or less. <u>No garbage please</u>! When placing your garbage and compost out on garbage day, please separate the compost can or bags from the garbage can by about 3 feet. The best way to handle grass clippings is to not collect them. Grass clippings are good for your lawn.

Composting begins **April 3**rd this year and run through **December 11**th, 2024.

<u>TIP</u>: During the winter months, SOCRRA residents can bring (10 bags) of yard waste per day to SOCRRA Troy Transfer station, free of charge. SOCRRA does not accept yard waste in plastic bags. For more information, contact SOCRRA at the <u>www.socrra.org/hours-and-locations</u> website.

Leaf Pick-Up

Our leaf pick up program is a great success due to your cooperation. Again this fall, we will be picking up leaves at curbside in neatly raked rows or piles. Leave about 6" next to the curb for water flow. This service will start the **3rd week in October** through **December 1st**. Please do not have branches, perennials, or other yard waste mixed in with the leaves. This can cause mechanical issues with the leaf trucks.

Courtesy Storm Clean-Up

The City of Clawson will provide a courtesy storm clean-up to residents after a significant weather event resulting in widespread tree damage throughout the city. When this occurs, DPW will post an announcement through TextMyGov, the City website, and our Facebook page detailing how we will be going throughout the city collecting storm damaged tree limbs that fell due to the result of a recent storm. Please follow the directions in the posted announcement for pickup. During and directly after severe weather events, the most hazardous trees and limbs take precedence. These are typically limbs and trees that are blocking streets or sidewalks, or city right of way trees that have hanging or broken limbs. If the city announces a courtesy storm clean-up event, residents should bring limbs to the public right of way in a timely manner for the DPW to pick up and dispose of. Depending on the severity of the storm it may take up to 2 weeks before the entire city is covered.

The DPW will go through the city, multiple times if necessary, to collect and chip fallen limbs as a result of a severe weather event. This is not an everyday service that is being provided to residents but rather a courtesy for our residents if equipment and manpower allows after a severe weather event.

Is Your Toilet Running Up Your Water Bill?

How to save water—and money—by detecting and fixing leaks. Next time you get your water bill, look at how much water you're using. If it is more than 12,000 gallons a month for a family of four, you may have some serious leaks. That means you could be paying for water that's going right down the drain.

How Much Water Does Running Toilets Use?

<u>Running toilets</u> can have <u>different speeds</u> at which they cost you money. A slow leak can waste **30 gallons a day** while keeping you oblivious to the problem. A medium leak, on the other hand, is more noticeable and will go through roughly **250 gallons a day**. Before looking for individual leaks, check your overall water usage by monitoring your water meter over a 2-hour period when no water is being used. Does the meter keep inching up? The good news is that many

common leaks are easy and inexpensive to fix.

Where to Look for Leaks?

<u>Toilet Leaks</u>: Typically, toilets begin leaking when the toilet flapper or valve seal becomes old or worn out. A good way to check is to put some food coloring in the toilet tank and wait 15 minutes to see whether the color shows up in the toilet bowl. If it does, you'll need to fix the flapper or valve seal.

You can probably find the replacement part at your hardware store, but to be sure, take the old part with you for comparison.

What happens if you don't replace the toilet flapper?

Flappers are made of rubber, which hardens or warps after four or five years. This prevents them from creating a seal and stopping water's passage from the flush valve into the bowl. A constantly trickling toilet isn't just annoying, it can waste hundreds of gallons of water and substantially increase your water bill.

If the leaky toilet is old, consider replacing the whole fixture. You can get a new water-efficient one for as little as \$100. *"Older toilets can use four times more water per flush,"* says John Banta, who oversees Consumer Reports' toilet tests. *"New toilets use as little as 1.28 gallons per flush, so replacing an older toilet can dramatically reduce your water bill."*

Faucet Leaks: Old and worn washers and gaskets are frequently the cause of faucet leaks. If you attempt to fix the leak yourself, remember to turn the water off under the sink before you begin. You should also close the drain and cover the bottom of the sink or bathtub with a cloth, so you don't lose any of the small parts. You can find quick how-to videos on YouTube.

Showerhead Leaks: Some leaky shower heads are easy to fix, while others may need professional attention. Make sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem. You can use pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, to secure it. You may also need to replace the washer. If you suspect a valve leak, it may be time to call the plumber.

<u>Outdoor Leaks</u>: Check your garden hose for leaks at the connection to the spigot. If it leaks, try replacing the washer to ensure a tight connection to the spigot. You can also use a wrench and pipe tape. If you have in-ground irrigation, check to make sure it wasn't damaged by frost or freezing over the winter. If it leaks, it may require professional attention.

<u>Suspected Leaks</u>: If you see signs of moisture or mold on your walls, ceilings, or floors or you notice a musty smell, you may have a leak. Pipes could be leaking behind the walls, which require the help of a professional plumber. If any of your fixtures need replacing, look for the *WaterSense* label. Products with the label are independently certified to use at least 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models. In addition to toilets, *WaterSense* products include bathroom faucets, showerheads, and some irrigation controls.

WELCOME OUR NEWEST DPW TEAM MEMBERS!



(from left) Connie Joswick, Pete Oswald, Hunter Brooks, James Page. (July 16, 2024).

ATTENTION:

The City of Clawson 2023 CCR Water Quality Report is now available.

If you would like a digital copy of the 2023 CCR Report, it is now available using the following resources:

You can find the City of Clawson's 2023 CCR Water Quality Report on the City of Clawson's website, under DPW & Engineering, Water and Sewer page or by placing the URL below directly into your web browser.

URL: www.CityofClawson.com/your_government/dpw_and_engineering/docs/2023 CCR Clawson Water Quality Report.pdf

If you would like a printed copy of the 2023 CCR report, you can call the City of Clawson DPW at 248-288-3222 or e-mail <u>Water@CityofClawson.com</u> to get a written copy.





Infrastructure Improvement Bond#IIB24

During the June 4, 2024, City Council meeting the council approved bond language for the November 5, 2024 general election. The Infrastructure Improvement Bond will finance essential maintenance, repairs and enhancements to Clawson's sewer, water, and road systems. The combined sewer system, encompassing both stormwater and wastewater, will be under evaluation via a CCTV program to pinpoint necessary upgrades. The water distribution network, comprised of mains, valves, and hydrants, ensures the delivery of potable water and ensures firefighting capabilities, with improvements prioritized by the condition and failure rate of the mains. Road infrastructure projects are assessed using the Pavement and Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) system to maintain safe travel conditions. All infrastructure projects will be concurrently evaluated to determine priority based on necessity.

....What is the Infrastructure Improvement Bond about?

- Who? All City of Clawson residents could benefit from sewer, water, and road infrastructure improvements.
- What? The Infrastructure Improvement Bond will be the funding mechanism for improvements to the City's infrastructure. City infrastructure consists of a combined sewer system, water distribution system, and roads. The combined sewer system consists of stormwater and sanitary or wastewater into a single sewer main which delivers this material to a treatment facility. The water distribution system consists of water mains, isolation valves, and fire hydrants. This water distribution system delivers safe drinking water to all Clawson residents and businesses and is the key component in reliable firefighting efforts. Municipal roads are the major transportation method in the City of Clawson. Improvements to Clawson roads will provide safe travel conditions for all residents and all visitors to the City of Clawson.
- When? On Election Day, November 5, 2024, Clawson residents can vote at city polling precincts on a bond proposal to dedicate funds to sewer, water, and road infrastructure.
- Where? The Infrastructure Improvement Bond will help fund sewer, water, and road infrastructure improvements throughout the city. Sewer infrastructure will be under evaluation by a CCTV program. The CCTV program involves the cleaning and inspecting of our municipal sewer mains. Water infrastructure has been prioritized by the age of the water main and the amount of water main breaks along the pipe. Road infrastructure has been evaluated by the Pavement and Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) to prioritize road projects. Sewer, water, and road projects will all be evaluated simultaneously to prioritize the projects by need.
- Why? The Infrastructure Improvement Bond is a proposed funding mechanism to enable the improvements to Clawson's Infrastructure. Improvements to the infrastructure can include decreased flooding and sewer backup, improved water pressure, and the reconstruction or re-paving of damaged and deteriorated roads.

How? Clawson residents will have the outcome of the Infrastructure Improvement Bond determined by a majority vote. If the vote passes, \$64,500,000 will be dedicated to improvements of sewer, water, & road infrastructure in Clawson. Construction improvements could start as early as 2025.

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Clawson Schools Spotlight



As we all know, Clawson is a special place for so many reasons. That is why, as I enter my 7th year as an educator at Clawson Public Schools, I am so excited because Clawson Public Schools is a special place too! As we begin the 2024-2025 school year, we will celebrate our 100th year as a public school district. How exciting! We will celebrate this anniversary on September 7th with a fantastic *Fall* Festival with so much family fun to be had.

Billy Shellenbarger

For the past ten months, we have been fully renovating our 100-year-old middle school as it becomes our brand new elementary school. Clawson Elementary School will house all of our TK-5th Grade students. Those students attended Kenwood and Schalm Elementaries, which we officially closed in June of this year. We could not be more excited for this new and fresh start, offering our students and staff the best possible environment to teach and learn in, coupled with the newest and best resources to teach and learn from. We will welcome our community into the new building this month to see for yourself what the bond dollars that our wonderful community supported (thank you!) have been used for.

As we fully move to our Central Campus model this September, we are so very excited and fortunate to have extensive upgrades to all of our buildings, specifically in the form of safety and security. As a result of those upgrades, our students and staff have never been safer inside our buildings and that work will continue into the final phase of our bond that will be finished in 2025. We are so grateful for the new and improved Clawson Public Schools and what comes with that and there has never been a better time to be a part of Clawson Public Schools! Have a fantastic 2024-2025 school year!

-Billy Shellenbarger

Welcome to the first edition of the Clawson Pulse. My name is Michael Frink, and I am the President of the Clawson Board of Education. We are excited to partner with the City of Clawson to communicate and share what is happening with

our school district. Thanks to the support of our community, we are in the process of reinventing our district. As we worked to "right size" our district, we began with the construction of a new middle school where the pool used to stand. The first year was a big success. For the last year, we have been completely remodeling the old middle school to become our new Clawson Elementary School. The new building will open with the start of school this September.



Michael Frink

We made updates in the high school adding new common space outside the cafeteria including a small outdoor space that often is used for classes. The gym was expanded allowing us to both have room for separate high school and middle school gym classes and to allow us to host more events. We held graduation in the new gym this past June and it was a big success! Once the new school year begins, work will begin on the former Kenwood Elementary building to convert it into our new Early Childhood Center. This new location will give us more classrooms and allow us to install state-of-the-art facilities for our preschool age kids.

We are also saying goodbye to Schalm Elementary. The Schalm property is being sold to a developer committed to building larger single-family homes on the site. We hope this will provide the city with an influx of new families and more children for our schools. The same will be done with the Baker building once the new Early Childhood Center opens. Changes like this can be scary but the Clawson School Board engaged a large group of community members to recommend this plan. I know there is no way to fully lay out all that is going on with the district in short, so I encourage everyone to attend or stream our school board meetings and also e-mail questions to the board. Board meeting links and e-mail addresses are available at www.ClawsonSchools.org.

-Michael Frink









Kelly Horne

It is with great honor and pride that I will be the 19th principal of Clawson High School. I am ecstatic that we will celebrate the 100 year history of our school district during the 2024-25 school year as my roots are deep in Clawson. With 14 family members who are CHS graduates and a 1996 graduate myself, I am passionate about CHS and dedicated to carry on the traditions and foster a rich learning environment for our students and families.

With over 20 years of experience in education, I started as a substitute teacher at the elementary and secondary level. As an English teacher at CHS, I chaired our writing committee that provided resources to help improve student writing scores as well as implementing English elective courses to pique student interests. With athletics a love of mine, I coached basketball and softball at CHS earning multiple coach of the year awards and league/district championships, but most importantly, developing strong relationships with student-athletes that have lasted into adulthood. I moved into a leadership role and have been the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director for the past nine years

leading the work to improve policies and practices into the digital world. It is my privilege to work alongside our dedicated staff and talented students, and I *believe we can build on the strengths of our supportive community and achieve our shared goals for Clawson High School.*

It is with great pleasure that I have accepted the position to serve as **principal at Clawson Middle School.** Clawson offered me my first job in education after graduating from Michigan State University, and it did not take long for me to see the pride and passion of everyone in the community for the community. It is my goal everyday to contribute to this community in a positive, supportive manner beginning with our students.

In August of 2010, I began my journey at Clawson as a middle school Social Studies teacher. For the next ten years, I had the daily pleasure of exploring the geography and history of the world with students. I am a firm believer in *forming strong relationships to help guide students*. Understanding who our students are, what they are interested in both in and outside of the classroom, and who they want to become, has been the catalyst to my work as a teacher, instructional coach and 6th -12th grade Curriculum Director. I stepped out of the classroom in 2020, at one of the most crucial times in education, to help support and foster educational growth for all middle school students as Dean and



Jennifer Pintek

then Assistant Principal. I will continue that work everyday by advocating for the best curriculum and resources, supporting our students needs and contributing to the growth of the community that embraced me with open arms. I am honored to serve as the Clawson Middle School Principal.



Bianca Sines

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from 2 elementary schools to 1 has been part of a discussion on more than one occasion over the years. There have been multiple ideas that have crossed the table to sustain our small district. As this consolidation finally came to fruition with our last bond proposal and passing, it became a reality that we would be combining our elementary schools and moving to one campus. I have had the honor and privilege to be the principal of both elementary schools for the last 3 years so I have been able to learn and serve all elementary students and families, which has somewhat prepared our students, staff, and families to consolidate. Watching the community, especially our PTOs work diligently to coordinate family, student, and school events, in partnership with staff, to ensure a smooth transition has been key and I have had the honor of watching it all come together in such a positive way. This past year has been a complete joy as I was able to watch us all come together to prepare for our big transition from the sure of watching into 1. I know change looks

I am beyond excited to physically combine our students and staff into one elementary school building. Working in Clawson for the last 20 years has been a true blessing. It really is my second home. Going

different for everyone and *I am prepared to* acknowledge, support, and encourage everyone as we move forward together! I am grateful for this opportunity to continue to serve our students, families, and staff as we become Clawson Elementary School.



Schalm Elementary



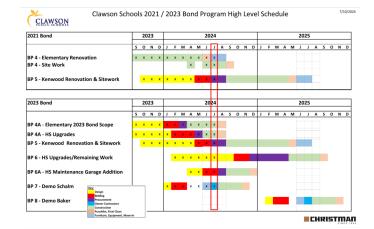
Dear Clawson, Exciting times ahead! The construction team is preparing to **turnover the new Clawson Elementary School this August in preparation for the 2024-2025 school year.** Currently, the team is working to assemble furniture, complete punch list, and clean the building to prepare for teachers to arrive next month. On the exterior of the building, the team is working to complete the parking lot construction and is on track to turnover by mid-August. New Playground equipment will be installed at the beginning of August. The gym addition is ongoing and is on track to turnover in September of 2024. The High School window replacements will be completed over the next two months and are anticipated to be complete by the start of school.

As we wrap up construction on the main campus, we are preparing for the renovations to begin at the new Clawson Early Childhood Center (old Kenwood). Construction will begin after Labor Day. The building will receive all new finishes throughout, as well as major updates to the mechanical and electrical systems. This work will occur over the winter and will be ready to turnover for the summer of 2025. As you may know, planning of construction projects takes place well in advance of construction beginning. The design team (Wakley Associates) is working to finalize bidding documents for the renovations of Clawson High School which is scheduled to take place over the Summer of 2025. This work will include new finishes (flooring, ceilings, paint) in the classrooms and corridors. All new LED lighting will be installed throughout. The athletic wing will see some reconfiguration to outfit new team rooms, concessions, restrooms and weight room. Additionally, all restrooms will receive a re-fresh with new tile, fixtures and partitions.

Overall, the program is on schedule to be completed by Fall of 2025. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the course of construction.

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