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From the
MAYOR

South Lyon 2026 – A Year of Change and Adjustment

THIS year will be challenging. As the Pontiac Trail Improvement Project gets underway, there will be a number of adjustments to the events and activities that everyone has come to expect and enjoy over the years.

Some events will take place as they always have and in their usual locations. This includes the weekly South Lyon Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. from May through October. Likewise, the monthly Lake Street Cruise-in will be held on the fourth Wednesday of May, June, August and September. You will still find those great classic cars parked along E. Lake Street on those summer evenings.

The Historic Society will hold its annual Depot Day event in September in the Historic Village. Likewise, the South Lyon Kiwanis will hold its annual Christmas tree sales in the Historic Village starting in November.

Some annual events will still take place but will be held in new locations due to the road construction. The Lake Street Cruise-in's all-day car show, Motorfest, will still be held on July 25 and will feature performances by Magic Bus. However, this year it will be located at Baker's of Milford.

South Lyon Pumpkinfest will take place on September 25-27, but it will be held at Bartlett Elementary School. In addition, South Lyon Live will take place that same weekend but will be held in the Whipple Street parking lot.

Unfortunately, there are some events that will not take place this year. This includes the Carl and Joanne Foundation's Christmas in July, the Tree Lighting Ceremony and South Lyon Eve. Look for those events to return next year.

It's going to be a challenging time. Please practice patience during the construction. The result will be worth it!

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Our summer program highlights include:

In Youth & Teen: Mobile escape rooms, Nerf games, Legasea Reptarium, Drummunity, after hours hide & seek, Flinging Things with Sloan Museum of Discovery, Kaboomistry with the Michigan Science Center, magic show with Cameron Zvara and a silent disco party!



Drummunity with Lori Fithian

For Adults: Author talk with Aram Mrjoian, live music with Rob Crozier, a history of postcards, author talk with Reuel Long, Tales from the



Treehouse with Dan Ellens, Detroit & the Underground Railroad, and easy pickling with Shanita Richards.

There will be raffle prize drawings at the end of the summer for all who participate and turn in their reading logs.

Youth/Teen

- 6/16: Plant a Seed, Read – Summer Kick-off
- 6/24: Mobile Escape Rooms from Escape Room Novi
- 6/29: Nerf Games
- 7/2: Happy Birthday America
- 7/8: Legasea Reptarium
- 7/14: Drummunity with Lori Fithian
- 7/16: Flinging Things with SLOAN Museum of Discovery
- 7/17: After Hours Hide & Seek



- 7/23: Kaboomistry with the Michigan Science Center
- 7/29: Dissection Day with the Michigan Science Center
- 7/30: Magic Show with Cameron Zvara
- 8/6: That's A Wrap! – Silent Disco Party

Adult Programs

- Happy Mail Letter Writing Studio:
Mondays: June 1, July 13, August 17, 3:00 p.m.
- 6/18: Meet the Author of "Waterline", Aram Mrjoian: Sponsored in part by the Library of Michigan Foundation, Michigan Center for the Book and Michigan Humanities.
- 6/23: Rob Crozier Presents: A Brief History of American Music Concerts and Live Performance
- 7/14: Some brief notes on the history of postcards
- 7/16: Tales from the Treehouse with Dan Ellens
- 7/30: M.A.S.H. Doctor in Vietnam: Author Reuel Long



- 8/18: Midnight: Detroit & the Underground Railroad with The Detroit Historical Society

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Exciting Things are Happening

AT LYON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY!



WE are thrilled to announce that the new Lyon Township Public Library will open on Monday, June 1, 2026! In order to prepare for opening day, we will be closing the current library building to the public on Monday, May 4. You are warmly invited to the Lyon Township Public Library's Grand Opening Celebration on Saturday, July 18, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Come explore the new space, enjoy fun activities like inflatables and crafts, delight in refreshments, and connect with our staff, board and awesome community. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

We have compiled a list of FAQs and answers regarding important information about the closure:

How long will LTPL be closed?

Approximately four weeks – from Monday, May 4 to Monday, June 1.

Where can I...?

You can check out books, pick-up holds, use public computers, fax/scan/copy, and get technology help at these neighboring libraries:

- Commerce Township Community Library
- Northville District Library
- Novi Public Library
- Salem-South Lyon District Library (can check out up to five items)
- Walled Lake City Library
- Wixom Public Library

How do I place a hold for pick-up at a neighboring library?

To place a hold on a book in our online catalog, choose "place hold", then use the drop-down menu next to "pick-up" location to choose another library that is close to you.

If you currently have items on hold that you are waiting for, click on "my account" at the top right of your screen and enter your information. Choose your hold, then use

the drop-down menu to choose a different pick-up location.

What to do with checked-out items?

Both the library and the outside drop box will be closed, so if the due date of your checked-out items is during the closure (May 4 – June 1) then you may hold onto the items until we re-open at the new building.

If you prefer not to hold onto our library's items, then you may return them to a neighboring library.

Can I call the library during the closure?

We will not be answering the phone as usual during the closure. You are welcome to leave us a message and we will get back to you when possible.

Will I still have access to digital resources?

Yes! You will have free, 24/7 access to the digital library and other resources such as Libby, hoopla, Kanopy, Mango Languages, Tumblebooks, and more. To see all of the digital resources we offer, visit our website: <https://lyon.lib.mi.us/explore/digital-resources/>

Donations

Lyon Township Public Library and That's My Brick!® have joined forces to raise money for the new library! Personalize a brick, and we will install your bricks in one of three locations along the library walkway and in front of benches.

Memorial and honorary donations are a meaningful way for community members and library users to celebrate milestones and honor loved ones, while at the same time supporting our new library. All donations go toward both exterior and interior amenities at the new library. There are naming opportunities available for the library building and its rooms. All donations will be recognized on the library's donor wall.

To discuss a donation, please contact Lyon Township Public Library Director Holly Teasdale at hteasdale@ltpl.org, or call LTPL at (248) 437-8800.

For more details, visit <https://lyon.lib.mi.us/library-capital-campaign/>

Summer Reading Challenge 2026: Unearth A Story

Our theme for 2026, Unearth a Story™, underscores the joy of discovery that reading brings, and that every person and every community have stories waiting to be found and shared – through books, programs and connection. This



year's Summer Reading Challenge Registration will begin on June 1, with a kickoff celebration on Saturday, June 27! The challenge will conclude on August 5.



● How to Register

To participate in the Summer Reading Challenge, register each member of your family online on our READsquared portal. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. We have challenges for read-to-mes (ages 0-4), kids (Pre-K-5th), middle/high (6th-12th), and adults (18+). Once registered, you will be able to log reading, complete activities, play games, earn badges, track points, and claim prizes. Register here: <http://ltpl.readsquared.com/>

● Reading and More

Each minute of reading you log this summer is worth one (1) point. Spend time reading anything – from chapter books and graphic novels to audiobooks – anything counts! It all earns you points to spend on prizes. You will also be rewarded when you attend library activities and events. Activities you complete online are worth 20 points. Attending an event is worth 50 points. For every 250 points earned, you can choose a prize from READsquared's online prize store. Each participant may claim up to six prizes total. The final goal is to reach 800 points and earn your very own Summer Reading Champion t-shirt!

● Summer Reading Kickoff Event

Come celebrate the beginning of summer at the new library! Our annual summer reading kickoff event is on Saturday, June 27 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Come have fun with archeology inspired science and art activity stations from the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. There will be light snacks and a lemonade bar from Biggby. Get the whole family registered for our Summer Reading Challenge on READsquared! Registration requested so that we have enough refreshments. Register from our event calendar.

● Thank You to our Sponsors

Summer Reading is a great opportunity to explore new ideas, develop a love of reading and have fun as a library community! We want to thank Vibe Credit Union, Biggby New Hudson, Panda Express, Texas Roadhouse, McDonald's New Hudson, and the Friends of the Library for helping us provide engaging learning opportunities for the Lyon Township community!

Red Cross Blood Drive

LTPL is once again partnering with the American Red Cross to host blood drives this August. Donors of all blood types are needed!

Upcoming blood drives:

- **Tuesday, August 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- **Friday, August 28, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

You may schedule an appointment online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=LTPL>, or call the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A sneak peak of some of the many events coming up this summer:



JUNE

- Archeology with Sloan-Longway
- Book Cover Decorating with Diamond Art
- Stuffed Animal Sleepover



JULY

- Living Fossils with Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
- Dino-Rama Designs
- Pre-K Paleontology



AUGUST

- Geocaching
- Parent-Child Drawing Workshop
- Baffling Bill Magic Show

Keep an eye out or visit our website at www.ltpl.org/attend/events/ and our social media pages for more information on all our upcoming summer reading events.

CLOSURES

The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Friday, June 19
- Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5



Help us Celebrate our 45th Annual Depot Day and 250th Anniversary of Our Country!

This year's Depot Day is September 12, 2026

Started in 1980 and sponsored by the South Lyon Area Historical Society, Depot Day has been a continuous free family event, minus 2020's COVID epidemic, evolving over the last 45 years.

This year marks the 250th anniversary (or semi quincentennial) of the United States. This milestone commemorates the founding of the nation, celebrating two-and-a-half centuries of history, development and progress.

This is recognized as a historical milestone of the world's oldest continuous constitutional democracy, highlighting the journey from 13 colonies to a nation of 50 states.

Please join us as we come together to celebrate these two milestones!

We are looking for groups that would like to be a part of this event, along with volunteers to help in different areas. If you or anyone you know would like to help out or have some ideas, please contact us at (248) 437-9929 or join us at our meetings on the second Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m. at the Village.

We need the community's support in order to succeed!

We are planning on having a silent auction for Depot Day to help raise funds for this endeavor, but need your help. We are looking for donations to use for our theme baskets.

If you are interested in donating items, or putting one together, it would be greatly appreciated. Monetary donations would be helpful as well.

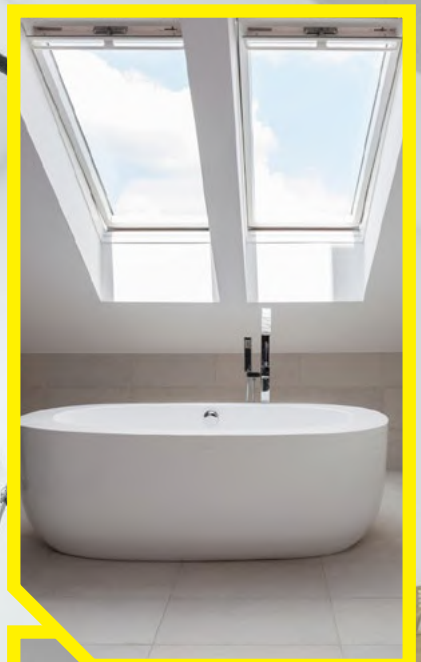
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"If it is the truth, honest and fair, then it is good for both of us and therefore the basis upon which our relationship can long endure."

That philosophy has never been tucked away in a frame on the wall. It has been lived out daily, carried forward through generations, and felt in the way customers are treated the moment they walk through the door.

A part of the fabric of local life

To understand Hines Park Ford, you have to understand the communities it calls home.

In South Lyon, where Friday nights revolve around school events and downtown still feels like a gathering place, the dealership has long been a familiar presence for local families.

In Milford, with its walkable streets and strong sense of tradition, you will find the same thing. Customers who have been coming back for years, not out of habit, but out of trust.

And in New Hudson, where growth continues but community values remain steady, Hines Park Ford stands as a constant. A place that has grown alongside the people it serves.

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Founder George Kolb's philosophy is carried on today under the leadership of his grandson Adam Kolb.



up beyond the dealership.

Whether it is supporting families through organizations like Blessings in a Backpack, Veterans Connected, and The Pink Fund, the focus has always been simple. Take care of the people who make this community what it is.

Hines Park Ford proudly supports the local schools, while also participating in cherished community traditions such as the South Lyon Pumpkinfest and Milford Memories. These partnerships reflect the dealership's ongoing commitment to strengthening the communities it has served for generations.

Carrying the legacy forward

Today, that original philosophy continues through the leadership of Adam Kolb, the grandson of George Kolb. While much has changed in the automotive world, his approach remains grounded in the same values that started it all.

You will often hear him talk less about sales and more about stewardship. About taking care of something that was built long before him and ensuring it is even stronger for the next generation.

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Lyon Township International Kite Festival celebrates its 17th year

By Kelsi Klein

THIS June, the Lyon Events Organization (LEO) will welcome thousands of visitors for the annual Lyon Township International Kite Festival, one of the community's most anticipated events.

The Kite Festival was started in 2009 by John Bell, a longtime Lyon Township resident and volunteer, and has grown extensively over the years according to LEO's current chair Michael Sperling.

Although this year marks Sperling's first year leading the organization, he has played an active role in supporting community events in the township over the past four years both personally and professionally through his business, MJS Music.

"The Kite Festival has grown and changed a lot over the years, and this year will have even more change," Sperling said.

Now in its 17th year, the largest kite festival in Southeastern Michigan is expected to host nearly 5,000 visitors at James Atchison Memorial Park in New Hudson

over the course of the two-day event.

According to Sperling, the main event is centered around professional kite flyers whose renowned demonstrations are choreographed to music, filling the sky with colorful and unique kite displays for all ages to enjoy.

Kids 16 and under will receive a free kite to fly and children will also get the opportunity to decorate their own kites.

While kites remain the focus, the festival's biggest change this year will be a redesigned layout to enhance the overall experience.

K9 Star Productions will be returning to the festival for its third year, and will showcase its popular dog performance acts featuring agility, tricks, musical freestyle and more.

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and the Leslie Science and Nature Center will also be returning with interactive science and animal exhibits, allowing kids to get an up-close look at wildlife and learn about the world around them.

Also back by popular demand this year is Hugh Irwin, the Kilted Magician, who will be putting on a comedy magic show for all ages.

Live music remains a staple of the festival, and Sperling explained that this year will highlight a variety of local musicians performing solo sets rather than big band performances like in previous years.

Like any good festival, food and vendors are a cornerstone of the Kite Festival. Attendees can look





forward to classic festival food along with local food vendors including Frost & Fizz, Maison Wurst, Aubree's Pizza, Maggie's Main Squeeze, Pop's Ice Cream Truck and more.

Local nonprofit and business booths will also be on site promoting their products and services and connecting with the community they serve.

Beyond entertainment and attractions, what truly defines the Kite Festival is its ability to bring people together and foster a sense of community within the Lyon area.

"I think the heart of the festival is really bringing our community together and also supporting our local businesses," Spierling said. "Lyon Township is very community oriented."

While the Kite Fest has been LEO's only event for the past few years, Spierling said that within the next year, the organization plans to expand and work with Lyon Township and its DDA to help sponsor and run more events to continue to bring the community together.

Those who have attended Kite Fest in the past can expect the same excitement that has made the festival a Lyon staple for nearly two decades, while first-time visitors are sure to make the event a new tradition.

The Kite Festival kicks off on Saturday, June 6 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and continues Sunday, June 7 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at James Atchison Memorial Park, 58000 Grand River Avenue in New Hudson. Vehicle parking has been reduced to \$5 this year.

For more information, a full schedule, featured events and a list of vendor booths, visit www.lyonevents.org, and check out the brochure on page 17 of this issue.





Pete Stoyanovich

From Backyard Soccer to NFL Greatness By Ryan M. Place

If you ask South Lyon's Pete Stoyanovich what built his career, he won't start with the NFL, the Pro Bowl or the clutch kicks that made him one of the most accurate placekickers in NFL history. He starts somewhere much smaller: a backyard garage.

"My dad painted a goal on plywood in our garage," Pete said. "He even put a heater in there so I could train year-round. At 5 years old, I was out there every day.

Concentration, focus, discipline, sacrifice. That's where it all started."

Born in 1967 to a Macedonian family in Dearborn Heights, Pete grew up immersed in soccer. His father, a factory worker at the Ford Rouge plant and a former player himself, encouraged Pete. By the age of 10, he was already competing nationally.

"I could juggle like a seal," he said with a laugh. "I hit a perfect 700 score when I was 12 to win a soccer juggling championship. After that, I just kept pushing."

Taking early advantage of his natural abilities paid off. At 15, Pete was a two-time high school All American competing internationally with the U.S. Junior National Team. Facing elite competition across the world, he shared the field with future stars like Tab Ramos and Tony Meola.

At Indiana University Bloomington, his path reached a crossroads. A dual-sport athlete in soccer and football, Pete lived a grueling, relentless schedule, often switching uniforms midday.

"I played three games every weekend, often using Coach Bobby Knight's university plane" he said. "Eventually, I had to choose. I had a choice to go to

Europe. I chose the NFL because I wanted to stay closer to family."

That decision launched a 12-year NFL career with the Miami Dolphins, Kansas City Chiefs and St. Louis Rams. In 1997, he delivered a near-perfect season and earned All-Pro Honors.

"I went 26 for 27 that year," Pete said. "That was my best season. Everything just clicked."



Along the way, his journey intersected with pop culture in unexpected ways. He filmed scenes for "Ace Ventura: Pet Detective", appeared in a McDonald's commercial with Michael Jordan and crossed paths with pop culture figures like golfer John Daly, Poison's Bret Michaels and actors Charlie Sheen and Sylvester Stallone.

But for Pete, success was never just about football. In 1996, while still playing in the NFL, he opened Kickers Bar & Grill in Livonia. Today, Kickers All Star Grill in Canton carries that vision forward

with family centered fun.

"It's all about giving back," he said. "Creating a fun spot where families can come together around sports. That means everything to me."

That same purpose defines his life in South Lyon, where he coaches boys and girls soccer and mentors young athletes, including his own daughters.

"I love this community," Pete said. "We moved to South Lyon in 2014. Through coaching, I've gotten to know some wonderful families. You see kids grow and develop confidence. It is incredibly rewarding."

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We decided to interview our head Kite Flyer and shop owner, Jon Trennepohl on the subject of kite flying.



1. How long have you been a professional kite flyer?

I have been flying kites for the last 38 years. I have been very fortunate to have been invited to fly at kite festivals around the world. My favorites are Italy, France, England, Denmark, Japan, Malaysia, many cities in Columbia, Jamaica and Canada.

2. What makes kite flying so fun?

It gets you outside to enjoy the wind with friends and family. It is like art in the sky, and you are in control of it.

3. What can we expect to see at the festival?

Different types of kites, how they are controlled and flown to music with one person, pairs and teams. Being able to make a kite and then fly it. Watching candy drop for kids from the sky using kites.

4. Can you explain some of the different styles of Kites and what tricks they would be used for?

There are single line kites that are typically fairly stationary in the sky and fly above your head. There are single line kites that you have the ability to control called fighter kites. These kites are maneuverable.

Sport kites/ stunt kites with two (dual line) or four lines (quad line) have the ability to do different types of tricks and maneuvers. It is a much more active type of kite flying. The kite is directly in front of you as opposed to overhead. The possibilities with these types of kites keeps the flyer engaged. It's fun to fly to music as well.

5. What is the life of a professional kite flyer entail?

Attending kite related events all over the world, designing kites along with manufacturing them and the most important part

is teaching and sharing the kite flying experience with children and adults. I think it is important to promote kiting in our community for the future generations.

7. What are some of the most fun and interesting places you've been to fly kites professionally?

My favorite and one I have been invited to the most is Artevento in Cervia Italy. By far the best art kite international kite event in world. It takes place in April every year over two weekends and is attended many thousands of people that come to see unusual kites made by kite artist from around the world. I have been invited 8 times. The wind is so good and it so nice to fly kites for so many people to see. I have to say the food and wine is also very nice.

I also attend a local event in Limington Ontario in October every year that is a wonderful event that is easy to get to from the Metro area. Great weekend kite event.

Another event I have been to a lot is in Fano, Denmark once a year in June. It is a week long event and brings in kite flyers from around the world.

7. What was your earliest memory of flying kites? What got you passionate about it?

A friend turned me on to flying a sport kite and I got hooked. He then gave me a kite magazine to read and I noticed there were very few kite stores in our area in Michigan. It was then that I started Kites and Fun Things in the Plymouth area and that was 38 years ago.

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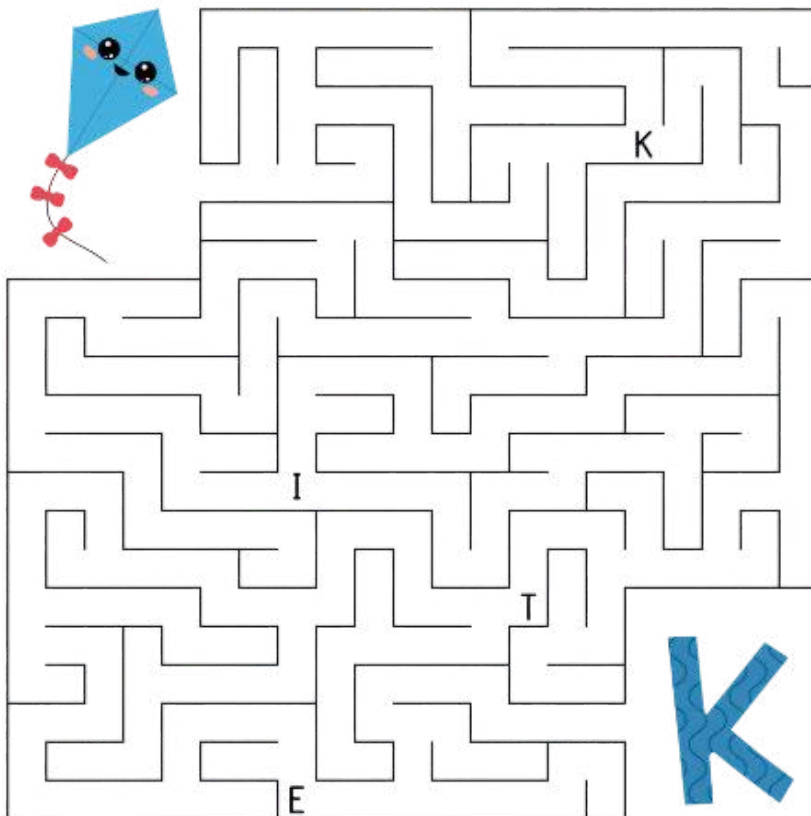
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A Message From

Superintendent Steve Archibald

At its March 24 meeting, the Oakland Schools Board of Education voted to place a Regional Enhancement Millage proposal on the August 4, 2026, ballot. If approved by voters, the proposal would levy 1.5 mills for six years to provide additional funding to all public school districts and eligible public school academies in Oakland County. This funding would be distributed on a per-student basis, estimated at approximately \$781 per student annually, or \$4,686 per student over the life of the millage.

A Regional Enhancement Millage is a voter-approved property tax that allows school districts within a county to generate additional funding beyond what is provided by the State of Michigan under Proposal A (1994). It is the only mechanism available for districts to increase per-student operating revenue. If approved, all funds generated would go directly to local public school districts and eligible public school academies.

School districts across Oakland County continue to face financial pressures as costs rise faster than state funding. Districts are working to address staff recruitment and retention, guest staff shortages, rising operational and supply costs, and increasing student academic, social-emotional, and health needs. Currently, approximately 44 percent of students in Michigan already benefit from a Regional Enhancement Millage in their county.

If approved, SLCS would receive approximately six million dollars annually in additional operating revenue. These funds would be used to support a variety of priorities, including attracting and retaining high-quality staff, maintaining appropriate class sizes, enhancing student support services, strengthening safety and security, and sustaining and improving educational programming. The Board of Education would determine how funds are allocated based on district

needs through the normal budgeting process in a manner consistent with the district's strategic plan.

A tax calculator is available on the Oakland Schools and SLCS websites (<https://oaklandenhancementmillage.com/> or slcs.us) for residents to estimate their individual impact. When using the tax calculator, be sure to enter the "taxable value", which can be found on your summer or winter tax statement.

The proposal will appear on the August 4, 2026, ballot, at which time Oakland County voters will decide whether to approve the measure. Community members are encouraged to learn more about the proposal and review available resources prior to the election. Information related to the Oakland Schools Regional Enhancement Millage can be accessed through the SLCS website at slcs.us.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions (archibalds@slcs.us).

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Here in South Lyon Community Schools, we pride ourselves on our exceptional staff – everyone who plays a role in making the educational experience safe, memorable, supportive, and fulfilling for students every day.

Our teaching staff, in particular, is populated across the district by professionals who dedicate their lives to the growth of our students academically and socially, teaching not solely as an occupation but also as a calling to be a light and a guide for students every year of their careers.

To be selected as an exemplar from such a tremendous group of educators is quite an honor, and our selections for 2025-2026 Teachers of the Year are certainly shining examples! Please join us in congratulating them for this outstanding recognition!

Elementary: Kristi Frisk (Bartlett Elementary, First Grade)

Mrs. Frisk is a 15-year veteran of SLCS and a beloved elementary teacher in the Bartlett community. She is described by her colleagues and principal alike as consistently exhibiting unique intentionality in her planning, with remarkable attention to detail and a keen eye toward student engagement and a sense of classroom community. In the words of a student, "Some people were just meant to become teachers, and Mrs. Frisk is one of them. She is an exceptional educator who genuinely cares about each and every one of her students. Mrs. Frisk is a kind, encouraging and understanding person with a knack for making every child she encounters feel special."

We are proud to highlight Mrs. Frisk as such a deserving recipient of Teacher of the Year, and immensely grateful for her contributions to Bartlett and SLCS. Congratulations, Mrs. Frisk!



Middle School: Griffin Taschner (Millennium Middle School, English Language Arts)

Having served the Millennium community with distinction for the past nine years, Mrs. Taschner has received a well-earned honor in her selection as Teacher of the Year at the middle school level. Her teaching colleagues and school administration describe her constantly engaged in developing meaningful and lasting connections with her students, having notably "embraced the building of community in her classroom."

As a result of her efforts, students naturally identify her classroom as a place they want to be, a sentiment echoed by a student nominator who described Mrs. Taschner's class as one in which "he is most comfortable while also getting the most knowledge [he] possibly can."

Mrs. Taschner is well respected and much appreciated for her contributions to Millennium and SLCS, and we wish her heartfelt congratulations for her honor as Teacher of the Year!



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High School: Lynn Hensley (South Lyon High School, Science)

As an accomplished 32-year master teacher, Ms. Hensley is a pillar of the SLHS science department and an especially deserving honoree as high school Teacher of the Year. Throughout her distinguished career, Ms. Hensley has been recognized as a must-have science





teacher, especially for those students who aspire to careers in scientific fields for whom her advanced courses have been described as “a rite of passage.”

Referred to endearingly as the “school mom” by many who recognize her unique supportive nature and deep commitment to her school community, Ms. Hensley has earned a special place in the hearts and minds of both colleagues and students, perhaps best captured by the student who referred to her as the person she “goes to for all of [her] wins and losses,” and the reason she “fought every day to do better.”

This honor for Ms. Hensley not only speaks to her performance this year, but is perhaps most substantially a nod to a career well spent in the service of everyone in the SLHS community, and we wish to express our deep appreciation for her through this award. Congratulations, Ms. Hensley!

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WE are beyond fortunate and grateful to the Szott Automotive Group, who agreed to help us honor one of our Teachers of the Year (TOY) with a free new car lease for one year!

Our new car winner was drawn randomly from our three district TOY representatives, and this year the car was won by Lynn Hensley of South Lyon High School!

The Szott team truly blew us away with their generosity and creativity, actually offering four free cars to be swapped out by our winner throughout the year lease! Her choices will be near limitless – what a jaw-dropping deal! – and yes, she did select the purple Jeep for the summer.

We are so grateful for the support of the Szott team, especially Thad Szott, Cassidy Szott and Jeff Schneider. Please consider the Szott folks for your new car needs – their support for our community is inspiring and you would be hard pressed to find a more thoughtful and collaborative team of automotive sales professionals.

Please reach out to Jeff Schneider, director of sales (jeff@szottauto.com), if you are in the market for a car – he will surely take care of you! Thank you, Szott Automotive Group!

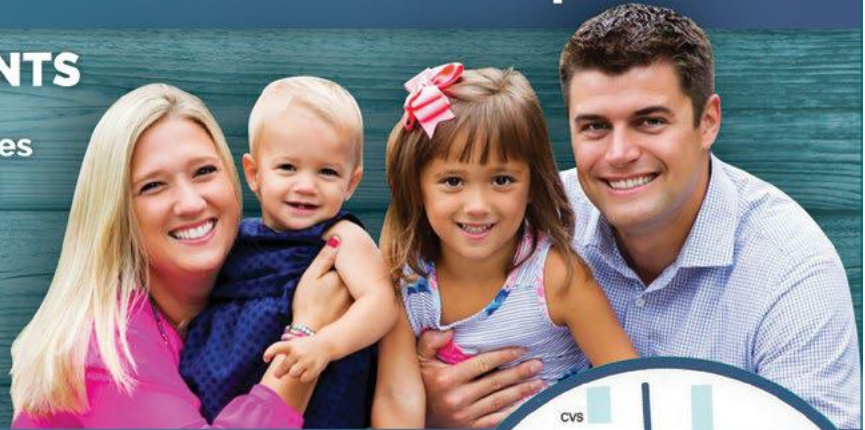


From left to right: Jeff Schneider, Lynn Hensley, Cassidy Szott.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

GIOVANNA KOWALSKI

Class of 2016, SLEHS

What have you been up to since you graduated from SLCS?

After graduating from South Lyon East High School in 2016, I took a leap and moved to New York to pursue my passion for storytelling at Hofstra University, where I earned my bachelor's degree in journalism.

My career began on Long Island as an associate producer at Drake Media Studio, where I quickly learned the energy, urgency and purpose that define life inside a newsroom. Every day brought new challenges – and the reward of delivering stories that matter. That experience shaped not only my skills but my drive to inform and connect with audiences.

After four years in New York, I returned home to Michigan, bringing that same passion with me. Before landing my role at FOX 2 Detroit, I had the unique opportunity to come full circle – serving as a substitute teacher at South Lyon East High School for a year, the place where my journey first began. Not long after, I landed a job at Fox 2 Detroit as one of the morning news producers, helping viewers start their day informed and engaged.

In 2024, I had the joy of marrying my high school best friend and fellow South Lyon East alum, Stoshu Kowalski,



a moment that made the journey even more meaningful and reminded me just how special it is to come home.

How did your experience in SLCS prepare you for life after school?

My experience at SLEHS meant so much to me, especially because of the teachers who truly cared and went above and beyond every day. They weren't just focused on grades – they took the time to get

to know me, support me and push me to believe in myself. That kind of encouragement made a lasting impact and gave me the confidence to take big steps, like moving to New York for college.

They also created an environment where I felt comfortable asking questions, getting involved and growing – not just as a student, but as a person.

What advice would you give students who are graduating in 2026?

If I could give one piece of advice to the Class of 2026, it would be this: don't be afraid to take chances on yourself. You don't have to have everything figured out right away – and honestly, most people don't. The most important thing is to stay open to opportunities, even the ones that might feel a little uncomfortable at first.

Work hard, stay curious and be willing to learn from every experience – both the successes and the setbacks. Some of the most valuable lessons come from things not going exactly as planned.



Check out SLCS Speaks, a podcast focusing on the great things happening in and around SLCS.

The podcast can be found at Apple Podcasts, Spotify and the SLCS YouTube website.

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Class of 2015, SLHS



What have you been up to since you graduated from SLCS?

After graduating from SLHS in 2015, I attended Michigan State University, where I was a member of the co-ed cheerleading team and had the opportunity to cheer at football and basketball games for four years. I graduated in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology, along with a cognate in motor and cognitive neuroscience.

Following my time at Michigan State, I went on to the University of South Florida, where I earned

my Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in 2022. After graduation, I moved to Massachusetts to begin my career as a physical therapist, which is also where I met my fiancé.

In September 2025, we moved back to South Lyon, and I am currently working as an outpatient orthopedic and pelvic floor physical therapist in Brighton. I'm also so excited to be getting married this spring!

How did your experience at SLCS prepare you for life after school?

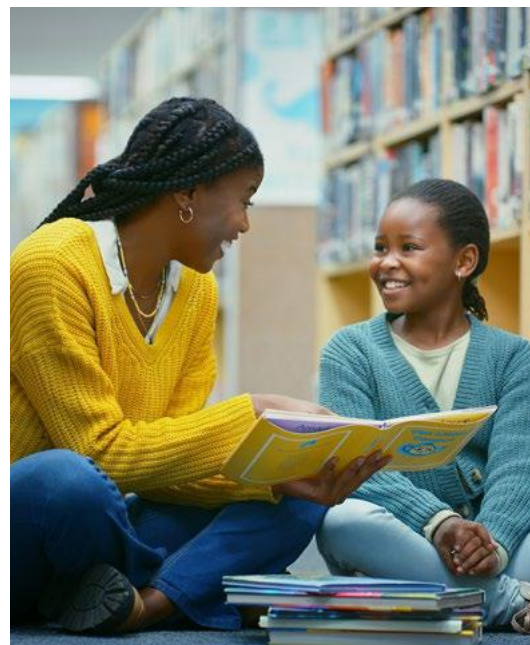
SLCS offered so many opportunities through sports teams, clubs and a wide variety of classes, which really helped shape my experience. As a member of the SLHS cheerleading team, I had the chance to grow not only as an athlete but also as a person. It taught me valuable skills like teamwork, leadership and how to build strong relationships with others.

Academically, I felt both challenged and supported by classmates and teachers/faculty. The coursework pushed me to develop strong study habits, time management skills and critical thinking, which made a big difference when I transitioned to college. I felt well prepared for my classes at Michigan State and South Florida, and I credit SLCS for giving me that strong foundation.

What advice would you give students who are graduating in 2026?

My advice would be to make connections with as many people as you can and take advantage of every opportunity available to you. Explore different classes, activities and interests outside of your comfort zone. You never know what might spark a passion or lead you down an unexpected path.

Most importantly, make every moment count and truly appreciate the journey. High school goes by so quickly, and while it's easy to focus on what's next, it's just as important to be present and enjoy where you are right now.!



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Please contact Lindsey Jackson at (248) 941-1701 or at jackson@slcs.us for more information.



SLCS Bond Update

Thanks to the generous spirit and steadfast commitment to our schools exhibited by the voting public within SLCS, we are excited to share that planning for Phase 1 projects of the recently passed bond initiative are well underway!

Phase 1 of our planned bond construction will bring dramatic improvements to the Early Childhood Center, as well as Sayre and Salem elementaries, and South Lyon East High School.

We are thrilled to begin this work in the place where our littlest students begin their academic journey in South Lyon Community Schools – a complete renovation of the existing school and development of

the property to include an addition that will more than double the size of the ECC overall! This revamp and expansion will result in a refreshed, leading-edge child development center that will stand as a beautiful and enriching entry point for students' academic journey through SLCS.

Setting the best possible foundation for young learners is crucial to their future success, and thanks to our taxpayers we will provide a shining example of what is possible in the world of early childhood education, an amazing point of pride for our community. Thank you, SLCS residents! Future updates will be posted on the SLCS website at SLCS.us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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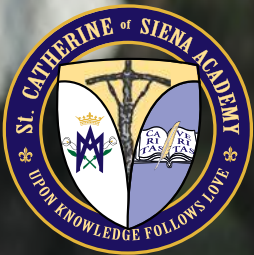
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in Lyon Township

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Charter Township of Lyon Residential Open/Recreational Burn Guidelines:

- **ONLY brush and seasoned wood may be burned.** Leaves, construction materials and treated wood are not permitted.
- **Open burning must be extinguished before sunset.** Recreational campfires must be extinguished by midnight.
- **The size of the area being burned shall not exceed 3 ft x 3 ft x 3 ft.**
- **Bonfires and yard brush must be at least 50 feet away from any structure.**
- **Recreational campfires must be at least 25 feet away from any structure.**
- **Portable outdoor fireplaces must be at least 15 feet away from any structure, including decks, sheds, vehicles, etc.**
- **Fire safety:** Always have a garden hose, approved fire extinguisher or another water source on site before starting a fire. **DO NOT use gasoline to start a fire.**
- **Wind restrictions:** If the wind speed is 10 miles per hour or above, burning is prohibited, and any lit fires must be extinguished.
- **No burning in a driveway or within 15 feet of a roadway.**



- **Avoid overhead obstructions:** Do not burn under power lines, tree branches or other overhead hazards.
- When finished burning, flood the area with water or cover it with earth to ensure the fire is completely out.

These guidelines are in accordance with the 2015 International Fire Code and are subject to said code.

International Fire Code (IFC) References:

- **IFC 307.1.1:** Open burning is prohibited when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make the fire hazardous.
- **IFC 307.2:** A permit is required for certain types of fires, such as those for wildlife management or pest control.
- **IFC 307.3:** Open burning must be extinguished if it creates a hazardous situation or if a required permit has not been obtained.
- **IFC 307.5:** Open burning, bonfires and recreational fires must be constantly attended until extinguished, with fire extinguishing equipment available for immediate use.

By engaging in open or recreational burning, you indicate that you have read and agree to these terms, and will conduct burning in accordance with the International Fire Prevention Code. Failure to comply may result in a fine of up to \$500, imprisonment for up to 90 days, or both.

If you have any questions regarding open burning, please call Fire Station 1 at (248) 486-3775, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m., to speak with the Fire Prevention Division. For burn complaints, please call 911.





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My Goals?

To Promote and Grow Downtown Events While Bringing People Together

As the new social media and marketing manager for the Lyon Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the township, I'm excited to help strengthen communication and connection within the community I've proudly called home for the past 16 years.

I'm a Michigan native and a mom of four, so I understand how important it is for residents and families to stay informed about local events, resources and opportunities. Outside of my work with the township, I also teach local sourdough classes, which has been a fun and rewarding way to connect with others in the community.

In my role, my goal is to enhance and grow the township and DDA's social media presence, making it easier for residents and visitors to stay up to date on what's happening in Lyon Township. Through these platforms, I aim to share timely updates, promote events and create engaging content that highlights what makes our community special. Residents can follow along on our Facebook and Instagram pages for the latest news and updates.

One of my key priorities is showcasing our local businesses. By highlighting the people and places that make up our downtown district, I hope to support their success while also encouraging residents to shop, dine and explore locally. I'm also working to increase awareness of our "Lyon Works" program, which helps connect residents with local job opportunities and supports our local workforce.

We would also love to feature businesses celebrating milestones – such as anniversaries, grand openings or other special achievements – so if your business has something you'd like to promote or share, I encourage you to reach out at ahunt@lyontwp.org.

In addition to promoting businesses and programs, I'm focused on helping share important updates on township projects and initiatives. This includes improvements like the new pedestrian crosswalk and HAWK signal along Grand River in the downtown area, progress on the final section of the ring road and ongoing infrastructure work such as road paving and sidewalk additions. I'll also be sharing news and updates about upcoming projects to help keep residents informed about what's ahead.

We're also continuing efforts to enhance our downtown through beautification projects, including seasonal décor, banners, holiday displays, and improvements like irrigation in the downtown parking lot.

I'm especially excited to help promote and grow our downtown events, which bring people together and create opportunities to connect, support local businesses and build community.

I look forward to continuing to engage with residents and sharing the many great things happening in Lyon Township. It's an exciting time for our community, and I'm grateful to play a role in helping tell that story.

Angie Hunt
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From the Oven to the Fire

South Lyon Fire Chief Cindy Conrad's unorthodox journey

By Angela Calabrese

IT'S been a year since Cindy Conrad took over as fire chief of South Lyon, following the departure of predecessor Joey Thorington to serve in Southfield. Like Police Chief Bonnie Unruh, she is the first female to serve in her position in the city.



Her journey to working in the fire service is an interesting one.

Originally from Kitchener, Ontario, she and her husband – whom she met in Rochester, New York in 1998 and married in 2000 – moved to Michigan when he got a job at General Motors. They moved to South Lyon in 2006.

And while Conrad has always had an interest in emergency services, she also had a love of baking, which led to an extensive career in that sector – managing Costco bakeries for years before taking a career survey that would ultimately change her life.

"You need a job where you're not sitting around," the test result told her.

It just so happened that South Lyon Fire was hiring, and was also willing to pay for training.

After completing training, Conrad worked at the Novi Fire Department and the Green Oak Fire Department while also working for South Lyon, in a paid, on-call capacity. She also got into Eastern Michigan University's

Staff and Command program, an executive leadership program for fire service and law enforcement supervisors to provide them with the skills they need to lead their agencies.

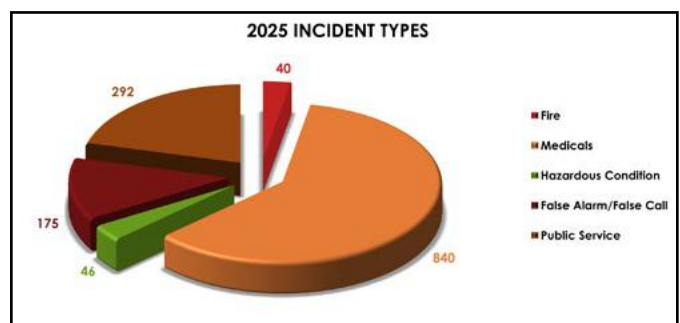


When asked how her first year as chief has been going, Conrad is positive.

"Everything up to this point has been going really well," she said. "I get so much support."

She also loves the support she's getting from the community.

"Every event I've been to in the past year – I have met so many people who've come up to me and said things like, 'You're the new chief! Girl power!'" she said. "I also have people who say they're praying for me. It's heartwarming to be part of this community."





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Recently retired police chief returns as South Lyon City Manager

By Angela Calabrese

WHEN it came time for soon-to-be former Police Chief Doug Baaki to retire last summer, he always knew he wasn't done totally working. He just didn't have a definite plan yet.

He retired in July 2025, and was picking up some hours teaching advanced courses at the Oakland County Police Academy. While he enjoys teaching and working with the folks at the academy, the one-and-a-half-hour commute each way was something he knew he could do without.

So when Baaki heard that the South Lyon city manager position had remained unfilled for some time after the resignation of Paul Zelensky, Baaki offered to step into the role on an interim basis. Considering Baaki's extensive knowledge of the city and department heads from his time leading the police department, it seemed like a win-win for everyone, even if it wasn't originally in Baaki's post-police retirement plans.

So it just made too much sense to keep a good thing going.

In January, Baaki was chosen out of a pool of four other prospects, officially changing his title from interim city manager to just city manager. So far, he's found a lot of the job shares similarities with his duties as police chief, but there's definitely a learning curve.

"Now it's not just one department I'm overseeing, it's five," he said.

Easing the way are all the people that Baaki has worked with for years, helping him acclimate to his new position.

"They know what's going on, they know how to do their jobs and they fill me in," Baaki said.

Right now, a lot of the focus is on preparing the community for the extensive Pontiac Trail construction project, which has been planned for the last 10 years. The project is set to kick off this month (if it hasn't already by the time this hits homes), and go until November, barring any unforeseen setbacks.

He's been working with other department heads and the Oakland County Road Commission (whose project this is) to make sure that residents and businessowners alike know they are supported.

"Everybody has to make some adjustments this year," Baaki said. "This is about growth and developing the community and having safe roads for people to travel on."

There are other projects in the pipeline, including the Lafayette Park development, updating the five-year master plan and Volunteer Park, along with work that needs to be done on the cemetery, water system and more.

It's a busy time in the city, with many improvements and exciting projects on the way. Baaki is glad he's in a position to continue to serve a community he's served for years, and he appreciates all the help and guidance he's received from his peers.

"I rely heavily on our staff here," he said. "They're a great bunch of folks working for the city. If I have questions, I go to them, and they know I'm also always here to support them."

Baaki also knows how important it is to lead with transparency. As part of that, he has created a city page on Facebook. He encourages residents to check that out – along with the website – for more information on what's happening in the city.

And he's also open to hearing from residents.

"If they want to voice their opinions, they can," Baaki said.



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New Business

Downtown South Lyon is about to welcome a stunning new addition: Maple House, opening this spring of 2026 on Lake Street. This beautifully renovated neighborhood restaurant invites you in with its airy elegance – a space that's both sophisticated and inviting. Maple House delights with from-scratch brunch favorites – think French toast, pancakes and eggs benedict – alongside carefully sourced coffee and craft cocktails.

It's a place designed to make you linger, savoring each bite and every moment in a setting that feels like home. Don't miss your chance to experience this gem right in the heart of downtown!

Downtown South Lyon Launches Vibrant New Website to Connect Community and Promote Local Businesses

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is proud to announce the launch of DowntownSouthLyon.com, a new website dedicated to promoting the vibrant businesses, events and experiences that make downtown South Lyon a special destination.

After nearly a decade without a centralized online presence, the new website marks an exciting step forward in strengthening communication with residents, visitors and the business community. The site will serve as a hub for information about downtown shops and restaurants, upcoming events, community initiatives, and opportunities to explore everything the district has to offer.

The Downtown Development Authority Board has worked together to create a platform that



highlights the energy and charm of the downtown while making it easier for people to stay informed and engaged.

"Downtown South Lyon continues to grow and evolve, and having a dedicated website allows us to share that story," said Kim Rivera, DDA Director. "This platform gives us the ability to showcase our incredible local businesses, promote community events and keep residents and visitors connected to all the great things happening in our downtown."

Visitors to the website will find:

- A directory of downtown businesses
- Information about community events and seasonal activities
- Stories about local merchants and stakeholders
- Updates on downtown initiatives and improvements
- Ways to get involved in the Main Street program
- Resources for residents and visitors exploring South Lyon

The website will also serve as an important marketing tool to support local businesses and encourage visitors to experience the unique character of downtown South Lyon.

The DDA invites the community to explore the new site and discover what makes downtown South Lyon such a welcoming and vibrant place.

Visit www.DowntownSouthLyon.com to learn more and stay connected.



About the South Lyon Downtown Development Authority

The South Lyon Downtown Development Authority works to strengthen and promote the downtown district through economic development, beautification, business support, and community engagement.

You are Welcome Here

South Lyon Fine Arts Society invites public to join

SOUTH Lyon Fine Arts Society (SLFAS) is a vibrant nonprofit founded for the purpose of promotion, education, appreciation and the practice of visual arts in South Lyon and the surrounding areas. Whether you're an experienced artist, a curious beginner or simply someone who loves creativity, you'll find a welcoming place here.

Monthly Meetings

Members gather on the second Tuesday of each month, 5:30-7:45 p.m., from September through May at the Salem South Lyon District Library in the main meeting room. All meetings are open to the public (18+) for observation – so feel free to stop by and see what we're all about before joining.

If you'd like to participate fully, membership is just \$35 per year. When instructors allow, member meetings will also be open to library patrons.

How to Get Involved and Become a Member

If you are interested in attending a meeting or becoming a member you can reach the society at:

- Email: southlyonfineartssociety@gmail.com
- Phone: (248) 667-8540
- Facebook: Message the society directly
- You can also join online at their website: <https://southlyonfineartssociety.wordpress.com> under Membership and Donations.

Volunteers are always welcome, and you do not need to be an artist to join or contribute.

Recent and Ongoing Activities

SLFAS began 2026 with its annual January Art Show and Tell Potluck, followed by a series of hands-on art classes featuring watercolor, dry felting and collage. These gatherings offer members a chance to explore new techniques, share ideas and build community.

Upcoming Event: SLFAS Midsummer Montage

The society is currently preparing for its July member



art exhibition, "SLFAS Midsummer Montage," held at the Salem South Lyon District Library.

The event runs Monday, July 20 – Saturday, July 25 with a public reception on Saturday, July 25, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A People's Choice Award is voted on by the public throughout the show.

This exhibition is open to everyone to stop by, enjoy the artwork and cast a vote.

Support SLFAS Through Kroger Community Rewards

You can support the South Lyon Fine Arts Society simply by shopping at Kroger. Through the Kroger Community Rewards program, a portion of your purchases is donated to SLFAS at no cost to you.

To participate:

1. Visit kroger.com and sign in.
2. Go to "My Account."
3. Scroll to "Community Rewards."
4. Search for South Lyon Fine Arts Society or enter XT103.

Your support helps the society continue offering classes, events and opportunities for local artists and art lovers.





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YOUTH PROGRAMS

ADULT AERIAL
JUN 30 - AUG 20
TUE, 5 - 6PM OR
WED, 7:30 - 8:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$250/\$333

ZUMBA W/ELIZABETH
TUE., JUL 7 - AUG 25
6:45 - 7:45PM
R/NR FEE: \$64/\$85

ZUMBA WITH ESPERANZA
THU., JUL 9 - AUG 13
6:30 - 7:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$42/\$56

FOUNDATIONAL YOGA
MON., JUL 13 - AUG 17
6:30 - 7:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$100/\$133

GLASS GARDEN STAKES
MON., APR 27
3 - 5PM OR 6:15 - 8:15PM
R/NR FEE: \$40/\$53

YOGA IN THE PARK
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JULY 13 - 17
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11AM - 12:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$125/\$167

NAILED IT! ART CAMP (AGE 5 - 12)
MON - FRI, JULY 13 - 17
9AM - 12PM
R/NR FEE: \$135/\$180

ART-TASTIC CAMP (AGE 5 - 12)
MON - FRI, JULY 13 - 17
1 - 4PM
R/NR FEE: \$135/\$180

GAME ON ART CAMP (AGE 5 - 12)
MON - FRI, JULY 20 - 24
9AM - 12PM
R/NR FEE: \$135/\$180

LIGHTS, CAMERA, CREATE CAMP
(AGE 5 - 12)
MON - FRI, JULY 20 - 24
1 - 4PM
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CAMP LOVE TO DANCE (AGE 4 - 11)
TUE - FRI, JUL 14 - 17
9AM - 12PM
R/NR FEE: \$255/\$340

SWIFTIEST SUMMER EVENT
(AGE 5 - 12)
MON - WED, AUG 10 - 12
9AM - 12PM
R/NR FEE: \$198/\$264

ENCHANTED PRINCESS PARTY
(AGE 3 - 8)
THU, AUG 13
10AM - 12PM
R/NR FEE: \$49/\$65

BROADWAY CAMP (AGE 5 - 12)
MON - FRI, JUNE 22 - 26
9AM - 4PM
R/NR FEE: \$275/\$366

THE DESCENDANTS - DRAMA
(AGE 5 - 12)
MON - FRI, AUG 24 - 28
9AM - 4PM
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(AGE 5 - 12)
MON - FRI, AUG 3 - 7
9AM - 12PM
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(AGE 5 - 12)
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YOUTH LEAGUES

YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
JUN 15 - JUL 31
GRADES: K-1, 2-3, 4-5
R/NR FEE: \$102.25/\$132.25
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MS/HS SWIM CAMP
MON - FRI, JUN 15 - JUL 24
8 - 10AM
\$315/\$420

LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION
(AGES 15+)
JUNE 12: 12 - 7PM
JUNE 13: 8AM - 5PM
JUNE 14: 8AM - 4PM
R/NR FEE \$220/\$250

YOUTH SPORTS

ARCHERY BASICS (7+)
THURSDAY
5/21 - 6/11, 6/18 - 7/19 OR 7/16 - 8/13
5:30 - 6:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$55/\$73

FTS T-BALL (AGES 3 - 5)
THU, 6/2- 6/30 OR 7/21 - 8/18
5:30 - 6:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$90/\$120

FTS BASEBALL (AGES 6 - 8)
THU, 6/2 - 6/30 OR 7/21 - 8/18
6:30 - 7:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$90/\$120

HOOP DREAMS SUMMER CAMP
MON - THU, JUNE 22 - 25
K - 3: 9 - 10:30AM
4 - 7: 10:45AM - 12:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$150/\$200

DARREN CLAYTON BBALL CAMP
MON - THU, JULY 27 - 30
K - 3: 9 - 10:45AM
4 - 7: 11:15AM - 1PM
R/NR FEE: \$112/\$149

EXPLORE FIELD HOCKEY
(GR: K - 8)
SUNDAY, JUNE 7
2 - 3:30PM
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LEARN TO PLAY FIELD HOCKEY
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WED, JUN 24 - JUL 22
6 - 7PM
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FTS GOLF
WED., 6/3 - 7/1 OR 7/22 - 8/19
AGES: 6 - 8, 5:30 - 6:30PM
AGES: 9 - 11, 6:30 - 7:30PM
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AGES: 3 - 5: 5:30 - 6:30PM
AGES 6 - 8: 6:30 - 7:30PM
AGES 9 - 12: 7:30 - 8:30PM
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MON - FRI, JULY 13 - 17
10:15 - 11:15AM
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KIDDIE SPORTS (AGES: 4 - 6)
MON - FRI, JULY 13 - 17
11:30AM - 12:30PM
R/NR FEE: \$78/\$104

V-BALL SKILLS & SCRIMMAGES
THU, JUL 16 - AUG 6
AGES 7 - 9: 6 - 7PM
AGES 10 - 13: 7 - 8PM
R/NR FEE: \$64/\$85

SPECIAL EVENTS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26
6 - 8PM
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PLAY IN THE PARK DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 7
10AM - 12PM
FREE

MOVIES IN THE PARK
JULY 24 - JUMANJI
AUGUST 14 - CARS
SEPTEMBER 25 - GREASE
PRE MOVIE ENTERTAINMENT
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Lyon Area Rotary Club

Hard at work making a difference

Tis a busy time of year for the Lyon Area Rotary Club (LARC) as they prepare for their annual spring, summer and fall community events.

Sponsoring a team of four veteran golfers to play in the Operation Injured Soldiers (OIS) annual golf outing is one of their first orders of business at their April meeting, along with signing up the LARC members who will volunteer this year to help sell raffle tickets for this OIS fundraiser.

The LARC grant writing team is diligently preparing their applications to their Rotary District to help support their commitments to Active Faith Community Services, the Summer Lunch Program, the Blanket Outreach Project they do in collaboration with St. Joe's youth ministry students, and the most improved student scholarships they award annually within the South Lyon Community Schools.

Speaking of students, now is the time the LARC begins looking for students to volunteer alongside them in the upcoming months. These young people are key to the LARC impact, helping to provide support to charitable efforts and local service projects.

That's not all. It is also time for the Lyon Area Rotary Club members to sign up to help assemble thank you bags for South Lyon Community School teaching staff with the Families Building Faith (FBF) organization. LARC has been involved in building Easter baskets with FBF through the years and are now lending a hand to help let our local school staff know how much they are appreciated.

Fleece fabric has already been purchased to be made into blankets for those in need of comfort and warmth. The cotton candy machines are ready to whirl sugar delicacies at

the Lyon Events Organization (LEO) Kite Fest and for the local Music on the



Grand and Movies in the Park events. Bags are being decorated by LARC members to provide inspirational messages to accompany lunches that are delivered throughout the summer to children in our community.

And then there is the preparation needed for the Lyon Area Rotary Club's involvement in the annual South Lyon Pumpkinfest. At their Spin and Win game booth, everyone who plays is a winner! By choosing the LARC game not only does everyone win a prize, 100 percent of the money raised by the LARC game booth tickets will go back to the Lyon Area community!

The Rotary Club members have been gathering treasures all year long and want to give an enormous shout out to all the people who donated stuffed animals, toys and candy to help them assemble their wide variety of prize choices.

To provide valuable prizes for those who will spin the LARC wheel takes the efforts of many. The LARC intention is to create a game booth that is worth the tickets people have purchased to play and to be a charitable cause worth supporting!

The Lyon Area Rotary Club members put the effort in! The Lyon Area Rotary Club members hold their commitment to serve, to support, to collaborate with, and to contribute to our community as their top priority.

The Lyon Area Rotary Club members are hard at work to make a positive difference!



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Combating Food Insecurity

Blessings in a Backpack provides weekend meals to students in need

By Kelsi Klein

SINCE 2015, the Blessings in a Backpack program in South Lyon has met a critical need in the community by providing weekend meals for school-aged children who might otherwise go hungry.



Blessings in a Backpack was established to combat the food insecurity that millions of American children face on the weekends when they are not being fed at school. To ensure that kids don't go hungry over the weekend, the program provides students in need with bags of nutritious and satisfying food each Friday to take home with them.

Over 10 years ago, Kimberly Swegles and other South Lyon Community Schools mothers helped launch the self-funded volunteer-run program to provide for students in the district.

Today, there are about eight volunteers, primarily local moms, who lead the program, recruiting local community volunteers to help pack and transport the food each week.

"We reach out to our community and ask for support in that way and it's wonderful," Swegles said.

The South Lyon Blessings in a Backpack program operates in all 13 schools within the district, from the Early Childhood Center to both high schools, and currently serves about 500 students a week.

Each week, the program gets pallets of food delivered to Meijer, which are then transported, stored and packed into individual bags at one of the local elementary schools.

Logistically, transporting these large shipments has been a challenge for the small team of volunteers, but local businesses, such as Hines Park Ford, have been paramount in helping distribute food by the truckload.

Community involvement is an essential part of the success of Blessings in a Backpack, and Swegles explained that South Lyon community members help bridge the gap by both donating and physically volunteering.

For example, many local groups, from Girl Scout troops and high school sports teams to nonprofit organizations and companies, frequently assist Blessings in a Backpack with what are known as "packing parties."

"It's a really great way to get a team involved and it's rewarding because they're physically doing something to help those in their community," Swegles said, emphasizing the organization's "neighbors helping neighbors" philosophy.

She explained that 94 cents on every dollar goes directly to food for children in the community and everything collected stays in South Lyon.

Fundraising plays a central role in sustaining the program, and the organization hosts two major events each year that help bring in finances.

The spring golf outing is the largest fundraiser of the year and will be held on May 30 at 1 p.m. at South Lyon's Tanglewood Golf Course. The organization is looking for players, sponsors and donations to help.

Around Thanksgiving, the South Lyon Blessings in a Backpack hosts a "Huffin' for the Stuffin'" 5K Fun Run where all proceeds go directly to the program.

More than just a food program, Blessings in a Backpack is invested in South Lyon students.

To learn more or get involved, visit the Blessings in a Backpack-South Lyon Facebook page.



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- From May through October the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside|Out program will bring reproductions of world-famous artwork into Lyon Township's public spaces at various locations including parks, trails and gathering places around the community. For more information, go to www.dia.org/InsideOut.
- Music on the Grand will return this summer with free concerts on Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m., at Inspiration Park, 56730 Grand River Avenue. Concert dates are June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22, and Aug 5 and 19. Food will be available for purchase and guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. For more information, visit www.funonthegrand.com.



- Visit the South Lyon Farmers Market on Saturdays from May through October from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 110 W. Liberty Street in South Lyon and experience a wide variety of goods from local artisans, farmers, ranchers, bakers, chefs and artists. Learn more at www.downtownsouthlyon.com.

- The New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Avenue, will be offering a free community meal from 5:30-7 p.m. on May 21, June 18, July 16 and August 20. Take-home is available. For more information call (248) 437-6212.

JUNE

June 6-7

17th Annual Lyon Township International Kite Festival

Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 pm.,
Sunday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
James Atchison Memorial Park
58000 Grand River Avenue
All ages are welcome to attend the annual family-friendly festival. There will be free kites, kids kite decorating and flying, professional kite flyers, festival food, live entertainment and more. For more information, visit www.lyonevents.org.

June 24

Touch a Truck

11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Lowe's
30547 Lyon Center Drive
In its fourth year, this free, family-friendly event will have construction vehicles, firetrucks, lawnmowers and more for kids to see along with special activities and a free goodie bag for the first 300 kids. There will be a climbing wall, live DJ and food available for purchase. For more information, visit www.funonthegrand.com.

JULY

July 7

Play in the Park Day

10 a.m.-12 p.m.
McHattie Park
South Lafayette Street
Families can enjoy a day of fun at the park with bounce houses, yard games, temporary tattoos, crafts, music, popsicles and more. Learn more at www.slrec.net.

July 18

Lyon Township Public Library Grand Opening

1-4 p.m.
Lyon Township Public Library
Corner of 11 Mile and Milford roads
Explore the new space, enjoy fun activities like inflatables and crafts, delight in refreshments, and connect with our staff, board and awesome community. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

July 24

Movies in the Park

6:30 p.m.
McHattie Park
South Lafayette Street
Enjoy an outdoor screening of "Jumanji" in the park with pre-movie entertainment, including bounce houses, games, crafts and the Snowy Owl Shaved Ice truck. For more information, visit www.slrec.net.

July 27-31

Vacation Bible School

6-8 p.m.
New Hudson United Methodist Church
56730 Grand River Avenue
All children are invited for music, crafts and Bible stories during this week-long program. Friday is family fun night. Pre-registration is available at www.newhudsonumc.org.

AUGUST

August 14

Movies in the Park

6:30 p.m.
McHattie Park
South Lafayette Street
Enjoy an outdoor screening of "Cars" in the park with pre-movie entertainment, including bounce houses, games, crafts and the Snowy Owl Shaved Ice truck. For more information, visit www.slrec.net.

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