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# Cruz Clinic Now Offering Esketamine for Treatment-Resistant Depression

By Samuel Wedes, MD

**E**SKETAMINE, also known by its brand name, Spravato, is a relatively new antidepressant with a novel mechanism of action – it conveniently comes as a nasal spray.

It is FDA-approved for treatment-resistant depression and depression with suicidality, but it does not take the place of inpatient psychiatric hospitalization for people who are suicidal to the point of being a potential danger to themselves.

Treatment-resistant depression is quite common. Despite adequate trials of antidepressants and sometimes augmenting agents, people with treatment-resistant depression continue to struggle with symptoms of depression, including depressed mood, lack of interest or pleasure in activities that normally bring them joy, sleep and appetite disturbance, fatigue or lack of energy, difficulty concentrating or thinking clearly, a feeling of being abnormally slowed down or sped up, a sense of worthlessness or irrational guilt, and thoughts of death or suicide.

Esketamine has found a niche in the management of treatment-resistant depression, as well as depression with suicidality. Its effects tend to be rapid, sometimes within the first day of treatment. For others, it takes longer to see a response – up to four weeks or longer. It has been shown to be safe and efficacious.

Esketamine must be administered in a healthcare facility. All people receiving esketamine will have their blood pressure, pulse and oxygen saturation checked before treatment. These parameters will subsequently be checked periodically after treatment. All people are monitored by our treatment staff for at least two hours following the administration of the nasal spray in our comfortable esketamine suite.

Side effects from esketamine typically resolve within the two-hour monitoring window after receiving the nasal spray. Esketamine is known to cause sedation and dissociation, including feeling as if one is outside of themselves (depersonalization) or that one's surroundings are not real (derealization). Perceptual changes can occur. People may see shapes and colors that are not there. Increased blood pressure may occur. In rare cases, esketamine can cause respiratory depression, or decreased drive to breathe.

Esketamine also has the potential for misuse and abuse. Like all antidepressants, esketamine may increase the risk of suicidal thoughts and behaviors in young people. It is important to note that people receiving esketamine cannot drive or operate heavy machinery until the following day. They are welcome to have a friend or family member stay with them during treatment.

Esketamine is generally administered twice weekly for the first four weeks of treatment. This is considered the induction phase of treatment. After induction, people will enter the

maintenance phase, which generally requires once-weekly esketamine treatment for the first month, and then treatment weekly or every other week thereafter. While some people are able to stop esketamine treatment and maintain stability of their depression with oral agents and psychotherapy, others will require indefinite treatment with esketamine to maintain relief of their depressive symptoms.

If you or a loved one is suffering from treatment-resistant depression or depression with suicidality and is interested in esketamine treatment, please give the Cruz Clinic a call at (734) 462-3210 or visit us on the web at [www.cruzclinic.com](http://www.cruzclinic.com). You will speak with our intake department, who will set you up with an appointment with one of our esketamine prescribers to review your history, the risks and benefits of esketamine treatment, and what to expect during treatment. Once you meet with your prescriber, treatment can begin.

There is no need to suffer from treatment-resistant depression or depression with suicidality any longer.

*Dr. Wedes is a board-certified Psychiatrist who specializes in General Adult Psychiatry. Conditions he commonly sees include depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety, ADHD, and schizophrenia, among others. He strives to create a safe environment free from judgment. Dr. Wedes graduated from the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University and completed residency at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He has over 10 years of experience.*




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# From the SUPERVISOR

## Public Safety Begins with Open Hearts and Ears to Listen

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** is a uniquely diverse community. We are home to people of different faiths, backgrounds, political perspectives, generations, and life experiences. That diversity is one of our greatest strengths. It makes our township vibrant, thoughtful and resilient.

But diversity also requires intention. Communities do not remain connected simply because neighbors share geographic boundaries. They remain connected because they intentionally invest in dialogue, empathy and understanding.

The Temple Israel incident served as a painful reminder that safety is not only about responding to threats as they happen. It is about creating conditions that reduce the likelihood of harm in the first place.

Prevention begins with relationships. It begins when neighbors know one another, when community leaders communicate openly and when residents feel comfortable engaging across differences.

Disagreement itself is not a threat. In fact, healthy disagreement is a sign of an engaged and active community. The danger emerges when disagreement becomes isolation, suspicion or hostility. When people retreat into separate conversations and stop listening to those outside their own circles, misunderstandings grow. Fear replaces familiarity. Assumptions replace dialogue.

As a township, we cannot afford to let that happen.

That is why facilitating dialogue matters. These conversations are not always comfortable. They are not meant to erase disagreement or force consensus. Instead, they create space for understanding.

West Bloomfield has always been strongest when people come together. Our future safety depends on our police, fire and EMS investments, but also our investments between one another – trust, communication and understanding.

That work begins with open hearts and ears willing to listen.

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# 8 TIPS

## To Help Your Kids Become Rockin' Readers

By Emily Vickers, Early Childhood Specialist, West Bloomfield Library

**E**LEMENTARY reading scores are considered a marker of future academic success, but students across Michigan are struggling to read at grade level. If you are seeking ways to help your child improve across their reading skills, try these tips and learn more by registering to attend West Bloomfield Library's Rockin' Readers series.



**1. Model Reading**  
Kids notice what their parents do. Let them catch you reading for pleasure to show the importance of lifelong reading. Keep a variety of reading materials within easy reach.



**2. Keep Read-Aloud Time Flexible**  
Switch up your reading environment or reading buddy to keep it fun. Read outside, at the park or in the car. Encourage your child to practice reading aloud to a pet or critter to build confidence.

**3. Make Reading Social**  
Reading aloud together is a great chance to bond and develop comprehension and critical thinking skills. Pause to ask questions like, "How would you feel about that?" or "What would you change?"

**4. Create a Comfortable Space**  
Set up a cozy, well-lit area for reading, or read outdoors on a blanket. Environmental factors like lighting can influence how well children read.

**5. Let Them Choose What to Read**  
Graphic novels, playaways, how-to guides – it all counts as reading! Letting children pick out their own books increases their engagement and motivation to read.

**6. Follow Their Interests**  
Encourage your child to read a book about their passions such as dinosaurs, KPop Demon Hunters or Minecraft. Yes, that might mean you now know more about dinosaur anatomy than you ever expected, but that deep dive is part of what builds healthy, lasting reading habits.

**7. Read Everything (Not Just Books)**  
All reading counts! Read signs as you drive around the community. Read menus, recipes, instructions for a game, and more. Consistent, real-world reading practice can help prevent summer learning loss.

**8. Visit the Library Regularly**  
Regular access to fresh books keeps reading interesting, and the library has plenty for all ages and interests! Be sure to enroll your family in the Summer Reading Program to earn rewards for time spent reading from June 6 – August 7.

**Learn more tips and practice reading with special programs at the library this summer.**

- **Rockin' Readers** (grades K-5)

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reading skills in a  
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- **Read to a Dog** (grades K-5)

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# IT'S LAKE SEASON!

Let's all work together to be safe on the water this summer

**W**EST BLOOMFIELD is known for its beautiful lakes, and with boating season upon us, we thought it would be beneficial to reiterate the rules for using these bodies of water, helping to keep residents and visitors safe.

- All watercraft with a motor must be registered in the state of Michigan.
- Personal watercraft (PWC/jet skis): PWC operation is illegal from one hour before sunset until 8 a.m. local time. Anyone under the age of 14 is legally prohibited from operating a PWC, and operators 14 and older must carry a boating safety certificate.
- Department of Natural Resources boat access sites are open daily from 4 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Top speed on inland lakes is 55 mph and "No Wake Zones" are within 100 feet of the shore, dock, raft, buoyed swim area, or another watercraft.
- All vessels must be equipped with a personal flotation device (PFD/life jacket) for each person on board. Children under 6 years of age are legally required to wear a Type I or Type II PFD at all times in open deck areas
- Boating Under the Influence (BUI): Michigan applies the same 0.08 blood alcohol content (BAC) limit on the water as it does on public roads. Operating a boat or PWC while impaired by alcohol or drugs is illegal.

West Bloomfield Township lake safety is governed by a combination of state boating statutes, Oakland County rules and township ordinances. The lakes are patrolled by the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, and they handle any incidents that happen on the lakes.

The comprehensive resource for boating rules and regulations can be found at: <https://www.michigan.gov/dnr/things-to-do/boating/rules-and-regs>



# Did you Know?

## Jacob Matthew Jewelers is your one-stop shop for jewelry, repairs and more

### Lab-grown diamonds are becoming more popular each year

Lab-grown diamonds have increased in popularity in recent years for several reasons. They are physically identical to mined diamonds, but cost a fraction of the price.

Whether customers are saving money for a house or a wedding, lab-grown diamonds have given people the opportunity to still be able to purchase a beautiful piece of jewelry within their budget.



### Don't forget about Father's Day and graduation

Did you know there are incredibly affordable options when picking out a gift for these spring/summer occasions? "People often overlook jewelry as an affordable gifting option," said Owner Tammy Haggerty. "But Jacob Matthew Jewelers has something for every occasion."

### Jewelry is one of the most memorable gifts

Chances are, if you ask someone about a piece of jewelry they're wearing, they will remember exactly when, where and from whom they received it.

When it comes to gift giving, jewelry is one of the most sentimental and meaningful gifts.

"It's a nice sentiment for a child starting a new chapter in their life," Haggerty said. "They have a piece of home to wear as a reminder of from where they came."



Whether it's a promise ring they wear until they become engaged, a classic pair of diamond or pearl studs to a watch for daily wear, jewelry is the perfect gift for all of life's milestones.



### Your unwearable jewelry or family heirlooms can be repaired and restored like new

Many people inherit jewelry they simply don't wear because it has been well loved—maybe the gemstone is worn or clasp is broken. Did you know that Jacob Matthew Jewelers offers state-of-the-art repair and restoration services? If it's a style you don't like, they can also redesign the piece into something more your taste.

Through jewelry restoration and regular maintenance, your meaningful jewelry will remain beautiful and wearable for future generations.

Their jewelry repair services encompass everything from repairing chains, tightening gemstones and rebuilding worn jewelry to professional cleaning and polishing.

The full-time, in-house jewelers take time to care for each piece and provide the highest quality service that will last for years to come.

### It's better to shop with an independent jeweler

While it's convenient to order jewelry online or from a chain store, you completely bypass the personalized approach and wealth of knowledge local jewelers have gained.

"We want to make you happy," Haggerty said. "We see you around town, live in your community and can talk to you and help you select the best piece of jewelry for you and your lifestyle. We'd love the opportunity to give you a free consultation for any of your jewelry needs."



Jacob Matthew Jewelers is located at 6673 N. Canton Center Road in Canton.  
For more information, visit [www.jacobmatthewjewelers.com](http://www.jacobmatthewjewelers.com) or call 734-207-1906.

## Election Information Every Voter Should Know

By Debbie Binder, West Bloomfield Township Clerk

**E**LECTION season is upon us, and I would like to remind residents of important voting information:

### 2026 Election Dates:

- **State Primary (Gubernatorial):** August 4, 2026
- **State General (Gubernatorial):** November 3, 2026

In accordance with a change of Michigan statute in 2022, West Bloomfield has consolidated from 26 to 20 precincts. The increase in participation in Early and Absentee Voting prompted the legislature to increase the number of registered voters allowed per precinct.

All West Bloomfield voters should have received a new voter ID card with their updated polling location. Your location may be the same but your precinct number likely will be different. You can always confirm your polling location at [Michigan.gov/vote](https://Michigan.gov/vote), or use the QR code here.



**Due to construction at Temple Israel and Doherty Elementary School, voters will have a temporary change of polling location and are advised to confirm prior to both elections.** Notice (a Voter ID card) will be sent to all affected voters. At this time, voters in precincts 11 and 17, who vote at Temple Israel, will temporarily relocate to B'nai Moshe at 6800 Drake Road., West Bloomfield, MI, 48322. Voters in precincts 16 and 19, who vote at Doherty Elementary, will temporarily relocate to West Bloomfield Middle School at 6000 Orchard Lake Road., West Bloomfield, MI, 48322.

### There are three (3) options to vote in Michigan:

- **Absentee Ballot:** Absentee ballots will be mailed to individual voters who have requested to receive one, and will also be available with a signed application at the Clerk's Office 40 days prior to Election Day. While they may also be requested online or by mail, there are specific deadlines. Please call the Clerk's Office at (248) 451-4848 with any questions. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Day for tabulation, with exemptions for military and overseas voters as

outlined by statute. We have dropboxes located throughout the township: one on each side of town hall, one at WB Parks Connect (33230 W. 14 Mile Road, corner of 14 Mile and Farmington) and one at the West Bloomfield School



District's ACS building at 5810 Commerce Road (corner of Commerce and Hiller Road). **YOU MAY TABULATE YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT AT YOUR EARLY VOTING CENTER OR YOUR VOTING PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY.** This will streamline the process as the workers will need to call the Clerk's Office to reject every absentee ballot already issued.

- **Early (In-Person) Voting:** You may cast your ballot in the Early Voting Center at the West Bloomfield Public Library, Main Branch, at 4600 Walnut Lake Road, beginning the second Saturday prior to Election Day through the Sunday prior to Election Day. The Early Voting Center is similar to a precinct on Election Day, and is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except Thursday when the hours are 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Election Day:** Cast your ballot in person, at your polling location.

We are always accepting applications for election inspectors. Working an election provides a wonderful opportunity to understand the process and engage in civic duty. We also like to encourage our younger community members to get involved. It is an important opportunity and a tremendous resumé and college app experience. Election inspectors may be 16 years old or older. Workers over 18 years of age must be a registered voter in the state of Michigan, but do not need to be a West Bloomfield resident.

Call (248) 451-4848 for more details or to request an application. The application may also be found at the township website on the Clerk's page.



## *A New Way to Pay*

### West Bloomfield Township introduces BS&A Online payments

By Teri Weingarden, West Bloomfield Township Treasurer

**B**EGINNING June 1, 2026, West Bloomfield Township residents now have a new, more convenient way to make payments to the township. Through our new partnership with BS&A Online, residents are now able to securely pay property taxes and other eligible township-related payments online, from anywhere, at any time.

As treasurer, my office is always looking for ways to improve customer service while making township operations more efficient and accessible. We understand that residents lead busy lives, and the ability to conduct business online is no longer simply a convenience – it is an expectation. Introducing BS&A Online is part of our continued commitment to modernize services, increase flexibility and provide residents with tools that make interacting with township government easier.

For many years, residents have relied on traditional payment methods, including mailing checks, paying in person at township hall or using drop boxes. Those options remain available. However, BS&A Online creates an additional pathway that allows residents to manage payments quickly and securely using a computer, tablet or smartphone.

The online platform is designed to be simple and user-friendly. Residents can now access their account information, review balances and make payments through a secure online portal. Whether you are paying from home, while traveling or outside of normal business hours, the system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

BS&A Online is a new partner, and residents with autopay need to create a new account, even if they previously had one.

Beyond convenience, online payments also offer residents added peace of mind. Payments are



processed electronically, helping reduce mailing delays and ensuring faster

confirmation of transactions. Residents also have access to digital receipts and payment records, making it easier to maintain documentation for personal financial records.

If you choose the eCheck option, West Bloomfield Township will pay all processing fees, while credit card payments will incur an additional convenience fee.

This transition reflects a broader effort to improve how township government serves the community. Across local government, municipalities are adopting digital tools that improve transparency, responsiveness and efficiency. West Bloomfield Township is committed to staying ahead of these expectations while maintaining the personal service residents value.

We encourage residents to explore this new service. While traditional payment methods remain in place, online payments offer a fast, secure and convenient option that reflects the way people prefer to manage their finances today.

At the Treasurer's Office, our mission is to provide reliable service, protect public resources and make financial interactions with the township as straightforward as possible. We believe this new payment option is another important step toward a more accessible and resident-focused government.



# CALLING ALL TRAILBLAZERS!

## WB Parks launches Trail Ambassador Program

By Abby Burgess, Community Engagement Coordinator for West Bloomfield Parks

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** is home to a variety of exciting and scenic trails, including the West Bloomfield Trail, which is a six-point-eight-mile portion of the Great Lake-to-Lake Trail system. In an effort to maximize the trail-going experience for all, West Bloomfield Parks has launched a new Trail Ambassador Program.

A collaboration between WB Parks and the West Bloomfield Police Department, the Trail Ambassador Program aims to give volunteers the chance to meet other trail-goers, enjoy West Bloomfield's beautiful green space and more – all while making a difference in our community.

The Trail Ambassador Program has established a team of trained volunteers to serve as friendly, visible representatives on West Bloomfield's walking and biking trail network. The goal is to promote safe, courteous trail use, gather feedback on the trail's conditions and support a positive experience for all users.



Trail Ambassador Training was held at the Police Department.

the Trail Ambassador Program to launch in West Bloomfield because it gives volunteers a simple, hands-on way to make a visible impact, whether that's helping trail users, sharing information, or just being a friendly, trusted presence out on the path."

WB Parks is thrilled to have the opportunity to connect with community members who are passionate about our incredible trail network, and to partner with the West Bloomfield Police Department to continue to offer safe and accessible outdoor recreation!

Interested in becoming a trail ambassador? Join the team today! All trail ambassadors must be 18 years or older. To complete the interest survey or to learn more, visit [wbparks.org/west-bloomfield-trail](http://wbparks.org/west-bloomfield-trail) or scan the QR code here.



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**A:** As you have found, few professionals really understand all the options that are available to help people with vision loss. Fortunately, there are "low vision specialists," who have access to a wealth of devices that have been designed specifically for someone like yourself.

As a low vision specialist, I believe that partially sighted patients must be made aware of all their low vision treatment options and that partially sighted patients can be at risk of becoming anxious/depressed when they are not presented with solutions that work.

There are many options available for you! As a low vision specialist, I am skilled in guiding low vision patients along this path to function independently whenever possible.

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# Someday Starts Today For Joel Lewis II

## OCC is the smart first step in becoming a teacher

**I**T'S almost as if Joel Lewis II was destined to end up at OCC, and not just because he hails from the southwest Detroit area. Joel's greatest fan, and mentor — his mom — set the example by earning her associate degree at OCC, as did his sister.

Joel took his family's guidance to heart, but his career choice was still in question. A small part of him still wanted to turn his love of English and writing into a career as an advertising copywriter.

That is, until he had a life-altering conversation with an academic advisor at Wayne State University.

"She sized me up pretty quickly and recommended I check into OCC to begin my undergrad course work. She explained how OCC has a very straight-forward and student-friendly approach to financial aid, scholarships and transfers to other institutions. The Michigan Transfer Agreement facilitates the transfer of credits from OCC to schools like MSU, Oakland University, University of Michigan, or

in my case Wayne State."

Joel took the sage advice from mom and enrolled at OCC. It wasn't long before he settled into student life.

"Having the flexibility to take online and in-person classes really fits my situation. I'm able to balance substitute teaching, coaching Special Olympics basketball and taking classes at OCC without the specter of life crushing student loan debt hanging over my head."

Another aspect of the OCC experience Joel really appreciates is the deeper connection he enjoys with his instructors, and with the course material.

"The smaller, more intimate class sizes at OCC allows instructors to make the class material relevant to each student's individual journey.

And no one personified this approach more than my Fundamentals of Speech instructor,

Dempsey Harrison III, who really takes the time to make the course material personally relevant to each student and their respective situation."

Joel is well on his way to achieving his ultimate goal of becoming a middle school English teacher, a role he believes will give him the opportunity to help shape young minds and serve as a role model for children, particularly those of color.

"Seeing an educated black man at the head of the classroom at such a young and impressionable age can have a profound impact on how kids see themselves and the opportunities available to

them. It wasn't long into my OCC experience that I felt I was locked into exactly what I'm supposed to be doing...which is to help these impressionable, young kids try to reach a level they don't even know is possible yet."

Joel Lewis II is on schedule to complete his course work and transfer by the fall of '24, and thanks to OCC and all of his hard work and dedication, his "Someday" is fast approaching.



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On **August 4, 2026**, voters in Oakland County will consider a **Regional Enhancement Millage** to bolster all public school districts and eligible public school academies across the county.

### What Is a Regional Enhancement Millage?

A Regional Enhancement Millage is a voter-approved property tax that allows school districts to generate additional funding beyond what is provided by the State of Michigan under Proposal A (1994).

#### Key details:

- **Election Date:** August 4, 2026
- **Rate:** 1.5 mills
- **Term:** Six (6) years
- **Estimated Funding Impact:**
  - Approximately **\$781 per pupil annually**
  - Approximately **\$4,686 per pupil over six years**
- **Funds Available:** Beginning December 2026 (if approved)

**Important:** If passed, **Oakland Schools does not receive additional funding** – all funds go directly to local school districts.

**It is the only mechanism districts can use to increase per-pupil funding.**

### Why Is This Being Considered?

School districts across Oakland County are facing increasing financial pressures:

- Costs are rising faster than state funding due to inflation
- Limited options exist to generate additional revenue
- Bond and sinking fund dollars are restricted to specific uses

At the same time, districts are managing:

- Teacher staffing and retention challenges
- Increased student academic, social-emotional and medical needs
- Rising costs for services and supplies
- Substitute teacher shortages

**Forty-four percent of students in Michigan already receive enhancement millage funding.**



If approved, funds would be distributed to districts based on student enrollment. The West Bloomfield School District would focus on:

- Recruiting and retaining high-quality staff
- Maintaining appropriate staff-to-student ratios
- Maintaining and strengthening educational programs

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR - PLEASE VOTE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 4, 2026

- Oakland Schools Board of Education vote, March 24
- Absentee Ballots ready, June 25
- Last day to register to vote, August 4
- Last day to pick up an Absentee Ballot, August 4
- Election Day, August 4

We appreciate the engagement of our families and community members and invite you to reach out with any questions or for more information by emailing [dana.bazzi@wbsd.org](mailto:dana.bazzi@wbsd.org).

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Dania H. Bazzi, PhD  
Superintendent

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July 28: Community Movie Night  
August 31: First Full Day of School  
September 4-7: No School, Labor Day

September 18: Family Fun Night at WBHS  
November 3: Heroes Appreciation Breakfast  
Calendar at [www.wbsd.org](http://www.wbsd.org)

# » News & Notes from the District

## WBSD LAUNCHING ADVANCED PATHWAYS PROGRAM TO FURTHER POSITION STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS

West Bloomfield Middle School is proud to launch Advanced Pathways as a pilot program for the 2026-2027 school year. This new academic opportunity is designed to challenge students who are ready for accelerated learning while expanding opportunities at the middle school level.

The three-year cohort model begins in grades six, seven or eight, and offers an advanced course sequence in English language arts, social studies and science, paired with intentional student support through advisory and a connected cohort experience.

**The purpose of Advanced Pathways is simple:** meet students where they are, stretch their potential and create stronger pathways into the exceptional opportunities available at West Bloomfield High School. By engaging in rigorous coursework earlier, students may position themselves for earlier access to honors and advanced placement (AP) coursework in high school, opening

doors to deeper learning experiences across subjects such as English, social studies, science, math, and more.

West Bloomfield High School currently offers 27 AP courses, providing students with a wide range of college-level opportunities.

At the same time, we know every student's journey is different. Advanced Pathways is one of many ways students can thrive in West Bloomfield schools. Students not in the program continue to have access to outstanding teachers, strong coursework, extracurricular opportunities, and multiple advanced options throughout middle school and high school.

This pilot reflects our commitment to ensuring every learner has access to the right level of challenge, support

and opportunity. **At West Bloomfield, we remain focused on helping all students grow, discover their strengths and prepare for life ahead.**



## WEST BLOOMFIELD OPTIMIST CLUB BE LIKE BOB SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST AWARD CEREMONY

Thank you to the Optimist Club of West Bloomfield for investing in our students' future and supporting their next chapter! Congratulations to the three recipients of the "Be Like Bob Scholarship" from West Bloomfield High School!

Gabrielle Jerome, \$1,500 scholarship  
Areeba Aalam, \$1,000 scholarship  
Kamari Pittman, \$500 scholarship



West Bloomfield High School students showcased their talent and dedication at the **Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)** State Leadership Conference. More than 45 students participated in this year's competitive events, demonstrating their knowledge and skills across a variety of health science disciplines. Several students earned recognition as state finalists, with a special congratulations to Gabby Jerome for capturing a first-place finish.

These accomplishments reflect the hard work of our students and the continued support and guidance of our dedicated health science teachers. Go Lakers!



**West Bloomfield Middle School's** young musicians delivered outstanding performances at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Band & Orchestra Festival held at Bloomfield Hills High School.

Under the direction of Ms. Cole and Ms. Kang, both the Middle School Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra performed three prepared selections and successfully completed the festival's challenging sight-reading component, which requires students to perform brand-new music after only a few minutes of preparation.

Both ensembles earned First Division "Superior" ratings, the highest distinction awarded at the festival. This remarkable achievement reflects the students' dedication, preparation and teamwork, as well as their commitment to musical excellence.

Congratulations to all our talented student musicians on an exceptional performance!



Recognizing outstanding leadership, academic excellence and dedication to career and technical education, several students were honored with a prestigious **Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA)** distinction this year. This award celebrates DECA members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to developing leadership skills, serving their communities and maintaining strong academic achievement throughout their high school careers. Their accomplishments reflect the hard work, determination and professionalism that define future business leaders.

Congratulations to Krzysztof Balajewicz, Marelly Barba, Liam Berri, Matilda Edvardsson, Nicholas Falkowski, Luca Gioia, Hannah Grubbs, Neel Kamath, Arnav Kamath, Emilio Kamoo, Maya Klepaski, Amarina Kriko, Bella Kuzminsky, Daniel Owens, Daniel Prifti and Sophia Zholob.

# » News & Notes from the District



**West Bloomfield High School Fire Club** wrapped up another successful year, giving students hands-on experience and an inside look at what it takes to become a firefighter.

Throughout the program, students trained in key areas including emergency medical services, ladder operations, rescue techniques, and other critical aspects of being a first responder.

This unique partnership provides valuable real-world learning opportunities while helping students explore careers in public safety. A special thank you to the **West Bloomfield Fire Department** for their continued collaboration and commitment to making this impactful program possible.



**West Bloomfield Township Public Library** brings magical authors to WBSD students. This year they sponsored the visit of author Kelly DiPucchio. The library also supplied all of our Pine Tree program books and runs an amazing summer reading program.

## WBHS STUDENTS EXPLORE MEDICAL CAREERS

WBSD's Medical Mentorship students thank the Henry Ford Hospital West Bloomfield medical professionals they shadowed. There were 10 field trip opportunities, in addition to HIPAA and bloodborne pathogen training.

A WBSD 1991 alum, Regional Chief Medical Officer Manu Malhotra, addressed the students and thanked them for



the energy they bring to the hospital. Dr. Wilfred Allen described how important the program is in providing students an opportunity to explore various medical fields and professions, and shared WB has one of the best programs he's ever seen.

Thank you to Liza Zanotti, Kelli Danton, Mark Smith, and Eric Pace for connecting our students to these real-world experiences.



Capturing Kids' Hearts recognition reflects the intentional work, commitment and care team WB brings every single day!

Congratulations to 2025-2026 Capturing Kids' Hearts National Showcase Schools® Award recipients: Doherty Elementary, Gretchko Elementary, Scotch Elementary, Sheiko Elementary, and West Bloomfield Transition Center.



# WBHS ALUM SPOTLIGHT ON Lauren Sallen Class of 2013

LOOKING BACK ON YOUR TIME AT WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL, WHAT EXPERIENCES OR MEMORIES STAND OUT TO YOU THE MOST?

At the risk of sounding cliché, the single memory that stands out the most was when I met my best friend, Sara Colville, during Mr. Latra's ninth grade health class. Seventeen years later and we are still best friends.

Some other impactful memories were when I made the MIFA ensemble as a sophomore, when I was accepted to Michigan State University and of course when I walked at graduation!

WAS THERE A TEACHER, CLASS, AND/OR SUBJECT THAT HAD A LASTING IMPACT ON YOU, AND WHY?

I have two teachers who made a huge impact on me. I took English with Mr. Toy and also worked as his independent study my senior year. Besides being an amazing teacher and role model, Mr. Toy really taught me the importance of reading for pleasure. He was always recommending interesting and unique reads – my senior year I was particularly interested in Japanese literature and he started me on my journey with several memorable and profound novels. Since then, I read all the time and try to always explore different genres and subject matter thanks in part to Mr. Toy.

Secondly but equally impactful was Señora Bye. She unlocked a love for language I didn't know I had. I ended up minoring in Spanish in college because I fell in love with Spanish – gracias a Señora Bye. She was also a tremendous female role model to have at WBHS. Señora Bye was so approachable and funny, but she was also incredibly dedicated to her students and hardworking. I remember wanting to be just like her, and I still do!

WHAT LESSONS OR SKILLS DID WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL HELP YOU DEVELOP THAT YOU STILL USE TODAY?

West Bloomfield is a very unique and special community because of how diverse we are. When I got to university, I was shocked at how sheltered my peers were and how little they knew about other cultures/ethnicities/religions. So a huge lesson that West Bloomfield taught me is embracing diversity!

It's so important in the "real world" to be able to interact and embrace people from all different backgrounds and that was something that I'm grateful was ingrained in me throughout my time at WBHS.

HOW HAS YOUR APPRECIATION FOR WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL CHANGED OR GROWN SINCE GRADUATING?

There's definite truth to the adage "absence makes the heart grow fonder". I remember chomping at the bit to graduate so I could experience a change of scenery. Now that I'm in my 30s with young children, who will in a few short years be in public school, I look back fondly on my time at West Bloomfield.

IN WHAT WAYS DID BEING A LAKER HELP SHAPE WHO YOU ARE PERSONALLY OR PROFESSIONALLY?

Being a Laker gave me the freedom to embrace my interests. High school is such a formative time, and I left WBHS having a stronger sense of my personal identity. I certainly still had a lot to learn after high school, but going to a high school that encouraged individuality gave me confidence to continue on my personal and professional journey. Now, I work as the CEO of a marketing company. The choices I made since leaving WBHS led me to a thriving career and a fulfilling personal life.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO CURRENT WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS?

I would advise the graduating seniors to embrace all of the opportunities that lie ahead of them. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone when it comes to your studies or profession.

I would also suggest that you don't compare yourself to your peers. There are so many paths to take after graduation – different colleges to go to, different jobs to take, different communities to become involved in. No single path is the "right one".

# Congrats!

## 2025-2026 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR



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**West Bloomfield Middle School**  
Lindsay Belli



**West Bloomfield High School**  
Lorig Bishop



**Adult/Alternative Education**  
Julie Potocsky



**Oakland Early College**  
Lindsay Krauser



**WB Transition Center**  
Laura Hennicken



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**West Bloomfield Preschool Academy**  
Julius (Jewel) Edwards



**Elementary Schools**  
Doherty-Naomi Schwartz, Gretchko-Randi Fogel, Scotch-Amy Harris, Sheiko-Amy Myers



**West Bloomfield Middle School**  
Antoinette Morton



**West Bloomfield High School**  
Peggy Houle



**Oakland Early College**  
Heather Kremer



**ECSE**  
Joy Ochens

# Thank You, RETIREES!

**We appreciate all the years of service these dedicated educators gave to WBSD and its students.**

**We will miss them, and we wish them the best for whatever comes next!**

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Elise Arnoldi - Gretchko 32 years	Joy Oetjens - ACS 25 years
Tricia Bairski - Sheiko 25 years	Leroy Phillips - WBHS 4 years
Michael Bauer - WBHS 4.25 years	Eric Pierce - WBHS 25 years
Ajay Bedi - WBHS 30 years	Christine Preston - WBTC 23.5 years
Michelle Berman - Sheiko 29.5 years	Marilyn Schafer - Sheiko 7.5 years
Michelle Campbell - OEC 25 years	Joanne Scheloske - WBMS 30 years
Jennifer Birmelin- WBMS 24 years	James Scrivo - Scotch 25 years
Lisa Coddington - WBHS 26 years	Theodore Stinson - Operations 32 years
Esther Davidson - ACS 22 years	Kristin Strutton - Sheiko 31.5 years
Rejean DeGrendel - Scotch 25 years	Eric Whitney - ACS 8 years
Mario Inchaustegui - WBMS 27 years	Laura Wowk - WBHS 28 years
Katherine Law - ACS 25 years	

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# Beyond Straight Teeth

The doctors at Nakisher Orthodontics say the real health benefits go much deeper than aesthetics

**W**HEN most people think about orthodontic treatment, they picture the end result: a straighter, more confident smile. And while that's certainly a wonderful outcome, it's only part of the story. According to the team at Nakisher Orthodontics – serving children, teens and adults across Farmington Hills and Commerce Township – properly aligned teeth deliver a range of meaningful health benefits that patients often don't expect going in.



## Better oral hygiene — and less decay

Crowded or overlapping teeth create tight spaces where toothbrushes and floss simply can't reach. Plaque builds up in those hidden areas, raising the risk of cavities and gum disease over time. Drs. Nakisher, Herman, and Rizk often remind patients that straighter teeth aren't just prettier – they're genuinely easier to keep clean and healthy for a lifetime.

## Protecting your jaw and reducing pain

A misaligned bite – what orthodontists call a malocclusion – puts uneven pressure on the jaw joints and surrounding muscles. Over the years, this can contribute to chronic headaches, facial pain and temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders. Correcting the bite distributes that force more evenly, often relieving discomfort that patients had simply learned to live with.

**“ We recommend that children have their first orthodontic evaluation by age 7 – well before any problems become difficult to treat. Early assessment almost always means better outcomes. ”**

## Chewing, digestion and everyday comfort

Teeth that don't meet properly can make chewing inefficient or even uncomfortable. When food isn't broken down well before swallowing, it places extra strain on the digestive system. A properly aligned bite allows you to chew more thoroughly – a small change with a surprisingly positive impact on everyday digestive health and comfort at mealtimes.

## Clearer speech

The position of your teeth directly affects how certain sounds are formed. Gaps, protrusions or crossbites can contribute to lisps and other speech difficulties. Orthodontic correction often helps patients – particularly children during key developmental stages – articulate more clearly and communicate with greater ease and confidence.

## Treatment for every stage of life

At Nakisher Orthodontics, treatment isn't one-size-fits-all. The practice welcomes patients at every stage of life – from young children getting their first evaluation, to teenagers navigating school with braces or clear aligners, to adults who are finally addressing issues they've had for years.

Modern orthodontic options make treatment more comfortable and discreet than ever before, and the health benefits are just as real at 45 as they are at 10.

If you've been putting off a consultation – for yourself or your child – consider that the benefits of orthodontic

treatment extend well beyond how a smile looks in a photograph. Properly aligned teeth support better hygiene, more comfortable daily function and long-term joint health. That's a sound investment at any age.

We welcome you to visit one of our convenient locations for a complimentary consultation. Call (248) 855-4142 to schedule at our Farmington Hills office or (248) 363-2011 for Commerce. For more information about Nakisher Orthodontics go to [www.nakisherorthodontics.com](http://www.nakisherorthodontics.com).

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# Helping Your Teen Navigate Friendships

By Tracy Willis

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





## Drawn into Wonder

From children's books to perfumery, this creative follows inspiration everywhere

By Ryan M. Place

**C**REATIVE and endlessly curious, Caroline Kerfoot has built a life fusing art, storytelling and the natural world.

A West Bloomfield resident since 2017, Kerfoot is an author, illustrator, designer, and novice perfumer, whose journey has taken her from Grosse Pointe Farms to New York, London, Austria, Portugal, and beyond.

"I've always pursued creative sparks," Kerfoot said. "As an artist, I believe it's important to try new things and have as many experiences as you can manage."

Kerfoot grew up in Grosse Pointe Farms and graduated from Grosse Pointe South High School. A standout student and competitive all-state tennis player, she graduated early and spent what would've been her senior year studying at Detroit's College for Creative Studies before earning her BFA in graphic design from Maryland Institute College of Art.

"During college, I was lucky enough to study for a semester in London at Central Saint Martins," she said. "It was a huge honor, as it's perennially ranked top in the world."

After returning to work at a small Michigan ad agency, she soon found a job in New York City.

"I lived in Hoboken and commuted to Manhattan," she said. "Later, I moved to Salzburg, Austria, designing surface graphics for KTM Motorcycles through KISKA Design



Studio. Currently, a lot of my clients are focused on décor and educational products for elementary-aged children."

Kerfoot's most personal project emerged in 2021. While walking her rescue dog Foxy in West Bloomfield, the pair encountered a turtle that immediately retreated into its shell.

"I was struck by the way these two little characters were interacting," she said. "A few days later, my first book, 'Hi, I'm Foxy!' poured out of me in rhyme."

That moment inspired her children's book series, "Adventures of Foxy", which she both writes and illustrates. The books, aimed at children ages 0-8, feature Foxy and encourage curiosity, kindness and exploration.

"The books help kids learn the importance of friendship and emotional growth," she said. "And I'm proud to say that all the books are printed here in Michigan."

Now working on her fourth book, an illustrated early chapter book series expected in summer 2026, Kerfoot also visits schools and participates in after-school programs, and she is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI).

"My other passions include horseback riding, gardening, reading, and natural perfumery," she said. "I became sensitive to synthetic fragrances because they triggered migraines. Natural perfumery became another form of art for me. I've enjoyed learning traditional methods inspired by 19th-century practices and look forward to debuting my blends this year under the guise of The Whisperer Perfumery."

Nearly a decade ago, Kerfoot and her husband John fell in love with West Bloomfield's Walnut Lake area.

"We love it here," she said. "The lakes, the woods, the nature preserves, and especially our neighbors. It's such a gem."

Among her favorite local spots are Redcoat Tavern, Mex on Telegraph, and Crispelli's Bakery & Pizzeria.

Kerfoot also enjoys traveling, especially to the greenery of Ireland, where she's spent time in Dublin and Donegal, exploring her Irish and Scottish roots.

"It's inspiring to experience places with so much history and beauty," she said. "Somehow, that inspiration always finds its way back into my work."





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# DECODING EGGS

## What are you really getting?

By Lisa Howard

**E**GGs can seem mysterious. Fortunately, with a little know-how, it's (mostly) easy to figure out what kind of eggs would suit your needs.

Eggs are particularly lovely combined with spring ingredients like mushrooms, alliums and fresh herbs, and they can be prepared in a variety of ways: baked into quiches (or mini quiches), sautéed into frittatas, hard-boiled, poached, made into omelets or scrambled. (If necessary, a tattered omelet can easily become a tidy scramble.)

As a complete protein, eggs are ideal for light-but-hearty meals as well as non-starchy desserts like custards and mousses. You can even make your own top-notch mayo using hard-boiled yolks and extra-virgin olive oil!

Eggshell colors can be shades of white, brown and blue. Different breeds lay different-colored eggs, making this factor kind of like human hair colors. While you might prefer blue eggshells (or hair), the color doesn't impact the quality or flavor of the egg.

Egg size can matter when you're cooking from recipes since most recipes are based on large eggs. If you opt for jumbo or peewee or any size other than large, your results might not match what the recipe stipulates. But you might want to use nonlarge eggs for other uses, like adorably small, hard-boiled eggs. (Quail eggs are even smaller.)

Egg grades are AA, A and B. Grade A is what's mostly sold in stores. According to CertifiedHumane.org, AA eggs have "thick, firm whites and high, round yolks and strong shells," while Grade A eggs have "reasonably firm" whites. Grade B eggs have "thin whites and wider yolks" and their shells may be stained. (You won't see those in stores.)

The pack date is the day the eggs were washed, graded and placed in the carton. This date is expressed using the three-digit Julian calendar, where January 1st is 001 and December 31st is 365. (So February 1st is 032.)

Free-range eggs are from hens allowed access to the outside. Technically, this "access" can be a tiny window high up in the wall or a tiny hatch leading to a paved parking lot. It can also be full outdoor access, making this label not as useful as you might think.

Pasture-raised eggs come from hens that probably are truly outside, roaming and foraging. But because the USDA doesn't

have requirements for this label, shoppers need to look for an animal welfare certification such as Certified Humane Raised and Handled or Animal Welfare Approved.

Organic eggs come from hens that are, according to the USDA, "free to roam in their houses and have access to the outdoors. The hens are fed an organic diet of feed produced without conventional pesticides or fertilizers." Again, though, "free-range" is a rather imprecise term.

Cage-free eggs are from hens that aren't kept in individual tiny pens. However, this has nothing to do with outdoor access or how much space hens actually have.

Vegetarian-fed eggs are from hens who are only fed vegetarian fare. But! As the saying goes, "The early bird gets the worm." Chickens are omnivores, not herbivores. If a hen is allowed to go outside, she will not be a vegetarian.

Hormone-free is meaningless since U.S. federal law requires that hens be raised without supplemental hormones.

Natural, farm-fresh, and all-natural mean essentially nothing. Per the USDA, "All raw single-ingredient meat and poultry qualify as 'natural.'"

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





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# Staying Safe During Heat Emergencies

## A message from the West Bloomfield Fire Department

**E**ACH summer, the West Bloomfield Fire Department responds to calls involving dehydration, heat exhaustion and life-threatening heat stroke. Many of these emergencies can be prevented with simple precautions. Our goal is to help residents stay safe, recognize warning signs and know when to act.

### Recognizing Heat-Related Illness

Whether relaxing on the patio or working in the yard, it's important to listen to your body if you plan to be outside.

The first sign of trouble are **heat cramps**. Accompanied by heavy sweating, these painful muscle cramps or spasms are a sign that a person is dehydrated and overheated. Move them to a cooler location and have them drink some water, clear juice or a sports beverage.

A later sign of trouble is **heat exhaustion**. This condition is marked by heavy sweating and fatigue with a headache or dizziness. Vomiting can lead to further dehydration. At this point, it is important to cool down and hydrate soon. Get these folks to an air-conditioned environment

and have them lie down. If available, they can take a cool shower or bath or place cool, wet washcloths over their skin. Have them sip cold, non-alcoholic beverages and call 911 if symptoms last longer than one hour.

Finally, **heat stroke** is a potentially deadly condition if left untreated. In this stage, the body has lost any ability to manage heat exposure. These patients may no longer have the ability to sweat due to profound dehydration, and their increasing body temperature can lead extreme headaches, confusion and unconsciousness. This is a critical emergency and 911 should be contacted immediately. While waiting for EMS to respond, cool these patients by any means available. This could be by putting ice packs in their armpits and groin, helping them into a cold tub or even spraying them with a cold water from a hose. If these patients are unconscious, place them on their side to keep them from choking if they vomit.



### Who Is Most at Risk in Our Community

While all of us are at risk of heat-related illness, certain members of our community are more vulnerable. As we age, our bodies lose the ability to regulate temperature as effectively as they used to. In addition, infants and young children haven't yet developed these same regulatory abilities.

Some chronic medical conditions and prescribed medications can also interfere with temperature regulation. Older adults, especially those living alone, may progress quickly through the stages of heat-related illness. Checking on neighbors during heat waves is one of the simplest and most important things you can do.



### Beware of Leaving People/Pets in Hot Cars!

This shouldn't have to be explained, but children and pets that are left in a vehicle are at extreme risk of heat emergencies. On a 90-degree day, temperatures inside a vehicle will climb to 110 degrees in a matter of minutes. Even at 70 degrees, our cars will climb to 105 degrees

before we know it. *Cracked windows do not prevent this dangerous buildup of heat. If you see a child or pet left in a vehicle, call 911 immediately.*

### Stay Cool: Local Resources Available

West Bloomfield is known for our lakes, parks, nature trails, and golf courses. During extreme heat, we encourage residents to take advantage of our cooler amenities:

- The West Bloomfield Public Library offers a safe, air-conditioned environment and is a great place for families, students and seniors to spend time indoors.
- West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation offers a wide variety of indoor programming at the Connect Senior Center. If the weather is too beautiful to resist, consider visiting Lily Pad Springs for some splash pad fun before heading somewhere cool to rest and relax.

# Awareness, Responsible Choices

## When it comes to e-bikes, we all need to work together to keep kids safe

By Dale Young, West Bloomfield Police Chief



**A**s warmer weather returns, more families are spending time outdoors, making neighborhoods busier and increasing activity on our roads, sidewalks and parks. While this seasonal change offers many opportunities for outdoor fun, it also calls for renewed attention to safety.

One growing area of concern in communities nationwide is the use of electric bicycles, commonly known as e-bikes, especially among young riders.

E-bikes offer an enjoyable way to travel, exercise and spend time with friends. They enable riders to cover greater distances at higher speeds than traditional bicycles. However, these benefits come with increased responsibility.

Parents and guardians play a critical role in this effort. Before purchasing or allowing a child to operate an e-bike, it is important to understand the device's capabilities and whether it is suitable for their age and experience. Some e-bikes can accelerate quickly and reach speeds that require maturity, judgment and experience to operate safely. An e-bike should never be viewed as a toy.

Clear expectations should be set before a child begins riding. This includes deciding where the e-bike may be used, when it can be ridden and the rules that must be followed. Riders should understand traffic signs and signals, yield to pedestrians, obey speed limits, and avoid reckless behaviors such as weaving through traffic, riding double or using phones while in motion. Helmets should always be worn, regardless of age requirements.

Parents should also be aware of exactly what type of device their child is riding.

An electric bicycle means a device upon which an individual may ride that satisfies all of the following:

1. The device is equipped with all of the following:
  - A seat or saddle for use by the rider.
  - Fully operable pedals for human propulsion.
  - An electric motor of not greater than 750 watts.

2. The device falls within one of the following categories:

*Class 1 electric bicycle.* A "class 1 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with an electric motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 20 miles per hour. No minimum age to operate.

*Class 2 electric bicycle.* A "class 2 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that propels the electric bicycle to a speed of no more than 20 miles per hour, whether the rider is pedaling or not, and that disengages or ceases to function when the brakes are applied. No minimum age to operate.

*Class 3 electric bicycle.* A "class 3 electric bicycle" means an electric bicycle that is equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that disengages or ceases to function when the electric bicycle reaches a speed of 28 miles per hour. The minimum age to operate is 14.

Some products marketed casually online or through social media may exceed legal classifications for e-bikes and function more like unregistered motorized vehicles. Taking time to review specifications against Michigan Compiled Laws – Section 257.662a can prevent confusion and unsafe situations later.

The West Bloomfield Police Department's primary goal is education. We want all riders, especially young people, to enjoy riding safely while respecting others who share our streets, trails and sidewalks. Officers will continue to engage riders, provide guidance and address dangerous behavior when necessary. While enforcement may be necessary in cases of serious violations, our preference is always prevention through awareness and responsible choices.

This is where partnership matters most. Schools, neighborhoods, parents, and police all play a role in setting expectations for safe behavior. A brief conversation at home about courtesy, speed, helmets, and roadway rules can do more to prevent injury than any citation ever could.

As a community, we all benefit when recreation and mobility are balanced with safety and respect for others. We encourage parents to remain involved, informed and engaged as e-bike use continues to grow. Together, we can help ensure this popular trend remains positive for families and our community.



# The Torch is Passed

## New GWBCC Director looks to build on predecessor's legacy

By Angela Calabrese

**T**HE Greater West Bloomfield Community Coalition has always had a mission of helping to reduce risky behavior in teens through community partnerships and education. The task of leading that mission now passes from retiring Executive Director Lisa Berkey to successor Kristen Schoenbeck, who brings her own unique strengths to the job.

After 13 years as the Coalition's leader, Berkey looks back at the partnerships forged with schools and various organizations to help steer young people away from regrettable directions.

"We are still drug and alcohol focused – prevention, but we're kind of going at it from the back end, and we're providing kids from elementary, middle and high school with healthy coping mechanisms," Berkey said. "We're really teaching them how to manage the situations that are going to come up."

Some of those mechanisms include teaching the kids mindfulness, meditation, breathing, and also providing them with coping bags.

Berkey points to the coalition's Kids in Charge program, which offers prevention education for elementary and middle school students.

"Every program that we teach in Kids in Charge, we

have coping skills, refusal skills and safe and trusted adults," Berkey said. "It's a consistent message, from first grade to eighth grade."

True success, though, requires parental involvement. Berkey believes Schoenbeck's skills as an event coordinator/planner can lead to progress on that front.

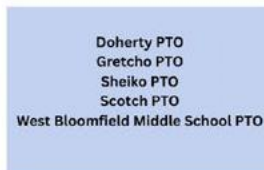
"Kristen stood out, way above the rest," Berkey said, noting that, "she has all the energy and the ideas, and the board keeps repeating how lucky we are."

Schoenbeck, a Waterford resident, has a background in management and event planning, both in the profit and nonprofit sectors. And it's not lost on her the shoes she's stepping into.

"Lisa has built an incredible coalition," Schoenbeck said. "I get to stand on her shoulders, because she has done so much of the hard work – the relationship building, connecting to the needs of the school districts, connecting the right speakers for the right groups. She really cares that the kids are connecting."



### The GWBCC thanks all its supportive sponsors:



One of Schoenbeck's top priorities is to develop a youth action board.

"I'd love to get kids involved in the high school and middle school level," she said. "I want their input. I want them to run things. I want to know what they see in their schools. I want to give them ability to do things for change and make an impact."

She also intends on tapping into her background in event planning.

"I love experiential events," she said. "And I would really like to come up with some cool events for the kids that would engage them in activities and fun things that teaches them prevention skills and educates them about drugs and alcohol, and the other things that are out there, but not by having them necessarily sit in a classroom and have someone tell them."

As the Coalition undergoes this transition, Berkey gets to focus on being a first-time grandma and running her home-based baking company, Goldie's Mandel Bread. The product, Berkey stresses, is not actually bread but biscotti-like cookies made with cinnamon, sugar and chocolate chips.

And she can do so knowing the Coalition is left in good hands.

New GWBCC Executive Director Kristen Schoenbeck (left) with outgoing Executive Director Lisa Berkey.



For more information on the GWBCC, visit <https://www.gwbcccoalition.org/>. For more information about Goldie's Mandel Bread, visit <https://goldiesmandelbread.com/>.



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# 2025 West Bloomfield Annual Consumers

*The West Bloomfield Water Utilities Department wants you to know your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all federal and state standards for quality and safety.*

**Attention: This Is an Important Report on Water Quality and Safety. This document provides crucial details regarding the quality of your drinking water. If you find it difficult to comprehend, please seek a translation or consult someone who can clarify it for you.**

The quality of drinking water is vital for our community and the surrounding area. The West Bloomfield Water Utilities Department, along with the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), is dedicated to upholding state and federal water quality regulations, including the Lead and Copper Rule. Utilizing the Great Lakes as our water supply and advanced treatment methods, GLWA reliably delivers safe, high-quality drinking water to our residents. The West Bloomfield Water Utilities manages the network of water mains responsible for transporting this water to your home's service line. This year's Water Quality Report emphasizes the achievements of GLWA and the water professionals in West Bloomfield Township in providing some of the finest drinking water in the nation. Together, we are devoted to safeguarding public health and ensuring transparent communication with the community regarding our drinking water.

## **About our System**

The West Bloomfield Water Utilities Department purchased 2,038,549,383.20 gallons of treated water from The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) in 2025. GLWA's system uses water drawn from two intakes in the Detroit River, one to the north near the mouth of Lake St. Clair, and another to the south near Lake Erie. The water is directed to four (4) large water treatment plants for processing. A fifth water treatment plant located in St. Clair County uses surface water from Lake Huron.

West Bloomfield's source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contaminations. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from "very low" to "very high" based on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminate sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment and meets drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in the National Pollutant Discharge

Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. GLWA has a Surface Water Intake Protection Plan for the Lake Huron water intake. The Plan has seven elements that include: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of source water protection areas, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public participation, and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment Report, please contact GLWA at (313) 926-8127.

## **How do we know the water is safe to drink?**

Treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The treatment process begins with disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, a chemical called Alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay. The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from your household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

Safe Drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The West Bloomfield Water Utilities Department performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses, and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

In addition to a carefully controlled and monitored treatment process, the water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment, and throughout the distribution system. Each week, hundreds of samples are analyzed in certified laboratories by highly qualified and trained staff. GLWA water not only meets safety and health standards but also ranks among the top in the country for both water quality and value.

## **Opportunities for Public Participation**

We invite and appreciate community involvement in decisions related to drinking water quality. The West Bloomfield Township Board gathers on two

Mondays each month. Additionally, public hearings and meetings are available for everyone to attend. For confirmation of dates and times, or to learn about other activities organized by the Department, please reach out to the Township Clerk's office by calling (248) 451-4848.

Your feedback and thoughts on this report are welcome, and we are here to answer any questions you may have. Please send your comments and inquiries to Nick Kutsoginis, the Administrative Superintendent of the Water Utilities Department, at (248) 451-4788.

## **Other Monitoring**

In addition to testing that is required to be performed, the GLWA voluntarily tests for hundreds of additional substances and microscopic organisms to make certain our water is safe and of the highest quality. If you are interested in a more detailed report, go to the GLWA web site at [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org) or email their Department at [waterquality@glwater.org](mailto:waterquality@glwater.org)

## **INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD**

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially for pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed) and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. West Bloomfield's Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested contact West Bloomfield Water Department at (248)451-4780. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## **West Bloomfield Service Line Materials**

- A) Any portion which could contain Lead - 0
- B) Contains Galvanized previously connected to Lead - 0
- C) Unknown, likely contains lead - 0
- D) Unknown materials - 38
- E) Contains neither lead nor galvanized previously connected to lead - 17,517
- F) Total number of service lines - 17,555

# Confidence Water Quality Report

You can access the Service Line inventory Report on our township website <http://www.wbtownship.org>. If you prefer a hard copy, feel free to visit the Water Department in person at: 2400 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's [Safe Drinking Water Hotline](http://www.epa.gov/safewater) at (800) 426-4791.

## Additional Information

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for human health.

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material, and can pick-up other substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salt and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Turbidity** has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

## People with special health concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as person with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. The EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the [Safe Drinking Water Hotline](http://www.epa.gov/safewater) at (800) 426-4791.

## National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Compliance

In 2025, West Bloomfield had no microbiological contaminant monitoring violations; no samples were returned positive for coliform. The regulations require confirmation of any positive result by re-sampling the location in question and sampling points surrounding the location within 24 hours of notification or the next business day.

West Bloomfield Water Utilities and GLWA are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. Please contact us with any questions or concerns about your water.

[1] *E. coli* MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is *E. coli*-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following *E. coli*-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for *E. coli*.

2025 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.14 NTU	100%	No	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

### 2025 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	Test Date	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	2/11/25	n/a	n/a	4.8	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	# of Samples Over AL	Range of Individual Samples	Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)									Erosion of natural deposits

### West Bloomfield Township Lead and Copper Results

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	# of Samples Over AL	Range of Individual Samples	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2025	ppb	0	12	0.0 ppb	0	0 ppb – 4.0 ppb	No	Lead Service Lines corrosion of household plumbing including fittings & fixtures. Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	2025	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.0 ppm	0.0	0.0ppm – 0.4 ppm	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

\*The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value. If the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

### 2025 Lake Huron Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
2025 Inorganic Chemicals – Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	2/11/25	ppm	4	4	.58	n/a	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	2/11/25	ppm	10	10	.33	n/a	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks; sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5/16/17	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

### 2025 Disinfection By-Products – Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products Monitoring in the Distribution System

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2025	Ppb	n/a	80	27.25	12-42	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAAS)	2025	Ppb	n/a	60	14.73	9.9-22	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

### 2025 Disinfection Residual – Monitoring in the Distribution System

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2025	ppm	4	4	1.02	0.92-1.07	No	Water additive used to control microbes

### 2025 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform Bacteria	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2025	No	Naturally present in the environment
<i>E. coli</i> in the system +samples	See note [1]	0	N/A	N/A	2025	No	Human and animal fecal waste
Fecal Indicator – <i>E. coli</i> at the source + samples	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2025	No	Human and animal fecal waste

### Radionuclides – Monitored at the Plant Finished Tap in 2014

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium 226 & 228	5/13/14	pCi/L	0	5	0.86+/-0.55	no	Erosion of natural deposits

### Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. Below is the report of unregulated contaminants detected during quarterly sampling and analysis performed during 2015.

Unregulated Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Average Level Detected	Range of Detection	Use or Environmental Source
Strontium	2015	ppb	101.58	95.7 – 107.5	Naturally-occurring element; historically, commercial use of strontium has been in the faceplate glass of cathode-ray tube televisions to block x-ray emissions
Vanadium	2015	ppb	.28	0.0 – 0.5	Naturally-occurring elemental metal; used as vanadium pentoxide which is a chemical intermediate and a catalyst
Chromium-6	2015	ppb	.15	0.10 – 0.20	Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys; chromium-3 or -6 forms are used for chrome plating, dyes and pigments, leather tanning, and wood preservation
Chromium	2015	ppb	.23	0.0 – 0.4	Naturally-occurring element; used in making steel and other alloys

### 2025 Key to Detected Contaminant Table

Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition / Explanation
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temp in which H <sub>2</sub> O freezes @ 0 and boils @ 100 under standard conditions
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow
Umhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductivity of water
HAAS	Haloacetic Acids	HAAS is the total bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
Level 2	Level 2 Assessment	A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an <i>E. coli</i> MCL violation occurred and / or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples @ a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in H <sub>2</sub> O below which there is no known expected risk to health (allow a margin for safety)
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristics of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance (aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence of the drinking water.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
N/A	Not Applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit	Measures the cloudiness of the water
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1,000 milligram
ppm	Parts per million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1,000 gram
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane, and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.

This report can also be found at <http://www.wbtownship.org>



## We Are Always Here to Support You!

Suzanne Levine, Executive Director

**K**ICKING off the vestiges of winter, we sprung into vibrancy with our recent leadership luncheon, hosted by the dynamic duo of KC Crain, president and CEO of Crain Communications, and Roop Raj, FOX 2 anchor and host of The Pulse. It was a tremendous success as they captivated the audience with their knowledge, wit and integrity.

The Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce is in full swing, with major upcoming events that demonstrate our commitment to the business community:

- **17th Annual Health and Wellness Fair:** This year's event, happening on June 16 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., will be bigger than ever at our new venue, Orchard Mall (6445 Orchard Lake Road). It is a fantastic opportunity for the community to explore health options and access various screenings.
- **2nd Annual Golf Outing:** Join us at Twin Beach Country Club (7625 Glascott Avenue) on September 29 for what promises to be a "hole in one" experience.
- **Shop, Sip, and Sparkle:** Our reinvented women's pop-up event returns on November 7 at Bay Pointe Golf Club (4001 Haggerty Road). This is a premier way for women-owned businesses to showcase their products just in time for the holidays.

In addition to these signature events, we continue to host numerous ribbon cuttings, Cup of Connections, WELLth meetings, and various networking opportunities.

The Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce is ready to reinvent how we support our community through innovation, strategic thinking and action. We invite you to dive into these new connections, knowing we are always here to support you.



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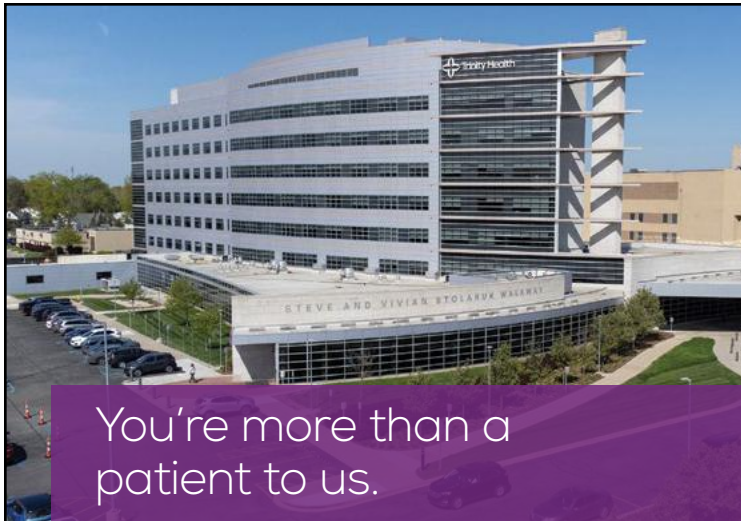
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# AROUND West Bloomfield

## June – August

### ONGOING

- **Food Truck Tuesdays** will be held on the Civic Center Campus near the library, on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. through September 29. For more information and a lineup of food trucks, visit [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).
- **Monday Micro-Nature Moments** will continue to be held at Marshbank Park, 2805 Hiller Road, on June 22, July 20 and August 17 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This free, self-guided program allows children to observe and explore nature and enjoy nature-themed activities. For more information, visit [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).
- Enjoy live music, food trucks and more at the **Marshbank Music Series** on August 5, 12, 19 and 26 at Marshbank Park, 2805 Hiller Road, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. For a full lineup of artists and food trucks, visit [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).



### JUNE

**June 11**

#### Kids Komotion Concert

10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Marshbank Park  
2805 Hiller Road  
*Kids are invited to celebrate summer fun with live music, children's entertainment, free inflatables and costumed characters. The Children's Theater of Michigan will be performing, and characters Peppa Pig and Abby Cadabby will be in attendance. Socks are required to use the inflatables and will be available for purchase for \$1. For more information, visit [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).*

### June 14

#### Go Fish!

9-11:15 a.m.  
Marshbank Park  
2805 Hiller Road  
*Pick a time slot to register your child to fish on the pier at Cass Lake. The event is \$9/person and takes place during the DNR's free fishing weekend, so no fishing license is required. Prizes will be awarded to those who catch the smallest and largest fish. There will be games and crafts along with special guest Mike McKinstry from "The Bassquatch Hunter: Fish Out of Water." Register at [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).*

### June 16

#### 17th Annual Greater West Bloomfield Health & Wellness Fair

11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Orchard Mall – new location!  
6445 Orchard Lake Road  
*Join us for the 17th Annual Health and Wellness Fair, brought to you by the Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce. For more information, see page XX.*

### June 20-21

#### West Bloomfield Art Show

Sat.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sun.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
WBHS Parking Lot  
4025 Orchard Lake Road  
*This juried event features original, handmade fine art from professional artists across the country, alongside a youth art competition. For more information, go to [hotworks.org](http://hotworks.org).*

### JULY

**July 25**

#### 23rd Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show

Sat.: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sun.: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
6925 Daly Road  
*This event features quality juried artists who are selling their original and handmade art. There is something for everyone, in all price ranges. Great entertainment by One Love Reggae Band, Sheila Landis Trio and D-Tour Band. Great food, too! For more information, visit [hotworks.org](http://hotworks.org).*

### AUGUST

**August 20**

#### Kids Komotion Concert

10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Marshbank Park  
2805 Hiller Road  
*Kids are invited to celebrate summer fun with live music by BenJammin, children's entertainment, free inflatables and costumed characters. Socks are required to use the inflatables and will be available for purchase for \$1. For more information, visit [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).*

**August 22**

#### Bees Butterflies and Blooms: Pollinator Festival

10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Marshbank Park  
2805 Hiller Road  
*Children of all ages are invited to this free event, where they will learn about the importance of pollinators and what they do. There will be hands-on activities and special attractions such as monarch tagging and release, free face painting, a beeswax craft, interactive talks, seed giveaway and more. For more information, visit [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).*

### SEPTEMBER

**September 26**

#### Fall Fetch Festival

11 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Marshbank Park  
*Welcome the fall season with WB Parks at the new Fall Fetch Festival! Bring your four-legged family members out to Marshbank Park for an afternoon full of tail-wagging fun. Stroll through our park, enjoy vendors and crafts, watch the incredible K9 Stars Stunt Show and don't miss your chance to enter the dog costume contest! This is a free event but pre-registration is requested at [wbparks.org](http://wbparks.org).*

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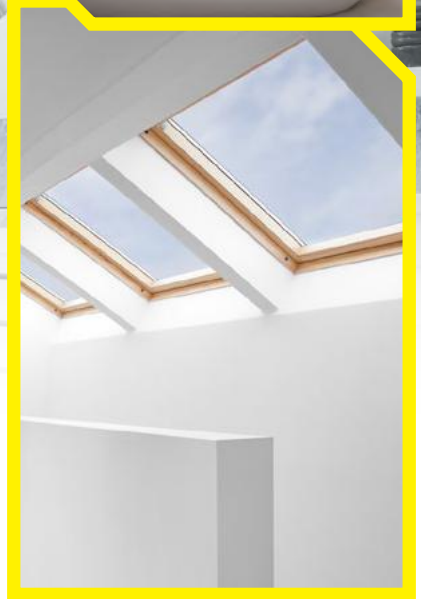
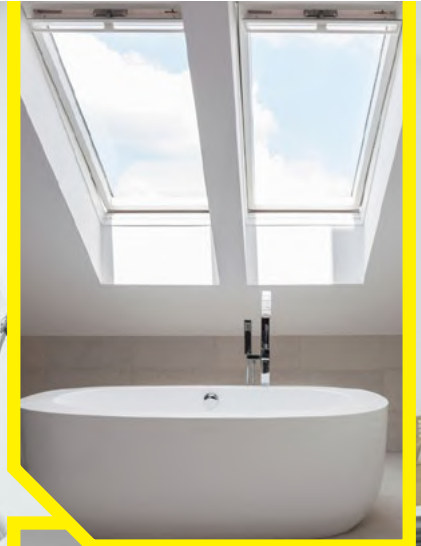


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