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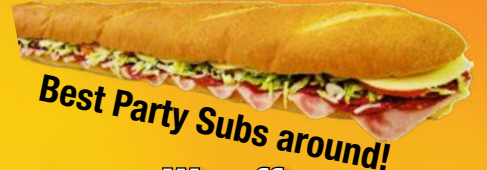
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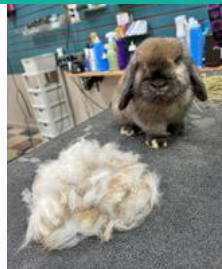
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From the MAYOR

The Foundation for a Thriving Community? Public Safety.

WHEN people choose where to raise a family, open a business or retire, one factor consistently rises to the top: safety. Safe neighborhoods, reliable emergency response, and highly trained police officers and firefighters are essential to a strong and thriving community.

Public safety is the foundation on which everything else is built. It has always been my top priority because when residents feel safe, our entire city can move forward with confidence.

On August 4, Livonia voters will consider the renewal of the Public Safety Millage. This is not a new tax but a continuation of a dedicated funding source that supports

both our police and fire departments. This millage funding helps maintain staffing levels, fund competitive salaries and benefits to attract and retain highly qualified personnel, invest in updated equipment, and provide ongoing training and emergency preparedness.

It is also important to clarify what this millage does not fund. It does not support the construction of a new police station. Instead, it is focused on the people who serve and protect our community each day.

The millage funding plays a significant role in sustaining current public safety levels. Without the millage being renewed, the city would lose approximately \$9.9 million in annual funding, which represented a large portion of the cost to provide about 250 public safety positions.

Public safety is not an abstract concept. It is about protecting our residents, our neighborhoods and the community we are proud to call home.

Maureen Miller Brosnan
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Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan is joined by preschoolers from the Livonia Public Schools Early Childhood Center at the 2026 State of the City, where the students proudly led the Pledge of Allegiance.



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SUMMER READING KICKS OFF JUNE 1!

Unearth a Story with the Livonia Public Library

As the weather warms up and the days get longer, the Livonia Public Library is preparing for a busy summer filled with dinosaurs, paleontology and archaeology. The library's annual Summer Reading Program runs June 1 to July 31, and is filled with fun ways to connect to your community, learn something new and earn prizes! The Summer Reading Program offers fun and free events that are entertaining for the whole family.

The Summer Reading Program provides opportunities for people of all ages to read a new book, discover a new resource, attend fun programs, and even peruse our Library of Things! Not only does this program help foster a lifelong love of reading (and the library), but students who read over the summer retain more literacy skills, making them more prepared to return to school in the fall.

The summer fun starts with an all-ages dino-themed Kickoff Party on June 6, ends with the Watermelon Drop on July 30 and includes nearly 100 programs across all age groups in between!

For kids and tweens, participation is simple. After registering at either branch of the library or directly at livonialibrary.beanstack.org, readers collect badges by completing three hours of reading, two activities and either one additional hour of reading or one additional activity. Activities include attending a library program, brightening someone's day with kindness or attending a community event, among other options. Participants who collect six badges will earn a certificate and a free book to keep! Readers may complete the program as many times as they want, collecting a free book for each completion, before July 31.

Kids programs span all interests! Younger readers and listeners will enjoy Storytimes, the Music Lady, Bubble

Science, and more at both branches of our library. Prefer to meet us out on the road?

We'll see you in the parks for Community Heroes Storytimes and Sensory Shenanigans. Older kids will be amazed by comedy and magic shows with Cameron Zvara and Crazy Craig, create tie-dye masterpieces and participate in book clubs. Tween Tuesdays return to offer hands-on activities including the always popular Cupcake Wars!



Teens, register directly at livonialibrary.beanstack.org to start tracking time spent reading and earn raffle entries, and then get ready to test problem-solving skills at the Mobile Escape Room and unearth creativity with a variety of fossil-tastic crafts.

Adults, don't forget that Summer Reading isn't just for kids! Adults who register and track their reading at livonialibrary.beanstack.org will earn entries into drawings for gift cards from local businesses.

Our librarians have been busy planning entertaining programs for adults, too!

Beginning in June, you'll be able to unearth Michigan's geology, Britain's archaeology and the art and architecture of Belle Isle. You'll be able to play Plant Bingo, meet live birds of prey, and more! You can even plan to dig up a new hobby as our Craft Supply Swap returns for a second year on July 25.

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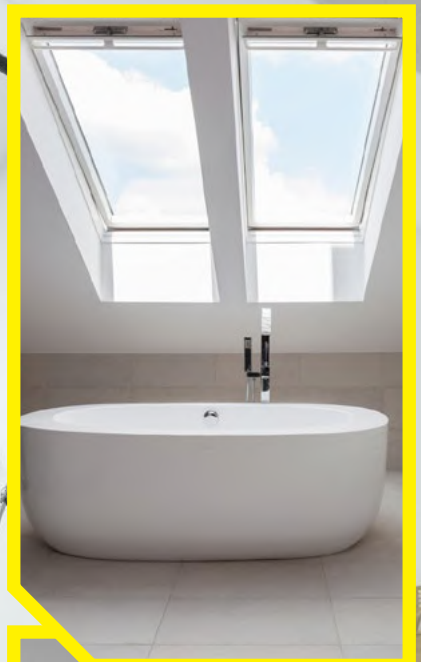
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Livonia's Historic Cemeteries

Outdoor museums preserving the city's earliest stories

THE City of Livonia serves as steward to four historic cemeteries: Newburg, Livonia Center, Union (Briggs), and Clarenceville. More than burial grounds, these sites function as outdoor museums and primary historical records, preserving the stories, cultural traditions and legacies of the people who built Livonia from the ground up.

Newburg Cemetery

36150 Ann Arbor Trail | 2.36 acres | Established 1832 | Michigan Historic Site

Newburg Cemetery is Livonia's earliest known burial ground, rooted in the generosity of Joseph Kingsley, who donated the land in 1832. Yet the cemetery's story begins even earlier: Joseph's father, Salmon Kingsley, a Revolutionary War veteran, was buried here in 1827.

Today, Newburg is the resting place of four Revolutionary War veterans – David Dean, Jeremiah Klumph, Samuel Dunn and Salmon Kingsley – along with veterans of every major conflict through the Korean War.

Livonia Center Cemetery

14951 Farmington Road | 3.63 acres | Established 1836

Purchased for just \$1 in 1836 by the Union Society of Livonia, this cemetery reflects the growth of a young farming community. Veterans from the War of 1812 through the Vietnam War rest here, representing generations of service.

Livonia Center is also home to many of the city's founding families – Bentley, Chilson, Kingsley, Stringer, and others whose names still appear on local roads, parks and landmarks. The historic Union Society building, still standing on the north side of the cemetery, serves as a reminder of the community gatherings, decisions and traditions that shaped early Livonia.

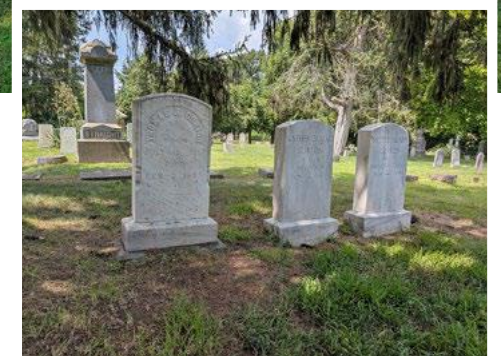
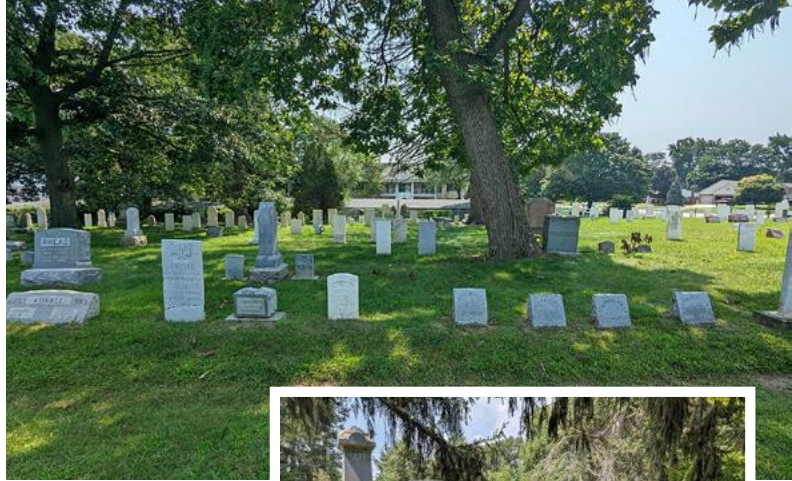
Union (Briggs) Cemetery

38840 W. Six Mile Road | 0.90 acre | Established 1834

Though small in size, Union (Briggs) Cemetery holds some of Livonia's most compelling stories. The oldest known headstone – belonging to Zilpha Briggs Griswold – dates back to 1822, making it one of the earliest markers in the area.

In 1850, land donated by Luther Briggs and the Stanton family helped establish the Union Society of Livonia Church, which became a hub for antislavery activism. The church hosted lectures, meetings and events tied to the abolitionist movement.

Among those buried here is Harriet DeGarmo Fuller, a member of the executive committee of the Michigan Anti-Slavery Society. Her presence, along with other community



members involved in the movement, makes Union (Briggs) Cemetery a powerful testament to Livonia's role in the fight for freedom and justice.

Clarenceville Cemetery

29033 W. Eight Mile Road | 2.06 acres | Established 1841

Founded in 1841 for the Union Burial Society, Clarenceville Cemetery served the surrounding settlement for more than a century before being deeded to the city in 1986 by the last member of the Clarenceville Cemetery Association.

Its grounds include members of several notable families, including:

- Cranson – associated with the Cranson-Hinbern House at Greenmead
- Grace – including Benjamin Grace, a Revolutionary War veteran
- Gunning, Lambert, Lapham, Waack – families whose names appear throughout Livonia's early records

Preserving Livonia's Past for Future Generations

By caring for these spaces, the City of Livonia ensures the community's heritage remains visible, accessible and meaningful. Each headstone is a chapter, each cemetery a book, and together they tell the story of Livonia's enduring spirit.

Headstone Restoration Workshop

Join us for a hands on workshop focused on the care and preservation of historic headstones. Participants will learn proper cleaning techniques using safe, conservation minded methods and gain an introduction to approaches used to repair damaged or broken stones.

This session takes place at 9 a.m. Saturday, August 15, in the Newburg Cemetery, offering real world experience while exploring best practices for protecting these important pieces of local history. Advance registration is required: \$25/resident, \$28/non-resident, at LivoniaParks.org.

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Register your pet before June 1 to avoid a late fee. While visiting the Clerk's Office, you can also purchase dog park passes, thanks to our partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department.

As garage sale season gets underway, remember that a \$5 permit is required for each sale. Permits can be obtained in person, by mail or by using the drop box in front of city hall. Please include an email address with your application. More details and the application are available at Livonia.gov/194.

Be prepared: make a voting plan

A simple voting plan can make Election Day smooth and stress free. Decide ahead of time whether you want to vote by mail, vote early or vote in person on Election Day. Planning now helps you avoid long lines, unpredictable weather or last-minute challenges – ensuring your ballot is counted.

Community outreach and Voter registration fairs

We are committed to making voter education accessible across Livonia. This spring, the Clerk's Office hosted six voter registration fairs, with another planned for fall.

Our team has partnered with community groups and local organizations at events such as Save Our Youth 5K, scheduled "Talks with the Clerk" at the Senior Wellness Center, Passport to Safety event, Livonia Rotary Club PM meeting in June, Pride Day Event hosted at Schoolcraft College, the SPREE Pancake Breakfast, September Coffee Hour with Councilmember Budzinski, Tour de Livonia, and the Annual Corn Roast. Look for the COD – Clerk On Demand – tent and stop by and say hello!

Precinct consolidation

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Voters Asked to Renew Millages for Public Safety, Senior Services

LIVONIA voters will decide on two operating millage renewal requests during the August 4, 2026, election. One 10-year millage renewal seeks to continue existing funding that supports police and fire, while the second, 10-year millage renewal supports senior and cultural services.

Renewal of the Public Safety Millage of 1.7 mills will generate \$9.9 million in annual funding, which represents a large portion of the budget for about 250 public safety positions.

"The millage renewal is not a tax increase and is essential to public safety. That is fact," said Tyler Vines, president of the Livonia Police Officers Association. "Do not let political agendas put your safety at risk. A 'no' vote on the millage renewal does not make a statement about a building. Instead, it makes a decision that directly impacts police staffing, fire response and public safety across this city."

The renewal of the Public Safety Millage would generate funds only to be used for police and fire personnel, services and support costs. It would not fund a proposed new police station.

"This is not a new tax but a continuation of a dedicated funding source that supports both our police and fire departments," Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan said. "This millage funding helps maintain staffing levels, fund competitive salaries and benefits to attract and retain highly qualified personnel, invest in updated equipment, and provide ongoing training and emergency preparedness."

If the millage is renewed, the current level of public service will continue to provide safe neighborhoods, reliable emergency response and highly trained firefighters and police officers.

If the millage is not renewed, roughly 25 percent of the public safety budget could disappear, resulting in a potential reduction in staff and services, including possibly closing a fire station.

Renewal of the Senior Services and Cultural millage represents 0.25 mills charged annually to Livonia residents for 10 years. This would generate \$1.5 million annually.

This funding supports staffing, maintenance and support costs for senior services and cultural programs, including the Livonia Senior Wellness Center and Greenmead Historical Park.

"The millage allows Greenmead and our senior center to provide all the exceptional programs and services available throughout the year," said Ted Davis, Livonia Parks and Recreation superintendent. "Without it, we would not have the staff available to provide all that we do for Livonia residents."

Greenmead hosts and sponsors roughly 100 events per year, from historic tea parties and educational seminars to Touch-a-Truck and The BIG Picnic, as well as a community garden, school field trips and team volunteer opportunities.

The Senior Division hosts multiple daily events at the new Livonia Senior Wellness Center, allowing seniors to socialize over a puzzle, game of ping pong, pool or cards, or while crafting, enjoying a holiday-themed luncheon or learning a new skill.

To learn more about both the Public Safety Millage Renewal and the Senior Services and Cultural Millage Renewal prior to August 4, visit LivoniaMillages.org. To learn more about elections in Livonia, visit VoteLivonia.org.





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Built by Design

The life of Livonia's Rob Cozad

By Ryan M. Place

FOR Livonia graphic designer Rob Cozad, creativity emerged early and became a lasting passion. Growing up in Allen Park in the 1980-90s, he was part of a generation that absorbed culture without algorithms or social media guiding their exploration.

"As a kid, I just took in everything," Cozad said. "Comic books, video games, Saturday morning cartoons, wrestling, punk rock, rollerblading in JNCO jeans. It all fueled my creative interests."

That foundation still shows up in his work today. Cozad, a graduate of Allen Park High School in 2002 and a Wayne State University alum with a BFA in graphic design, built a career that blends pop-culture energy with disciplined design principles.

"I pull as much from comic books as I do from Bauhaus," he said.

After spending his early college years at Western Michigan University, Cozad returned home, working at a print shop in Melvindale while finishing his degree at Wayne State. That hands-on experience helped shape his practical approach to design.

Today, he works as a graphic artist at One10, where much of his work is for General Motors. His projects have included internal communications, developing style guides for electric vehicle deliverables and brand development and logo design.

"It's a lot of problem solving," Cozad said. "Design is not just about making something look good. It has to work."

That philosophy traces back to one of his core influences, Germany's Bauhaus movement, which emphasized simplicity and function. It also aligns with Minimalism, and the principle of form follows function, a concept Cozad considers essential.

"If you are designing packaging on a shelf, it has to be readable first," he said. "That principle applies to everything, including the labels I designed for Absopure bottled water. It determines your typography. The function drives the design."

Cozad's influences range widely. He cites comic artist Ryan Ottley, poster artist Derek Hess, and architect Frank Lloyd Wright as key inspirations. His love of retro aesthetics, from NES game box art to VHS packaging, continues shaping his visual style.

Outside of work, Cozad remains deeply connected to the hobbies that inspire him. Collecting comic books since age 8, he also builds his own computers, sketches with Prismacolor markers and listens to lots of music.

"Thrice, Alexisonfire, Between the Buried and Me, Poison the Well, those are some favorites," he said.

Cozad is also an avid gamer, currently playing titles like Elden Ring, Destiny 2, and Crimson Desert.

"The 'draw distance' rendering in modern games is wild," he said. "I grew up loving Mega Man 2 on NES and Streets of Rage on Sega. Amazing to see how far things have come."

Since moving to Livonia in 2012, Cozad has found a community that fits his lifestyle.

"It's clean, it's safe and it's close to where I grew up," he said.

You might find him hanging with his bulldogs or browsing retro games at Disc Replay and grabbing a slice at Primavera Pizza.

For Cozad, design is refined imagination, balancing creativity and structure.

"I'm a blend of playful influences and structured design philosophy," he said. "Detroit is a premier global design hub, and Livonia helps give me the balance to stay focused and creative."





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Being 'Green' is just 'The Hayes Way' at Local Elementary School

By Stacy Jenkins, Administrator for District Communications, Livonia Public Schools

WHEN it comes to protecting the environment, one local school does it "The Hayes Way."

The young stewards of sustainability at Livonia Public Schools' Hayes Elementary are carrying on a decade-long effort of learning and practicing everyday habits that protect the earth.

In a recent student documentary film project, fourth-grade green ambassadors call it "The Hayes Way" when describing efforts such as the creation of a pollinator garden, student-led composting program, ongoing recycling and upcycling, Waste Free Wednesdays in the lunchroom, and more. Students in recent years also advocated for the transition from styrofoam lunch trays to compostable trays across the district's 24 schools.

Their efforts have garnered recognition from near and far.

- The city of Westland, in which the school is located, issued an Eco-School Award and recognized the school's green ambassadors with the City of Westland Youth Environmental Leadership Award.
- Hayes has been a Michigan Green School since 2016
- 2024 designation by the U.S. Department of Education as a Green Ribbon School
- Green Flag status through the National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools program

The most recent accolade came from the Michigan Student Film Festival – "The Hayes Way" was named Best in Show and selected as Best Environmental Film during its premiere on April 18 at the Detroit Institute of Arts Film Theater.



Members of the Green Ambassadors (left) gathered for the school's Earth Day celebration. The entire school gathered (right) on April 22 to celebrate Earth Day.



Students created an award-winning documentary (top) called 'The Hayes Way,' all about the many 'green' efforts at Hayes Elementary. Upcycling projects (bottom left) are a common practice in art class at Hayes Elementary! Students decorated the raised flower beds (bottom right) in the pollinator garden until the flowers begin to grow.

Led by art teacher Christine Lakatos, being "green," – thinking and acting responsibly and sustainably – is a way of life for students and staff.

"At Hayes, everyone is part of the Green Team," Lakatos said. "Beginning in fourth grade, students can become green ambassadors, and many of our younger students already look forward to that opportunity. What matters most is that this work is becoming ingrained in our students. They're not just taking part, they're becoming leaders who will carry these values forward for a more sustainable future."

During a special Earth Day celebration, Hayes Principal Christine Broome commended the efforts of the Hayes Huskies.

"Our students remind us that it's not just something we do on Earth Day, it's something that we live out every single day through our choices, our actions and our commitment to sustainability," she said.

Livonia Public Schools Superintendent Andrea Oquist was on hand during the Earth Day celebration and offered kudos to the sustainable efforts at Hayes.

"Let's remember – the future of our planet is shaped by what we do right now," she said. "And here at Hayes, our Huskies are leading the way – with creativity, responsibility and a whole lot of heart!"

'Some of the Best Times of My Life'

Stevenson hockey player looks back at near championships, hopes to continue playing

By Terry Jacoby

THE Livonia Stevenson hockey team skated to two consecutive state finals, only to be knocked off both times by state powerhouse Flint Power Catholic in the Division 2 championship at USA Arena in Plymouth. Despite finishing runner-up, it's the impressive run to the finals that standout senior Colin Stroble will remember the most.

"Losing back-to-back state championships was definitely hard," Stroble said. "It's not easy losing such a big game like that, especially two years in a row. But I will forever be grateful for the fact I was able to play those games. Making a state championship is not something a lot of people can say they did in high school, but to be able to say I did it twice is something very special."

The senior defenseman had 14 goals, 35 assists (49 points) and was D-2 First Team All State during his final year with the Spartans. But it's the team aspect of the last two seasons he will always cherish.

"The support we got from our school and community was amazing and I'm so glad we got to play for them," he said. "I wouldn't trade any of it for the world. The key to getting back was to keep climbing. We didn't want to reach our peak in January, we wanted to reach it in March when it mattered most. And we did that for sure. Even though we didn't totally get what we wanted, we 100 percent got to the top and planted that flag."

Stroble started playing hockey when he was about 5 years old and it didn't take right away.

"I didn't really like it at first but I stuck with it because my dad and my brother also played," he said. "Eventually I fell in love with it and never looked back."

He switched from AAA hockey to high school hockey his



sophomore year, calling it the "greatest decision I've ever made."

Stevenson coach Jay Thompson was glad to have him on the ice.

"Colin is a high character young man and a high-level hockey player," he said. "He has worked tirelessly to help lead Stevenson to two state finals while at the same time excelling in the classroom. Colin is a team first player that does whatever is asked of him to help the team."

Colin, 18, is the son of Jennifer and Bob Stroble and skated to a 3.6 GPA in the classroom. He plans to continue his hockey career at the next level and hopefully beyond.

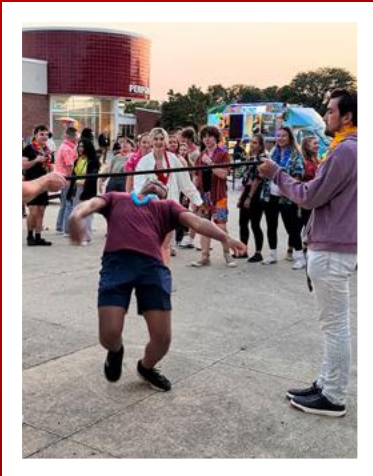
"Next year I plan to play junior hockey," he said. "I'm not totally sure where yet, but I hope to play for two years then earn a scholarship to play college hockey, following the footsteps of my biggest role model, my brother, Brenden Stroble."

Colin leaves behind some pretty big footsteps to fill at Stevenson, and he's proud of what he and his mates accomplished.

"Looking back at my career, I will remember the friendships I made the most," he said. "In the locker room every day, team dinners, bus trips, and just seeing each other at school was so fun. And I couldn't have done any of it without my best friend, Dawson Wallis, who was my right-hand man through my time here, and I'm so thankful to have him as a defense partner. It was truly some of the best times of my life."



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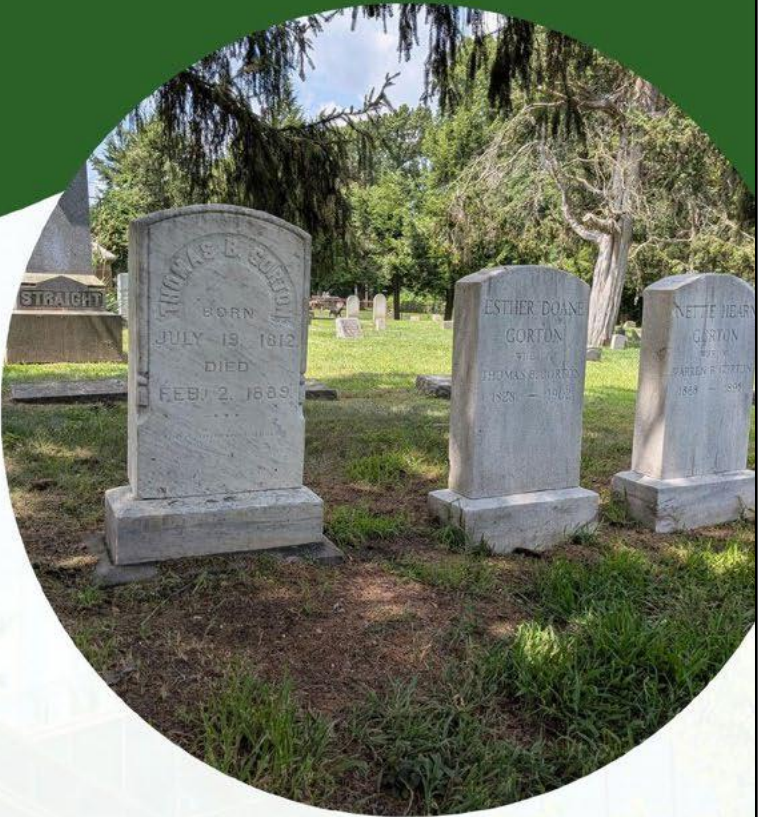
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Some key components of the Slow Living Lifestyle:

- being fully present in the moment
- cultivating a sense of calm rather than constantly rushing
- aligning daily actions and work with personal values
- reducing unnecessary commitments
- focusing on doing things better rather than faster
- prioritizing meaningful relationships
- spending time in nature

A few ways to practice the Slow Living Lifestyle:

- set a timer for five minutes and simply sit outside, observe and listen
- choose one thing you want to do well today rather than just fast
- look at your to-do list and cancel/delegate one task that does not align with your values

Slow living isn't about doing nothing. It's about doing things at the right speed with the right intention. So, reclaim control over your time and energy by shifting your focus from the "busyness" of life to what truly matters. Adopt habits you want to keep permanently that support your mental health. Make time for things that nourish the soul.

After all, isn't that what life is all about? ☀️

Jane Muszynski is the owner of Spitfire Training, LLC in Livonia.



The Hidden Middle

When your loved one isn't 'bad enough' – but isn't safe, either

ONE of the most common things I hear from families is: "Something just doesn't feel right... but I'm not sure it's bad enough yet."

This is what I call the "hidden middle." Your loved one may still be living at home and managing most things on their own, but small changes are starting to show.

Maybe they're forgetting medications, missing appointments, not eating well, or becoming more isolated. On their own, these may not seem serious, but together they can signal that extra support is needed.

Many families wait to act because they don't want to overstep or cause worry. Others aren't sure what help even looks like at this stage. Unfortunately, waiting often leads to a crisis like a fall or hospitalization, when decisions become more urgent and limited.

The good news is that support doesn't have to mean a major change. Simple steps like a few hours of in-home care, help with medications or small safety adjustments can make a big difference. These early supports can help someone stay safe and independent much longer.

Some subtle signs to look for that may signal it's time for extra support:

- Forgetting medications or mixing them up
- Missed appointments or confusion about schedules
- Changes in hygiene or housekeeping
- Skipping meals or noticeable weight loss
- Recent falls or close calls at home
- Withdrawal from social activities or hobbies

If you're noticing changes, it may be time to start exploring options. Early guidance can ease stress and help your family make thoughtful, informed decisions, before they become urgent.

If you're not sure where to begin, call (734) 447-7590. I'm available as a resource to help you navigate next steps.



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Focusing on Adult ADHD

By Samuel Wedes, MD

WHILE attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is sometimes thought to affect only children and adolescents, 40 to 60 percent of patients diagnosed with ADHD in childhood will continue to experience ADHD in adulthood.

In some cases, ADHD is not even diagnosed until adulthood.

ADHD symptoms can severely impact functioning, including work and school performance, home life and even driving. Here we will review the symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of adult ADHD, including where to find help if you suspect you or a loved one has it.

There are three types of ADHD depending on which type of symptoms predominate: the inattentive type (ADHD-IT), the hyperactive type (ADHD-HT) and a combination of both (ADHD-CT). Sometimes, the type of ADHD one experiences will change over time – for example, a child with predominantly hyperactive symptoms may grow up to experience more prominent inattentive symptoms.

In addition to difficulty with sustaining attention, people with ADHD-IT may struggle to focus on details, which can lead to careless errors. They may “zone out” when others speak to them. They often procrastinate. Once they start tasks, they have difficulty completing them, frequently getting distracted by another task before the previous one is finished. Organizing and remembering can be difficult. Misplacing things is common. Time management can be especially difficult.

People with ADHD-HT struggle with hyperactivity and impulsivity. They are often fidgety and restless. They may talk excessively, including blurting things out and interrupting others.

Impulsive decision-making can have significant consequences, for example, ending relationships or quitting jobs. This is not an exhaustive list of symptoms.

The gold standard for diagnosing ADHD is a thorough diagnostic interview. This includes an inventory of symptoms from childhood through the present, the effects symptoms have had on individuals and people around them, and a review of other mental disorders that can masquerade as or exacerbate existing ADHD, including depression, anxiety and substance use disorders.

Obtaining information from family members and others who have known the individual for a long time can be helpful. At times when a diagnostic interview is equivocal, neuropsychological testing can help solidify the diagnosis.

Fortunately, ADHD is a treatable condition with psychotherapy and/or medication.

Psychotherapy focuses on modifying thoughts and behaviors that reinforce ADHD symptoms while



developing coping skills to help manage the symptoms.

Medications for ADHD come in two broad categories: stimulants and nonstimulants. Stimulants, such as methylphenidate (Ritalin) and mixed amphetamine salts (Adderall), can have immediate and lasting effects on ADHD, though they are associated with a side effect profile including jitteriness, loss of appetite and cardiovascular side effects, such as elevated heart rate and blood pressure. They are also potentially habit-forming and linked with dependence.

Nonstimulants, such as atomoxetine (Strattera) and viloxazine (Qelbree), take longer to work than stimulants but can also have lasting results without the concern for addiction or dependence that goes along with stimulants. Certain antidepressants and blood pressure medications can be beneficial for ADHD symptoms, even though they are not FDA-approved for adult ADHD.

Although ADHD in adulthood – be it inattentive type, hyperactive type or combined type – can be debilitating for some, there are treatment options available that are summarized above. If you or a loved one is experiencing symptoms consistent with ADHD, please seek professional help.

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Focus on What You can Control

How to deal with global/political stress

By Diana Brda, MA, LLP

LET'S face it – the world is a heavy place right now. No matter what side of the political fence you stand on, the headlines in the news can be overwhelming, causing many people to report feeling a sense of helplessness, distress and unrest.

We recommend taking certain steps to better protect your mental health and place in the world at this time. First and foremost, focus on what you can control.

Global and political issues are largely out of your control.

Despite the worry and concern that you may feel, there is not much that you can actually do about it on a day-to-day basis. Therefore, start reducing distress by shifting your attention to daily routines such as:

- Eating healthy, sleeping and creating work/life balance to provide a sense of structure and control within your life.
- Participate in small, meaningful actions such as volunteering, community involvement, voting, or advocacy.
- Set time limits (20-30 minutes) for how much scrolling or news you watch.
- Try some outlets such as deep breathing, exercising, going outside, and grounding techniques.
- Spend time with people you trust.

If you notice the stress start to become constant or disruptive of your daily functioning, it would be beneficial to seek support and help from a mental health professional.

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What It Takes to Keep Livonia Safe

By Sgt. Cameron Koss

EVERY day, Livonia police officers respond to hundreds of calls, protect neighborhoods and ensure residents can live, work and play safely. Behind every traffic stop, investigation and community engagement program is a team of dedicated men and women working tirelessly to keep the city secure. While much of their work happens out of sight, the impact is felt by everyone in the community.

From dispatchers to patrol officers to specialized units, the Livonia Police Department operates like a finely tuned machine. On any given day, officers may handle everything from traffic accidents and medical emergencies to welfare checks and criminal investigations. Coordinated efforts between patrol, detectives and specialized units, combined with continuous communication through advanced dispatch systems, make it possible to respond quickly and efficiently, even during high-demand periods.

Training and Preparedness

Keeping Livonia safe requires more than just responding to calls, it requires constant preparation. Every member of the department undergoes extensive training to ensure they are ready for the unexpected. Officers regularly train in de-escalation techniques, active shooter response and emergency medical assistance, just to name a few.

Specialized units receive additional training to address specific community safety needs. The department also conducts joint exercises with other emergency responders, allowing officers to practice coordinated responses to large-scale emergencies. Beyond emergency response, personnel engage with the community through programs such as our Citizen Police Academy and Youth Leadership Academy, reinforcing both preparedness and public trust.

Technology and Equipment

Modern policing requires modern tools. Livonia officers rely on state-of-the-art equipment to operate safely and effectively. Patrol vehicles, radios, dispatch software, in-car computers, and body cameras all support officers in their daily work. Specialized tools, from traffic enforcement devices to motor carrier inspection equipment, allow officers to prevent incidents before they happen.

The department also maintains a robust and growing drone program, which has become a critical part of these efforts. Multiple drones operated by trained personnel provide real-time aerial support in a variety of situations. These drones are used for locating suspects, investigating serious traffic crashes, searching for missing

persons, documenting crime scenes, and providing overwatch at community events, enhancing both officer safety and operational effectiveness.



Community Programs and Engagement

Public safety is more than emergency response, it's also about building relationships and trust within the community. Livonia officers lead numerous programs that bring law enforcement and residents together. Senior wellness outreach programs, youth engagement initiatives and other programs provide for positive interaction, education and community-building.

These programs foster a safe, connected community. They allow residents to get to know the professionals who serve them, promote safety awareness and even prevent crime before it occurs.



Planning for the Unexpected

Severe incidents, accidents or other unforeseen events require swift, organized responses. The Livonia Police Department prepares for these scenarios through strategic planning, training exercises and coordination with neighboring communities.

This readiness is the product of foresight, collaboration and the dedication of officers who train tirelessly to anticipate the unexpected. It's a behind-the-scenes effort that ensures the community can rely on prompt, competent assistance whenever it's needed.

The Value of Police Services

From emergency calls to community programs, every day Livonia police officers work tirelessly to protect residents and maintain quality of life. Through careful planning, ongoing training, modern equipment, and community engagement, the department ensures the safety and well-being of its citizens. The dedication, skill and preparedness of these officers provide peace of mind for every resident because a safe community is a strong community.

The renewal of the Public Safety Millage is scheduled to appear on the Tuesday, August 4 primary ballot.

Protecting Those Who Protect the Community

Livonia Fire and Rescue advances proactive cancer screening for firefighters

By Fire Chief Robert Jennison

LIVONIA Fire and Rescue is taking a significant step forward in protecting the long-term health of its members by expanding access to early cancer detection screening. This initiative reflects both a growing national awareness of occupational cancer risks in the fire service and a local commitment to proactive health and safety measures.

Firefighters face a substantially elevated risk of cancer compared to the general population. Research from the CDC's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health indicates firefighters are 9 percent more likely to be diagnosed with cancer and 14 percent more likely to die from it. Nationally, cancer has become the leading cause of line-of-duty deaths among firefighters, accounting for nearly 66 percent of career firefighter deaths between 2002 and 2019.



In 2025 alone, approximately 80 percent of line-of-duty deaths among members of the International Association of Fire Fighters were attributed to occupational cancer.

This increased risk is largely due to repeated exposure to toxic chemicals and

carcinogens released during fires. Additionally, the extreme heat conditions firefighters operate in can dramatically increase the body's absorption of these harmful substances. Studies show that for every 5-degree rise in body temperature, the rate of dermal absorption of toxins can increase by as much as 400 percent.

Recognizing these dangers, the International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified firefighting as a Group 1 carcinogenic occupation – the highest level of cancer risk designation. Firefighters face elevated risks for multiple cancer types, including bladder, brain, kidney, leukemia, lymphoma, melanoma, prostate, and others. In

Michigan, cancer presumption laws already acknowledge many of these occupational risks for firefighters.

In response, Livonia Fire and Rescue began a pilot cancer screening program in 2025, focusing on 30 of its most at-risk members – those age 50 and older or with the longest exposure histories. Building on that effort, the department has budgeted funds in 2026 to expand screening to the remainder of its workforce, establishing a comprehensive baseline for all personnel.

The screening utilizes the Galleri multi-cancer early detection test developed by GRAIL, a biotechnology company specializing in advanced cancer diagnostics. This blood test identifies DNA fragments shed by cancer cells into the bloodstream and can detect signals associated with more than 50 types of cancer – many of which currently lack standard screening protocols. Importantly, the test can identify cancer in asymptomatic individuals, when treatment is often more effective and outcomes are significantly improved.

Participation in the screening program remains voluntary, and all results are confidential, being sent directly to the individual firefighter.

Moving forward, Livonia plans to implement a rotational screening schedule based on age: annual testing for members 50 and older, every two years for those aged 40 to 49 and every three years for members under 40.

This initiative aligns with broader national



efforts. Following heightened awareness after the events of September 11, 2001, organizations such as the American Cancer Society and the International Association of Fire Fighters have increased collaboration to address firefighter cancer risks. Departments across the country have also adopted similar screening programs, reinforcing a growing standard within the profession.

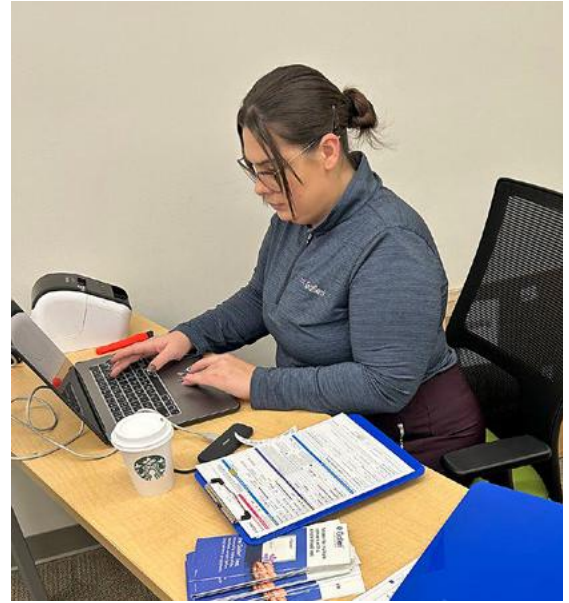
Livonia Fire and Rescue is one of the first departments in Michigan to provide this type of cancer screening for its members.

Locally, the need is clear. Livonia Fire and Rescue has seen numerous members diagnosed with cancer during active service and in retirement, including several current personnel. These real-world impacts underscore the urgency of early detection efforts.

In addition to cancer screening, the department continues to explore expanded health monitoring through partnerships and grant opportunities, including comprehensive NFPA physicals, advanced imaging and laboratory testing. These efforts go hand in hand with operational policies and procedures, and equipment designed to decrease risks from repeated exposures to carcinogens throughout a career.

While no program can eliminate the inherent risks of firefighting, Livonia Fire and Rescue is committed to reducing them wherever possible. Early detection represents one of the most effective tools available today – not only to lower treatment costs and operational impacts, but more importantly, to save lives.

As the fire service continues to evolve, initiatives like this ensure that protecting those who protect the community remains a top priority.





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Athletic Youth Summer Camps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Basketball • Hockey • Iron Cubs • Youth Lacrosse • Youth Soccer 	Athletic High School Camps/Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lacrosse • Soccer • Hockey • Iron Cubs • Tennis 	Summer Enrichment Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chess • Quiz Bowl • Stem & Robotics
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At Your Clarenceville Schools...



Highlights from March is Reading Month

March is Reading Month was in full swing at the elementary schools. Grandview's theme was "Reading Makes You Pop", while Botsford's theme was "Dive Into Reading."

Reading minutes were documented, and thanks to a generous partnership with Livonia United Lodge 152 Free and Accepted Masons, along with The Order of the Eastern Star Victoria Chapter 290, 24 bicycles and helmets were donated to our rock star readers!

A few of the fun activities that ran throughout March to celebrate reading included Milk and Bookies, silly stringing GV's principal, unveiling Grandview's book vending machine, and Botsford's book bracket.

Robotics

Clarenceville had a successful inaugural robotics season. Two competitions took place for Team 10672, the Clarenceville Trobots, at Belleville and Livonia Churchill.



A huge thank you to both the Livonia and Farmington robotics teams, who helped launch our first FIRST Robotics teams. The team placed high amongst the inaugural season teams. Big goals have been set by this team for next year.



DECA

Clarenceville sent 11 students/teams to the competition, in which over 7,500 students from the entire state of Michigan competed. They did a tremendous job, but unfortunately, we did not qualify for the international conference this year.

However, we did win three awards at the competition, not bad for a first-year chapter! We will continue to build the chapter and increase our participation, with much hope for future competitions.



Winner Awards:

1. 8 for 80th Award – Second-highest increase in membership this year. Great for a new chapter. Plaque displayed in the DECA case at CHS.
2. Chapter Membership Award – Focus on growing the chapter by engaging students and professionals. Plaque displayed in the DECA case.
3. Achievement Level Chapter – Recognition for chapter and outreach activities this year. Certificate displayed in the DECA case.

Start-up Business Plan Teams:

Gabryella Stewart and Madison Wallace
Ashar Garrett and Kenneth Ingram

Team Events:

Emma Watt and Ella Fisher
James Thomasma and Andromeda Frost
Emma Frederick and Conrad Horen

Individual Events:

Kaine Perry

Arts

Octtayevea Domanski and Andromeda (Axel) Frost were accepted into the annual student exhibition at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Their work will be on display from June 19 through July 19. Congratulations to these talented creatives!



Domanski



Frost



Clarenceville SLS

Clarenceville students went to the Students Leading Students (SLS) conference in Shanty Creek recently. They had a successful weekend getting to collaborate with other SLS groups in the area and learned about effective leadership skills and approaches in regards to their peers.

Clarenceville took home three awards:

- Most Inclusive Chapter
 - Most School Spirit
 - Charlie Stilec Spirit Award (for the group that exemplifies positive energy, enthusiasm and dedication to the SLS vision and participates in community projects and substance-free activities)
- Congrats Clarenceville!!!



Youth in Government

The Mission statement of Youth in Government is to provide leadership training to meet the needs of a democratic society and to develop an understanding and awareness of Michigan state government and national issues. To create an inclusive environment in which students develop an understanding and appreciation of the diversity of others. To strengthen young people and communities through emphasizing character development and the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility in all that we do.

Clarenceville's team lived into that mission statement and was super successful this year with Youth in Government.

YMCA Michigan Youth in Government is a student-run, student-led model government program for teens across the state of Michigan. These program areas model the systems that make our democracy run. Our motto is, "Democracy must be learned by each generation."

Sports

Congratulations to the entire Clarenceville wrestling team for an amazing season, to Shaneel Khatari for a top 12 performance and a tough blood-round exit, Logan Elliott for an amazing two-day run and a fifth-place all-state finish, and Deryk Klein for an awesome two-day run and a sixth-place all-state finish as well as an amazing career here at Clarenceville.

Deryk Klein not only succeeded as a wrestler, he was successful on the football field. Because of that, he was selected to play in the 2026 East All-Star team as part of the 44th MHSFCA East-West All Star Game at Lawrence Technological University on June 20, 2026. The game is a long-standing high school football tradition in Michigan. Many of the greatest football players in the state's history have played in this game, including NFL players such as Jerome Bettis, Braylon Edwards and Jake Long.



Elliott



Klein

There were over 130 nominations for the East Team and Deryk was one of 40 players selected.

Congratulations to Deryk Klein on this unbelievable recognition! This is an incredible achievement and a testament to his hard work, dedication and talent. To become only the second student-athlete from Clarenceville High School to earn this opportunity to play in this game is truly special. He has made our school and community proud, and this milestone is just the beginning of even greater things ahead. This is a well-deserved honor!

Tune in to watch: The game will be televised on WDIV Channel 4 and can be seen all over the state. The new game time is 7:00 p.m. under the lights.

Celebrating Leadership, Service and Community Impact: 2026 Leadership & Awards Celebration

THE Livonia-Westland Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Leadership & Awards Celebration Dinner brought together business and community leaders for an evening dedicated to honoring excellence across Livonia at the Italian American Banquet Center on February 24. The annual event highlighted individuals and organizations whose leadership, innovation and service continue to shape the city's future and strengthen its community spirit. Presenting sponsors included AlphaUSA, Bill Brown Ford, Embassy Title Agency, LaFontaine Imports of Livonia, Madonna University, Masco Corporation, and TRUE Community Credit Union.

Masco Corporation, named Outstanding Large Business of the Year, was recognized for nearly a century of industry leadership and community investment. From its beginnings as Masco Screw Company in 1929 to becoming a global force in home improvement products, Masco continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to giving back through support of local organizations and cultural institutions.

The Outstanding Small Business of the Year, BIGGBY Coffee and Kung Fu Tea, owned by Ed and Eileen Buison and Megan Richardson, was honored for its resilience and growth. After overcoming financial setbacks and pandemic challenges, the business has expanded across the region while maintaining a strong commitment to community involvement and employee development.

Two recipients earned the Community Enhancement Award. The Livonia Senior Wellness Center represents a major investment in programming and accessibility for older adults, while Omnevo Fitness and Athletic Club transformed a longtime facility into a modern, dynamic fitness space.

Matt Wilson, Schoolcraft College's chief community engagement officer, was named the 2025 Chamber Ambassador of the Year. His active participation in chamber events and consistent promotion of local businesses has strengthened connections throughout the community.

Additional honors recognized leadership in sustainability and inclusion. Infineon Technologies received the City of Livonia Greenleaf Award for its environmental efforts, while Catreese Qualls was presented with the DEIB Changemaker Award for her work advancing diversity,



equity, inclusion, and belonging.

The celebration also recognized outstanding educators from both school districts. Livonia Public Schools Educators of the Year included Melissa Bater, Jessica Thimm and Leah Gagnon, while Karen Morrison and Stephanie Ricci were honored as Clarenceville School District Teachers of the Year.

The Livonia Legacy Awards honored two individuals whose lifelong contributions have made a lasting impact. Dr. Richard McDowell, former president of Schoolcraft College, was recognized for decades of leadership in education and civic engagement. Fr. Joseph Marquis was honored for his unique legacy as an educator, priest and storyteller who has brought joy and meaning to generations through his portrayal of St. Nicholas.

The evening also highlighted emerging and dedicated community leaders. Yara Hasan, recipient of the Livonia Outstanding Youth Award, was recognized for her growth, leadership and commitment to service. The Livonia First Citizen Award was presented to Dave Zarek, whose decades of volunteerism and community leadership have supported countless individuals and families across the region.

As the Chamber continues to foster relationships and champion local success, the event reflected the collective impact of individuals and organizations working together to build a stronger community.





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AROUND Livonia

May – July

ONGOING

- Kids of all ages are invited to bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy a night of dancing, music and laughter each Tuesday from July 7-August 18 at 6:30 p.m., at Stymelski Veterans Park, 14407 Stark Road. For a full lineup of musician visit www.livoniaparks.org.
- Save the dates for the 2026 Music from the Heart concert series each Thursday starting July 9 at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive. Visit www.livonia.gov/1638 for details as they become available.

MAY

May 23

Memorial Day Ceremony

9 a.m.

Veterans Park Memorial Plaza
Corner of Five Mile and
Farmington roads

Participate in a special Memorial Day tribute with military salutes, a wreath-placing ceremony, special guests and music to honor our fallen veterans. Call (734) 466-2418 for more information.

JUNE

June 6

Passport to Safety

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Livonia Police and Fire Departments Farmington Road, south of Five Mile
This free interactive and informational event will feature stations covering bike safety, 911 training, auto safety, computer safety, fire safety, water safety, food safety and more for children. There will be giveaways, food and music. Learn more at www.livoniapassporttosafety.org.



June 7

Summer Flea Market

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Greenmead Historical Park
20501 Newburgh Road
Shop from over 160 vendors and leave with new-to-you items. Admission is \$3 for ages 12+ and children 11 and under are free. Learn more at www.livonia.gov.

June 19

Longest Day Pool Party

1-7 p.m.

Clements Circle Splash Park
9999 Harrison Street

Kick off summer with a pool party and fun for all. Games and outdoor activities will be held from 4-6 p.m. This event is free with a membership or day pass. Learn more at www.livoniaparks.org.

June 23-28

Livonia Spree

Tuesday: 4-11 p.m., Wednesday-Friday: 2-11 p.m., Saturday-Sunday: 12-11 p.m.

Ford Field
33841 Lyndon Street

Enjoy Livonia's annual summer event with an amusement park, food, games, live entertainment, beer tent, kids zone and more. For more information, visit www.livoniaspree.com.

June 27

36th Annual Garden Walk

10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Greenmead Historical Park
20501 Newburgh Road
Five privately owned gardens in Livonia will be open for tours, including the Simmons-Hill House Gardens. Tickets are \$12. Maps are available on the day of the walk. For more information, visit www.livonia.gov or call (248) 477-7375.

JULY

July 10

Soak and Play Day

6-8 p.m.

Kirksey Recreation Center
15100 Hubbard Street
Beat the heat and enjoy a night of water activities with games and fun for all at this Livonia AIR (Adaptive Inclusive Recreation) event! Bring a towel and sunscreen. Pre-registration is required. Learn more at www.livoniaparks.org.



July 17-19 and 24-26

Shakespeare in the Park

Friday-Saturday: 7 p.m.,
Sunday: 2 p.m.

Stymelski Veterans Park
14407 Stark Road

All ages are welcome to this free production of Shakespeare's "The Tempest", put on by Livonia Parks and Recreation with assistance from Livonia Community Theater. For more information, visit www.livoniaparks.org.

July 25

Craft Supply Swap

1-3 p.m.

Bennett Civic Center Library
32777 Five Mile Road

Attention crafters: Would you like to reinvigorate your stash of craft supplies, or try a new craft or hobby? Whether you're scaling your crafting game up or down, the second annual Livonia Public Library Craft Supply Swap is for you! Drop off your new or gently used, clean craft supplies to Bennett Civic Center Library, July 20-24. Those who donate supplies will get a ticket to "shop the swap" 30 minutes early. No supplies to donate? No problem! Stop in anytime between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. to pick up materials for your next crafting adventure.

July 30

Watermelon Drop

11-11:30 a.m.

Bennett Civic Center Library
32777 Five Mile Road
Celebrate the end of Summer Reading! What happens when you drop a watermelon from a big tree trimming crane? GRAVITY - it's the law! For more information, visit livoniapubliclibrary.org.

PLEASE NOTE: Event details may have changed. Please check event website or social pages for the most up-to-date information.



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