

Spring 2026
(March - May)

Fifty Plus Post

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50+ Program & Building Closures

- 4/03 - 4/04 – Good Friday/
Easter Holiday
- 5/23 - 5/25 – Memorial Day

**Cancellation line
(586)446-2693**

The message is updated by 8 a.m. if there are program cancellations due to weather. If the message is from a different day, it means there are **no** modifications to the current schedule.



Spring brings the beauty of nature reawakening from winter slumber, transitioning into milder weather and vibrant colors of the season. It is a great time to get outside and enjoy the programs and amenities that Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation offers, including our outdoor fitness park at the Senior Center.

Our new recreation software has fully bloomed bringing a robust online registration system and new mobile app. If you would like more information on how to get started on either please visit myshpr.net or contact the Senior Center.

In this edition of the **Fifty Plus Post** you will find a variety of offerings to help you blossom and **Age Well!** this spring.

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The warmth of
friendship and
joy of connection
helped our patrons
Age Well and beat
the winter blues.

Registration Basics

- Register early to avoid program cancellations.
- Resident-only registration begins on the date and time listed. **Non-resident registration begins the following day at the same time.** This allows residents 24 hours to register before non-residents.
 - Programs advertised without a specific date listed open at **9 a.m. on 2/04/26.**
 - Programs with a specific registration date listed (ex: trips, parties, etc.), open at **2:15 p.m.** on the date listed. Numbers will be given out starting at 2 p.m. for in-person registrations.
- Waiting lists are formed when programs become filled. Being added to a wait list is not a guaranteed spot in the program nor does it mean that additional classes or spaces will be added. Openings to be filled from waiting lists will be communicated via email.
- Registration forms must be completely filled out. Please make sure we have a correct email address since correspondences will be sent via email. **Old registration forms will not be accepted.**
- **Registrations cannot be taken over the phone.**
- Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.
- Checks should be made Payable to: "Treasurer, City of Sterling Heights".



Ways To Register

In Person

Fill out a registration form (on page 30) and bring it to the Senior Center or Community Center.

Online*

Sign in or create an account at myshpr.net to register online
(*credit card payments only).

Mail

Mail registration form to:
Sterling Hts. Senior Center
40555 Utica Rd., P.O. Box 8009
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-8009



Fax

Fax form to: (586) 276-4066

Email

Email form to: seniorcenter@sterlingheights.gov

Mobile App*

Access your account on your phone from the mobile friendly app. Download the app from the Play Store or App Store. More information at myshpr.net.

*



= In-person registration only

STAY CONNECTED AND UP-TO-DATE!

Program changes and updates get emailed. Be sure to check your inbox for any updates from: City of Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation. If we don't have your email address, please email us at seniorcenter@sterlingheights.gov





Members receive full access to all drop-in style programming and many other programs at no additional charge. The cost is \$16 resident / \$32 non-resident and is good for one full year from date of purchase. Becoming a member is easy! Simply come to the Senior Center with your form of payment and fill out a Membership Registration Form. When registering, a photo will be taken and a key tag will be given to use for quick access into the Senior Center. It is that easy! Class and trip fees are not covered by the membership. Members must register for programs even if the information mentions the cost for programming is **free for members**. Memberships also make great holiday gifts, the kind that keep giving all year long.

Senior Center Sampler Pass:

For those just wanting to try a membership before buying, a Senior Center Sampler Pass may be more your speed. The pass allows individuals over the age of 50 the opportunity to enjoy all the benefits of a Senior Center Membership for 7 calendar days from the date of purchase. The cost is \$8 for residents and \$16 for non-residents with a limit of one pass per person per calendar year. If a Senior Center Membership is bought within 30 days of purchasing the pass, the cost of the pass will be discounted from the price of the membership. This is one deal you won't want to pass up!

Senior Center Caregiver Pass:

Caregivers that assist a Senior Center member will need to have a caregiver pass to come into the building with the member. This pass is \$5 and good for one year from date of purchase. Each caregiver will need to have their own pass which allows them access to the building to give assistance as needed, but not to participate in a specific program. To obtain a Caregiver Pass, you must fill out a form at the Senior Center.

Sterling Heights Minibus Service A SMART Way To Travel

Curb-to-curb transportation service is offered Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and after 4 p.m. for some Parks and Recreation programming and City Council meetings. Rides are available for residents over the age of 55 who do not drive or adults with disabilities. Rides can be requested up to 14 days in advance and are first come, first served and limited. If you would like more information about our curb-to-curb transportation service, please contact the number below or visit myshpr.net.
No Minibus Service: 4/03 or 5/25



To make an appointment:
email shprbus@sterlingheights.gov
or
Call (586) 446 - 2757

Phone lines are open Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - noon and 1 - 4 p.m.



BLACKTHORN

(Irish Folk)

Thursday, March 12

6 - 8 p.m.

Plan to attend the last Coffee House Concert of the season at the Sterling Heights Community Center. This event will include locally sourced complimentary coffee from Deer Camp Coffee and mock-tails at intermission.

Fees:

- Advance Purchase \$19 Resident / \$23 Non-resident
- At the Door Sales \$21 Resident / \$25 Non-resident



Sweet Beats

Friday, May 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for the sounds of the 20-piece band from Rochester. The Sweet Beats, an all senior group, play a variety of music using various string instruments, keyboard and a variety of percussion instruments.

Brought to the Center by:

Cost: Free

Location: Senior Center



(Open 3/11)



Thursday, May 7

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

(Doors open for the party at 5:15 p.m.)

It's time to celebrate! Why, you ask? Why not?! Throw on your best outfit and join us for an evening of food, friendship and fun. High Fidelity will be back to play our favorite dance floor jams. Dinner will be provided by Century Banquet (menu will be released on 3/03/26). Life is too short not to celebrate, so grab your dancing shoes, get dressed for glitz and glam and join us for an evening to remember! **Last day to register is 4/21/26.**

Cost: \$22 Resident / \$28 Non-resident

Location: Community Center

Things to know:

What is considered the dress code?

If you want to wear the formal dress worn to your great nieces wedding, your best Sunday suit or favorite going out jeans, it all works. We want all of our participants to feel comfortable and fabulous (no birthday suits allowed).

What is the menu?

Although the entree will be released 3/03/26 the menu will include garden salad, roll with butter, dessert and a variety of beverages to keep you hydrated.

I need a ride, but the minibus service closes at 3:30 p.m. How can I get to the party?

We will provide service to minibus riders who are registered for the event and need a ride. Just make sure to mention it when registering.

Service Projects

Helping Hands

**Tuesday, March 3,
April 7 & May 5**
from 4 - 7 p.m.

**Tuesdays, March 17,
April 21 & May 19**
from 1 - 4 p.m.



Volunteers prepare plarn (plastic yarn) that will be crocheted into mats for the un-homed. Help us by sorting and cutting plastic grocery bags into strips.

Helping Heroes

Friday, April 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Volunteers fill care bags for the Veterans Outreach food pantry. Volunteers must register online or in person in advance to help.

Location: Senior Center

Veterans Outreach Items needed (NEW Items only): Toothpaste (large size), toothbrushes, individually wrapped toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent, full-size tissue boxes, individually wrapped paper towel, cleaning supplies.



Memorial Day is a time to pause and remember all the brave men and women that have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. The 47th Annual Sterling Heights Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 25. A ceremony will be held in the City Center Courtyard at 9 a.m. to pay tribute to all veterans who have died in the line of duty. For information, contact Community Relations at (586) 446-2470.



BOOK FAIR

CITY OF Sterling Heights LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 20
9 a.m. - noon

Shop great deals on
hardcover books, paper backs,
DVDs and more in the Atrium!

SHOE DRIVE CHALLENGE

April 1 – 30

Nothing to Buy, Nothing to Sell!
Simply Clean out Your Closet!!



Donate children's, men's or women's shoes: heels, flip flops, snow/hiking boots, sandals, clogs, cleats, sneakers, fancy, casual, ugly and even smelly! Please pair shoes by tying or **rubber banding them together**. Donations can be placed in the collection bin located near Rooms 5 & 6. **Please do not bring shoe boxes.**

RESOURCES AND SERVICES



**Wednesdays,
March 11, April 8 & May 13
10 a.m.**

If you are caring for someone with dementia, who is caring for you? You are not alone. Join us the second Wednesday of **each** month for this support group that is specifically designed for families and caregivers. This group will help you learn more about the disease as well as understand the changes dementia has made on their lives.

Brought to the Center by:  **Arden Courts**
MEMORY CARE IS ALL WE DO.

Cost: Free (Registration required)

Location: Senior Center



**Veterans Benefit
Outreach**

**Fridays,
March 20, April 17 & May 15**

The Macomb County Office of Veteran Services provides one-on-one appointments to Veterans and their spouses. Get questions answered or assistance with filling out paperwork for Service Connected Compensation, Veterans Pension with Aid and Attendance, VA Health Care, etc.

To register for an appointment visit myshpr.net or in-person at the Senior Center. *Registration cannot be taken over the phone.*

Cost: Free

Location: Senior Center



MMAP
MICHIGAN MEDICARE
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Navigating Medicare

**Confused by Medicare?
Make an appointment
with a Medicare Counselor**

**Wednesdays, March 18,
April 15 & May 20
Appointments start at 9 a.m.**

New to Medicare? Questions on Part D, Advantage Plans, Medigap or on Medicare charges & coverage? A Certified Medicare Counselor from the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP), a service of AgeWays, is available at the Sterling Heights Senior Center to help you get answers. **One-on-one appointments are free of charge and must be scheduled in advance. To register for your appointment visit myshpr.net or in-person at the Senior Center. *Registration cannot be taken over the phone.***

Cost: Free

Location: Senior Center



**Wednesday, April 22
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

**Members
ONLY**

Are you struggling to figure out an electronic device? The Sterling Heights Public Library will be here to answer your tech questions! Members are to bring the device(s) they would like assistance with (smart phone, tablet, e-reader, laptop, etc.). Get questions answered during a 20 minute one-on-one session. Spots are first come, first served.



Cost: Free

Location: Senior Center

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

**Wednesdays,
March 11, April 8 & May 13
9 - 10 a.m.**

FREE Blood pressure checks are offered the second Wednesday of every month. No appointment necessary, just drop in to get checked.

Brought to the Center by:

Location: Senior Center



MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE
**MOBILE OFFICE
IS COMING TO YOU**



**Tuesday, May 5
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

The Secretary of State is bringing its services to the Center! No more long wait times at the SOS office. Simply make an appointment to complete your SOS transactions including State I.D. or driver's license renewal, title transfers, disability placards and more. **To register for an appointment visit myshpr.net or in-person at the Senior Center.**

Registration cannot be taken over the phone.

Before coming to the appointment, the participant can pick up an information packet to assist in being prepared for their appointment.

Location: Senior Center



Dining Senior Style

Mondays – Fridays
Tickets sold 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.
(Meal tickets available in Room 8 and are first come, first served)

Food served 11:30 a.m. - noon

Anyone 60 years of age and over can receive a meal for a suggested donation of \$3 per meal (\$6.50 for those under the age of 60). This program is brought to the Senior Center thanks to a partnership with the Macomb County – Office of Senior Services and AgeWays. Dining Senior Style menus are available at the Senior Center and online at **myshpr.net** (Menu items may be subject to change without notice).



**Thursdays,
March 12 & 26, April 9 & 23
and May 14 & 28**

Podiatrist, Dr. Paul Mallamo, can help with bunions, heel pain, nail problems, diabetes or other conditions. These services are covered by most insurances and Medicare. **Please note:** this is not a free screening, check with your insurance company. You must bring your insurance & Medicare cards with you. **To register for an appointment visit myshpr.net or in-person at the Senior Center. Registration cannot be taken over the phone.** Appointment times begin at 9 a.m.

Cost: Medicare & Co-insurance accepted plus
\$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents (members free)

Location: Senior Center



One of the greatest gifts you can give is your time. Without the help and dedication of our volunteers, we would not be able to offer such great programs. The Senior Center staff would like to thank all of our volunteers who give so much of their time. The month of April may be Volunteer Appreciation Month, but we value each moment that our volunteers give throughout the year. Thank you!



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15-0753



**Mondays,
9:30 a.m. - noon**

*Members
ONLY*

Join fellow artists in a relaxed atmosphere as you exchange ideas, critique each other's work and enjoy each others company. Bring your own supplies. No formal instruction will be given.



Location: Senior Center
Not meeting 5/25

SNIPPETY QUILTERS

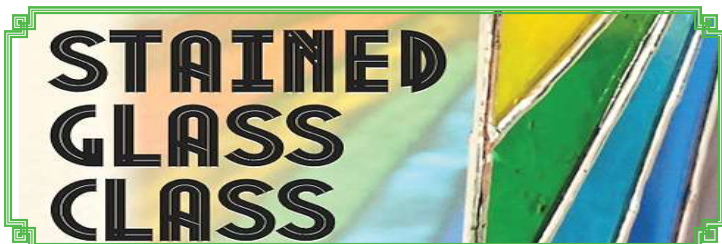
*Members
ONLY*

**Tuesdays,
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
and
Saturdays,
March 28,
April 25
& May 30
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**



This group is for quilters, sewers and beyond. Bring your own machine, supplies and ideas. No formal instruction will be given. Just come and enjoy time with others that have been bitten by the quilting/sewing bug.

Location: Senior Center



During each session, you will receive instruction to create a new stained glass project while learning how to cut glass, foil and solder to get a beautiful finished project to take home.



Instructor: Joyce May

Location: Senior Center



**Wednesdays,
12:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

*Members
ONLY*

Do you knit, crochet, needlepoint or cross-stitch? If so, this group is for you. Just bring in your current project and take a seat! This is an opportunity to share "purls" of wisdom, get ideas and enjoy the company of fellow textile artists. This is strictly a social group. There will be no formal instruction.

Do you have yarn you would like to donate?

The Sit-n-Stitch group accepts donations only on Wednesdays during the time they meet each week. Visit the group in Room 7 at the Center to drop off your donations.

Location: Senior Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
Th	3/19 - 4/09	9:30 - 11:45 a.m.	\$28 / \$36
Th	4/16 - 5/14	9:30 - 11:45 a.m.	\$35 / \$45
Th	5/21 - 6/18	9:30 - 11:45 a.m.	\$35 / \$45

MODEL BUILDERS

**Mondays & Wednesdays,
9:30 a.m. - noon**

New or experienced kit model builders are welcome to join this group. Work on your own projects: plastic, wood, metal, etc. No formal instruction will be given.

Location: Senior Center
Not meeting 5/25

Members ONLY



WOOD CARVING

**Mondays & Wednesdays,
1 - 4 p.m.**

Novice and experienced carvers convene to whittle, chip and carve interesting projects. This group welcomes all!

Location: Senior Center
Not meeting 5/25

Members ONLY



BILLIARDS



Mondays – Thursdays*

9 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.

(*Mondays - Wednesdays

9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. beginning 5/26)

Fridays & Saturdays*

(Thursdays beginning 5/28)

9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Our billiards room features three 8-foot tables that are open for drop-in play most days. Pool cues are available or bring your own. Please read house rules located on the wall in the billiards room before playing. All skill levels welcome!

Location: Senior Center

No Play 4/03, 4/04, 5/23 or 5/25

Enter at gym doors after 5 p.m. & Saturday

Members ONLY

CREATE & TAKE

Looking to get creative? Come to the Senior Center and join fellow crafters for socializing and fun while making an artistic creation to take home. Space is limited, registration is required.

**Friday, April 24
at 2 p.m.**

Join **American House** to create a fun seasonal craft! Space is limited; registration required.

Cost: \$3 Resident / \$5 Non-Resident
(members free)

Location: Senior Center

FUN AND GAMES



**Tuesdays,
March 10, April 14 & May 12
Bingo starts at 10 a.m.
(Cards sold 9 – 9:45 a.m.)**

Join us for Bingo!
Players must be registered by noon the day before to be able to play, no same-day registration. When participants arrive on the day of Bingo, they will need to



purchase their cards*. These are paper cards that will be played on only once. Bring your own dauber or buy one at the Senior Center for \$2. We will play six regular games and one coverall game. Space is limited, so register "B4" it's too late!

Cost: \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents (members free)

Cards cost: *25 cents per pack –

Regular Bingos – No limit

\$1 per coverall card – No limit

Location: Senior Center

On-Going GAMES

**Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.
Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Saturdays at 11 a.m.**



Swoop, Rummikub, Hand & Foot oh my! Join us to play games and meet new friends. All are welcome!
No Play 4/04 or 5/23



**Fridays,
March 6, April 10 & May 1
10 a.m.**

Bunco is a lively, social dice game that requires no skill! Bunco is all about rolling the right numbers to win rounds. Join the fun, newcomers are always welcome! No experience is needed to play this fast-moving dice game.



Players must be registered by noon the day before to be able to play, no same-day registration.

Cost: \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents (members free)

Bring \$2 with you that day for game play.

Location: Senior Center



**Fridays,
March 20, April 17 & May 15
Play begins at 10 a.m.**

*(Those not signed in by 9:30 a.m.
will forfeit their guaranteed spot.)*

If you enjoy Euchre, come down to the Center for our monthly tournaments. Play runs until approximately 12:30 p.m. **Players must be registered by noon the day before to be able to play, no same-day registration.** (Any unclaimed prize money will be forfeited after sixty days.)

Cost: \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents (members free)

Bring \$2 on tournament day for game play.

Location: Senior Center



If you don't see your favorite game, or maybe it isn't at a convenient time for you, let us know! We would love to get additional groups going if space is available.

All of the games listed below are for
No Play 4/03, 4/04, 5/23 or 5/25



Bridge

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
 at 9:15 a.m.**

Do you play Bridge or need a partner? Call the Senior Center at (586) 446-2750 if you are interested.

Canasta

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Canasta is a card game in the Rummy family of games. All are welcome to learn and /or refresh if you haven't played in a while!

Concan (51)

**Monday - Wednesday, Fridays
 & Saturdays at 10 a.m.
 Thursdays at 12:30 p.m.**

Concan is also known as Conquian and is the Arabic version of Rummy.

Euchre

Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

Euchre is a trick-taking game with a trump, played by four players in teams of two. Each player plays one card; the highest card of the suit led wins the trick, unless someone has played a card of the trump suit.

Pinochle

**Mondays & Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
 Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m.**

Pinochle is a trick-taking and melding game played with 4 players and a deck of 48 cards.
(Monday & Wednesday Cost: \$1.50)

Up & Down the River

Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

This game is known by different names to different people; Oh Heck, Peanuts, etc.

Mah-Jongg

Mondays at 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

Saturdays at 11 a.m.



Mah-Jongg is a game played with tiles that include Chinese figures and a card that indicates the arrangement of tiles to win a game. Experience necessary.
No Play 4/04, 5/23 or 5/25

Mexican Train



Mondays at 11 a.m.

Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.

Saturdays at 11 a.m.

Enjoy time with others and have some fun playing Mexican Train Dominoes. This is one train you don't want to miss!
 No experience necessary.

No Play 4/04, 5/23 or 5/25

Scrabble



Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 9:15 a.m.

Challenge your brain, meet new friends, and join in on a fun game of Scrabble! **No Play 5/25**





**Tuesdays & Fridays*,
March 10 - May 19
1 - 2 p.m.**

AgeWays Nonprofit Senior Services will be offering their newest wellness program, Bingocize! This 10 week, evidence-based health promotion program combines exercise and health information with the familiar game of Bingo! It's designed to increase social engagement, improve balance, reduce falls and increase participants' knowledge of health information relating to staying healthy while aging. To participate, you must commit to attending twice a week for 10 weeks.

***Not meeting 4/03**

Brought to the Center by:  **AgeWays**
Area Agency on Aging 1-8
Nonprofit Senior Services

Cost: Free (Registration required)

Location: Senior Center

Avoid Back Pain: Strengthen & Stretch

Wednesday, March 11 at 10 a.m.

This presentation focuses on preventing back pain through simple stretching and strengthening exercises. It explains how proper movement, posture, and muscle support help protect the spine during daily activities. Attendees will learn practical exercises they can easily incorporate into their routine to improve flexibility, build core strength, and reduce the risk of back pain.

Brought to the Center by: Level Eleven Physical Therapy

Cost: \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents
(members free)

Location: Senior Center

S.C.A.M.S

Stopping Crimes Against Macomb Seniors

Wednesday, March 18

10:30 a.m.

Join Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido for this senior citizen safety focused presentation discussing ways in which seniors and their families can prevent from being scammed.

Cost: \$3 Residents /

\$5 Non-residents (members free)

Location: Senior Center

Healthy Living for the Brain & Body

Tuesday, March 24

10:30 a.m.

Learn what research has shown about lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Hear practical ways you can incorporate changes into a plan for healthy aging.

Brought to the Center by:  **ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION**

Cost: \$3 Residents /

\$5 Non-residents (members free)

Location: Senior Center

Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Wednesday, April 15

10:30 a.m.

Learn about common behavior changes, how to use non-medical approaches to address these behaviors and how to recognize when additional help is needed.

Brought to the Center by:  **ALZHEIMER'S
ASSOCIATION**

Cost: \$3 Residents /

\$5 Non-residents (members free)

Location: Senior Center



MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, as well as exercise to increase strength and balance. Participants will engage in activities including: group discussion, brainstorming, problem-solving, skill-building, assertiveness training and some simple exercises.

Brought to the Center by:

**HENRY
FORD
HEALTH**

Cost: Free (Registration required)

Location: Senior Center

The Importance of Gut Health

**Friday, April 17
10:30 a.m.**

Join this informative presentation with Dr. Balasz from Henry Ford Health as she explores the vital role gut health plays throughout our lives. Discover how the microbiome impacts overall well-being, including aspects you may not have considered, such as mental health and mood regulation.

Brought to the Center by:

**HENRY
FORD
HEALTH**

Cost: \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents (members free)

Location: Senior Center



**Thursdays,
April 30 – June 18
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

Do you have concerns about falling? Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. This award-winning, eight-week program is designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. You will learn to view falls as controllable,

Foundations of Grief

**Tuesday, April 21
10:30 a.m.**

Join a Grief Support Social Worker from Angela Hospice to discuss how the grieving process works and how to care for yourselves throughout the journey.

Cost: \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents (members free)

Location: Senior Center

YOUR POWER YOUR SAFETY:

Conversation with the Macomb County
Office of Senior Services

**Wednesday, April 29
10:30 a.m.**

The Macomb County Office of Senior Services Macomb County Elder Justice Alliance is bringing conversation to the community on how to help your friends, family, and yourself from harm as we age. Gain tools on how to prevent financial and physical harm, tips and resources to protect yourself and loved ones, and options if you believe you or a loved one has been abused or exploited.

Cost: \$3 Residents / \$5 Non-residents (members free)

Location: Senior Center

Perfume-Free Zone

Please do not use scented powder, perfume or cologne when visiting the Center. Many of our patrons have respiratory problems, allergies and sensitivities that can be triggered by scents. Thank you for your cooperation!

MOVE YOUR BODY



50+ FUN & FITNESS

The Senior Center Active Life wing of the building offers a variety of programs to keep members moving and having fun! Athletic activities bring both competitive and recreational players. Equipment is available for use, or patrons may bring their own if they prefer something specific.

Badminton

Players of all levels are welcome to play a friendly game.

Basketball

Half court or Full court? Join us to practice your shot or get a group together for a game.

Bocce

This is a low impact, fun activity that is easy to learn. Bocce is a game for all ability levels.

Cardio Room

The Cardio Room offers six pieces of equipment to help get the heart pumping. To best ensure all of our patrons remain safe and avoid injuries, a mandatory orientation is required before visiting the Cardio Room. Call the Senior Center Gym at (586) 446-2766 to schedule your orientation class or email seniorcenter@sterlingheights.gov.

Cornhole

This bag-tossing game is commonly found at tailgating parties and is very easy to learn. Open to all; no experience necessary.

Pickleball

There are multiple play times for each skill level. Players rotate and will get to play with a variety of skill levels. Please note that pickleball ratings are self designated, staff do not make the call. Players are allowed to come to one block of time per day. (i.e., A player may not play during the Intermediate time slot in the evening if they played during the Advanced time slot in the afternoon.) **Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation uses the following ratings:** Beginner/ Novice (1 - 2.5); Intermediate (3 - 3.5); Advanced (4+).

Table Tennis

This is recreational play and all skill levels are welcome. Doubles play is offered.

Walking Track

Our 1/20th mile track is a great place to get in your steps, no matter what mother nature throws our way.

Mondays – Thursdays*

9 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.

(*Mondays - Wednesdays,

9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. beginning 5/26)

Fridays & Saturdays*

(*Thursdays beginning 5/28)

9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

OUTDOOR FITNESS PARK

Exercising outdoors provides all the physical benefits of indoor exercise and can also provide vital exposure to sunlight that increases important levels of vitamin D unlike indoor exercise. Members can utilize the park at their own risk, simply stop at the gym desk for a key card and enjoy! Please note that the Fitness Park will close for inclement weather such as thunder and lightning.

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9 a.m. - 7:45 p.m. beginning 5/26)

Fridays & Saturdays

(*Thursdays beginning 5/28)

9 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

For the latest gym schedule visit myshpr.net or pick up a paper copy at the Senior Center or Community Center. Please carry in your athletic shoes; no street shoes are allowed in the gym, cardio room or on the walking track.

CHAIR VOLLEYBALL



Chair Volleyball helps with balance, core strength, joint flexibility, hand-eye coordination and endurance! With similar rules to regular Volleyball, the major differences are: the ball is a beach ball, a smaller court is used, the net is lower, participants must remain in a chair during play (at least one cheek) and the ball can be hit as many times as necessary to get it over the net to their opponent's side. Join us for the fun...the hardest part is staying in your chair!

Cost: Free for Members (Registration required)

Location: Senior Center Gym



Day	Dates	Time
W	3/04 – 3/25	9:30 - 11 a.m.
W	4/08 – 4/29	9:30 - 11 a.m.
W	5/06 – 5/27	9:30 - 11 a.m.

CORNHOLE LEAGUE

Join our new Cornhole Round Robin Ladder League! Players will play with and against division participants, changing partners after each game. Players will be scheduled and assigned a partner based on the previous week's individual score. Standings will be kept and updated weekly during the 6 weeks of league play to determine a league champion (prizes awarded). Game play - three games to 21 points.

Dates: Tuesdays, March 10 – April 14

Time: 1 - 3 p.m.

Cost: \$36 Resident / \$48 Non-resident

Location: Senior Center

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BOCCE BARN

Opening April 20

The Bocce Barn is reserved for Senior Center Members and 50+ programming scheduled activities only from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Patrons wishing to use the Bocce Barn are to first check in at the main Senior Center desk. Restrooms inside the Senior Center will be available during these times. New programming will include washers and putting-a-round. Check the schedule often as times and programs change regularly.

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VOLLEYBALL

Do you dig volleyball and are over 50? If you answered yes and are set on having a good time, let us know! We are looking to see if there is enough interest to offer traditional volleyball at the Senior Center this summer. This would be a member only drop-in gym activity. If you are interested please leave your name, if you prefer day or evening volleyball, and contact number or email at the Senior Center gym desk or email seniorcenter@sterlingheights.gov.



50+



WALKING CLUB

Wednesdays

May 6 - September 23

9:30 a.m.

The Heart and Sole Walking Club is open to anyone who is 50 years of age or older. It's a great way to enjoy the scenery, socialize with old friends and make some new ones along the way! Explore local parks, walk at your own pace and choose the distance that works for you! This group walks in Dodge Park and will travel to other area parks several times a month.

Cost: \$16 Resident /
\$21 Non-resident

Location: All walks will depart from Senior Center. For walks at destination parks, walkers can either meet at the park or travel to the park via the Senior Center SMART bus.



MOVE YOUR BODY

Fitness Classes

Fitness classes are based on ability, not age. Check out the Parks & Recreation fitness classes available to Adults 18 years of age and over to see what is best for you.

Endurance Key:

To better determine which fitness class is best for you, use the descriptions below to see the ability and endurance required.



Good for those with low endurance & mobility or balance challenges.



Able to stand and move for the entirety of the class.



Able to move at a quicker pace and/or get up and down off the floor.



Able to vigorously move body, including jumping.

Arthritis Exercise

The Arthritis Exercise program may be designed for people with arthritis who want to safely increase their physical activity levels, but it may also benefit those with other chronic health conditions who want to be more active! Increase joint flexibility and range of motion while maintaining muscle strength. Exercising can be done standing or sitting in a chair.



Instructor: Kim Vitale

Location: Senior Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res./Non.
M	3/16 – 4/20	11 a.m. - noon	\$42 / \$54
W	3/11 – 4/22	11 a.m. - noon	\$49 / \$63
F	3/13 – 4/24*	11 a.m. - noon	\$42 / \$54
M	5/04 – 6/22*	11 a.m. - noon	\$49 / \$63
W	5/06 – 6/24	11 a.m. - noon	\$56 / \$72
F	5/08 – 6/26	11 a.m. - noon	\$56 / \$72

*No Class: 4/03 or 5/25

Strictly Strength

A gentle but effective strength training class designed to help you build muscle, improve balance and feel stronger every day! All exercises are done standing or seated. Bring weights to class.

Instructor: Carlenda Goslin (Maria Marino Fitness Pros)

Location: Senior Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
Th	3/12 – 4/23	11 a.m. - noon	\$49 / \$63
Th	5/07 – 6/25	11 a.m. - noon	\$56 / \$72

Strength & Tone

Increase your metabolism, strengthen and tone your entire body. Class format will change each week. All fitness levels welcome. Bring a mat and weights to class.

Instructor: Michele Mecki

Location: Community Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	4/14 – 5/19	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$45 / \$58
W	4/15 – 5/20	5:45 - 6:45 p.m.	\$45 / \$58

Barre Fitness

Barre Fitness is a hybrid workout class - combining ballet-inspired moves with elements of Pilates, dance, yoga and strength training. Barre also focuses on high reps of small range movements. All fitness levels welcome! Bring a mat to class.



Instructor: Michele Mecki

Location: Community Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
W	4/15 – 5/20	7 - 8 p.m.	\$45 / \$58

Tai Chi Chu'an

Tai Chi is a series of gentle physical exercises and stretches. Each posture flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion. Tai Chi's deep breathing meditation techniques and slow movements can help relieve stress, increase flexibility, strength and improve overall well-being.

Instructor: John Marchewitz

Location: Community Center

Beginner: 

Day	Dates	Time	Res./Non.
T	3/10 - 4/21	10 - 11 a.m.	\$49 / \$63
Th	3/12 - 4/23	10 - 11 a.m.	\$49 / \$63
T	5/05 - 6/23	10 - 11 a.m.	\$56 / \$72
Th	5/07 - 6/25	10 - 11 a.m.	\$56 / \$72


Intermediate: 

Day	Dates	Time	Res./Non.
Th	3/12 - 4/23	11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	\$49 / \$63
Th	5/07 - 6/25	11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	\$56 / \$72

Essentrics

Essentrics is a full-body workout that rapidly changes the shape of your body through a fluid combination of strengthening and stretching. Bring a mat to class.

Instructor: Carrie James


Location: Community Center 

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	4/13 - 5/18	6 - 7 p.m.	\$49 / \$63
W	4/15 - 5/20	6 - 7 p.m.	\$49 / \$63
F	4/17 - 5/22	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	\$49 / \$63

Essentrics: Stretch & Restore

You will experience a relaxed, but dynamic full-body stretch that will work through all the joints and release tight muscles. Bring a mat to class.

Instructor: Carrie James


Location: Community Center 

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	4/13 - 5/18	5:15 - 5:45 p.m.	\$42 / \$55

Mat Pilates

Strengthen your core, improve flexibility and enhance your posture with our energizing Mat Pilates class! Designed for all fitness levels, this low-impact, full-body workout uses body weight and controlled movements to build strength, improve balance and increase mind-body awareness. No equipment needed - just bring a mat and your motivation!

Instructor: Michele Meckl


Location: Community Center 

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	4/13 - 5/18	6 - 7 p.m.	\$45 / \$58

TOTAL BODY STRENGTH TRAINING

A full-body workout that combines strength training, cardio and core exercises using dumbbells, resistance bands, medicine balls, the indoor walking track and more. Move through powerful stations designed to build strength, tighten, tone and challenge your entire body. Bring weights to class (5 lbs. or less).

Instructor: Carlenda Goslin

Location: Community Center 

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	4/13 - 5/18	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	\$45 / \$58



Chair Yoga is a gentle, seated form of yoga that connects breath with movement to help increase flexibility, strength, clarity and balance. The practice modifies standard yoga poses so that you can do them while sitting in a chair or standing and using a chair for balance.

Instructor: Elizabeth Wilk (Maria Marino Fitness Pros)

Location: Senior Center 

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	3/09 - 4/20	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$49 / \$63
W	3/11 - 4/22	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$49 / \$63
F	3/13 - 4/24*	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$42 / \$54
M	5/04 - 6/22*	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$49 / \$63
W	5/06 - 6/24	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$56 / \$72
F	5/08 - 6/26	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$56 / \$72

*No Class: 4/03 or 5/25

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Gentle Yoga FOR BEGINNERS

Revitalize your body, relax your mind, and reduce stress with slow, gentle poses that increase strength and flexibility. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing.



Instructor: Elizabeth Wilk (Maria Marino Fitness Pros)
Location: Senior Center



Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	3/09 – 4/20	6 - 7 p.m.	\$49 / \$63
M	5/04 – 6/22*	6 - 7 p.m.	\$49 / \$63

*No Class: 5/25

Basic Blend Yoga

Unwind after work and relax! Enjoy this unique blend of core, yoga flow and restore. This class will emphasize breathing, stretching, alignment and core exercises offering you a calm mind, body and spirit. All levels are welcome. Bring a mat to class.

Instructor: Donna Guitar
Location: Community Center



Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	4/14 – 5/19	5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	\$45 / \$58

Yoga

Revitalize your body, relax your mind and reduce stress with our yoga class. These classes help to trim and tone the entire body, increase flexibility and strength, help to de-stress the body and calm the mind. All levels are welcome! Bring a mat to class.

Instructor: Elizabeth Wilk (M & W)
James Abney (Th)
Location: Community Center



Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	4/13 – 5/18	11 a.m. - noon	\$45 / \$58
W	4/15 – 5/20	11 a.m. - noon	\$45 / \$58
Th	4/16 – 5/21	6:15 - 7:15 p.m.	\$45 / \$58

Zumba! GOLD

Get grooving at your own pace! Zumba Gold is a high-energy, low-impact aerobic workout. Bring indoor-only, non-marking soled shoes.

Instructor: Peggy DiMercurio (M & F)
Dalya Markarian (Th)
Location: Senior Center



Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
M	3/09 – 4/20	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$49 / \$63
Th	3/05 – 4/09	6 - 7 p.m.	\$42 / \$54
F	3/13 – 4/24*	11 a.m. - noon	\$42 / \$54
M	5/04 – 6/22*	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	\$49 / \$63
Th	4/16 – 5/21	6 - 7 p.m.	\$42 / \$54
F	5/08 – 6/26	11 a.m. - noon	\$56 / \$72

*No Class: 4/03 or 5/25



ZUMBA gold toning

This toning class focuses on muscle conditioning. It blends the Zumba party you love at a slower pace with a total-body workout using Zumba Toning sticks to shake up those muscles!

Instructor: Barb Wolcott
Location: Senior Center



Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	3/03 – 4/21	10 - 11 a.m.	\$56 / \$72
T	5/05 – 6/23	10 - 11 a.m.	\$56 / \$72



ZUMBA®

A fun mix of dance and fitness moves, this Latin-inspired fitness class will make you sweat and burn calories! Zumba is a great high and low intensity workout with international rhythms and music for all shapes and sizes!

Instructor: Sandra Currie
Location: Community Center



Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	4/14 – 5/19	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	\$45 / \$58
Th	4/16 – 5/21	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	\$45 / \$58

Chair Zumba GOLD

Chair Zumba Gold aims to improve overall energy, core stability, muscular strength, cardiovascular endurance and motor skills for those who find it difficult to stand for extended periods of time, those with limited mobility and anyone who wants a great seated workout! Shake weight exercises are also incorporated and available to use to enhance your workout.



Instructors: Barb Wolcott  
Location: Senior Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	3/03 – 4/21	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$56 / \$72
T	5/05 – 6/23	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$56 / \$72

LINE DANCE Exercise

Line dance exercise is an alternative way to be more active, meet new friends, increase stamina and cardiovascular endurance and improve balance. From your first steps as a beginner to a seasoned stepper, there is a class for you! Bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothing and athletic non-marking shoes.

Instructor: Carol Pakizer
Location: Community Center

Beginner:  

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
Th	3/12 – 4/23*	12:45 - 1:45 p.m.	\$42 / \$54
Th	5/07 – 6/25	12:45 - 1:45 p.m.	\$56 / \$72

Intermediate:   

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
Th	3/12 – 4/23*	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$42 / \$54
Th	5/07 – 6/25	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	\$56 / \$72



Advanced:   

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	3/10 – 4/21	11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	\$49 / \$63
T	5/05 – 6/23	11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	\$56 / \$72

*No Class: 4/16

Beginner Line Dance

Join in the fun & exercise! Each new dance step is taught as we move through each dance. This class is for “first timers” as well as those with some experience. Emphasis on fun and exercise! Non-marking, athletic shoes are required for class.

Instructor: Doug Mazzola  
Location: Community Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	4/14 – 5/19	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	\$45 / \$58

Beginner Plus Line Dance

Fun class for experienced beginners! This class is geared for those who have taken beginner classes and would like to take their dancing to the next level. Dances will be at the “beginner + to improver” level (*NO intermediate*). Come join the challenge, exercise and fun! Non-marking, athletic shoes are required for class.

Instructor: Doug Mazzola   
Location: Community Center

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	4/14 – 5/19	7:45 - 8:45 p.m.	\$45 / \$58



PICKLEBALL

LESSONS LEAGUES

Intro to Pickleball - One-day Clinic

Have you been wanting to see what Pickleball is all about? Participants in this one-day class will learn the basic rules, strokes and strategies of the game. No prior experience necessary. Paddles and balls are provided.

Instructors: Donna Santi

Location: Senior Center Gym

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	4/14	6 - 8 p.m.	\$17 / \$22
T	5/12	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.	\$17 / \$22

Pickleball 101 (4-Week Session)

Want to learn more about pickleball, improve your skills and play in leagues or tournaments? Learn the rules of the game, basic hitting techniques and other tips and strategies of the game during this 4-week session. Paddles and balls are provided.

Instructors: Donna Santi

Location: Senior Center Gym

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	3/17 - 4/07	6 - 8 p.m.	\$67 / \$87
T	4/14 - 5/05	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.	\$67 / \$87
T	5/19 - 6/09	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.	\$67 / \$87
T	5/19 - 6/09	6 - 8 p.m.	\$67 / \$87

Pickleball Skills & Drills

Learn effective techniques for serves, ground strokes, 3rd shots, lobs and overheads. Instructor will teach winning strategies including shot selection, communication, positioning and consistency. Players will perform drills and play games to improve skills in game situations. *Not for beginning players.*

Instructors: Donna Santi

Location: Senior Center Gym

Day	Dates	Time	Res. / Non.
T	3/17 - 4/07	9:15 - 11:15 a.m.	\$67 / \$87
T	4/21 - 5/12	6 - 8 p.m.	\$67 / \$87

Join our Pickleball Round Robin Ladder Leagues! Players will play with and against division participants, changing partners after each game. Players will be scheduled and assigned a court based on the previous week's individual score. Standings will be kept and updated weekly during the 6 weeks of league play to determine a league champion (prizes awarded). Game play - three games to 15 points.

**Space is limited; if league is full, please add yourself to the wait list and substitute player list.*

Co-ed Doubles Round Robin Ladder League

(Player Ranking: 2.5 +)

Dates: 4/15 - 5/20

Time: 12:30 - 2 p.m.

Cost: \$26 Resident /
\$33 Non-resident

Location: Community Center

Substitute Player

Cost: Free; **must register*



Know Before You Go!

- Resident registration for trips begins in-person and online at **2:15 p.m.** on the day listed above the trip title. Numbers will be given out starting at 2 p.m. for in-person registrations.
- **Non-residents may register the next day at 2:15 p.m.**
- Trips are **non-refundable** unless a suitable replacement can be secured at least two business days prior to departure.
- Pricing listed is resident / non-resident.
- Dates & pricing are subject to change.
- Return times listed are approximate.
- If you need a wheelchair lift bus for any of our day trips, please let us know **before registering** as we need to check on availability of wheelchair seating.
- Travelers are to park in the northeast lot, the lot along the tree line near the gym.
- Each traveler must visibly wear the provided lanyard for the duration of the trip.
- Check-in begins 1 hour prior to departure.
- Travelers must be checked in at least 15 minutes prior to departure.
- Trip itineraries and meal choices are subject to change. When possible, travelers will be alerted via email prior to departure.

Endurance Level Key

To better assist travelers, trips are rated according to the level of endurance required.



Easy: Little walking. Ex: Going to a lunch or play.



Moderate: Walking with few breaks and some stairs.



Strong: Much walking, uneven surfaces, and /or multiple flights of stairs.



All of our upcoming outings are listed below chronologically. Please check: myshpr.net or email seniorcenter@sterlingheights.gov to inquire if spots are still available.

Departs	Destination
03/13/26	Monarch Craft Studio
03/25/26	Soaring Eagle Casino
03/27/26	DSO Concert "Rick Steves' Europe: A Symphonic Journey"
03/31/26	"& Juliet" at the Fisher Theatre
04/08/26	"Come From Away" at Meadow Brook Theatre
04/16/26	Hamtramck
04/24/26	Historic Savannah & Charleston
04/28/26	Great Lakes Crossing Shopping
04/30/26	Ohio Wine Tour
05/06/26	"Million Dollar Quartet" at Meadow Brook Theatre
05/14/26	Midland: Dow Gardens & Whiting Forest Canopy Walk
05/19/26	Luncheon Theatre Show "Positively Broadway" at the OPC
05/20/26	Sequoia & Kings National Parks
05/28/26	Kellogg Manor House
05/29/26	DSO Concert "Songs of America"
06/05/26	Detroit Tigers vs. Seattle Mariners
06/10/26	"Always a Bridesmaid" at Meadow Brook Theatre
06/12/26	Bay City
06/19/26	DSO Concert "Pink Martini"
06/25/26	DIA Melodies at the Museum
07/08/26	"Emma's Wedding" at Purple Rose Theatre
07/10/26	Detroit Tigers Vs. Philadelphia Phillies
09/19/26	Landscapes & Lighthouses of Coastal Maine
10/22/26	Spotlight on the French Riviera
12/04/26	Christmas in London
03/11/27	Discover Irish Splendor

(Opens Wednesday, 3/11)

Shopping at Great Lakes Crossing Mall

Tuesday, April 28 

Back by popular demand! Get some much-needed personal retail therapy / mall walking to help calm the nerves. The bus will drop you off to enjoy the day as you wish; take in a movie at the theatre, have lunch with a friend (on your own), get a new outfit, etc.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$6 / \$9	9:45 a.m.	2:45 p.m.	SMART

(Opens Wednesday, 3/11)

Meadow Brook Theatre presents...

MILLION DOLLAR QUARTET

Wednesday, May 6 

December 4, 1956: an extraordinary twist of fate brings Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley together at Sun Records in Memphis for what would be one of the greatest jam sessions ever, with an irresistible tale of broken promises, secrets, betrayal and celebrations that are both poignant and funny. Relive the era with the smash-hit sensation featuring an incredible score including "Blue Suede Shoes," "Fever," "Walk the Line," "Great Balls of Fire," "Hound Dog," and more.



Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$47 / \$50	12:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	SMART

(Opens Wednesday, 3/11)

Midland: Dow Gardens & Whiting Forest Canopy Walk

Thursday, May 14 

Travel to Midland to tour the home and studio of Alden B. Dow. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1989, it continues to engage the imagination and elicits emotional responses in all who experience this powerful statement of Mid-Twentieth Century Modern architecture. Next, travel to Dow Gardens to experience a dazzling 110-acre display of annuals and perennials punctuated by distinctive bridges, towering pines, and delightful water features. Lastly, explore Whiting Forest of Dow Gardens featuring 54 acres of woodlands, ponds, apple orchard, meadows and stream. You will be immersed in the forest on the nation's longest canopy walk, 1,400 feet long, soaring up to 40 feet above the ground. Enjoy lunch at Lucky's Steakhouse with a choice of **1)** old fashioned burger with cheese, grilled onions, lettuce, tomatoes & pickle with French fries, **2)** chicken parmesan served with fettuccine Alfredo OR **3)** Icelandic cod lightly breaded and served with tartar sauce. All entrées served with bread, salad, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$91 / \$96	7 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	Bianco

(Opens Wednesday, 3/11)

OPC 650 Players presents...

Positively BROADWAY

Tuesday, May 19 

Get ready to be dazzled! This May, OPC Performing Arts proudly presents its 2026 Spring Show, **Positively Broadway**, a vibrant celebration of Broadway's greatest hits performed with energy, heart, and plenty of show-stopping flair. Go on an unforgettable journey through beloved Broadway classics, filled with lively music, dazzling choreography and the unmistakable magic of live performance. You will get to enjoy a delicious lunch and dessert before the show.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$31 / \$34	11:15 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	SMART

(Opens Wednesday, 3/11)

Kellogg Manor House

Thursday, May 28



Travel to Hickory Corners, Michigan to enjoy a guided tour of Kellogg Manor House (home to former cereal magnate W.K. Kellogg) situated on the highest point overlooking Gull Lake. This 100-year-old manor house boasts awe-inspiring views and historic grandeur.



This lovely lakeside setting includes a carriage house with chauffeur's residence, greenhouse and natural gardens, boathouse and an authentic Dutch windmill. Enjoy a luncheon with a choice of **1)** Pastry topped chicken pot pie with a tossed salad or **2)** Michigan harvest house salad with a bowl of vegetable soup. The trip concludes at Cherry Creek Cellars that is located in a historic 1870 schoolhouse and includes a wine tasting of the vintner's award-winning wines.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$79 / \$84	6:45 a.m.	7 p.m.	Bianco

(Opens Wednesday, 3/11)

PNC Pops Coffee Concert with the DSO

SONGS OF AMERICA

Friday, May 29



Celebrate America's 250th Anniversary with the songs and sounds that have shaped the nation's musical legacy. From jazz standards and Broadway classics to the great American Songbook, vocalists Melinda Doolittle and Jimmie Herrod join the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and conductor Enrico Lopez-Yañez for a journey through America's musical heritage.



Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$53 / \$56	8:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	SMART

(Opens 3/11 - Game 1 & 4/22 - Game 2)

Detroit Tigers

Friday, June 5

vs. Seattle

or

Friday, July 10

vs. Philadelphia



Don't strike out, join us for one, two or three opportunities to head to the old ball game to cheer on the Detroit Tigers this summer. Weather permitting there will be fireworks after the games. Seats are in section 113. Stay tuned for more information about our third visit to the ball park in the Summer **Fifty Plus Post**.

Date	Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
6/05	\$49 / \$52	4 p.m.	11 p.m.	SMART

Date	Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
7/10	\$57 / \$60	4 p.m.	11 p.m.	SMART

(Opens Wednesday, 4/22)

Meadow Brook Theatre presents...

Always a Bridesmaid

Wednesday, June 10



On the night of their senior prom, Libby, Ruth, Deedra, Monette and Charlie promise that they will be bridesmaids in one another's weddings... no matter what. Now, more than thirty years later, these Southern gals are still making "the long walk" for each other, determined to honor that vow. 'For better or for worse' takes on a whole new meaning in this delicious comedy about old friends. From the writers of The Golden Girls and Kingdom Come.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$47 / \$50	12:45 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	SMART

(Opens Wednesday, 4/22)

BAY CITY

Friday, June 12 

Tour Bay City, an old lumber and shipping town that has many old stories, filled with ghosts, legends and other folklore. Learn about Hell's Half Mile and Water Street where as many as 5000 loggers would hit the street. Tour the district with turn-of-the-century brick buildings, which house quaint specialty shops, eateries and pubs. Enjoy a buffet luncheon at Krzysiak's House, one of the most popular restaurants in the Bay area. After lunch board the Princess Wenonah for a 2-hour cruise down the Saginaw River into Saginaw Bay.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$77 / \$82	7:30 a.m.	4:45 p.m.	Bianco

(Opens Wednesday, 4/22)

PNC Pops Coffee Concert with the DSO

PINK MARTINI

Friday, June 19 



Explosive yet graceful, touching yet playful—there's no band quite like Pink Martini! Joined by the DSO and featuring the sensational Storm Large, this 12-musician ensemble delivers a genre-blurring performance that blends jazz, world music, and '40s-'50s pop, taking audiences on a musical journey around the globe. With songs in 25 languages and over 3 million albums sold worldwide, Pink Martini returns to Orchestra Hall for an unforgettable performance!

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$53 / \$56	8:45 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	SMART

(Opens Wednesday, 4/22)

The Detroit Institute of Arts presents...

Melodies at the Museum:

Motown Tribute

Thursday, June 25 

Take part in this unique opportunity at the Detroit Institute of Arts for Melodies at the Museum which will feature a musical performance tribute to the Motown sound of the 1960s and 1970s including Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, The Jackson Five and others. After the performance, enjoy time for a self-guided visit of the museum.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$6 / \$9	11:45 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	DIA

(Opens Wednesday, 4/22)

Emma's Wedding(s)

Wednesday, July 8 

Travel to Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea for the world premiere of Emma's Wedding(s). Emma is getting married. Again. For the fourth time, actually. But she's determined that this one will be the one. Gathering her less-than-enthusiastic best friends, they revisit each of Emma's previous weddings, leading to a hilarious romp through the decades, complete with '80s hair, dial-up internet, Boone's Farm wine and the enduring power of friendship. (*Contains adult content and subject matter.*)

Travelers will have lunch at Karl's Cabin with a choice of **1)** Chicken Picatta with whipped potatoes and green beans, **2)** Parmesan encrusted cod with buttered redskins and broccoli or **3)** Maurice Salad. All entrées served with table bread, non-alcoholic beverage and butter pecan ice cream. Patrons will have time to walk around downtown Chelsea and maybe even do a little shopping prior to the performance.

Cost	Depart	Return	Travel By:
\$116 / \$121	10:15 a.m.	6:45 p.m.	Bianco

EXTENDED TRAVEL



For additional details, or to register for the trips listed on this page, visit: myshpr.net or the Sterling Heights Senior Center.

LANDSCAPES & Lighthouses OF COASTAL MAINE September 19 – 25, 2026

\$3,949 Double /
\$5,099 Single
w/air from DTW
& w/9 meals
(6 breakfasts & 3 dinners)



Highlights: Boston City Tour & Fenway Park, Casco Boat Cruise, Cape Neddick Lighthouse, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Lobster Clambake, Portland Head Lighthouse

Travel arrangements through:
Tour Activity Level: 2 out of 4



SPOTLIGHT ON THE FRENCH RIVIERA October 22 – 30, 2026

\$3,999 Double /
\$4,699 Single w/air
from DTW & w/12 meals
(7 breakfasts, 1 lunch
& 4 dinners)



Highlights: Nice Flower Market, Tasting Tour in Old Town of Nice, Monaco, Hilltop Village of Eze, Perfumery Workshop, Saint-Jean-Cap-Farret, Cannes, Wine Tasting, St. Paul de Vence.

Travel arrangements through:
Tour Activity Level: 3 out of 4



CHRISTMAS IN LONDON* December 4 - 10, 2026



\$3,899 Double / \$4,899 Single w/air from DTW
& w/9 meals (5 breakfasts, 2 lunches & 2 dinners)

Highlights: Christmas Markets, Covent Garden, Greenwich, Blenheim Place, St. Paul's Cathedral, London's South Bank, Christmas Light Drive.

Travel arrangements through:
Tour Activity Level: 3 out of 4



DISCOVER IRISH SPLENDOR March 11 – 18, 2027

\$3,999 Double /
\$4,799 Single
w/air from DTW
& w/9 meals
(6 breakfasts & 3 dinners)



Highlights: Dublin, Rock of Cashel, Blarney Castle, Dingle Peninsula, Cliffs of Moher, whiskey distillery tour, Foynes Aviation Museum & a castle hotel stay.

Travel arrangements through:
Tour Activity Level: 1 out of 4



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2 p.m. Christmas in London

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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Below are some notable spring
Parks and Recreation events:

Artist Inside

(Registration required)
3/14 & 4/11 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Heartsaver CPR

(Registration required)
4/15 or 5/13 5-9 p.m.

Treasure Hunter Market

5/15 9 a.m. - 2p.m.

For more events and information
check out **myshpr.net**.

2026 Community Garden Season Is Here!

Opens 5/01

Located in James C. Nelson Park, the Sterling Heights Community Garden offers residents and non-residents the opportunity to grow vegetables, flowers, and native plants. Gardeners can rent in-ground, raised, ADA-accessible, or children's beds for the season. The Community Garden also hosts public educational programs, group visits, and volunteer days to encourage community involvement! Soil, compost, water, and shared tools are provided for all gardeners. Garden bed rentals are currently open for residents and non-resident registration opens March 2. Cost: \$20-\$120. Interested individuals or households can apply in person at the Community Center or by mailing the documents to Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation at 40555 Utica Rd., P.O. Box 8009, Sterling Heights, MI. 48311-8009.

