

## **May 2009 is Michigan Month**

**With Bloomfield Hills Schools Keego Harbor  
Orchard Lake Sylvan Lake Walled Lake Schools  
West Bloomfield Schools West Bloomfield Township**

**Calendar of Events  
[www.michiganweek.org](http://www.michiganweek.org)**

### **Friday, May 1 - Saturday, May 30**

#### ***Healthier Ever After***

This ingenious traveling exhibit will engage all ages with imaginative hands-on experiences and opportunities for creative play in the West Bloomfield Main Library Youth Services Room throughout the month of May.

### **Friday, May 1**

#### ***Syringe Collection***

Dispose of your home-generated needles, syringes and lancets at a free collection held at Beaumont Medical Center, 6900 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield between 11:00am and 1:00pm. Loose needles, syringes and lancets will not be accepted. For more information call P. Morton at 248-898-0634.

### **Saturday, May 2**

#### ***West Bloomfield Hazardous Waste Day***

Use this opportunity to recycle your hazardous waste from 9:00am - 2:00pm at the Civic Center complex. Limited to West Bloomfield residents, call our hotline for more information, 248-451-4834.

### **Sunday, May 3**

#### ***4<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Israel***

The event starts with a kosher lunch at 12:15pm at Temple Shir Shalom, the walk at 1:00pm and returning to Temple at 2:00pm. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

### ***Walk for Awareness Step by Step***

All are welcome, family, friends, etc. to experience the early spring beauty of the West Bloomfield Trail by participating in this walk. The trail is accessible to wheelchairs and strollers. You may complete all or part of the four-mile trail. Park at Maplegrove Center, 6773 W. Maple for the opening ceremony at 1:00 pm. Buses will then transport walkers to the trail head at 1:30 pm. Buses will return walkers to Maplegrove at 2:30, 3:00, and 3:30 pm. For more information call Maplegrove Community Education 248-661-6170 or email [mce\\_cp@hfhs.org](mailto:mce_cp@hfhs.org)

### ***West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation Skateboard Competition***

West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation and PLUS Skateboarding Shop present the 3rd Skateboard Competition at Drake Sports Park/Skate Park. Registration starts at 11:00am and competition at 12:00pm, there is a fee of \$5. Three levels of competition – beginner, intermediate, advanced. Signed waiver required of all participants and signed by parent if under age. To register call 248-451-1900 or online at [www.westbloomfieldparks.org](http://www.westbloomfieldparks.org)

### ***Orchard Lake Sanctuary Tour***

Discover signs of spring with naturalist Carol Fink. Meet at 2:00pm at the Sanctuary entrance, Pontiac Trail, west of Old Orchard Trail. Be sure to wear shoes suitable for hiking. No charge.

### ***Seminar on Home Foreclosure***

West Bloomfield Public Interest Group is sponsoring a home foreclosures seminar at 2:00pm, at the West Bloomfield Public Library (Main Branch). Three speakers are presenting: a credit counselor, the township's chief assessor, and a bank president. There is no charge for this event. The goal of the seminar is to assist residents who are experiencing potential home foreclosures. For further information, contact Steve Kaplan at (248) 321-8480, or Ruth Fuller, at (248) 760-3789.

## **Tuesday, May 5**

### ***Respect for Law Day***

Join the West Bloomfield Optimists in honoring many of our public safety personnel. The celebration begins at 7:30am at West Bloomfield Fire Station 5 on Maple Road.

### ***Road Scholar: Learning – It's a Trip***

Elderhostel Host Carol Doll introduces the Road Scholar program, designed especially for the baby boomer generation of active, inquisitive travelers at the West Bloomfield Main Library at 7:00pm. No registration required.

### ***Friends of West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation Annual Potluck Dinner***

The public is invited to join the Friends at their annual potluck dinner held at Schulak Farm, 6889 W. Maple Rd. (look for the big red barn) at 6:30pm. Meat and set-ups are provided; please bring a salad or dessert to share. Make reservations by calling Sue Hawkinson at 248-683-2107.

### **Wednesday, May 6**

#### ***Fruit to Go***

Edible fruit arrangements make the perfect gift! Learn how to make these gorgeous “bouquets”. No registration required for this What’s Cooking program held in the West Bloomfield Township Public Library Main Meeting Room at 7:00pm.

### **Thursday, May 7**

#### ***National Day of Prayer Service***

Participate in the annual interfaith prayer service which brings together persons of various religious practices to recognize the role of religion in our lives through a common prayer experience. Persons of all religious persuasions are welcome at 12:00noon at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on Walnut Lake Road.

### **Friday, May 8**

#### ***Michigan Week Community Awards Breakfast***

Greater West Bloomfield honors those who have made major volunteer contributions to the community, 7:15am at Shenandoah Banquet, Golf and Conference Center. The \$25 tickets include an elegant breakfast buffet and must be purchased by May 1 at West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation in the Civic Center complex. For information call 248-451-1900.

### **Saturday, May 9**

#### ***Letter Carriers’ Annual Food Drive***

Help stamp out hunger by donating to one of the largest one-day food drives to benefit families in need. Place non-perishables in a bag, box or basket adjacent to your mailbox by 9:00am RAIN or SHINE; no glass containers please. Alternately, place the food on

your porch and notify the carrier by taping a note to your mailbox. If you are in need of emergency food assistance, call United Way by dialing 2-1-1 from any landline phone.

***Model Boat Club Regatta***

Bring the family to watch the Michigan Scale Model Boat Club's miniature versions of fishing boats, sailing vessels and even some famous boats at the Family Aquatic Center, 6200 Farmington Road from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Free, no registration required. For information call West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation at 248-451-1900.

**Tuesday, May 12**

***Greater West Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Dinner***

The Chamber will honor five influential business representatives at its Annual Awards Dinner from 6:30pm-9:00pm, at Bentley's Restaurant at Walnut Lake and Drake Roads. \$100 per person; \$1,000 for table sponsors (seating for eight) includes an elegant and sumptuous dinner buffet, open bar and networking/socializing with major decision-makers from greater West Bloomfield. For reservations call 248-626-3636, by May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Wednesday, May 13**

***Wellness Free Speaker Series***

The Orchard Mall and Beaumont Hospital present Memory Tips for All Ages, 12:30pm. The Orchard Mall is located in West Bloomfield at Maple and Orchard Lake Roads. Sponsors include the Prentis Memorial Library of Temple Beth El, Oakfield ORT and C & G Newspapers -- West Bloomfield Beacon, Farmington Press.

**Thursday, May 14**

***Keego Harbor Optimist Student Recognition***

Ceremonies start at 7:00am at Abbott Middle School on Orchard Lake Road.

**Friday, May 15**

***Community Coalition Meeting – Youth Group Recognition***

The Coalition will hold its monthly meeting from 8-9:30am at the NEW Teen Center at the JCC (Jewish Community Center). This is a special meeting to recognize youth groups from various schools and organizations who either work in mentoring or substance abuse prevention. Also an opportunity to see the Teen Center at JCC. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### **Saturday and Sunday, May 16 & 17**

#### ***Apple Island Tours***

Explore this uninhabited 38-acre island in the center of Orchard Lake. Greater West Bloomfield Historical Society members lead the tours which begin at the museum, Orchard Lake Road at Long Lake Road and are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children 12 years and under, on a first-come, first-served basis. Members free per category requirement, including those who join this weekend. Saturday tours run from noon to 4:00pm, Sunday noon to 3:00 pm. Call 248-682-2279 with questions.

### **Sunday, May 17**

#### ***Music @ Main***

Join *The Yellow Room Gang*, a collection of award winning Michigan songwriters will share their music and composing inspiration. No registration required for this Music @ Main program held in the West Bloomfield Township Public Library Main Meeting Room at 5:00pm.

#### ***Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital Rock & Road 5/10K Run & Kids Run***

Welcome to the fourth running of this community event presented by West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation. Check-in starts at 7:00 am at the Recreation Activities Center in the Civic Center complex. The 5/10K begins at 8:30am, 5K at 8:45am and the Kids Run at 10:00am. Event fee is \$20 until May 5, \$25 May 6-18; register online at [www.westbloomfieldparks.org](http://www.westbloomfieldparks.org) or call 248-451-1900

### **Tuesday, May 18**

***Vernors: Deliciously Different & Originally Detroit!***

Celebrate Michigan Week with Keith D. Wunderlich, an avid Vernors Ginger Ale collector for 30 years as well as the founder of the Vernors Collector Club. Join us at the West Bloomfield Main Library at 7:00pm, no registration required.

**Thursday, May 21**

***Friends of the West Bloomfield Library Annual Meeting and Luncheon***

Everyone is welcome at this annual meeting and luncheon, 11:30am in the West Bloomfield Main Library Meeting room. After a short business meeting, enjoy a complimentary luncheon. Call Kay Kirsh, 248-661-9164, by May 18 for reservations.

**Friday, May 22 – Monday, May 25**

***St. Mary's Polish Country Fair***

The Moms and Dads Club of St. Mary's Preparatory School sponsors this annual fair, with midway, ethnic foods, live music and Las Vegas tent. Fair Information Line, 248-706-6775.

**Monday, May 25**

***Lakes Area Memorial Day Parade & Memorial Services***

Get in a patriotic mood! The Keego Harbor Memorial Service is at 9:30am at Cass Lake Road just south of Orchard Lake Road. The parade starts at 10:15am and goes from Keego Harbor to Sylvan Lake. The Sylvan Lake Memorial Service immediately follows the parade at the Memorial Park on Garland Street about 11:30am.

***Memorial Day Service***

Pine Lake Cemetery Association sponsors a memorial service at 10:00am. The West Bloomfield Police Department Color Guard will participate in the ceremony held at the Pine Lake Cemetery at Lone Pine and Middlebelt Roads.

**Thursday, May 28, Friday, May 29 and Saturday, May 30**

***Keego Harbor Sylvan Lake Garage Sale***

Visit homes in Sylvan Lake and Keego Harbor between 10:00am and 4:00pm between May 28-30 and enjoy the sales! For information call Molly Rozycki at 248-681-7630.

### **Saturday, May 30**

#### ***League of Women Voters Annual Meeting Luncheon***

The annual meeting begins at 10am followed by a luncheon at 12 noon with a keynote speaker at the Shenandoah Banquet, Golf and Conference Center, 5600 Walnut Lake Road. Reservations are required by May 26th, cost of the luncheon is \$30. See the event calendar at [www.LWVOA.org](http://www.LWVOA.org) for a reservation form with menu options and payment details or call 248-594-6602. The speaker will be posted on the website.

#### ***Bike Safety Day***

It's the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike Safety Day at West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation in the Recreation Activities Center parking lot. You MUST bring your bike to participate. Day includes bike safety course, bike inspection, free bike helmet for children ages 3-12 (first 300 children), giveaways and ice cream!

### **Sunday, May 31**

#### ***Sunday Afternoon Knit & More***

Join Fiber Friends at the West Bloomfield Township Main Library from 2-5pm for an afternoon of fun, goodies and a chance to see what everyone else is creating! If you like, bring a premie cap or chemo cap you have already made, or bring your yarn and hook or needles. Wear one of your creations and bring cookies, muffins, or cupcakes to share. No registration required; for information call Debbie at 248-425-4111.

#### **Honorable Mention:**

### **Tuesday, April 28**

#### ***13<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Assistance Recognition Award Ceremony***

Come and celebrate the youth award-winners for their volunteer work and personal achievements at 7:30pm in the West Bloomfield High School Media Center. For information call 248-592-1278.

Additional neighborhood and community events can be found listed at [www.michiganweek.org](http://www.michiganweek.org). Please check the website for updates.

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