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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR VIVIANO

Dear Residents,

This past year, Townhall was abuzz with initiatives geared toward improving the quality of life for every resident. 2025 saw the launch of this very publication, transforming the REACH catalog into a full-fledged magazine, allowing us to "reach" every household with news about your community.

Our commitment to top-notch parks was on display with a variety of improvements. The 20+ year old playground at Waldenburg Park was replaced with a new accessible playground to provide the Township's next generation with a safe space to play together. The bathrooms at Macomb Corners were renovated and new batting tunnels were installed next to the baseball fields. New shade structures and a pergola were completed at Pitchford Park. And, if you're a regular at the Rec Center, a new water slide is ready for your family to enjoy.

We also bolstered our public safety ranks with two new deputies to our Sheriff's contingent along with the addition of Deputy K9 Koda, improving our ability to patrol and respond to calls. Additionally, 7 full-time positions were added to the Fire Department, increasing the number of first responders ready to answer your call.

The year ahead promises to be just as busy, with a number of road and infrastructure projects taking shape. We look forward to what our future has in store for us all here in Macomb Township.

Sincerely,

Frank J. Viviano
Macomb Township Supervisor

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SEASONAL OFFICE CLOSURES:

Macomb Township offices will be closed on the following dates for observed holidays:

January 1-2, 2026
January 19, 2026

February 16, 2026
April 3, 2026

Office hours will resume as normal on the business day following each holiday.



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NOTABLE NEIGHBORS

Macomb Township is full of amazing residents achieving great things every day. From championship titles to environmental innovation, these inspiring stories showcase the incredible talent, dedication and pride that make our Township such a special place to call home.



Alex Bailey

Katherine Graf, Alex Bailey & Cody Shene (Butoko Karate Dojo)

Katherine Graf (13) dominated the 2025 AAU Karate National Championship in Florida, winning gold in her weight class and heavyweight kumite, and first place titles in short and long weapons.

Alex Bailey continued his impressive run by securing top placements in kumite and weapons challenges, before competing at the WUKF World Championship in Sweden.

Cody Shene (18) excelled at the national level, earning placements in various single and team challenges.

Photo from Butoko Karate Dojo Facebook Page.



Nethanya Fonseka (left)

Nethanya Fonseka

Nethanya has been an integral part of several eco-friendly projects in Macomb Township, but her impact has been seen throughout Macomb County and beyond. A high-school student at Gene L. Klida Academy for International Studies and founder of the environmental group, Plant it Forward, Nethanya's work was recognized by the international organization, Action for Nature, in August. She was one of fifteen individuals named Action for Nature's 2025 International Eco-Heroes.



Mike Risk (left)

Mike Risk

Macomb Township Firefighter
Mike Risk continues to make our community proud on and off the job. Alongside his teammate, Nate, Mike set a new Division 3 State Record at the Firefighter Challenge Championship Series in August.

The competition, held in Pennsylvania, showcases the endurance, skill and teamwork required of the fire service. Mike's achievement reflects his dedication to personal excellence and public service.



PICTURE PERFECT: CAPTURE MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S WINTER WONDERLAND

We love seeing Macomb Township through the eyes of residents' photos. Each tells a story: a quiet moment in a park, a vibrant family celebration, or a winter sunrise over fresh snow. Through your lenses, we witness the heart of our community. Each photograph reminds us of the beauty, connection and pride that make Macomb Township special. Whether you're an amateur photographer snapping a quick picture on your phone or a seasoned professional with a trained eye, your photos reflect the unique character and energy that define our community.

2026 Winter Photo Contest

Starting January 1, 2026, all Macomb Township residents are invited to enter our Winter 2026 Photo Contest! This season's theme celebrates the charm of winter and encourages participants to capture what you most love about this season.

Submit up to three original photographs between January 1 and March 25, 2026, for a chance to win great prizes from our local sponsors: Dave & Buster's - Utica, Bubba's 33, and Wrap & Roll Sushi. Winning

entries will also be featured in Macomb Township Hall.

All experience levels are welcome to participate and share their favorite winter moments. For contest rules, submission guidelines and prize details, visit www.macombtwp.org/photocontest. Questions can be sent to photos@macomb-mi.gov. Grab your camera and bundle up! We can't wait to see winter through your eyes.



First place winner of the 2024 Winter Photo Contest
Photo by Justin Vollbach.

 **Macomb Township**

2026 Winter Photo Contest

Submissions Open:
January 1, 2026 - March 25, 2026

Winners Announced:
April 10, 2026, at 4:30 PM

For contest rules and photo criteria, visit
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PROGRESS WITH PURPOSE

MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S 2025 YEAR IN
REVIEW AND A LOOK AT 2026



As another year comes to a close, Macomb Township continues to invest in the quality of life that makes it one of the best places in Michigan. From restoring a historic landmark to securing funding for road and pathway improvements, 2025 was a year defined by progress and partnership, setting the stage for even greater things to come in 2026.

Re-imagining Our Spaces

In 2025, the Township took major steps to enhance local amenities. Township Parks saw significant upgrades including renovated restrooms at Macomb Corners and a new, accessible playscape at Waldenburg Park.

Work also began on the Prairie in Progress initiative, a partnership between the Township, Macomb County and Ducks Unlimited. What began as an effort to remove invasive species near the McBride Pond on Broughton Road, south of 25 Mile, has grown into the creation of a native Midwest prairie in the heart of our community. Once reseeded, the restored landscape will serve as a vibrant ecosystem supporting pollinators and wildlife along a paved

pathway residents can enjoy.

The Historic Macomb Township Hall entered a new chapter this year. After being relocated to the municipal complex in 2023 and restored with the generous help of community volunteers, the Hall reopened for public use. In September, it hosted its first wedding, marking the beginning of many future memories in this iconic piece of Township history.

Creating a Connected Community

Connectivity continues to be one of the Township's top priorities. Through proactive grant seeking and fiscal responsibility, Macomb Township has secured significant funding for critical roadway and pathway projects.

The Broughton Road Extension Project advanced in 2025 with a \$2.5 million allocation from the State, thanks to Representative Joe Aragona. Combined with \$5 million secured in 2023 with the help of Senator Veronica Klinefelt, the project will see the extension of Broughton Road going south as a streetscaped boulevard past 24 Mile with



Conceptual renderings of the future Broughton Road extension and boulevard. (Not an official plan).

an adjacent multi-use pathway. We anticipate construction to begin this spring.

Enhancements to existing pathways also remain a priority. The Township received \$3 million in state funding to complete much needed safety and traffic flow enhancements near the intersection of 21 Mile and Heydenreich Rd. This funding will allow us to construct additional turn lanes, update safety features including street lighting, traffic lights and crosswalks, and repave the road stretching past the intersection of Heydenreich Rd. and 21 Mile.

We will continue our search for additional funding opportunities to improve our local roads.

The Township also continues to invest annually in its Pathway Gap Closure Program, making it easier and safer for residents to walk, run and bike throughout the community.

Looking ahead to 2026, the Township remains focused on ensuring that every project enhances your quality of life for our community.



A native Midwest prairie is being established around the McBride Pathway located on Broughton Road near 25 Mile.

Photo by Dan Roche



MACOMB TOWNSHIP PARTNERS WITH FAN FOR EXPANDED ADDICTION SERVICES

"Macomb Township is proud to partner with Face Addiction Now (FAN) using opioid settlement funds to provide critical prevention, education and recovery support services at NO COST to our residents. This collaboration strengthens our community, ensuring access to necessary resources, without financial barriers," said Macomb Township Clerk Kristi Pozzi.

Through this new initiative, FAN will help residents through addiction prevention and education campaigns and facilitate conversations around substance use. FAN hopes to empower residents to make healthier choices and know where to turn when help is needed.

FAN will also work alongside public safety departments in Macomb Township to provide training and support for first responders. These sessions prepare public safety professionals to respond to substance use situations with effectiveness and compassion. People in crisis need understanding and a pathway to help.

For individuals and families already struggling with addiction, FAN can provide direct support. Staff will connect residents with community resources—like treatment centers and recovery groups—and offer ongoing navigation to make the process less overwhelming. Families, who often carry the heaviest burden, will have access to one-on-one recovery coaching, giving them encouragement, education, and practical tools to support their loved one and themselves.

"Through this partnership with Macomb Township, we can meet people struggling with addiction where they're at and walk alongside them, building a community where recovery is always possible," said Dunya Kilano, FAN's Director of Operations.

If you or someone you love has been affected by substance use disorder, FAN is here to help. **To learn more about the services now available in Macomb Township, or to connect with support today, call the FAN Hope Line at 833-202-4673 or visit faceaddictionnow.org.**



Formerly Families Against Narcotics

Face Addiction Now conducts prevention and education outreach to raise awareness about the risks of substance abuse.



FAN works to prevent accidental overdose deaths by partnering with local agencies and distributing free NARCAN nasal spray.



THE MACOMB MIGRATION

WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE MOVE TO MACOMB TOWNSHIP?



Macomb Township has been the fastest growing municipality in Michigan for decades, its population nearly doubling over the last 25 years. Why do so many people sell their homes elsewhere to move here?

Many factors influence where people decide to live: proximity to family and work, low crime, quality schools, home prices, etc. Where Macomb Township stands out is value. Property taxes in Macomb Twp. for municipal services are lower (sometimes a LOT lower) than in nearby communities.

The chart above compares municipal taxes of the surrounding area. Only about 10% of your combined summer and winter tax bills goes to the Township and the rest are school, state, regional, and county taxes.

Lower taxes haven't resulted in lower quality services. Crime is as low or lower in Macomb than in neighboring communities. Macomb Township's fire department is rated by insurance companies as highly as our neighbors. Macomb Township's parks are very well maintained.

City / Township	Total Mills (Tax Rate)	Taxes owed for home with \$200,000 taxable value
Chesterfield Twp.	9.3	\$1,860
Clinton Twp.	15.52	\$3,104
Macomb Twp.	5.93	\$1,186
Shelby Twp.	9.3	\$1,860
City of Sterling Heights	15.23	\$3,046

Source: Macomb County Equalization Dept 2024 Tax Rate Data.
Chart compares taxes levied by cities/townships plus local libraries. Taxes levied by other levels of government such as schools, state, county, or regional taxes are not included in chart.

Focusing on basics doesn't mean we can't have nice things. The Township very aggressively applies for grants to bring your state and federal taxes back to your community for roads, public safety and amenities. State funding was secured this year to improve the 21 Mile and Heydenreich intersection and for a new children's play fountain in front of Township Hall.

Rapid population growth comes with big challenges. Roads and infrastructure become stressed and open space becomes more important. Our Township team is working together to address those challenges as best we can.

The hundreds of families moving to Macomb Township each year indicate many people prefer quality core services with as low taxes as possible. Fiscal restraint was Macomb Township's culture when people first started flocking here, and it remains the core of the Township's DNA today.

Sincerely,

Leon Drilet

Macomb Township Treasurer



Macomb Township has more children per household than any other municipality in the County.

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Re-instatement fees for previous members will be waived January 1 through March 1.

Scan for more information on the Rec Center, memberships and Dog Park!



MT Resident Membership Rates:

	Monthly	Annual
	Resident	Resident
Child (4+)	\$20	\$240
Adult (21+)	\$30	\$360
Senior (55+)	\$20	\$240

Get a FREE 13th month when you activate an annual membership

Membership Perks:

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Green Garden Child Development Center | 248.571.5767 | greengardencdc.com

Michigan Schools & Government Credit Union | 586.263.8800 | msgcu.org

Oakleigh of Macomb Senior Living | 586.997.8090 | OakleighMacomb.com

Plante Moran | 586.416.4900 | plantemoran.com

Westwood Inn Senior Living | 586.267.9500 | westwoodinnseniorliving.com

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The Davey Tree Expert Company | 586.842.2306

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Take part in educational workshops and personal development classes.

Enjoy Fun Activities & Events

From arts and crafts to themed parties—there's always something happening!



Save the Date:

Resident Registration: January 5, 2026

Non-Resident Registration: January 6, 2026

Mark your calendar for these seasonal celebrations:

- 2/13 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Be My Teddy Bear Valentine's Day Bash
- 3/13 | 12:00pm - 2:00pm | Irish Delight: A St. Paddy's Day Celebration
- 4/10 | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Tiger's Tailgate Luncheon

Scan for full program details!



BOOTS & Bowties

MTPR MOTHER SON DANCE

Moms and their sons are invited to get dressed up and heel, toe, and do-si-do at this year's Mother Son Dance! Tickets include dancing, a buffet dinner, crafts, games, and more!

February 13

Fern Hill Golf & Banquet Center
6:00 - 9:00 PM
MTR: \$30/NR: \$35 Per Person
Pre-registration is REQUIRED!

Thank you to our sponsor!



Winter Wonderland

MTPR DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Dads and their daughters are invited for a magical night of dancing, buffet dinner, crafts, games and more at the Winter Winterland Daddy Daughter Dance!

February 20

- * Fern Hill Golf & Banquet Center *
- * 6:00 - 9:00 PM *
- * MTR: \$30/NR: \$35 Per Person *

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

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March 21, 2026
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MT Adult: \$5 | NR Adult: \$10
MT Child: \$7 | NR Child: \$12

All participants 1 year and older must purchase a ticket!

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Macomb Township Parks and Rec

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

APRIL 8, 2026
5:00-8:00 PM

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45511 Park Ave, Utica, MI 48315

Ticket price includes buffet style dinner, \$20 Power Play Card, unlimited video game playing for non-redemption games

RESIDENT: \$36 | NON-RESIDENT: \$41

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
No tickets will be sold at the door.

REGISTER NOW

**Winter 2026 Swim Lesson Session Dates**

Resident Registration begins MONDAY 1/5/26 @ 6am | Non-Resident Registration begins TUESDAY 1/6/26 @ 6am

Saturdays 1/10-4/25**	Sundays 1/11-4/26**	Mondays 1/12-4/20**	Tuesdays 1/13-4/21**	Wednesdays 1/14-4/22**	Thursdays 1/15-4/23**
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**See website and receipts for Fees & "NO CLASS" Dates

Note: Only ONE SESSION will be offered from January through April for a longer amount of uninterrupted lessons for your children.

Parent and Child Swim (PAC) Lessons**Ages 1 - 5**

For children who are new to swimming, may have some fear of swimming or may still benefit from a parent being in the water assisting them. **One parent or guardian is expected to be in the water with their child at all times.**

**Learn To Swim (LTS) Group Lessons****Ages 6 - 12**

Lessons start with building comfort in the water and teaching basic swimming skills for beginners, all the way up through advanced swimming techniques and swimming full laps for advanced swimmers. Students will be split into separate classes based on their current skill set.

Note: You no longer have to register for a specific level for LTS Group Lessons! Just sign up for a time slot, and your student will be assigned to the correct level the first day of class.

See Website for Private Swim Lessons & Pre-Competitive Swim Clinic information!

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Enrichment Programs



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From cooking to movie nights to crafts and more, there's something for everyone! Check out our full list of activities and register on our website or scan the QR code.



NEW INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT: JULIA WATKINS THE DANCE & MOVEMENT WORKSHOP

We are thrilled to welcome families to the second full-length season of The Dance and Movement Workshop for Youth and Adults, led by founder and lifelong dancer Julia Watkins. Julia's passion for dance began at age three in Clinton Township and carried her through rigorous training, performances across Detroit, Chicago, and Los Angeles, and ultimately to a BFA in Dance from Wayne State University. Her vision for The Dance and Movement Workshop is simple: to create an inspiring space where dancers of all ages and levels can grow, explore, and develop a true love for movement.



Since its founding in 2024 as a series of supplemental workshops, the studio has grown into a full seasonal program while staying true to its mission of fostering artistic growth, technical excellence, and joyful expression. Alongside her dedicated team, Julia cultivates a welcoming environment that emphasizes creativity over competition. With weekly workshops on Fridays and Sundays, dancers from across Metro Detroit are invited to strengthen their skills, try new styles, and connect with the broader dance community.

For class details, schedules, and updates, families are encouraged to visit the website or check the studio bulletin board. Julia and her team look forward to a season full of inspiration, movement, and connection.

MEET YOUR 2026 Fitness Goals

PERSONAL TRAINER, PERSONAL PLAN, SUCCESS!

If you are looking for a Personal Trainer to help you achieve your fitness goals in 2026, then check out what we offer at the Macomb Township Recreation Center. Our personal trainer Carrie Blankertz has been

an ACE-certified personal trainer and certified health coach for 21 years. She is also a licensed massage therapist and a golf fitness specialist. Carrie runs integrated training programs utilizing multiple forms of exercises to strengthen a golfer's performance and longevity. Fitness and sports have always played a major role in Carrie's life, and she is passionate about helping others change their lives to be healthier, happier, and feel good about themselves.

When you sign up for personal training, you will hear Carrie frequently say, "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you." Carrie believes in keeping the body guessing through fun, fresh, and challenging exercise. She will develop a training program that works for you based on age and fitness level.

If you're looking to improve your overall health and fitness, Carrie has an answer. **To set up training sessions with Carrie, please see or contact the front desk of the MTRC, 586-992-2900.**



**"IF IT DOESN'T
CHALLENGE YOU, IT
DOESN'T CHANGE YOU."**

Personal Training Rates (Resident/Non-Resident):

(1) 1 Hour Private Session = \$60/\$80
(1) 1 Hour Semi-Private Session (2 People) = \$80/\$100
(5) 1 Hour Private Sessions = \$275/\$295
(10) 1 Hour Private Sessions = \$500/\$520

Group Personal Training (3-6 people): Training includes 5 sessions. You must sign up together and train together. \$140/\$160 per person.



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the Community Resource Guide



Macomb Township Edition

“Connecting Residents to Community”

Highlighted in this Edition:

Real Estate • Home Improvement • FAN – Help Keep Our Community Warm This Winter
Szajna-Carr For the Paws – K-9 Rookie Kits
Impact Business Community • Michigan Shipwrecks – The Western Reserve
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MICHIGAN SHIPWRECKS: THE WESTERN RESERVE



In August of 1892, millionaire Peter G. Minch took his family on a cruise bound for Minnesota aboard the fully-crewed Western Reserve. It was smooth sailing until August 30, when the vessel was met with rough conditions near Whitefish Bay. The ship, lightweight from carrying only human cargo, was no match for Lake Superior's waves.

The 28 passengers quickly boarded the lifeboats as the ship broke apart beneath them. The first, made up entirely of crewmen, flipped as soon as it hit the water. The second was about 30 miles off the shoreline. The storm continued and the sun dropped.

Another ship approached. The survivors screamed and signaled to no avail. Drowned out by darkness, they went undetected. After ten hours of paddling, the Minch family and crew were just a mile from the shoreline when they were overturned. Harry Stewart, the sole survivor, shared the only first-person account of what happened to the Western Reserve...

Continue this story, including the discovery of the ship by The Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, on episode one of the *Michigistory* podcast, by Cassidy Hough and Big Mitten Media.





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What We are Monitoring

During the drinking water disinfection process, two DBPs are created: Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) and Haloacetic Acids (HAA5). The DPW takes the samples from four locations

within the Township and utilizes a third party lab (Paragon) for analysis. The analysis showed that we are below the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for both DBPs.

How This Affects Residents

THIS DOES NOT AFFECT RESIDENTS. This was simply a clerical error in paperwork submission; **water quality was not affected in any way.** There is no need to boil water or use bottled water.

Next Steps

The DPW has taken steps to ensure that documentation will be submitted to EGLE on time, preventing this from happening again.

Questions?

For any questions, please contact Kevin Johnson at the DPW at 586-598-0687 or johnsonk@macomb-mi.gov.

Impact Business Community Launches INNOVATE Program to Empower Local Entrepreneurs

The **Impact Business Community** is proud to announce the launch of **INNOVATE** — a bold, forward-thinking program designed to inspire growth, collaboration, and lasting success among local business owners. This new initiative brings together some of the area's most passionate entrepreneurs and thought leaders to help members learn, connect, and build thriving, resilient businesses.

"Every business owner deserves access to the tools, knowledge, and support that help them thrive," says **Alisha Congiolooso**, Founder of Impact Business Community. "This program isn't just about education — it's about empowerment. When one business grows, our whole community grows."

INNOVATE is more than just a program — it's a **movement** and will officially kick off January 2026, welcoming members into an energizing space for shared learning and leadership.



ALISHA CONGIOLOSO

After anticipation and preparation, the wait is OVER!



Stay tuned! In future editions of Macomb Township R.E.A.C.H., this section will be exploring the evolving landscape of business—from emerging trends and strategic innovations, to the people and ideas driving growth. Whether you're a seasoned leader or an aspiring entrepreneur, these insights are designed to inform, inspire, and empower. Look forward to timely updates, expert perspectives, and actionable strategies!



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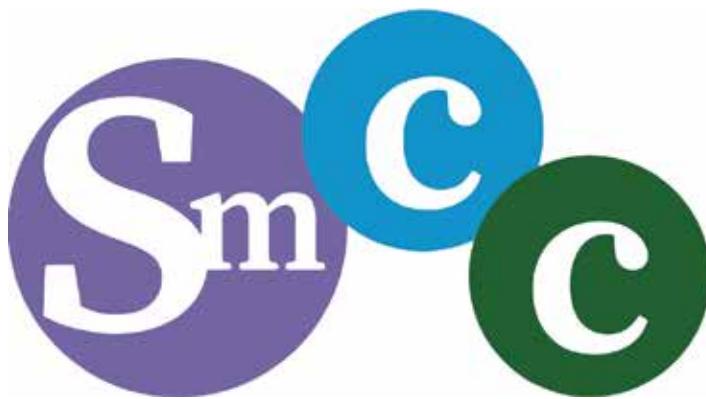
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NUMBER
OF SALES

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AVERAGE DAYS
ON THE MARKET

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AVERAGE MONTHLY
INVENTORY

▲ 3.9%
PRIOR YEAR (APR-JUN 2024)

▲ 55.4%
PRIOR Q (APR-JUN 2025)

▼ 4.5%
PRIOR YEAR (JAN-MAR 2024)

▼ 41.5%
PRIOR Q (APR-JUN 2025)

▲ 14.8%
PRIOR YEAR (JAN-MAR 2024)

▲ 39.2%
PRIOR Q (APR-JUN 2025)

▲ 32.0%
PRIOR YEAR (JAN-MAR 2024)

38.7%

ABSORPTION
RATE¹

▼ 116.3%
PRIOR Q (APR-JUN 2025)

▲ 0.7%
PRIOR YEAR (JAN-MAR 2024)

MARKET ACTIVITY

Single Family • Detached

QUARTER-YEAR (Q2 2025) OVER QUARTER-YEAR (Q1 2025)

▲ 39.2%
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▲ 33.8%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

▲ 55.4%
TOTAL CLOSED

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for Q2 2025 over Q2 2024)

▲ 32.0%
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▲ 4.3%
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

▼ 4.5%
TOTAL CLOSED

The market in Macomb Township remains strong with continued low sales as the result of low inventory. This trend does appear to be reversing as the year-over-year figures suggest. Please note that with small amounts of data, average sale price is likely to fluctuate, noticeably, and is a less reliable indicator than Days on Market. Stats and Trends provided by the Grosse Pointe Board of REALTORS®. All information deemed reliable but not guaranteed and should be independently verified. Information was derived from a variety of sources including, but not limited to, Realcomp II Ltd. and the Great Lakes Repository®.

¹The Absorption Rate is the rate of home sales taken by dividing the number of sales by the inventory. Above 18.3% is considered a seller's market.

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UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

The strength of Q2 over the first quarter of the year is noticeable and seems to follow a seasonal trend—just like how everyone suddenly remembers to mow their lawn after winter. The same low numbers in Q1 of 2024 prove that real estate, much like our motivation, needs a little sunshine to really get moving. This simply explains why the last report looked like a caution sign factory; all that yellow was just the market hitting the snooze button. On the bright side, seasonality here is actually a good thing—it's a sign of a healthy market, not just another excuse to blame the weather!

Average Sale Price – Healthy: Both month-over-month and year-over-year show increases, but not the kind that would make buyers clutch their wallets and run for the hills. In other words, prices are rising—just not enough to spark a neighborhood-wide search for extra couch cushions.

Number of Sales – Healthy: With homes lasting just 31 days on the market, it's clear that buyers are snatching up properties almost as quickly as the latest limited-edition sneakers. The demand for housing here is not just strong—it's practically sprinting!

Days on Market (DOM) – Neutral: While waiting 31 days might test your patience (and maybe your supply of takeout menus), there's really nothing wrong here—unless, of course, you were expecting to sell your house at the speed of a viral cat video. It's all about keeping those expectations in check!

Inventory – Very Good: No need to panic or build emergency storage units in your backyard just yet! As long as homes aren't lingering on the market for more than 60 days like forgotten leftovers, and the absorption rate doesn't dip below 16%, a large inventory isn't a crisis—it's just a bit of a speed bump for new construction. Think of it as an ample buffet: plenty of options, maybe a little slower service, but everyone still gets fed.

Absorption Rate – Modest Seller's market: At 38.7%, sellers aren't just in the driver's seat—they're controlling the playlist, adjusting the thermostat, and deciding when to stop for snacks. Negotiations? More like a scenic cruise with sellers at the wheel.

The Absorption Rate is a frequently used metric by home builders. When it is between 15.4% and 18.3% it is considered a market in balance. Higher percentages favors sellers, lower percentages favors buyers. At the height of the Great Recession the Absorption Rate was below 4%.

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WHY NOW IS THE RIGHT TIME TO BUY A HOME

Mortgage Market Update

If you've been thinking about buying a home, now may be the right time to take the leap. With the mortgage market showing signs of stability and home prices stabilizing, many buyers are finding this moment offers a unique opportunity to secure long-term financial stability.

Fixed-Rate Mortgages: A Smart Choice for Stability

As more buyers opt for fixed-rate mortgages, locking in a stable monthly payment, it's clear that this is an ideal time to take advantage of predictable loan terms. In uncertain times, a fixed-rate mortgage offers peace of mind, ensuring your payment stays the same for the life of the loan. This is especially important for buyers looking to avoid the unpredictability of adjustable-rate loans.

Refinancing Could Work for You, Too

If you already own a home, refinancing could be a great way to lower your monthly payments or consolidate debt. With many homeowners taking advantage of refinancing, this could be the moment for you to adjust your mortgage terms to better suit your financial goals.

The Housing Market is Stabilizing—Don't Miss Out

While home prices have slowed after a period of rapid growth, many areas still have strong demand, and inventory remains limited. This means that homes in desirable locations are still selling quickly. By acting now, you can secure a home before prices potentially rise again or available properties become even scarcer.

In short, with stable mortgage options, steady home prices, and the potential for long-term financial benefits, now is a smart time to buy. Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or looking to refinance, taking action now could help you lock in favorable terms for years to come.



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Outside of real estate, Carol cherishes time with her beloved family—especially her grandchildren. Guided by her faith and passion for people, she approaches her work with heart, integrity, and a genuine desire to help clients achieve their real estate dreams.



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LOOK WHO'S SELLING MACOMB!



Past Clients are Raving About Keith!

"Keith Reaume is an extremely competent and professional real estate agent that has worked with me for several years... Keith has shown himself to be honest and trustworthy, and is someone I highly respect, admire, and recommend to anyone looking for a real estate professional."



JUST LISTED

SOLD

NEIGHBORHOOD UPDATE

Here are some recent sales in your neighborhood!

Curious to know your home's value?

Call Keith today to find out!

Sold Properties	Sq. Ft.	Beds	Bath	Price	Style
21847 Waycross	2,282	4	2.5	\$490,000	Colonial
49224 Peacock Ln	3,204	4	2.5	\$694,551	Colonial
51721 Blue Spruce	2,540	4	2.5	\$530,000	Split Level
21334 Carlton	2,878	4	2.5	\$535,000	Colonial
16502 Via Mera	3,006	4	3.5	\$940,000	Ranch
15750 Lamont	1,875	3	2.5	\$425,000	Ranch
50734 Mistwood	2,900	4	3.5	\$689,000	Split Level
56757 Cardinal	1,800	4	2.5	\$420,000	Colonial

Why Call Keith?

- Award-Winning Realtor with Over 33 Years Experience
- Trusted by Thousands of Happy Clients Throughout the Community
- Extensive Knowledge of Our Local Market and Neighborhoods
- Proven Marketing Plan Focused on Getting you top Dollar for Your Home

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