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## A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR VIVIANO



Dear Residents,

As we head into spring and summer, Macomb Township is preparing for a busy season with important updates and plenty of ways to stay connected. In this issue, you'll find yard waste service information and upcoming waste and recycling events to help you plan ahead. You'll also see an update on water rates. While increases are never easy, Great Lakes Water Authority rate changes impact communities across the region, including ours, and we remain committed to transparency and responsible planning.

Road and infrastructure improvements continue to be a top priority. Residents can request road assistance through Macomb County's digital portal, and we're making progress on key projects, including the Heydenreich Road and 21 Mile Road intersection.

You'll also read election information from Clerk Pozzi, an introduction to our newest K9 Deputy, Koda, and the same great recreation program information from Parks & Recreation featured in each magazine edition.

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:

- May 25, 2026**
- June 19, 2026**
- July 3, 2026**

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



### MACOMB TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Supervisor Frank J. Viviano	Clerk Kristi L. Pozzi
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### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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<b>Emergency Line</b>	<b>911</b>
Sheriff's Office	586.469.5151
<b>Emergency Line</b>	<b>911</b>

### STAY CONNECTED!

Sign up for text or e-mail notifications at [www.macomb-mi.gov/notifyme](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/notifyme)



## Priority Waste begins yard waste collection on April 1st

Each year, Priority Waste restarts yard waste collection services on April 1st. As a reminder, yard waste must be put into a separate 95-gallon cart or 32-gallon plastic or metal container with a yard waste sticker on the side, or in biodegradable bags, and placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m.

Brush and tree limbs should be bundled and tied with heavy twine or rope. Bundles can't exceed 4 feet in length, 18 inches in diameter and 50 pounds in weight.

### Accepted Yard Waste:

- Garden Waste
- Leaves
- Lawn Cuttings
- Shrubs
- Tree Trimmings
- Pruning Waste

### NOT Accepted Yard Waste:

- Dirt and Sod
- Large Stumps
- Gravel
- Sand
- Animal Feces
- Dead Animals

## Upcoming Waste & Recycling Events

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day

Saturday, May 2, 2026  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Macomb Township Hall

Bring your hazardous waste to Township Hall for proper disposal by Priority Waste. Visit [www.macomb-mi.gov/257/Trash-Services](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/257/Trash-Services) for more information.

### Electronic & Shred Waste Drop-Off Day

Saturday, August 15, 2026  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Macomb Township Hall

Bring your electronic and shred waste to Township Hall for proper disposal by Priority Waste. Visit [www.macomb-mi.gov/257/Trash-Services](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/257/Trash-Services) for more information.

### **Garbage Problems? Contact Priority Waste through the Service Request Portal.**

Priority Waste has an online portal specific to Macomb Township residents where you can report residential service issues directly to the waste hauler. This includes reporting missed stops, submitting complaints, or reaching out regarding trash, recycling, yard waste or bulk pickup concerns.

To access the Service Request Portal, visit [www.macomb-mi.gov/257/Trash-Services](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/257/Trash-Services) and click "Service Request Form."

Residents are also always welcome to contact Priority Waste directly with any concerns or questions at (586) 228-1200.

## Township continues to advocate against water rate increases

Water from the Township's utilities is one of the most inexpensive purchases anyone can make. One gallon of water in Macomb Township, including all connection fees and sewer charges, costs just over one penny per gallon, but we know those gallons can add up between cooking, cleaning, etc. Unfortunately, cost pressures continue to force increases in consumer pricing.

The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) provides water and wastewater services to approximately 120 municipalities in southeast Michigan, including Macomb Township, accounting for 40% of the state. GLWA sets a community's rate based on how much total water is consumed during peak usage times.

The Township has previously implemented measures to reduce water consumption during peak usage hours to keep the community's water rates as low as possible. Unfortunately, GLWA announced this January that rates will increase 5.8%, varied somewhat by community. You can help keep limit water rate increases by limiting water usage during peak hours. One of the measures implemented by the Township is a watering ordinance, prohibiting lawn irrigation outside the hours of midnight to 6:00 a.m. This ordinance is enforced by the Township from May through October each year.



The Macomb Township Board will have to pass along the rate increases from GLWA when the rates are finalized in June. The Board is doing whatever possible to prevent residents from continuing to be faced with an increased financial burden for water and wastewater services. Your Board is committed to delivering clean, safe and affordable water to residents and will continue to advocate against burdensome rate increases.



## Get your potholes fixed here!

The Macomb County Department of Roads works hard to make sure our roads are being serviced, but they have a challenge on their hands. About 1,700 miles of road are under the jurisdiction of the County, and Macomb Township is just one portion of it.

By reaching out to the county directly, residents can alert the Department of Roads of road maintenance that may be necessary like concrete patching, sign damage, or seasonal needs like salting and plowing.

Contact the County directly by completing the Service Request Form on the Department of Roads webpage at [www.macombgov.org](http://www.macombgov.org). Once you reach the website, select 'Request Assistance' and fill out the form with the appropriate information.

## Welcome Deputy Koda & Deputy Schmittler!

*Two new deputies join the Sheriff's Office substation in Macomb Township.*



*Top (left to right): Trustee Ronald Papa, Trustee Peter Lucido, Tina Gallo, Tony Gallo, Supervisor Frank Viviano, Treasurer Leon Drolet, Mary Gallo-Poliuto, Valerio Poliuto, Trustee Frank Cusumano, Trustee Charlie Oliver*

*Bottom: Deputy Aaron Schmittler, K9 Deputy Koda*

There are new deputies in town! Macomb Township was thrilled to welcome Deputy Koda and Deputy Aaron Schmittler to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office - Macomb Township Substation in November.

Deputy Koda, a nearly 2-year-old Belgian Malinois, and his handler, Deputy Schmittler, have undergone extensive training to prepare for their assignment to the Township Substation. Koda specializes in apprehension, detecting narcotics and explosives, tracking suspects, evidence recovery, handler protection, break-ins, infestation assistance, performing critical safety checks during high-risk situations, and he is also able to search lockers inside schools.

The Township is grateful to the Macomb County Sheriff's Office and the Gallo Family Foundation for bringing a significant asset to our community to enhance the safety and well-being of our residents. Welcome to Macomb Township, Deputy Koda and Deputy Schmittler!



# Help for Heydenreich

## Intersection of 21 Mile Road & Heydenreich scheduled for major upgrade

With five different schools located within a quarter mile, no right turn lanes and inadequate left turn lanes, and a patchwork of crumbling pavement, the intersection of 21 Mile and Heydenreich Road is arguably the worst road problem in the Township. These issues have created traffic and safety concerns for motorists, pedestrians and students.

The Macomb Township team knew that the County Department of Roads would be able to fix the intersection more quickly and completely if funding was secured for the project. Township elected officials worked with State Senator Veronica Klinefelt in 2024 to work through the appropriations process, eventually securing \$3 million from the state budget to improve the intersection!



To ensure the intersection receives a comprehensive reconstruction, the Township used the \$3 million from the state budget as 'matching money' to apply for a federal Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) grant. Local government applicants who are willing to contribute toward the requested road project receive a scoring boost, which helped the Township's application.

In December, the TIP grant application was approved for an additional \$3.5 million, which, combined with the \$3 million state appropriation and \$500,000 each from the County and Township, turned the project into a \$7.5

million project. The money will fund construction of a new, better intersection and repave the entire stretch of Heydenreich Road from Hall Road to 22 Mile and 21 Mile from Waldenburg Park to Dakota High School!

This major road project has been scheduled by the Macomb County Department of Roads for 2027. Macomb Township is proud of the collaboration with the County Department of Roads and Senator Klinefelt to make this much-needed road improvement possible, improving the safety of motorists, pedestrians and students who regularly travel that area.

### Additional Road Updates:

**Broughton Road Extension**  
*(with Roundabout at 24 Mile & Broughton Intersection)*  
Construction begins this spring!

**26 Mile & Hayes Road**  
The intersection will get a new traffic light and left turn lane, **scheduled for late 2026 or early 2027.**

**Garfield between Hall & 21 Mile Road**  
Repaving Garfield from Hall to 21 Mile and adding a bypass lane is **scheduled to begin in 2028.**

**22 Mile & Romeo Plank**  
The County Dept. of Roads has been bogged down by state and federal red tape, which has unfortunately delayed the project.



Election Information from Clerk Kristi Pozzi



# MACOMB TOWNSHIP 2026 ELECTIONS

*Make Your Plan to Vote*

JULY 2026	AUGUST 2026	OCTOBER 2026	NOVEMBER 2026
Early Voting Begins July 25 - August 2	<b>STATE PRIMARY</b> Tuesday, August 4	Early Voting Begins October 24 - November 1	<b>GENERAL ELECTION</b> Tuesday, November 3

★ **STATE PRIMARY ELECTION**  
*Tuesday, August 4, 2026*

**EARLY VOTING**  
July 25 - August 2, 2026

Macomb Township Recreation Center

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

★ **GENERAL ELECTION**  
*Tuesday, November 4, 2026*

**EARLY VOTING**  
October 24 - November 1, 2026

Macomb Township Recreation Center

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

★ **THREE WAYS TO VOTE** ★

**1 BY MAIL**

**2 EARLY VOTING**

- Convenient
- Secure
- Flexible

**3 ELECTION DAY**

Vote at your assigned polling location between 7AM and 8PM.

Learn more at: [mtvoter.org](http://mtvoter.org)



# A New Town Square for All

Community spaces bring us together and create a shared sense of identity. Your Macomb Township Board has been working hard to develop these spaces throughout the Township. As part of this goal, construction starts this spring on a new, outdoor fountain featuring interactive elements for children along with other amenities at 'Town Square,' located between Township Hall and the Recreation Center on Broughton Road.

When Township residents were surveyed in 2023 about which recreation features they wanted most, the second-highest request was for a splash pad, but existing parks have no room for a splash pad and building a new park would cost over \$6 million for the water features, parking lot, restrooms, land purchase etc.

By renovating the existing, bare-lawn Town Square into a community space, the Township could provide a fun, outdoor water feature at a fraction of the cost of a splash

pad and pursue a State of Michigan 'placemaking' grant. Township staff spent months preparing the application for the highly competitive grant and was ultimately awarded nearly \$1 million toward the Town Square proposal. The new Town Square is scheduled to be completed in 2027 and will include an interactive splash feature for kids of all physical abilities.

The project also includes shade structures and benches for parents, outdoor restrooms and changing rooms, an architectural fountain, a seasonal ice rink, sidewalks and streetlights. The Square will be beautiful, fun, accessible to all, and perfect for outdoor festivals and events.

The Macomb Township Board continues to find ways to bring together the community's priorities and collective vision for our future in a fiscally responsible manner. The new Town Square proves that a community can find ways to provide more for their residents without raising taxes.



Example of future fountain's interactive elements.



Architect rendering of future Town Square fountain.



## Macomb Township MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Macomb Township Planning Staff are happy to announce the Master Plan update shall commence in the **late Spring/early Summer of 2026.**

The Master Plan is a visioning document meaning you as a resident, business owner, or other interested party have the right to have your voice heard! The Master Plan update process will include multiple public input opportunities throughout the summer of 2026 to allow Township Staff to hear from the public.



Scan for more info. or visit [www.macomb-mi.gov](http://www.macomb-mi.gov)





Thank you!

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**Deneweth's Garden Center** | 586.247.5533 | deneweths.com  
**Genesis Chiropractic** | 586-949-0500 | www.genesischiro-macomb.com  
**Lakeside Collision** | 586.532.8690 | lakesidecollisioninc.com  
**Kennet Orthodontics** | 586.416.4455 | www.kennetortho.com



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# Macomb Township Senior Center

CONNECT • LEARN • ENJOY LIFE



## Programs and Activities for Adults 55+

Enjoy friendship, fun, and fulfillment at the Macomb Township Senior Center. Our programs support active living, lifelong learning, creativity, and meaningful social connection - all in a friendly, welcoming environment.

**Copies of the full schedule of senior programs and activities are available three ways:**

- Pick up a copy at the Macomb Township Senior Center
- Go online to [www.macomb-mi.gov/seniors](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/seniors)
- Call (586) 992-2900 and request a copy be mailed to you



### Fitness & Wellness

- Chair-based and low-impact fitness classes
- Balance and fall prevention programs
- Free monthly blood pressure checks



### Games & Social

- Euchre and BINGO
- Bocce Ball League
- Knitting & Crochet
- Movie Afternoons
- Themed Parties

# Your Next Adventure Starts Here



## Special Events & Experiences

- Holiday Celebrations
- Themed Lunches and Parties
- Entertainment and Performances
- Community Partner Presentations



## Trips & Travel Opportunities

- Day trips to local attractions
- Cultural outings and museums
- Afternoon movies and themed parties



Scan the QR code to register for one of our senior recreation programs and events!



## Visit Us Today



51210 Alma Drive  
(1 mile east of Romeo Plank)



586-992-2900



Visit us online at  
[www.macomb-mi.gov/rec](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/rec) to view our full REACH program catalog.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Resident registration for  
SPRING/SUMMER Programs  
begins at **10:00am** on  
**Tuesday, April 28, 2026.**

**Stay Active • Stay Social • Stay Connected**



# Explore, Play, and Score Big at MTPR Summer Camps



Check out our full list of youth programs and register on our website or scan the QR code!



Keep kids active, learning, and having fun this summer with a variety of camps at Macomb Township Parks and Recreation. Camp MTPR, a three-day indoor and outdoor experience, is packed with arts and crafts, games, swimming, live animal encounters, tie-dye, and a field trip to Macomb Township Parks. Then we wrap it up with a foam party and some great tasting Kona Ice for a fun finale.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

## Rosco

### ON THE RUN

- Tuesday, July 7  
**Macomb Corners Park**
- Tuesday, July 14  
**Waldenburg Park**
- Tuesday, July 21  
**Recreation Center**
- Tuesday, July 28  
**Macomb Corners Park**

*Bring your smiles and be ready to giggle!*

Thank you to our Sponsors!

Water Fun & Games!

For younger campers ages five to seven, Future Fire Fighters and Junior Deputies Camp gives kids a hands-on introduction to fire safety and law enforcement inside a real fire station. We team up with the Macomb Township Fire Department and the Macomb County Sheriff's Department to provide campers with interactive activities and exciting experiences as community helpers.

Our wide range of sports camps help child athletes hone their skills. Week-long tennis, basketball, girls' volleyball and British style soccer training camps focus on fundamentals, skill building drills and game strategies that will raise your child's level of play.

And don't forget our one-day dance camps that give your child the opportunity to explore a variety of dance genres while having fun with each exciting theme.

So, check out our summer camp offerings by scanning the QR code or visiting our website at [www.macomb-mi.gov/rec](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/rec).



# TONS O' TRUCKS

This is a great opportunity for the entire family to get up close and personal with almost any type of vehicle you can imagine.

**Save the Date!**

**June 13, 2026**  
**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Seneca Middle School  
47200 Heydenreich Rd.

**Want your business to be a part of the fun?**

Display your awesome vehicle

- or -

Support as an event sponsor



Contact Macomb Township Parks and Recreation for inquiries at:

parks-rec@macomb-mi.gov

586-992-2900

Presented by:



**Thank you to our Sponsors!**



# Macomb Township, **We've Got the Parks**



Macomb Corners Park is home to one mile of outdoor trails and a pathway that leads users from the park to Town Center.

With six parks offering a total of almost 200 acres of outdoor recreational space, Macomb Township Parks and Recreation has multiple options for residents to enjoy outdoor activities. The parks provide organized sports such as baseball, softball, soccer, sand volleyball and football, as well as pick-up activities like basketball, pickleball and tennis. Take your kids to any of our top notch playscapes or take your 4-legged friends to the dog park at the award winning Pitchford Park. And if walking is your pleasure, the parks collectively have close to four miles of trail to explore.

To take advantage of the park trails, we are offering a new Step Club Program that will meet on Saturday mornings starting in May 2026.



The Step Club will consist of a 7-week program that will utilize the trail from the Rec Center through Town Center Park, to the Macomb Corners trail and back.

**List of Macomb Township Trails:**

- Macomb Corners
- Waldenburg Park
- Pitchford Park
- Lucido River Park\*
- McBride Trail
- 26 Mile Nature Reserve\*

(\* Trails are unpaved.)

Scan the QR code to register for one of our excellent fitness programs!



## Why sign up for Step Club?



Because Step Club creates a community connection,

a fun and energizing atmosphere, and a unique silent headphone experience that turns a simple walk into something people genuinely look forward to. Led by Fitness Instructor Jenna Neuman, the Step Club Program will use linked silent headsets to create loud energy.

You don't just walk, you vibe, you sweat and you level up. Every step is a beat drop that leads to greater activity and a healthier you. Get more information on the Step Club or any of the other Physical Fitness Classes by scanning the QR code or visiting our website: [www.macomb-mi.gov/rec](http://www.macomb-mi.gov/rec).

# Music in the Park

and Kids Zone!

**BOUNCE ABOUT PARTY RENTALS**

Thank you to our Sponsors!

**FOX** **SUBARU MACOMB**

- 📅 Thursday, June 25  
featuring *The Gobies*
- 📅 Thursday, July 9  
featuring *Power Play Detroit*
- 📅 Thursday, July 16  
featuring *Itchycoo Park*
- 📅 Thursday, July 23  
featuring *Zang*
- 📅 Thursday, July 30  
featuring *50 Amp Fuse*

🕒 7:00 - 8:30 PM

📍 Macomb Corners Park

Anderson, Eckstein and Westrick, Inc. Silver Pine Medical Group  
 Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. Edward Jones: Kevin Ott  
 Macomb Orthodontics Aetna  
 Meijer Grocery Team Rehabilitation

# Movie Stars!

under the Stars!

**ZOOTOPIA 2**

Now Showing:

## Zootopia 2

& Kids Only Yard Sale

📅 Friday, August 7

🕒 6:30-10:30 PM

**BOUNCE ABOUT PARTY RENTALS with Kids Zone!**

📍 Macomb Corners Park

Thank you to our Sponsors!

Raise Hope for Foster Dreams MDHHS  
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**Macomb Orthodontics**  
**MICHIGAN UNITED CREDIT UNION**  
**meijer grocery**



# the Community Resource Guide



## Macomb Township Edition

*“Connecting Residents to Community”*

Highlighted in this Edition:

Champ Life-Hope for a Better Future · FAN's Run Drugs Out of Town is June 27th!  
Macomb Charitable Foundation · Mattar Joint & Spine- StemWave Pain Relief  
Michigan History- The Fight of the Century  
Szajna-Carr For The Paws

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# CHAMP LIFE - HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE



Since 2003, Champ Life has brought hope and encouragement to abused, neglected, and at-risk children. Each year, thanks to the continued support of its generous donors, Champ Life has been able to expand its program to meet the ever-increasing needs of Metro-Detroit communities.



This year, an anticipated 100 children will have the opportunity to attend a free, one week resident summer program, Champ Life Kids' Camp. Campers will enjoy self-esteem building activities including horseback riding, swimming, water wars, a carnival day, a birthday celebration, and more. With a 1:2 adult-to-child ratio, Champ Life ensures that all are seen, valued, and supported.

Visit [www.mychamplife.com](http://www.mychamplife.com) to learn more and donate. To learn more about our weekly Kids Club in Clinton Township, email [Keri@mychamplife.com](mailto:Keri@mychamplife.com). Have a foster child who could benefit from our free camp? Email [Jeni@mychamplife.com](mailto:Jeni@mychamplife.com).



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# REAL ESTATE & HOME IMPROVEMENT

## Understanding Mortgage Decisions in Today's Housing Market

*An educational guide for today's homebuyers*

Mortgage decisions today are about more than simply purchasing a home—they're about understanding how financing choices shape long-term stability. As the housing market continues to normalize, education has become one of the most valuable tools for buyers, especially those entering homeownership for the first time.

### Why Mortgage Structure Matters

A mortgage is more than a monthly payment. Loan terms, repayment structure, and how a balance is paid down over time all influence affordability and equity growth. Buyers who understand these fundamentals are better prepared to choose financing that supports both their lifestyle and long-term financial goals.

### Predictability Supports Better Planning

Consistent housing costs allow homeowners to plan with confidence. Understanding how different loan options affect payment stability helps buyers avoid surprises and build a strong financial foundation.

**"Understanding how a mortgage works is just as important as choosing the right home."**

### Refinancing as a Long-Term Consideration

Refinancing is often misunderstood as a short-term tactic. In reality, it's a planning tool that homeowners may use to realign their mortgage with changing life circumstances or financial priorities.

### Supply, Demand, and Decision-Making

While price growth has moderated, housing supply remains limited in many areas. Knowing how supply and demand affect the market helps buyers approach homeownership thoughtfully rather than reactively.

### Education Builds Confidence

In a more balanced market, informed buyers are empowered buyers. Taking time to learn how mortgages work leads to clearer decisions, reduced stress, and a more confident path to homeownership.

## Mortgage Basics Every Buyer Should Understand

### Loan Term

The length of time you have to repay your mortgage. Common terms range from shorter timelines to longer ones, which impact how payments are structured over time.

### Amortization

How each payment is divided between principal and interest. Early payments are structured differently than later ones, which affects how equity builds.

### Equity

The portion of your home you truly own. Equity grows as you pay down your loan and as property value changes over time.

### Refinancing

Replacing an existing mortgage with a new one to better align with financial or lifestyle goals. Often used as a long-term planning tool.

### Fixed vs. Adjustable Loans

Fixed loans offer consistency, while adjustable loans change over time. Understanding the differences helps buyers choose stability or flexibility.

### Pre-Approval

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NUMBER  
OF SALES

▲ 27.7%  
PRIOR H (JAN-JUN 2025)

▲ 11.4%  
PRIOR YEAR (JUL-DEC 2024)

**39**  
AVERAGE DAYS  
ON THE MARKET

▼ 2.5%  
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▲ 8.3%  
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**378**  
AVERAGE MONTHLY  
INVENTORY

▲ 32.2%  
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▲ 80.0%  
PRIOR YEAR (JUL-DEC 2024)

**25.4%**  
ABSORPTION  
RATE<sup>1</sup>

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HALF-YEAR (H2 2025) OVER HALF-YEAR (H1 2025)

▲ 32.2%  
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▲ 1.9%  
TOTAL UNDER CONTRACT

▲ 27.7%  
TOTAL CLOSED

YEAR-OVER-YEAR (for H2 2025 over H2 2024)

▲ 32.0%  
AVERAGE ACTIVE

▲ 11.5%  
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▲ 11.4%  
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®.

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## UNDERSTANDING THE NUMBERS

Macomb Twp. has delivered the first all-green market activity we've ever seen in Southeast Michigan—somebody cue the marching band and confetti cannons! Part of this impressive feat comes from posting positive numbers even as market inventory shot up, a combination as rare as a unicorn at a real estate convention. This shows the demand for housing here is not just strong—it's practically doing push-ups—and, unlike in other parts of the country, the inventory increase hasn't sent any numbers into the red. Macomb Twp., take a bow!

**Average Sale Price – Healthy:** The growth in sale prices may not be breaking any records, but the fact that numbers are still climbing, even with inventory on the rise, deserves a tip of the hat—or maybe a celebratory slice of pie. Demand in the community is flexing its muscles, but sellers should be careful not to price their homes like they're selling beachfront property in Malibu. With more competition among sellers, it's wise to keep the price tags grounded, or risk buyers shopping elsewhere for a better deal.

**Number of Sales – Healthy:** For years, the mantra was "inventory, inventory, inventory"—as if we were all chanting for a magical closet to open up. Now, with more choices for buyers and a jump in sales, it's clear the market finally found that closet, and buyers are rushing in like it's a Black Friday doorbuster. If this keeps up, expect even more folks to flock to the community, perhaps lured by rumors of unicorns and confetti cannons from Macomb Twp.'s all-green report card.

**Days on Market (DOM) – Healthy:** Days on Market has been hanging out around 40, barely budging, even as inventory levels have ballooned. That's not just a nod to the community's appeal—it's like the homes here have their own fan club. In a less dynamic market, this might earn only a polite golf clap, but here, it deserves a standing ovation (and maybe a high-five from your favorite real estate agent). Clearly, buyers see Macomb Twp. as a place worth sticking around for—and homes aren't gathering dust waiting for someone to swipe right!

**Inventory – Spectacular:** Inventory has ballooned to feed what seems like an endless appetite for homes—think of it as a pizza buffet for eager buyers—and, impressively, hasn't knocked any other stats off their feet. But let's not get too carried away. If supply continues to pile up unchecked, we could end up with a real estate version of "all-you-can-eat" leftovers, and suddenly buyers might be calling the shots at the negotiation table. For now, though, the market's serving just the right number of slices.

**Absorption Rate – Slight Seller's market:** Sporting a 25.4% absorption rate, sellers are still holding the cards when it comes to negotiations—but buyers aren't just sitting on the sidelines; they've got plenty of options to play with. It's a bit like a game of musical chairs where there are almost enough chairs for everyone, so sellers can't get too comfortable expecting buyers to pay top dollar. The absorption rate remains the market's magic eight ball—shake it, and it indicates exactly how supply is stirring up the action.

*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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## OUT OF WINTER, INTO SPRING: HOMEOWNER TASKS YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID

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Next, walk around your home's exterior. Inspect the roof, siding, and foundation for winter damage. Check walkways and driveways for cracks, and examine windows and doors for worn weatherstripping. Clean gutters and downspouts to ensure proper drainage and direct water away from your foundation.

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## MEET YOUR LOCAL REALTOR



My name is Lauren Lewan, and I got my real estate license because I truly love helping and meeting new people. I have always been told I have a warm and calming presence, and it made sense to apply that to helping people buy and sell real estate—which can sometimes be intimidating and confusing! I am great at staying calm under pressure, which helps me to easily guide people in the buying and selling process.

Growing up, my dad was a carpenter for a real estate company, and later in life I worked for a home improvement company for a few years. That gave me a lot of knowledge about the structure and

upkeep of houses! Likewise, I have lived in Southeast Michigan all my life and am very familiar with its many areas.

Outside of real estate, I love cooking, and hosting parties and game nights at my home with my family and friends. I love spending time with my family, especially my four year old niece who I enjoy having over my house for cooking and baking lessons. I also really enjoy spending time outside in nature, whether that's gardening in the summer or bundling up and going for walks in the winter!

I can't wait to meet you and help you find your home!



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