

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE CITY OF TROY IN JANUARY 2017

For a complete listing and schedule of events, see the *Troy Today and Troy Recreation* newsletters or www.troymi.gov.



January 3, 5: Red Cross Blood Drive, Community Center, Room 304 and 305, 9am-9pm. Help save lives! To donate, you must be 17 and at least 110 lbs. Bring photo ID. Make an appointment today: call 313.300.9617 or 248.524.1147.

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30: Preschool Story Time, Library, 7-7:45pm. Stories, songs and rhymes for preschoolers as independent listeners. Ages 3-5. **FREE.**

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Lapsit Story Time, Library, 10:15am & 11:15am. Stories, rhymes and songs for young children to reinforce language development and print awareness for ages 12-23 months and their parents and/or caregivers. **FREE.**

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31: Pajama Family Story Time, Library, 7-7:30pm. Ages 2+ and their parents, caregivers and/or family. **FREE.**

January 4, 11, 18, 25: Toddler Story Time, Library, 10:15am and 11:15am. Stories, rhymes and songs for young children ages 24-35 months and their parents and/or caregivers. **FREE.**

January 5, 12, 19, 26: Preschool Story Time, Library, 10:30-11:30am Stories, songs and rhymes for preschoolers as independent listeners. Ages 3-5. **FREE.**

January 4, 11, 18, 25: Teen Writer's Club, Library, 6-7:30 pm. If you're interested in writing, this is the club for you! Participate in fun writing activities, share your work, and talk about writing with other teens. Snacks are provided and all teens ages 13-18 are welcome to attend.

January 5, 12, 19, 26: Bouncing Babies Story Time, Library, 7-7:30pm. Action rhymes, bounces, songs, chants and book sharing for 0-12 month olds and their caregivers. Play time for all afterwards. **FREE.**

January 5, 19: Teen Advisory Board (TAB), Library, 5-6 pm. Teens, come join the Teen Advisory Board. Board members will have an exclusive opportunity to plan events and programs, suggest improvements to the Teen Department, and promote the Library throughout the community. Snacks are provided.

January 4: Booked for Lunch, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 12:15 pm. Reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. (Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 12:15 pm.)

January 4: Life Readers, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 7pm. Reading *The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henriquez. (Meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7pm). **FREE.**

January 8: Constitution Café's: Electing Senators, Historic Village, 2 pm. Engage in a civil discussion to "create" a new Constitution, focusing on Amendment XVII and electing Senators. Sponsored by the Oakland County Bar Foundation. **FREE.** Advance registration required.

January 7, 13, 20, 27: Talk Time: English as a Second Language Group, Library, 10:15 am-12 pm. If English is your second language, come to Talk Time to practice your speaking and listening skills and improve your English vocabulary in a casual, relaxed atmosphere. **Registration required.**

January 10: Mystery Reader's Book Club, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 10:15am. Reading *Black-Eyed Susans* by Julia Heaberlin. (Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 10:15am). **FREE.**

January 10: Dan Ewald's Book Group, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 7 pm. Reading *The Little Paris Bookshop* by Nina George. (Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm). **FREE.**

January 11: Cheddar's Preschool Story Hour: Cars and Carriages, Historic Village, 10:30-11:30 am. Join Cheddar the Village Mouse for a classic tale, craft & treat. Ages 2-5. Register—space is limited. **THS Members: Children \$3, Adults \$5; Non-members: Children \$4, Adults \$6.**

January 11: Angels & Angel Card Reading with Nancy Morrison, Library, 7-8:30pm. Have you ever wanted to learn about angels and signs that angels are with you? Nancy Morrison will discuss how to ask your angels for help. Three audience volunteers will receive a one-on-one reading. Registration required. Call 248.524.3538. **FREE.**

January 12: Chess Lessons with Troy Youth All-Star Chess Club, Library, 7:30-8:30pm. Calling all beginners! You will be guided through the ins-and-outs of chess. Designed for ages 6 and up, with chess expertise below 800 level. Call 248.524.3538 to register.

January 13: Owl Prowl, Stage Nature Center, 7-8:30pm. Immerse yourself in the nighttime world of the owl. Brave the cold and prowl the trails to listen and look for these residents of the Stage Nature Center. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. Ages 5 and up. **THS Member: \$4, Non-member: \$6.**

January 14: STEAM Labs: Fiddle Factory, Library, 2-3:30pm. Experience S.T.E.A.M. Lab through interactive, exploratory play that is as educational as it is fun. **FREE.** Ages 3-6. Registration required. Call 248.524.3541 to register.

January 14, 28: Family Night, Community Center, 5-7:45 pm. An inexpensive and fun night out for families. Spend quality time together and enjoy basketball, swimming, parachutes, the inflatable castle and more. Resident: \$3, Non-resident: \$4 per person. **FREE** for Community Center Unlimited Pass Holders.

January 15: STEAM Labs: Creation Station, Library, 2-3:30pm. Experience S.T.E.A.M. Lab through interactive, exploratory play that is as educational as it is fun. **FREE.** Ages 7-12. Registration required. Call 248.524.3541 to register.

January 16: MLK Jr. Day Special, Community Center, all day. Special \$5 daily rate for residents and non-residents.

January 16: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration of Freedom 2016, Athens High School, 8:30-10:30 am. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is honored through community service projects including a Blood Drive. No registration. All ages. **FREE.**

January 16: Jr. Naturalist Club, Nature Center, 10-11:30 am (Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st grade) & 12:30-2:30 pm (2nd-5th grades). Meets on the third Saturday of each month and is dedicated to teaching your children about nature. Includes "hands on" activities, crafts, indoor and outdoor fun, monthly meetings, day camp and family BBQ. **Fee: \$130, TNS Member Fee: \$115, Fee to visit for 1 session: \$12; register at www.stagenaturecenter.org; call 248.688.9703 for information. Debbie - ??? – is this correct?**

January 17: Homeschool Happenings: Winter Tales, Winter Songs, Historic Village, 10-11:30am. Visit the Log Cabin and learn how people like Laura Ingalls Wilder and Robert Frost lived through winter 200 years ago. Enjoy songs and soup by the fire. Dress for the weather. Ages 5-13. Register in advance. **\$6 per person, or \$5 per person for groups of 4 or more.**

January 17: Sink or Float: Learn Your Stroke, Community Center, 5:30-6:30pm. Open swim clinic, **FREE with general admission.** Get tips and coaching from the Neptune Aquatic Club based out of Clawson, MI. This team spends hours in the water every week perfecting their stroke, let them teach you!

January 17: Wildlife Rehabilitating Facts, Stage Nature Center, 7-8:30pm. Have you ever found an injured wild animal and wished you could help? Should you try to take care of the animal on your own? Join DNR licensed Wildlife Rehabilitator Holly Hadac to learn about wildlife rehabilitating. Age: Adult. **FREE.**

January 18: Books & Brews, Adult Book Discussion Group, Joe Kool's, 6 pm. Book titles to be determined. (Meets every third Wednesday of the month at Joe Kool's at 6 pm). **FREE.**

January 18: As a Matter of Fact... Non-Fiction: *In Defense of a Liberal Education* by Fareed Zakaria, Library, 7-8:30pm. Join our non-fiction book group as we seek to establish communities of conversation surrounding our book selections. We wish to explore works that explain our culture; that illuminate, inspire, provoke, and entertain. (Meets the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm)

January 19: 2017 Preschool Expo, Troy Community Center (Room 304-305), 6:30-8:30 pm. The City of Troy offers this event to benefit the community by providing a comprehensive forum for parents to help them determine the best daycare and preschool match for their family. Parents can speak to dozens of qualified childcare professionals that are located right in Troy and surrounding communities. **FREE.**

January 19: Stephen King "Goremet" Book Club, Adult Book Discussion Group, Library, 7pm. Reading *Insomnia* by Stephen King. (Meets third Thursday of every month at 7pm). **FREE.**

January 20: Knee-High Naturalists: Winter Sleepers, Nature Center, 10-11:30 am. Children, ages 2-4 with a parent/grandparent partner, can attend. Each session includes a nature story, hike, activities, craft and a snack. The adult partner is free. **Fee: \$12, TNS Member: \$9.**

January 21: Saturday Scouts and Scholars: Winter Survival, Historic Village, 10am-12pm. Imagine living through a Michigan winter 180 years ago. Split firewood, feed a fire, seek animal tracks, and weave wool for a scarf. Dress for the weather. Ages 6-12. Call 248.524.3598 to register. Advance registration required. **Kids: \$8, Adults: \$5.**

January 21: Scout It Out!: JR. G.S.-Animal Habitats, Nature Center, 9:30am-12pm. Come and complete your nature-related badge or adventure! All or most requirements are met; however, the badge itself is not included. Register as an individual scout, den, pack or troop. Please dress for the weather. Leaders or chaperones are free and need to remain with their scouts. **Fee per Scout: \$10**

January 24: An Evening with the Author: Linda Thielfoldt, Library, 7-8:30pm. Troy resident and writer of *On My Way to Baltimore*, Linda Thielfoldt will discuss writing her new book and how you can create a quilt in the spirit of a true Baltimore Album Quilt of the 1880s. **FREE.**

January 25: Homeschool Nature Classes: Snow & Wildlife, Nature Center, 10am-12pm. Learn about ways wildlife has adapted to surviving winter's cold. What is snow and how does it help or harm survival? Ages 5-10. **TNS Member: \$5 per child. Non-member: \$7 per child. Free parent partner.**

January 25: Budding Bookworms Trivia, Library, 7-8:15pm. Budding bookworms, test your knowledge of books and stories. Form teams to compete and win prizes! Registration required. Ages 9-13. **Call 248.524.3538 to register.**

January 26: Thursday Teas at Two – Tea with a Tucker, Old Troy Church, Historic Village, 2-3 pm. Discover the little-known story of auto designer Preston Tucker, his company, and the revolutionary cares he built after WWII. Register in advance. **THS Member: \$7 (Season Pass: \$24), Non-member: \$8 (Season Pass: \$28).** No refunds or exchanges.

January 26: Adult Writers' Group, Library, 7-8:30pm. If you're an aspiring writer, this is the group for you! Participate in writing activities, share your work, and brainstorm with other writers. **FREE.** Group meets the fourth Thursday of the month.

January 27: Michigan Mammals, Stage Nature Center, 7-8pm. View live mammals in a program presented by a Howell Nature Center naturalist. Some mammals may include groundhog, opossum, flying squirrel, porcupine, or mink! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 3 and up. **TNS Member: \$8, Non-member: \$10**

January 28: Chinese New Year, Library, 2pm. Usher in the "Year of the Rooster" with stories and crafts. Ages 3-8 plus family. **FREE.**

January 30: Getting Ready for Income Tax Time 2017, Library, 7-8:30pm. CPA Tom Hill will help you find out what you need to know when filing your state and federal income taxes for 2016. Tom will discuss changes in tax laws and the impact of the Affordable Care Act. Tom has over 35 years of experience. **FREE. Registration required. Call 248.524.3534.**

January 31: Live Your Best Life: Rick Bloom Financial Outlook for 2017, Library, 7-8:30pm. Rick Bloom, a partner in Bloom Asset Management and a financial columnist with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will look at the state of the economy and stock market as we move into 2017. **FREE. Registration required. Call 248.524.3534.**

CITY NEWS & INFORMATION:

January 2: City Hall, Community Center Offices, Library Closed

January 1-2: Historic Village Closed

January 2-7: Passport Acceptance Facility at City Hall Closed.

January 9, 23: City Council Meetings, 7:30pm.

See www.troymi.gov for more details!

Contact Numbers: City of Troy Community Affairs Dept: 248.524.1147; Troy Public Library: 248.524.3538; Stage Nature Center: 248.688.9703; Troy Community Center: 248.524.3484; Troy Historic Village: 248.524.3570.