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CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH



Dyana Williams and Kenny Gamble

June is Black Music Month! During this month, we celebrate the enduring impact and legacy of Black musicians and their creativity on American music, culture and history. From their heads, hearts, hands, and voices emerged distinctly American artforms, never before heard or felt.

Tracing the arc of the Black experience in America from slavery to segregation to civil rights and up to the present, Black music has always been an inseparable part of our American experience. From spirituals and gospel songs through the blues, jazz and ragtime; from doo-wop and the beginnings of rock and roll, and country, through funk, and hip hop, Black music is American music.

Rooted in African rhythms and the lived experiences of African Americans, music has played a central role in self-expression, cultural preservation, and resilience in African American communities.

For details on special events regarding this month's 45th anniversary of African American Music Appreciation Month Celebration visit <https://www.nmaam.org/blackmusicmonth>. The month-long celebration, which was originally called Black Music Month, was established by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. In 2009, President Barack Obama renamed it African American Music Appreciation Month.

The celebration recognizes the musical contributions of African Americans, which are an important part of the country's cultural heritage. It also highlights the development of genres like jazz, soul, funk, hip hop, and rap, which have their origins in African culture and slavery.

The idea for the month came from Philadelphia natives Dyana Williams and Kenny Gamble, who lobbied the White House in the 1960s. Gamble may have also been inspired by the Country Music Association's Country Music Month, which takes place every October.

The music of African Americans can be traced back to the days of slavery. In the fields as slaves were working you could hear them singing songs to pass the time. These songs were a way for them to share their life stories.

THIS MONTH'S COVER CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Victorious Community Development (VCD) (501c3) is the recipient of the Community Policing Competitive Grant Program scheduled to launch during the month of June 2024. The program provides funding to law enforcement agencies for community policing that develop collaborative partnerships between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.

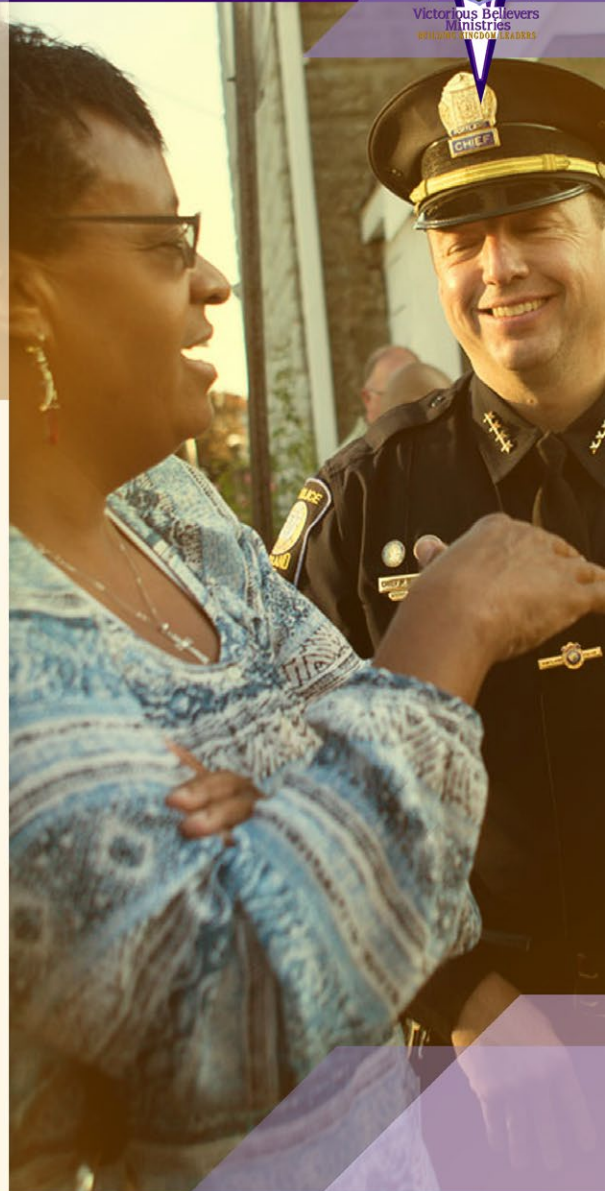
Eligibility criteria used in the decision-making process included: (a) implementation of a research-based model or program; (b) prioritization of community input to build trust, relationships, and positive outcomes; (c) support of a broader community or multi-agency strategy to solve problems; (d) promotion of youth engagement activities; and (e) engagement in partnerships with community-based organizations, local governments, or research institutions. The project is funded for a 2-year period beginning in June 2024 and ending in June 2026.

While there are countless hours of volunteer support needed, this Saginaw Police Department (SPD) & Community Violence Intervention Programming initiative will provide multiple full and part-time employment opportunities for individuals interested in supporting efforts to enhance community engagement and safety in the city of Saginaw:

- ▶ **Project Director**
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For detailed information regarding the positions listed and application process, please refer to the VCD website at www.govcd.org.



Saginaw Community Foundation awards \$838,750 in scholarships



Saginaw, Mich. – At its 37th annual Excellence in Education event, the Saginaw Community Foundation presented 665 scholarship awards to 389 high school, college and nontraditional students on June 5, 2024 totaling \$838,750.

This year's event featured open house style format with donor/student meet-and-greet, games and activities, and a fun scavenger hunt for students.

"The purpose of the annual Excellence in Education event is to recognize, award and inspire students who have earned scholarships from the Saginaw Community Foundation," said Chamika Ford, program officer at the foundation. "We also honor the donors who have established scholarship funds at the foundation."

Since 1987, the foundation has awarded more than \$10.6 million to students to help them achieve their educational goals.

"Education is vital to the growth and future of every community. Scholarships can help people in our region obtain a degree, certificate or other training that will help further their aspirations and goals," said René Johnston, president and CEO at the foundation.

The foundation currently administers 254 scholarship funds that have been established by its donors.

Saginaw Community Foundation will begin accepting applications for 2025 scholarships on Nov. 1, 2024. More information is available at saginawfoundation.org.

About the Saginaw Community Foundation

Since 1984, the Saginaw Community Foundation (SCF) has helped Saginaw County residents build a better community by linking donor interests with the community's most pressing



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needs and promising opportunities. As a nonprofit corporation, SCF serves three important constituencies: its donors who want to make a difference; the nonprofit organizations that provide services and programs essential in the community; and individual communities within Saginaw County through effective grantmaking and leadership. Learn more at saginawfoundation.org.

Saginaw Township Recreation SUMMER CAMPS – JULY 2024			
 GIRLS SOFTBALL CAMP Olson Park	JULY 1st – 3rd 5:30 - 7:30 pm Girls 7-12 years		
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3 - 5 years 9-9:30 am	K-2 nd Grade 9:30-10:30 am	3 rd -5 th Grade 10:30-11:30 am	6 th -8 th Grade 11:30-12:30 pm
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Attorney General to Review, Contest Consumers Energy's Latest Rate Hike Request

LANSING – Attorney General Dana Nessel filed a notice of intervention this week in Consumers Energy Company's latest electric rate case (U-21585) before the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), filed on May 31, 2024. Consumers Energy seeks a rate hike of approximately \$303 million annually which, if approved, would take effect in March of 2025. **Only three months ago, the MPSC approved a \$92 million electric rate hike for Consumers, which took effect this March.**

Consumers Energy also seeks to recover an additional \$21.8 million in deferred distribution expenditures through a separate 12-month customer surcharge beginning in March 2025. If the annual rate increase is approved, it would increase rates overall by 6.5% and if the separate surcharge is also approved, the total rate increase would be 7% for the period March 2025 through February 2026.

"Our intervention in these cases is vital to ensuring corporate utilities aren't successful in their efforts to stuff unjustifiable costs into their rate hike requests," said Nessel. "There are standards concerning what costs Consumers Energy, DTE, and our other utility companies are allowed to pile onto their customers' bills in their rates and other charges. My office is working diligently to hold the utilities accountable and keep unjustified expenses off the monthly bills of ratepayers."

Attorney General Nessel is intervening in this rate case as she does in all utility rates cases before the Commission. The Department of Attorney General's staff, along with its experts, will carefully scrutinize the filing to ensure customers do not pay any costs that are not associated with a commensurate, quantifiable benefit to them. In Consumers Energy's last electric rate case, the company originally sought a rate hike of \$216 million, but the Commission only approved a \$92 million rate increase based on the arguments made by the Attorney General and other parties. In that case, the Attorney General's experts successfully argued that Consumers Energy's requested rate hike was excessive and not supported on the record. The Attorney General argued Consumers' projections and expenses were unreasonable and did not provide commensurate customer benefit. The MPSC slashed Consumers' rate hike request by nearly 60%.

The Attorney General is currently seeking a similar 58% reduction in DTE's latest requested gas rate hike, finding the utility included in their request unsubstantiated costs, including an attempt to pass on to customers the expenses of executive corporate jet travel. In its own ongoing gas rate case, Consumers Energy filed an application seeking a 37% increase in its residential monthly charge alongside a \$136 million rate hike, and the Attorney General has argued that more than 96%

of this requested sum is unjustified.

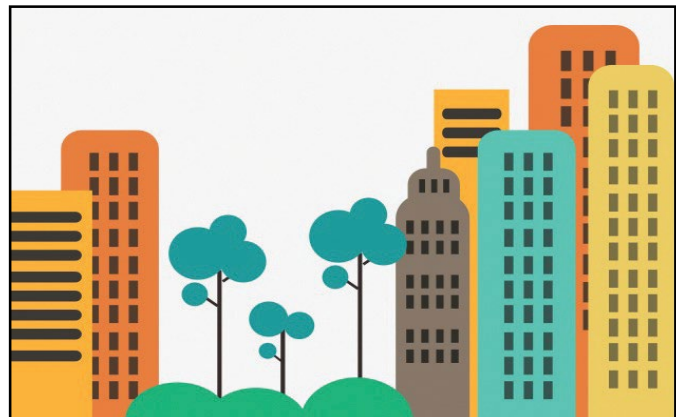
Consumers Energy's latest rate hike request is in large part predicated on implementing its \$7 billion Five-Year Distribution Plan that the Attorney General previously criticized as lacking in affordability, reliability, and accountability.

Consumers Energy Company is a subsidiary of CMS Energy, headquartered in Jackson and billing approximately 1.9 million electric customers. Consumers Energy additionally sells natural gas to 1.8 million customers, which is used primarily to heat homes and businesses during the winter as well as for other uses.

Since taking office, Attorney General Nessel has helped save Michigan ratepayers more than \$3 billion.



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Rock Out at the Museum with Two Exciting Summer Exhibitions



Get ready for an unforgettable artistic journey at the Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University. The museum is thrilled to announce the opening of two special exhibitions that promise to

captivate and inspire visitors of all ages. “Front Row Center: Icons of Rock, Blues, and Soul” and “Color Play: The Art of Nanci LaBret Einstein” runs now through Saturday, August 31, 2024.

“Front Row Center: Icons of Rock, Blues, and Soul” takes audiences on a musical odyssey through the golden eras of rock, blues, and soul. The iconic photographs of Larry Hulst capture the freewheeling energy of live music and the enduring visual spectacle of rock’s greatest performers. From Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix to David Bowie and Lauryn Hill, “Front Row Center: Icons of Rock, Blues and Soul” brings together around 70 images of legendary musicians and singers across three genres and generations. The exhibition charts Hulst’s extraordinary path through the pulsing heart of the most exciting live music of the last century, showcasing a unique visual anthology of rock, blues, and soul music from 1970–1999. These images, which have been featured on album art and in “Rolling Stone” magazine spreads, convey Hulst’s lifelong passion for the magnetism, immediacy, and unpredictability of live music. With photos that also document the unforgettable voices of funk, punk, and beyond, “Front Row Center” grants viewers an all-access pass to some of the most memorable performances in popular music history.

Simultaneously, the museum will present “Color Play: The Art of Nanci LaBret Einstein,” a vibrant exploration of color, form, and creativity. Experience the art of Nanci LaBret Einstein in this immersive exhibition that highlights the many milieus and talents of the artist. In her intricately detailed freestanding and wall sculptures, Einstein works with recycled objects like beads, popsicle sticks, and other found objects. The exhibition also includes Einstein’s gestural drawings and layered photo collages that evoke emotion while exploring form, weight, color, light, and texture.

The “Front Row Center” and “Color Play” exhibitions will run concurrently now through August 31, 2024. A list of programs and events in conjunction with the new exhibitions can be found here: <https://marshallfredericks.org/calendar/>.

Exhibition Credits: “Front Row Center: Icons of Rock, Blues, and Soul” and “Color Play: The Art of Nanci LaBret Einstein” are supported in part by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council.

“Front Row Center: Icons of Rock, Blues, and Soul” is

organized and toured by International Arts & Artists, Washington, D.C. International Arts & Artists (IA&A) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting cross-cultural understanding and exposure to the arts internationally. Since 1995, IA&A has fulfilled its mission by providing programs and services to artists, arts institutions, cultural organizations, and the public—reaching over 2 million people. Visit www.artsandartists.org for more information.

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University, 7400 Bay Road, University Center, Michigan. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (989) 964-7125 or visit the Museum’s website at www.marshallfredericks.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAGINAW SPIRIT THE FIRST #OHL AMERICAN TEAM TO WIN MEMORIAL CUP

“It was the first time the Canadian hockey league tournament has been hosted here in Michigan, and the Saginaw Spirit’s first time playing in the championship...”



MDHHS seeks proposals for Empowering Youth Today program



LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is requesting proposals from organizations to administer the Empowering Youth Today program.

The Empowering Youth Today program provides Michigan youth, ages 10 to 15, with the skills needed to plan their future through high school and beyond and accomplish their goals without an unplanned pregnancy. Using an approved Sexual Risk Avoidance Education curriculum, the program is designed to teach youth the benefits associated with healthy relationships, goal setting and avoiding dating violence and other risky behaviors such as underage drinking or illicit drug use, without normalizing teen sexual activity.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) is open to public and nonprofit entities such as local health departments, community health centers, nonprofit hospitals/health systems, school districts, federally recognized Michigan tribe(s), 501c3 nonprofits and other social service organizations/community-based organizations qualified to implement youth programming, and universities.

The program begins Tuesday, Oct 1, 2024, and ends Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025. There is \$1.3 million available with individual agency awards of up to \$145,000 each. Successful applicants will be eligible to apply for noncompetitive annual renewals based on availability of funds and acceptable performance.

A pre-application conference will be held to provide instruction on using the EGrAMS system Monday, June 17, at 9:30 a.m., and will last approximately 90 minutes. The webinar can be accessed at <https://bit.ly/4eit7c3>. At the conclusion of the conference, this link can be used to access the recording of this webinar.

Any questions concerning the RFP must be sent via email to MDHHS-EYT@michigan.gov on or before Wednesday, June 19. Questions may be discussed verbally at the pre-application conference. MDHHS will compile questions and answers and post these as well as any other clarifications or revisions to the initial RFP by

Monday, June 24, on the EGrAMS website.

Project director requests to access the application are due by 5 p.m., Friday, July 5. Grant applications for the Empowering Youth Today program RFP must be submitted electronically through EGrAMS by 3 p.m., Monday, July 15.

For more information or to apply, visit the EGrAMS website and select “About EGrAMS” link in the left panel to access

the “Competitive Application Instructions” training manual. The complete RFP can be accessed under the ‘Current Grants’ section under the “Public Health Administration” link and selecting the “EYT-2025” grant program.

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BAY FUTURE, INC. ANNOUNCES JIM REAUME AS NEW PRESIDENT & CEO



Jim Reaume

Bay County, MI - Bay Future, Inc., the countywide economic development organization committed to business retention, attraction, and expansion, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jim Reaume as its new President & CEO.

Reaume, a Bay County native, previously held the position of Economic Development Manager with Bay

Future and has a proven track record of success within the organization. A proud alumnus of Central Michigan University, Reaume graduated Cum Laude with a BS in Community Development and a Master of Science in Public Administration. Additionally, he is a decorated US Army Veteran with nearly ten years of active service.

"I am thrilled to embrace this increased responsibility and to contribute even more significantly to our community," said Reaume. "Bay County is not only my hometown, but it is also a fantastic place to live and work. I look forward to collaborating with our partners and stakeholders to enhance the quality of life for current and future residents by attracting businesses and fostering the creation of new living-wage jobs."

Magen Samyn, President & CEO of the Bay Area Chamber of Commerce and Board Chair at Bay Future, emphasized the thorough selection process that culminated in Reaume's appointment. "Jim's passion for the community, his educational background, and his extensive work experience make him the perfect fit for this role," said Samyn. "Our board of directors have great trust in Jim as the new President & CEO of Bay Future, Inc. The selection process was highly competitive, and Jim's dedication, professionalism, and proficiency were outstanding. We believe he embodies the qualities we were seeking in a leader."

Reaume brings a wealth of experience to his new position. He is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Michigan Economic Developers Association, International Economic Development Council, American Society for Public Administration, and American Planning Association. He also serves on the City of Bay City Planning Commission.



CELEBRATING AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC APPRECIATION MONTH

Why is music important to black culture?

Brought to America in captivity and sold into slavery, Africans carried their culture with them as best they could. Music and dance — an integral part of African life — became an important part of life for blacks in America. Both slaves and free blacks used music as an accompaniment to work, worship, and celebration.

Who was the first black musician?

In 1890 **George W. Johnson** became the first African American to record commercially. A common story is that Johnson, a former slave, was discovered singing on the streets of Washington, D.C., by Berliner recording agent Fred Gaisberg.

Who is the founder of Black Music Month?

Legendary Philadelphia songwriter and producer **Kenneth Gamble** along with journalist and community activist **Dyana Williams** and radio DJ **Ed Wright** were the founders of the event. You can learn more about the history of Black Music Month here.

Who was the first female Black singer?

During the blues revival, about 30 years later, **Mamie Smith** became the first black women vocalist to record a blues song. While "Crazy Blues" is cited as the first blues recording and represents the emergence of black women singers into popular music culture.

Who is the father of black music?

Clarence Alexander Avant

Clarence Alexander Avant (February 25, 1931 – August 13, 2023) was a prominent American music executive and film producer. Originating from Climax, North Carolina, Avant began his professional journey in the 1950s, managing Teddy P's Lounge in Newark, New Jersey.

Who was the first black artist to win record of the year? Stevie Wonder

In the 66-year history of the Grammy Awards, only 11 Black artists have won album of the year. Stevie Wonder became the first Black artist to win in 1974 for "Innervisions." He has since won thrice.

How did Black music change the world?

Since its earliest stages, African American music has brought a sense of community and urge for social change with its melodies. It continues to do so as artists continue exploring and creating, making way for new waves of music and oftentimes aligning with new social movements such as Black Lives Matter.

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We're turning SIX! Yes, you heard that right! Get ready to celebrate with us on June 22nd as we mark the sixth anniversary of the SVRC Marketplace in style.

Picture this: a vibrant atmosphere buzzing with excitement, adorned with colorful decorations and filled with the aroma of delicious treats. It's going to be a day to remember!

And what's a birthday celebration without some incredible deals? Our participating vendors are pulling out all the stops with their "\$6 specials for our sixth birthday" offers. From mouthwatering snacks to unique finds, there's something for everyone at unbeatable prices.

But the fun doesn't stop there! As you stroll through the marketplace, keep your eyes peeled for delightful free samples and crafts offered by our vendors. It's their way of saying thank you for six fantastic years of

support and camaraderie.

So mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and join us for a day filled with excitement, exclusive offers, and memories to cherish. See you at the Marketplace!

The Marketplace concourse is open, Wednesday - Saturday, 11am to 7pm.

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TEST YOUR AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC I.Q.



1. I was called the "Father of Gospel Music"
2. They call me the "Founding Father of Jazz," who am I?
3. They called me "The Queen of Blues"
4. I am called "The Queen of Soul," who am I?
5. I was a Great American Jazz-Pop Diva.
6. I was noted as an accomplished Trumpet player, innovative band leader and brilliant composer
7. What is the name of my most popular song?
8. It was said that my songs would send chills down your spine and I could hit notes as birds.
9. I was Country Music's First Black Superstar and the First Star of the Grand Ole Opry.
10. Guess who?

Answers

1. Thomas A. Dorsey
2. Louis Armstrong
3. Mammie Smith
4. Aretha Franklin
5. Ella Fitzgerald
6. Miles Davis
7. Otis Redding - Sittin on the Dock of the Bay
8. Minnie Riperton
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10. Sam Cooke



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Summer Long

Castle Museum Exhibitions – Mon–Wed: 10 am – 4:30 pm, Thurs: 10 am – 7 pm, Fri & Sat: 10 am – 4:30 pm, Sun: 1 – 4:30 pm

Counter Cruise – Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, corner of Cass and Hamilton. Guided family friendly bike ride through Saginaw neighborhoods. Facebook @CounterCruise for information and route map.

Downtown Saginaw Farmers' Market – Outdoor pavilion at 203 S. Washington; Wed & Fri: 10 am – 3 pm, Sat: 10 am – 1 pm.

Great Mural Project – More than a dozen murals in Downtown and Old Town Saginaw. Map at www.greatmuralproject.com or Facebook @TheGreatMuralProject.

Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens – Traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony every Saturday 2 pm, \$10 per person, walk-ins welcome.

Saginaw Art Museum Exhibitions – Wed – Sat: 12 – 5 pm.

Jacob Lawrence: The Legend of John Brown through June 8

Bright Moments and Shifting Shadows through August 31

Saginaw Art Museum – Second Saturdays – 6/8, 7/13 & 8/10. Studio Storytime 12:30 pm, Open Studio 1 – 4 pm, Public Tour 2 pm. FREE

Art Encounters – 6/22 & 6/29, 7/27, 8/24 & 8/31, drop-in 1 – 4 pm. FREE

Saginaw Children's Zoo – Daily zookeeper chats and amphitheater presentations. SaginawZoo.com for schedule.

Saginaw Public Libraries – storytimes, book discussions, movies, arts and crafts, adult learning and more. Facebook @SaginawLibrary

Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge – Wildlife Drive open for season, sunrise to sunset. Visit fws.gov/refuge/shiawassee for refuge information.

SVRC Marketplace – Indoor Market at 203 S. Washington; Wed – Sat: 10 am – 7 pm.

Tai Chi for Everyone! – Andersen Splash Park Pavilion, Mon, 5:30 pm, Wed & Fri, 1:30 pm. FREE

June

Saginaw Eddy Concert Band – Jolt Credit Union Event Park, June 16, 23 and 30, 7 pm, FREE.

Summer Fun @ Castle Museum – Visit castlemuseum.org for registration, information and full list of summer programming. On Facebook @TheCastleMuseum.

6/15: Summer Kickoff, 10 am – 1 pm

6/15: Community Heroes Touch-a-Truck, 10 am – 1 pm

6/19: Ecstatic about STEM, 11 am – noon

6/20: Storytime – A Camping We Must Go, 11 am, preschool age

6/26: Geology Fun, 1 – 2 pm

Lunch & Learn – Castle Museum, 12 pm, June 11 & 25. FREE with Museum Admission.

Saginaw Children's Zoo – Visit saginawzoo.com for information and full list of events. On Facebook @SaginawChildren's Zoo

6/8: Marvelous Monarchs, 11 am – 2 pm

6/22: Chirp & Cheer, 11 am – 2 pm

6/26: Ice Cream ZOOfare, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Adventure Begins at Your Library – Summer Reading Program

Public Libraries of Saginaw, June 3 – August 3, FREE. Visit saginawlibrary.org for registration, information and full list of summer programming for all ages. On Facebook @SaginawLibrary

6/12: Repco Wildlife: Snakes – Hoyt, 3 pm

6/15: Taiwan Adventure: Boba Tea – Hoyt, 2 pm

6/17: Wands, Wizards & Potions – Butman-Fish, 3 & 4:30 pm

6/19: Scavenger Hunt – Hoyt, 4 pm

6/26: Origami Adventures – Hoyt, 2 pm

6/26: Bucket List Journals – Hoyt, 6 pm

6/20: History After Hours – Castle Museum, 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

6/22: Bonsai Workshop – Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens, 1 – 4 pm. Fee to participate, japaneseculturalcenter.org to register.

6/26: Summer Activity Night – Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, 4:30 – 7:30 pm. Admission, collaboration with Children's Grief Center.

6/27, 6/28, 6/29: Milk Milk Lemonade – Pit & Balcony Theatre, 8:30 pm. Admission

July

Jazz in the Garden – Andersen Enrichment Center, 7 pm. Bring your own chair, FREE.

7/10: TBA

7/17: Brush Street featuring Julie Mulady

7/24: Robert Lee Revue

7/31: Saucecats

Lawn Chair Film Festival – Old Saginaw City, corner of Ames & N.

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Hamilton, FREE. Bring your own chair, movie starts at dusk. July 14, 21 & 28.

Project Recreation Playdates – Saginaw County Parks and Recreation, FREE. Kids lunches/snacks provided by YMCA Mission Nutrition.

- 7/2:** Art in the Park – Deindorfer Woods: 10 – 11:30 am
- 7/2:** Build It – Firstward Comm Ctr: 2 – 3:30 pm
- 7/3:** Music on the Move – Fordney Park: 2 – 3:30 pm
- 7/9:** Supersize Fun – Otter Roeser Park: 10 – 11:30 am
- 7/11:** Supersize Fun – Bliss Park: 10 – 11:30 am
- 7/16:** Build It – Otter Roeser Park: 10 – 11:30 am
- 7/17:** Music on the Move – Deindorfer Woods: 2 – 3:30 pm
- 7/25:** Art in the Park – Bliss Park: 10 – 11:30 am
- 7/25:** Gaga Ball/Archery – Firstward Comm Ctr: 2 – 3:30 pm
- 7/30:** Art in the Park – Otter Roeser Park: 10 – 11:30 am

Saginaw Children’s Zoo – Visit saginawzoo.com for information a full list of events. On Facebook @Saginaw Children’s Zoo

- 7/6:** Migratory Marvels, 11 am – 2 pm
- 7/20:** Bobwhite Boogie, 11 am – 2 pm
- 7/31:** Ice Cream ZOOafari, 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Saginaw Eddy Concert Band – Jolt Credit Union Event Park, Sunday evenings in July, 7 pm, FREE.

Summer Fun @ Castle Museum

Visit castlemuseum.org for registration, information and full list of summer programming. On Facebook @TheCastleMuseum.

- 7/3:** Marshmallow Construction, noon – 1pm
- 7/10:** Mosquito Fun, 11 am – noon
- 7/11:** Storytime – Bubble Fun, 11 am, preschool age
- 7/24:** Paint the BEANS Bunny – register at 989.752.2861
- 7/31:** Rising Rockets, 11 am, preschool age

Lunch & Learn – Castle Museum, 12 pm, July 9 & 23. FREE with Museum Admission.

Adventure Begins at Your Library – Summer Reading Program Public Libraries of Saginaw. On Facebook @SaginawLibrary

- 7/15:** Animal Magic – Butman-Fish, 3 pm
- 7/17:** Ornament Globe Craft – Hoyt, 3:30 pm
- 7/22:** Explore the Oregon Trail – Butman-Fish, 3 pm
- 7/24:** Magnificent Maple Syrup – Hoyt, 3 pm
- 7/29:** Virtual National Park Excursion – Hoyt, 6 pm

7/31: Travel Adventure Memory Boards – Hoyt, 6 pm

Ikebana Class – Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens, 1 – 2:30 pm. Fee to participate, www.japaneseculturalcenter.org to register. July 17, 24 & 31

7/4: Saginaw Area Fireworks – Viewing surrounding Ojibway Island, Dusk, FREE.

7/5: Tanabata Star Festival – Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens, 1 – 3 pm. Calligraphy and storytime.

7/9: Museum Tunes – Saginaw Art Museum Garden, 7 pm. FREE

7/18: History After Hours – Castle Museum, 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

Saginaw Art Museum – The Ring Home and Garden: An Italian Villa in Saginaw with Tom Trombley, 1 pm. FREE with Admission

7/20: Rock-N-Blues Rib Festival – Ojibway Island, 12 – 6 pm. Music, food, rib cook off, family fun and more. Festival FREE, food for purchase.

7/24: A Very Merry Market Christmas in July – Downtown Saginaw Farmers’ Market, 1 – 7 pm. Entertainment, ugly Christmas sweater and pie baking contest, games and activities.

7/27: Bonsai Workshop – Japanese Cultural Center, Tea House and Gardens, 1 – 4 pm. Fee to participate, japaneseculturalcenter.org to register.



Christmas in July – SVRC Marketplace, 10 – 7 pm. Festive family fun with Santa, cookie decorating, crafts and more. FREE.

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