



Three Oaks Township Public Library

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www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org

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FOUNDED IN 1859 – 167 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Hours:

Monday 10 – 5

Tuesday 10 – 6

Wednesday 10 – 5

Thursday 10 – 6

Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 10-2

Sunday closed

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🏠 ✨ **NEW! Drop-In Magnetic Building Tiles!** ✨ 🏠

We're adding another fun, hands-on activity to our weekly schedule! Come explore, build, and play with our **Magnetic Building Tiles**—no registration required!

📅 **Drop in anytime between 10 AM and 6 PM** and create your own structures, shapes, and imaginative designs. Like our LEGO Club, this is a come-and-go activity, so stay and build for as long as you'd like!

🔍 **STEM in Action!** Building with magnetic tiles encourages children to explore **science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM)** concepts through hands-on play. Kids can experiment with shapes, balance, patterns, structures, and problem-solving while having fun!

👥 **Please note:** Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Come build something amazing with us! 🏠 📅 💡



Our New Sensory Room Is Open! 💙

We're excited to welcome everyone to our **brand-new Sensory Room!** 🎉

This welcoming space was made possible through a generous grant from **The Berrien Community Foundation** and is now open and ready for visitors of **all ages** to enjoy. Whether you're looking for a quiet place to relax, explore sensory activities, or simply take a break from the hustle and bustle, we hope you'll stop in and give it a try! 🌱 ✨

We're so grateful to The Berrien Community Foundation for helping make this special space possible. ❤️

A friendly reminder: Please help us keep the room welcoming for everyone by picking up after yourself and leaving the space ready for the next visitor. 🧹 😊
Come explore, relax, and enjoy! ☀️



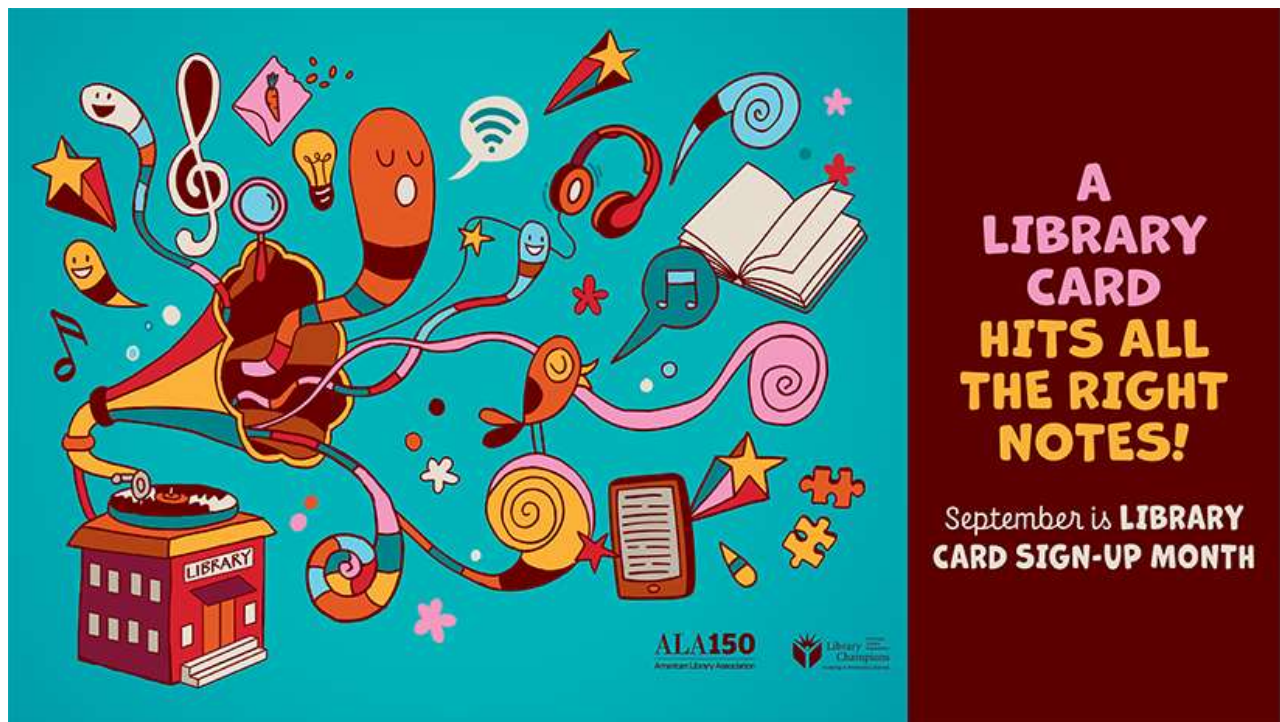
September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

This year's theme, "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," is a reminder that libraries offer something for everyone—no matter your age, background, or goals. Whether you're checking out a classic story or the latest best-seller there's a seat in the front row at the library for you, and your library card is the ticket.

At the Three Oaks Township Public Library you will find all the latest bestsellers - ebooks and audiobooks through the Libby app and the Hoopla app, streaming movies through the Kanopy app, over 1500 DVDs of movies and TV shows, a robust Library of Things, a children's tree house, and community meeting rooms.

There are just too many things to list!

Getting a library card is free, easy, and empowering. For students, it's a key to academic success. For adults, it's a gateway to lifelong learning. For everyone, it's a smart way to stay connected to your community.



Everyone who signs up for a library card, or uses their library card, during the month of September will be entered into a drawing for an Amazon gift card.



Hello, Game Players & Mah Jong Enthusiasts!

We're so happy to see so much excitement about Mah Jong at the library!

☞ While we initially were simply gauging interest in hosting game nights, Mah Jong quickly took on a life of its own—and we love the enthusiasm!

At this time, we haven't been able to find an affordable instructor for a formal class. After watching a few instructional videos ourselves, we've realized that teaching the game to a whole group is a bit beyond our skill set. 😊

The good news: we'd still love to host library game nights! Mah Jong will certainly be one of the games people can enjoy, though it won't be the only game happening. 🎲

As soon as we choose a Thursday evening, we'll share all the details.

We can't wait to get together for an evening of games, laughter, and fun! ✨

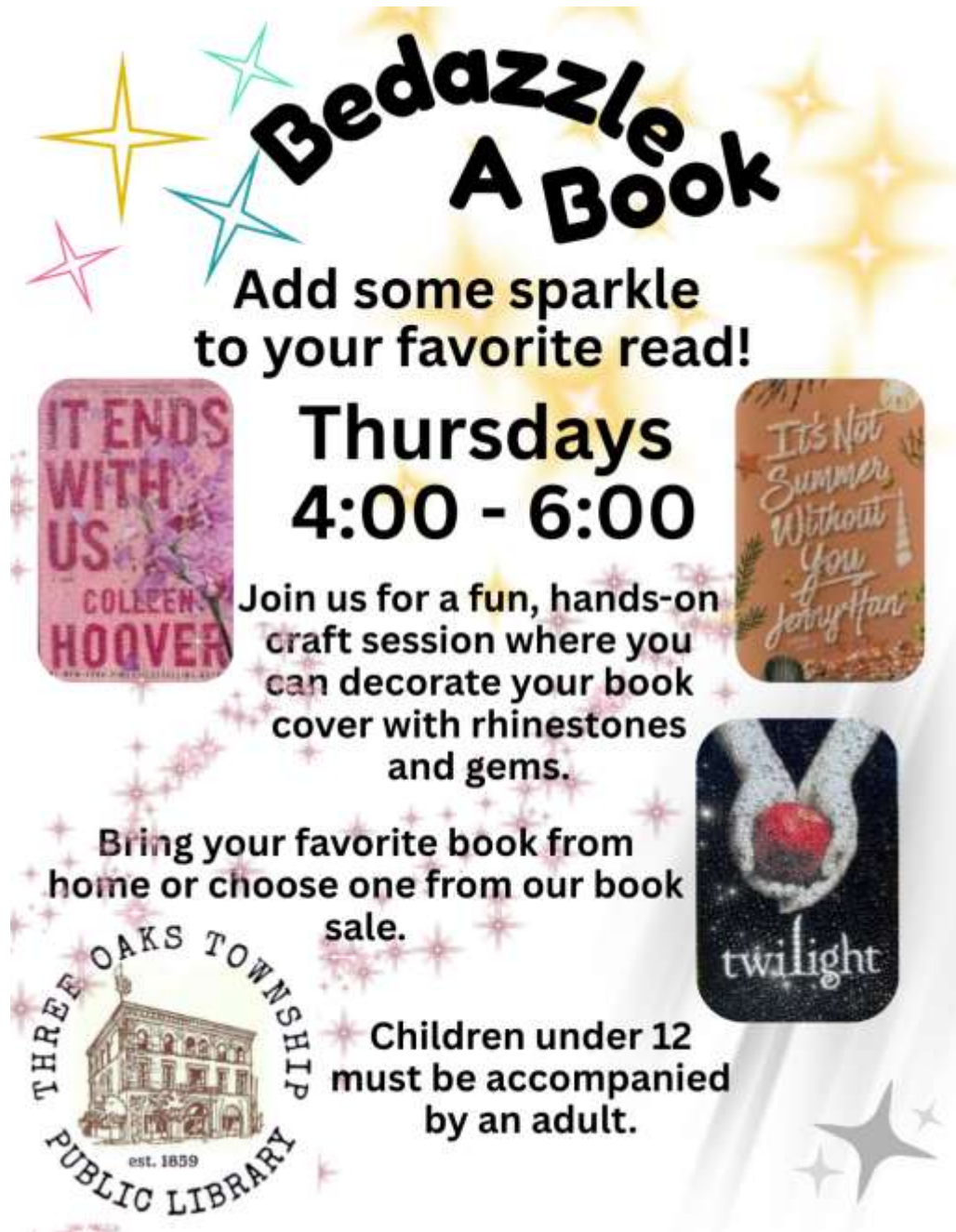
Bring your favorite book from home or choose one from our **Book Sale Room!** 📚🛒

📅 **Thursdays | 4–6 PM**

💰 **Free!**

👨👩👧 **Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Come get crafty, get creative, and **bedazzle a book!** ✨💎📚



Bedazzle A Book

Add some sparkle to your favorite read!

**Thursdays
4:00 - 6:00**

Join us for a fun, hands-on craft session where you can decorate your book cover with rhinestones and gems.

Bring your favorite book from home or choose one from our book sale.

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IT ENDS WITH US
COLLEEN HOOVER

It's Not Summer Without You
Jenny Han

twilight

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY
est. 1859



AUTUMN DROP-IN CRAFTS



**@Three Oaks Township
Public Library**

Drop-In to make your own:

**DIY Sock Pumpkin
&
DIY Yarn Ghost**

**Thursday, October 1, 2:00 - 6:00
&
Tuesday, October 6, 2:00 - 6:00**

No registration necessary.

**All supplies are provided and
available on a first-come first-served
basis.**

Ages preschool through adult.

**Children under 10 must be
accompanied by an adult.**





A Presentation by
The Michiana
Paranormal Society

at
Three Oaks Township
Public Library

Friday, October 30,
7:00 pm

Hear what it takes to be a ghost hunter and
see local evidence they have collected.

Children must be
accompanied by an adult.

Upcoming Events at the Library:

Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots
(\$25 deposit)

[Hoopla](#)

[Libby](#)

[Kanopy](#)

Local History Room

Inter-Library Loan
<http://www.mel.org/>

Renew your items,
reserve items, or make
requests at our online

[catalog](#):

Library Catalog
Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Magnetic Building Tiles at the library, 10:00 – 6:00. All ages are invited to come play with our magnetic building tiles. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Adult Drop-In Color-Me Happy-Hour, 1:00 – 2:00. Coffee, coloring sheets, and colored pencils will be provided for this adult only activity.
- Every Thursday: Bedazzle a Book, 4:00 – 6:00. Bring your favorite book or get one from our book sale. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Every Thursday: Story Time for all ages, 4:30 – 5:00.
- Thursday, October 1, 2:00 – 6:00, Autumn Drop-In Crafts. Drop-in to make your own DIY Sock Pumpkin or DIY Yarn Ghost. No registration necessary, all supplies provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Tuesday, October 6, 2:00 – 6:00, Autumn Drop-In Crafts. Drop-in to make your own DIY Sock Pumpkin or DIY Yarn Ghost. No registration necessary, all supplies provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All ages welcome. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
- Monday, October 12, 2:00, Second Monday Book Club.
- Tuesday, October 13, 5:00, Library Board Meeting.

Take and Make Craft Bags for children are available.
at the Checkout Desk every day.



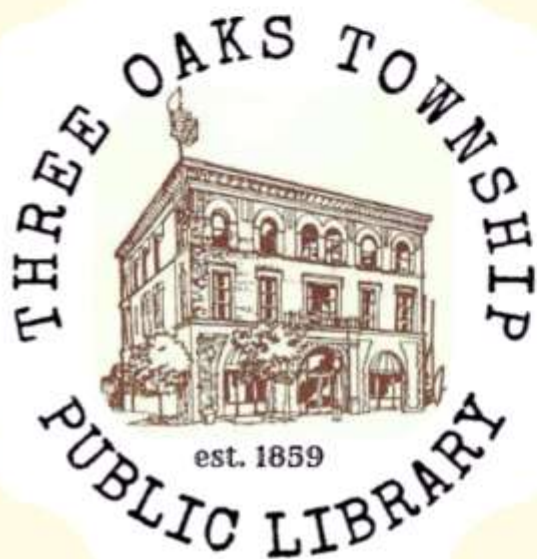
DROP-IN PLAY DOUGH PLAY DATE

@ Three Oaks Public Library

TUESDAYS 11 AM - 12 NOON

Drop-In to squish, play and
roll with our play dough

Children under 12 must be
accompanied by an adult.





Magnetic Building Tiles

@ THREE OAKS
PUBLIC LIBRARY

TUESDAYS
10 AM TO 6 PM



all ages are invited to
come play with our
magnetic building tiles
each Tuesday.

FREE



No Registration -
Just Drop In!

Children under 12 must be
accompanied by an adult.



🌱 Share Your Seeds! 🌻

Is your garden winding down for the year? 🍅🌱 Before you put away your gardening gloves, consider sharing some of your extra seeds with the library's Seed Catalog!

📁 Drop off your saved seeds at the library - we have envelopes for sorting - and help your neighbors grow something wonderful next season. 🌻🥕🌻

Save a seed. Share a harvest. Grow our community! ❤️

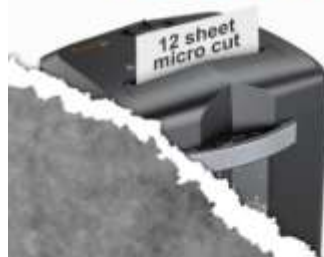




Paper Shredding

@Three Oaks Township
Public Library

Bring your sensitive
documents & credit
cards to the library and
you may safely shred
them with our shredder.



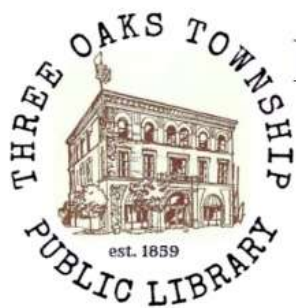
No appointment
necessary.

A border made of various colorful LEGO bricks (red, blue, green, yellow, purple, brown) surrounding the central text.

LEGO CLUB

@ THE LIBRARY

All day every Thursday



LIBRARY OF THINGS

WHY BUY WHEN YOU CAN BORROW?



GROUNDING MAT



PORTABLE DVD
PLAY WITH CAR
CHARGER



CD PLAYER



MOBILE HOT SPOT



ELECTRIC
BALLOON PUMP



EMF & DIRTY
ELECTRICITY TEST
KIT



BISSELL LITTLE
GREEN STEAM
CLEANER



STAY SHARP
MEMORY KITS



TONIE BOXES &
TONIES

📚 ✨ Have You Explored Our Library of Things Lately? ✨ 🔧

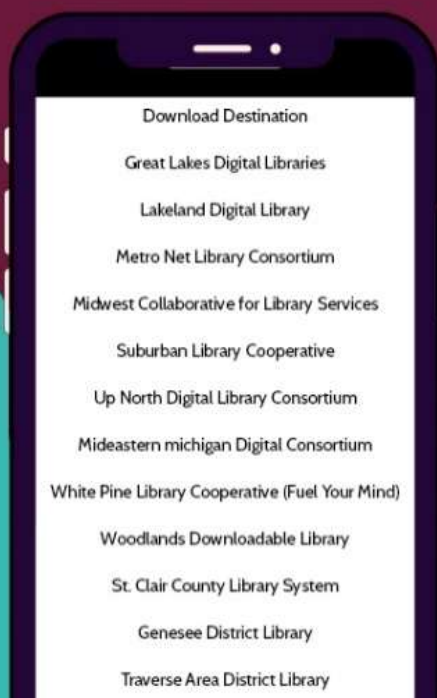
If you haven't checked out our **Library of Things** recently, now's the perfect time! 🎉 We've added some fantastic new items to our collection, and you might be surprised by what you can borrow. From practical tools to fun gadgets, there's something for everyone!

Take a look and see what's new:

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/?lot=1>

💡 Borrow more than just books—discover your next favorite thing at the library!

BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!

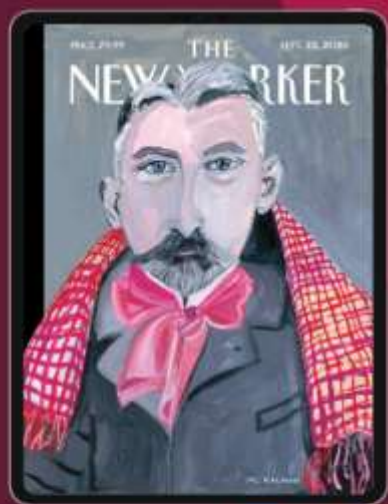


Get more access with your
Southwest Michigan Digital Library
Member Library Card!
You can borrow titles from any
of these collections!



To add your card for a partner library you must
select the following in your Libby App:

- 1) Go to MENU > ADD LIBRARY
- 2) Search for the partner library and open it.
- 3) Tap SIGN IN WITH MY CARD
- 4) Under PARTNER LIBRARIES, choose your home library from the list and sign in.



From big headlines to niche hobbies.

Borrow magazines for free with Libby.



Libby.

The library reading app.

All Three Oaks Township Public Library patrons are invited to attend Free History Hounds® online lectures through the Historical Society of Michigan™ (HSM).

All History Hounds programs are remote and held via Zoom.

To register, visit www.hsmichigan.org, select the "Programs" tab, and choose the History Hounds Lecture Series. On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter Three Oaks Township Public Library along with your name, address, and email. HSM will email your Zoom link the day before each program.

In addition to History Hounds lectures, HSM also offers History Skills Workshops®, with options that include fully remote, hybrid (in-person and online), and in-person sessions. Be sure to check each individual event for format details.



Free History Hounds® lectures for members of your historical organization!

You can attend the Historical Society of Michigan's (HSM) weekly History Hounds® Lecture Series free of charge as a benefit of your membership with your historical organization. All programs are remote, via Zoom, so you can participate on your home computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Register for the programs on HSM's website at www.hsmichigan.org. On the registration form, select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter the name of your organization. Select the programs you wish to attend. HSM will email you the Zoom link the day before each program. Free admission is courtesy of your historical organization's membership with HSM.



Upcoming Lectures:

September 29 @ noon
Herbert Dow's Oasis: The History of Dow Gardens
with Emily Radlinski

October 7 @ 7 pm
Women on the Water: The Chicagoto Mackinac Race's 1st All-Woman Crew
with Madeline Crispell, Mark Reid

October 13 @ noon
The Historic Cottages of Mackinac Island
with Kim Murphy

October 21 @ 7 pm
Going Out in Style: A History of Horse-Drawn Hearses
with Kathleen Haak

October 27 @ noon
REWIND - Jacobia: The 'Lost Town' of Berrien County
with Peter Cook

And More!

Note: All lecture times are scheduled in the Eastern time zone.

Did you know? Household members of the Historical Society of Michigan can access recordings of past History Hounds on the HSM website! Members must be logged in with an active membership to view past lectures on demand. To learn more about memberships, visit www.hsmichigan.org/join.

Community Notes

Community Fitness Center Hours



**Monday – Thursday
5 to 7 PM**

when school is in session

Open to all RV School District residents!

Enter through door 17

Email Colby Caid with any questions at

ccaid@rivervalleyschools.org.



**THREE OAKS
MASONIC LODGE #239**

JOIN US FOR A
**PANCAKE
Breakfast**

BENEFITING
LOCAL STUDENTS

THREE OAKS LODGE #239
SCHOLARSHIP FUND



**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 10, 2026**



**8:00 - 11:00
AM**



**ADULTS \$10
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$5**



FEATHERBONE RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

6741 US HWY 12 | THREE OAKS, MI 49128

PAY AT THE DOOR | NO TICKETS NEEDED | PUBLIC WELCOME

Miss, Mr, Teen, Jr Teen, Little Miss & Little Mr Three Oaks/River Valley

January 9

**INFORMATIONAL
MEETING**

Oct. 4 at 2pm

High School Media
Center

Please bring a
parent/guardian

**Scholarship
Opportunity for Miss &
Mr. Contestants**

Questions?

Call, Text, Email
Brittney Sherrill

269-612-0215

missthreeoaksrivervalley@gmail.com

Teen Contestants

Ages 13-16

Jr Teen

Ages 10-12

Little Miss and Little Mr
Contestants

Ages 6-9

Does not have to reside
in school district

Age as of Jan. 9, 2027

Mr Contestants

Ages 17-19

Living within RV
School District OR
Attending River
Valley as School of
Choice

Age as of April 11,
2027

Miss Contestants

Ages 17-19

Living within RV
School District

Age as April 11,
2027



Distributions in Berrien County

Friday, September 11, 2026

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church, [6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire, MI 49111](#)

Monday, September 14, 2026

- **12:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, [9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103](#)
- **4:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, [499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022](#)

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, [5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127](#)

Thursday, September 17, 2026

- **3:30 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, [6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125](#)

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), New Troy Community Center, [13372 California Road, New Troy, MI 49119](#)

Thursday, September 24, 2026

- **12:30 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, [619 Main St. St. Joseph, MI 49085](#)

Friday, September 25, 2026

- **3:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, [1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120](#)

Monday, September 28, 2026

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Galien American Legion, [402 N. Main St., Galien, MI 49113](#)

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

- **12:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, [600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022](#)

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

- **4:00 PM - Berrien County** (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, [170 Washington St., Coloma, MI 49038](#)

Saturday, October 3, 2026

- **12:00 PM - Berrien County** (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, [601 Ferry Street, Niles, MI 49120](#)

This schedule is provided as a courtesy and dates and locations are not guaranteed. For more information, check www.feedwm.org



2026

**BERRIEN COUNTY FALL
MOM2MOM SALE**

Saturday, October 10

11:00am - 2:00 pm

**Admission: \$3 each
(kids 12 and under free)**

**9122 U.S. Hwy. 31
Berrien Springs, MI 49103
Enter Gate 2
(Across from Apple Valley Market)**

Sale will be held indoors.

**Shop for gently used kids items (clothing,
toys, baby gear, costumes, sports equipment,
etc) from over 50 sellers....all in one spot!**

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS LARGE ITEM PICK UP



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

— *Together we keep our community clean!* —

Lakeshore
DISPOSAL



THE
MASON'S

AMERICAN
LEGION
POST 204

WE WILL PICK UP:



Furniture
(couches, chairs, tables, etc.)



Mattresses & Box Springs



Carpet & Area Rugs



Grills
(no propane tanks)



Bikes & Other Large Items
(non-motorized)

**FREE
SERVICE**
FOR VILLAGE
RESIDENTS!



PLEASE NOTE:



NO Construction Materials



NO Items Containing Freon
(refrigerators, freezers, A/C units, etc.)



Please have items out by 7:00 AM
on Saturday, October 17th.



*Thank you for helping
keep Three Oaks beautiful!*



TRICK OR TREAT

IN THREE OAKS!

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31ST

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM



Get those costumes ready
and join us for some spooky fun!



DRIVERS: Please use extra caution
and watch for our little ghosts,
goblins, superheroes,
and princesses!



HAVE A FUN & SAFE HALLOWEEN! 

FROM THE
VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS





🍁👻 Three Oaks Halloween Spooktacular 2026! 👻🍁

Get ready for a Halloween adventure **OUT OF THIS WORLD!** 🚀👽

📅 **Saturday, October 31**

🕒 **4–7 PM**

📍 **Dewey Cannon Park, Three Oaks**

Join us for a **free, family-friendly Halloween celebration** filled with spooky fun for everyone! 🎃🎵

🎵 **Music & dancing**

🎲 **Games & activities**

🍬 **Trick-or-treats**

🚀 **Build Your Own UFO Contest**

🏃 **Inflatable Race**

Bring the whole family, show off your creativity, and get ready for an evening of Halloween fun! 🍁🌟

More details coming soon! <https://www.strollthreeoaks.org/spooktacular>

🚀 **Three Oaks... prepare for liftoff!** 👽👻🍁

MOBILE CLINIC



SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TODAY



269-445-3874



CASSFAMILYCLINIC.ORG

VISIT US IN
THREE OAKS, MI

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP HALL
6810 US 12
1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



NADZIEJA POCHEKI
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

