



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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Library Closing:

Sept 7, 2026

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.

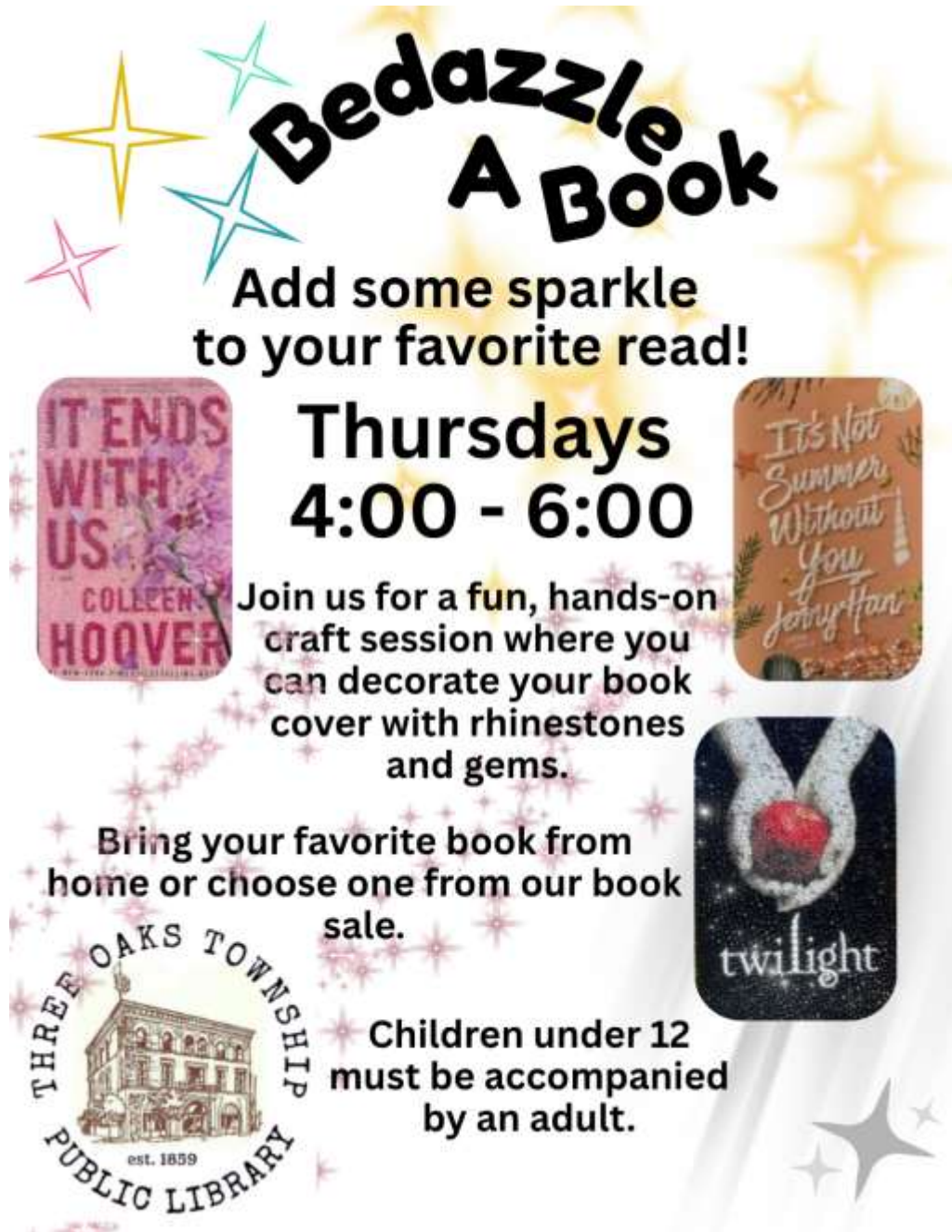
Bring your favorite book from home or choose one from our **Book Sale Room!** 📖🛒

📅 **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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**THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY
est. 1859**

Book covers shown: *IT ENDS WITH US* by Colleen Hoover, *It's Not Summer Without You* by Jenny Han, and *twilight*.

🀄 Interested in playing games?

We've heard from five people who are interested in playing Mah Jong at the library! 🎲

That's a great start!

Now we're hoping someone in our community already knows how to play and would be willing to share their Mah Jong skills with us. We're happy to learn together, but it might be a little easier (and definitely more fun!) with someone who knows the game. 😊

If you'd be interested in playing Mah Jong—or other games—at the library, please let us know! We'd love to hear from you. ❤️ 🎲

GAMES

Winter will be here before we know it. ❄️

🀄 🎲 Let's Get Our Game On! 🎲

Would anyone be interested in joining a Mah Jong Club at the library? 🀄 😊

Whether you're an experienced player or simply looking for a fun way to connect with others, we'd love to hear from you! 🎲

If there's enough interest, we'll work on getting a group started at the library. 🎲 ❤️

🀄 Prefer a different game? Maybe Euchre? If there is enough interest, we could also have a Euchre club.

Or perhaps another favorite? We'd love to hear your ideas! 🎲 ♠️ ❤️

Come play, learn, laugh, and make new friends 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](#):

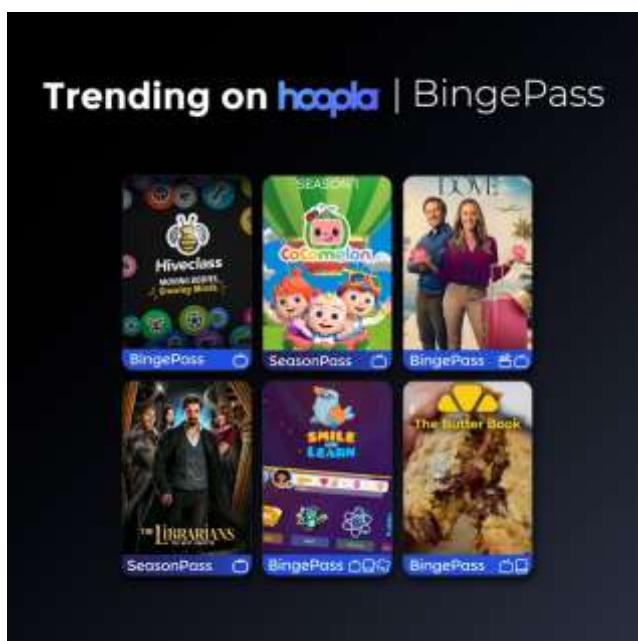
Library Catalog
Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!
<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

Upcoming Events at the Library:

- 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.
- Tuesday, September 8, Library Board meeting, 5:00.

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

Follow us on (<http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary>) and check our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org for all the latest information and events.



Get a week's access to cozy
entertainment, recipes,
educational kids content and
more with September's trending
BingePasses on Hoopla!
FREE you're your Three Oaks
Library card!

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/236099>



September is the perfect time to discover your next favorite series. Kanopy's TV Series in September collection features critically acclaimed dramas, docs, and limited series available free with your Three Oaks library card. Browse the collection and find something new to binge! Stream now: kanopy.com/category/866

Daily Fun with Your Little One!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Stories Celebrate Literacy Month by visiting the library for storytime. Ask your child to retell the story in their own words.	2 Math When making a turn while driving, use landmarks to tell your child which direction you're going. "We're turning left toward the park."	3 Rhymes It's Skyscraper Day. Skyscrapers are tall! Together, think of words that rhyme with "tall," such as "ball" and "wall."	4 Play It's Wildlife Day. Pretend you're wildlife explorers. Use binoculars made from paper towel tubes to search for animals outside.	5 Science Put a dry pinecone in water. Wait 15 minutes and watch the scales close. Watch the scales open again as the pinecone dries.	6 Reading It's Read a Book Day. Grab a favorite story, a blanket, and enjoy a book picnic outside or on the living room floor.	7 Songs It's Labor Day. Ask your child what they want to be when they grow up and why. Sing along to the Super Simple Songs video "When I Grow Up."
8 Rhymes Poet Jack Prelutsky was born on this day. Read his most famous poem <i>Be Glad Your Nose Is on Your Face</i> and point out the rhyming words.	9 Writing Create fall word cards. Write simple words like leaf, apple, tree, and pumpkin. Have your child trace the words.	10 Play Be a chef with your child! Use leaves, acorns, and pinecones as ingredients to create pretend dishes. Give each one a fun name.	11 Science Have your child test the wind! Toss a leaf into the air and observe how the wind moves it. Which direction does it travel?	12 Stories Ask your child to make up a story about a squirrel family prepping for winter.	13 Math Mix up pairs of colorful gloves and mittens. Ask your child to count and match them.	14 Sounds On this day in 1959, the first spacecraft reached the moon. Say "moon" and "rocket." Ask your child what sound they hear at the beginning of each word.
15 Songs Sing the ABCs together. Then sing "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star." Ask your child to pay attention to how the tunes are similar.	16 Science It's Collect Rocks Day. Ask your child to find some rocks and talk about how they're similar or different.	17 Stories Tell your child a story about your first day of school.	18 Play It's Yoga Awareness Month. Try rainbow breathing with your child. Reach your arms overhead to "draw" a rainbow. Take a deep breath in. Lower your arms slowly while breathing out.	19 Reading Read <i>Breathe Like a Bear</i> by Kira Willey with your child or watch the author read it aloud on YouTube (@BrightlyStorytime).	20 Rhymes Point to an object and ask your child to name that object and a word that rhymes with it.	21 Writing Help your child draw fall foods like apples, pumpkins, and pears.
22 Sounds Talk about the sounds of the season: crunching leaves, chattering squirrels, gusting wind, and more.	23 Math Autumn begins! Ask your child to gather fall treasures. Find one acorn, two pinecones, and three leaves. Count them together.	24 Reading On Punctuation Day, share the book <i>Punctuation Celebration</i> by Elsa Bruno and Jenny Whitehead.	25 Songs It's Dog Week. Bark along with your child to the tune of their favorite song.	26 Play The Harvest Moon peaks today! Go on an astronaut moon walk with your child, taking slow, giant steps across the backyard or living room.	27 Rhymes Leaves are falling. Ask your child to name words that rhyme with "rake."	28 Writing Have your child practice writing the letter "S" for September. Together, think of words that begin with "S."
29 Sounds For World Heart Day, have your child listen to your heartbeat. Can she hear the thump-thump or the lub-dub?	30 Math It's getting colder. Look up today's temperature with your child. Was it higher or lower than yesterday? By how much?	Help your child get ready to learn to read! Each day features a fun activity that will help your child build pre-reading skills. Activities are color-coded by skill. Ask your children's librarian for more ideas on how to promote early literacy skills with daily activities at home.				

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The hottest accessory this month? A library card with Hoopla as an add on. Sign up for a library card and get access to top titles for free today!

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/226221>





♥️📖 Celebrate Dolly Day at the Library! 📖♥️

Join us for a special evening celebrating the life, heart, and incredible legacy of Dolly Parton! ✨

Dolly Night *at* *Three Oaks Public Library*

JOIN US ON "9 TO 5"

SEPTEMBER 25, 7:00 PM

🎬 We will show the documentary "The Library That Dolly Built: Celebrating the People Who Made Dolly's Dream Come True, a wonderful look at the people and passion behind Dolly's Imagination Library." (68 minutes, not rated)

And what better way to celebrate at the library? Books, of course! 📖♥️ The Friends of the Three Oaks Library will be giving books to children in honor of Dolly and her lifelong commitment to putting books into the hands of children. Dolly's Imagination Library has gifted more than 300 million free books to children around the world.

🍰 And there will be CAKE! 🍰
We'll have a special pink cake in honor of Dolly's famously colorful and joyful style.

So grab a friend, put on a little sparkle, and join us for an evening of books, movies, cake, and all things Dolly!



Everyone is welcome! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

sponsored by the Friends of Three Oaks Library



🌱 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! ❤️

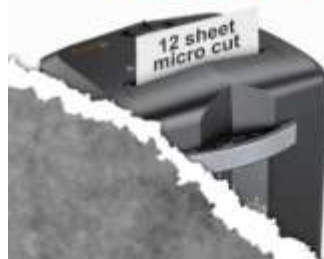




Paper Shredding

@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.



LEGO CLUB

@ THE LIBRARY

All day every Thursday



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.

The public is invited to join the Rebecca Dewey chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution NASDAR, for this sure-to-be interesting event on September 19, at the Three Oaks Public Library. This is not a library sponsored event but the public is welcome to attend.

Do you have a witch in the family? Join the Rebecca Dewey Chapter to explore the world of the Salem Witches, learn research tips and tricks, and investigate their lineage societies.

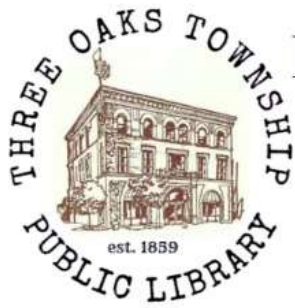
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WITCH

A PROGRAM BY KIM ROE-KESTER



SEPTEMBER 19, 2026 AT 10:45AM
THREE OAKS PUBLIC LIBRARY



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

MORE ITEMS ARE ALWAYS BEING ADDED:

[HTTPS://THREEOAKS.BIBLIONIX.COM/CATALOG/?LOT=1](https://threeoaks.bibliunix.com/catalog/?lot=1)

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

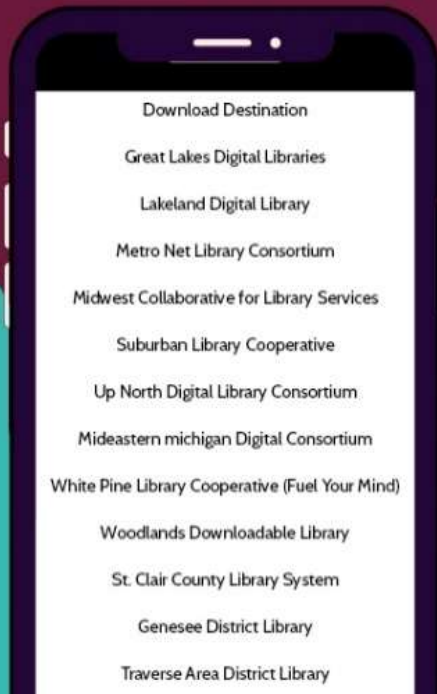
If you haven't checked out our **Library of Things** recently, now's the perfect time! 🎉
We've added some fantastic new items to our collection, and you might be surprised by
what you can borrow. From practical tools to fun gadgets, there's something for everyone!

Take a look and see what's new:

<https://threeoaks.bibliunix.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 1 @ noon
Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan
with Barb Barton

September 9 @ 7 pm
America's First Female Flyer:
Harriet Quimby with Bob Myers

September 15 @ noon
Howling Winds: Canine Companions on the Great Lakes
with Ric Mixer

September 23
CONFERENCE BREAK
Join us at the Michigan History Conference in Grand Rapids

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

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



Berrien County
Animal Services



Donations NEEDED

Help us, help the animals

Urgently Needed:

1. Dog Treats (Hard or Soft)
2. Wet food for both cats and dogs
3. Dish Soap (any scent or brand)
4. Peanut Butter

Always appreciated:

1. Kitten or Puppy dry food
2. Puppy Pads
3. Laundry Soap
4. Bleach
5. Dryer Sheets

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Benton Harbor, MI 49022

For more information, please call: +123-456-7890

VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS NOTICE OF JOINT SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the **Village of Three Oaks Planning Commission** and the **Three Oaks Township Planning Commission** will hold a joint special meeting on:

Tuesday, September 22, 2026
7:00 p.m.
Three Oaks Village Hall
21 North Elm Street
Three Oaks, Michigan 49128

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss master planning and other matters of mutual planning interest.

The meeting is open to the public in accordance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act.

Persons requiring auxiliary aids or other accommodations to participate in the meeting should contact the Village Clerk at (269) 756-9221.

Kimberly Johnson
Village Clerk
Village of Three Oaks

Posted: 8/24/26 at 3:00 p.m.



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

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](#)

Gather & Community Market

MERCHANTS • ARTISANS • FARMERS • MAKERS



Saturday, September 12th
10 AM - 2 PM

13372 California Road
New Troy, Michigan

This year's market season will take place the second Saturday of every month, September - April. We will showcase a local food vendor at each market, along with extending the Activities Room and Historical Room's hours.

All are Welcome! VISIT THE CENTER

Get lunch! Meet and support local farmers, artisans, makers, and small businesses!

Have questions? Are you interested in being a vendor?

Contact Marlene at friendsofnewtroynewsletter@gmail.com or call 269-426-3909.



This event is sponsored by Friends of New Troy a 501(c)3 whose mission is to practice the skills of community and create opportunities for connection and through programs and events that all are welcomed to participate in at the community center.

www.friendsofnewtroy.org

**Indoor
Market**

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! 

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VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS



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1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



NADZIEJA POCHEKI
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER

