

THINGS TO DO IN RETIREMENT FOR YOUR OWN ENJOYMENT AND LEARNING

(With a focus on Ann Arbor, Ypsilanti, and Washtenaw County)

The best regular compilation of events and activities happening in the Ann Arbor area is in the monthly *Ann Arbor Observer*. An extensive list of events and activities at UM can be found in the *University Record* and at events.umich.edu/list.

(URLs are included for sites that are several layers down in an organization's main webpage.)

IT'S AN ELECTION YEAR

- Volunteer to work on a political campaign
- Help to register voters
- Serve as a poll worker on election day
- Attend the Presidential Debate at The Crisler Center on October 15

THE ARTS

- Music
 - University Musical Society
 - UM School of Music, Theater, and Dance Events
 - smtd.umich.edu/performances_events/calendar.php
 - Gilbert and Sullivan Society
 - umgass.org/
 - Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra
 - Chamber Music (a2so.com/chamber-concerts/)
 - The Ark
 - Kerrytown Concert House
 - EMU Music and Dance
 - emich.edu/musicdance/events/
 - Concordia University concerts
 - cuaa.edu/search.cfm?query=concerts
 - Metropolitan Opera Live in HD at the Movies
 - metopera.org/Season/In-Cinemas/
- Books/Readings
 - Literati Bookstore
 - Events: literatibookstore.com/event
 - Book clubs: literatibookstore.com/book-clubs
 - UM Hopwood Awards Ceremonies
 - lsa.umich.edu/hopwood/news-events.html
 - UM Helen Zell Writers Program

- lsa.umich.edu/writers/news-and-events/readings-and-events.html#view=month
 - Book Club Meetups in Ann Arbor
 - [meetup.com/topics/bookclub/us/mi/ann_arbor/](https://www.meetup.com/topics/bookclub/us/mi/ann_arbor/)
- Visual Arts
 - Exhibitions and docent tours at University of Michigan Museum of Art, the Detroit Institute of Art, and the Flint Institute of Art
 - Classes at Ann Arbor Art Center, A2 Rec & Ed Department
 - Stamps Gallery (arts.umich.edu/museums-cultural-attractions/stamps-gallery/)
- Film
 - The Michigan Theater and the State Theater
 - Detroit Film Theater at the Detroit Institute of Art
 - The Ann Arbor Observer has a boxed listing of films each month
- Theater near Ann Arbor
 - UM School of Music, Theater and Dance
 - Ann Arbor Civic Theater
 - Purple Rose Theater
 - Theater Nova
 - Encore Musical Theater Company
 - Kickshaw Theater
 - (not so near, but excellent) Detroit Public Theater

OUT OF DOORS

- Hiking
 - Washtenaw Parks and Recreation
 - ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks_recreation
 - Huron Clinton Metroparks
 - metroparks.com/hiking/
 - Legacy Land Conservancy
 - legacylandconservancy.org/preserves/visitor-guidelines/
- Biking
 - Ann Arbor Bicycle Touring Society (bike rides listed in Observer Events Listing)
 - City of Ann Arbor
 - a2gov.org/departments/systems-planning/planning-areas/transportation/Pages/Biking.aspx
 - Washtenaw County Border to Border Trail
 - washtenaw.org/334/Border-to-Border-Trail
 - Huron Clinton Metroparks
 - metroparks.com/biking-mountain-biking/
 - Mountain Biking near Ann Arbor
 - mtbproject.com/directory/8008779/ann-arbor

- Tour de Troit (25-30 mile ride around Detroit in September; 6000+ riders)
- Books featuring local rides
 - Joel Howell: Washtenaw County Bike Rides: A Guide to Road Rides in and around Ann Arbor
 - Rob Pulcifer: Best Bike Rides—Detroit and Ann Arbor
- Birding
 - Washtenaw Audubon Society
 - washtenawaudubon.org/
 - City of Ann Arbor: Birds of Ann Arbor
 - a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/NAP/birds/Pages/default.aspx
 - Nichols Arboretum, Matthei Botanical Gardens
 - The Phyllis Haehnle Memorial Sanctuary (for Sandhill Cranes)
 - haehnlesanctuary.org/
 - Point Pelee National Park (Ontario)
 - pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/on/pelee/activ/oiseaux-birds
- Boating
 - Canoe/kayak the Huron
 - a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/Canoeing.aspx
 - Huron River Water Trail
 - huronriverwatertrail.org/
- Ice Skating
 - City of Ann Arbor Indoor and Outdoor Skating
 - a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/Ice-Skate-and-Play-Hockey.aspx
 - UM Yost Arena
 - yost.umich.edu/?page_id=90

SPORTS

- Golf
 - City of Ann Arbor
 - a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/Golf.aspx
 - Washtenaw County
 - ewashtenaw.org/government/departments/parks_recreation/forms%20and%20publications/brochure/brochure_plgc.pdf
 - Huron Clinton Metroparks
 - golf.metroparks.com/
 - Lake Forest Golf Club
 - lakeforestgc.com/
- Tennis
 - City of Ann Arbor
 - a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/play/Pages/Tennis-Courts.aspx
- Fishing near Ann Arbor
 - localwiki.org/ann-arbor/Fishing

SPECTATOR SPORTS

- University of Michigan (mgoblue.com)
- Eastern Michigan University (emueagles.com)

EXERCISE AND RECREATION

- UM Recreation Centers (Central Campus, North Campus, IM Building)
- Ann Arbor YMCA
- Meri Lou Murray Recreation Center (Washtenaw County)

GARDENING

- Project Grow Community Gardens
- Ann Arbor Garden Club
- Ann Arbor Bonsai Society

LEARNING

- Lectures and Events
 - Osher Life Long Learning (OLLI)
 - olli-umich.org/
 - Tuesday and Thursday morning lecture series
 - Study Groups
 - Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker Series
 - stamps.umich.edu/stamps
 - Distinguished University and Collegiate Professor Lectures
 - Special Annual Lectures at UM Schools and Colleges
 - UM Institute for the Humanities
 - The LSA International Institute
 - <https://ii.umich.edu/ii/news-events/all-events.html#view=week>
 - Policy Talks at the Ford School
- Classes of All Kinds
 - Washtenaw Community College
 - A2 Rec & Ed Department
- Libraries
 - UM Library
 - Bentley Historical Library
 - Clements Library
 - Gerald R. Ford Library
 - Ann Arbor District Library
 - Monthly boxed event listing in the Observer
- Museums
 - UM Museum of Art
 - Kelsey Museum of Archeology
 - Stearns Collection of Musical Instruments

- UM Museum of Natural History
- Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
- Leslie Science and Nature Center

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

- Ann Arbor Senior Center
 - a2gov.org/departments/Parks-Recreation/parks-places/senior-center/Pages/default.aspx
- MeetUps in Ann Arbor
 - You name it and they seem to have a group for it
 - meetup.com/cities/us/mi/ann_arbor/
 - Examples: Gardening, Language and Culture, Writing, Photography, Hiking

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