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
- Book Club Meetups in Ann Arbor
  - 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 Bonzai 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
o UM Museum of Natural History
o Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum
o Leslie Science and Nature Center

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

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

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