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# CLARKSTON AREA



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**Village of Clarkston** - Established in 1832, the City of the Village of Clarkston, features historic charm in the heart of Oakland County. This one-half square mile community is surrounded by Independence Township, home to approximately 900 people and within close proximity of I-75 and Dixie Highway. Clarkston's downtown, which has been designated a National Historical Site, features a picturesque main street lined with unique shops, eateries and businesses. Throughout the year Clarkston is host to several events including, concerts in Depot Park, parades, festivals and an art fair. The historic homes in the city reflect Clarkston's heritage, giving the community an air of timeless elegance.

**Website:** [villageofclarkston.org](http://villageofclarkston.org)

*Information Source:* <http://villageofclarkston.org>

**Springfield Township** - Few communities can boast the recreational opportunities or scenic open spaces that exist in Springfield Township. Quality housing is nestled among the hills and trees and along the lakeshores. Beautiful tree lined gravel roads wind throughout the countryside. Centrally located, just 20 minutes along I-75 from either Flint or Pontiac, Springfield Township provides easy access to the major cultural, educational and employment centers of Southeast Michigan. Springfield Township is home to many parks, including Springfield Oaks County Park, site of the annual Oakland County Fair, and Indian Springs Metropark. The township is also home to

several churches, a few schools including Springfield Christian Academy (the township's only high school) and a handful of shopping areas. The township's population, which increased by a third in the 1990s, continued to grow through the first decade of the 21st century.

**Website:** [www.springfield-twp.us](http://www.springfield-twp.us)

*Information Source:* <http://clarkston.org/AboutTheArea/History.aspx>

**Independence Township** - The 36-square-mile area of Independence Township surrounds the village of Clarkston. Independence Township offers the beauty of country living with the conveniences of a modern city. Located about 40 miles North West of Detroit, Independence Township has boomed as new shopping centers, new subdivisions, new schools, new churches, several parks and the DTE Energy Music Theatre (formerly Pine Knob) have been built over the years, helped by access via I-75, M-15 and US 24. Independence Township's economy is today service-based. The DTE Energy Music Theatre shares a complex with Pine Knob Golf and Ski Courses. The township is also home to various parks, the largest of which is Independence Oaks County Park.

**Website:** [www.twp.independence.mi.us/](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us/)

*Information Source:* <http://clarkston.org/AboutTheArea/History.aspx>



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**Waterford** - The Township of Waterford is a commercially-mixed, residential community located in the center of the county. Thirty miles northwest of Detroit and a 45-minute drive to either Flint or Detroit, M-59 traverses the center linking the township to the cities of Pontiac, Brighton and Howell. The Oakland International Airport is base to over 850 small to mid-sized aircraft and supports over 300,000 takeoff and landings each year. Commercial development continues to expand along the major thoroughfares of M-59, Dixie Highway and Telegraph Road. Waterford Township is a Charter Township regulated by the Charter Township Act adopted by the State Legislature in 1947. The seven-member Board of Trustees consists of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, and four elected trustees. Home to 34 of Oakland County's public and private lakes and approximately 50 miles of bike paths, Waterford Township offers a plethora of outdoor activity.

**Website:** [www.twp.waterford.mi.us](http://www.twp.waterford.mi.us)

*Information Source:* <http://lakesareachamber.com/our-communities/waterford-2>

**White Lake** - Located near the center of Oakland County, White Lake Township provides some of the very best summer and winter recreational areas, with new and older homes blending for a delightful community with very little industry. Hills, lakes, farms and forests comprise the White Lake's character where large parcels are preserved as state recreation areas and a county park. Rural residential development and lake living is typical. White Lake Township is the site of innovation. Detroit Edison and several manufacturers have helped to promote the concept of energy-efficient and environmentally friendly amenities in homes being built in Brentwood, a golf course community. These homes feature highly efficient geothermal heating and cooling systems. This has been the first attempt in Michigan to promote the geothermal concept in a newly developing residential community. Oakland's major east-west corridor, M-59, crosses the Township where most of the area's commercial development has occurred.

**Website:** [www.whitelaketwp.com](http://www.whitelaketwp.com)

*Information Source:* <http://lakesareachamber.com/our-communities/white-lake-2>



# EVENTS!

## ANNUAL AREA EVENTS

### **Taste of Clarkston**

[www.clarkston.org/Events/TasteofClarkston.aspx](http://www.clarkston.org/Events/TasteofClarkston.aspx)

The Taste of Clarkston is co-hosted by the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce and Independence Township Parks & Recreation with some additional support by the City of the Village of Clarkston. It is a family friendly taste festival with live music, Kidzone games, exhibits and Art in the Village.

### **Concerts in the Park**

[www.clarkston.org/Events/ConcertsinthePark.aspx](http://www.clarkston.org/Events/ConcertsinthePark.aspx)

Created in 1979, Concerts in the Park is a well loved, well attended FREE Concert series held in Depot Park the last three Fridays in June and the first three Fridays in July.

Grab your sweetie, pick up a pizza or buy dinner from the concessions on site and join in for a little dancing, a lot of great music and delicious Cook's Farm Dairy Ice Cream. This is what summer is all about! *Information source: <http://clarkston.org/Events/ConcertsinthePark.aspx>*

### **Golf Classic**

[www.clarkston.org/Events/GolfClassic.aspx](http://www.clarkston.org/Events/GolfClassic.aspx)

For over 25 years, the annual Golf Classic has been a fun community event benefitting the Chamber of Commerce. This yearly event is a fun and friendly tournament where the winning teams walk away with prizes and a traveling trophy.

### **Clarkston 4th of July Parade**

[www.independencfest.org/Parade.html](http://www.independencfest.org/Parade.html)

It's parade time! The July 4th Parade Committee invites you downtown Clarkston for a long standing community tradition. For over 80 years, Independence Township has celebrated Independence Day with a parade, and with your continued support and contributions it has grown to be the #1 parade in Oakland County on July 4th. *Information source: <http://www.independencfest.org/Parade.html>*

### **Clarkston Art in the Village**

[www.clarkstonhistorical.org/?page\\_id=40](http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org/?page_id=40)

Art in the Village has been an autumn tradition in Clarkston, bringing thousands of shoppers to the city's historic Depot Park. Always held on a September weekend, this show is hosted by the Clarkston Community Historical Society and features carefully selected artisans from across the region.

In addition to paintings, pottery, sculpture, photography, jewelry and other handmades, the show - the Society's primary fund-raiser - features live music, free children's activities and food sold by local civic groups. *Information source: [http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org/?page\\_id=40](http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org/?page_id=40)*



# ARTS & CULTURE

MUSEUMS, ART GALLERIES, AND THEATRE

## **Clarkston Village Players**

**[www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org)**

Each year, CVP offers five benefit performances to community groups who need to raise money. Perhaps it's most successful community enrichment program has been it's Youth Theater program.

Established in the mid 1970s, the program allows local youth to experience all areas of theater production, as they mount a new show each summer. CVP is firmly ensconced in the community and draws audiences from the entire tri-county area. In keeping with the vision and goal of the founders, CVP is dedicated to bringing exceptional live theater to the community. *Information source: <http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org/about/about.asp?a=history>*

## **Picasso's Grapevine**

**[www.picassosgrapevine.com](http://www.picassosgrapevine.com)**

Book a private party with Picasso's Grapevine and enjoy a unique painting experience. Instructors provide all the necessary tools for your painting class and give step-by-step instructions to help you and your guests create fun works of art. Bring your favorite snacks and beverages with you to the class!

## **Clarkston Community Library**

**[www.indelib.org](http://www.indelib.org)**

Visit the Clarkston Community Library website and explore all that they have to offer. Books aren't the only thing at the library! They offer community programs for children, teens and adults.

## **Clarkston Historical Society**

**[www.clarkstonhistorical.org](http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org)**

In the early 1970s, the village was in danger of losing many of its historic homes and businesses when the state of Michigan considered widening Main Street to four lanes to accommodate truck traffic. Concerned citizens mobilized to stop the project by adding village structures to the National Register of Historic Places. Many of those citizens then channeled their devotion to preserving village history into forming the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

The Clarkston Community Historical Society has been created in order to bring together those people interested in the history of the community; and, to collect and/or preserve such things that are of historic interest. *Information source: [http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org/?page\\_id=33](http://www.clarkstonhistorical.org/?page_id=33)*

## **Historical Walking Tour**

**[www.clarkston.org/Visitors/HistoricWalkingTour.aspx](http://www.clarkston.org/Visitors/HistoricWalkingTour.aspx)**

Savor the history and charm of the historic City of the Village of Clarkston with a street by street historic walking tour. Learn more about the background and history of the homes and businesses in the Clarkston area. *Information <http://www.clarkston.org/Visitors/HistoricWalkingTour.aspx>*



# PARKS AND REC

SPORTS, THE OUTDOORS, AND MORE!

## **Independence and Springfield Township Parks** **[www.twp.independence.mi.us](http://www.twp.independence.mi.us)** **[www.springfield-twp.us](http://www.springfield-twp.us)**

Visit the parks and rec department on the Independence and Springfield Township websites and learn about the great parks available to you!

## **Deer Lake Athletic Club** **[www.deerlakeathleticclub.com](http://www.deerlakeathleticclub.com)**

Loved for over thirty years, the roots of Deer Lake started in tennis back in 1973 as a simple four court facility. Since then they have grown with their members and anticipated their desire to become what they are today — a place with a rich past, a solid present and an eye for the future. Enjoy tennis, fitness facilities, aquatics, racquetball, wallyball, and much more! *Information Source:* <http://deerlakeathleticclub.com/athletic-club/>

## **Oakhurst Golf and Country Club** **[www.oakhurstgolf.com](http://www.oakhurstgolf.com)**

Golf Digest has ranked this championship course among the Top 10 Private Courses in the state of Michigan. Experience a challenging test of golf that takes you through pristine forests of oak, maple, beech, hickory and ash then past some of Michigan's most beautiful, protected marshlands. *Information source:* <http://www.oakhurstgolf.com/home/about-us>

## **Fountains Golf and Banquet** **[www.fountainsgolf.com](http://www.fountainsgolf.com)**

Visit Fountains for a beautiful day on their public golf course, book the banquet facility for your special event, or host smaller parties in Shotmakers Lounge. *Information source:* <http://www.fountainsgolf.com/>

## **DTE Energy Music Theater** **[www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)**

DTE Energy Music Theatre — recognized as one of the most attended amphitheatres in the country — is located in Clarkston, Michigan. Originally known as Pine Knob Music Theatre (due to its proximity to the nearby Pine Knob ski area and golf course) when it opened in June 1972, the 15,274-seat amphitheater (7,202 seats in Bud Light Pavilion; 8,072 on the United Shore Lawn) recently celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2012. Palace Sports & Entertainment purchased Pine Knob in 1990, revamping the venue with various improvements, all while continuing to give its fans one of the busiest and most diverse performance schedules its fans expect. The venue became DTE Energy Music Theatre in 2002 when DTE Energy purchased the naming rights to the amphitheater. *Information Source:* <http://www.palacenet.com/venues-events/dte-energy-music-theatre>

## **Union Woodshop Restaurant** **[www.unionwoodshop.com](http://www.unionwoodshop.com)**

All the locals know to come to Union Woodshop for great barbecue, especially Kid Rock. The Porker, which has a house-ground pork patty, housemade Michigan maple bacon and housemade hotlinks, wowed celebrity chef, Guy Fieri. Diners also enjoy the pizza kitchen and whiskey bar. This restaurant has also been featured on the TV show *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. *Information source:* <http://www.foodnetwork.com/restaurants/mi/clarkston/union-woodshop-restaurant.html>

# INFORMATION

LOCAL AREA SCHOOLS, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, AND SAFETY

## VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

[www.villageofclarkston.org](http://www.villageofclarkston.org)

### Fire Department

#### Emergency dial 911

List of departments in Oakland County  
[www.firedepartments.net/county/MI/OaklandCounty.html](http://www.firedepartments.net/county/MI/OaklandCounty.html)

### Independence Township Fire Department

[www.villageofclarkston.org/cityservices\\_fireems.php](http://www.villageofclarkston.org/cityservices_fireems.php)  
[www.independencfire.us](http://www.independencfire.us)  
Non emergency fire: 248-625-1924

### Police Department

#### Emergency dial 911

### Oakland County Sheriff's Office

[www.oakgov.com/sheriff](http://www.oakgov.com/sheriff)  
Independence Township Substation  
Non-emergency: 248-620-4970

### Post Office

5799 S. Main St. Clarkston, MI 48347

### Secretary of State - [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos)

General Phone Line: 888-767-6424  
7090 Sashabaw Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48348

## HOSPITALS

Visit the website below to view a list of the available hospitals and medical centers nearest you.

[www.oaklandweb.com/organizations/hospitals.htm](http://www.oaklandweb.com/organizations/hospitals.htm)

### William Beaumont Health System

[www.beaumont.edu](http://www.beaumont.edu)

### St. Joseph Mercy Oakland

[www.stjoesoakland.org](http://www.stjoesoakland.org)

### Crittenton Hospital Medical Center

[www.crittenton.com](http://www.crittenton.com)

## CLARKSTON AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Elementary Schools

- Andersonville**  
10350 Andersonville Rd. | Davisburg, MI 48350
- Bailey Lake**  
8051 Pine Knob Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48348
- Clarkston**  
6589 Waldon Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48346
- Independence**  
6850 Hubbard Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48348
- Pine Knob**  
6020 Sashabaw Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48346
- North Sashabaw**  
5290 Maybee Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48346
- Springfield Plains**  
8650 Holcomb Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48348

### Middle Schools

- Sashabaw**  
6595 Waldon Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48346
- Clarkston**  
4200 White Oak Trail | Commerce Twp., MI 48382

### High Schools

- Clarkston**  
6093 Flemings Lake Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48346
- Renaissance**  
6558 Waldon Rd. | Clarkston, MI 48346

Learn about the Clarkston Public School system by visiting [www.clarkston.k12.mi.us](http://www.clarkston.k12.mi.us)

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### Oakland Community College

[www.oaklandcc.edu](http://www.oaklandcc.edu)

### Oakland University

[www.oakland.edu](http://www.oakland.edu)





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