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Home ownership seminar offered

Macomb County residents interested in learning how to effectively shop for and finance a home are encouraged to attend a three-part, home ownership seminar offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

The free seminars feature community professionals who will discuss house hunting, shopping for a mortgage, getting a home inspection and closing the deal.

The three sessions run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the Tuesdays of Oct. 14, 21 and 28 at the Warren City Hall, 1 City Square Drive in Warren.

These seminars meet the requirements for most community lending programs. A certificate of completion is presented to anyone who attends both sessions and completes all course work.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6430.

Free backyard composting class offered

Macomb County residents interested in learning to create valuable compost from yard and other wastes are invited to attend a free presentation on backyard composting offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

Participants will learn proper composting procedures, how to build and maintain bins, how to use finished compost and how to follow local composting ordinances.

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The presentation will be from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Metropolitan Church of the Nazarene, 18945 Frazho Road in Roseville.

Registration is required by Oct. 10. For more information or to register, call 586-469-6430.

Macomb 4-H offers K-9 good citizenship testing

Macomb County MSU Extension's 4-H program is hosting a K-9 good citizenship testing; open to all Macomb County residents interested in receiving an official American Kennel Association (AKC) K-9 good citizenship recognition.

Dogs will be evaluated on things like sitting/downing on command, walking politely on lead, allowing petting by a friendly stranger, walking through a crowd, reacting to noises, behaving in the presence of a strange dog, quietly accepting separation from their handle and other basic skills.

The evaluations will run from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, in the pavilion at Camp Rotary, on 29 Mile Road (north side) between Romeo Plank and North Avenue.

There is a \$7 cost for the evaluation. Evaluations are by appointment only. For more information or to set an appointment, call Nancy at 586-307-8801.

Volunteers needed to teach water quality to elementary students

Macomb County residents interested in working with children and learning about local water quality are encouraged to volunteer for the Macomb Water Conservation Program, offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

The program, which uses hands-on activities to teach water quality to first, second and third-grade students throughout Macomb County, is urgently seeking volunteers to help teach classes.

Volunteers must attend two training sessions held from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Oct. 21 and Thursday, Oct. 23 at the MSUE offices, located at 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12 (near entrance E), in Clinton Township.

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After completing the training, volunteers will deliver the 50-minute program to classrooms in schools across the county. Volunteers are free to choose dates and times that work best for them.

For more information, or to volunteer, call 586-469-6430.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSUE community programs including Children-Youth-Family, Agriculture and Natural Resources or Community and Economic Development, please call 586-469-5180, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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