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MSU Extension offers home maintenance & repair workshops
Macomb County residents interested in saving money on home repairs and maintenance are encouraged to attend a series of free workshops offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSU-E) and sponsored by the City of Warren.

Upcoming programs include:

- **Thursday, March 12: Plumbing**
Describes different types of pipe, demonstrates repairing water pipe leaks and clogged drains, changing a toilet (and toilet parts), and repairing/replacing faucets.
- **Thursday, March 19: Electrical Repair**
Keep yourself safe while working with electricity. Use simple test light procedures to diagnose problems. Replace light switches and outlets. Wire doorbells and lamps.
- **Thursday, March 26: Landscaping**
An MSU-E Advanced Master Gardener will teach selecting trees and bushes, taking care of a lawn and growing flowers.
- **Thursday, April 2: Outside Care**
Learn the basics of brick work, aluminum siding and maintaining asphalt or concrete driveways. Also, learn to check for problems with the foundation, roof and gutters.

All programs will be held from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Mount Calvary Community Center, 8129 Packard Ave. in Warren.

Registration is required. For more information or to register, call 586-574-4686.

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Affordable housing seminar offered

Macomb County residents interested in purchasing a home are encouraged to attend the Macomb Homebuyer's Affordable Housing Seminar, offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSU-E).

The free seminar offers information on renting versus buying a home, locations of the most affordable neighborhoods, information on government and bank loan programs and clever ways to save money.

Participants also can check to see if they qualify for down payment or credit cleanup assistance.

The program runs from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Warren City Hall, 1 City Square Drive, in Warren.

Registration for the event is required. To register, call 586-469-6430.

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 (MSU-E).

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 Mondays of March 16, 23 and 30, at the MSUE offices, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12 (near entrance E), in Clinton Township.

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.

Adult volunteers needed to run school-based mentor programs

The Macomb MSU Extension (MSU-E) 4-H Youth Mentor Program is seeking adult volunteers, interested in making a difference in their community, to coordinating school-based peer mentor programs in the Van Dyke and Utica school districts.

Coordinators can expect to spend 2 1/2 hours a week supervising up to 15 high school students as they mentor students from elementary schools.

Coordinators will assist in developing, facilitating and supervising experiential learning and fun activities for the youths.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old and have some experience working with volunteers and children.

Those interested should contact Jan Gwozdz at 586-469-7619.

For more information on any of the Macomb MSU-E 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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