

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Sept. 12, 2008

Contact: Jim Kaiser
Communications Educator
586-307-8289
james.kaiser@macombcountymi.gov

MSU Extension News Bulletins 9-12-08



MACOMB COUNTY

**Cooperative Extension
Service**

21885 Dunham, Suite 12
Clinton Township, Michigan
48036

(586) 469-5180
Fax: (586) 469-6948

Marilyn E. Rudzinski
County Extension Director

*MSU is an affirmative-
action, equal
opportunity employer.
Michigan State
University Extension
programs and materials
are open to all without
regard to race, color,
national origin, gender,
gender identity,
religion, age, height,
weight, disability,
political beliefs, sexual
orientation, marital
status, family status or
veteran status.*

*Michigan State University,
U.S. Department of
Agriculture, and Macomb
County Board of
Commissioners
cooperating.*

*MSU is an affirmative-
action, equal-
opportunity employer*

Volunteers needed to clean up bike path

Macomb County MSU Extension is seeking volunteers to bring their weeders, rakes, shovels, pruners, sunscreen and smiles to help with fall clean-up and maintenance at the Clinton River spillway bike path.

Registration for the clean-up will begin at 8 a.m. and will be followed by an educational session at 8:30 a.m. and the clean-up from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the northwest corner of Harper and Wellington Crescent roads (look for the banner that says "Clinton River Spillway Bike Path Project") in Clinton Township.

For more information or to pre-register for the clean-up, call Sandra Richards at 586-469-6440.

Parents can learn to start childcare business

Macomb County parents interested in starting their own childcare business are encouraged to attend a free 36-hour childcare business program offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

The program is designed to give interested adults the knowledge, skills and tools to be competent caregivers of other people's children and succeed as a business owner.

Topics covered by the training include:

- Getting started in childcare
- Child development
- Child abuse and neglect
- Positive discipline

– more –

Page 2

- Play and early learning
- Health and safety
- Nutrition
- Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)
- Business and professional development

The programs run from 5-9:30 p.m., Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 11, 14, 18, 21 and 28 at the Love Life Family Christian Center, 15800 E. 10 Mile Road in Eastpointe.

Registration is required as space is limited. For more information or to register, call 586-469-7614.

Registration open for fall Master Composter classes

Macomb County residents looking for the most current information on home composting are encouraged to attend the fall 2008 Master Composter class offered by Macomb County MSU Extension (MSUE).

Class participants will learn how to create rich compost without odors or attracting critters, follow state composting guidelines, reduce their solid waste and to use compost effectively to improve gardens and flower beds.

The six-week course runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m. every Thursday, Oct. 2 through Nov. 13, at the MSU Extension offices, 21885 Dunham Road, Suite 12 (near entrance E), in Clinton Township.

There is a cost of \$45 for the course which includes 15 hours of instruction and a resource notebook.

Registration for the course is required. For more information or to register, 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.

#