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Affordable housing seminar offered by Macomb MSU Extension
Macomb County residents interested in purchasing a home are encouraged to attend the Macomb Homebuyer's Affordable Housing Seminar.

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. Monday, Sept. 29, at Warren City Hall, 1 City Square St., in Warren.

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

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 (MSUE) and sponsored by the City of Warren.

Upcoming programs include:

- **Thursday, Oct. 2: Heating & Cooling**
Learn to maintain your furnace and air conditioner for peak efficiency and lower costs.

- **Thursday, Oct. 9: 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, Oct. 16: Weatherization**
Learn more ways to “dial down” comfortably and insulate your home.
- **Thursday, Oct. 23: Home Safety**
Many crimes and home fires can be prevented. A Warren police officer and firefighter will explore ways to protect your family and home.

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

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

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
- 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.

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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.

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