

## Press Release West Bloomfield Parks

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# West Bloomfield Parks partners with Orchard Mall to expand senior services

*West Bloomfield Parks rents 7,200 square feet of space in Orchard Mall to bring all senior classes and activities together in one location*

**West Bloomfield, June 18, 2019** – West Bloomfield Parks will be moving all of their senior services to a 7,200 square foot retail space at Orchard Mall, 6335A Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield Township, MI 48322. The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission approved the lease during their televised meeting on May 23, 2019.

Construction on the new space will begin as soon as building permits are issued, with the renovation project costing a total of \$141,000. In its current form, the space is uniquely designed for the local furrier that held the space prior. Renovations are required to make the space usable for community programs. Improvements will include new bathrooms, flooring and lighting upgrades, as well as improvements necessary to meet current ADA accessibility standards.

“Currently, senior classes and activities are spread out to at least four locations due to limited facility availability,” said Kelly Hyer, recreation superintendent at West Bloomfield Parks. “This new space will condense that and allow multiple programs to be hosted in one location, making it easier for seniors to plan and travel to their activities. Seniors will also be able to drop-in and hang out in the casual gathering space, as well as register for any events, classes, activities or trips in the extended West Bloomfield Parks office.”

The Department’s Strategic Plan, completed in 2017, calls for a dedicated space for seniors, and this is the first step in working towards that goal. West Bloomfield Parks will rent the retail space for at least three years at a very favorable rental rate offered by Orchard Mall, longtime supporter of the West Bloomfield community. Orchard Mall and West Bloomfield Parks have partnered on several community events and initiatives over the years. The two see this three year partnership as yet another way to work together to provide programming for West Bloomfield residents, with convenient parking and easy access to local restaurants and shops in the heart of West Bloomfield at Orchard Lake and Maple Roads.

Community transit, coordinated by West Bloomfield Parks, will offer service from Orchard Mall for any eligible senior activities or trips. Transportation costs \$2 each way and can be scheduled at 248-706-2411.

West Bloomfield Parks will be seeking out additional instructors for senior classes in order to leverage the new space. Any space left unfilled will be offered as a room rental or be made available for other non-senior classes.

The new space is set to open to the public at the end of this year. Hours will be determined as construction and grand opening plans are determined. Visit [wbparks.org](http://wbparks.org) for updates as the renovations progress.

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About West Bloomfield Parks - The West Bloomfield Parks and Recreation Commission, established by voter mandate in 1970, is committed to the residents of West Bloomfield. Our mission is to meet the community's recreation, leisure and social needs by acquiring and enhancing public parkland and supporting year-round facilities and programs for youth, teens, adults, families and seniors. Our goal is to enhance the quality of life in our community by providing facilities, programs and natural settings for the enjoyment of residents. More information can be found at [www.wbparks.org](http://www.wbparks.org).

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