



## Press Release West Bloomfield Parks

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# Connect, West Bloomfield Parks' Senior Center, Sets Up Shop Once Again

*Senior services will be offered in a leased space in Simsbury shopping plaza at Farmington and 14 Mile Roads.*

**West Bloomfield, MI:** West Bloomfield Parks (WB Parks) has secured a temporary facility to house all senior programming. Connect, WB Parks' senior center, closed its original Orchard Mall location on May 20, 2022, once the lease expired. Amidst the search for a new location, senior services were briefly relocated to the Recreation Activities Center and Drake Sports Park. Some programs had to be paused due to space constraints.

WB Parks has signed a three year lease to occupy a storefront located within the Simsbury shopping center at Farmington and 14 Mile Roads. This location will be the primary site for all senior programs and events as well as house senior services staff. WB Parks intends to have this new Connect location fully operational by the fall of 2023.

This short-term lease aids in WB Parks' long-term goal of expanding the Recreation Activities Center to include a dedicated space for seniors. WB Parks is in the planning phase currently and will release plans publicly in late 2023.

On the effect the new Connect location will have, Recreation Superintendent Kelly Hyer stated, "Our one-stop shop for all West Bloomfield senior citizen related activities and services is back. It restores a place for a much needed sense of community and support for older adults who have experienced increased isolation during the pandemic. Overall, it allows

our staff to continue their efforts to serve our senior residents in a venue that can hold all of our popular events and activities in one place while supporting physical and mental well-being. We are thrilled to re-create a new space for Connect.”

Additional information and a grand opening date will be available in our June Senior Happenings Newsletter or seniors may sign up to be a Connect member to receive direct email updates as they become available.

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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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