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Advancing Macomb To Host 'Sip & Stroll' Art Walk Through Downtown Mount Clemens *Free community event to highlight city's growing art collection*

Mount Clemens, Mich. (July 20, 2026) – [Advancing Macomb](#), a 501c3 that convenes resources to solve community challenges and enrich the lives of Macomb County residents, will host "A Very Artsy Happy Hour: Sip & Stroll" on Friday, July 31, inviting community members to explore Mount Clemens' growing public art collection during a free guided walking tour.

The free event begins at 4 p.m. and features a 60-minute tour of public art throughout downtown Mount Clemens. Highlights include the Detroit Institute of Arts' seasonal Inside|Out program featuring framed reproductions of artwork placed throughout the city center and several public art projects supported by Advancing Macomb as part of its placemaking efforts. The tour will be led by Phil Gilchrist, executive director of Advancing Macomb, and a DIA Inside|Out docent.

"Art has the power to bring people together, spark conversations and help people experience their communities in new ways," said Gilchrist. "We're excited to invite residents and visitors to discover the incredible artwork throughout downtown Mount Clemens while supporting local businesses and enjoying a great summer evening."

Advancing Macomb will provide bottled water during the walk. Participants may also purchase food and beverages throughout the Mount Clemens Social District before and after the tour.

"The Detroit Institute of Arts is proud to partner with the City of Mount Clemens to bring Inside|Out to the community this year," said Julie McFarland, executive director of public affairs and community engagement at the DIA. "We're excited to provide residents with the opportunity to experience works from the DIA's world-class collection close to home and hope they will be inspired to visit the museum, experience the original works in person, and explore the full breadth of the collection."

General admission to the DIA is always free for residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties.

Following the walk, attendees are invited to continue the evening with refreshments in the Social District before the Mount Clemens Downtown Development Authority's Free Friday Concert Series, featuring Sound Project, from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Event Schedule**

4 p.m. — Meet at Gumbo's (53 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens, Mich. 48043)

4:30–5:30 p.m. — Guided Sip & Stroll art walk through downtown Mount Clemens

5:30 p.m. onward — Food and drinks in the Social District

7-9 p.m. — Free Friday Concert Series featuring Sound Project

The event is free to attend, but registration is encouraged. To register and learn more, visit advancingmacomb.com/events.

For questions about the event, contact info@advancingmacomb.com.

About Advancing Macomb

Advancing Macomb is Macomb County's conduit for resources that improve quality of life. The 501c3 organization provides the philanthropic model and leadership needed to cement partnerships between the nonprofit, public and private sectors, identify and attract resources to fund major projects and programs, and increase Macomb County's visibility. For more information about Advancing Macomb, visit advancingmacomb.com.

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