

City of Madison Heights

Calendar Year 2026 Board and Commission Work Plan

Board and Commission: Arts Board

The Purpose of the Arts Board is to advise the City Council of the needs of the artistic and cultural community, actively encourage programs for the cultural enrichment of the community, including, but not limited to, exhibitions, displays, performances, events, instruction, and other projects. Also, engage community members and local businesses to build a flourishing and vibrant art and cultural environment.

1. Increase Visual Art

- A. Encourage the placement of murals across the City
 - a. Repaint the Civic Center Park Sidewalk Mural (May 2026)
- B. Increase ~~high school~~ student involvement through various programs
 - a. Organize an art exhibit at City Hall for students at local schools (Date)
 - b. Recruit student representatives to serve on the Arts Board
- C. ~~Offer Closed Captioning/General Accessibility on all activities (Ongoing)~~
- D. Offer hands-on artistic programs.
 - a. Host pumpkin painting at Harvest Festival (October 2026)
 - b. Host three (3) paint nights at the bandshell or other parks (Summer 2026)
- E. ~~Select locations for the DIA Inside|Out outdoor art exhibit (Complete, pending additional program details)~~

2. Expand Cultural Community Involvement

- A. Partner with other groups to bring Arts and Culture to events
 - a. Collaborate with the HREC in hosting the annual Pride Picnic (June 2026)
 - b. Host a Halloween-themed event (such as Skelebration Trail) (October 2026)
- B. Attend the following City-sponsored events and offer Art-related Activities.
 - a. Festival in the Park
 - b. Juneteenth
 - c. Tree Lighting
 - d. Harvest Festival
- C. ~~Plan a successful annual fundraiser (Arts Prom/Gala—5/16/25)~~
- D. Increase community engagement across all ages
 - a. Order Arts Board Merchandise to bring awareness to the board, promote Board identity, and fundraise.
 - b. Add specific goal here...how else do we promote arts and increase community engagement?

3. Performance Art ~~Rename and make broader...what does performance art do for a community?~~

What is the overarching goal that performance art achieves?

- A. Host Madison Heights' Summer Concert Series at the Bandshell (Summer 2026)
 - a. Secure funding for summer concerts
- B. Organize Live Performance Events at the bandshell including;
 - a. Trail Tunes
 - b. Improv Night
 - c. Poetry Slam
 - d. Open Mic
 - e. Karaoke
 - f. Dancing under the Stars
- C. ~~Encourage the use of Bandshell.~~

Other things to consider:

- The Arts Board does not host many winter events. There are plenty of indoor (and outdoor) winter opportunities that relate to art. What ideas do you have?
- The City encourages Boards to collaborate to widen the scope, improve resource management, and offer opportunities to connect with more residents. Which events can we combine with other boards to ensure success?
- One of the goals of the Parks and Recreation masterplan is to offer events in parks other than Civic Center and Rosie's. Let's think outside the box and expand our reach to other parks!