

## News Release

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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 can also check to see if they qualify for down payment or credit cleanup assistance.

The program runs from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, at The Warren City Hall building, 1 City Square Drive, in Warren.

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

**Home & Garden workshop prepares homeowners for spring**  
Macomb County residents interested in improving the safety, security and curb appeal of their front yard are encouraged to sign up for the 2008 Practical Home & Garden Workshop, offered by Macomb County MSU Extension.

The four-part series is free and will take place from 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesdays, April 16, 23, 30, and May 7 at the St. John Conner Creek Village, 4777 E. Outer Drive in Detroit.

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Classes will include:

- Face It: Have the sharpest house on the street by fixing doors, windows and lights.
- Blight and Bug Busters: Learn to control blight and pests while protecting the environment.
- How Does Your Garden Grow?: Learn to take care of lawns, flowers, shrubs and trees.
- Curb Appeal: Learn to make a landscape plan with the help of MSU Extension Master Gardener volunteers.

The first 30 homeowners residing in the V-8 Gateway area (between 6-and-10 Mile roads, and between Mound and Hoover roads), who participate in all four classes, including submitting an improvement plan, are eligible to receive \$200 for a house or front yard makeover.

Anyone who has received funds in the past is ineligible to receive funds again (although they may still attend the classes).

Registration 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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