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Paper shredding, medication disposal for Macomb County senior citizens

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Macomb County senior citizens have a chance to properly dispose of unneeded medications, and shred personal papers and documents to keep them out of the wrong hands.

The Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Department, Health Department and Sheriff's Office are teaming up for the shredding and medication disposal day from 9-10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, in the parking lot of the VerKuijen Building, 21885 Dunham Road in Clinton Township.

Shredding documents and papers with vital personal or financial information is recommended to combat identity theft. Absolute Shreds, a mobile shredding company, will be available to shred unwanted personal documents. This free program is for people age 60 and older and is for personal papers only. No more than four file-size boxes per family will be accepted for shredding.

Proper disposal of unwanted or expired medications keeps potentially harmful substances out of ground and surface waters. Seniors visiting this event will be able to properly dispose of narcotic, non-narcotic medications and other pills. Representatives of the Health Department's Environmental Health Division and a deputy from the Sheriff's Office will be on hand to facilitate the disposal.

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Pills must be removed from bottles and placed in a clear plastic bag. Controlled substances such as narcotic painkillers must be kept in a separate plastic bag.

For more information, call Cathy Wilson of the Senior Citizen Services Department at 586-469-6307.

The Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services is sponsored by the Macomb County Board of Commissioners and receives county funds for all services, as well as funds from the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, state appropriations, the Older American Act and the Family Independence Agency.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 847,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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