## **GAKLAND COUNTY PARKS**

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Local artisans to feature handcrafted items, gift ideas and seasonal décor Annual Holiday Market set for 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at Oakland County Farmers Market

**OAKLAND COUNTY, MI – Nov. 21, 2024** – With one-of-a-kind gifts, décor and specialty foods, the Oakland County Farmers Market is a unique place to visit anytime. However, during the annual Holiday Market event, a festive spotlight shines on market vendors.

This year's Holiday Market will take place from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4. Guests can get their holiday shopping completed early while connecting with area artisans and supporting local small businesses. In the market's unique and casual setting, shoppers can, in many cases, speak directly with the artisan to learn more about their craft and potential future offerings. Shoppers will find items at varying price points to fit every budget while browsing gift selections for friends, family members, teachers and colleagues.

Among the hustle and bustle of shopping will be seasonal music and activities for the whole family to enjoy. Have a family photo taken with live reindeer from 3:30-6:30 p.m., savor gooey s'mores, enjoy a wagon ride and enter a drawing for a gift basket of market goodies.

"The Holiday Market makes shopping fun. Decorate your home with fragrant greenery and indulge in freshly prepared treats. Take in the soft glow of the multicolored lights and feel the excitement in the air as children spy the live reindeer," Oakland County Farmers Market Manager Brad Wethy said. "It's a fantastic way to start – or finish – your holiday shopping."

Booths will be fully stocked with an array of items like handcrafted jewelry, homemade soaps and lotions and specialty food items perfect for all types of gift-giving occasions, including gift exchanges, hostess gifts, school parties and more. Fresh wreaths, garlands and centerpieces make great choices for home decorating and entertaining.

The Oakland County Farmers Market is open from 7 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays through Dec. 21. Winter hours begin in 2025 when the market will be open on Saturdays only through the end of April. It is located at 2350 Pontiac Lake Road in Waterford.

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