

# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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## **Letter from the Mayor**

As we begin a new year, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have made meaningful strides in strengthening our community and building a brighter future for the City of River Rouge.

This past year, we celebrated the successful completion and reopening of several major projects that directly enhances the quality of life across our city.



Belanger Park welcomed residents for its first full summer season in 2025, offering a renewed space for families and neighbors to gather. Renovations at Coolidge Plaza, Great Lakes Field, and John Jakubowski Park have added new opportunities for recreation, connection, and community pride. Our Senior Activity Center also received a full renovation, now providing a warm and updated environment for our valued older adults. As we look ahead, even more progress is on the horizon.

Construction at Memorial Park and the Splash Park will begin at the end of winter to welcome families this coming summer. Renovations at the Beechwood Center will continue into the new year, with completion planned for 2026, bringing a revitalized hub for programs, activities, and engagement. In early 2026, the River Rouge Library will also begin its renovation journey, enhancing learning, creativity, and access to resources for residents of all ages.

We are equally proud of the significant progress underway in our city's water infrastructure project, made possible through newly awarded grant funding. This essential work includes installing 8-inch water mains, gate valves, and fire hydrants, and replacing water service lines across 15 streets. It also encompasses the removal of lead lines and critical valve upgrades to improve shutoff control during emergencies. These improvements represent a major investment in long-term safety, reliability, and water quality for every household and business in River Rouge.

One of the accomplishments we are most proud of is bringing a credit union back to River Rouge. One Detroit Credit Union will open on the second floor of City Hall in the first quarter of 2026, expanding financial access and opportunity for our residents and supporting local economic empowerment.

Your city leadership remains steadfast in our commitment to restoring, rebuilding, and elevating the quality of life for everyone who calls River Rouge home. We are privileged to serve a community that believes in progress, partnership, and possibility, and we are dedicated to ensuring that every project we undertake reaches its fullest potential.

Thank you for your trust, your collaboration, and your belief in the future of our city. Together, we will continue moving River Rouge forward.





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### Fire Department

(313) 842-1718

### River Rouge City Hall

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### Assessing Department

(313) 842-7822

### Building Department

(313) 842-4209

### City Clerk

(313) 842-5604

### Community Development

(313) 842-4203

### Legal Department

(313) 842-4717

### Treasurers Office

(313) 842-5602

### DPW

(313) 842-6482

### Water Department

(313) 842-4803

### Library

(313) 843-2040

### Senior Center

(313) 842-3360

### Housing

(313) 382-1414

### Reno Building

(313) 843-8299

### River Rouge School District

313-297-9600

### 25th District Court

(313) 382-8603

[25thdistrictcourt.org](http://25thdistrictcourt.org)



## 2025: A Year of Friendship





# Upcoming City Events



## SENIORS VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Doors open at 11 am - Lunch at 12 pm

River Rouge Senior Center - 10625 W. Jefferson Ave.

RSVP for Lunch and Transportation

Contact Olive Roberts at 313-842-3360

February is American Heart Month! Show your heart some love by wearing your favorite RED outfit!



## COFFEE WITH THE COPS

Ask questions, chat, or enjoy a cup of coffee.

Saturday, February 21, 2026 9 am - 10 am

McDonald's

10995 W. Jefferson Ave, River Rouge, MI 48218



## FAMILY FUN WINTER BLAST

Come on out for a fun day of free ice skating and hot chocolate!

Coolidge Plaza

Beside the Reno building - 10593 W. Jefferson Ave,

River Rouge, MI 48218

Saturday, February 28, 2026

12pm - 4pm



## Local Business Spotlight

### River Rouge Nutrition

A locally owned wellness hub dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the River Rouge and Downriver community. Our mission is to provide clean, safe nutrition and practical wellness solutions that help people feel better, move better, and build sustainable, healthy habits.

In addition to offering healthy meal-replacement shakes, energizing teas, and high-protein options, we provide free wellness evaluations and body composition scans. These assessments allow us to understand each individual's unique body needs and create customized wellness and fitness programs tailored to personal goals, lifestyle, and body composition.

River Rouge Nutrition stands for education, accountability, and community impact, with a strong focus on long-term health, not quick fixes.

"Our goal is to meet people where they are and give them real tools they can actually use. When people understand their bodies and have a clear plan, real change becomes possible." - Ray, Owner, River Rouge Nutrition

#### Hours:

Monday	9AM-5PM
Tuesday	9AM-5PM
Wednesday	9AM-5PM
Thursday	9AM-5PM
Friday	9AM - 5PM
Saturday	10AM-5PM
Sunday	Closed

11198 W Jefferson Ave.

River Rouge, MI 48218

313-395-2703



## FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

River Rouge Senior Center  
10625 W. Jefferson Ave.

Income Tax Assistance by  
Accounting Aid Society

**NO WALK-INS**

**APPOINTMENT ONLY**

**Must Pre-Register:**

**Call 313-842-3360**

## CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Hours: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
(doors open at 9:30 am)

Income Limit: \$67,000

What to bring:

- Social Security Card (for yourself and dependents)
- Photo ID
- Proof of Health Insurance
- Copies of 2024 Federal & State Tax Returns
- 2024 Tax Statements & Documents



**City Hall will be closed**

**January 19th, 2026**

**in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday**



*"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of convenience and comfort, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."*

**City Hall will be closed**

**February 16th, 2026**

**in observance of President's Day**

*"I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts."*

Abraham Lincoln





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# 2026 River Rouge Meeting Schedule

## City Council

**First and Third Tuesdays of the Month.**

Located in the 2nd Floor Court Room within City Hall  
7:30pm (unless posted otherwise)

## Economic Development Corporation

**Fourth Wednesday of every even Month (Feb, Apr, June, etc.)**

Located in the 2nd Floor Conference Room within City Hall  
5:45pm (unless posted otherwise)

## Downtown Development Authority

**Fourth Wednesday of the Month.**

Located in the 2nd Floor Conference Room within City Hall  
5:00pm (unless posted otherwise)

## Planning Commission

**Fourth Monday of the Month.**

Located in the 2nd Floor Conference Room within City Hall  
4:00pm (unless posted otherwise)

## Public Safety

**Second Thursday of the Month.**

Located in the 2nd Floor Court Room within City Hall  
5:00pm (unless posted otherwise)

## Housing Commission

**Second Tuesday of the Month.**

Located at the office at 180 Visger Rd. River Rouge  
1:00pm (unless posted otherwise)

# Everyone is Welcome