

Ann Doyle, CEO/ President



"Your steady support keeps our work moving forward; we couldn't do it without you."

Dear MMCM friends:

It seems like I just wrote about welcoming summer, and here we are, just a few weeks before school starts up again. Summer camp is coming to an end; preparations are in high gear for Touch-a-Truck (Sept. 19) and a double-event: Worldwide Day of Play AND Gabby's Dollhouse MEOWseum Discovery Days with Photo Op (Sept. 25-Oct. 4, 2026).

A new cement pad was poured on July 20th near the entrance doors of the museum. Thank you to Saginaw Society for Crippled Children for the grant to cover the cost. We can rest easier now knowing that children and adults who have some type of mobility challenges will not have a difficult time getting into the museum.

Thank you to Michigan Sugar for making the new conveyor in Aunt Sugar's Farm and Uncle Pickle's Barn possible. The original conveyor could not withstand use by more than 175,000 children since its installation. The new conveyor is much sturdier, and we hope it will last for many years.

New phones are being installed and an updated camera security system over the next few weeks. We want to thank Michigan Arts & Cultural Council for making this possible. With their grant and additional private foundations and personal donations, we are fortunate to be able to cover most of the cost.

Jessie is finalizing several smaller updates throughout the museum. With those updates, the cement, conveyor, phones, and camera system, we will have accomplished our goals for 2026. We are now working on a big project for 2027. Stay tuned for more information!

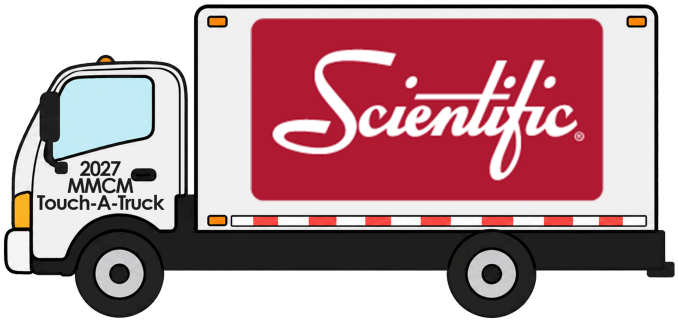
Enjoy the rest of summer and we hope to see you soon.

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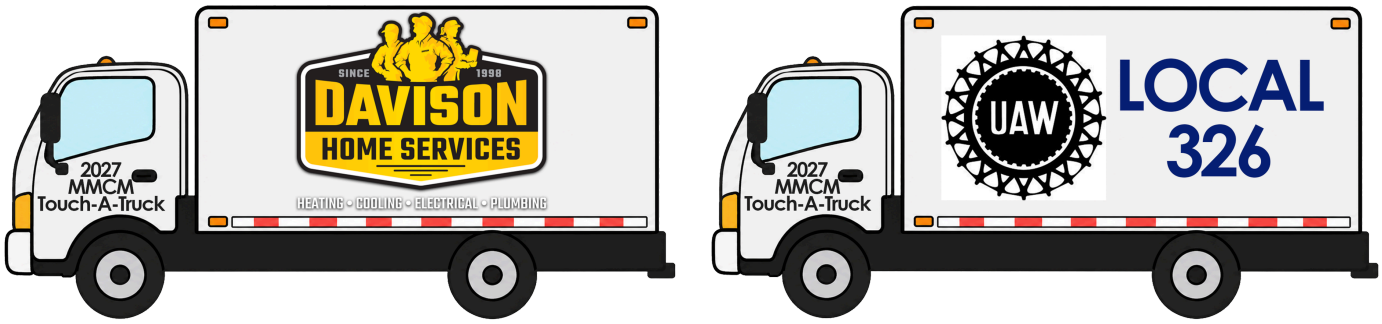
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Thank you to all of our Touch-A-Truck sponsors so far!









Help make this the best TAT yet! Sponsor TODAY! (click the button below!)

Click to Sponsor!

Click to bring a truck!



Diane Novak, Museum Experience Coordinator

For the rest of summer, when the weather is too hot or it's raining, the museum is a fantastic place to visit with your children. They can unleash their creativity while exploring the galleries. In the Art Mart gallery, they can do many creative projects. In Scrap Studio, they can even transform recyclable items into never-before-seen creations.

When leaving, they may take home their recycled creations and artwork. If you plan to visit the museum frequently, consider checking out our Basic or Premium Membership options on our website: MiChildrensMuseum.org or ask our staff about them at the front desk.

We are also looking for gently used children's tricycles!



Jessie Teeter, Director of Exhibits and Education



Happy August, everyone! I want to use my article to say thank you.

Thank you to all of the kids who participated in summer camp this year. It is truly one of the highlights of my job. I hope to see you next year.

Thank you to the daycares and school programs that have visited this summer. We are happy to provide a fun and educational alternative location for you to visit. - Please consider coming during the school year too!

Thank you to the volunteers who have been helping me with summer camp. I couldn't do it without you, and the children appreciate you too!

Thank you to everyone who visits and supports what we do here. I appreciate being able to have a job I love and provide a place to make memories with your kids!

Summer Camps

Field Trips

Camp kids having a great time











Whitney Watt, Volunteer Coordinator

Can you believe Summer is winding down and school will be starting soon? If you are a student and your school requires hours for school credit, honor society, leadership class, or work experience. MMCM could be the perfect place for you to volunteer.

If you are interested, please contact Whitney (Volunteer Coordinator) by e-mail with the button below or by phone: (989) 399-6626.

E-mail Whitney | Volunteer Registration | Volunteer Group Reg.

Volunteer of the Month - Logan Seyuin



Logan Seyuin started volunteering at MMCM in March 2025 and, to date, has contributed 70 hours of his time. Logan is a wonderful addition to our volunteer team. He is our special event pro! Logan leads other volunteers and sets a great example, and encourages other volunteers to participate. Recently, he began volunteering at MMCM Summer Camps, and the way the Campers gravitate to him and the way he interacts with kids is something special. Thank you, Logan, for your commitment to MMCM. You dedicating your time to volunteering at MMCM means so much to us!

"I enjoy volunteering at MMCM because every shift brightens my day. It has given me a unique way to give back to the community, and I have found the experience highly rewarding. Most importantly, I believe it has helped me become a much more well-rounded person."
-Logan Seyuin

Emily Schmidt, Special Events Coordinator





Our annual Touch-A-Truck event is almost here! The event takes place Saturday, September 19th, from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM, with free admission outside and $3 admission inside the museum! We want to see your organization's semi-truck, heavy construction equipment, emergency vehicle, or any other vehicle that children may find interesting and exciting! Our annual Touch-A-Truck event is intended to allow children to experience vehicles from the driver's seat right in MMCM's parking lot.

We are still in need of sponsors for this event as well! Sponsorships help us reduce admission to the museum for the day, provide goodie bags and craft materials for visiting kiddos, provide live musical entertainment, provide lunch for our vehicle presenters and volunteers, and so much more! Without your sponsorship, events like this just aren't possible! For more information, a presenter's form, or a sponsorship form, reach out to specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and monthly newsletters for more information regarding other exciting activities at this year's Touch-A-Truck event!



"Pinch on the left, pinch on my right, grab Pandy's hand and hold on tight!"

We're excited to announce that the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum is joining Gabby's Dollhouse MEOWseum Discovery Days from Friday, September 25th until Sunday, October 4th in partnership with DreamWorks Animation and the Association of Children's Museums. Located in the lobby of the museum, guests will be able to snap a picture with a magical Gabby's Dollhouse backdrop and life-size Gabby standee!

In addition to this awesome photo opportunity, MMCM will be hosting a 2-week-long scavenger hunt! Hidden throughout MMCM's galleries will be pictures of Gabby and her friends. At the end of the trail, scan the QR code for a cat-tastic photo filter to use on your pictures! Please note: there will not be a live Gabby character for kids to meet with, just the cardboard prop for photo purposes. This photo opportunity is free and does not require admission to the museum. All additional crafts and activities relating to Gabby's Dollhouse will be included in regular museum admission. Keep an eye on our Facebook and website for more information about the paw-some extras we have in store!



In addition to this adventure with Gabby's Dollhouse, MMCM will be participating in Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play again this year! Ditch the screens and join us on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM for an amazing day of 'playing and learning' at the museum. With games and crafts, the museum will be full of opportunities for play. Don't miss out on a Gabby's Dollhouse DJ Catnip Dance Party during the day, playing all your favorite Gabby's Dollhouse tunes! Keep an eye on our Facebook and website for more information about this event!

August's Recip Membership is with Sandcastles in Ludington!





Jeff McLellan, Marketing Director

Well, hello *{{First Name}}*,

Over the last couple of months, I've been teaching myself a little coding, nothing too crazy but enough to make useful tools for myself. It's funny because with the right string of code, you can get a program to do anything. The exact thing you want is right at your fingertips. It's wild.

This all sprang from a need, in my case, the need to convert Apple image/.mov files to Windows-appropriate versions. Windows charges $1 to interact with these files, more if you need both image and .mov capabilities. Which I do. I know $1 doesn't seem like much, but it's the principle of the matter. This is something that should just be added into Windows considering the price of the software. Anyways, a

few iterations later, I now have a standalone software that you can just drag and drop a folder onto, and it will convert HEIC files to .JPEG, and .MOV files to .MP4, and it's quick.

It felt good to make something for myself like that, and that led me to something else - a new Hours widget for our website. The old one was nice. It would tell you the time and whether or not we were currently open, which is cool, but it wouldn't tell you if we were GOING to be open that day outside of being currently open. So I wrote a new program. This one looks nice and has some color, and it does a few things:

- It tells you the date,
- It tells you OUR local time,
- It tells you if we are currently open,
- If we aren't currently open, it tells you if we will be today, and at what time,
- If we were open but are now closed, it says "You just missed us!" and then,
- It tells you the next day we're open and what time,
- If it's within 45 mins of opening, it tells you "We're opening soon!"
- If it's within 45 mins of closing, it tells you "We're closing soon!"
- It tells you what time we close today,
- and I can put in all the special days we're closed (like Christmas and Easter), and it will keep track of those for me and adjust accordingly.

ALL of this so guests get as accurate a picture of our schedule as I can possibly give you! Easy to get to, on the home page of our website, one of the first few things you see. - You're welcome! Haha. I have a few changes I still want to make, but this version works as far as I can tell. If it ever gets something wrong, please tell me. I'm not a professional! (Coder at least)

And thanks, as always, for making it to the end of the newsletter.

For those of you who are new here, I like to include something fun and interactive at the end of the newsletter. This year, I'm doing word searches! The words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, and they can appear forwards or backwards to make it a little more challenging. Clicking on the image should take you to a website where you can complete it digitally! Enjoy!

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1. August **2.** School **3.** Dogdays **4.** Peridot **5.** Poppies **6.** Perseids **7.** Gladiolus
8. Peaches **9.** Dragonflies **10.** Backpack **11.** Pencils **12.** Classroom **13.** Playground
14. Fairground **15.** Lemonade

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