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Japanese Resource Guide

Welcome

See inside for information on:

- Setting up your home
- Family and children resources
- Getting to know your community
- Work-related resources

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A Message From the Oakland County Executive

L. Brooks Patterson

Welcome to Oakland County, Michigan!

As the top elected official in Oakland County, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our community. In addition to a dynamic business environment, you will find Oakland County offers a great quality of life where people want to live, work, play and raise a family.

Our nationally high-ranked public schools, our beautiful parks and trails and of course our more than 1,400 lakes are just some of the reasons why 1.2 million people call Oakland County, Michigan home.

We are very proud of our large Japanese community here, and below are some statistics you may find of interest. Oakland County has a:

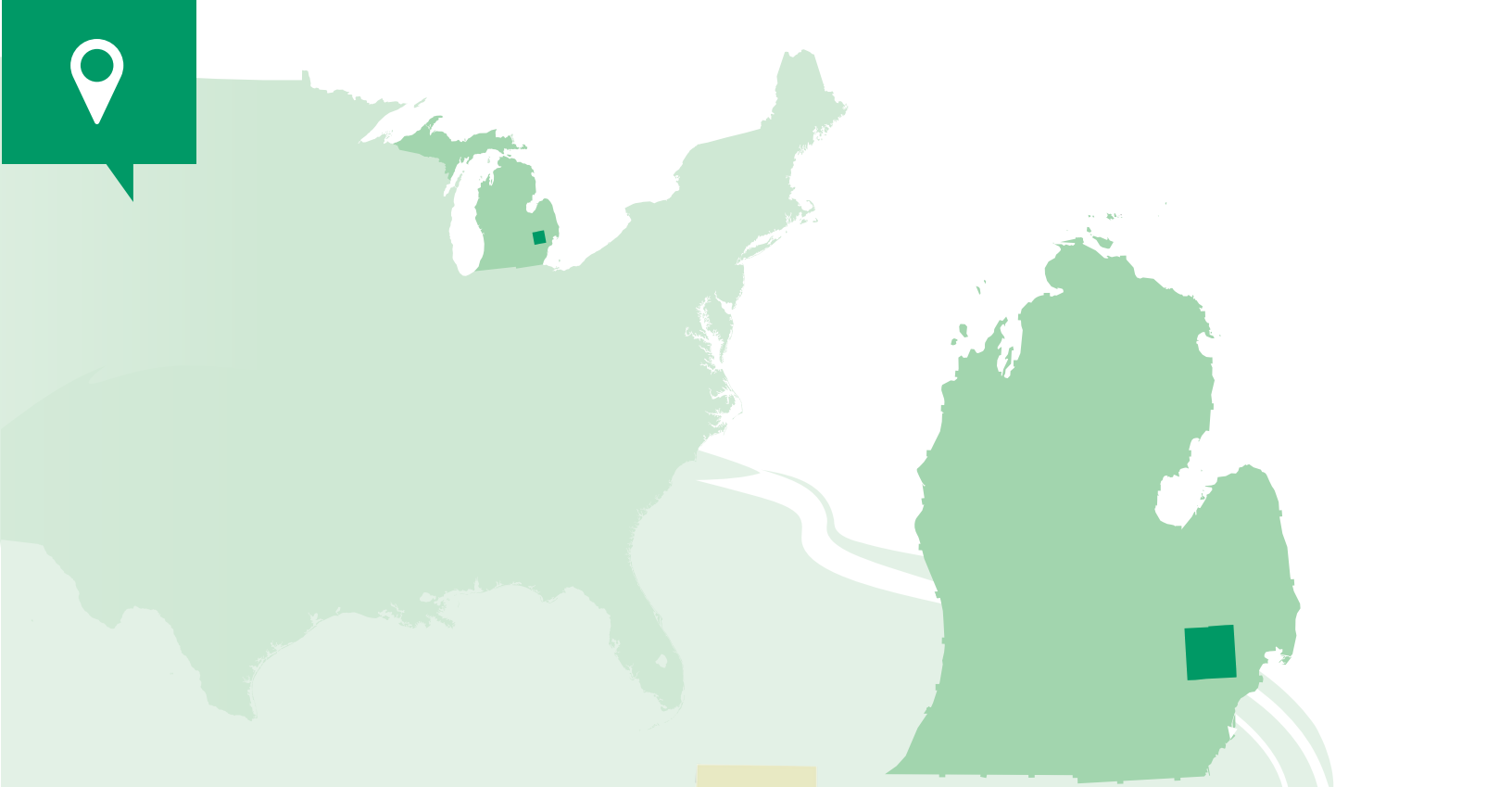
- Significant community of over 240+ Japanese-owned facilities, employing more than 12,500 residents (as of Fall 2017)
- Ringo Kai Japanese School, one of the largest in U.S. — located in the city of Novi
- Great Lakes Taiko Center, LLC — located in the city of Novi
- University providing an opportunity to earn an International Baccalaureate degree
- New Asian Village in development
- New Japanese "Sakura Garden," opening in Summer 2018
- Japanese Welcoming Committee to help new Japanese residents and their families transition to Michigan

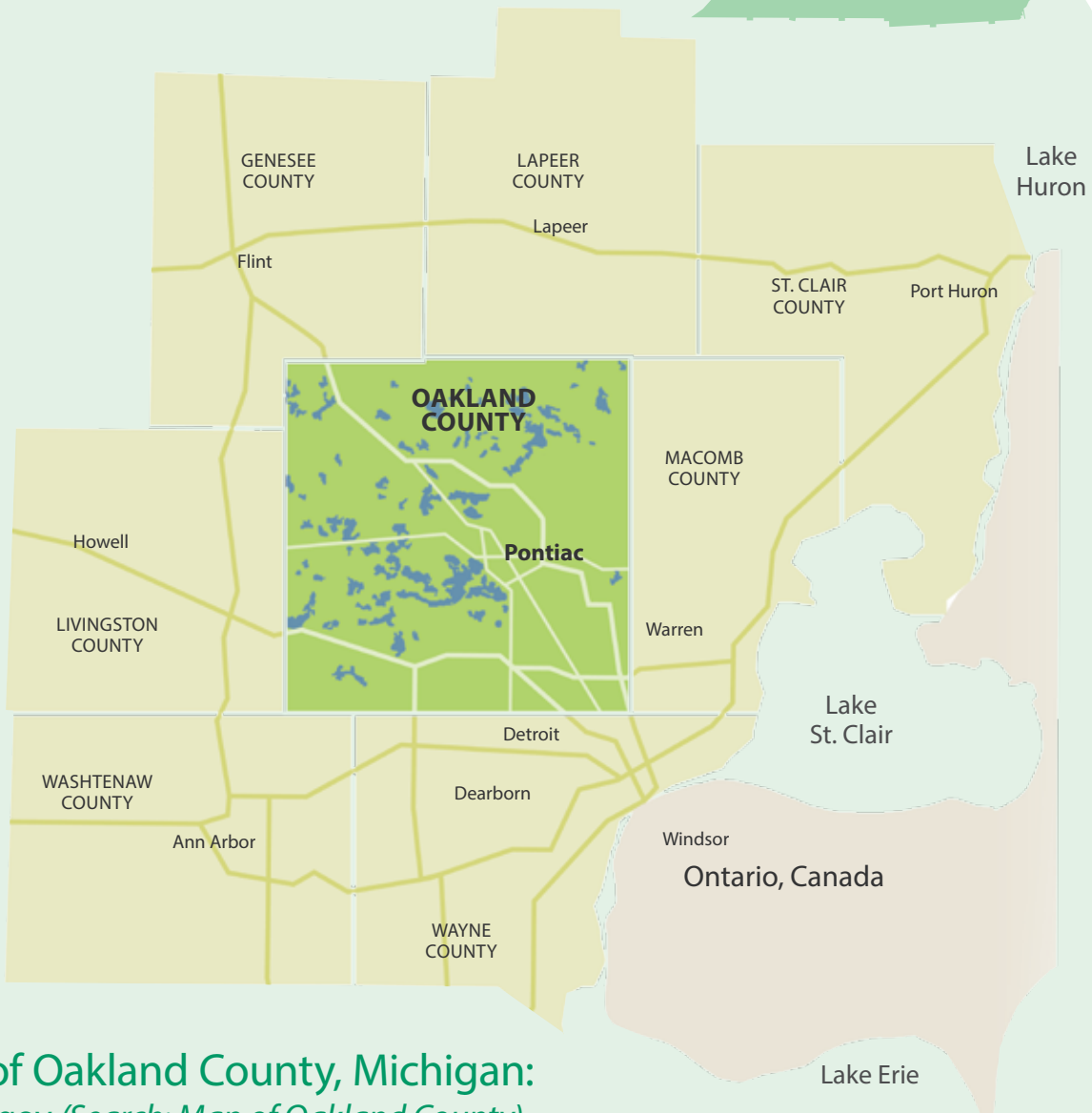
In Michigan:

- Nearly 5,000 Michigan students (K-12 and university) take Japanese language and culture classes
- Almost 500 Japanese-owned facilities in Michigan with more than 40,500 direct jobs (per recent JDI Survey).

I hope this resource guide is helpful to you, as we welcome you to our community.

For additional information, visit **www.detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp**





A Map of Oakland County, Michigan:

Michigan.gov *(Search: Map of Oakland County)*

Your Home

Companies to Contact to Set Up Your Home

ELECTRICITY

DTE Energy

DTE Energy is the public electrical utility.
dteenergy.com

NATURAL GAS

Consumers Energy

To heat your home, Consumers Energy is our public natural gas utility.
consumersenergy.com

WATER

Your City Hall

Go to your City Hall to turn on your water, and that is where you will pay your monthly water bill.

CELL PHONE COMPANIES

- AT&T: *att.com*
- Sprint: *sprint.com*
- T-Mobile: *t-mobile.com*
- Verizon: *verizonwireless.com*

CABLE COMPANIES

- AT&T U-Verse: *att.com*
- Comcast: *xfinity.com*
- WowWay: *wowway.com*

Food

Grocery Stores in Oakland County

ASIAN

168 Asian Mart
32393 John R Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071

(248) 616-1689
168asianmarket.com

H Mart
2963 E Big Beaver Road
Troy, MI 48083

(248) 689-2222
nj.hmart.com

Kappa Oriental Market
6093 Haggerty Road
West Bloomfield, MI 48322

(248) 624-6266

Noble Fish
45 E 14 Mile Road
Clawson, MI 48017

(248) 585-2314
noblefish.com

One World Market
42705 –B Grand River Avenue
Novi, MI 48375

(248) 374-0844
oneworldmarket.us

GENERAL GROCERY STORES

These are large grocery stores, with multiple locations. You can find your nearest location on their websites:

- Buschs: *buschs.com*
- Fresh Thyme: *freshthyme.com*
- Kroger: *kroger.com*
- Meijer: *meijer.com*
- Plum Market: *plummarket.com*
- Whole Foods Market: *wholefoodsmarket.com*

Family & Children

RESOURCES

Japan Business Society of Detroit (JBSD)
Helping individuals find a place to live, buy or lease a car, and to get to know local Japanese community. *Info Michigan* book made by the Women's Club of JBSD is also available.
jbsd.org

Japanese Family Services, USA
Japanese family support, educational seminars and translation/interpretation services.
jfsusa.com

Consulate General of Japan in Detroit
detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp

REDAC
Japanese speaking company to help you get your U.S. driver's license and Social Security Card
redacinc.com

Global LT
Language training, translation and interpretation.
global-LT.com

HEALTHCARE

Japanese Program
Providence - Providence Park Hospital, Novi
(877) 569-6704
stjohnprovidence.org/providencepark/japanese-program/japanese

EDUCATION

Koby Learning Group
English and world language classes, tutoring, TOEIC, TOEFL, SAT and EIKEN.
Multilingual staff and babysitting.
kobylearn.com

Oakland Schools
Kindergarten -12th Grade
oakland.k12.mi.us

Ringo Kai Japanese School of Detroit
jsd.org

Baker College: *baker.edu*

Central Michigan University: *cmich.edu*

Eastern Michigan University: *emich.edu*

Lawrence Technological University: *ltu.edu*

Michigan State University: *msu.edu*

Oakland Community College:
Community lecture and events and English as a second language.
oaklandcc.edu

Oakland University: *Oakland.edu*

Rochester College: *rc.edu*

University Of Michigan: *umich.edu*

Walsh College: *walshcollege.edu*

Wayne State University: *wayne.edu*

Oakland University, Rochester Hills

Community

Oakland County Chambers of Commerce & Oakland Chamber Network
theoaklandchambernetwork.com

Glen Oaks Golf League
Cherry Trees and Plaque – A special area to mark the 100 Year Anniversary of Japan's gift of cherry trees to the U.S. in Washington D.C.
oakgov.com/parks

Asia Pacific American Chamber of Commerce
apacc.net

ATTRACTIONS & EVENTS

City of Novi
- Japanese Festival
- Sakura Garden – Oakland County's newest Japanese Garden (Opens Summer 2018)
- Asian Village (in development)

Oakland County Parks
oakgov.com/parks

Arts Beats & Eats
Annual festival in Royal Oak that focuses on various artists, musicians and local restaurants.
artsbeatseats.com

Woodward Dream Cruise
More than a million people come to Southeast Michigan in August to participate in a parade of classic cars.
woodwarddreamcruise.com

Fire & Ice Festival
A winter festival in Downtown Rochester.
downtownrochestermi.com/2018-fire-ice-activities/

The Detroit Opera House
michiganopera.org

The Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA)
New Japanese Gallery opened in 2017
dia.org/japangallery

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra
dso.org

The Detroit Zoo
125 acres of naturalistic exhibits, providing a natural habitat for more than 2,000 animals representing 245 species.
detroitzoo.org

Other Cultural Activities In Oakland County
Festivals, Art Galleries and Theaters
oakgov.com (Search: Cultural Listings)

MI Great Artist
Annual, regional art competition in Oakland County, Michigan
migreatartist.com

Touring Michigan
michigan.org

Rendering of Sakura Garden, Novi
Opening Summer 2018

Work Resources

Organizations to help you with your New Assignment

Japan Business Society of Detroit (JBSD)
Connecting Japanese Businesses to each other.
jbsd.org

Consulate General of Japan in Detroit
detroit.us.emb-japan.go.jp

Oakland County's Economic Development & Community Affairs Department
advantageoakland.com

Automation Alley | Michigan's Industry 4.0 International Business Center
Certified international soft-landing incubator for companies to test out the Metro-Detroit market. Automation Alley offers three months of free office space and connects companies to the tech cluster in Southeast Michigan.
automationalley.com

Global LT
Language training, translation and interpretation
global-LT.com

Local Skilled Trades Training Portal
MITradeSchool.org

Michigan Economic Development Corporation
michiganbusiness.org

Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center
the-center.org

Oakland Business Connect
Business-to-Business directory for Oakland County, Michigan
OaklandBusinessConnect.com

Oakland County Michigan Works! Offices
Free business services. Contact the office nearest you if you need to hire more people in Michigan and/or if your spouse or children are looking for a job.
Info@advantageoakland.com

Oakland County One Stop Shop Business Center
Free business services. We can help you with your U.S. business plan, connecting to financing and help you understand marketing in the U.S.
Info@advantageoakland.com

Oakland University
Consultation for inviting business from Japan (e.g., processing a worker's visa).
Contact Seigo Nakao at nakao@oakland.edu

Pals International
Language instruction, document translation and cross culture training programs.
palsintl.com

PASONA
Helping Japanese companies find talent and helping Japanese residents find employment.
pasona.com

Wolverine Assemblies
Warehousing of goods (containers).
wolverine-llc.com

Business Information

BUSINESS JOURNALS

D-Business Magazine
dbusiness.com

Crain's Detroit Business
crainsdetroit.com

NEWSPAPERS

Detroit News
detroitnews.com

Detroit Free Press
freep.com

The Oakland Press
theoaklandpress.com

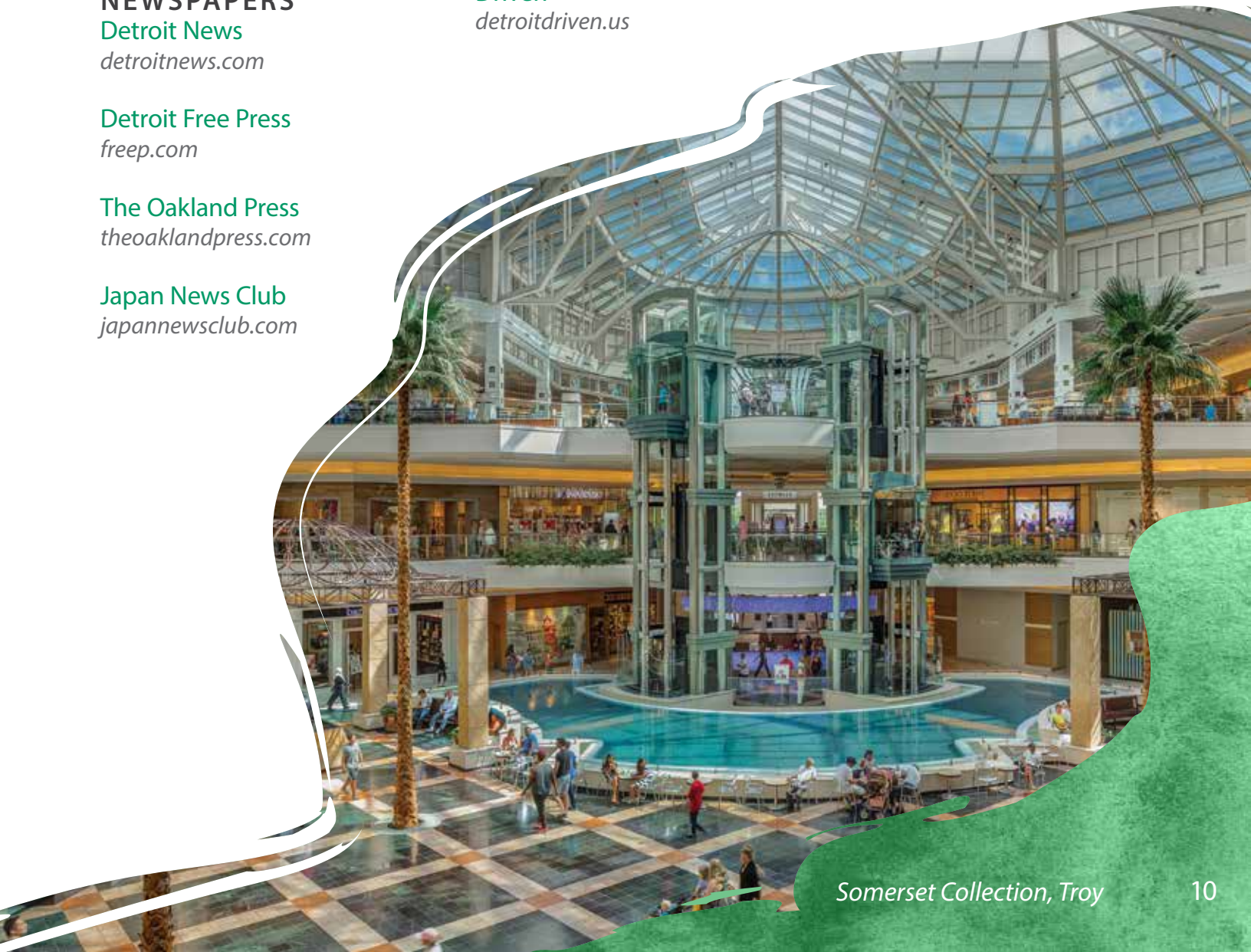
Japan News Club
japannewsclub.com

E-NEWSLETTER

Oakland County Prosper
oaklandcountyprosper.com

MetroMode
issuemediagroup.com

Driven
detroitdriven.us



Somerset Collection, Troy

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Oakland County – Executive Office Building
2100 Pontiac Lake Road – Building 41 W
Waterford, Michigan 48328 USA

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