

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF GROWING GREAT PARKS



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **OCP's Great Marshmallow Drop set for April 3 at Worden Park**

*Fan-favorite event drops more than 15,000 marshmallows participants collect for prizes*

**ROYAL OAK, MI – March 23, 2026** – It will be raining marshmallows over a portion of Worden Park in Royal Oak during Oakland County Parks' Great Marshmallow Drop Friday, April 3. A helicopter will drop 15,000 marshmallows over the park beginning at 10 a.m. during this free event.

Presented by University of Michigan Health C.S. Mott Children's Hospital & Trinity Health Oakland Hospital and Zeal Credit Union, there will be four total drops: The first of three drops for ages 12 and under will begin at 10 a.m. with a drop for individuals with disabilities of all ages beginning at 11 a.m.

"There is always so much excitement in the air during this event," Recreation Program Supervisor Melissa Nawrocki said. "Children eagerly await to see the first signs of the helicopter approaching and then watch all the marshmallows rain down from the sky. It's great fun watching them secure the one marshmallow they need to collect a prize. This event creates lots of fun memories for participants and their loved ones."

Participants watch and await their turn to snag just one marshmallow that they can exchange for a prize. The event is not a competition; all participants ages 12 and younger and individuals with disabilities of all ages will receive a prize bag chockful of goodies.

An American Sign Language interpreter will be available and the Quiet Zone trailer – a sensory inclusive space where sensory regulation tools, such as noise reducing headphones and fidget tools, are available – will be open on site.

Nearly 200 staff and volunteers will be on hand to assist with parking, provide a safe boundary for participants to run in, hand out prizes and take care of other needed activities that support the event.

This is a popular event, so participants are encouraged to arrive early for parking. No preregistration is required. Worden Park is located at the corner of Lexington Boulevard and Crooks Road in Royal Oak.

For information on other events, visit [OaklandCountyParks.com](https://www.oaklandcountyparks.com). Join the conversation on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).