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Royal Oak Mayor Presents State of the City

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The Rotary Club of Royal Oak will present Mayor James Ellison's annual "State of the City" address on Tuesday, July 12th . The luncheon program will be held at the new Royal Oak Emagine Theater from noon to 1:30. Free parking is available in the upper levels of the theater's parking structure.

"We are very excited to hold this event at Emagine this year" noted Rotary President Cheryl Murray. "Even though it has been open for several weeks, a lot of people haven't had an opportunity to see it yet. They are really excited to see what it looks like and what is available to the community."

"We are doing it a little differently this year," Ellison added. "The luncheon will be in the Skybox Lounge upstairs but we'll probably move to one of the auditoriums for the speech."

Tickets for the luncheon are \$11. Reservations may be obtained by calling Cheryl Murray at 248-225-1110 or the City Clerk's office at 248-246-3050. Reservations must be made by Monday July 11 at 9:00 AM.

The Rotary Club of Royal Oak has been the longtime sponsor for this event. In the past it has been held at the Salter Center and the St. Johns Episcopal Church.

The Rotary Club of Royal Oak is supportive of the community by doing fundraisers and service work in and around the community. Members also participate in national and international service projects. Rotary offers scholarships and collects school supplies which are donated to local schools to give to children that come from families that are struggling.

Additionally, it partners with local non-profits to make sure that other projects in the community are a success. "This past year alone, the Rotary Club of Royal Oak has contributed to other projects for such community organizations as Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, YMCA, Royal Oak Schools and others also giving the hands on help that is often needed to make a project a success," said Murray.

The Rotary Club of Royal Oak meets weekly from 12:10-1:30pm at the Boys and Girls Club located at 1545 E. Lincoln Avenue in Royal Oak. For further information about projects, events or speakers, visit www.rotaryclubofroyaloak.com.

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