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Your guide to the
17th Annual
Clinton Township
Gratiot Cruise

Get the scoop on all of the
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OVERVIEW

Clinton Twp. Gratiot Cruise returns for bigger and better 17th season

By **Joey Yashinsky**
For *MediaNews Group*

The winters in Michigan can be long and unforgiving. So when the sun comes out in the summer months and temperatures tick into the 80s, we must take full advantage and spend as much time as possible soaking up the rays and enjoying all our state has to offer.

There is no better way to do just that than by spending all day on Sunday, August 4, at the Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise: classic cars grooving down the strip, families enjoy-

ing countless activities, and some of the best food offerings in Metro Detroit available every few steps you take.

In the 17th rendition for this much-anticipated staple of Michigan summer, this year's Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise is primed to be the best yet.

"Probably 80 percent of the people that come out are big car fans; they like to drive their cars, see other cars, all of that," said Paul Silvestri, the Cruise Committee's secretary and director of media communications. "But when it comes

down to it, we are a family fun-oriented event. We try to keep it fun for kids and adults just the same."

Those dedicated Clinton Township gear-heads will be thrilled by the hundreds of vintage vehicles cruising Gratiot, from timeless Corvettes and Chevys of the 1950s to classic muscle cars of the '60s and '70s.

And while the event is all in good fun, there is a little competition mixed in, too. Last year's Cruise Committee established a new group of awards, coming up with their own unique spin on

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Overview

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“Best in Show” honors typically reserved for beagles and Yorkshire Terriers.

“A group of our car show winners from last year will select our ‘Best in Show’ car for this event,” Silvestri said. “The winner will get a special embroidered jacket that says, ‘I Cruised Gratiot — Best in Show.’ It’s a limited edition jacket that only a handful of people in the world will have. There will be a lot of competition for that honor this year.”

The Moran Chevrolet Cruise Headquarters for this year’s event will be in the parking lot of the McLaren Macomb “Glass House” Building, located at 16 Mile and Gratiot. Food vendors at headquarters include TDW’s Dog House and Kona Ice, helping to keep all spectators fed and refreshed.

It’s also where Opening Ceremonies will commence at 11:10 a.m., with a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner to be sung by popular local artist Emma Guzman.

Grand Marshal of this year’s Cruise, former Brigadier General John D. Slocum of the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, will kick off the parade of classic cars at noon.

“We wanted to choose someone with the military this year and it was the Township Supervisor who suggested reaching out to this individual because he was retiring from Selfridge,” Silvestri said. “We’ve got a vintage military vehicle that he’s going to ride in that is supposedly in mint condition, so that should be really neat.”

Adding even more to the day’s jam-packed schedule will be the “Under the Big Top Tent” Craft & Vendor Show, set to take place in the Family Fun Zone at 15



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What began as a niche event with maybe 10,000 attendees and a handful of businesses participating has exploded in the time since. Those figures have skyrocketed, with a head count numbering in the hundreds of thousands and sponsoring businesses well over 100.

Mile and Gratiot.

“There will be about 30 vendors down there, all with unique things to sell, like Etsy vendors,” Silvestri said. “It’s something we were presented with a few months ago and decided to roll with it for this year. We’re really excited to see how it turns out.”

There will be adult games like Cornhole, Ladder Ball and Giant Jenga

available to play throughout the day at the Moran Chevrolet Cruise Headquarters. A DJ will also be spinning great tunes to help keep the energy level high at all times.

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rocketed, with a head count numbering in the hundreds of thousands and sponsoring businesses well over 100.

Whether you’re a longtime car enthusiast or simply looking for a wonderful way to spend a day in the sun with family

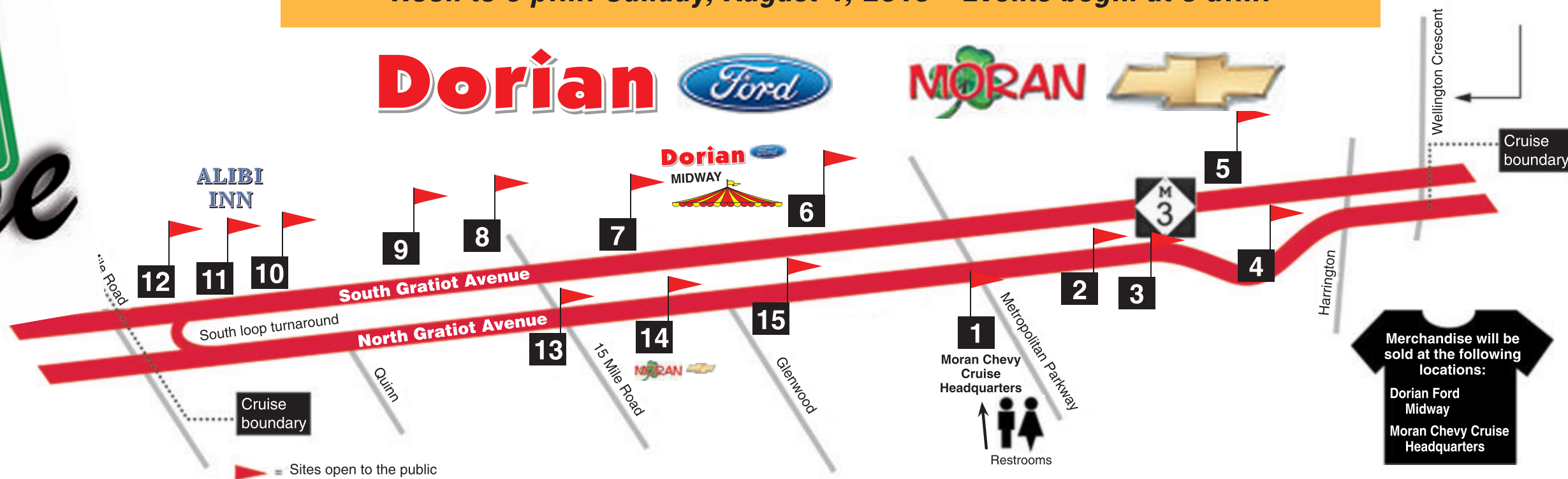
and friends, the Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise is a can’t-miss highlight on the Michigan summer calendar.



CLINTON TOWNSHIP 17TH GRATIOT CRUISE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE



Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, August 4, 2019 • Events begin at 8 a.m.



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The McLaren Macomb Hospital Building (SE Corner 16/Gratiot)
- 8:00 Classic Car Show Registration Begins
 - 11:10 Opening Ceremony National Anthem – Emma Guzman, Prayer
 - 11:30 Pedal Car Parade Begins
 - 11:45 VIP/Classic Car Parade – Lead By Grand Marshal – Brigadier General John D. Slocum
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• Car Show (Pre-registration) |
| 3. Burger King
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• Food Specials, Car Parking | 10. Art Van
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| 6. Cash Exchange
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Thank You Cruise Committee: Bob Cannon, Tom Tignanelli, Paul Silvestri, Jeff Flaga, Ken Pearl, Bob Roehl, Jerry Tignanelli, Jim Tignanelli and Mary Ellen Zander. We're looking for new members for 2020! Please visit our website at:
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• Clinton Township Parks & Recreation
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LET'S CRUISE GRATIOT TOGETHER!
The Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise Committee and the Clinton Township Downtown Development Authority welcome you to the Sixteenth Annual Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise. Have Fun! Because safety is of the utmost concern during the cruise, everyone should obey all traffic instructions offered by the Clinton Township Police Department. Ample parking is available at local business sites as well as in common areas along the cruise route. Parking and viewing from the median along Gratiot is strictly prohibited. Pedestrians should cross Gratiot at intersections only.





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FOOD & DRINK

Food options abound at this year's Gratiot Cruise

By **Joey Yashinsky**
For *MediaNews Group*

Be it a baseball game, a trip to the movies, or in this case a festive day out with family at the Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise, filling one's belly with delicious food is always an integral part of the process.

Lucky for cruise-goers on August 4, there will be no shortage of terrific options right on the Gratiot strip.

The Dorian Ford Family Fun Zone, located at 15 Mile and Gratiot, will serve as home to a slew of top-rated food vendors.

Nikolina's Bistro & BBQ is one of the most popular food trucks in the state.

They are famous for their slow-cooked "smork" (smoked pulled pork) and "smick" (smoked chicken). Along with juicy burgers, hot dogs and fresh-cut fries, there's no reason to go hungry on Cruise day.

To cool off for a bit, Palazzolo's will be on hand with their delectable artisan gelato and sorbetto. Made from completely natural ingredients, Palazzolo's desserts are a welcome sight at any party or gathering, with the Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise being no exception.

The Dorian Ford Family Fun Zone will also feature Monkey Business, a one-stop shop for anything you could imagine. They serve up award-winning gyros, all-beef hot dogs, ribeye sandwiches, as well as homemade donuts, sundaes and milkshakes.

Make your way over to the Moran Chevrolet Cruise Headquarters at 16 Mile and Gratiot for another pair of excellent food options.

TDW's Dog House is a



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staple of any Michigan fair or festival.

They stick to the basics and serve 'em up just right: grilled dogs, Better Made chips and Faygo pop. For five bucks, you can have a classic Detroit lunch and be ready to head right back out to the cruisers.

Kona Ice will also be at Cruise Headquarters, with their many flavors of shaved

ice serving as the perfect treat to cool you off on a sun-soaked day.

The options along the strip will be plentiful and scrumptious.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Look for new activities, events at 2019 Gratiot Cruise

Craft & Vendor Fair, Touch-a-Truck among this year's new offerings

By **Joey Yashinsky**
For MediaNews Group

The Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise will undoubtedly be chock full of classic vehicles lining the strip all day long.

But organizers of this event don't stop there. They want to go for the gusto, bringing all sorts of entertainment and fun to the thousands of spectators enjoying the afternoon.

In the 17th edition of the Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise, a number of new features have been added to the day's schedule.

A Craft & Vendor Fair will be set up at the Dorian Ford Family Fun Zone with over 30 different artists showcasing their distinctive creations.

Also at the Family Fun Zone will be a Touch-a-Truck event, offering chil-

dren the unique chance to navigate fire trucks, construction trucks, emergency vehicles and more.

"We're working with the Township to put on the Kids Touch-a-Truck event," said Paul Silvestri, the Cruise Committee's secretary and director of media communications. "There's going to be quite a few trucks and vehicles parked down at the Family Fun Zone for kids to sit in, climb on and ride in."

With bounce houses and games galore, the Kids Zone is sure to be a favorite for happy children on Cruise day.

Also new to the lineup will be the first-ever "Queen of Gratiot" Pinup Pageant, getting underway at 1 p.m. at Cruise Headquarters, located at 16 Mile and Gratiot. The pageant will be put on by Pretties for Pit-

ties, a nonprofit organization working to reduce the number of pit bulls that wind up in overcrowded area shelters.

The theme of the contest will be rockabilly, so while any style could eventually net first prize, donning a pencil skirt and memorizing a couple of Elvis tunes probably wouldn't hurt.

"Their group wanted to try holding the pageant here and we were excited to partner with them," Silvestri said. "It's a great fundraiser for them and we're willing to help out however we can."

Headquarters will also be home to an array of crowd-pleasing party games like Cornhole, Giant Jenga and Ladder Ball.

The classic automobiles will always take center stage at the Clinton Township Gratiot Cruise.

Along with that will be plenty of brand-new activities all along Gratiot, bringing joy and excitement to attendees of all ages.





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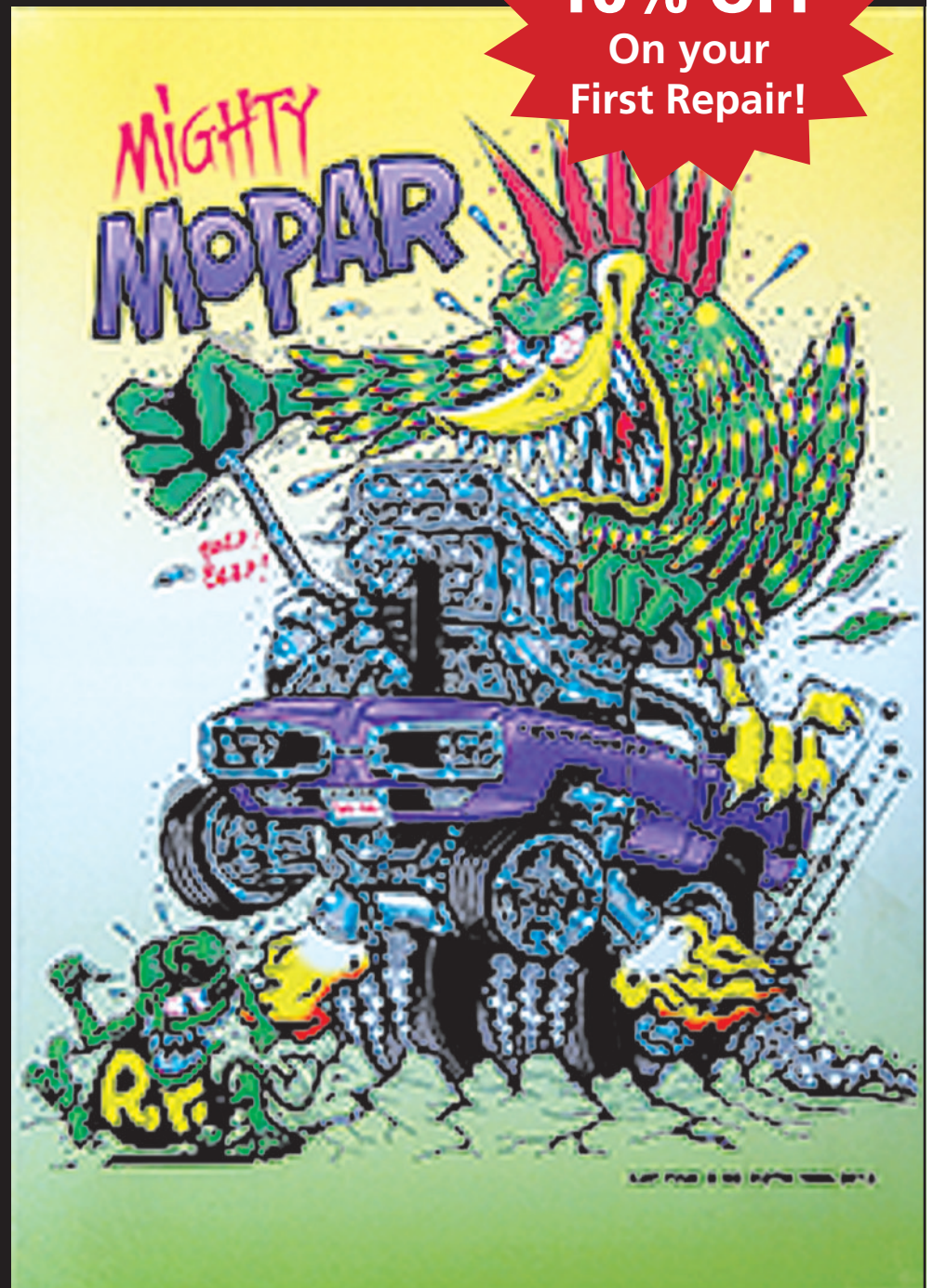
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