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### Robina Plaza Project Moves Forward

The much talked about Robina Plaza Project will begin with the temporary closure of the north and south corners of Robina Avenue and Twelve Mile Road. The objective of the project is to examine the feasibility of using Robina as a permanent community-gathering place in Berkley's downtown. Over the past few years, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has been working with the Michigan Municipal League, city administration and Hubbell Roth and Clark (HRC), the city's engineering firm, to determine the most effective and safe way to bring life to the concept of having a community gathering place.

Starting on September 19, 2016, Robina will be temporarily closed to vehicle traffic until November 18, 2016. Several family-friendly events have been scheduled in the plaza during that time. "This temporary closure gives residents and visitors the opportunity to experience Robina in a whole new way", said City Manager Matt Baumgarten. "We are excited to see how this area could potentially be used in the future. We encourage residents to visit the space and participate in the scheduled events during the closure. Comments and suggestions are welcomed by email sent to [robinaplaza@berkleymich.net](mailto:robinaplaza@berkleymich.net)."

During the temporary closure, signage will be posted to help motorists and pedestrians travel safely through the area. Traffic patterns will be examined to determine how adjoining streets may be affected. When Robina reopens in November, HRC and the Public Safety Department will report their findings and submit recommendations to the DDA and City Council. Based on the information, a decision will be made regarding the future of the Robina Plaza concept. For more information on the Robina Project, including updates and conceptual drawings, visit: [www.berkleymich.org/robina](http://www.berkleymich.org/robina).

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