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Birmingham Art Walk Returns on September 17 with Local Artists, Live Music, Shopping & More

BIRMINGHAM, MI, August 31, 2026 – Downtown Birmingham will once again come alive with art, live music, and community spirit during the **Birmingham Art Walk on Thursday, September 17, from 5–8 p.m.** Presented by the [Birmingham Shopping District \(BSD\)](#) in partnership with the [Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center \(BBAC\)](#) and the City of Birmingham Public Arts Board, this **free strolling event** invites the community to experience the downtown in a whole new way.

Visitors can explore **21 participating local shops**, meet talented artists, enjoy live performances, and discover special in-store promotions along the walkable downtown route.

“The Birmingham Art Walk is a wonderful opportunity not only to explore Birmingham’s distinctive shops and the area’s incredible artists, but also to create meaningful community connections,” said **Erika Bassett, BSD Executive Director**. “There’s something truly special about getting to know the individuals who shape the creativity and character of our city.”

A Night Out and Chances to Win

This year’s **Art Walk Passport experience** offers attendees the opportunity to enjoy a night out and multiple chances to win prizes, including theater tickets at the Fisher Theatre courtesy of ATG Detroit presenting *The Notebook*.

One lucky winner will receive a **\$700 gift basket**, including four theater tickets, gift cards to 220, and the BBAC gallery shop or exhibitions, and leather goods from Birmingham’s newest retailer, Portland Leather Goods, and more.

Begin your Art Walk experience by **picking up a Passport Brochure** at any participating merchant or at the Birmingham Shopping District **event table located at the northeast corner of Maple Road and Old Woodward Avenue (near CB2)**.

For full event details, a map of participating merchants, and how to participate in the giveaways, visit **downtownbirmingham.com/artwalk**.

Local Voices, Community Connections

“Birmingham Art Walk is one of those events that really captures what makes downtown special. It brings the community together, gets people walking through town and gives our local businesses a chance to be part of something bigger than what’s happening inside our own four walls,” said Beth Hussey, co-owner of Hazel’s. “At Hazel’s, we’re excited to add to the evening with a live, large-scale floral installation in the Grotto, a DJ and a complimentary mocktail for guests. It’s going to be a really fun night, and we’re excited to be part of it.”

Marlene Mansour, owner of Urban Wick Candle Bar, added, “The Birmingham Art Walk is a win-win for everyone. It brings art lovers into our stores to experience incredible local talent while introducing them to the one-of-a-kind shopping and dining we offer downtown. It’s an inspiring way to connect with the community and celebrate creativity right here in Birmingham.”

Plan Your Visit

Parking is convenient at any of Birmingham’s five municipal garages, with the first two hours always free. Locations are available at downtownbirmingham.com/park.

For full event details, a map of participating locations, and giveaway details visit

downtownbirmingham.com/artwalk. For more information about the BSD, visit

downtownbirmingham.com and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

To learn more about the BBAC, including programs and other offerings, visit bbartcenter.org. To

learn more about the City of Birmingham Public Arts Board and public art on display, visit

bhamgov.org/art.

Established in 1992, the BIRMINGHAM PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT comprises over 300 retailers, including many of the Metro Detroit most fashionable women and men’s clothing stores, restaurants, salons & spas, home design shops, and many other specialty boutiques. The district is also home to offices and a variety of businesses from financial services to technology-based firms. Located among some of the nation’s most affluent suburbs, Downtown Birmingham is a center for business, social, cultural, and community activities for Birmingham residents and neighboring communities.

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