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**DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MARKS THE CITY'S 306TH BIRTHDAY WITH A PARTY ON SUNDAY, JULY 22ND AT THE DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

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**DETROIT** -- Join the Detroit Historical Society for a family celebration like no other -- the City of Detroit's 306th Birthday Party on Sunday, July 22nd from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Admission is \$3.06 for everyone in observance of the founding of the settlement of the "city on the straits" by French voyageur Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac on July 24, 1701. Admission is free for Detroit Historical Society members or those who choose to become members at the event.

The Birthday Party this year focuses on Detroit's early days, including the Native American and French experience. Meet French settlers in the dress of the era and learn about Native American culture and traditions that bring the region's history to life. Kids can also learn about tracing their genealogy and receive a worksheet to take home. In addition, you can stroll inside the shops of the Museum's signature Streets of Old Detroit. Enjoy a common snack of the 18th century, ginger cookies and iced apple juice, and participate (for a small donation) in an old-fashioned cake walk to win one of a variety of birthday cakes donated by local confectioners. Finally, you can get a preview of new exhibitions opening at the Detroit Historical Museum this September.

A special discount of \$5 off new Detroit Historical Society memberships will be offered during the event. In addition to free admission to the Detroit Historical Museum and Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Society members receive the following benefits:

Discounted tickets to our Historic Houses of Worship tours or Behind the Scenes events;

Various members-only events, including exclusive exhibit previews;

A subscription to our newsletter, Making History, published every other month;  
A 15 percent discount for the Detroit Historical Museum's Old Detroit Shop.

Detroit's 306th Birthday Party is presented by Nordstrom and Great Stuff. For more information, call (313) 833-1805 or check out our website at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org). In addition to this event, the Society is looking to leverage the city's birthday this year with a couple first-ever fund raising events – an online auction on its website from July 20-26 and the “Dine Out for Detroit History,” in which 51 metro Detroit restaurants will donate up to 20 percent of their proceeds from dinner guests on Tuesday, July 24th to the Society. Details of both events are available at [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org).

The Detroit Historical Museum, located at 5401 Woodward Ave. (NW corner of Kirby) in Detroit's Cultural Center area, is open to the public Wednesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 5 p.m. On Mondays and Tuesdays, the Museum is not open to the public but available for group tours by calling (313) 833-7979. Regular admission prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for Seniors (60+), college students with valid college ID, and children ages 5-17. Admission for children ages four and under is free. Parking in the Museum's lot is \$3 at all times. Permanent exhibits include the famous Streets of Old Detroit, Frontiers to Factories, The Motor City, and The Glancy Trains.