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Woodward Dream Cruise joy ride marks 30th year



Cruisers make their way along Woodward Avenue in Royal Oak during the 2014 Woodward Dream Cruise on Aug. 15, 2014. The cruise is expected to draw more than 1 million attendees this year. RYAN GARZA/DFP

Event shows no sign of slowing, thanks to car fans

Eric D. Lawrence Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Michael Lary isn't sure what the Woodward Dream Cruise will be like in 30 years, but he knows who will keep the wheels spinning. • "Loyal auto enthusiasts are going to keep it alive. Young people are going to keep the classics running," said Lary, president of the Woodward Dream Cruise board and director of special events for Ferndale, which he also represents on the board. • The passion that fuels someone to "buy an old rust bucket, and say 'I can do something with this'" and then share that story with others after they pour their heart and soul into it as so many do at the Dream Cruise is impressive, Lary said. • "You don't have to be a classic car owner, you don't even have to be an enthusiast to appreciate something like that," he said.

That ultimate expression of car culture will be on display up and down Woodward Avenue on Saturday, Aug. 16, as it has for three decades.

It's been 30 years since the first Dream Cruise, a reimagining of Woodward Avenue's cruising culture heyday in the 1950s and '60s that has grown well beyond a local celebration into an annual festival that's expected to draw more than 1 million attendees this year.

As Lary noted, it's become the largest cruising event in the world.

The Dream Cruise encompasses a 16-mile stretch of roadway through nine participating Oakland County communities, and draws gearheads, nostalgia-seekers and casual fans from far and



People stand on the sidewalk during the 2024 Woodward Dream Cruise.

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Martha Reeves to kick off this year's Dream Cruise, 1B.

wide. The cruise is 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, although events are planned Friday, Aug. 15, as well, including the official ribbon cutting and a meet-and-greet with Motown legend and former Detroit City Council member Martha Reeves.

It's not universally beloved — some hate the disruption, the noise and the fumes — but its continued influence is hard to deny, both as an annual rite of summer in metro Detroit and for what it brings to the region, including the \$150 million in economic impact Visit Detroit projects for this year's event.

The official cruise website

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Legionella trail leads to senior home water

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Legionella bacteria was identified in the water system of Allegría Village, a senior-living community in Dearborn, where investigators from the Wayne County Department of Health, Human & Veterans Services now are working to determine the cause of death for two residents who had Legionnaires' disease and died in June and July.

Dr. Avani Sheth, chief medical officer and division director of clinical care services for the county, said "immediate response efforts" have begun in consultation with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Allegría Village, Sheth said, is working on "disinfection and remediation of affected areas, temporary water restrictions and provision of alternative water sources where necessary, ongoing environmental testing to ensure effectiveness of remediation efforts, and educating residents and staff on seeking prompt medical evaluation if they develop symptoms."

The residential complex, formerly known as Henry Ford Village, is on Ford Road in Dearborn and provides independent and assisted living for people ages 55 and older, along with skilled nursing and memory care, its website says, on a 35-acre gated property.

Legionella bacteria lives in wet and warm environments and can cause a serious type of pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease, according to the U.S. Centers for

Dearborn facility is on alert after 2 residents with disease died

"As of right now, we are not aware of any new cases since the one in June and the one in July. However, Allegría Village is encouraging everyone to seek prompt medical attention if they develop symptoms."

Kimberly Harry, public information officer for the Wayne County Department of Health, Human & Veterans Services

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Allegría Village in Dearborn, formerly known as Henry Ford Village, provides independent and assisted living for ages 55-plus. ANTRANIK TAVITIAN/DFP

Analysts expect EV sales to soar in Q3

Big discounts abound as tax credits come to an end

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If there ever was a great time to buy an electric vehicle, it appears now might be it, car experts say.

Analysts say sales on EVs have been strong as some buyers push to get ahead of the loss of federal tax credits. The "Big Beautiful Bill" signed by President Donald Trump will end the \$7,500 tax credit for new EVs and \$4,000 for used EVs,



Tesla Model 3 sedan starts at about \$42,400.

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as well as credits for business and individual EV charger installations, on Sept. 30.

Between that and automakers moving out EV inventory in July, Cox Automotive's data showed discounts soared and the average transaction prices on EVs plummeted compared with the year-ago period. The result: Sales of EVs experienced a boost.

It indicates that you might get a good deal on an EV — if you act fast.

"The urgency created by the administration's decision to sunset government-backed, IRA-era EV incentives was expected to create serious demand for EVs in the short term. If last month is any measure: Mission Accomplished," wrote Stephanie Valdez Streaty, Cox senior analyst, in a report released Aug. 13. "July sales were near an all-time monthly record. At this pace, Q3 will be the best ever and then

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