

# Listens to Michigan

Forget about Fox and MSNBC. Maybe even network news isn't getting it. The issues that are so critical to Michigan's future, require its citizens to think ever more for themselves, not through the partisan prism of the leftwing and rightwing shouters, or the often overly boiled down, pre-packaged summaries of the networks. AARP has been convening "community conversations" with Michiganders all across the state to encourage their independent thinking about issues and to come to their own conclusions with the help of nonpartisan or bipartisan resources. The audience is the show! No "Program." No "Forum." No high-tech town hall. These conversations directly engage the participants with each other on issues in a new way, such as on health care reform and beyond, in an environment of calm listening, fact-checking and shared discussion. Factual information from a variety of sources will be provided, participants will be encouraged to talk about their own information sources, and from there the conversation begins and grows through to the session's conclusion. AARP summarizes each of these conversations for the organization and its general membership to deepen its own learning and as a service to members and the public. Get in touch with AARP Michigan by emailing, [MIAARP@aarp.org](mailto:MIAARP@aarp.org) if you know of a group or community that would like to have AARP come listen in to its Conversation!

## *Tour Schedule*

### ***AARP Listens to Grand Rapids 2 - SEPTEMBER***

*Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-8p.m. at The Yankee Clipper Branch Library, 2025 Leonard NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505 in the meeting room on the ground level of the library. A light meal will be provided, free of charge. Registration closes Monday, September 13th.\**

### ***AARP Listens to Jackson - SEPTEMBER***

*Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from Noon-2p.m. at The Granary Restaurant within the Ella Sharp Museum, 3225 Fourth St., Jackson, MI. A light meal will be provided, free of charge. Registration closes Friday, September 17th.\**

### ***AARP Listens to Detroit 3 - OCTOBER***

*Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm at The Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 in the Explorer's Room on the ground level. A light meal will be provided, free of charge. Registration closes Monday, October 11th.\**

### ***AARP Listens to Lansing 2 - NOVEMBER***

*Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8p.m. at The Capital Area District Library, 401 S. Capitol Ave, Lansing, MI 48933 in the ground level of the library. A light meal will be provided, free of charge. Registration closes Monday, November 8th.\**

***\*The public must call 1-877-926-8300 to register. Registration for each event opens 3 weeks before the event.***