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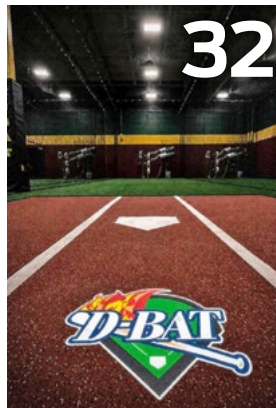
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From MAYOR WOOLLEY

THE holidays mark a season of giving and there are events scheduled for Taylor where your participation can greatly benefit others who may not be as fortunate as you.

Look no further than the Taylor Goodfellows and the Downriver Fish and Loaves Food Pantry. Those two organizations take your donations for the benefit of needy children and families who often struggle during the holiday season.

The largest fund-raiser for the Fish and Loaves organization, Santa's Magic Forest returns to the old Eureka Heights Elementary School beginning November 27-29 and then again December 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20.

The magic forest has been a staple in Taylor for decades and raised over \$30,000 for the food pantry last year.

Santa's Magic Forest is Downriver's finest holiday display and includes animated characters, Christmas scenes and tree-and-light displays. In

addition, visitors have a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus – all for a \$5 ticket (with anyone 3 and under entering free).

The Taylor Goodfellows starts its fund-raising with the Winterfest Goodfellows Hot Cocoa 5K Run in Heritage Park on Saturday, December 5. All the proceeds go to the Goodfellows, who live by the motto, "No Child Without a Christmas." Each year, they raise funds to purchase food, warm clothing and much more for hundreds of children and families.

The 5K run is one of many ways that you can donate to the Goodfellows. For a single-entry fee, runners receive a finisher medal, long-sleeved T-shirt, snacks and treats, overall group awards and hot cocoa at the finish.

Fundraising for the Goodfellows does not end there. Money donations can be made through Paypal and Venmo (@taylorgoodfellows). Toy and winter clothing donations (new and unused) can be dropped off at City Hall. You can adopt a child by contacting the Goodfellows for details. And the group will hold its "newspaper fundraiser" by accepting donations on street corners throughout Taylor on November 27-29 and December 5-6.

Catch the holiday spirit and visit Santa's Magic Forest, run in the Winterfest 5K or donate to the Taylor Goodfellows this year. For more information, visit the Fish and Loaves website at www.flcfp.org/smp or contact the Taylor Goodfellows by email at taylorgoodfellows@gmail.com.



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William Ford Senior Activities Center

(313) 291-7740

Taylor Community Library

(734) 287-4840

Other telephone numbers

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AROUND Taylor

November – December



NOVEMBER

October 24-November 2 November General Election Early In-Person Voting

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INFO: All early in-person voting for the November 3 General Election will be held in City Hall, October 24-November 1. Polls starting Saturday, October 24 and running through Saturday, October 31 will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Mondays-Fridays. The final day, Monday, November 2, voting will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. If you have questions, call (734) 287-6550 Option 6.

November 3 General Election

INFO: Polls open across Taylor from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center to find your designated polling location and more information.

November 7 Comedy Show

Taylor Meadows Banquet Room
25360 Ecorse Road
INFO: Ideal night out with family or friends. Dinner, drinks and a great show. Call (734) 287-1633 for more information.

November 10 Seniors Jukebox Bingo

Noon-2
William Ford Senior Activities Center
6750 Troy
INFO: \$5 for Taylor residents; \$8 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required.

November 11 Veteran's Day (City Hall closed)

November 14 Friends of the Taylor Community Library Used Book Sale

Taylor Community Library
12303 Pardee Road
INFO: Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds provide funding for worthwhile programs and equipment for the library. Donations of books, DVDs, CDs, record albums, CD audio books and puzzles are accepted at the back door of the library on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the sale day, the Friends of the Library will accept donations of non-perishable food for the Fish & Loaves Community Food Pantry in exchange for a free book during the sale.

November 17 Seniors November Dance 11:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. William Ford Senior Activities Center 6750 Troy Street *INFO: Music and light refreshments. Call (313) 291-7740 for details.*

November 21 Taylor School Foundation presents Piano Wars 6-10 p.m. Taylor Democratic Club *INFO: Individual tickets \$35 each.*

November 21 15th Annual Taylor Conservatory Tree Lighting Community Celebration Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens 22314 Northline Road 5-6:30 p.m. *INFO: Kick off the holiday season at the beautiful Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens. Enjoy the magic of twinkling lights, festive holiday music and a cozy bonfire as Santa Claus makes his special appearance to light the Conservatory Christmas Tree at 5:30 p.m. Call (734) 442-4224 for more information.*

November 24 Seniors Monthly Birthday Bash & Karaoke

Noon-2
William Ford Senior Activities Center
6750 Troy
INFO: Karaoke and cake.

November 26 Thanksgiving Day (City Hall closed)

November 26 Thanksgiving Dinner Lakes of Taylor Golf Course *INFO: Reservations required. Enjoy a great holiday meal with a view of your favorite golf course. Call (734) 287-9001 for details*

November 27 Black Friday (City Hall closed)

November 27- 29 Goodfellows Fund-raising Multiple Locations *INFO: Help ring in the Christmas season by giving or collecting donations for the Taylor Goodfellows. Donations and donors are always needed. Contact taylorgoodfellows@gmail.com or call (313) 461-2919 for more information.*



November 27-29 and December 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20 Santa's Magic Forest Eureka Heights Elementary School 251254 Eureka Road Fridays: 5-8 p.m. Saturdays & Sundays: noon-8 *INFO: Downriver's finest holiday display of antique decor from JL Hudson Co. is back again this year. Bring out the whole family to experience this magical holiday experience, including photos with Santa or Grinch (\$10 each). General admission tickets are \$5. Children 3 and under are free. Visit www.flcfp.org/smp for more information.*

DECEMBER

December 5

Pet Pictures with Santa

Taylor Animal Shelter
25555 Northline
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
INFO: Photos with Santa for \$10.

December 5

Goodfellows' Taylor Winterfest 5K

Heritage Park
12111 Pardee Road
INFO: The Winterfest 5K offers running, walking and children's options and kicks off the City's annual holiday season celebration day. Tentatively, kid's run starts at 9:30 a.m. with 5K following at 10. Online registrations offer various discounts for signing up early. Finisher medal, long sleeve t-shirt, runner snacks and treats, age group awards and hot cocoa at the finish line. All proceeds go to the Taylor Goodfellows.

December 5

Taylor Winterfest

Heritage Park
12111 Pardee Road
INFO: Experience the City's annual Winterfest Day Celebration. Gates open at the Sheridan Open Air Pavilion at 4 p.m. Lots of music, food and refreshments for sale. Games and crafts. Live bands. Holiday characters abound. Once Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive, the official tree-lighting will take place around 6 p.m. Fireworks will cap the evening immediately after the tree-lighting. Note: There will be no parade this year.

December 5-6

Goodfellows Fund-raising

Multiple Locations
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SCHOOL FOUNDATION ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR WALL OF FAME 2027

The Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence will be hosting its third annual Wall of Fame Gala in Spring 2027. An appointed committee of Taylor School Board members, Taylor School Administrators and foundation board members will again select up to three individuals in the upcoming months who have made a significant contribution to the Taylor School District and or to the Taylor community.

Past honorees were John Pantalone and Loren Ristovski in 2025 and Caroline Patts and Ken Nelson in 2026.

The foundation is currently accepting nominations for individuals to be honored. The nomination applications can be found on the Taylor Education Foundation web site at taylorschoolsfoundation.org

The deadline for the application is November 30.

The gala is not only an opportunity to honor individuals who have made a significant contribution to Taylor Public Schools and the Taylor community; it also directly supports educators and students.

Funds raised through the gala are awarded to educators in the form of grants to support innovative school and classroom projects that are not funded through the district's regular budget. These grants provide educators with resources and opportunities that enhance learning and make a meaningful difference in the educational experience of our students.

Last year, the Taylor Public School Foundation awarded \$25,000 in grants to 25 educators, helping to bring important classroom projects and educational ideas to life. Through the generosity of sponsors and community supporters, the organization hopes to expand this impact in 2027.

The Taylor Public School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Taylor Public Schools and its students, educators and programs. The foundation is always seeking individuals who are interested in making a difference in our community by serving on the board of directors. Board members help plan, coordinate and support fundraising events and other foundation activities while working to strengthen educational opportunities for Taylor students.

The organization welcomes community members who are willing to share their time, talents, ideas and connections in support of our schools. Serving on the foundation board is a meaningful way to give back to the Taylor community and help make a lasting impact on students and educators.

Please e-mail the Taylor School Foundation at taylorschoolsfoundation@taylorschools.net to express your interest in helping or if you have any related questions.

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December 5-6

The Nutcracker Ballet

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center
15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn
INFO: Taylor's Ballet Americana combines with the Dearborn Symphony to bring the timeless classic to life during three performances across two days. Performances at 2 and 7 p.m. December 5 and at 2 p.m. on December 6. Check the theater's website for more information and tickets.

December 8

Seniors Christmas Party

William Ford Senior Activities Center
6750 Troy Street
Noon-3
INFO: With music and a catered meal. Call (313) 291-7740 for details.

December 10

Christmas Dinner Honoring Veterans

American Legion Post 200
11800 Michael Street
6 p.m.
INFO: Complete turkey and ham dinner with all the fixings. Help keep our veterans warm by donating socks that will be distributed to veterans in need. Music provided by Mike Carey. For more information, call (734) 291-3622.

December 12-13

Jingle Bell Barn

Heritage Park Petting Farm
12803 Pardee Road
INFO: Visit the Grinch in Who Vile, Santa and Mrs. Claus, drink hot chocolate and offer Letters to Santa. Tickets are \$6 per person, with 1-and-unders free. This event is included if you own a Family Farm Pass.

December 15

Seniors Jukebox Bingo

Noon-2
William Ford Senior Activities Center
6750 Troy
INFO: \$5 for Taylor residents; \$8 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required by December 13.

December 18-23

Taylor Winterfest Stroll

Heritage Park
12111 Pardee Road
INFO: A holiday stroll around the lighted and decorated Coan Lake historical area of Heritage Park. Event will include carolers, themed characters and "Holiday Barn" at the petting farm. Take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus (included in the price of the ticket). Look for tickets/reservations to go on sale in November. Ticket reservation time slots tentatively run on the half-hour each evening, beginning at 6 p.m. with the final timeslot of 8:30 each night. Various ticket packages are offered for resident adults, resident children and non-residents. Children under 2 are free. Resident Family Pack offers discounts. Entrance, exit and parking at the Heritage Park Petting Farm.

December 24

Christmas Eve (City Hall closed)

December 25

Christmas Day (City Hall closed)

December 29

Seniors Monthly Birthday Bash & Karaoke

Noon-2
William Ford Senior Activities Center
6750 Troy
INFO: Karaoke and cake.

December 31

New Year's Eve (City Hall closed)

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New Year's Day (City Hall closed)

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MM3 Home Improvement offers experience, skill, vision on each project By Terry Jacoby

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"No matter what kind of project you have going on, we will find a way to provide you with the best service around," said Michael Hane, one of the owners who spends more time on the job site than sitting behind a desk.

"I believe in being out there to make sure things run smoothly, and that the final product will be up to MM3's standards," he said.

MM3 is run by Hane and Mark Matthews, two local licensed builders. Matthews is a graduate of Edsel Ford High School, and Hane graduated from Dearborn High. After graduating from Wayne State in the winter of 2013, Hane made the choice to veer from his original path and pursue the trades. Working for several home improvement companies over the course of the next 10 years, he eventually teamed up with Matthews, who founded his company MM3 in the summer of 2014.

Naming the company after both himself and his three children, Matthews exemplifies a family man, and those values are shared in the way MM3 does business.

Beginning with smaller projects for members of the local community, MM3 has grown since its start to take on progressively bigger projects. They have become known for their outstanding kitchen remodels, something that can really put their hard work and craftsmanship on

display. They also have completed three home additions in Dearborn over the last two years, along with many bathroom remodels.

"One of the best parts of pairing with MM3 for your home renovation is the fact that you know the actual people who will be doing the work in your home before anybody swings a hammer," Hane said. "The same people will be with you from start to finish. You won't be passed around from one person to another and there is a built-in level of trust that you are going to get the best service possible because we really care about what we are doing, the product we provide, and continuing our reputation as



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converting sliding glass doors to French doors.

"Mark is the one you will probably see when MM3 first comes to meet you and hear about what you would like done in your home," Hane said. "We both know that every project is different, everyone has different tastes and there are unlimited ways to design something that would fit your needs and lifestyle best."

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Key Events will Highlight the Holiday Season

We're heading into the stretch run of 2026 and special holiday events will dot the Taylor landscape in November and December. Here's what to look forward to seeing:

November 21

15th Annual Taylor Conservatory Tree Lighting Community Celebration

Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens, 22314 Northline Road

The Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens gets the honor of leading off the holiday festivities with its Tree Lighting Community Celebration 5-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 21. The Taylor Conservatory & Botanical Gardens can be one of the most picturesque spots during the holiday season. Santa Claus will make an appearance at the event, which will include festival music, snacks and refreshments, a bonfire and the lighting of the Conservatory Christmas Tree at 5:30 p.m. Call (734) 442-4224 for information.

November 27-29 and December 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20

Santa's Magic Forest

Eureka Heights Elementary School, 251254 Eureka Road

Santa's Magic Forest, the largest fundraiser for the Downriver Fish & Loaves Food Pantry, remains at the old Eureka Heights Elementary School for the second straight year. The Magic Forest fits nicely in the gymnasium, accompanying hallway and multiple classrooms. The old school, closed by the Taylor School District, offers plenty of onsite parking and easy-in, easy-out access.

"We really want to thank the Taylor School District and the City of Taylor for their cooperation in this effort," said Stephanie McNees, CEO of the Fish & Loaves Food Pantry. Last year's event raised over \$30,000 for Fish & Loaves, which helps needy families across the Downriver region.

The schedule for Santa's Magic Forest will be 5-8 p.m. on Fridays and noon-8 p.m. on Saturday and Sundays on the following dates:

- November 27-29
- December 4-6
- December 11-13
- December 18-20

Tickets are \$5 and children under 3 enter free. Santa's Magic Forest has been

widely known as Downriver's finest holiday display and includes antique decor from JL Hudson Co. as well as much more. Bring

out the whole family to experience this magical holiday experience, including photos with Santa or the Grinch (for \$10). Visit www.flcfp.org/smp for more information.

December 5

Taylor Winterfest and Goodfellow's 5K

Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road

The City of Taylor is ready to put the pedal to the medal on the holiday season with Winterfest Day including Goodfellow's Winterfest 5K in the morning and the annual tree lighting and fireworks in the evening.

The Taylor Winterfest Goodfellows Hot Cocoa 5K/Walk offers adult and children's options and kicks off the City's annual holiday season celebration day. The children's run starts at 9:30 a.m. with 5K following at 10.

Online registrations offer various discounts for signing up early – it is \$35 per person until October 31 for the 5K, \$40 between November 1-December 1 and \$45 the day of the race. The children's one-mile fun run is just \$30 through December 1 and \$35 on the day of the race.

Registration includes finisher medals, long sleeve t-shirts, runner snacks and treats, age group awards and hot cocoa at the finish line. All proceeds go to the Taylor Goodfellows.

Gates for the free Winterfest Tree lighting and Fireworks open at 4 p.m. at the Sheridan Center Open Air Pavilion (there will be no parade). Inside the pavilion there will be live music, food and drinks, holiday characters and arts and crafts. Once Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive, the official tree-lighting will take place, likely around 6 p.m. Fireworks will cap off the evening.

December 5-6

The Nutcracker Ballet with the Dearborn Symphony, featuring Ballet Americana

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn

Taylor's Ballet Americana's "The Nutcracker" will perform inside the Michael A. Guido Theater of the Ford Community



& Performing Arts Center during three performances on Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6. The Ballet Americana's performance is accompanied by the Dearborn Symphony. The holiday tradition brings the timeless Yuletide fantasy to life with angels and sugarplums, a magical prince, a dreamy young girl, mysterious old man and a Christmas tree that grows sky high. For audiences of all ages. Performances at 2 and 7 p.m. on December 5, and at 2 p.m. December 6. Tickets will be available at the Dearborn box office or online.

December 8

William Ford Senior Activities Center Christmas Party

William Ford Senior Activities Center, 6750 Troy Street

The Seniors Christmas Party at the William Ford Senior Activities Center will take place on Tuesday, December 8. Music, entertainment and a catered meal. Call (313) 291-7740 for details.

December 12-13

Jingle Bell Barn

Heritage Park Petting Farm, 12803 Pardee Road

There is nothing quite as inviting as the Heritage Park Petting Farm during the holiday season. Running from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13, visitors can visit the farm animals and get their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and other holiday characters. Tickets are \$6 per person, with 1-and-unders free. This event is included if you have an annual Family Farm Pass.

December 18-23

Taylor Winterfest Stroll

Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road

The Winterfest spirit returns on Friday, December 18 through Wednesday, December 23 when the

Winterfest Stroll lights up Heritage Park.

The stroll starts at the Heritage Park Petting Farm and offers a leisurely walk through a lighted and decorated Coan Lake historical area. It will include carolers, themed characters and the "Holiday Barn" at the farm. You can also take a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus, which is included with the price of the ticket. Food, drinks and refreshments will be available for an additional price.

Look for tickets/reservations to go on sale in November. Ticket reservation time slots tentatively run on the half-hour each evening, with doors opening at 6 p.m. The final admissions are at 8:30 each night. Tickets prices vary: For residents, adults at \$10 and children \$5 with a "resident family pack" for \$25. For non-residents, adults are \$12 and children \$6. Children under 2 are free. Parking is available at the Heritage Park Petting Farm.



Taylor Winterfest Goodfellows Hot Cocoa 5k Run/Walk

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Midterm elections bring big decisions for voters across the state

THE midterm elections are here. Election Day is November 3 and voters in Taylor will cast ballots for a new governor, secretary of state, and attorney general, along with making key decisions in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and other races.

On Election Day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling locations in Taylor are at the senior center (Precincts 1, 2, 3); Taylor High School (4, 5, 6); Blair Moody Elementary (7, 8); West Middle School (9, 10, 11); and Taylor Sportsplex (12, 13, 14, 15).

Absentee ballots were mailed out last month and those can be returned in person to the Clerk's Office (23555 Goddard Road), Election Drop Box (four locations including City Hall, senior center, library and DPW) or by mail.

Early in-person voting will take place from October 24-November 2 at City Hall.

If you have questions related to voting, contact the Clerk's Office at (734) 287-6550 (Option 6), email cityclerk@cityoftaylormi.gov or click on [Michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote).

Locally, 11 residents are running for three open positions on the Board of Education in the Taylor School District. Those appearing on the ballot are Ann Block (I), Tina Daniels, Allen Farhoud, Christine Gersky, Korey Morris (I), Donald Pierson, Richard Pratt, Courtney Prout, James Prout, Christopher Rosen and Mark Westphal (I). Judge Brittany Johnson (I) is running unopposed in the race for the open seat on the bench of the 23rd District Court.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans (Democratic Party) is running for reelection against Michael Evans



(Republican) and John Olumba, who holds no party affiliation.

Depending on where you live in Taylor, the state senate races are in the 2nd and 4th Districts. The open seat in the redrawn 2nd District offers candidates Abbas Alawieh (D), Harry Sawicki (R) and Larry Betts (Working Class). In the 4th District, incumbent Darrin Camilleri (D) faces challengers Marcie Grzywacz (R) and Walter Willis (WC).

In the state House, there are races in the 28th and 29th districts. In the 28th, incumbent Jamie Thompson (R) faces Sherry Berecz (D). In the 29th, incumbent James DeSana (R) faces Darian Counts (D).

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THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

- everything you need to know -

Election Day is November 3

Early Voting

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In the race for the 13th U.S. House seat, Donovan McKinney (D), T.P. Nykoria (R), Chris Dardzinski (U.S. Taxpayers), Raelyn Light (Green) and Simone Coleman (WC) will appear on the ballot.

In the U.S. Senate race, Abdul El-Sayed (D), Mike Rogers (R), Lydia Christensen (Libertarian), Tim Long (Taxpayers), Douglas Marsh (Green) and Walter Kristy (Natural Law) will appear on the ballot.

Running this November for governor are Jocelyn Benson (D), John James (R), Anthony Hudson (Libertarian), Donna Brandenburg (Taxpayers) and Douglas Campbell (Green). Running for secretary of state are Garlin Gilchrist II (D), Anthony Forlini (R), Christine Sloan (Libertarian), Scott Aughney (Taxpayers) and Eric Borregard (Green).

Other races that voters will see on the ballot include the state board of education; regents of the University of Michigan; trustees at Michigan State University; and governors at Wayne State University.

Non-partisan races on the ballot include justices of the Michigan Supreme Court; and judges at the Court of Appeals, Circuit Court and Probate Court levels. Susan Steeby is running unopposed for the Wayne County Community College District Board of Trustees.

Lastly, there are five questions on the ballot:

Proposal 2026-1

A proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision of the state constitution.

Proposal 2026-2

A proposed initiated law to prohibit campaign contributions from certain regulated utilities and government contractors and apply campaign finance laws and regulations to additional types of political communications.

Wayne County Zoological Authority Renewal Millage

In 2008 and 2016, pursuant to Public Act 49 of 2008, Wayne County voters renewed a 10-year property tax millage to fund zoological services through the Wayne County Zoological Authority, supporting animal care, educational and senior programs, and facility maintenance at the Detroit Zoo. The Authority seeks to renew and restore the millage to the original voter-approved rate of 0.10 mill (10 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value). This

proposal would renew the millage at 0.0982 mill and restore the remaining 0.0018 mill that was reduced due to required rollback, for a total authorized rate of 0.10 mill on taxable real and personal property for ten (10) years. If approved, the millage rate would be unchanged from those approved by voters in 2008 and 2016. It is estimated that \$6,145,462 will be collected in the first year.

Southeast Michigan Public Historical Museum Authority Millage

The Southeast Michigan Public Historical Museum Authority is a joint authority established by Wayne and Oakland Counties pursuant to Michigan Public Act 321 of the Public Acts of 2000, as amended. The law allows the

Authority to seek authorization from the electors in each of the Counties to levy a tax of 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) on taxable property to provide revenue for Historical Museums. It is estimated that if approved and levied on taxable property located within Wayne County, this new millage would generate approximately \$12,219,200 in 2026. Shall a 0.2 mill tax



on all taxable property located within Wayne County be imposed by the Authority for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 through 2035, inclusive, to provide historical museum services for the benefit of the residents of the Counties?

Taylor School District Operating Millage Proposal

Shall the limitation on the total amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, situated within the Taylor School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, be increased, in the amount of 20 mills with 18 mills being the maximum allowable levy (\$18.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of ten (10) years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive, with 17.5603 mills of the above 20 mills being a replacement of authorized millage which will otherwise expire with the 2027 tax levy and 0.4397 mills being a restoration of previously authorized millage lost as a result of the rollbacks required by the Michigan Constitution? This operating millage, if approved and levied, would provide estimated revenues to the School District of \$420,661 during the 2026 calendar year, to be used for general operating purposes.

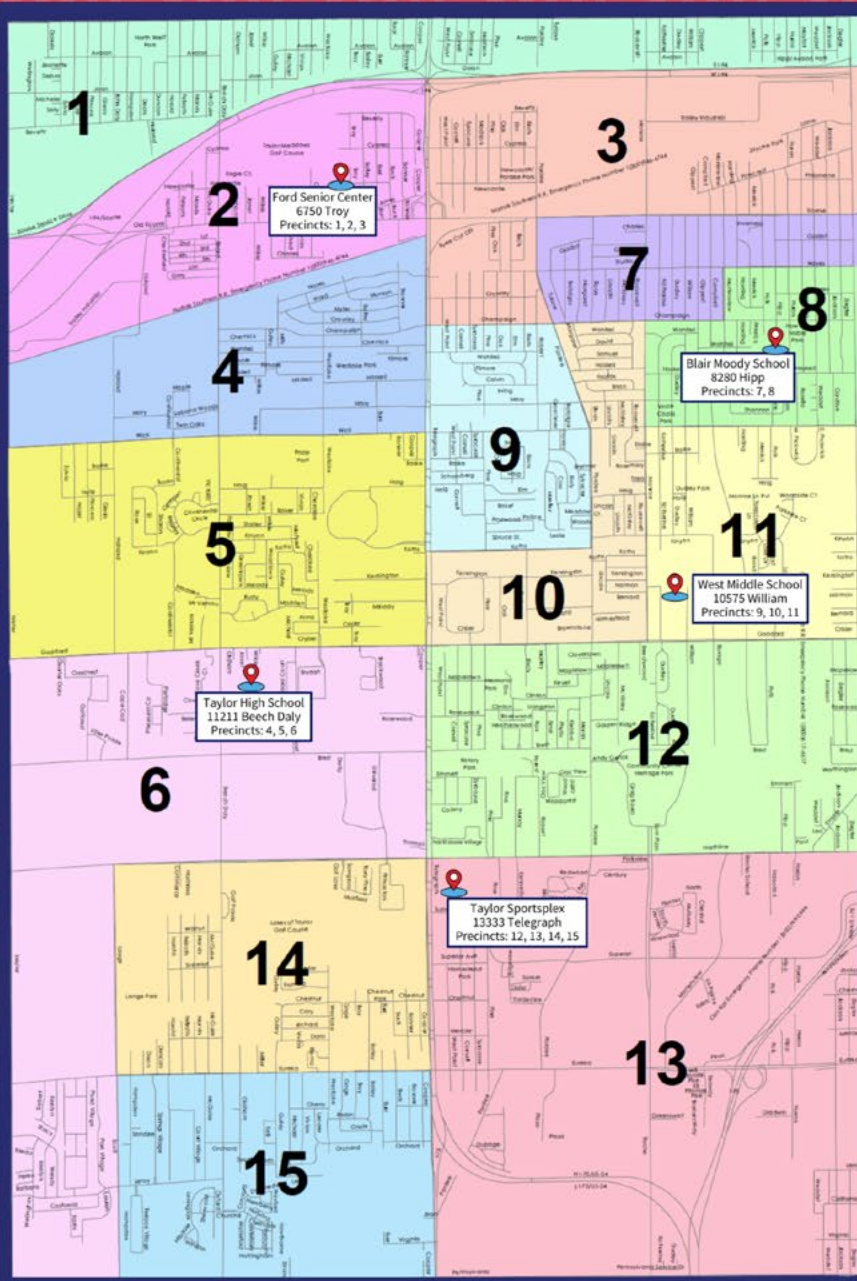
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November 3 - General Election

‘Everyone Came Together as One’

Replica of Vietnam Memorial leaves lasting impressions with the community

Photos by Gerald Thomas, Dave Gorgon and Jim Jacek

WHEN The Wall That Heals, a traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial, made a four-day appearance in Heritage Park in early August, emotions ran high – even for the man who spent nine months planning the event.

“My greatest personal highlight was being able to bring my mom to The Wall and show her my dad being honored on the In Memory Honor Roll in the Mobile Education Center,” said Dennis Schlemmer, who organized the event. “She passed away exactly three weeks later, which makes that day and the opportunity to share that moment with her something I will treasure forever.

“There were many other highlights – the incredible motorcycle escort bringing The Wall into Heritage Park, the Welcome Home Ceremony, and having Medal of Honor recipient CSM Terry

Richardson with us – but that moment with my mom will always mean the most to me.”

Schlemmer and approximately 200 volunteers, who gave their time throughout the week, filling 300 four-hour work slots from preparation to set up to the final takedown, ended up with a deeply impacting four-day event that lured approximately 10,000 visitors to The Wall.

The Wall That Heals is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, which is in Washington, D.C. The replica was unveiled in 1996 and has since traveled to over 800 communities across the U.S., providing a space for veterans and their families to honor and remember those who served in the Vietnam War. Schlemmer pursued the idea of bringing The Wall to Taylor to honor his late father, who was a Vietnam veteran.

The exhibit offered a mobile education center that tells the story of the war and the impact of the memorial. Visitors participated in activities and learned about the legacy of the memorial, which has been known to bring healing and comfort to many vets and their families.

In addition, Schlemmer contacted Medal of Honor winner Richardson to give the opening speech. Richardson, born in Cass City and the oldest of 13 children, was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1967 and deployed to Vietnam in May 1968. As a member of Company A, 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Richardson’s platoon was ambushed by North Vietnamese forces near Loc Ninh during the battle for Hill 222.





Under intense fire, Richardson repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire in an effort to rescue three wounded soldiers and then organized the withdrawal of his platoon. He climbed a strategic hill to direct air strikes against enemy positions. He remained on that hill for seven hours despite sniper fire, a heroic effort credited with saving the lives of 85 fellow soldiers.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor in March 2026 by President Donald Trump. The medal, the United States' highest military decoration, recognizes acts of valor that go above and beyond the call of duty.

"The week exceeded anything I could have imagined," Schlemmer said. "Thousands of people came to Taylor to experience The Wall, but what stands out most are the personal moments: the veterans who felt welcomed home, families who came together, and parents bringing their children to teach them about the sacrifices of a generation. I could not be prouder of what our committee, volunteers, the City of Taylor and our entire community accomplished together."

No matter how well Schlemmer's volunteer crew prepared, the emotions created by The Wall That Heals still offered moments that could only be produced in such a unique setting.

"What we couldn't plan for were the countless personal moments and stories that unfolded throughout the week," Schlemmer said. "Veterans reconnecting with people they had served with, families finding names together, and visitors sharing stories they had carried for decades. Those moments became some of the most meaningful parts of the entire experience."

One of the most exciting moments of the week happened before The Wall was even open to visitors. Two days before it opened, TWTH semi carrying The Wall was escorted into Heritage Park by hundreds of motorcycles who had joined the trip along the way to



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Taylor. When they turned into the park, they made their way through an entrance lined by American flags, a sight that even stunned Schlemmer.

"We knew we were going to have a strong turnout but seeing The Wall That Heals semi come into Heritage Park followed by hundreds of motorcycles exceeded anything I had envisioned," he said. "Seeing so many people lining Telegraph Road along the route made it even more powerful. It was an incredible way to welcome The Wall to Taylor.

The week, which included the 44th Annual Junior League World Series, will be long remembered by many as a time when visitors remembered a long-ago war, and those who served and died. It also showed how a community can unite as one to create a special moment, something that wasn't lost on anyone who visited Heritage Park in early August.

"It was absolutely incredible," Mayor Tim Woolley said. "It created a shining diamond for our city. (Visitors) were there around the clock and it was nothing but positive."

City Councilman William Patts, speaking for the Taylor Historical Society, called The Wall "an experience that touched thousands of people."

Patts' colleague on City Council, Gerald Thomas, may have summed up the entire week the best: "I've never seen our city come together like that. I was so proud of the community. Everyone came together as one."

For those wondering about a possible return of The Wall That Heals, it cannot come back within 100 miles of Taylor for at least five years.

"I would like to see another community have the opportunity to host The Wall and experience what it can mean to their veterans, families and community," Schlemmer said. "Taylor had an extraordinary week, and I hope other communities have that same opportunity."

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At Taylor Golf, play never stops, thanks to its TrackMan Indoor Simulators

THERE'S no reason to think that your 2026 golf season is over. During Michigan's dreariest days, look no further than Taylor Golf's TrackMan Indoor Golf Simulators. You won't be disappointed.

The simulators are housed at Taylor Meadows Golf Course, 25360 Ecorse Road.

"Taylor Golf is now gearing up for the golf simulator season," Golf Director Alec Grant said. "If you're not afraid of the cooler temperatures, the golf course remains open well into November, but if you prefer 72 degrees and no wind come play on the TrackMan Golf Simulators.

"We have a full-service bar and restaurant to keep you warm if your outside or like the convenience of tableside service while on the simulators," he continued. "The TrackMan golf simulators were upgraded last fall and provide the best indoor golf experience around.

"If you're looking to join a league, host a private party, or practice your game during the off-season, Taylor Meadows is the place to do it. Be sure to peek your head out the window and keep an eye on the renovations ongoing at the golf course outside our clubhouse."

Taylor Golf's indoor program runs from November through March. It is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Rates are \$40 per hour before 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. They increase to \$45 from 5 until close.

On Saturday and Sundays, the rates are increased to \$50 per hour.

Typically, it takes a player one hour to play 18 holes on a simulator. That can vary from player to player and group to group, based on ability and familiarity with the golf course.

The TrackMan Simulators offer some of the finest golf technology and can be used individually, for league play, contests, or other specialized events. They are used by some of the finest professional golfers in the world.

Grant said that Taylor Golf is seeing its golf simulator business grow every year. Last year Taylor Meadows started hosting golf simulator parties, where



groups can rent the entire space for a private event. Meanwhile, league play is growing. Taylor Golf started a season-long tournament that consists of weekly events. The facility is expanding the food and beverage offerings ... all good things for the golf simulator program at Taylor Meadows.

Since Taylor Golf installed the TrackMan program years ago, many additions have been added:

- The "course library" now includes almost 500 courses, the Pebble Beach course pack and Pinehurst #2, Bethpage Black and local favorites like Meadowbrook Country Club.
- A new game called "Streets of Neon" offers a putt-putt format played among robots, with power boosts and a futuristic feel.
- Another game called "Scrapyard" is a demolition contest where the player hits golf balls into parked cars, which explode on impact, like "Candy Crush."
- A feature called "Range" which is simplified and includes a target green. You select the distance and there are two target circles that represent the tour pro average distance from hole, and 15 handicap average distances from hole. You can compare yourself to a tour pro.

"The TrackMan Simulators are great for everyone," Grant said. "Whether you're looking for the PGA Tour level accuracy and data to improve your game or want to bring the family in for fun games, TrackMan has it all."

No matter what level of golf you play, Taylor Golf's TrackMan Indoor Simulator program can be affordable and enjoyable. Time slots and leagues fill up quickly. For more information on individual play, leagues and special events, call (734) 287-2100 today.



2026: A season of course renovations

The big story this year was the start of golf course renovations. With the job being completed at Lakes of Taylor (25505 Northline Road), Taylor Golf Director Alec Grant said it was a huge success.

"I had a vision on how the renovations would go at Lakes of Taylor and it completely exceeded my expectations," he said. "The bunkers are fantastic, the driving range upgrade is phenomenal, and I love the addition of the 'State of Michigan' bunker on No. 18.

"I'm excited about the construction at Taylor Meadows, so we can go into the 2027 golf season with two fully renovated golf courses."

Taylor's golf courses were designed by the famous American golf designer Arthur Hills, who designed over 200 courses around the world. Hills' firm, Hills/ Forrest / Smith, renovated or modified more than 120 courses, including some of the country's most renowned clubs, often in preparation for championship play.

The Lakes of Taylor is a par 72 championship course now spans over 7,200 yards with the addition of new back tees. The course begins with a picturesque stadium hole where golfers kick off from an elevated tee and play between 332 and 435 yards. What follows is a course that is thought-provoking, perfect for challenging more experienced players.

Included in the Lakes of Taylor Golf Club renovations were:

- **New bunkers:** All the sand was removed and replaced. A concrete mesh liner became the new base in the bunkers. It allows water to pass through, but sediment to stay down. Then the bunkers were reshaped with clean edges. The all-new white sand gives the fairways a much more impressive, cleaner look.
- **Driving range renovation:** The hitting deck is brand new. Where the existing hitting mats are laid is all new concrete and pavers. On top of the new concrete slab is a state-of-the-art Turf Hound continuous tee line. The system offers golfers consistent, realistic practice that transfers to real courses; improved comfort and injury prevention compared to hard mats; and versatility to simulate different turf conditions for varied drills. The grass portion of the driving range has been completely leveled and re-seeded with new turf.
- **Replacement of air-conditioning units:** Brand new cooling units and controls were installed for the clubhouse.

- **New bridges:** The existing bridges were restructured to enhance support. The new supports were topped with all new composite Trex decking.
- **New digital sign:** A refresh of the front sign with a crisper LED display was installed.
- **New visual/sound system:** A full revamp of the building's sound system with upgraded projection displays will be added.
- **Pro Shop remodel:** New check-in counter and merchandise fixtures added.
- **Furniture:** New indoor-outdoor furniture for the banquet room and restaurant has been added.

The renovations currently ongoing at Taylor Meadows Golf Club, a smaller, tighter course ideal for private outings, will mirror many of the ones done at Lakes of Taylor, including:

- New bunkers
- New digital signage
- New furniture



In addition:

- **A pond expansion on holes #1 and #9:** This will allow better retention of water for irrigation and further mitigate floods across Taylor.
- **Bar renovation:** Expansion of the bar to create more seating and better storage.
- **Installed all new AC units** (last year).
- **Upgraded all the TrackMan golf simulators** (last year).

"As Taylor Golf wraps up another successful season, it remains the premier destination for golf in Southeast Michigan," Grant said. "Two world-class golf courses, full-service restaurants, fantastic practice facilities and expansive banquet space make Taylor Golf Courses the place to be."

For more information on the Lakes of Taylor and Taylor Meadows, call (734) 287-2100 or click taylorgolf.com.



Inclusivity is the Key

New \$1.3M Heritage Park Playscape doesn't leave a stone unturned

WHEN Mayor Tim Woolley and Parks & Recreation Director Guido Ulin started talking about a new playscape for Heritage Park, they eventually focused on one objective: Inclusivity.

"From our first meeting with Penchura (the builder and creator of the new playscape), we were stunned by the amount of detail and expertise that they put into these projects," Ulin said.

Penchura's landscape structures division believes that play is changing life. When it comes to inclusive design, the company is all in. They celebrate all abilities and embrace the mantra "Nothing about us without us." And they've created a Jr. Play Team, a group of children with disabilities who educate the company's designers so that Penchura can make the authentic product possible.

The product will be the new \$1.3 million Heritage Park Playscape, \$900,000 of which is accounted for through a state grant. The new creation will include a complete renovation of the park's old playscape combined with an

expanded, all-new portion designed to be accessible to all children. The new creation will include the three components of "A Higher Level of Inclusive Play", which include physical accessibility, age and development appropriateness and sensory-stimulating activity.

The design results in children of all abilities being able to come together to play and imagine – making them equal through play.

"Penchura doesn't just talk the talk, they walk the walk," said Mayor Woolley.





"The company's specialists in this project bring a stunning amount of real-world experience to the table," Ulin said. "These are experts that you don't see every day."

Take Dr. Ariel Mansholt, OTR/L CPSI, for instance. She is a pediatric and adolescent occupational therapist with experience in outpatient and school settings, inspired to enter the field by participating in her autistic brother's therapy as a child. With training in sensory processes, emotional regulation, feed, fine motor development and trauma-informed cases, she leverages her clinical expertise to inform inclusive designs.

Jill Moore adds user voice within product development. Moore has represented Team USA in wheelchair racing, swimming and basketball multiple times. Through her own experience, Moore shares how truly formative play is for everyone. She offers specific focus on best design practices for multi-generational spaces, inclusive play environments and universal design principles.

The Heritage Park Playground, planned to open in Spring 2027, will provide children with opportunities to learn, explore and grow. Engaging in playground equipment encourages the acquisition of gross motor skills, social engagement and diverse sensory play. Through a variety of play experiences, children develop skills necessary to engage in the world around them.

This type of park should draw increased local and regional crowds.

The environment of the new playground will feature shade and spaces to take a break, a key in catering to those with complex medical diagnoses, those taking medications and older adults. Benches and shade features allowed for more comfortably prolonged play and allows families to remain in the park for extended periods of time. The artificial surface base is welcoming to all users, whether they are walking, rolling, crawling or anything in between.



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The equipment used will allow children to grow their physical, social-emotional, sensory development and cognitive skills. Equipment is divided into categories to emphasize the importance of having play elements that speak to gross motor, fine motor, executive functioning and sensory play in all age ranges.

Examples of cognitive playground activities include the problem-solving Volo Aire seek-and-find activities. Those promote functional problem-solving skills and visual motor skills required for day-to-day activities such as handwriting. It also promotes language and literacy through reading and identifying pictures of birds throughout the structure, exposing them to critters native to America.

Other cognitive play games include imaginative play and cause and effect panels.

Physical play, on the other hand, is critical for building muscle strength and endurance. Climbing, upper and lower body workouts, practicing balance and coordination are keys to healthy development. The new playground will serve a broad range of users with common diagnoses such as Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder – children that need a wide access to a variety of climbing and physical play to build postural control in an effort to succeed in daily activities ranging from the classroom to home.

Smart Play Volo Aire provides variety and the opportunity to find a “just right” fit for every child. This piece is designed to provide a clear and spacious route from the bottom to the top. For children crawling or scooting, a variety of materials such as rubber belting and Flexx Net placed on a gradual slope that includes “perch points” for those who need rest. This type of climb gives children, especially as they grow older, the ability to choose a climbing route that meets their needs best.

Once they get to the top of the climb, a big slide offers an easy trip straight to the bottom.

A multitude of climbers are offered, from Static Climbers to Pod Climbers and the Vertical Ladder. The We Go Swing offers access for wheelchair users.

To offer diverse sensory experiences, the playground will offer things like the Chill Spinner, a seated spinner that allows the user to sit and rotate in the equipment. Other sensory



play devices include the Oodle Swing, We Go Round, Cozy Dome, Rhapsody Kettle and Kundu Drum and Vivo Metallophone, Musical Panels and Swing Bays.

Lastly, inclusive playgrounds offer important social play and interaction. That develops flexible thinking, problem solving, and functional conversation skills – all especially important for disabled children.

The new playground includes many cooperative play pieces from the previously mentioned We Go Round to the We Saw, Interactive Panels, Symbol Connection Board and Oodle Swing.

According to the specialists from Penchura, the new Heritage Park Playground will create an inclusive space for families to play and connect while children engage in a variety of activities that directly impact acquisition of physical, cognitive and social skills.

Parkgoers will notice that some trees have been removed near the current playscape for construction, The trees will be replaced with newly planted trees at a to-be-determined location. Construction started in late September. The new Heritage Park Playscape is scheduled to open in the spring.



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Pickleball, Anyone?

Heritage Park adds all-new courts that are open and ready for play

HERITAGE PARK has always offered a variety of sports activities. Now it has added one more in pickleball, thanks to three new courts that recently opened for public use. Pickleball is a sport increasing in popularity across the nation.

A ribbon-cutting was held at the courts in September. Included was Mayor Tim Woolley along with city employees and officials from the City of Taylor and Wayne County.

Pickleball is a paddle sport that blends elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It is played on a badminton-sized court with a modified tennis net. Players use solid paddles to hit a perforated polymer ball over the net in singles or doubles matches. The game is easy to learn, accessible to people of all ages and skill levels, and known for its social and fun atmosphere.

It only takes three things to play pickleball: Solid-faced paddles, like oversized ping-pong paddles, made from wood or composite materials; a lightweight, hollow plastic ball with holes, resembling a whiffle ball; and a court the size of a badminton court, with a slightly lowered net.

Pickleball's surge in popularity comes from a unique mix of accessibility, social appeal, and fun that attracts people of all ages and fitness levels. Pickleball is popular because

it's easy to start, fun to play, affordable, and deeply social, all while offering health benefits and a welcoming community atmosphere.

This combination has made it one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S. today. Here are five reasons why:

1. **Easy to learn and quick wins:** The sport has a low learning curve — you can rally within minutes, serve underhand, and score points on your first day. The smaller court, lighter paddle, and slower-moving ball make it less intimidating than tennis or badminton, and the “kitchen” rule encourages strategic, low-impact play. This early success builds confidence and keeps people coming back.
2. **Affordable and accessible:** You only need a paddle, a few balls, and court shoes; many parks have taped or painted courts, and portable nets can be set up quickly. Equipment costs are low, and drop-in play is common, so there's no need for an expensive membership.
3. **Social and inclusive:** Pickleball is doubles first, which fosters conversation, camaraderie, and mixed age play. It's common to see grandparents and

grandchildren on the same court, and the short games allow you to meet many people quickly. This "third space" feel makes it a community hub.

4. **Health benefits without burnout:** It's a low impact cardiovascular workout that improves joint health without the long sprints of tennis or running. This makes it appealing to both active adults and those with mobility concerns.
5. **Rapid growth and network effect:** Word of mouth and community spread have fueled expansion — many cities now have waitlists for courts. The USA Pickleball Association reports millions of new players in recent years, and the sport's visibility has grown through pro events, media coverage, and celebrity interest.

The courts were created through an agreement with KAB Enterprises Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$364,931. It was approved by City Council in September 2025. The courts were built near the area of the old outdoor sand volleyball courts in the park.

Pickleball was created in 1965 by three American dads: Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum, who improvised a game on Bainbridge Island, Washington, to



entertain their bored children. They used an old badminton court, a plastic whiffleball and ping pong paddles, eventually lowering the net and creating the rules for the game as they played.

It was named by Joan Pritchard, Joel's wife, who likened the mixed-up, improvised nature of the game to a "pickle boat" in crew, referencing rowing crews made up of leftover oarsmen from other boats. Joan had a background in competitive rowing. A popular story that the game was named after the Pritchard family's dog, Pickles, is a myth, as the dog was named after the game was created.

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New businesses will revitalize corner

Demolition is currently underway for the re-development of the vacant Walgreen's property into a brand-new building and site for a **Raising Cane's Drive-Through Restaurant**. The site is located at the southeast corner of Telegraph and Eureka and consists of approximately 1.94 acres.

Behind that development, a new **Kroger** is currently under construction, which will include both the supercenter and a gas station. This is a renovation of approximately 116,809-square-foot of the northern portion of the Taylor Crossings Shopping Center (formerly JoAnn Fabrics, Bed, Bath and Beyond and Christmas Tree Store). It will be Taylor's second Kroger location and will include a new 534-square-foot kiosk for a new fueling station on a vacant parcel at the southeast corner of Eureka and Syracuse (just east of the Taylor Fire Station).

Meanwhile, **Burlington** is re-locating to 23859 Eureka, the former Value City Furniture, also a part of the Taylor Crossings. They are currently seeking approval to divide the existing 48,235-square-foot building to add an additional speculative tenant space. Burlington is currently located at 22323 Eureka Road.

Grocer, restaurant coming to north Telegraph area

A new **Meijer's Grocery** is being located on approximately 8.43 acres of the vacant property in the Essco strip center at 8000 Telegraph Road (Telegraph at Champaign).

The deal is currently a lease with intent of purchasing approximately 776-foot of the western area of the current parcel. Meijer's Grocery is a new concept of a downscaled version of Meijer, which will contain groceries, convenience items and a drive-through pharmacy. The plan proposes the construction of a 75,097-square-foot building with a drive through pharmacy. The program has been approved by the Planning Commission and is currently undergoing Engineering and Building reviews.

Sonic Drive-In and Drive-Through Restaurant has received approval for development of a vacant property at the southeast corner of Telegraph and Crowley Avenue, backing up to Westpoint Street, and consists of approximately 1.18 acres. Construction has started on the long-anticipated project.



Four other openings spark interest

D-BAT TAYLOR, a baseball and softball training facility, has located at 9860 Telegraph, in the former Sears location. D-BAT Academies feature a well-lit, indoor climate-controlled facility, with an environment that invites parents to be a part of their ball player's development along with a top-notch pro shop to provide equipment needs. D-Bat offers cages, camps and provides lessons. The facility is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays and noon-6 on Sundays. Call (734) 987 3228 or click on dbattaylor.com for more information.

Halal Bros 2 Go has opened a restaurant with carry-out at 22326 Goddard Road, in the Kirkland Plaza strip. The location offers a variety of bowls, Gyros, wraps, burritos, loaded free and milkshakes. For more information, call (313) 769-5665 or Halal Bros 2 Go Taylor on Facebook.

As of this writing, **Domino's Pizza** (21751 Ecorse Road) and **Sno Biz Delight** (12365 Telegraph), are in the final stages of being approved to open. Domino's is a chain founded in Ypsilanti with over 21,000 locations worldwide, while Sno Biz Delight will be located in the strip center just south of Pete's Place and will offer Hawaiian-style shave ice for all occasions.



Grand openings dot the landscape

The second of two new **Sheetz** convenience and gasoline locations held its grand opening last month. This newest location is on the southwest corner of Telegraph Road and Champaign Street. The first location, opened last year, is on Eureka Road near I-75.



Mayor Tim Woolley attended the grand opening along with Clerk Cindy Bower, a contingent of members of the City Council (Dan Wallace, Gerald Thomas, Christian Armstrong, Ron Thiede and William Patts) and city employees. Members of the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber were also on hand along with Wayne County Commissioner Alex Garza and State Rep. James DeSana.

The event featured giveaways and \$250 raffle prizes for lucky winners. In addition, the corporation made \$2,500 donations to Special Olympics and Forgotten Harvest Food Pantry – and a big pitch for their own Sheetz for Kidz program.

Sheetz, founded in Pennsylvania, is famous for an innovative convenience store experience including made-to-order food, 24/7 service and specialty beverages.

Drummers Elite Plus (24415 Eureka Road), a cardio drumming center and more, held its grand opening in August.



Attending were Mayor Tim Woolley and City Council members Gerald Thomas, Ron Thiede and Christian Armstrong, along with Treasurer Nicone Dragone. Also in attendance was Wayne County Commissioner Alex Garza. The location offers cardio drumming along with dance fitness, Pilates, Zumba and Yoga. There are also semi-personal training classes available. The core mission is to empower the Downriver Community to have a happy, healthy, active and fit lifestyle.

Get involved by calling (313) 695-8788 or by visiting the Drummers Elite Facebook page at facebook.com/DrummersElite.

The **Rock N Roll Sushi Bar** (23370 Eureka Road) held its grand opening in July. Rock N Roll isn't your typical sushi experience. Rock N Roll Sushi turns up the bold flavors and the high-energy vibes to create an atmosphere that is anything but ordinary.

The franchise chain started in 2010 with a single, small location in Mobile, Alabama. It's now grown to a national brand with over 75 locations across the country.

The menu offers plenty of selections, from bowls and combos for lunch to appetizers, classic rolls, special salads and headliners like the VIP Roll (Shrimp tempura, crab meat and cream cheese inside, with Cajun-seasoned crawfish, baked crab meat, jalapeno, spicy mayo, sweet chili, eel sauce and crunchy flakes). Add to those portions of the menu devoted to Hibachi Back Stage grilled-to-order items, Ramen, children's dishes and even "after party" cheesecake or Hall of Fame Brownies.

Mayor Tim Woolley and Clerk Cindy Bower attended the grand opening along with several staffers and City Councilman Gerald Thomas. The Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber also attended. Roll N Roll Sushi Bar is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Click on rocknrollsushi.com/locations/Taylor-mi/ for more information. Or call (734) 785-9547.



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WALK into The Bulk Store on Northline Road and you're immediately surrounded by color, nostalgia and enough candy to satisfy just about any sweet tooth. But for Steve and Jill Sikora, the long-time Taylor business is about much more than what's on the shelves. It's about family, friendships, and the generations of customers who have walked through their doors.

The Bulk Store's story began in 1986, when Steve's parents opened the business in Livonia. It originally operated as a franchise, but after a few years, the family decided to go independent. Then Steve met Jill, and the two soon began dating.

Around that same time, Steve's dad approached him with an opportunity that would shape the rest of his life. At just 20 years old, Steve was asked if he thought he could run the business.

"I was only 20 years old when my parents asked me if I thought I could run a store," Steve said. "Here I am now, 40 years later, still running it."

Steve and Jill continued building the business together, and in 1993, when their lease in Livonia ended, they packed up the store and moved it to Taylor. Four decades later, the



two are still side by side, running the business they have built together.



One of the biggest things that has kept The Bulk Store going is its vast selection. The store carries nearly 2,000 varieties of candy, ranging from familiar favorites to unusual and hard-to-find treats. Customers can find classics such as gummy bears, Jelly Belly jellybeans, chocolate raisins and peanuts, along with more adventurous choices like Hot Lix Scorpion Pops and Barnett's Mega Sours imported from the United Kingdom.

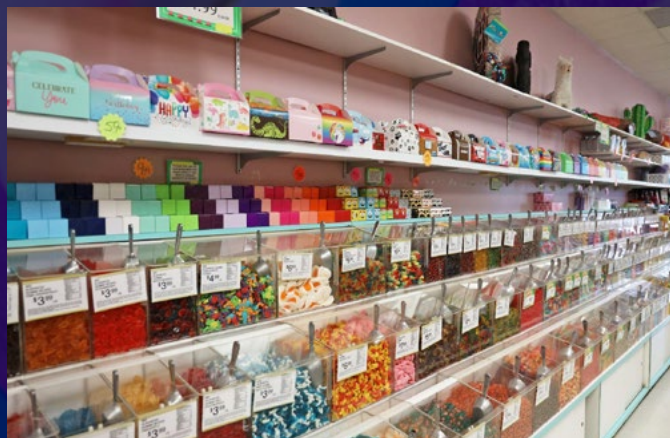
"We're constantly adding new stuff," Steve said. "The biggest challenge is finding places to put it."

The store's appeal, however, goes far beyond its candy selection. Steve and Jill have worked hard to create a family-friendly, positive environment where customers feel comfortable and welcome. Some employees have been with the business for nearly its entire time in Taylor, becoming much more than coworkers along the way. Their loyalty and longevity speak volumes about the kind of business Steve and Jill have built and the family atmosphere they have created.

Over the years, the Sikoras have also watched generations of customers grow up. One of their favorite experiences is seeing parents bring their children into the store and share stories about visiting when they were young.

The Bulk Store has also made giving back to the community a priority. The business sponsors Little League teams, donates candy to the Junior League World Series and supports charitable events in the city and surrounding communities.

Technology has changed the way the business operates, too. While the physical storefront remains the focus, Steve and Jill have embraced their website and social media. Their daughter, Julia, recently joined the



family business and now helps manage the store's social media presence.

For Steve and Jill, perhaps the greatest reward of owning The Bulk Store has been the relationships they have developed over the years. Regular customers have become friends; employees have become family; and even touring bands have stopped by the store. Steve, a longtime alternative rock fan, enjoys talking music with customers and has even seen bands wear Bulk Store shirts on stage and feature the store in candy taste-test videos.

The store's colorful atmosphere has even caught the attention of the film industry. Ride Home Films, a company owned and operated by two local young women, Charlotte Moretti and Jillian Bokatzian, will be coming to The Bulk Store to film scenes for an upcoming movie, "Staring at the Sun." In the film, the store will serve as the setting for a candy store called "Katz Taffy."



Christmas is another special time of year, when the store is filled with old-fashioned candies, glazed fruit for baking, gift containers, and plenty of treats for holiday gatherings.

After nearly four decades, Steve and Jill have no plans of going anywhere.

"We plan on being here for quite a while," Steve said. "We try to be as youthful as possible, and we'll keep going as long as we can."

Hearing customers say The Bulk Store can never close is the sweetest compliment of all. It is a reminder that their family business has become more than a place to buy candy, it has become a Taylor tradition.

The Bulk Store is located at 22635 Northline Road. The location is open 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays; 9:30-9 on Fridays and Saturdays; and from noon-5 Sundays. Call (734) 287-2855 or click on shopthebulkstore.com or The Bulk Store Taylor on Facebook and Instagram.

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Riverview Hospice provides peace, comfort during life's final chapters By Terry Jacoby

RIVerview Hospice Care is an organization based on providing compassionate, personalized and dignified in-home hospice care. Even the name, Riverview, symbolizes calm, reflection and the journey forward – a reminder that even in times of transition, there can be beauty, grace and connection.



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Help shape the future of Taylor's Parks & Recreation Department

THE City of Taylor is updating its Parks & Recreation Master Plan for 2028–2033, and we want to hear from the community! Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on the community's parks, recreation facilities, programs and amenities.

The Parks & Recreation Master Plan provides the City with an opportunity to look at its current parks and recreation system, identify community needs and establish priorities for future improvements. The plan covers a wide range of facilities and services, from neighborhood parks and playgrounds to larger recreational facilities, programs and community spaces.

As part of the Master Plan update, we are asking residents to share their thoughts through a community

recreation survey. The survey gives residents an opportunity to provide feedback about the parks and facilities they currently use, the programs and amenities they enjoy, and improvements or additions they would like to see in the future.

Whether you regularly visit Taylor's parks and recreation facilities or rarely visit them, your feedback matters. Community input will help the City better understand what residents value and where there may be opportunities for improvement.

Take the Survey

The survey is available online and is designed to be quick and easy to complete.

To participate, residents can access the survey by scanning the QR code to the right with a smartphone camera.

Residents are encouraged to take a few minutes to complete the survey and share their ideas. The survey will be available through November 6, 2026.

The feedback collected through the survey will be used as part of the City's 2028–2033 Parks & Recreation Master Plan update and will help guide future planning and priorities.

Your feedback can help shape the future of Taylor's parks and recreation. Take the survey and share your feedback today!



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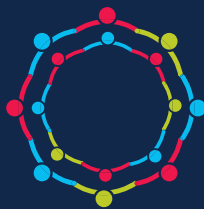
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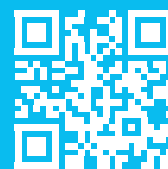
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