



GOOD THINGS HAPPENING IN TAYLOR SCHOOLS



Artist Sketch of Possible New Taylor High School & Career Center

TAYLOR RESIDENTS PASS \$130 MILLION BOND PROPOSAL – November 2, 2021 over 55% of voters passed the first significant bond proposal since 1969.

Features of the bond:

- New hi-tech high school
 - Promises to be the “gem” of the downriver area
- New career center on same property as the high school
- Athletic Field Improvements
- Relocate two middle schools to current Taylor High with renovations
- Elementary classroom upgrades
- Playgrounds at all elementary schools

Phase 1 – 2022:

New flexible furniture for school buildings
Demolition of Board Office and JFK High School Building

Phase 2 – 2023:

Design of New High School begins

Phase 3 – 2024:

Construction of New High School begins

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF TAYLOR

Election results indicated a strong showing on the part of Taylor High Schools, graduates



Mayor Tim Wooley, TCH 1988 (*pictured left*)

City Council:

Doug Geiss, HST Class of 1988

Jill Cullerson Brandana, TCH Class of 1981

Angie Winton, TCH Class of 1996

Charley Johnson, JFK Class of 1980

Ira Slaven, TCH Class of 1960

City Clerk: Cindy Bower, JFK Class of 1989

City Treasurer: Michelle Tocco, former Taylor School District Principal

THE TAYLOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION THANKS YOU FOR YOUR COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Words of wisdom from Andy Rooney, known for his sage advice and long tenure on 60 Minutes;

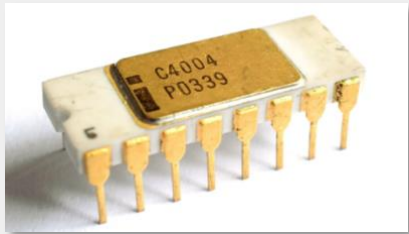
I've learned that when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere

I've learned that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person

I've learned that life is tough, but I'm tougher.

BACK FIFTY YEARS WHEN THE CLASS OF 71 WERE SENIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL

START OF THE DIGITAL AGE, A MICROPROCESSOR WAS INVENTED



AVERAGE INCOME \$10,600

COST OF STAMP RAISED TO 8 CENTS



GALLON OF GAS 40 CENTS

11 ISRAELI ATHLETES MASSACRED AT 1972 OLYMPICS



MICHIGAN LOTTERY STARTED

WATERGATE SCANDAL

18 YEAR OLDS NOW ALLOWED TO VOTE

VIETNAM WAR

CROSS DISTRICT BUSSING TO DE-SEGREGATE



GORDIE HOWE RETIRES

CAT SCAN EQUIPMENT INVENTED

MOVIES & TV SHOWS

Fiddler on the Roof, Dirty Harry, Godfather and Deliverance

All My Children, Odd Couple, Mary Tyler Moore, *M*A*S*H*



Down memory lane with 1972 classes of TCH and JFK:

I was sent this picture of a baseball team sponsored by Twin Kegs. I would like your help identifying the people in this photo and information on “Twin Kegs”. If you can identify anyone or have information to share, please email johnpantalone@sbcglobal.net. Greatly appreciate your help!



FOLLOW-UP

Four years ago Dylan Jones graduated from JFK having achieved perfect attendance from kindergarten thru graduation. With the help of Mary Rusnak, Alumni Board member, we contacted Dylan and asked for an update on his life. Here is his response.

“I would say the teacher from Taylor schools that left the biggest impact on me was my elementary school teacher, Mrs. Brunet, as she was the first teacher I had that actually made me care for school in any substantial way. She was just an amazing teacher all around and made school back then fun. As for college, I did I recently graduate with honors from Eastern with a degree in Digital Media Production with a minor in Theater Arts and am currently just taking time for myself to celebrate graduating from college. What I would like to do career-wise is work in the background of a production as some sort of cameraman or even a producer. Before I forget to mention it, my sister, Emma Jones, is actually keeping up the 'family legacy' of not missing a day as she is currently a junior in high school and hasn't missed a day either.”

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from your Alumni Board.

Should you be searching for gifts to put under the tree, here are a couple of suggestions:

Give Lifetime Memberships to the Alumni Association – a gift that will last a lifetime. For only \$25 the person will be a LIFETIME MEMBER. Simply indicate the recipient’s name, address, year of graduation and high school. Include a check for \$25 payable to Taylor Alumni association and send to the following address: Taylor Alumni Association 11501 Beech Daly, Taylor, MI 48180

Another gift idea is a scholarship in your loved one’s name, or family name, or in honor of a former teacher or coach. The recipient of the gift would be present at a ceremony to meet the student receiving the scholarship. For \$1000 you name the scholarship.

Make check payable to “Taylor Public Schools Foundation” and mail to:

Taylor Public Schools Foundation
23033 Northline Road, Taylor, MI 48180



UPCOMING EVENTS

The City of Taylor's 2021 Winterfest Stroll will be at Heritage Park, Northline and Pardee through the historic village area around Coan Lake and the Petting Farm on December 16-18 from 5-9pm each evening. There will be food vendors, lots of characters, carnival entertainers and Santa and Mrs. Claus photos. Check the City of Taylor website for ticket and event info.



The Taylor Historical Society will host its 3rd Annual Christmas Open House at the Knope Farm House/Historical Museum at Heritage Park, Pardee and Northline, on Saturday, December 18 from 2-6pm. The Museum will be decorated (inside and out) for Christmas. Enjoy some Christmas goodies and holiday music. Tour the museum and share some stories of the past!

JFK CLASS OF 1972 – The committee for the 50th Class Reunion needs a “head count” of those planning on attending September 23, 2022. Contact: Mary Rusnak - maryrusnak@yahoo.com to let her know if you will be attending.



OBITUARIES

The Alumni Association members would like to extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the former classmates mentioned below. You will forever be in our thoughts and prayers.

Please Note: *If we receive deaths from the past that are not listed in our newsletter, they will be posted on the “In Memoriam” section on our website. If you know of a deceased graduate that is not listed in the Memoriam section of our website, please let us know the name, school, graduating class and date of passing.*

TAYLOR CENTER HIGH SCHOOL

- ✚ David Pagett, Class of 1960 (passed in 2018)
- ✚ Garry Browning, Class of 1968 (passed September 23, 2021)
- ✚ Theda Thweatt Conroy, Class of 1973 (passed October 23, 2021)

JOHN F KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL

- ✚ Michael Connelly, Class of 1969 (passed October 20, 2021)
- ✚ Ivy Murphy Wilson, Class of 1972 (passed September 9, 2021)
- ✚ William “Bill” Reeber, Class of 1975 (passed March 19, 2021)
- ✚ Sandy Howe Goormastic, Class of 1978 (passed October 19, 2021)

STAFF

- ✚ Sandy Howe Goormastic, Transportation Department (passed October 19, 2021)

For more information about the deceased and their families, please visit the alumni website tayloralumni.org and click on "In Memoriam".