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WINTER 2026



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A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR VIVIANO



Dear Residents,

This past year, Townhall was abuzz with initiatives geared toward improving the quality of life for every resident. 2025 saw the launch of this very publication, transforming the REACH catalog into a full-fledged magazine, allowing us to "reach" every household with news about your community.

Our commitment to top-notch parks was on display with a variety of improvements. The 20+ year old playground at Waldenburg Park was replaced with a new accessible playground to provide the Township's next generation with a safe space to play together. The bathrooms at Macomb Corners were renovated and new batting tunnels were installed next to the baseball fields. New shade structures and a pergola were completed at Pitchford Park. And, if you're a regular at the Rec Center, a new water slide is ready for your family to enjoy.

We also bolstered our public safety ranks with two new deputies to our Sheriff's contingent along with the addition of Deputy K9 Koda, improving our ability to patrol and respond to calls. Additionally, 7 full-time positions were added to the Fire Department, increasing the number of first responders ready to answer your call.

The year ahead promises to be just as busy, with a number of road and infrastructure projects taking shape. We look forward to what our future has in store for us all here in Macomb Township.

Sincerely,
Frank J. Viviano
Macomb Township Supervisor

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SEASONAL OFFICE CLOSURES:

Macomb Township offices will be closed on the following dates for observed holidays:

January 1-2, 2026
January 19, 2026
February 16, 2026
April 3, 2026

Office hours will resume as normal on the business day following each holiday.



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NOTABLE NEIGHBORS

Macomb Township is full of amazing residents achieving great things every day. From championship titles to environmental innovation, these inspiring stories showcase the incredible talent, dedication and pride that make our Township such a special place to call home.



Alex Bailey

Katherine Graf, Alex Bailey & Cody Shene (Butoko Karate Dojo)

Katherine Graf (13) dominated the 2025 AAU Karate National Championship in Florida, winning gold in her weight class and heavyweight kumite, and first place titles in short and long weapons.

Alex Bailey continued his impressive run by securing top placements in kumite and weapons challenges, before competing at the WUKF World Championship in Sweden.

Cody Shene (18) excelled at the national level, earning placements in various single and team challenges.

Photo from Butoko Karate Dojo Facebook

Mike Risk

Macomb Township Firefighter Mike Risk continues to make our community proud on and off the job. Alongside his teammate, Nate, Mike set a new Division 3 State Record at the Firefighter Challenge Championship Series in August.



Mike Risk (left)

The competition, held in Pennsylvania, showcases the endurance, skill and teamwork required of the fire service. Mike's achievement reflects his dedication to personal excellence and public service.



Nethanya Fonseka (left)

Nethanya Fonseka

Nethanya has been an integral part of several eco-friendly projects in Macomb Township, but her impact has been seen throughout Macomb County and beyond. A high-school student at Gene L. Klida Academy for International Studies and founder of the environmental group, Plant it Forward, Nethanya's work was recognized by the international organization, Action for Nature, in August. She was one of fifteen individuals named Action for Nature's 2025 International Eco-Heroes.

PICTURE PERFECT:

CAPTURE MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S WINTER WONDERLAND

We love seeing Macomb Township through the eyes of residents' photos. Each tells a story: a quiet moment in a park, a vibrant family celebration, or a winter sunrise over fresh snow. Through your lenses, we witness the heart of our community. Each photograph reminds us of the beauty, connection and pride that make Macomb Township special. Whether you're an amateur photographer snapping a quick picture on your phone or a seasoned professional with a trained eye, your photos reflect the unique character and energy that define our community.

2026 Winter Photo Contest

Starting January 1, 2026, all Macomb Township residents are invited to enter our Winter 2026 Photo Contest! This season's theme celebrates the charm of winter and encourages participants to capture what you most love about this season.

Submit up to three original photographs between January 1 and March 25, 2026, for a chance to win great prizes from our local sponsors: Dave & Buster's - Utica, Bubba's 33, and Wrap & Roll Sushi. Winning entries will also be featured in Macomb Township Hall.

All experience levels are welcome to participate and share their favorite winter moments. For contest rules, submission guidelines and prize details, visit www.macombtwp.org/photocontest. Questions can be sent to photos@macomb-mi.gov. Grab your camera and bundle up! We can't wait to see winter through your eyes.



First place winner of the 2024 Winter Photo Contest
Photo by Justin Vollbach.



PROGRESS WITH PURPOSE

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP'S 2025 YEAR IN REVIEW AND A LOOK AT 2026



Conceptual renderings of the future Broughton Road extension and boulevard. (Not an official plan).

As another year comes to a close, Macomb Township continues to invest in the quality of life that makes it one of the best places in Michigan. From restoring a historic landmark to securing funding for road and pathway improvements, 2025 was a year defined by progress and partnership, setting the stage for even greater things to come in 2026.

Re-imagining Our Spaces
In 2025, the Township took major steps to enhance local amenities. Township Parks saw significant upgrades including renovated restrooms at Macomb Corners and a new, accessible playscape at Waldenburg Park.

Work also began on the Prairie in Progress initiative, a partnership between the Township, Macomb County and Ducks Unlimited. What began as an effort to remove invasive species near the McBride Pond on Broughton Road, south of 25 Mile, has grown into the creation of a native Midwest prairie in the heart of our community. Once reseeded, the restored landscape will serve as a vibrant ecosystem supporting pollinators and wildlife along a paved pathway residents can enjoy.

The Historic Macomb Township Hall entered a new chapter this year. After being relocated to the municipal complex in 2023 and restored with the generous help of community volunteers, the Hall reopened for public use. In September, it hosted its first wedding, marking the beginning of many future memories in this iconic piece of Township history.

Creating a Connected Community
Connectivity continues to be one of the Township's top priorities. Through proactive grant seeking and fiscal responsibility, Macomb Township has secured significant funding for critical roadway and pathway projects.

The Broughton Road Extension Project advanced in 2025 with a $2.5 million allocation from the State, thanks to Representative Joe Aragona. Combined with $5 million secured in 2023 with the help of Senator Veronica Klinefelt, the project will see the extension of Broughton Road going south as a streetscaped boulevard past 24 Mile with an adjacent multi-use pathway. We anticipate construction to begin this spring.

Enhancements to existing pathways also remain a priority. The Township received $3 million in state funding to complete much needed safety and traffic flow enhancements near the intersection of 21 Mile and Heydenreich Rd. This funding will allow us to construct additional turn lanes, update safety features including street lighting, traffic lights and crosswalks, and repave the road stretching past the intersection of Heydenreich Rd. and 21 Mile.

We will continue our search for additional funding opportunities to improve our local roads. The Township also continues to invest annually in its Pathway Gap Closure Program, making it easier and safer for residents to walk, run and bike throughout the community. Looking ahead to 2026, the Township remains focused on ensuring that every project enhances your quality of life for our community.



A native Midwest prairie is being established around the McBride Pathway located on Broughton Road near 25 Mile.

Photo by Dan Roche

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MACOMB TOWNSHIP PARTNERS WITH FAN FOR EXPANDED ADDICTION SERVICES

"Macomb Township is proud to partner with Face Addiction Now (FAN) using opioid settlement funds to provide critical prevention, education and recovery support services at NO COST to our residents. This collaboration strengthens our community, ensuring access to necessary resources, without financial barriers," said Macomb Township Clerk Kristi Pozzi.

Through this new initiative, FAN will help residents through addiction prevention and education campaigns and facilitate conversations around substance use. FAN hopes to empower residents to make healthier choices and know where to turn when help is needed.

FAN will also work alongside public safety departments in Macomb Township to provide training and support for first responders. These sessions prepare public safety professionals to respond to substance use situations with effectiveness and compassion. People in crisis need understanding and a pathway to help.

For individuals and families already struggling with addiction, FAN can provide direct support. Staff will connect residents with community resources—like treatment centers and recovery groups—and offer ongoing navigation to make the process less overwhelming. Families, who often carry the heaviest burden, will have access to one-on-one recovery coaching, giving them encouragement, education, and practical tools to support their loved one and themselves.

"Through this partnership with Macomb Township, we can meet people struggling with addiction where they're at and walk alongside them, building a community where recovery is always possible," said Dunya Kilano, FAN's Director of Operations.

If you or someone you love has been affected by substance use disorder, FAN is here to help. **To learn more about the services now available in Macomb Township, or to connect with support today, call the FAN Hope Line at 833-202-4673 or visit faceaddictionnow.org.**

FAN FACE ADDICTION NOW

Formerly Families Against Narcotics

Face Addiction Now conducts prevention and education outreach to raise awareness about the risks of substance abuse.



FAN works to prevent accidental overdose deaths by partnering with local agencies and distributing free NARCAN nasal spray.

THE MACOMB MIGRATION

WHY DO SO MANY PEOPLE MOVE TO MACOMB TOWNSHIP?



Macomb Township has been the fastest growing municipality in Michigan for decades, its population nearly doubling over the last 25 years. Why do so many people sell their homes elsewhere to move here? Many factors influence where people decide to live: proximity to family and work, low crime, quality schools, home prices, etc. Where Macomb Township stands out is value. Property taxes in Macomb Twp. for municipal services are lower (sometimes a LOT lower) than in nearby communities.

City / Township	Total Mills (Tax Rate)	Taxes owed for home with $200,000 taxable value
Chesterfield Twp.	9.3	$1,860
Clinton Twp.	15.52	$3,104
Macomb Twp.	5.93	$1,186
Shelby Twp.	9.3	$1,860
City of Sterling Heights	15.23	$3,046

Source: Macomb County Equalization Dept. 2024 Tax Rate Data
Chart compares taxes levied by cities/townships plus local libraries. Taxes levied by other levels of government such as schools, state, county, or regional taxes are not included in chart.

The chart above compares municipal taxes of the surrounding area. Only about 10% of your combined summer and winter tax bills goes to the Township and the rest are school, state, regional, and county taxes.

Lower taxes haven't resulted in lower quality services. Crime is as low or lower in Macomb than in neighboring communities. Macomb Township's fire department is rated by insurance companies as highly as our neighbors. Macomb Township's parks are very well maintained.



Macomb Township has more children per household than any other municipality in the County.

Focusing on basics doesn't mean we can't have nice things. The Township very aggressively applies for grants to bring your state and federal taxes back to your community for roads, public safety and amenities. State funding was secured this year to improve the 21 Mile and Heydenreich intersection and for a new children's play fountain in front of Township Hall.

Rapid population growth comes with big challenges. Roads and infrastructure become stressed and open space becomes more important. Our Township team is working together to address those challenges as best we can.

The hundreds of families moving to Macomb Township each year indicate many people prefer quality core services with as low taxes as possible. Fiscal restraint was Macomb Township's culture when people first started flocking here, and it remains the core of the Township's DNA today.

Sincerely,
Leon Drolet
Macomb Township Treasurer



State-of-the-Art Facility With:

- Two Gymnasiums
- Two Party Rental Rooms
- Two Aerobics Rooms
- Indoor Playground
- Game Room
- Fitness Center
- Aquatics Center with Lap Pool, Water Slide, Hot Tub & More!

Re-instatement fees for previous members will be waived January 1 through March 1.

Scan for more information on the Rec Center, memberships and Dog Park!

MT Resident Membership Rates:

	Monthly	Annual
	Resident	Resident
Child (4+)	$20	$240
Adult (21+)	$30	$360
Senior (55+)	$20	$240

Get a FREE 13th month when you activate an annual membership

Membership Perks:

Member Exclusive Events
(Example: Pictures with Santa)

1 Free Fitness Class
(For first time membership holders)

$10 Discounts on All Fitness Classes

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Make New Friends!
Connect with neighbors and build lasting friendships in a fun, welcoming environment.

Learn & Grow
Take part in educational workshops and personal development classes.

Enjoy Fun Activities & Events
From arts and crafts to themed parties–there's always something happening!





GET INVOLVED!

No membership is needed to participate

Follow these step-by-step instructions to view the REACH brochure, create an account, log in, and sign up for classes online.

- Visit **www.macomb-mi.gov**
- Go to Departments ➤ Senior Center
- Select Registration and click on Register Here

You can also complete your registration in person or by calling 586-992-2900.

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration is required for all programs and events to ensure our classes and activities are enjoyable for everyone! In addition, due to our funding sources, information regarding demographics is required for all participants.

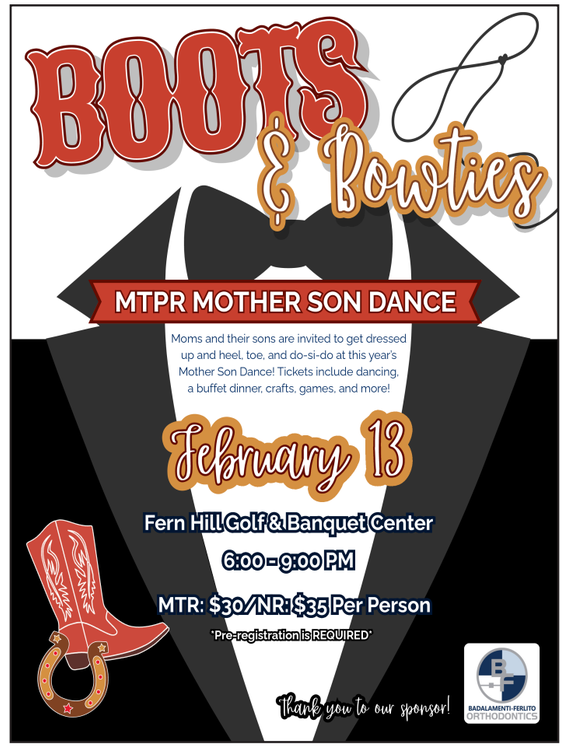
Save the Date:

Resident Registration: January 5, 2026
Non-Resident Registration: January 6, 2026

Mark your calendar for these seasonal celebrations:

- 2/13 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Be My Teddy Bear Valentine's Day Bash
- 3/13 | 12:00pm - 2:00pm | Irish Delight: A St. Paddy's Day Celebration
- 4/10 | 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Tiger's Tailgate Luncheon

Scan for full program details!











Swim Lessons

Winter 2026 Swim Lesson Session Dates Resident Registration begins MONDAY 1/5/26 @ 6am | Non-Resident Registration begins TUESDAY 1/6/26 @ 6am					
Saturdays 1/10-4/25**	Sundays 1/11-4/26**	Mondays 1/12-4/20**	Tuesdays 1/13-4/21**	Wednesdays 1/14-4/22**	Thursdays 1/15-4/23**
**See website and receipts for Fees & "NO CLASS" Dates					

Note: Only ONE SESSION will be offered from January through April for a longer amount of uninterrupted lessons for your children.

Parent and Child Swim (PAC) Lessons

Ages 1 - 5

For children who are new to swimming, may have some fear of swimming or may still benefit from a parent being in the water assisting them. **One parent or guardian is expected to be in the water with their child at all times.**

Learn To Swim (LTS) Group Lessons

Ages 6 - 12

Lessons start with building comfort in the water and teaching basic swimming skills for beginners, all the way up through advanced swimming techniques and swimming full laps for advanced swimmers. Students will be split into separate classes based on their current skill set.



Note: You no longer have to register for a specific level for LTS Group Lessons! Just sign up for a time slot, and your student will be assigned to the correct level the first day of class.

See Website for Private Swim Lessons & Pre-Competitive Swim Clinic information!

Don't forget to look for our Lifeguard Training Classes. We hire directly from the classes!



Enrichment Programs







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NEW INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHT:
JULIA WATKINS
THE DANCE & MOVEMENT WORKSHOP



We are thrilled to welcome families to the second full-length season of The Dance and Movement Workshop for Youth and Adults, led by founder and lifelong dancer Julia Watkins. Julia's passion for dance began at age three in Clinton Township and carried her through rigorous training, performances across Detroit, Chicago, and Los Angeles, and ultimately to a BFA in Dance from Wayne State University. Her vision for The Dance and Movement Workshop is simple: to create an inspiring space where dancers of all ages and levels can grow, explore, and develop a true love for movement.

Since its founding in 2024 as a series of supplemental workshops, the studio has grown into a full seasonal program while staying true to its mission of fostering artistic growth, technical excellence, and joyful expression. Alongside her dedicated team, Julia cultivates a welcoming environment that emphasizes creativity over competition. With weekly workshops on Fridays and Sundays, dancers from across Metro Detroit are invited to strengthen their skills, try new styles, and connect with the broader dance community.

For class details, schedules, and updates, families are encouraged to visit the website or check the studio bulletin board. Julia and her team look forward to a season full of inspiration, movement, and connection.



MEET YOUR 2026 Fitness Goals

PERSONAL TRAINER, PERSONAL PLAN, SUCCESS!



If you are looking for a Personal Trainer to help you achieve your fitness goals in 2026, then check out what we offer at the Macomb Township Recreation Center. Our personal trainer Carrie Blankertz has been an ACE-certified personal trainer and certified health coach for 21 years. She is also a licensed massage therapist and a golf fitness specialist. Carrie runs integrated training programs utilizing multiple forms of exercises to strengthen a golfer's performance and longevity. Fitness and sports have always played a major role in Carrie's life, and she is passionate about helping others change their lives to be healthier, happier, and feel good about themselves.

When you sign up for personal training, you will hear Carrie frequently say, "If it doesn't challenge you, it doesn't change you." Carrie believes in keeping the body guessing through fun, fresh, and challenging exercise. She will develop a training program that works for you based on age and fitness level.

If you're looking to improve your overall health and fitness, Carrie has an answer. **To set up training sessions with Carrie, please see or contact the front desk of the MTRC, 586-992-2900.**

Personal Training Rates (Resident/Non-Resident):

(1) 1 Hour Private Session = $60/$80
(1) 1 Hour Semi-Private Session (2 People) = $80/$100
(5) 1 Hour Private Sessions = $275/$295
(10) 1 Hour Private Sessions = $500/$520

Group Personal Training (3-6 people): Training includes 5 sessions. You must sign up together and train together. $140/$160 per person.



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