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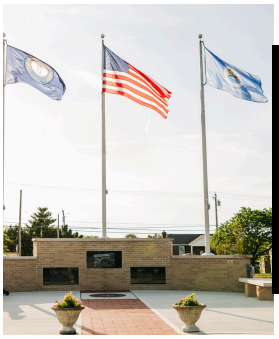
CITY OF TAYLOR MILL NEWSLETTER

Development in the Mill

The Taylor Mill City Commission is busy working to bring the vision of commercial development to the Downtown Gateway zone of the city along South Mason and Ridge Road. Using a development grant from Kenton County, the city purchased two parcels of land within the zone with the intent of spurring commercial development in the area. The city is in the process of clearing the land and removing the two residential structures that occupied the properties. Once the land is cleared, it will be marketed to potential developers.



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UPDATES ON CITY PROJECTS

Sidewalk Project Phase III - This project has been on the books and funded since the early part of 2018. However, due to bureaucratic red tape and then COVID, it had stalled. Currently the city is in the right-of-way acquisition stage. We are about to complete negotiations with all the adjacent properties owners and getting the necessary authorization to construct the new sidewalk. Once everyone has been paid and all the documents signed, another review of the state and federal government will take place. The state must approve everything for the second time, then the city will be released to go out for bid. Barring any unforeseen issues, the project should be bid this calendar year.

LWCF Grant - The city has applied for a park grant to revamp the full 1.5 mile paved walking path. The grant request also includes the budget for two new pickleball court. The grant requires a 50% match by the city and we hope to hear some-

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- Sat. 3/28/26 City Easter Egg Hunt
- Sat. 4/04/26 RAINDATE for Easter Egg Hunt
- Sat. 5/09/26 City Shred Event
- Fri. 05/29/26 City-Wide Yard Sale
- Sat. 05/30/26 City Wide Yard Sale
- Tues. 6/02/26 Tasty Tuesday Begins
- Wed. 6/24/26 Concert in the Park
- Fri. 7/11/2026 Celebration of USA 250th Anniversary featuring Derek Alan Band
- Tues. 8/11/26 Tasty Tuesday Last Day
- Fri. 9/11/26 City-Wide Yard Sale
- Sat. 9/12/26 City Wide Yard Sale
- Fri. 10/23/26 Scott High School Homecoming Parade
- Sat. 10/24/26 Center Point Fall Festival at Pride Park
- Sat. 10/31/26 Trick or Treat
- Sun. 11/29/26 City Christmas Tree Lighting Event
- Sat. 12/5/26 Santa's Neighborhood Visit

Ongoing Projects of the Taylor Mill Public Works Department

Public Works Director Jerry Jump and his crew have a lot of projects scheduled for the coming months. For the past several summer seasons, the crew have been working on city concrete streets around the city. This year, in addition to their normal routine duties putting out whatever mechanical fire needs addressing, some of the projects include: Installation of new basketball goals at the Pride Park basketball court as well as cleaning and restriping the court; installation of a new 50 foot flagpole to mark the intersection of Taylor Mill Road and Pride Parkway near the Shell station; demolition of the two houses purchased by the city for economic development and prepping of the land for commercial development; replace/ install various parking/no parking signs around the city to coincide with the recent updates to the parking ordinance made by commission; and reconstruction of the commission chamber dais to allow for better communication between the commissioners at meetings. Again, these projects are in addition to the normal day-to-day functions our Public Works Department must carry out, and it is normal procedure that these get added to, amended, and prioritized differently on a regular basis.

Important numbers:
Rumpke: 800-828-8171
Code Enforcement: 859-331-8980
Police non-emergency: 859-356-3191

A LIFE OF SERVICE

Mary Lou Kordenbrock

In 1957, Mary Lou Kordenbrock and her husband, Afton, purchased their home on Winston Hill Drive—the same home she lives in today. At the time, the community of Taylor Mill had just become an incorporated city. The Kordenbrocks quickly settled into home life, raising their family and enjoying the many benefits of small-town living.

Afton was drawn to public service and went on to serve as Mayor of the city for many years. But he was not the only community-minded Kordenbrock. In the mid-1970s, the city suddenly found itself without a city clerk, and Mary Lou was asked to step in temporarily to fill the gap.

Serving as the face of the office, coordinating residents' concerns, and assisting the city's elected officials, Mary Lou remained in that "temporary" role as the city's primary administrative officer for nearly 20 years. Then, in 1995, she notified the city that she would finally be stepping down and retiring.

Mary Lou was a true Taylor Mill trailblazer. She—and citizens like her—helped shape this city into what it is today. We recognize and thank her for her many years of civic service.

Thank you, Mary Lou.

A Safety Reminder

Chief James Mills reports the department has recently received an increase in reports involving phone, text, and online scams. Scammers often pose as government agencies, financial institutions, utility companies, or even law enforcement. They may create a sense of urgency, demand immediate payment, or request personal information such as Social Security numbers, banking details, or verification codes.

Remember:

- Do not provide personal or financial information to unsolicited callers or messages.
- Hang up and contact the organization directly using a verified phone number.
- Be cautious of requests for payment through gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency.

Do not click on suspicious links or download attachments from unknown sources.

If you believe you have been targeted or victimized, contact the police department immediately so we can assist and document the incident.

As a reminder, many vehicle break-ins are crimes of opportunity. Please remove all valuables from your vehicles, including firearms, electronics, and purses, and always lock your doors—even when parked at home. Taking these simple precautions significantly reduces the likelihood of becoming a victim.

We are also pleased to report that the department is currently fully staffed. This allows us to maintain proactive patrol efforts and continue providing the high level of service our community expects and deserves. Your continued awareness and cooperation help keep our community safe.

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thing by late spring.

Road Condition Analysis - The city contracted with I*nfraHub*, a road management company that reviews road asset and condition data, streamlines the planning and operations process, and helps the city to budget road maintenance more efficiently. The commission will take this data and will establish the city's ***Five Year Road Program***. This is the same plan the city created five years ago to establish the city's long-term goals to stretch the resident's tax dollar and make repairs based on quantitative analysis of road conditions and need. Once this report is completed and presented to the commission, they will establish the roads and projects that the city will devote our road budget to for the next five years.

Park Bench Project - The city has established the Memorial Bench program as a personal way to support Pride Park while remembering a loved one or honoring a special person, family, milestone, or memory. The six foot powder-coated bench comes with a 10.5"x3" bronze plaque to immortalize a cherished memory. Please contact the city for more information.

250th Anniversary Celebration - As this is the 250th anniversary for the country, the city plans to hold a celebration to commemorate the occasion. The event will have food vendors, various activities for the kids, the Derek Alan Band will perform, and the evening will be topped off with a fireworks show from Vito's Fireworks. The fireworks are being sponsored by many of our local merchants who have contributed the funds necessary to put on the display.

Vincent Drive Storm Sewer and Road Replacement - The city is coordinating with SD1 to replace the storm sewer along Vincent Drive. The old system was undersized and the residents along the street are forced to deal with flooding in the heaviest of rain events. The new upsized system will alleviate all those concerns. Once the new storm pipes are installed, the city will reconstruct the road. The project design is at 90% and is expected to to bid this summer.

Sanitary Sewer Expansion to Crawford and Sandra - In another coordinated project with SD1, the residents of these two streets will for the first time, be tied into the regional sewer system, allowing them to decommission their old stand alone septic tanks. After SD1 finishes with their installation, the city will reconstruct both streets which have been in disrepair for many years. This project is also expected to go begin the summer/fall of 2026.

Mason Road Slip Repair - Hillside slips are an all too common occurrence in the city. Having old roads that were constructed along those hillsides has created many instances of road slips that make travel difficult at best and

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impassable at worst. The east side of Mason Road currently has such a slip affecting over 400 feet of embankment and roadway. The city is currently working with our engineers to develop a repair plan and the necessary budget to address the repair. Early estimates for the hillside work and then the road repair have yielded estimates as high as $600,000 (+).

Pride Parkway Intersection Study - The city commission has made a formal request to KYTC District 6 to study intersection safety and effectiveness from the intersections along Pride Parkway from Taylor Mill Road on the north end all the way to Taylor Mill Road and Wayman Branch on the south end. The commission's greatest concerns are the safety issues of cars that come from the Taylor Creek subdivision at peak hours entering onto the parkway. Without a signal, often Taylor Creek residents are forced to wait for longer than usual periods and/or dart across oncoming traffic to exit the subdivision. We hope the study will find that perhaps roundabouts or even a new stoplight might be warranted. Similar issues occur at the intersections of Pride Parkway and Blackstone and Lakewood and Pride Parkway. A request for funding for the project has been made to our local senator, Chris McDaniel and representative, Kimberly Moser.

Need a place to hold an event, rent one of the three shelters at Pride Park or the Pride Park Community Center. You can check prices and dates for availability and rent online by going to our rental page on our website: Pride Park Rentals

FIRE CHIEF BRYAN LYNCH ADVOCATES CPR CLASSES FOR ALL

Community CPR plays a vital role in enhancing public health and safety by empowering civilians with life-saving skills. By extending the reach of emergency medical services (EMS) to the general public, community CPR ensures that immediate assistance can be provided during critical moments before professional help arrives. This proactive approach significantly improves survival rates in cases of cardiac arrest and other emergencies. It serves as a bridge between the occurrence of an emergency and the arrival of EMS, often making the difference between life and death. When bystanders are trained and confident in performing CPR, they can act swiftly and effectively, providing vital support that sustains life until advanced medical care is available. Research indicates that early intervention through CPR can increase the chances of survival by up to 40%. Such initiatives not only equip individuals with the skills needed to respond in emergencies but also foster a culture of preparedness and community resilience. Furthermore, community CPR training contributes to overall community safety. It encourages a sense of responsibility and collective action, which can lead to better outcomes in emergency situations. In conclusion, community CPR is a critical component of public health infrastructure. It enhances the capacity of communities to respond effectively to emergencies, saves lives, and promotes a safer environment for all residents. Continued investment in training programs and public awareness is essential to maximize the benefits of community CPR and ensure that more individuals are prepared to act decisively when it matters most.

Commission Meetings are held on the second Wed. of each month at 7 p.m.
Caucus Meetings are held on the fourth Wed. of each month at 10 a.m.
All meetings are held in the Commission Chamber unless noted otherwise

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