

SUMMER 2025

HUDSONVILLE

HOMETOWN NEWS

CITY OF HUDSONVILLE'S MISSION STATEMENT:

To grow a distinctive, livable, vibrant, and connected city offering excellent services and amenities.



FIND YOUR PLACE THIS
SUMMER
BECAUSE
HUDSONVILLE HAS IT.

SHOP THE FARMERS MARKET

Step into the Terra Square Farmers Market—a lively community gathering with local produce, honey, flowers, baked goods, and more. Support local farmers and artisans every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., June through September, at 3380 Chicago Drive, Hudsonville.

For more details and a list of vendors, please visit www.terrasquare.com.

New Activities at the Market:

- July 2 – Fire trucks & free snow cones (limited supplies).
- July 9 – Kid's Can Van with sensory activities & crafts.
- July 16 – Kona Ice & live music.
- July 23 – Pet Tails with puppy playtime.

Special Story Times with the Library:

Enjoy interactive story times at 10:00 a.m. on July 9, 16, and 23. Plus, don't miss fun kids' activities like the popular button maker, Lego building day, and creative crafts.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Join the library's "Color Our World" summer reading challenge—open to kids, teens, and adults! From June 2 to August 2, track the time spent reading to earn entries for exciting raffle prizes. Books, comics, articles, audiobooks, and even podcasts, all count toward your reading time. It's easy, flexible, and you can join anytime throughout the summer. Visit www.hudsonvillelibrary.org and click "Reading Challenges" to sign up and start tracking today!

HAPPENINGS ON HARVEY

Enjoy summer in Hudsonville at Happenings on Harvey! Presented by the Hudsonville Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Gemmen's Ace Hardware, this series of free themed events offers something for everyone in the family. Visit downtown on Thursday evenings in July from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. on Harvey Street for music, children's activities, food options, and more.

This year's themes and dates are "Superhero & Princess" on July 10, "Safari" on July 17, "Luau" on July 24, and "Western" on July 31. For more details please visit www.hudsonvillechamber.com/happenings-on-harvey.



SPLASH PAD

Downtown Hudsonville's splash pad is the perfect spot for families to cool off and enjoy the summer sunshine. Located next to the Pocket Park on Harvey Street, this interactive water feature offers a safe and fun space for kids to splash and play, while parents can relax nearby in the shaded seating areas. Push the silver button on the ground to activate.



CHALK IT UP - DOWNTOWN ART EVENT

On August 13 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. artists of all ages and skills are invited to transform Harvey Street into a vibrant canvas of chalk art! Chalk It Up is hosted by the Hudsonville Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Hudsonville Dental. Don't miss the chance to enter your chalk creation in the friendly art contest, and while you're downtown, explore the Terra Square Farmers Market, cool off with a sweet treat from Kona Ice, and enjoy the splash pad. Chalk is provided. For details please visit www.hudsonvillechamber.com/community-experiences.



NEW TO HUDSONVILLE

Enjoy Downtown Living

Just a walk away from downtown restaurants, community events, the farmers market, and more, Prospect Flats Apartments are ready for those looking for an urban lifestyle. This 41-unit complex is now offering tours and accepting tenants—find more at www.liveprospectflats.com.



ADA Pathway at Hughes Park

As part of Hudsonville's 2025–2029 Recreation Plan, which prioritizes increased accessibility throughout the city's park system, Hughes Park is currently undergoing improvements to add a paved pathway that will provide easier access to the ball diamonds on the east side of the park. The goal is to provide safe, accessible routes for all users, including children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

Initial work—including excavation and base material installation—is projected to be completed by mid-June. Final paving will follow, depending on contractor availability, with full project completion anticipated by late summer.

New Retail Stores Open

Two new retail spots have joined the plaza on Cherry Avenue in downtown Hudsonville. Mel Trotter Thrift Store and Dollar Tree are now open—stop in and discover great finds at 5221 Cherry Avenue.

HUDSONVILLE HAS FLAVOR

Chipotle Mexican Grill – Now Open

The city welcomes Chipotle to Hudsonville this spring located at 4205 32nd Avenue. They offer a pick-up window for online orders as well as outdoor and indoor dining.

DJ's Pizza – New Outdoor Seating Expected to Open this Summer

DJ's Pizza located at 3471 Kelly Street is nearly finished constructing its two-story deck, which will offer additional seating, a second-floor bar, and a new fireplace, all shaded by overhead sails.

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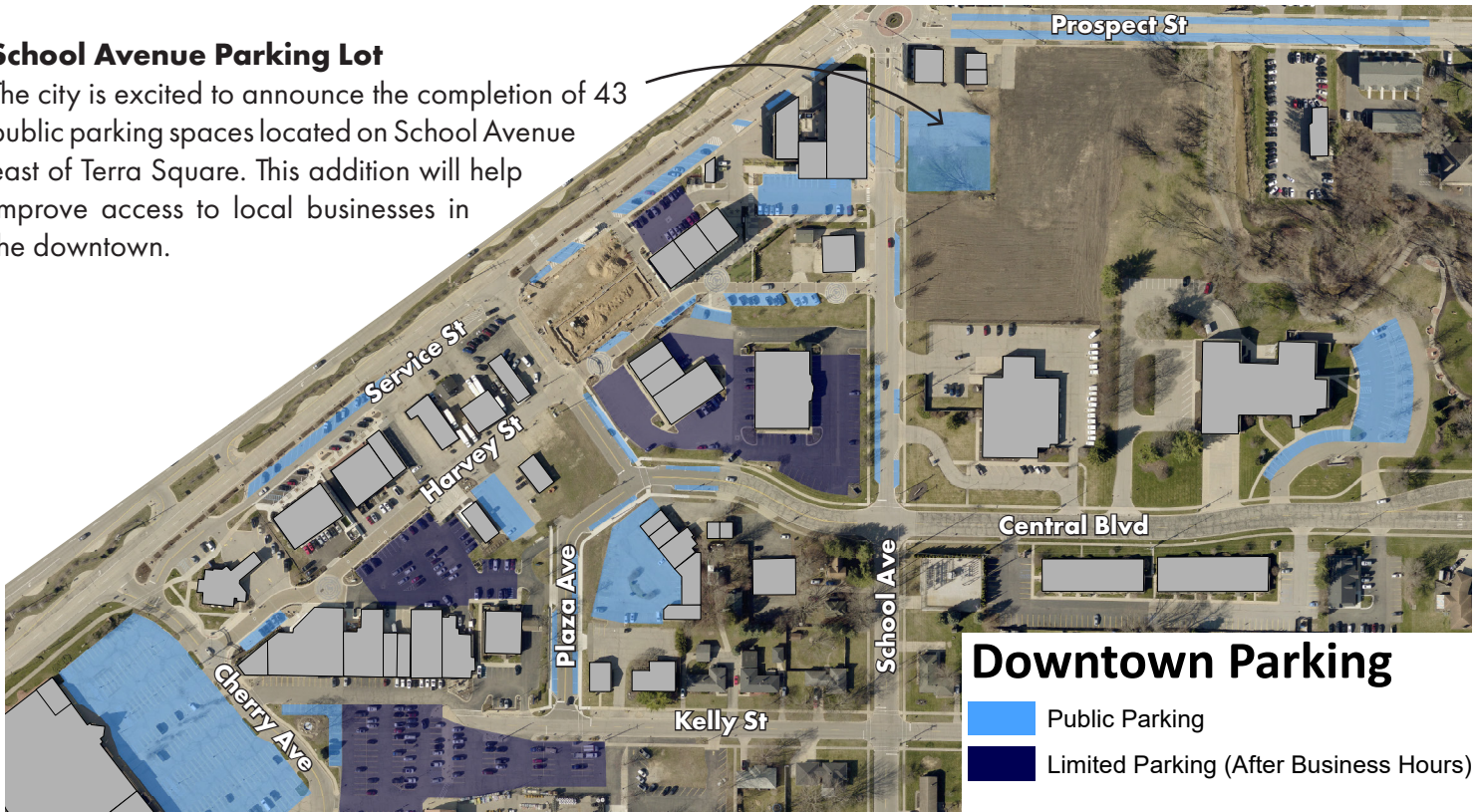
A new Mexican restaurant offering elevated, modern cuisine with creative fusion, sit-down dining, and a full bar is set to open at 4676 32nd Avenue in July.



Rendered Image of DJ's Pizza

School Avenue Parking Lot

The city is excited to announce the completion of 43 public parking spaces located on School Avenue east of Terra Square. This addition will help improve access to local businesses in the downtown.



CITY PROJECT UPDATES

Barry Street Repaving

This summer, Barry Street will be resurfaced from 24th Avenue west to the entrance of Colonial Apartments. As part of the project, a mainline water system valve near Presidential Lane will also be replaced. The city is currently coordinating schedules with the contractor, with the total project cost estimated at \$90,000.

32nd Avenue Resurfacing

The City of Hudsonville has received a \$237,000 federal grant through GVMC's Local Agency Planning (LAP) program to fund the resurfacing of 32nd Avenue, from Barry Street to New Holland Street. With a total project cost just under \$500,000, the remaining funds will be covered locally. Following delays for state and federal permits, construction is expected to begin this fall and wrap up by late fall 2025, following MDOT's process and timeline.

Outdoor Discovery Center Approved by Planning Commission

The City of Hudsonville is working alongside the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC) to offer two preschool classrooms designed for nature-based learning and community programming in Hudsonville's Nature Center, located on the easternmost edge of New Holland Street across from Presidential Lane.

Approved by the Planning Commission on May 21, 2025, this project will bring several valuable amenities for the community, including a 30-space parking lot with two barrier-free accessible spaces, improved lighting to increase safety, two public ADA-compliant restrooms, a trailhead patio designed for public gatherings, and a community room for educational workshops and programs. The Nature Center will remain open for public use, even while the Early Childhood Center is in operation.

This project is still in its early stages of development but for more information about this project please visit www.hudsonville.org/ODC.



Rendered Image of ODC



NOW THROUGH AUG. 2

SUMMER READING

FOR KIDS, TEENS & ADULTS



Adult Programs

** Teens welcome to these adult programs*

Drawing Class: Michigan Scene*

Tues., July 1, 6pm: Learn to draw some favorite Michigan scenes. No prior drawing experience needed.

Finding Things in the Night Sky*

Sat., July 26, 11am; For school-age kids through adult. Learn to find planets, double stars, clusters, planetary nebulae, and more.

Puzzles & Pie*

Tues., Aug. 5, 5:30pm; Enjoy chilling with a puzzle and some delicious pie. Adults & teens welcome.

Art & Crafting Classes

Nimble Fingers Creative Circle*
Wednesdays at 10am

Basket Weaving - Double Wine Basket
Thurs., July 10, 5:30pm, \$35

Advanced Twining Class: Sat., July 12, 10am, \$20

Watercolor Painting Class, Tues., July 29, 6pm *

Crochet Saturday, Sat., Aug. 9, 10:30am *

Fitness Classes

WERQ Cardio Dance: 6:30pm on Wednesdays

Zumba with Aimee: 9:15am on Fridays

Yoga Classes: 5:30 & 6:30pm on Mondays

WERQ & Zumba use the south-facing library entrance.

Programs for Kids

Mario Party

Tues., July 22, 6:30pm; All ages!

Birds of Prey with the Outdoor Discovery Center

Tues., July 15, 1pm; All ages!

Move to the Music

Mondays & Tuesdays (July 7-21) at 10:30am, ages Birth-PreK

Storytime at the Farmer's Market

Wednesdays, 10am at Terra Square (July 9-23)

Art Studio Thursdays

Drop-in Thursdays between 1-3pm (July 10-31) for ages 6+

Maker Mondays

Mondays at 1pm

June 30: Cyanotype Sun Prints

July 7: Pokémon Sculptures

July 14: Black Light Pictures

July 21: Outdoor Camp Games

Registration may be required for some programs.

To register & for our complete calendar, go to HudsonvilleLibrary.org



ABSENTEE BALLOT REMINDERS

Absentee ballots for the November 4 city general election will be mailed at the end of September. Voters attending college or spending the winter out of state should verify their mailing address with the city clerk's office to avoid delays—especially those on the permanent ballot list.

- USPS does not forward certain election mail, including absentee ballots, even with mail forwarding services. For those using mail forwarding starting after September 15, temporary mailing addresses must be submitted to the clerk by Friday, September 5.
- If a ballot is returned marked "temporarily away," an email will be sent from elections@hudsonville.org to confirm an updated mailing address.
- Absentee ballots may be returned by mail, drop box, voted in-person on election day, or at the early voting center during the early voting period.
- Viewing of a sample ballot before election day is available to all voters at www.michigan.gov/vote; enrollment in the permanent ballot list is not required.
- With the permanent application list discontinued, voters who are not on the permanent ballot list and wish to vote absentee must request an application from the clerk's office or download one from the city website and submit it.
- All absentee ballot return envelopes must be signed using a signature that matches the one on file with the state. If a signature is missing or does not match, the clerk's office will reach out to resolve the issue. Emails from the clerk's office regarding ballot or application issues will come from elections@hudsonville.org.

HIGHER THAN EXPECTED WATER BILL?

Did you know one of the most common reasons for a high water bill is a leaky toilet? It's often a slow leak on the inside of the tank, where water slips past the flapper and goes straight into the sewer. Common signs include a toilet that runs constantly, takes a long time to stop after flushing, or starts running at random times. Often replacing the flapper, which can be found at most hardware stores, will solve the leak.

For help identifying a leak, contact the Department of Public Works at (616) 669-0200. Free dye packs and the My Water Advisor tool can assist with detection.

Help Protect Our Waterways

Report any unauthorized dumping or improper disposal into storm drains. Only stormwater belongs in these drains—no chemicals, oils, detergents, or yard waste. Illicit discharges harm water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams. Help protect our waterways by reporting these incidents at www.lgrow.org/report.

What's My Water Quality?

Interested in learning more about the water quality in your home? The annual report on the source and quality of your drinking water is available online at www.hudsonville.org/water. To receive a paper copy in the mail, please call City Hall at (616) 669-0200.

SUMMER TAX BILL

Hudsonville summer property taxes are billed July 1 and are due August 15, 2025. Late payments will incur an interest charge of 0.50% on August 16, with an additional charge of 0.50% on the first day of each month thereafter. Postmark dates are not accepted as being paid on time.

Payments can be made at City Hall, by mail to 3275 Central Blvd., online (processing fees apply), or by using the 24/7 drop box located in front of City Hall between the flagpoles.

Tax deferrals for those who qualify must be completed and returned to the treasurer's office no later than September 14, 2025; the forms are available online at www.hudsonville.org/tax-deferrals or in person at City Hall. Please note that if your winter property tax bill is less than \$100, your winter taxes will be shifted to your summer bill, and you will only receive one bill for 2025.

Parking of Recreational Vehicles and Equipment

- Permitted in the driveway for three (3) days at a time.
- Permitted in the side yard behind the front line of the garage.
- Permitted in the backyard. Must be 10' from rear and side property lines if facing street on a corner lot or screened with an opaque fence or evergreen landscaping.

Swimming Pools

- Permits are required for pools deeper than two feet. Contact our Building Department PCI at (616) 667-8803.
- Swimming pools shall not be located closer than ten feet from a dwelling unit or property line.
- Barriers are required with a minimum height of 4 feet, if the pool is above ground the ladder needs to be removed when the pool is not in use.

WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK

The updated Hudsonville Has Charm Master Plan is now available for public comment! The full draft can be viewed at www.hudsonvilleplan.com with a link to submit a comment. The Master Plan is the vision for the City of Hudsonville and its future over the next 20 years.

The 2025 version includes:

- The "next steps" for the growing downtown.
- How new neighborhoods should be built and where developable land remains.
- Ideas for making walking and biking safer.
- Ways to help our local businesses thrive.

The Master Plan process will culminate in a public hearing at the July 16 Planning Commission meeting, at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.



DO YOU HAVE A CONCERN?

Did you know that you can report any non-urgent concerns on the city's website? Visit www.hudsonville.org then click on the "Report a Concern" button on the center of the page.

If you have an urgent matter that needs immediate attention, such as a water main break, please call Central Dispatch at 1-800-249-0911.

LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH



City Hall:

3275 Central Blvd., Hudsonville, MI 49426
 Monday-Thursday: 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
 Friday: 7:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
 (616) 669-0200

Library:

3338 Van Buren St., Hudsonville, MI 49426
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
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