

Kiwanis

Dearborn

Weekly meeting at Park Place – Tuesday, 6:15 PM

Kiwanis Turtle Derby

P.O. Box 2411 Dearborn, MI. 48123

Turtle Tales Three!

Special Edition August 1, 2026

The Race is Sunday
August 9th
At 4:30 PM!



The Race is On!
Homecoming is
Friday to
Sunday, August
7-9 at Ford Field
in Dearborn
from noon to
10:30 PM.

The Turtle Race is coming up fast!

If you have any Turtle tickets that you are unable to sell, please bring them with you to the board meeting at Park Place on August 4th, so we can sell them first!

We are moving the Turtle Gear from the school warehouse to Ford Field on Thursday, August 6th at 8:00 AM. We will be setting up the finish line signs and preparing the booth to start selling on Friday, August 7th. Our Turtle Booth will be on the Carnival side of Ford Field, right off the side of the main bridge, like last year. **We now have 90 Prizes, \$1900 in Cash! A record!**

Please sign up for a shift to help at our booth at Ford Field. A list is below. We also need a few people to put an app on their phone so we can take credit cards.

If you have any questions call Jim Rugenski at his cell number: 313-949-5747

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I have to tip my coffee mug to the Angel of Byrd Street, Debbie Rugenski.

With some extra donated cups from last year, and a bunch of donations from Starbucks managers at two locations, she managed to put together **Thirty Starbucks gift bags**. Each includes a \$15-\$20 pound of specialty coffee, and mugs, tumblers, solid hot and cold cups with lids and straws. One is even themed Christmas and contains a collectible ornament! Each mug or tumbler ranges from \$15 and up, and there are at least two per bag! Overall, each bag is valued at \$50+, making this a wonderful prize for our donors to take home. *Special thanks* also to **Kristen Boguslaski** and **Elizabeth Rugenski** for prizes.

There are FREE shuttles to Ford Field if you want to avoid the parking fees. Parking at Ford Field is \$10. You can park at Dearborn High School, 19501 W Outer Drive (between Michigan Ave and Cherry Hill) or from East Dearborn, park at the Dearborn Fresh, 13661 Colson (Schaeffer and Michigan Ave). Shuttles will make runs to the festival site from 11:30 AM to 9:30 PM each day of the festival. Return shuttles go back to pick up sites, and will run until 11:30 PM. Shuttle drop-off and pickup will be located on the south side of Ford Field Park, near the parking area and carnival.

During the festival, they have the "Homecoming Hopper" Onsite Transit Service. The Homecoming Hopper is a complimentary cart service that assists elderly guests and those with mobility issues with traveling from one end of the festival to the other. Keep an eye out for Homecoming Hopper flags placed throughout the festival grounds which signify the pickup and drop-off points!



**The Guys need
some help to
save me!**

We need two people to put waders on and act as backup and safety net for Scott and Brad at the finish line. It's not easy getting a couple thousand turtles and trap materials out of the river and up the embankment to safety. We welcome any family, friends or neighbors who are up to the task. Let Jim, Scott, or Brad know who can help us out with this important task. We have waders.



Talk about Dynamic Duo's! With Kristen and Elizabeth teamed up on prizes and logistics, and Rosa Scaramucci on social media along with Peggie Pedenelli on all of the above, our turtle race will run smooth, sure and safe. *(Better than our the shell-shocked chairman)*



2026 Turtle Derby Prize List

90 CHANCES TO WIN A PRIZE!

GRAND PRIZE

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS CASH!

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH!

TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH!

(2) ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS CASH!

(2) DETROIT TIGER TICKETS!

2021 SILVER EAGLE PROOF COIN



**(2) FREE WILL AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
GOLF FOR 4 WITH CART AT DEARBORN HILLS**

(2) HAND MADE REVERSIBLE QUILT

ANTIQUE CAR DRIVING TOUR OF DEARBORN FOR 3

(2) HALF SPIRAL SLICED HAM FROM DEARBORN SAUSAGE

(2) \$50 GIFT CARD TO REX'S GOLDEN GRILL

BEAUTY GIFT BAG FROM MILAN'S ON MONROE SALON

(3) \$25 GIFT CARD HABIB'S CUISINE

\$25 GIFT CARD TO BARSON'S GREENHOUSE

(2) \$25 GIFT CARD SZEDEDI'S CATERING

FRAMED TURTLE BEAD ART

(3) \$20 GIFT CARD TO BANGKOK 96

\$20 GIFT CARD TO AL-AMEERS RESTAURANT

(6) TWO TICKETS TO THE DEARBORN SYMPHONY

(30) STARBUCKS GIFT BAGS

(5) \$20 GIFT CARD EINSTEIN'S BAGLES

\$20 GIFT CARD TO RED OLIVE

(4) \$10 GIFT CARDS TO BARTZ BAKERY

(4) \$10 GIFT CARDS TO CAPRI ITALIAN BAKERY

(10) LUNCH DEAL FROM WHAT'S UP DAWG HOT DOGS

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!



Single tickets are \$5 each.
 For \$20, you get 5 tickets. One FREE!
 For \$50 you get 13 tickets. Three FREE!



There it is! The final prize list. It was delivered to me by a ZZ Top looking character with a long beard. He was talking about coming down from the mountain, and he was holding a pair of carved stone tablets. He said “Just call me Mo” and handed them to me. But they were too heavy for me to carry around, so I made the framed list on the left. Complete from the tablets, and ready for the final winning numbers to be written on at the end of the race! God Bless that man. When I looked up from the tablets, there was only a puff of smoke gently lingering in the air. There won’t be any changes from the tablets, but we can add any last minute prizes at the bottom of the framed picture here. It will be put out at the booth, and a picture of it will go to the website for all to see. Don’t worry if you can’t read it. It’s the same as the previous prize page. *I promised Mo, there will be no changes.*

DEARBORN HOMECOMING FESTIVAL MAP

Ford Field Park | Aug. 7-9, 2026

- Parking
- Arab Tent
- Activation Tent
- All-Stars Day
- Arts District
- Beer Tent
- Beverage Tent
- Bike Valet
- Bocce
- Cooling Station
- Cultural Pavilion Tent
- DFD Burn Drive
- Dining Tent
- First Aid
- Food Truck Corridor
- Homecoming Hopper
- Inflatable Fun Zone
- Info / Lost & Found
- Kids Stage
- Kiwanis Turtle Derby
- Merch Tent
- No Fee Zone
- Polish Tent
- Restrooms
- Reunion Area
- SMART Shuttle
- Vendor Village



Homecoming Schedule

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - All-Stars Day
11:30 AM - Shuttle service begins at Dearborn High School and Dearborn Fresh
12:00 PM - Festival & Carnival Open
12:00 - 6:00 PM - Postcard Project @ Activation Tent
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Community Mural, Family Crafts & more in Main Tent @ Arts
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Paint Out in the Park Competition - Live Painting @ Arts
2:00 - 10:00 PM - Bike Dearborn Bike Valet Open @ Tennis Courts
12:30 PM - 4:00 PM - Baby Bash Activities & Resources @ Sunrise Stage
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Bocce Tournament Registration @ Goodfellows Beer Tent
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM - Jennifer Westwood and the Handsome Devils @ Sunset Stage
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM - Detroit City FC Player Meet & Greet @ Activation Tent
7:05 PM - 8:05 PM - Bleau Otis Band @ Sunset Stage
8:45 PM - 10:00 PM - Laith Al-Saadi @ Sunset Stage
9:00 PM - Carnival Closes
10:30 PM - Festival Closes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

11:30 AM - Shuttle service begins at Dearborn High School and Dearborn Fresh
12:00 PM - Festival & Carnival Open
12:00 - 6:00 PM - Postcard Project @ Activation Tent
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Community Mural, Family Crafts & more in Main Tent @ Arts District
12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - Paint Out in the Park Competition - Live Painting @ Arts District
12:00 PM - 10:30 PM - Bike Dearborn Bike Valet Open @ Tennis Courts
12:15 PM - Bocce Tournament Begins @ Bocce Courts
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM - Storytime w/ the Dearborn Public Library @ Kids Tent
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM - Magician John Russel @ Kids Stage
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM - Jawqa Choir @ Sunrise Stage
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM - Kid Chemist @ Kids Stage
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM - Cami Rose @ Sunrise Stage
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM - Bugs On Wheels @ Kids Stage
4:45 PM - 5:30 PM - Ohly @ Sunrise Stage
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM - Audrey Ray @ Sunset Stage
7:05 PM - 8:05 PM - Alexandra Kay @ Sunset Stage
7:30 - 8:30 PM - PAWS Meet & Greet @ Activation Tent & throughout festival grounds
8:45 PM - 10:00 PM - Martina McBride @ Sunset Stage
9:00 PM - Carnival Closes
10:00 PM - Fireworks begin
10:30 PM - Festival Closes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

8:00 AM - Dearborn Decades 5K
11:30 AM - Shuttle service begins at Dearborn High School and Dearborn Fresh
12:00 PM - Festival & Carnival Open
12:00 - 6:00 PM - Postcard Project @ Activation Tent
12:00 PM - 10:30 PM - Bike Dearborn's Bike Valet Open @ Tennis Courts
12:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Community Mural, Family Crafts & more in Main Tent @ Arts District
12:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Paint Out in the Park Competition - Live Painting @ Arts District
12:15 PM - Bocce Tournament Begins @ Bocce Courts
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM - Crazy Craig Juggling @ Kids Stage
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM - Butter Churning Activity w/ Dearborn Historical Museum @ Kids Stage
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM - Lia Lucci @ Sunrise Stage
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM - Fossil Presentation w/ Cranbrook Institute of Science @ Kids Stage
3:30 PM - 4:15 PM - Dave Sharp Worlds Quartet @ Sunrise Stage
3:30 - 6:00 PM - Paint Out in the Park People's Choice Voting @ Arts District
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM - Big Bubble Dance Party @ Kids Stage
4:30 PM - Kiwanis Turbo Turtle Derby @ Kiwanis Tent
4:45 PM - 5:30 PM - Kalysta @ Sunrise Stage
6:00 PM - 6:45 PM - Aint Afraid @ Sunset Stage
97.9 WJLB Street Team & Live Remote @ Activation Tent
6:50 - 7:00 PM - Paint Out in the Park Awards Announcements @ Sunset Stage
7:05 PM - 8:05 PM - Curtiss Roach @ Sunset Stage
8:45 PM - 10:00 PM - Chance the Rapper @ Sunset Stage
9:00 PM - Carnival Closes 10:00 PM - Fireworks Begin

BOOTH SIGN UP

FRIDAY AUGUST 7:

11:30-1:30 BOB B.
DAN G.

1:30-3:30 PAM C.
PEGGIE P.

3:30-5:30 SHERRIE C.
DON K.

5:30-7:30 **OPEN**
OPEN

7:30-9:30 ELIZABETH R.
PEGGIE P.

SATUDAY AUGUST 8:

11:30-1:30 BOB B.
DAN G.

1:30-3:30 PAM C.
RENEA C. (to 3:00)
PEGGIE P. (to 3:00)

3:30-5:30 SHERRIE C.
PAM C.

5:30-7:30 ROGER F.
OPEN

7:30-9:30 ELIZABETH R.
OPEN

SUNDAY AUGUST 9:

11:30-2:30 RENEA C.
ROSE S., NOON-4:00

2:30-4:30 BOB B.

4:30 RACE IS ON!

TRAP: SCOTT M.
BRAD S.

PHOTOGRAPHER: PEGGIE P.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:

PEGGIE P.

KRISTEN B.

ELIZABETH R.

FINISH LINE/TURTLE RETRIEVE:
KEY CLUB MEMBERS

OPEN

OPEN

OPEN

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Dearborn Symphony Orchestra



Here are things you should know for this Turtley great event!

We owe a Special Thanks to our Cash Prize donors: Leon & Danielle Bergeron, Jim & Darlene Schoolmaster, Pam Carstea, and an anonymous Ukulele Player. Our Top Turtley Terrific Ticket seller is Roger Frank. We're going to have a Shellebration!

Fireworks will be on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 PM

Homecoming Hopper Carts will be around the festival to help people with mobility issues. Look for the hopper flag!

Dress for the weather, drink lots of water, eat, and have some fun!

Shuttle drop-off and pickup will be located on the south side of Ford Field Park, near the parking area and carnival.

Free Shuttles will run from Dearborn High School and Dearborn Fresh at 13661 Colson on the north side of Michigan Ave at Schaefer from 11:30 AM to 9:30 PM each day.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to



changing the world one child and one community at a time.