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Rochester Hills City Council Presentation

November 9, 2026

2026 General Election Recap

- **Governor & Lieutenant Governor**
- **US Senate**
- **US House**
- **Secretary of State**
- **Attorney General**
- **State Senate**
- **State House**
- **Ballot Initiatives**



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Implications of General Election

- **Governor & Lieutenant Governor**
  - New administration has many tasks before and after assuming office:
    - Transition Team
    - Department Directors
    - State of the State Address
    - Budget Presentation

- **State Senate**
  - New Senate Leadership elected
  - Committee on Committees to be appointed
  - Committees to be named and senators assigned

- **State House**
  - House Leadership elected
  - Committee on Committees to be appointed
  - Committees to be names and representatives assigned

Funding for Rochester Hills

- **State Budget Outlook for 2027**
  - Economists predict that there could be a shortfall of over $500 million for 2027.

- **Revenue Sharing**
  - Revenue Sharing is critical to fund the general operations of Chesterfield Township.
  - Revenue Sharing Trust Fund remains a top priority. Legislation providing a RSTF passed the Michigan Senate to lock in revenue sharing funds in perpetuity.

- **Public Safety Revenue Sharing**
  - New funding was added to the budget for local governments for Public Safety and it was distributed as revenue sharing. ***FY 2026 Rochester Hills received $61,013.***

- **State and Federal Grant Opportunities**
  - MWSG provides state and federal grant opportunities to Chesterfield Township as those become available each year.
  - Federal grant portals for Congresswoman McClain and Senator Slotkin open early in 2027 with deadlines around March/April.



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Wins for Rochester Hills

- **Contaminated Site Cleanup**
  - MWSG worked with the State Budget Office as well as Senate and House Leadership to negotiate and secure **$75 million** for contaminated site cleanup in 2023.
  - Earlier this year, the State Budget Director lapsed and clawed back the unencumbered balance for this project.

- **Nowicki Park**
  - MWSG worked with state legislators to secure **$2 million** for Nowicki Park.



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Legislative Monitoring

- **Legislative Docket & Monitoring**
  - Housing/Local Preemption Legislation
    - Opposition of this legislation protects local government's ability to make zoning decisions based on what's best for their communities.
  - Data Centers
    - Instituting state regulation of data centers throughout Michigan.
  - Property Tax Legislation
    - Eliminates the "pop-up" tax, State Education Tax, Real Estate Transfer Tax and personal property taxes and expands the Michigan Sales Tax for some specified services.

Communication

- **Email Updates**
  - Each week Midwest Strategy Group provides an email update from Lansing.
  - These updates provide timely information as well as grant opportunities for Rochester Hills.
- **Meetings with the Mayor**
  - Midwest Strategy Group meets with Mayor Barnett and his team regularly regarding priorities.
  - Midwest Strategy Group coordinates meetings between Rochester Hills and Michigan Departments on various topics when needed.
- **Department Head Meetings**
  - Regular meetings occur between Midwest Strategy Group and Rochester Hills Department Heads to provide updates and assist with state level concerns.
- **City Council Updates**
  - Quarterly, Midwest Strategy Group provides updates to city council on activities in Lansing as well as specific priorities Rochester Hills.



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What's Next

- **Strategy Development**
  - MWSG is working with Mayor Barnett and his team to develop a legislative strategy for 2027.
- **Lame Duck**
  - Lame Duck legislative sessions occur after General Elections and the status this year is up for debate.

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