

Welcome our New Sponsor A1 Auto Transport

The Ford and Mercury Restores Club of America would like to welcome **A1 AUTO TRANSPORT** to our sponsorship family. Below, you will find information on this company for all your automotive transportation needs.

When it comes to shipping a non-running vehicle, it's like cracking a puzzle - tricky but doable. Folks often wonder, "How much does it cost to ship a non-runner?" In search of answers, many turn to reputable auto transport companies, and one name that consistently emerges is A1 Auto Transport.

In this article, we're diving deep into the nitty-gritty of shipping non-running vehicles, unpacking the costs tied to this specialized service by A1 Auto Transport.

Understanding A1 Auto Transport

Getting to know A1 Auto Transport is like discovering the go-to for reliability and customer-centricity in the auto transport game. With a ton of experience under its belt, the company has nailed down the art of getting vehicles safely from point A to point B, no matter the distance. A1 Auto Transport isn't just your regular transport service; it's the [classic car shipping company](#) that boasts about its commitment to being pro and making customers happy.

Whether they're dealing with the delicate task of hauling a classic car or tackling the unique challenges of non-running vehicles, A1 Auto Transport stands out for being meticulous and keeping things crystal clear. Being recognized as a classic car shipping company is proof that they've got what it takes to handle special requests while making sure your prized vehicles get to their destination safe and sound.

The Cost Factors

Shipping a non-running vehicle involves several factors that contribute to the overall cost. Here, we break down these factors to provide a clearer understanding of what influences the pricing:

Vehicle Type

When it comes to shipping, the type of vehicle you're dealing with can really shake things up. Different shapes and sizes mean different price tags, straight up. Now, when we're talking about classic cars, things get a bit fancy. These vintage rides are like delicate flowers that need that extra touch to make sure they get from point A to point B without a scratch. A1 Auto Transport knows this game well. They understand that classics aren't just any old set of wheels. Nope, they're special, and that's why they've got this personalized approach to ensure these four-wheeled gems are treated with the TLC they deserve. So, whether you're rolling with a classic beauty or something more regular, A1 Auto Transport's got your back with a tailored solution to fit your ride's unique needs.

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Board meeting 11/8/23

The board made corrections to the flyer. Just have a couple sponsors to verify. Terry will call A1 Auto Transport & My Mechanics Place for sponsorships. Jerry will call FIS for sponsorship. Sponsorship Plaques were discussed, they will have the club logo. Wording the same as last year.

Terry Worful, Secretary

Minutes from the FMRCOA Club meeting 11/01/2023

Called to order @7:00pm

We had one guest Mr. Tillman. I apologize I didn't get his first name.

Jim received the Ford history books and delivered to the members that ordered them.

Long time member Richard Moote is in Hospice, please keep Richard in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Terry will send a thinking of you card. She also sent a get-well card to Gerald Murphy (aka Magoo) recovering from heart surgery.

Dale gave the treasurers report.

Our annual swap meet will be 5/18/2024 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds in Ann Arbor, Mi. The club lowered the \$5 entrance fee, Jack Vongerichten made the motion, second by Jim Wasolek. The \$5 motion passed. We will also bring back the car show and combining the car corral. Registration for is \$15 which includes one person. You will be able to display FOR SALE signs in your vehicle.

There was a motion made by Mark Sapiens seconded by Russ Roberts to skip the January meeting. Motion passed.

The crushed concrete was delivered to Jack Vongerichten for storing the club trailer on it.

Board will discuss the flyer next week to get it to print. 50/50 drawing, first place was John Tret again. Second Kathy Kuroski, 3rd Russ Roberts.

Terry Worful Secretary

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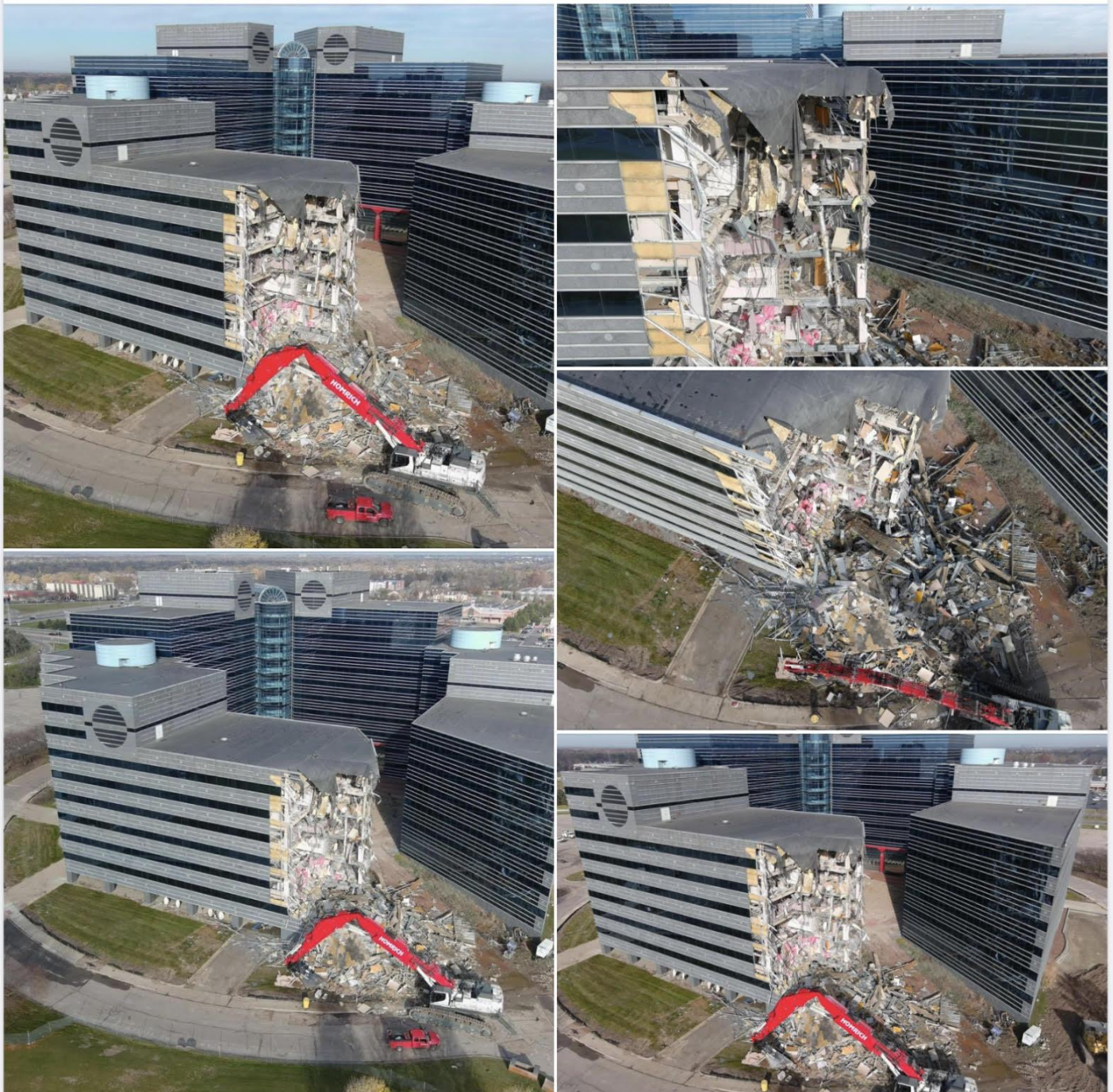


The former Regent Court office building in Dearborn, previously occupied by Ford Motor Co. employees, is being demolished.

Mike Shehadi, CEO of PharmaScript, and a real estate developer, began the demolition a few days ago. The 670,000-square-foot building, acquired from Ford in November 2022, was considered for conversion to residential use, but the costs were prohibitive.

Shehadi plans a mixed-use redevelopment on the site, including townhouses and national commercial tenants, with a projected cost of over \$50 million.

Demolition is expected to be completed by December 20, with a redevelopment plan submission to the city planned for early spring.



Distance

Now, let's talk distance – the real deal when it comes to deciding the bill. The distance your ride needs to cover is a big player in the shipping cost game. It's like the longer the journey, the bigger the dent in your wallet. That's the scoop on shipping expenses – they tend to climb the further your vehicle has to travel. A1 Auto Transport knows the drill and considers this distance factor in their pricing game. Whether it's a short hop or a cross-country adventure, they've got the lowdown on how to keep the costs fair and square. So, when you're figuring out the logistics of getting your wheels from here to there, keep the distance in mind because, in the shipping world, it's the miles that make a difference.

Shipping Method

When it comes to getting your wheels from point A to point B, A1 Auto Transport's got options – like the shipping version of choosing between first class or coach. They've got the whole range, from open to enclosed transport. Now, here's the inside scoop: the fancier option, enclosed transport, is like the VIP treatment for your wheels. It's super secure, keeping your ride safe from the elements and curious eyes. But like with anything top-notch, it might set you back a bit more compared to the open transport vibe. A1 Auto Transport's all about giving you the lowdown on these shipping methods. Whether you're rolling with the budget-friendly open option or splurging on that added security with enclosed transport, they've got your back, making sure your wheels arrive safe and sound at their destination.

Vehicle Condition

Non-running vehicles take center stage in the intricate world of shipping, where the absence of engine roars doesn't dull the magic. A1 Auto Transport, the seasoned player in this game, knows the ropes when it comes to handling these unique cases. Shipping a non-runner is more than just a load-and-go routine; it's like a carefully choreographed dance that needs some heavy lifting and precision moves. Thanks to A1 Auto Transport's specialized equipment, the loading and unloading ballet happens smoothly. Whether it's a vintage classic or a reliable ride showing its age, A1 Auto Transport has the skills to tackle the challenge. The condition of your vehicle doesn't throw a roadblock; it just adds a twist to the shipping adventure. So, if your wheels aren't exactly road-trip ready, no biggie. A1 Auto Transport has the tools and know-how to handle the twists, making sure your non-runner reaches its destination without a hitch. This laid-back approach showcases their commitment to a hassle-free shipping process, no matter your vehicle's condition.

Insurance Coverage

Talking insurance – A1 Auto Transport's got your back. When your ride is in transit, they've got insurance coverage on the scene. It's like a safety net for your wheels, making sure they're protected on the journey. Now, here's where it gets interesting – the type and amount of coverage can throw a little curveball into the overall cost. A1 Auto Transport offers various coverage options, tailored to fit your needs. Whether you're going for the full coverage package or a more budget-friendly option, they've got the flexibility to match your comfort level. It's like picking the insurance that suits your ride's style. So, while insurance adds a layer of security, it's good to know that A1 Auto Transport gives you the freedom to choose what works best for you and your precious cargo.

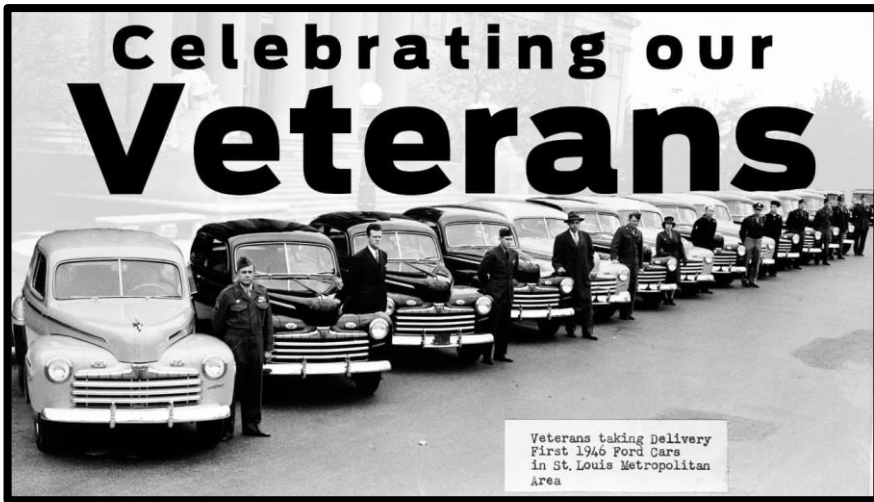
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Swap Meet Report – Lou Ironside

One final swap meet of the year to report on; and one future swap meet to discuss. On the first Sunday in November a fellow ESA's club member and myself ventured to Troy, Ohio for the annual swap meet put on by the Dayton-Buckeye Chapter of the national Model A Club. If you are a Model A Ford lover, this is a great swap meet to attend. The fairgrounds building used for the swap meet is spotless, well lighted, clean restrooms, and with nice generous spaces and aisles. The inside of the building was packed with vendors and also many on the outside as the weather was exceptional for early November. For me, the best thing was that 90% of the parts being sold were for Model A Ford's. Although not a huge swap meet it was exceptional with plenty to look at. Tom and I were both vending and were very happy with what we sold and what we bought. I attend a lot of swap meets, and this is one of the best organized and run meets I have ever attended. The ladies of the club had excellent food available and at very reasonable prices. There were several complete cars for sale and for the very ambitious a 1932 Ford coupe body that needed everything, and I do mean everything !! Tom and I have already made plans to attend next year, and if it anything like this year we certainly won't be disappointed.

On another note, the Jackson Swap meet in January once run by the VMCCA is no longer put on by the local chapter. The swap meet has been handed over to a privateer who runs antique shows. They have changed the date from a Sunday to Saturday January 20, 2024. Also, they have a different facility for the event. Nothing against antique shows (my wife and I sell at several) but an automotive swap meet is a whole different ballgame so to speak ! The flyer has a whole page of rules and regulations on the back, I have never seen that before at a small local event. Some are more in tune with an antique show and certainly not applicable to a small automotive swap meet. Sometimes a privateer can work miracles with a dying swap meet such as Nick Avina has done with the old Chevy swap meet in Monroe. But Nick runs a meet for car people without a page of rules and regulations...will be interesting to see how this meet goes.

A Look Back on Ford's Commitment to Veterans



1945 veterans taking delivery of 1946 models in St. Louis, MO.

For over a century, Ford Motor Company has demonstrated its support to returning war veterans in all aspects of their lives. In the aftermath of World War I, with Henry Ford's support, Edsel Ford opened the doors of Henry Ford Hospital to veterans, providing them with free medical care due to limitations in government medical facilities. Ford also championed the employment of veterans with disabilities, an effort dating back to 1911, ultimately hiring more than 9,000 people with disabilities by 1919.

Supporting Disabled Veterans

Ford's support for Disabled American Veterans (DAV®) spans nearly 100 years. The relationship began when Henry Ford provided Model Ts so DAV members could attend their annual convention. Today, Ford continues to provide funding and vehicle donations to help transport veterans to their medical appointments.



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Since 2007, Ford's Veteran Network Group (VetNG) has worked to raise awareness of the veteran community within the company and the issues that are important to them. "Being a part of this group has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career," said Scott Rumfield, product line manager, FordPro. "Veterans are the backbone of our country, and I feel proud to be able to spotlight them not just on Veterans Day but throughout everything we do at Ford."

Ford vehicles used to transport disabled veterans to their medical appointments in 1945

Recruiting and Employing Veterans

A Ford ad published in 1967 to help recruit veterans for jobs at Ford.

Most recently, Ford partnered with the [U.S. Army PaYS Program](#), which will help connect servicemen and women to Ford, ensuring a guaranteed job interview and potential employment post-military service. "Our veterans are deeply rooted in Ford's history, and their sacrifices in honor of our country serve as inspiration for so many generations," said Ernest Adams, chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer. "It's why we must continue to find ways to provide them with opportunities after service."



A Ford ad published in 1967 to help recruit veterans for jobs at Ford.



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Hot Under Your Hoodie – Brian Kuta



I've talked about reasons for engines overheating before, but have had a couple of folks ask that I talk about it more in depth so, here goes. Starting with the obvious, consider that the cooling system is just not big enough. Next could be a thermostat that is stuck closed or partially closed, and you should always run a thermostat. Next could be to make sure the heat gauge is working correctly, and that the heat gauge sensor is submerged into the coolant. Eventually a water pump can fail, and also consider that a steel or cast impeller can rust away, or get smaller from corrosion, or be the wrong one for your application. Make sure the pulleys are correct, as they could be turning too slow to circulate the coolant properly. A fan shroud is very important, and the fan blades should be about halfway into the shroud. Remember, if you put the blades too far into the shroud they could severely damage your radiator, because they will pull in toward the radiator as the engine revs up. There are different styles of fans available, with various blade configurations and blade counts, and flex fans that never seem to work as advertised. Also note that blades have been known to come off fans, especially flex fans, so always stand clear and away from those rotating blades, and think about preserving your hood. A clutch fan is a great idea, as a constantly turning fan gets in the way of air flow when the vehicles gets up over about 35 MPH, but you do have to make sure the clutch fan is working properly in order to rely on it. The modern day electric fans are good and reliable, and if you do decide to install an electric fan, I strongly suggest the thermostatically controlled option. If you opt for the manual on/off fan, sooner or later you will forget to turn it on and overheat, or forget to turn it off and came back to a dead battery.

Whew, is it hot or is it just me? Now let's move on to the engine and powertrain. Some uncaring rebuilders will knock the Welsh plugs (sometimes called Core or Freeze plugs) into the block, then there is a coolant restriction that is very difficult to trace. Also, too many owners

let the upper, lower, bypass and heater hoses go way too long, and if they don't blow at a very inopportune and embarrassing time, the rotting inside the hoses will eventually clog the cooling system. Imagine rotting hoses, and rusting blocks and core plugs, then add to this problem by allowing your vehicle to sit all winter while that debris turns into concrete inside your engine. As gravity takes it's toll, a lot of this debris will settle down into the bottom of the coolant passages in the block. Oh, and speaking of radiator hoses, if applicable to your vehicle, make sure that bottom hose has the spring it's supposed to have in it, and remember that is another source of metal eventually corroding away.

Moving right along, and trying to keep our vehicles moving, here are other considerations. Blocks that have been over bored do not pull heat away as well as a stock block. Most engines have a correct method of installing head gaskets, and if they are put on backasswards, correct coolant flow will be stopped. We all sort of, maybe, kind of care about fuel economy, but an engine running too lean can overheat. More compression will cause more overheating. Restricted exhaust flow can cause overheating. More initial timing usually provides better performance, but that too can cause overheating. If you changed the rear end gearing to provide better acceleration, the engine fires more frequently and that can cause overheating. Maybe you changed the torque converter to provide quicker acceleration, but remember that a looser converter allows the engine to rotate more, as the rear end gearing will, and that too can cause overheating.

Your cooling system is the only way your engine can dissipate the extremely high temperatures built up inside your block and heads. The coolant mixed with water, hopefully distilled water, carries the heat to the radiator, then the radiator heat is transferred to the fins and blown away into the air. Because road grime and debris can accumulate in those fins, the radiator should be gently blown out at regular intervals, the fins straightened out, and the coolant and distilled water changed with fresh rust inhibitor and water pump lubricant. I personally believe in using a product like Red Line, as it breaks down the molecular structure of the coolant to allowing for better cooling. Specialty vehicles that sit around way too long need to have their cooling systems cared for more often than your daily driver's, because acids and corrosion will occur more frequently when not in use and plug up your cooling system. That's about it for now so, be yourself, and always Be Cool.

Calendar of Events for 2023

LET'S HOPE NEXT YEAR WE CAN FILL THIS PAGE WITH EVENTS

JACKSON SWAP MEET – January 20, 2024

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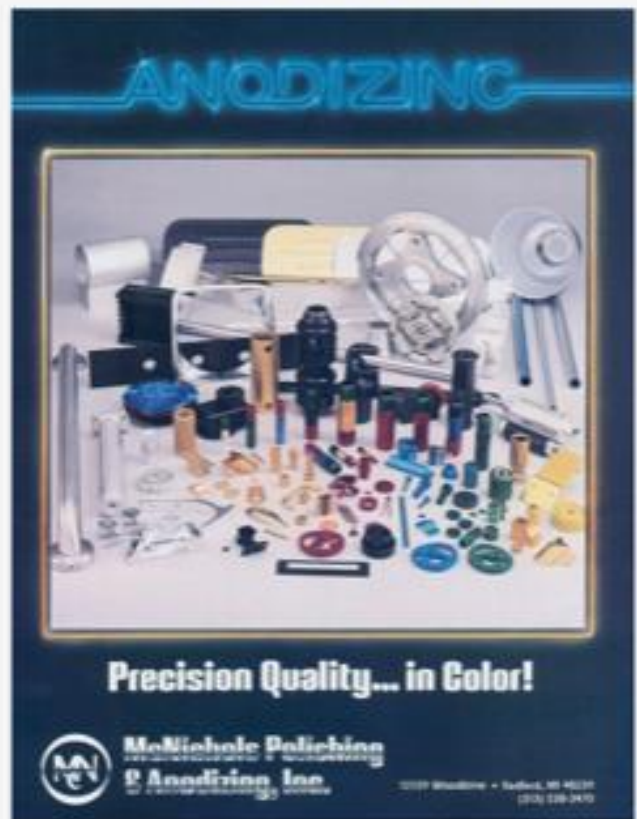
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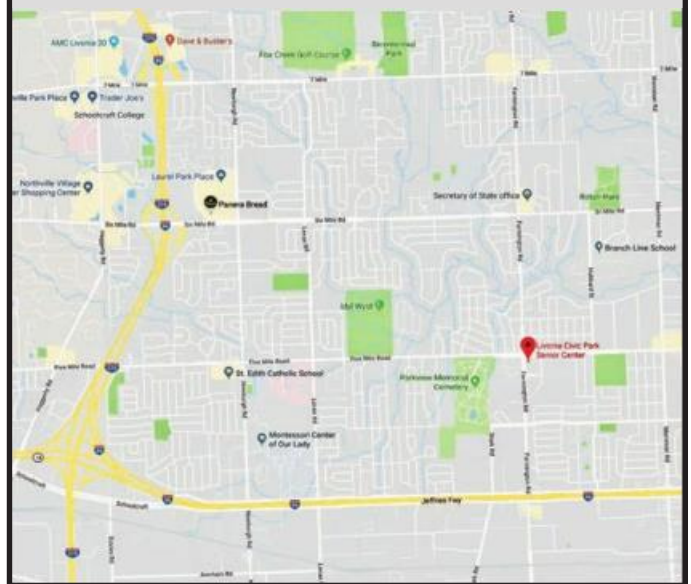
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