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**GROUNDBREAKING FOR TAYLOR BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
IN BETHEL PARK OCTOBER 16**

The “Help Bridge the Gap” sign that has stood on Clifton Road near McMurray Road in Bethel Park for a decade won’t be there much longer. The long-awaited bridge intended to carry the Montour Trail over Clifton Road will soon be taking shape.

The Montour Trail Council will hold a groundbreaking for the project, to be known as the J.R. Taylor Memorial Bridge, on Saturday, October 16, at 1:00 p.m. Parking will be available in the Washington Elementary School lot on the north side of Clifton Road.

Event speakers will represent the many parties who have helped to assemble the funds for this approximately \$1.1 million bridge project. They will include U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy, State Senator John Pippy, State Representative Matt Smith, Bethel Park Council President Tim Moury, and Darlaine Taylor, sister of J.R. Taylor, for whom the bridge is named.

Actual bridge construction will begin later this fall, with an anticipated completion date of November 2011.

The bridge will complete the heavily used, 2.7-mile Bethel Park branch of the Montour Trail, which has its northern terminus near Irishtown and Logan Roads, and connects with the Arrowhead Trail and the main line of the Montour Trail in Peters Township.

Taylor was an ironworker for his family’s business, Century Steel Erectors, until he died in a 2004 accident. His company and the Taylor family have devoted themselves to furthering the completion of this bridge project in his memory.

“Ironworkers have a creed—‘We build the world,’ ” Congressman Murphy said. “Bethel Park, the Montour Trail Council, and the Taylor family haven’t just been raising money to build a bridge for the last six years; they’ve been building a better community. This event should be cause for celebration by J.R. Taylor’s friends and loved ones, who brought this town together for a loving purpose. With this handsome bridge, the Montour Trail will find a missing link, and J.R. Taylor’s friends and family will find a reason to smile.”

“No project anywhere on the Montour Trail has been anxiously awaited by more users than this bridge,” stated Montour Trail Council president Ned Williams. “We appreciate the assistance from many government bodies that has moved this project forward, but especially the tireless efforts of the Taylor family members who have made bridging this gap their passion.”

The Montour Trail is a popular recreational trail that passes through 12 suburban communities of Allegheny and Washington Counties, from near Coraopolis to Clairton. The Montour Trail Council maintains a current total of 42 trail miles. The Montour Trail also links local riders to the Great Allegheny Passage, which runs from the Pittsburgh area to Washington, D.C.

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