

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

Mayor's Message

This summer blessed us with mostly wonderful weather. We had many beautiful days to enjoy being outdoors. Parks & Rec, the City Center Advisory Board, and the Friends of the Library hosted many well attended concerts. We had great attendance for Family Day and Senior Appreciation Night. And, we celebrated the 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States with carriage rides, the Detroit Youth Choir, and the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps.



As we settle into fall, nights are getting cooler, school is back in session, vacation memories are fading, and football season is upon us. For football fans who should get frustrated with the Detroit Lions or can't get enough football, try rooting for our own home teams ... the Southfield High School for Arts & Technology Warriors and the Lawrence Technological University Blue Devils.

Upcoming Home Games:

Sept. 25 –	SHS A&T	7pm	vs. Waterford Mott
Sept. 26 –	LTU	1pm	vs. Judson University
Oct. 9 –	SHS A&T	7pm	vs. Oak Park
Oct. 16 –	SHS A&T	7pm	vs. West Bloomfield
Oct. 23 –	SHS A&T	7pm	vs. Chippewa Valley
Oct. 24 –	LTU	1pm	vs. University of St. Francis
Nov. 14 –	LTU	1pm	vs. Indiana Wesleyan University

Neighborhood Associations:

Fall is also the time to restart neighborhood and condominium association activities. The city of Southfield can provide a number of resources to help community boards organize events including meeting space, mailings, and city giveaways and information packets. A revised Neighborhood Resource Guide is going to press shortly. The city also provides grants to refresh neighborhood entrance markers.

If your neighborhood association is inactive, the City will also help interested residents restart their association. We can provide model bylaws, maps, advice on dues and dues collection, and more, Contact Sherry Veal, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, at 248.796.4172 or sveal@cityofsouthfield.com

And finally, on behalf of the City Council and myself, thank you to those who have been diligent about maintaining their property. Our annual Community Pride Award Recognition program will be held on Thursday, October 1 at 6pm in the meeting room at the Southfield Public Library.

Warm regards,
Ken



City Clerk mails absentee ballots on September 24

Absentee ballots for the November 3rd General Election were mailed to voters who automatically requested them. Absentee ballots are available upon request for any eligible voter who has not previously requested one.

2 important referendums on the ballot

By now most voters surely know that the November election will decide who Michigan's next governor, secretary of state, and attorney general will be, as well as the next US senator. Please note that the ballot also includes two very important referendums.

Proposal 1 – Michigan Constitutional Convention

The referendum reads:

A proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of drafting a general revision to the state constitution. Shall a convention of elected delegates be convened in 2027 to draft a general revision of the state constitution for presentation to the state's voters for the approval or rejection?

Proposal 2 – Michiganders for Money Out of Politics

The referendum reads:

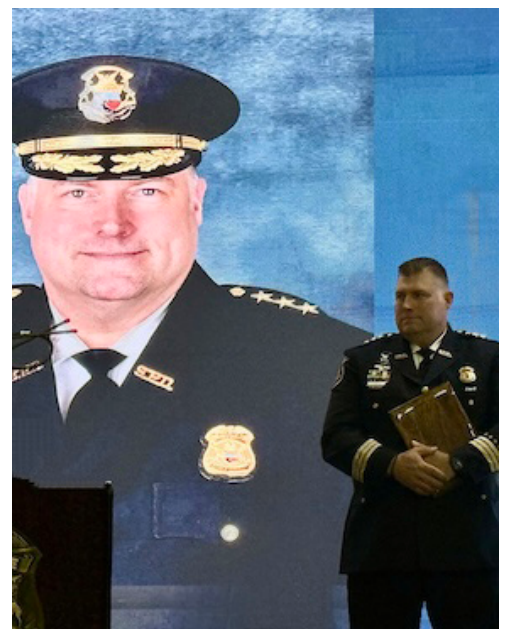
A proposal initiated law to prohibit contributions from certain regulated utilities and government contractors and apply campaign finance laws and regulations to additional types of political communications.



For voter convenience ballot drop boxes are available at several locations including in front of City Hall.

Daniel Restum, Anthonie Korkis named Officers of the Year

Police Dept honors officers for bravery, life saving, crime solving



Daniel Restum (left) named Officer of the Year, Anthonie Korkis (center) named Detective of the Year, and Deputy Chief Jeffrey Jagielski recognized for 31 years of service. Deputy Chief Jagielski will be retiring in December.

Helpful reminders for residents to keep Southfield clean, safe, welcoming

Keeping Southfield clean, safe and welcoming is a community effort. Here are important reminders and resources to help residents stay informed and maintain their homes and neighborhoods.

Homeowner Association Mailings

The City provides two mailings each year to Southfield homeowner associations. These mailings help keep neighborhood leaders informed about important City programs, services, events and community updates. HOA leaders are encouraged to share this information with residents.

Eyes on Southfield

See a potential code or community appearance issue? Report it 24 hours a day, seven days a week by calling **(248) 796 EYES (3937)**. City staff typically respond within 24 to 48 hours and work with property owners to resolve concerns.

Southfield Solutions App

The **Southfield Solutions** app is a free mobile and web platform that lets residents and businesses report quality-of-life issues and request city services directly. Report and track non-emergency community problems like potholes, graffiti, blight, broken sidewalks, and code violations. Download the app. Features include ability to upload photos, add descriptions, and use map-based geo-locating to pinpoint issues. View the live status of requests and receive notifications when work is completed.

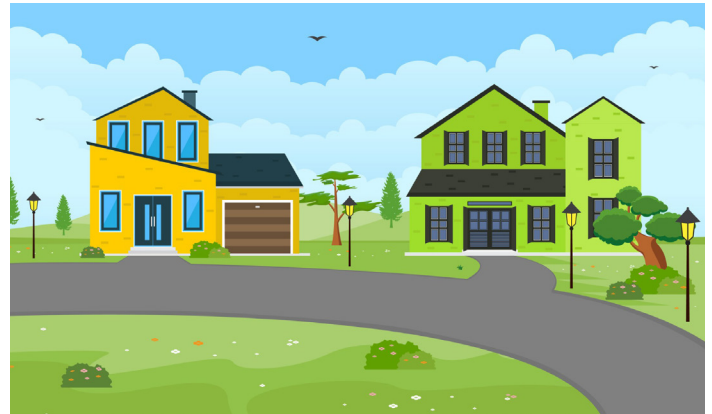
Lawn & Property Maintenance

Keep yards, landscaping, ditch lines, and rights of way neat and maintained. Grass should not exceed 8 inches, and weeds should not exceed 12 inches. Properties should also remain free of litter, junk, debris and scrap materials.

Tree Removal Permits

A city permit and inspection may be required before removing trees with a trunk diameter of 6 inches or greater. Permits are issued at no charge through the Planning Department. Residents using professional tree services should select a contractor licensed by the City.

For tree inspections, call (248) 796-4156. For additional information, contact Planning at (248) 796-4150 or Forestry at (248) 796-4634.



Yard Waste and Leaf Collection

Yard waste collection typically runs from the first week of April through the Friday after Thanksgiving and takes place on your regular trash collection day. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic materials. Please do not blow leaves or grass into the street. Bag these materials properly for collection. Place branches and brush at the curb with cut ends facing the street.

Replacement Trash Cans & Recycling Bins

Need a replacement trash can or recycling bin? Residents should contact Priority Waste directly at (586) 228-1200 to request a replacement.

Keep Sidewalks Clear

Residents and businesses are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks in a timely manner to help keep pedestrians safe and prevent mail delivery delays. For information, call Public Works at (248) 796-4860.

Overnight Street Parking

City Ordinance 1696 prohibits parking on public streets between 2am and 5am. Temporary permission may be granted by the Police Department for up to seven days.

HOAs and Block Captains

Active neighborhood associations and block captains help keep residents connected and informed. Block captains can assist with sharing City information, encouraging neighborhood participation and strengthening communication between residents, neighborhood leadership and the City.

***Stay connected. Stay informed.
Help keep Southfield beautiful!***

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS PRESENTS

BE the ART

A COSTUME BALL

Join us for an evening of:

- ART-INSPIRED ATTIRE
- FOOD AND DRINK
- GALLERY ACCESS
- MUSIC WITH A LIVE DJ
- SILENT AUCTIONS
- A COLLABORATIVE LIVE ART EXPERIENCE
- AND MORE!

COST: \$150 PER GUEST



SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE TICKETS.

TICKETS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MAYOR'S OFFICE, WITH PAYMENT ACCEPTED BY CASH, ZELLE OR PAYPAL.

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PARK WEST GALLERY

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FRIDAY NOVEMBER 13TH, 2026 - 6:30 TO 10:00 PM

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC ARTS



City welcomes HORSE Powertrain

The City of Southfield recently welcomed HORSE Powertrain to its growing portfolio of auto-related companies.

Headquartered in London, England, HORSE has facilities in numerous European countries, Brazil, and China. Their new offices at the Southfield Town Center are the company's first location in North America.

HORSE offers a range of powertrain solutions across every fuel type—from integrated powertrain systems to standalone products: combustion engines, hybrid solutions, transmissions, and range extenders. This office represents its growing alliance with US automakers.

The company deliberately chose Southfield because of its central location and proximity to Lawrence Tech, and other auto suppliers in the city.

HORSE North American CEO Tom Lewis makes remarks prior to officially opening the offices in the Southfield Town Center. Mayor Siver and Councilmembers Dan Brightwell and Yolanda C. Haynes welcomed the company to the city.

City, LTU dedicate new softball field

No longer does the Lawrence Technological University Women's Softball Team have to travel miles away for its home games. The team now has a field in Southfield to host its games.

Southfield Parks & Rec formed a partnership with the university to create a home field. The former baseball field behind the ice arena has received a complete makeover with new dugouts, AstroTurf, fencing, and scoreboard. LTU shared the expense of the field.

The season for women's softball is late February to early May. Southfield Parks & Rec will use the field from May through November.



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CITY CALENDAR

September 24 -- Absentee Ballots go out

September 24 -- Neighborhood Leadership & Boards & Commission Dinner - 5pm - Southfield Pavilion

October 1 -- Community Pride & Southfield PhotoPrize Award Program at 6pm in Library

October 11 -- Domestic Violence Awareness Walk -11am

October 12 -- Indigenous People Day - City offices and library closed

October 18 -- Southfield Fire Department Open House

October 23 -- Early Voting begins