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COVER PHOTO: Southfield's 2010 International Festival by Jerry Zolynsky



# International Festival celebrates Southfield's diversity



## INTERNATIONAL Festival

*Cultural event features food, customs and crafts from around the world*

As the premier business and residential address in Michigan, the City of Southfield has a long history of producing world class events that reflect our diversity and rich cultural heritage. One of Southfield's brand messages, *A Place for Everyone*, fosters this belief that our racial and religious diversity is a strength that weaves together the cultural fabric of our community. There truly is *A Place for Everyone* in the City of Southfield. All people, from virtually all walks of life, live together in harmony within our city boundaries. Southfield is an international city bustling with people from a rich array of cultural, racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds. Growing up in such an international environment helps make Southfield children "globally prepared" – knowledgeable

about and understanding of the many cultures, customs and traditions that make up our global community.

With such a rich cultural heritage, the City of Southfield, in partnership with the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc., is proud to sponsor the International Festival Friday, October 15 – Sunday, October 17 in the Southfield Pavilion.

The International Festival is the ideal event to showcase Southfield's rich cultural heritage. The 2010 International Festival will kick-off on Friday, October 15 with a U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services (CIS) swearing-in ceremony of new citizens. Last year, more than 50 individuals from 28 countries became United States' citizens right here in



### INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OVERVIEW

**Friday, October 15**  
12–5 p.m.

**Saturday, October 16**  
10 a.m.–8 p.m.

**Sunday, October 17**  
11 a.m.–6 p.m.

**Southfield Pavilion • 26000 Evergreen Road**

- Weekend pass just \$3 per person or \$5 per family with free parking
- International music and dance performances all weekend
- Children's hands-on activities; ethnic art and craft demonstrations; and a wide variety of imported products, handmade arts and crafts, jewelry, fabrics, apparels and other unique gifts available from around the world
- International and ethnic food available for purchase

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## **International Festival**, *Continued from page 3*

the City of Southfield. This year, the International Festival will run Friday, October 15 from 12–5 p.m., Saturday, October 16 from 10 a.m.–8 p.m., and Sunday, October 17 from 11 a.m.–6 p.m.

The International Festival will feature a fun, affordable and enriching afternoon for the entire family. The event will offer international music and dance performances throughout the entire weekend including Polish, Indian, African, Spanish, Greek, Korean, Mexican, Middle Eastern, Ukrainian and many others; children's hands-on activities; and ethnic art and craft demonstrations. Guests will also be able to purchase a wide variety of imported products, authentic handmade crafts, jewelry, ethnic fabrics, apparels and other unique gifts from around the world. A variety of international and ethnic food will also be available for purchase. A weekend pass is just \$3 per person or \$5 per family with ample free parking available.

The City will also host the 1<sup>st</sup> annual International Wine Tasting event on Friday, October 15 from 6–9 p.m. This elegant evening will feature select wines from around the



world, live entertainment and hors d'œuvres. Advance tickets are required for \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Tickets are available at the City of Southfield Main Lobby, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information, call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 or visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

## **City of Southfield selected as 2010 Diversity Champion by Corp! Magazine**

The City of Southfield has been selected as a Diversity Champion in the 2010 Corp! Magazine Salute to Diversity Awards.

“The community’s diversity is one of the many reasons that my family moved to Southfield,” commented Mayor Brenda Lawrence. “We truly enjoy the melting pot of so many different nationalities living happily together in our city. The City of Southfield is proud to be the home to such a rich heritage of cultural and religious diversity. Like our brand message, there truly is a Place for Everyone in Southfield. To be recognized by Corp! magazine is an honor and one that I think is well deserved by every Southfielder.”

Mayor Brenda Lawrence will accept the award on August 31 at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Salute to Diversity breakfast program at the MGM Grand Detroit. Honorees were selected based on significant achievements in a category, as well as a demonstrated commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion, and contributions to diversity issues in business and the community. The City of Southfield was selected in the category of Diversity Champion for creating, sustaining,

and promoting special diversity programs and initiatives; encouraging community awareness, understanding and relationships in the name of diversity and inclusion; promoting diversity education and training; highlighting diversity events and accomplishments; and fostering civic involvement to promote diversity and inclusion.

The Corp! Magazine Salute to Diversity Awards supports the belief that diversity and multiculturalism in business and government drives creativity and innovation. Corp! magazine was founded in 1998 to inform, intrigue, and entertain business owners and top level executives by providing features, news and profiles. Keeping pace with today’s communications industry, Corp! magazine produces informative and intriguing business feature content in two distinct publications—print and online. Corp! in print and online is a B-to-B publication which features success stories, best practices and strategies that CEOs, business owners, executives and managers find useful and relevant. Corp! is dedicated to raising the profile of business in our communities and driving it forward.



## City of Southfield enacts new Electronic Pet Fence Ordinance

The Southfield City Council has adopted an ordinance to amend the Southfield City Code by adding new Section 9.88 to Chapter 113, Animals, of Title IX, Police Regulations, regarding electronic pet fences.

The new Electronic Pet Fence Ordinance mandates that a sign must be placed at each corner of any property upon which such a fence is installed that is abutting a street. The signs (“Electronic Pet Fence in Use”) are available free-of-charge at the City’s Neighborhood and Information Center located at 26000 Evergreen Road.



A violation of this ordinance will constitute a municipal civil infraction subjecting the violator to potential fines and penalties as provided in Section

1.703 of the City Code. Residents are also reminded that City Ordinance requires all cats and dogs in Southfield to be licensed through the police records bureau. For more information, call the police records bureau at (248) 796-5580.

For more information regarding the Electronic Pet Fence Ordinance call the Southfield City Clerk’s Office at (248) 796-5150. For more information regarding the Electronic Pet Fence signs call the City’s Neighborhood and Information Center at (248) 796-5140.

## Southfield implements revised smoking policy to comply with new state law

The city of Southfield implemented a revised smoking policy effective May 1 that prohibits smoking in all City facilities and within 20 feet of any building entrance. The Dr. Ron Davis Smoke-Free Air Law, signed into law by Governor Granholm on December 18, 2009, prohibits smoking in most public areas and workplaces throughout Michigan.

Under the new state law, smoking is prohibited effective May 1, 2010 in public places and food service establishments statewide. The law

defines a “public place” as any “enclosed indoor area used by the general public” and as “a place of employment” of one or more workers. Furthermore, the law prohibits smoking at outdoor areas adjacent to food service establishments.

The revised City of Southfield Smoking Policy prohibits smoking in all City of Southfield Municipal Buildings and further does not allow smoking by employees, contractors or the public within 20 feet of any entrance or other area that prohibits smoking. New

“Smoke Free” signs that reflect these changes were installed at all public entrances to City buildings. Smoking will be allowed only in designated outdoor areas located more than 20 feet away from any entrance or other non smoking area.

Individuals who violate state law prohibiting smoking are subject to civil fines of not more than \$100 for a first violation and not more than \$500.00 for a second or subsequent violation.

## Southfield increases overnight public street parking enforcement

*Effort aims to improve traffic flow and reduce public safety issues that could impact emergency services*

The city of Southfield plans to enhance enforcement of the City’s existing overnight street parking ordinance that prohibits parking on any public street between the hours of 3 a.m. to 6 a.m.

The Southfield Code Enforcement Department, in conjunction with the

Police Department, will actively patrol the city between the hours of 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. to monitor for any violations of the parking ordinance. Overnight parking on public streets can create traffic flow, appearance and safety issues that could impact emergency services and snow removal. Any vehicles found parked

on public streets during the hours of 3 a.m. to 6 a.m. will receive an \$80 civil infraction ticket.

For more information call the Code Enforcement division at (248) 796-4140.



## Advertise your business in the 2011 City of Southfield calendar

Reach potential customers all year long with just one ad! More than 45,000 copies of the City of Southfield's award-winning calendar are mailed annually to every home, apartment and business in the City. Thousands more are included in information packets distributed throughout the year to prospective new residents and businesses. The calendar advertising insert is an excellent way to reach more than 78,000 Southfield residents and 9,000 businesses for one extraordinarily low price. The return on an investment in a calendar ad reaps dividends throughout the entire year — providing lasting visibility for your business.

Reserve your ad today — space is limited! Call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 for more information.

## Sign up for free e-mail or text service

The City of Southfield has launched a new e-mail/text instant alert system for Southfield residents and businesses.

Sign-up is free and easy right from the City's Web site. Simply log on to [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com) and enter your e-mail address in the field located in the upper right hand corner of the homepage. From here users will verify their e-mail address (and/or wireless information) and set their preferences. Registered users will then begin receiving updates as they are released via their preferred method.

For more information, call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130.

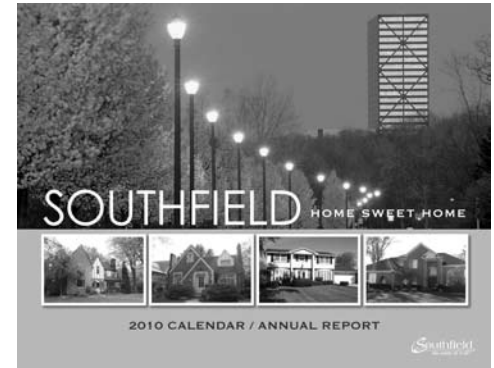
## Southfield's 2010 City Calendar selected as finalist in 3CMA Savvy Awards Competition

The city of Southfield's 2010 Annual Report/Calendar was selected as a finalist for one of three awards (Savvy, Silver Circle or Award of Excellence) in the 22nd annual national Savvy Awards Competition sponsored by the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA).

The exact award designation, offered in the category of photography for communities in the population group 16,000-78,296, will be announced on September 9, 2010 at the 3CMA Annual Conference in Atlanta, GA.

The Southfield 2010 Annual Report/Calendar was produced entirely in-house by the City's Community Relations Department. The city of Southfield's entry was one of more than 700 submitted from municipalities and counties from across the country.

The Savvy Awards are held annually in cooperation with the National League of Cities to recognize



outstanding local government achievements in communications, public sector marketing, and citizen-government relationships. Each year the number of entries in 3CMA's Savvy Awards competition continues to increase in quantity, quality, and scope of programs submitted. The program reflects the growing skills of communications professionals, as more local governments and agencies embrace and employ the concepts of enhanced marketing and communication with citizens. The Savvies salute effective city/county/agency government programs that exhibit creativity and innovation.

## Weatherization Program offers free energy efficiency upgrades to income-eligible households

The Weatherization Assistance Program is a free service funded by the Federal Department of Energy (DOE) that is administered by the Michigan Department of Human Services (DHS). The program provides free energy conservation services for eligible low-income households. DHS contracts with Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) to operate the program. Weatherization can help reduce energy use and lower energy bills, and may include services such as wall, ceiling and attic insulation and ventilation, combustion appliance testing, furnace repair or replacement, air leakage reduction, and many other energy saving measures. OLHSA determines applicant eligibility, performs the inspections and contracts with qualified, licensed and insured private contractors to complete the work.

Call OLHSA at (248) 209-2760 or visit [www.olhsa.org](http://www.olhsa.org) to see if you qualify.

## View City Cable 15 on AT&T's Uverse

The wait is over! Southfield City Cable 15 programs can now be seen on AT&T. Southfield residents who have AT&T Uverse can view Cable 15 shows by clicking on Channel 99 and scrolling down the menu to City Cable 15/Southfield. City Council meetings, "15 News" and many other community programs are all now available to AT&T subscribers.

### We Always Appreciate Your Story Ideas

City Cable 15 is always looking for great stories about our community. From businesses, to community leaders to extraordinary young people, we'd like to hear about them. They could be featured on one of our shows. So share your idea by calling the appropriate contact number listed below:

"15 News" (248) - 796-4508

"Business Matters" - (248) 796-4507

"A Conversation With" - (248) 796-4503

"The Connection" Teen Show - (248) 796-4524

### Upcoming Programs

Cable 15 produces community programming that you won't find anywhere else. Here's a look at just some of the special events you will see on Channel 15 this fall and winter:

**September:** *46th District Court Judge Debate*

**October:** *2010 Community Pride Awards Ceremony*

**November:** *General Election results & Veterans' Day Ceremony*

**December:** *Burgh Tree Lighting*

**January:** *MLK Peace Walk Celebration*

## Southfield City Treasurer's News

Did you know that tax bills can now be paid online at [www.paylocaltaxes.com](http://www.paylocaltaxes.com)? Tax bills can also be paid by mail, in person or at First Place Bank locations (no longer Comerica Bank). Remember that August 31 is the last day to pay 2010 summer taxes without penalty and December 1 is the first day to pay 2010 winter taxes.

Residential tax bills have declined this year due to the city utilizing surplus investment earnings, increased cost cutting with disciplined spending, and the elimination of 160 staff positions without layoffs. Tax deferments are available for people ages 62 and older, veterans, and disabled individuals residing in households with income less than \$40,000. The application for deferments must be completed by Wednesday, September 15.

The Treasurer's office counter is also now accepting credit cards for water bills and vital records with no fee; however, if paying tax bill by credit card there is a small convenience fee.

E-mail City Treasurer Irv Lowenberg at [ilowenberg@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:ilowenberg@cityofsouthfield.com) or call (248) 796-5210 if you are interested in being included on our e-mail list for future Treasurer's Financial Lecture Series events.

## SUPPORT GOOD HEALTH & THE ENVIRONMENT

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**EVERY  
THURSDAY  
THRU OCTOBER 28  
8:30 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

*Located in the  
Northland Center  
Parking Lot  
next to Northland Mall*

The Farmer's Market provides locally grown vegetables, fruits, flowers, plants, jams, salsas, breads, gourmet cheeses and wines sold by the farmers who produce them every Thursday (rain or shine) June through October. The market offers free parking and admission in addition to a large variety of fresh, locally grown produce.

**For more information, call  
Cornerstone Development  
Authority at (248) 796-5196 or visit  
[www.southfieldfarmersmarket.net](http://www.southfieldfarmersmarket.net).**

# CITY CLERK'S NEWS

*Nancy L. M. Banks, City Clerk*



## 2010 Election Information

### General Election – November 2, 2010

*Offices to be elected are:*

- Governor and Lt. Governor**
- Secretary of State**
- Attorney General**
- U.S. Representative in Congress**
- State Senator**
- State Representative**
- State Board of Education (2 Seats)**
- University of Michigan Regents (2 Seats)**
- Michigan State University Trustees (2 Seats)**
- Wayne State University Governors (2 Seats)**
- Justice of the Supreme Court**
- Judge of Court of Appeals**
- Judge of Circuit Court**
- Judge of District Court**
- Judge of Probate**
- County Commissioner**
- Southfield School Board Member (3 Seats)**
- Birmingham School Board Member (2 Seat)**
- Any Proposals**

## Close of Registration

Are you registered to vote? Do you know your voting precinct? In an effort to provide better service for our residents, and to help cut down the number of phone calls and/or waiting in line on Election Day, you can verify your voter registration information by contacting the City Clerk's Office or viewing our Web site at [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com) and click on the Government Tab, select City Clerk's Office, Election Information. A direct link to the Michigan Voter Information Center can be accessed on the Clerk's

home page "Are you registered to vote?" or by using the Related Link.

Michigan election law states that you must be registered to vote 30 days in advance of an election.

The Close of Registration deadline for the November General Election is October 4, 2010.

If you are not currently registered to vote in Southfield, please visit the City Clerk's Office, or any Secretary of State Branch office, or view the City Web site at [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com)

to download a voter registration form. If you are physically unable to appear in person, please call City Clerk Nancy L. M. Banks at (248) 796-5150, to make arrangements for a member of the City Clerk's Office to register you at home.

## New Photo ID Requirement to Vote

Pursuant to a Michigan Supreme Court ruling in July 2007, all Michigan voters must show current photo identification before voting at the polls. Voters can satisfy the picture identification requirement by showing a current Michigan driver's license or State I.D. card. A voter who is unable to show photo identification can vote after signing an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture I.D.

## Absent Voter Applications

Michigan law requires that registered voters wishing to receive an absent voter ballot must complete an Absent Voter Application for each election for which an absentee ballot is needed. Voters whose names are on the Permanent Absent Voter List, age 60 years and over, and disabled residents who have requested same, were mailed the Absent Voter Application in May. The Application must be returned to the City Clerk's Office, completed and signed, before an Absent Voter Ballot can be mailed to the voter.



If you need an Absent Voters Ballot for the 2010 Election, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150, or visit the City Web site at [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com) to download a copy of the Application form. (Please be sure to print and sign your full name and address on the Application form).



The City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, October 30, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., to accept and process Absent Voter Ballot Applications. The last day to obtain an Absent Voter Ballot for qualified electors is Monday, November 1 by 4 p.m., which must be voted on-site and cannot leave the building.

All Absent Voter Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Night in order to be counted.

## Passports

If you are planning to travel abroad, or just take a day trip to Canada, you may want to apply for a U.S. Passport Book or Card to make your traveling easier and more efficient. Currently, all U.S. citizens traveling by air outside of the United States are required to present a passport to enter or re-enter the United States. Land and sea travel crossing border crossings for Canada,

Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda also require proof of U.S. citizenship, in the form of either a U.S. Passport Book or Card.

The Southfield City Clerk's Office is an official Passport Acceptance Agency designated by the U.S. Department of State to accept and process passport applications. United States citizens interested in applying for a U.S. Passport must submit proof of citizenship, such as a certified birth certificate, a previous U.S. Passport, Naturalization Certificate or Report of Birth Abroad; plus identification such as a valid Driver's License, Naturalization/Citizenship Certificate, or official Military Identification Card; plus two recent 2" x 2" photos on white or off-white background, and the appropriate application fees.

### *Application fees are:*

#### **Passport Book**

\$110 for an adult 16 years of age and older; \$80 for youth 15 years of age and younger. Payable by check or money order for each application to the U.S. Department of State. A \$25 cash execution fee is also required for each application.

#### **Passport Card**

\$30.00 for an adult 16 years of age and older; \$15.00 for youth 15 years of age and younger. A \$25 cash execution fee is also required for each application.

You may apply for both the Passport Book and Card with one application and save \$25.00.

Routine applications take 4-6 weeks to process; expedited applications are processed within 2 weeks for an additional \$60.

## City Clerk's Office Web site

Have you surfed the City Clerk's web site lately? The City Clerk's Web site includes a variety of information regarding the services and resources available in the Clerk's Office. Business Licenses, Freedom of Information Requests, Vital Records, Passports, Election Information, etc., and forms are available by visiting the City Clerk's Office Web site.

The newly updated and republished City Charter and Code of Ordinances are available for viewing 24-7. Log-on to [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com), select the Government tab at the top, City Clerk's Office on the left column, and scroll down the page to Resources.

Council Agendas are posted every Friday afternoon prior to each Council Meeting, complete with the supporting materials for each Agenda. Approved Minutes are also available for viewing.



## NOVEMBER 2!

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force seeks new volunteers

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force of Southfield is seeking new volunteers to assist in the planning and coordination of the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday program, peace walk, essay contest and community service award.

The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Southfield Parks & Recreation building located in the Southfield Municipal Complex at 26000 Evergreen Road. All future MLK Task Force meetings will be held every second Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parks & Recreation building. The 26<sup>th</sup> annual MLK Day Peace Walk Celebration will take place on Monday, January 17, 2011 in Southfield beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Hope United Methodist Church, 26275 Northwestern Highway. The Peace Walk will depart from Hope United at 10:15 a.m., followed by a program at the Southfield Pavilion at 11 a.m.

The Southfield Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force Committee elected new officers at their annual meeting in June. The following individuals will serve as officers for the 2010-2011 program year: President – Roger Goolsby; 1st Vice President – Barbara P. Seldon; 2nd Vice President – Charesa D. Johnson; Recording Secretary – Joan Richards; Corresponding Secretary – Judge William Richards; and Treasurer – Dan Brightwell.

Southfield was the first city in the state of Michigan to hold a Dr. King peace walk or march. The first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk took place on January 20, 1986, commemorating the first national observance of Dr. King's birthday. In addition to the holiday program and walk, the MLK Task Force also sponsors the annual Community Service Award and Student Essay Contest & Scholarship Program. The walk continues to grow in size and scope each year with year-long educational and community outreach activities.

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## Southfield Police Neighborhood Watch Program

The Southfield Police Crime Prevention Bureau provides residents and businesses with a number of resources in addition to Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch programs. The Southfield Police Department is dedicated to educating the community about security awareness and to increasing home and business owners safety and security by increasing their knowledge.

The Police Department offers a free security survey to all Southfield residents and business owners. Officers will inspect homes or businesses and make recommendations regarding the security of the premises. Officers survey the physical aspects of the property, including doors, windows, lighting and landscaping. They also evaluate the operational practices of businesses. Areas of potential concern may be money handling procedures, key control, personal safety or security practices in general.

The Southfield Police Department is also expanding its community policing efforts by revitalizing the Neighborhood Watch Program. Neighborhood Watch allows for greater involvement by the residents and Homeowner Associations in the city. The Southfield Police Department believes that a strong, active Homeowner's Association provides the backbone needed for a strong, viable program.

Some of the GOALS and BENEFITS of Neighborhood Watch include:

- Allowing citizens and the Police Department to work together;
- Allowing neighbors to get to know one another;
- Increasing a sense of ownership and pride in neighborhoods; and
- Allowing the concerns of neighborhood groups to be shared with the Police Department.

In an effort to promote the Neighborhood Watch Program, the Crime Prevention Bureau is working with all Southfield neighborhood associations to seek residents' help in making this program a great success. Contact the Southfield Police Crime Prevention Bureau if you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your area. The Crime Prevention staff believes that citizen awareness is the key to preventing crime. Free crime prevention presentations and educational materials are also provided to any resident or business in the City of Southfield.

For more information on Crime Prevention or Neighborhood Watch, call (248) 796-5400.



## City remains focused on keeping Southfield beautiful

Southfield residents take great pride in their community, homes and neighborhoods. The City also strives to maintain Southfield's beautiful appearance by keeping parks, public right-of-ways and other public areas neatly landscaped and manicured. Maintaining Southfield's curb appeal and natural beauty is everyone's job - the City, residents and businesses that call Southfield home. The City of Southfield is committed to working with the community to keep Southfield beautiful. To that end, the City launched the "Eyes on Southfield" program in August of 2007 to enable residents to notify the City with ease when a code or appearance issue is observed. Residents may simply call (248) 796-EYES (3937) 24-hours a day, seven-days a week to report any potential code or appearance issues they may observe.



Thus far, the Eyes on Southfield community appearance program, has proven to be very successful – generating more than 1,000 calls and subsequent resolutions in 2008. With an increased focus on curb appeal, the Southfield Code Enforcement Department or other appropriate staff respond to most calls within a 24- to 48-hour time period. Code Enforcement Officers canvass the City seven days a week to monitor the condition of Southfield homes and neighborhoods. In addition, the City relies on the "eyes and ears" of the entire community to report any obvious or significant appearance issues. When an issue exists, code officers inform the resident or business of the problem and educate them on how to resolve it. If another violation occurs at the same property, the home or business owner is issued a civil infraction and must appear in court. The City's ultimate goal is to work with the community to resolve issues quickly and to maintain Southfield's appearance.

"Every resident and business owner has a vested interest in maintaining property values by keeping Southfield clean and attractive," commented City Administrator Jim Scharret. "The Eyes on Southfield program provides the community with a convenient and effective way to address any potential code or appearance issues they may observe. The Mayor and City Council are very committed to working with the community to maintain our curb appeal and to keep Southfield beautiful. The community's participation is vital to the continued success of this program and their input is greatly appreciated."

### ***Residents are reminded of the following community appearance standards:***

- Weeds and grass must be cut on a regular basis. Lawn grass should not exceed eight inches in length.
- Trash is not to be placed at the curb before 4 p.m. the evening prior to collection. Refuse is limited to 60 pounds of material and must be placed in plastic bags or waste containers no larger than 32-gallon capacity. All containers must be removed no later than noon the day following trash collection.
- Yard waste must be placed in approved paper yard waste bags or in a rigid container clearly marked 'yard waste.' Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic material only. *Please note: yard waste collection ends on residents' regular trash pickup day through November 27.*
- Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles may not be parked outside of a garage. The repair of vehicles is not permitted on residential property.
- Outside storage is not permitted, except in industrial zones. Outside storage constitutes anything placed outside that is not in immediate use.
- Buildings must be maintained according to City code regulations, including no peeling or weathered paint, cracked or broken glass, fallen gutters, litter or debris, or other maintenance issues.

**Southfield residents are encouraged to report potential code issues by calling the City's special "Eyes on Southfield" hotline, (248) 796-EYES (3937). Together, we can keep Southfield beautiful!**

# Did you know the library offers. . .



## For Checkout

- Books
- Movies
- Music
- Magazines
- Large Print Books
- Downloadable Audio Books  
(coming soon)

## Librarian Aid

- Help with your research
- Homework assistance
- Answer your questions

## Technology

- Free computer and Internet access
- Free Wi-Fi
- Computer classes

## 27/7 Information

- [www.southfieldlibrary.org](http://www.southfieldlibrary.org)

## Programs & Workshops

- Jazz & Blues @ your library
- Poetry, Pages & Scribes
- Story Times
- Classic Movies in the Afternoon
- Opera @ your library

## Rentals & Study Areas

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# Downloadable Audio Books

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- *Secrets of Eden* by Chris Bohjalian
- *The Lost Symbol* by Dan Brown
- *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson
- *Why is God Laughing?* by Deepak Chopra
- *Caught* by Harlan Coben
- *In Search of Our Roots* by Henry Louis Gates Jr.
- *Oprah* by Kitty Kelley
- *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- *Her Mother's Keeper* by Nora Roberts
- *Precious* by Sapphire
- *Ghetto Superstar* by Nikki Turner

# What's Happening in Southfield?

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- August 28 - **SumMore Fest**, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Southfield Municipal Complex
- August 29 - **SumMore Fest**, 2 - 6 p.m., Southfield Municipal Complex
- September 6 - **Labor Day**, City Offices & Library Closed
- September 10 - **9-Hole Steak & Ale Scramble**, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- October 2 - **Household Hazardous Waste Day**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC
- October 4 - **General Election close of registration**
- October 11 - **Columbus Day**, City Offices & Library Closed
- October 15 - **International Festival**, 12 - 5 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- October 16 - **18-Hole Chili & Beer Golf Scramble**, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- October 16 - **International Festival**, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- October 17 - **International Festival**, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- October 22 - **Boo at the Burgh**, 6:30 - 9 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- October 23 - **Boo at the Burgh**, 6:30 - 9 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- October 31 - **Halloween Candy Screening**, 6 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena
- November 2 - **General Election**, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., various sites
- November 10 - **Veterans' Day Ceremony**, 11 a.m., City Hall
- November 11 - **Veterans' Day (observed)**, City Offices & Library Closed
- November 25 - **Thanksgiving**, City Offices & Library Closed
- November 26 - **City Offices & Library Closed**  
*Yard waste collection ends (on your regular trash collection day)*
- November 29 - **Southfield Goodfellows Newspaper Sale**, visit [www.southfieldgoodfellows.org](http://www.southfieldgoodfellows.org)
- November 30 - **Burgh Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 7 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- December 1 - **First day to pay 2010 winter taxes**
- December 23 - **City Offices & Library Closed**
- December 24 - **Christmas Eve**, City Offices & Library Closed
- December 25 - **Christmas Day**, Library Closed
- December 30 - **City Offices & Library Closed**
- December 31 - **New Year's Eve**, City Offices & Library Closed
- January 1 - **New Year's Day**, Library Closed
- January 17 - **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**, City Offices & Library Closed  
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk Celebration**, 9:30 a.m., Hope United Methodist Church  
**MLK Peace Walk Program**, 11 a.m., Southfield Pavilion
- January 23 - **Daddy-Daughter Dinner & Dance**, 5:30-6:45 p.m. (dinner); 7-9 p.m. (dance), Southfield Pavilion
- February 21 - **Presidents' Day**, City Offices & Library Closed
- March 23 - **Southfield/Red Cross Community Blood Drive**, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Southfield Pavilion

**REMEMBER: Last Day for Yard Waste Collection is November 26 (on your regular trash collection day)**

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