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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.

"The community's response to the Eyes on Southfield program has been very gratifying," commented City Administrator Jim Scharret. "Every resident and business owner has a vested interest in maintaining property values by keeping Southfield clean and attractive. The 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 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!

U.S. Census Bureau gearing up for 2010 Census in Southfield

The U.S. Census Bureau began address canvassing throughout Southfield in April to get the address and physical location of each living quarters in the city to conduct the 2010 Census. The address canvassing operation will be conducted out of 151 local census offices across the U.S. In most cases, census workers will knock on doors to verify addresses and inquire about additional living quarters on the premises. The operation will use new hand-held computers equipped with GPS to increase geographic accuracy. The ability to capture GPS coordinates for most of the nation's housing units will greatly reduce the number of geographic coding errors caused by using paper maps in previous counts.

“The primary goal of the census is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place,” said Tom Mesenbourg, acting director of the U.S. Census Bureau.

“Because the census is used for reapportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and the distribution of more than \$300 billion in federal dollars every year to state and local governments, it's essential to get this first step right.”

Census workers will never ask for bank or social security information. All census information collected, including addresses, are confidential and protected by law. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with the FBI, IRS, CIA, Welfare, Immigration, or any other government agency. No court of law or law enforcement agency can find out respondents' answers. All Census Bureau employees — including temporary employees — take an oath for life to keep census information confidential. Any violation of that oath is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000 and five years in prison.



What is the Census?

- The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.
- The census is conducted every 10 years.
- The next census occurs in 2010.
- The first Census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every 10 years since then.
- All residents of the United States must be counted. This includes people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.
- Your participation in the census is required by law.
- The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States.
- Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March 2010.
- The questions ask you to provide information that is accurate for your household as of April 1, 2010.
- It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.
- Households that do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.)
- The Census Bureau must count everyone and submit state population totals to the President by December 31, 2010.
- People should be counted where they live and sleep most of the year.
- Federal law protects the personal information you share during the census.
- Census data is used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute over \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year.

For more information, contact Christine Jaddou, U.S. Census Bureau partnership specialist, at (313) 396-5200.



City of Southfield and International Institute of Metro Detroit to sponsor All World Market October 2-4

Cultural event celebrates food, customs and crafts from around the world

The City of Southfield, in partnership with the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, Inc., will sponsor the All World Market Friday, October 2 – Sunday, October 4 in the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road.

The event will feature international food, music and dance performances, children’s activities and authentic handmade crafts and goods sold from around the world. The All World Market will run Friday, October 2 from 2 – 7 p.m., Saturday, October 3 from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., and Sunday, October 4 from 12 – 6 p.m. Admission will be \$3 per adult (12 and older) and \$5 per family with ample free parking available.

Visitors will be able to enjoy performances by some of the best local and regional cultural performing groups throughout the weekend, including Polish, Indian, African, Spanish, Chinese and many others. Attendees will also be able to buy imported and craft items, jewelry, books, food and other goods from many nations around the world. Unusual gift items can also be found in the large array of ethnic arts and crafts.

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

City of Southfield launches NLC Prescription Drug Card Program for Southfield residents

The City of Southfield has launched the National League of Cities’ (NLC) Prescription Drug Card Program for Southfield residents to provide some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs.

“We have to do everything that we can to help Southfield residents during these trying times,” commented Council President Fracassi. “This program will go a long way to help our residents who are without insurance or have limited prescription coverage. During these tough economic times, any relief that we can offer the community is of vital importance – now more than ever.”

The program is administered by CVS Caremark for NLC member cities and includes nearly 60,000 participating pharmacies nationwide, including all major chains and most local pharmacies. Through the program, residents who are without health insurance, a traditional pharmacy benefit plan, or have prescriptions not covered by insurance can save an average of 20 percent off the full retail cost of prescription medication. There is no cost to the city and there are no fees or limits for participants. CVS Caremark also provides residents with personalized prescription discount ID cards with the City’s logo. Residents may pick up a free Prescription Discount Card at the City’s Neighborhood & Information Center or at the City Clerk’s Office located in City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road. Residents may log on to www.caremark.com/nlc to find participating pharmacies in Southfield.

The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

For more information, call the City’s Neighborhood & Information Center at (248) 796-5140, log on to www.caremark.com/nlc or call 1-888-620-1749.



Little Caesars Amateur Sports Foundation to manage Southfield Sports Arena

City Council enters two-year management agreement with foundation

The Southfield City Council authorized a two-year agreement with Little Caesars Amateur Sports Foundation to manage operations at the Southfield Civic Center Sports Arena. The agreement also includes management of the sports arena concession facilities but does not include the municipal swimming pool.

“With the continuing economic downturn it is necessary for us to look at new ways to cut costs while still providing residents with outstanding recreation programs and facilities,” commented Parks & Recreation Director Bill Waterhouse. “Our main goal is to keep the Sports Arena operating while providing enhanced programming to youth, families and the entire community without raising taxes or fees.”

The Southfield Parks & Recreation Department will work in partnership with the Little Caesars Amateur Sports Foundation to provide programs, services and events such as hockey clinics, celebrity hockey games, figure skating and hockey tournaments. General and family ice skating and holiday and vacation open skating will also still be available to the public.

“We are proud to be a part of Southfield’s vibrant, diverse community,” said Bill Ciraulo, director of the Little Caesars AAA Hockey Club. “This agreement provides a home rink for our teams to practice and play while allowing the city to continue to offer quality recreational programs to its residents. It’s a win-win situation.”

For more information, call the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 796-4610.

City of Southfield reinstates animal warden position

At the direction of the Southfield City Council, the police department has reinstated the position of animal warden with the selection of Robert White. Mr. White, a 15-year City employee, was sworn in as constable and charged to enforce Chapter 113, ANIMALS, of the City Code at the April 27 city council meeting.

Animal Warden White will assist Southfield residents with most animal-related problems or issues on their property or within their immediate living space. Animal warden services include: animal bite complaints, vicious, stray or wild animal concerns, barking dogs, dead animal removal, and animal cruelty cases. The animal warden will also be available to offer consultation and assistance in reaching a peaceful resolution in cases that the City does not directly handle. The new warden does not have the powers of a police officer; however, he is authorized to write citations or tickets and to carry a handgun, shotgun and Taser. The new animal warden will wear a solid green uniform clearly marked as “Southfield Animal Warden” on the front and back. His assigned vehicle is a white van marked with city of Southfield decals.

“Mr. White has over 100 hours of training in animal care and maintenance to comply with state animal control regulations,” commented Police Chief Joseph Thomas. “That training is required to address the numerous raccoons, coyotes, deer and other wild animals in Southfield in addition to dogs and cats.”

An animal assistance hotline has been established at (248) 796-5410. This line directs callers to areas of the police department that can best help them. The warden’s regular work schedule is Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If residents have an emergency situation they should call 9-1-1, as this system has enhanced identification and locator capabilities. Residents are 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. Southfield residents may also call the City’s special Eyes on Southfield hotline, (248) 796-EYES (3937), 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week to report dead animals or any code issues.

South'field Zone' youth center opens to rave reviews

The 15,000-square-foot 'field Zone' youth center opened in May to all middle and high school students living or attending school in Southfield. It's a place for teens to hang out, do homework, or just relax. There are also various programs designed to benefit teens and improve their lifestyles, including Project ME, Healthy Kids, and the Financial Zone.

The \$3 million center features a snack bar, Internet café, game room and lounge area, music studio and practice rooms, activities room (dance, martial arts), theater, and group study rooms. It is a fun, safe, drug and violence free environment where teens are welcome to hang out and become involved with a variety of positive recreational choices. The center is located at the Southfield Municipal Complex in the lower level of the former Southfield Public Library. Membership fees are \$65 per trimester for the first student; \$55 for the second student (in the same household), with a \$150 maximum family rate. There is also a one-time \$10 membership card fee per student.

The many recreational, fitness and leisure areas include:

FIELD ZONE RECORDS

- State of the Art Recording Studio featuring Mac Pro System fully equipped with Pro Tools, GarageBand, and Reason Software
- Sponsored by the Skillman Foundation

GAMING ZONE

- Playstation 3, Wii, Xbox 360
- Dance-Dance Revolution, Air Hockey, Foosball, Billiards, and Ping-Pong
- Sponsored by the Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock

INTERSECTION

- 12 computers with high-speed internet; 6 computers loaded with Microsoft Office
- All computers have the same filters as those in the Southfield Public Library.
- Sponsored by Lear Corporation

REFUELING ZONE

- Snack bar always open during regular 'field Zone' hours

featuring: pizza, hot dogs, pretzels, nacho's, salad, yogurt, popcorn, pop, water, candy, etc.

- Currently seeking Funding Partner

FITNESS ZONE

- Dance and Fitness Room to encourage health and movement
- Programming includes dance classes, pilates, aerobics, kick boxing, core training, karate and martial arts
- Speed punching bags, Bosu Balls, treadmills and other fitness equipment provided
- Sponsored by St. John's Health and Providence Hospital

FUN ZONE

- To encourage Creative Expression
- Painting, crafts, pottery, etc.
- Can be scheduled for Birthday Parties
- Currently seeking Funding Partner

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**EVERY
THURSDAY
THRU MID OCTOBER
9 A.M. - 3 P.M.**

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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, admission and live music 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.**

For more information, call (248) 395-ZONE or visit www.thefieldzone.org.

CITY CLERK'S NEWS

Nancy L. M. Banks, City Clerk



2009 Election Information

Southfield residents will be going to the polls for two elections in 2009:

City Primary Election – September 15, 2009

City General Election – November 3, 2009

Offices to be elected are:

Mayor

Council (4 Seats)

Clerk

Treasurer

Southfield School Board Member (2 Seats)

Birmingham School Board Member (1 Seat)

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, 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.

Oakland County Comes to Southfield - Mobile Clerk's Office

The Southfield City Clerk's Office is pleased to debut the Oakland County Clerk's Mobile Clerks Office on Tuesday, October 6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Southfield Civic Center Campus, 26000 Evergreen Road, Parks & Recreation Room 115. Oakland County Clerk Ruth Johnson implemented the Mobile Clerk's Office to provide specific mobile services to Oakland County residents in a more convenient location, their own backyard! The Oakland County Clerk's Mobile Office offers all the services that you would receive at the County Office, including business registrations, CPL applications, notary filings, property records, marriage licenses, military discharge filings, and more.

Close of Registration and Voting Precinct

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, click on the Government Tab, select City Clerk's Office, then 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 prior to an election.

The Close of Registration deadline for the November General Election is October 5, 2009.

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 to download a voter registration form. If you are physically unable to appear in person, please call City Clerk Nancy 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 June. 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 2009 Elections, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150, or visit the City's Web site at 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, September 12 (in preparation for the Primary Election) and Saturday, October 31, (in preparation for the General Election) 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, September 14 (for the Primary Election) and Monday, November 2 (for the General election), by 4 p.m., which must be voted in person at the City Clerk's Office.

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 that crosses the borders of 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

\$75 for an adult 16 years of age and older

\$60 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

\$20.00 for an adult 16 years of age and older

\$10.00 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. Routine applications take 4-6 weeks to process; expedited applications are processed within 2 weeks for an additional \$60.



**SEPTEMBER 15
& NOVEMBER 3!**

Southfield City Council appoints Linnie Taylor to serve on Council

The Southfield City Council unanimously voted to appoint Linnie Taylor to serve on the city council at the June 22 council meeting. Councilwoman Taylor will serve out former Council President Pro Tem Sylvia Jordan's term until November 2011. The City Council also voted Councilman Myron Frasier to serve as the new Council President Pro Tem.



Councilwoman Linnie Taylor has been a Southfield resident for more than 17 years and previously served on the City's Library Board. She also holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Davenport University and a master's degree in human resources management from Central Michigan University.

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.

To that end, 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 OF SOUTHFIELD COMMUNICATION SURVEY

Please help us to better communicate with you by completing and mailing the following Communication Survey. What is your primary source for news and information about the City of Southfield? Please indicate below which news sources you use most frequently by ranking them in order #1-8 and mail to: City of Southfield, Community Relations Department, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055. Thank you for your participation!

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Southfield Web site - www.cityofsouthfield.com | <input type="checkbox"/> Southfield Business News |
| <input type="checkbox"/> City Cable 15 | <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Focus quarterly newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Southfield Scribe | <input type="checkbox"/> Mainstream Media (TV, Web, radio, print) |

Please cut & mail by Oct. 31, 2009 ✂



Advertise your business in the 2010 Southfield calendar

The award-winning City of Southfield Annual Report/Calendar is mailed to every residential and business address 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 78,000 Southfield residents and 9,000 businesses for one extraordinarily low price! The return on the investment in a calendar ad reaps dividends throughout the entire year. Reserve your ad today—space is limited! Call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 for more information.

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 2010 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 10 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 2010 MLK Day Peace Walk Celebration will take place on Monday, January 18 in Southfield beginning at Hope United Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m., followed by a program at the Southfield Pavilion at 11 a.m. The MLK Task Force is also sponsoring a Harvest Gala Scholarship Benefit on Saturday, November 14 at Pi Banquet Hall in Southfield from 7 p.m. - Midnight. Tickets are \$50. For more information, please call (248) 434-7854.

The Southfield Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Task Force Committee elected new officers at their annual meeting on June 11. The following individuals will serve as officers for the 2009-2010 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. The walk continues to grow in size and scope each year with year-long educational and community activities.

Beech Woods Golf Course Heated Tees Driving Range now open!

The new heated golf tees driving range at Beech Woods Golf Course, a partnership between NR Golf, Inc., and the City of Southfield are now open for you to enjoy this fall and winter.

Located at 22204 Beech Road, just south of 9 Mile, Beech Woods Golf course is a beautiful 2,778 yard, par 34 course that includes a 50-tee (27 heated), lighted driving range and a PGA Professional on staff. A fully stocked pro shop and private or group golf lessons are also available. The fees for the heated tees are \$6 for a small bucket of golf balls; \$8 for a medium bucket; or \$10 for a large bucket. The driving range is open daily from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. in the winter (weather permitting) and from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m. in the summer.

Residents and those employed in Southfield (who have purchased a Business Leisure Card) may purchase a Golf Call-In Card for \$20, entitling them to reserve tee times by phone. Business Leisure Cards are available to all full-time employees who work in the city of Southfield. With the Business Leisure Card, holders are entitled to use Southfield recreation facilities at resident rates. Cards are \$30 per person; each additional family member is \$3. Cards must be purchased in person at the Parks & Recreation building at 26000 Evergreen Road.

For more information, call NR Golf, Inc. at (248) 217-0081 or the Southfield Parks & Recreation Department at (248) 796-4606.

Southfield Public Library

Some of the many programs you can enjoy:

Storytimes
Astronomy 101
Art & Science Saturdays
Target Family Dinner Theater
Family Movie Night
Teen Read Week
Wii Game on!
Creecy Book Discussions
Poetry, Pages & Scribes
Opera in the Afternoon
SCORE Programs
How to Form a Nonprofit Organization
Leaders on Leadership
Higher Learning for the Real World
Jazz & Blues
Computer Classes

Mon - Thurs: 9:30am - 9:00pm
Fri & Sat: 9:30am - 5:30pm
Sun*: 1:00 - 5:00pm
*(during the school year)

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VISIONS OF THE UNIVERSE

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September 24 - December 11
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VISIONS OF THE UNIVERSE exhibit & program



EXHIBIT

Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery
Visions of the Universe focuses on astronomy through the ages - from Galileo's initial findings to the latest results of the Hubble Space Telescope. The exhibit vividly illustrates 400 years of growth in our knowledge of not just planets, stars, nebulae and galaxies, but also the size and scale of the universe in both space and time.

Join us at the opening reception to see this wonderful exhibit and learn more. Enjoy out-of-this-world music from the Detroit Metro Youth Ensemble Handbell Choir, who will perform a selection of works specifically chosen for the evening.

Hear about *Galileo and his Universe* from historyteller Maureen Esther. Discover the man who is called the "Father of Modern Science." From the religious and political climate of his time, to the scientific discoveries that the telescope would bring, Galileo's findings would set the stage for monumental discovery and devastating tragedy.

When: Wednesday, September 23
6:30pm
Where: Meeting Room

Visions of the Universe: Four Centuries of Discovery is presented by the Space Telescope Science Institute, Baltimore, Maryland; the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois, through funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.



Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory

RELATED PROGRAMS

Astronomy 101: The Universe for Beginners of All Ages
 Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00pm

Are Flying Saucers for Real?
 Saturday, October 10 at 2:00pm

Creecy Book Discussion
The Sparrow by Mary Doria Russell.
 Tuesday, October 13 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm

Target Family Movie Night - Muppets From Space
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 Wednesday, November 4, 2009
 Dinner @ 6:30, movie @ 6:40 pm
 Limited to families with children who live or attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village.

Family Night at the Vollbrecht Planetarium
 Tuesday, November 10 at 7:00pm
 Registration Required

Art & Science Saturday - Starlab Planetarium
 Saturday, November 14
 Space is limited to 85 participants for each show at 2:00 PM and 3:00 PM

To The Moon and Beyond
 Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00pm

Ravenous Readers
Floating Home by David Getz
 Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00pm
 Registration required. Limited to 2nd and 3rd graders who live or attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village.

For more information on these programs, check out our website, call or stop in for additional information & materials.

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What's Happening in Southfield? Fall 2009 / Winter 2010

- September 7 -** Labor Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- September 11 -** 9-Hole Steak & Ale Scramble, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- September 12 -** Autumnfest, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mary Thompson Farm
- September 15 -** City Primary Election, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., various sites
- October 2 -** All World Market, 2 - 7 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
SRO Productions "Hamlet" opens (runs Oct. 2-4, 9-11 and 16-18), Burgh Historical Park
- October 3 -** Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC
All World Market, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- October 4 -** All World Market, 12 - 6 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- October 12 -** Columbus Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- October 17 -** 18-Hole Chili & Beer Golf Scramble, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- October 23 -** Boo at the Burgh, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- October 24 -** Boo at the Burgh, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- October 31 -** Halloween Candy Screening, 6 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena
- November 3 -** City General Election, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., various sites
- November 4 -** 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 26 -** Thanksgiving, City Offices & Library Closed
- November 27 -** City Offices & Library Closed
Yard waste collection ends
- November 30 -** Southfield Goodfellows Newspaper Sale, visit www.southfieldgoodfellows.org
- December 2 -** Burgh Tree Lighting Ceremony, 7 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- December 7 -** City Hall Tree Lighting/Visits with Santa, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m., City Hall
- December 24 -** Christmas Eve, City Offices & Library Closed
- December 25 -** Christmas Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- December 31 -** New Year's Eve, City Offices & Library Closed
- January 1 -** New Year's Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- January 18 -** 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, 11:30 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 15 -** Presidents' Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- February 26 -** SRO Productions "Hamlet" opens (runs Feb. 26-28, March 5-7 and 12-14), Burgh Historical Park
- March 24 -** Southfield/Red Cross Community Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Southfield Pavilion

REMEMBER: Last Day for Yard Waste Collection is November 27

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