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## City declares continued COVID-19 State of Emergency

*City offices and facilities remain closed to public until June 1 and City Council and Boards & Commission Meetings will continue to meet remotely until Sept. 5*

All City of Southfield offices and facilities will remain closed to the public until at least Tuesday, June 1, 2021 or further notice as positive COVID-19 cases continue to rise throughout Southfield and the state. All essential public safety and public works services and departments continue to function as normal. Residents can still conduct most city business online and through City Hall's main drop box 24/7 as well as via phone during the City Hall regular business hours, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

### Southfield City Council and other Public Meetings

The Southfield City Council will continue to meet on scheduled Mondays via secure public teleconference. Residents can listen to the council meetings live on City Cable 15 and through the City's website at <https://bit.ly/Cable15>. Residents may also call in at +1-415-655-0001 US Toll with a unique event access code posted for each meeting to make public comment. Meetings of the city council and city boards and commissions will continue to be conducted virtually as scheduled until further notice. The City Council agendas and meeting schedule are available on the city's website at [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

### Building, Planning & Engineering Department Operations

The Building, Planning and Engineering Departments will remain fully operational during regular business hours via a self-service station located in the vestibule of the Public Services Building. Important information, permits and forms can all be accessed online and staff can assist callers by phone and through processing permits by mail. Payments can be made by dropping off checks in the vestibule drop box or by making credit card payments online or by phone. Processed permits will then be available for pick-up in the vestibule.

Field inspections and single-family rental inspections will continue as usual and will be monitored daily. Multi-family inspections of apartments will be suspended until further notice. For more information, contact the Building Department at (248) 796-4100, the Planning Department at (248) 796-4150, the Engineering Department at (248) 796-4810 or the Code Enforcement Department at (248) 796-4140.

### Southfield Parks & Recreation Operations

The Parks & Recreation Building, Senior Services office, Southfield Sports Arena and Beech Woods Recreation Center remain closed to the public at this time. The P&R Information Desk (248-796-4620) and the Beech Woods Recreation Center (248-796-4670) front desk will answer phones and accept registrations for spring/summer programs by phone only Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Online registration will remain available 24/7 at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/southfield-parks/>.

The Evergreen Hills Golf Course is now open daily, weather permitting, for the season. Golfers can book tee times online via GolfNow at <https://www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/parks-recreation/golf> or call (248) 796-4666. The Beech Woods Driving Range will open for the 2021 season on May 1. All Southfield parks remain open from dawn to dusk. Park visitors are reminded to continue to follow CDC's safety guidelines by wearing masks, practicing social distancing of at least 6 feet from other individuals at all times and washing your hands following your visit.

The TOSS (Transportation of Southfield Seniors) program will continue to take reservations and provide transportation for medical appointments and limited grocery trips. Appointments must be made at least 48 hours in advance and riders will receive a health screening call the day prior to their appointment between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Masks are required for all riders and drivers and buses are cleaned after each rider. Call (248) 796-4658 with questions or to schedule an appointment. For more information, continue to visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com) or call Southfield Parks & Recreation at (248) 796-4620.

### Southfield Public Library Operations

Patrons can access e-books and magazines, audiobooks, movies, music, children's resources, and research tools and more 24/7 with their library card at [www.southfieldlibrary.org](http://www.southfieldlibrary.org). Contactless service will also continue at the drive-up window to pick up library materials Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. as well as Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, continue to visit [www.southfieldlibrary.org](http://www.southfieldlibrary.org), check in on social media or call Southfield Public Library at (248) 796-4200.

## Ascension Michigan launches Southfield Community Vaccine Clinic

In an effort to increase the number of vaccines in arms, Ascension Michigan is offering appointments through their new community vaccination clinic at the Southfield Pavilion located within the City's Municipal Campus at 26000 Evergreen Road. The clinic is open to all community members who are eligible to receive vaccines, which is every Michigan resident age 16 and older.

***Vaccinations must be scheduled in advance, and walk-ins will not be accepted!*** Individuals without an appointment will not be eligible for vaccination at this time. Individuals who are 16-17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent and

will need to make sure they select the Pfizer vaccine when setting up their appointment. Once you click on the self-scheduling link, if no open appointment slots are displayed, all appointments have been filled for the current schedule. Please continue to check back as more appointment schedules are added. The community vaccination clinic at the Southfield Pavilion will run through August.

"I am extremely pleased to be able to bring the Ascension Health Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic to the City of Southfield," commented Mayor Dr. Ken Siver. "Ascension, one of the largest private healthcare systems in the United States,

has agreed to administer 1,500 doses daily in the Southfield Pavilion, including a "Southfield Only Day" designated just for residents. As positive COVID cases continue to rise throughout Southfield and the State, we are extremely grateful and fortunate to have a world-class healthcare organization providing vaccines right in our community. I strongly encourage every Southfield resident who has not yet been fully vaccinated to do so as soon as possible. We are all in this fight together and we must each do our part to keep one other safe and remain Southfield Strong!"

For more information, visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

Schedule your free vaccine appointment at: <https://ascensionhealth.inquicker.com/vaccine>

For all vaccine related questions, contact Ascension Health Connect at 1-866-501-DOCS (3627).

## City to display COVID-19 Memorial & Visual Tribute May 10-28



The City of Southfield will install memorial flags as a tribute to residents who lost their lives to COVID-19 on the front lawn of the Southfield Municipal Campus, 26000 Evergreen Road. The flag memorial will be on display from May 10-28 in addition to a

***Candlelight Vigil that will take place on May 11 at 8 p.m. which will include a reading of the names of community members who have passed.***

"With so many Southfield lives lost to COVID-19, we felt it was vitally important to pay tribute to these cherished friends and family members,"

commented Mayor Dr. Ken Siver. "We hope that this memorial tribute provides some comfort to the many families who have lost loved ones as we remember these individuals and share how they inspired us and contributed to our community."

The City of Southfield is inviting residents to honor lost loved ones by submitting their names, a brief bio (350 character limit) and a photo (optional) to be included in an online memorial at [www.cityof-southfield.com/covid19communitymemorial](http://www.cityof-southfield.com/covid19communitymemorial) as well as at the candlelight vigil. Submissions should be e-mailed to [kbryant@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:kbryant@cityofsouthfield.com) by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 7 to be included.

To date, 265 Southfield residents have succumbed due to the COVID-19 virus.

For more information, contact the Mayor's office at (248) 796-5100 or visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).



## Where else to get a COVID-19 Vaccination



### Oakland County "Save Your Spot" Vaccine Appointment Registration

Nurse-on-call: **800-848-5533**

Email: [noc@oakgov.com](mailto:noc@oakgov.com)

Oakland County Vaccine Hub:

[oaklandcountyvaccine.com/appointments/](https://oaklandcountyvaccine.com/appointments/)

No internet access to register?

**Call Southfield COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline at (248) 796-4529 for assistance 24/7.**

### Additional Oakland County Vaccine Provider Information

*Check with your local healthcare provider & major pharmacies*

Visit your local healthcare provider's website for more information on local vaccination availability. Major pharmacies such as CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens will all be offering vaccines to those eligible when they are available for administering.

*Check pharmacy and healthcare websites frequently for more information.*

#### **Beaumont "Save Your Shot" Vaccination Program:**

To register, visit online at [beaumont.org/savemyshot](https://beaumont.org/savemyshot) and fill out the form.

**Ford Field COVID Vaccine Site:** Register through Meijer Pharmacy/Ford Field clinic at [clinic.meijer.com/register/CL2021](https://clinic.meijer.com/register/CL2021); text EndCOVID to 75049 or call MDHHS COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136 (Press 1).

**Henry Ford West Bloomfield:** Schedule your vaccine through your MyChart patient portal. <https://bit.ly/2Pzg9Qu> Will notify patients via text or phone.

*\* Must be patient of Henry Ford Health System.*

**Kroger Pharmacy:** Schedule your vaccine at <https://bit.ly/2PGGYmd>

**Empowerment Church Vaccine Site (Starting April 15):** Register at <https://bit.ly/2QkbB0Q>; 18 years or older.

**McLaren Oakland:** Register for vaccine at [www.mclaren.org/main/coronavirus-vaccine](https://www.mclaren.org/main/coronavirus-vaccine).

**Meijer Pharmacy:** To register for a vaccine: fill out the form at [clinic.meijer.com/](https://clinic.meijer.com/); text EndCOVID to 75049 or call your local Meijer Pharmacy. Individuals will be notified by phone or via text.

**St. Joseph Mercy Oakland:** Schedule vaccine through MyChart patient portal. <https://bit.ly/3dkcj5Q>

**Surgeons Choice Medical Center Vaccine Clinic:** Saturday, May 8 from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Medical Center, 22401 Foster Winter Drive. Register at [surgeonschoice.com/Covid-19Vaccine](https://surgeonschoice.com/Covid-19Vaccine). Please do not call for vaccine appointment.

**Veteran Affairs:** [www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/](https://www.va.gov/health-care/covid-19-vaccine/)

**Walmart Pharmacy:** Schedule your vaccine at <https://bit.ly/3dEdRrO>

## City named 2021 All-America City Awards national finalist



The City of Southfield has been selected as a national finalist for the 2021 All-America City Award (AAC)! The 20 national finalists represent the diversity of American communities from the largest cities to the smallest towns, from east to west and north to south. The award, given to 10 communities each year since 1949, celebrates and recognizes villages, towns, cities, counties,

tribes and regions that engage residents in innovative, inclusive and effective efforts to tackle critical challenges.

The National Civic League's President, Doug Linkhart explains the importance of using inclusive civic engagement: "This year's finalist communities have managed the compounding difficulties of the past year, all while building equity and resilience. Their accomplishments are a testament to what can be achieved when government, residents, businesses and other stakeholders collaborate."

The City of Southfield will compete against the other finalist communities in June for the title of All-America City! Keep an eye out for more information soon!

## City seeks nominations for 2021 Community Pride Awards

The City of Southfield is currently seeking nominations for the 2021 Community Pride Awards, which recognizes Southfield residents that have gone the extra mile in their beautification efforts. The program was expanded in recent years to include several additional categories including 'Businesses – Small', 'Businesses – Large' and 'Well-Manicured/Maintained Residential Properties' which is geared for homeowners that maintain curb appeal on a budget. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, nominations must now include at least one photograph for new virtual voting process.

The program is coordinated by the City's Neighborhood & Information Center and the Southfield Parks & Garden Club to promote beautification efforts throughout the city. Residents are encouraged to nominate individual homeowners, neighborhoods, condominiums, apartments, businesses and even themselves. Public buildings such as schools, churches and synagogues may also be worthy of recognition, and residents are encouraged to nominate them as well. Typically, a team of judges tour nominations

and select a list of winners in mid-July; however, this year voting will be done via video conferencing. All winners will be honored by the mayor and city council prior to a council meeting in September.



Nomination forms are available at the City's Neighborhood & Information Center located inside City Hall at 26000 Evergreen Road, or they may be downloaded below. Pictures of properties are required (maximum of three) and the condition of the entire property will be considered for judging. **All nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 25, 2021. Nominations and photos may be e-mailed to: [lcarr@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:lcarr@cityofsouthfield.com) or mailed to City of Southfield, Attn: Community Relations, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055.**

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



## City seeks entries for 5<sup>th</sup> annual Southfield Photo Prize competition and public art exhibition

The City of Southfield will sponsor the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Southfield Photo Prize this summer to showcase the natural and architectural beauty throughout the city while also creating an outdoor public art exhibition.

The City is currently seeking qualified entries for the competition which will run from June through early September. Submissions will be initially reviewed by the Total Living Commission that will select the top 25 entries that will be displayed and eligible for public voting. Finalists will then be enlarged and displayed outside on city hall and the parks

& recreation building for public viewing and voting. The community will be encouraged to visit all the entries and to vote online for their favorite installation.

Finalists will be posted on the City's website ([www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com)) for judging by the public from June 14 – September 3. The photo that receives the most overall votes will be featured in the City's 2022 calendar with a photo credit.

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

## City holds Donald F. Fracassi Municipal Campus dedication ceremony

The City of Southfield held a dedication ceremony last September for the newly named Donald F. Fracassi Municipal Campus.

The Southfield City Council unanimously voted to rename the Southfield Municipal Campus to the Donald F. Fracassi Municipal Campus in recognition of Mr. Fracassi's significant service and contributions to the City of Southfield.

Mr. Fracassi's political career spans over 50 years with the city of Southfield. He was first elected to the City Council in 1967 as one of the youngest ever; elected Council President and Acting Mayor in 1969-1972; elected Mayor 1973-2001; returned to City Council in 2003, as Acting Mayor in 2015 and again as a Councilman until 2019.

Mr. Fracassi's tireless work to improve the quality of life for the residents of Southfield



and Oakland County is still evident today. Through his almost 30 years of service as Southfield's Mayor and over 15 years of service as Councilman, he successfully pioneered several positive initiatives that have secured Southfield as an economic hub in southeastern Michigan.



## Southfield City Council approves former Northland Center purchase agreement

The Southfield City Council approved a purchase agreement for the sale of the majority of the former Northland Center for \$11,093,000 to Contour Companies of Bloomfield Hills.

Contour Companies has proposed a true dynamic mixed-use redevelopment including apartments at various rental rates, retail and restaurants, office and green space that very closely mirrors the City's original vision for the Northland redevelopment based upon residents' collective input.

"Following the initial purchase of Northland, the City held several *"Imagine the Possibilities"* public input meetings with the community to share their ideas and input for the future of the former mall site. The City held strong to that community vision for four years with little developer interest. Contour not only supports the City's vision, they actually plan to exceed it! Further, Contour believes in adaptive reuse of existing structures," commented Mayor Dr. Ken Siver. "I have felt all along that it would be a wasteful shame to demolish the entire mall. The Hudson's building and the original portions of the mall were extremely well built and should be saved. We construct buildings for one use, times change and instead of demolition, we should invest in repurposing those structures for new uses."

Contour plans to save the original five retail pads from the former mall as well as the underground tunnels and Hudson's building. The company has already completed extensive work on its redevelopment plans which include the adaptive re-use of the former Hudson's Department Store, the underground tunnels and the original (1954) retail pads.

"The redevelopment of Northland will transform the property into a lively new urban center while respecting and reinforcing the history of the site, as well as its unique Mid-Century Modern design," said Contour Companies CEO David Dedvukaj. "The project consists of two phases: A 1,339-unit mixed-use apartment community that will provide comfortable and dynamic work-force housing in 14, five-story buildings. Six of these buildings will have a commercial component on the ground floor facing Greenfield Road. The massive J.L. Hudson Co. store, once the largest branch department store in the world, will be returned to use as the Hudson City Market, a vibrant food-and-specialty home furnishings marketplace, filled with dining and entertainment options. The marketplace will be developed in the spirit of the highly successful Ponce City Market in Atlanta. Phase II, located along Northwestern Highway and on J. L. Hudson Drive, will compliment and complete the development's sense of community by incorporating more mixed-use residential buildings, townhomes fronting on a landscaped green space complete with a pond and other amenities. The landmark power plant will become a community clubhouse and the familiar Northland water tower will also remain in place."

The Southfield City Council approved a master plan for the 114-acre redevelopment that is a conceptual, market driven blueprint that outlines the standards and vision for developers of the former mall property. Planning consultants OHM Advisors and Hubbell, Roth & Clark (HRC) conducted a thorough technical analysis of the site, examination of the existing buildings/structures, an assessment of environmental factors, and a market analysis to determine



## Northland Center - *continued*

the best possible development potential for the former mall.

“This is a very complex economic development deal which will require significant State and County participation,” stated Councilman Dan Brightwell. “This project is not only important for the City of Southfield and Countour Companies, but for Oakland County and the entire State of Michigan.”

This purchase agreement follows the recent sale of five acres to Ascension Health for an expansion of the Providence Hospital campus. Contour has now entered a 120-day due diligence period before the sale is finalized which is expected to be completed this summer. Construction and demolition is expected to follow shortly after the final sale. With the sales to Ascension and Contour, the City expects to be made whole on all of the funds invested in Northland redevelopment project.

For more information, contact the Southfield Downtown Development Authority at (248) 796-5190 or visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

## Southfield Solutions issue reporting platform

With the free Southfield Solutions mobile app and web tools, Southfield residents and businesses can provide City of Southfield staff with pictures, specific descriptions, geo-locating and more — valuable information needed to resolve an issue efficiently. In addition, the Southfield Solutions platform provides Southfield officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from the initial report to resolution — engaging the community throughout the process.

“The new Southfield Solutions app and web tool will go a long way to help Southfield residents and businesses to quickly and efficiently report issues to the city,” commented City Administrator Fred Zorn. “Moreover, this technology will assist both the city and the community to continue to track and monitor the issue from reporting to resolution. This new interactive tool will greatly improve transparency, communication and coordination of city service delivery.”

The Southfield Solutions mobile app is available for free download on Android and iPhone app stores. In addition to the mobile apps, citizens can send reports directly to the City of Southfield website at [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

## Major Construction projects occurring this Spring and Summer

The City of Southfield makes every effort to maintain and repair all roads within the City’s jurisdiction in a timely manner. Thanks in part to the passage of the \$99 million Southfield Streets Improvement Bond, the City of Southfield will lead nearly every community in Oakland County in active road construction projects. Below is an overview of all construction projects taking place throughout the city.

### Lake Ravines Subdivison (Completed: late-July 2021)

Water main replacement, asphalt rehabilitation, stormwater outfalls improvements, and gas mains replacements

### Section 24-Area 4 (Restoration and Punchlist Completion Spring 2021)

Sewer separation, water main replacement, and road construction

### Section 25-Area 10 (Restoration and Punchlist Completion: Spring 2021)

Road reconstruction, water main replacement, sewer separation and sanitary flow redirected, storm leads made available for sump pumps, upgrade sidewalk ramps

### 9 Mile Road (Starting May 2021)

Pavement fixes, pedestrian signal and ramp improvements, traffic signal improvements, sidewalk gap-fill

### Beech Road (Starting May 2021)

Pavement fixes, intersection reconstructed with traffic signal upgrade, pedestrian ADA improvements, bridge deck improvements, and steel beam repairs and repainting

*For more information, visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com/constructionprojects](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com/constructionprojects).*



## City of Southfield Yard Waste Collection Program

The City of Southfield yard waste collection program has resumed on residents' designated trash collection day.

### *What is yard waste & how should it be placed at the curb?*

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic material only. Branches and brush refuse must be placed with the cut ends towards the curb on the regular trash collection day. Other 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.

### *Branches & Brush*

Branches placed at the curb will be removed by workers with brush chippers. Depending on the amount of branches, it may take longer than the designated trash collection day to dispose of them.

Yard waste will be collected on residents' regular garbage collection day through December 10. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at (248) 796-4860.

## The Southfield Wildlife Advisory Commission needs your input!

The Southfield Wildlife Advisory Commission developed a *Wildlife & Related Habitat Restoration Survey* to obtain anonymous information that can be used to statistically analyze responses and results to reach objectively based conclusions. The Commission will also use the survey results as a basis for discussions and for potential recommendations to the Southfield City Council. To participate, please visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com/form/wildlife-commission-survey](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com/form/wildlife-commission-survey).

### About the Southfield Wildlife Advisory Commission

The Wildlife Commission was formed to develop and propose a wildlife program and other recommendations to City Council as proper wildlife management requires a multidisciplinary and inter-governmental approach involving residents.

For more information about the Southfield Wildlife Advisory Commission, visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

# Eyes on Southfield

TO REPORT CODE ISSUES OR VIOLATIONS

**CALL (248) 796-3937**

HOTLINE AVAILABLE 24/7

Southfield Code Enforcement Dept. will respond to most complaints within a 24-to 48-hour time period. For more information, visit online at [www.cityofsouthfield.com/eos](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com/eos).



## Southfield Parks and Garden Club to sponsor 14<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Walk June 20

The Southfield Parks and Garden Club (SP&GC) will sponsor the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Southfield Garden Walk on Sunday, June 20 from 2-5 p.m. throughout several of the finest gardens in the Cranbrook subdivision located between 12 & 13 Mile west of Southfield Road.

Check-in will be at the former Bussey Center located at 19080 12 Mile. A tour shuttle bus will make continuous loops at each garden stop including transportation to and from the check-in area. Tickets are \$10 per person and may be purchased in advance at the Mayor's Office, from Garden Club members or on the day of the walk.

The Southfield Parks and Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works to keep Southfield beautiful. The club is a grass-roots,

city-wide organization whose members assist with various curb appeal initiatives to beautify yards, neighborhoods, parks and other public spaces throughout Southfield. The club also operates a community farm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church that grows and harvests fresh, organic produce that is donated to Forgotten Harvest for those in need. All proceeds from the garden walk ticket sales will support the club's charitable outreach efforts.

For tickets or more information, call Garden Walk Co-Chairs Mayor Ken Siver at (248) 796-5100 or [ksiver@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:ksiver@cityofsouthfield.com), Noreen Kozlowski at (248) 796-4156 or [nkozlowski@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:nkozlowski@cityofsouthfield.com) or visit [www.southfieldparksandgarden.org](http://www.southfieldparksandgarden.org).

## Make your lawn the envy of the neighborhood with these easy tips

Does the grass look greener on the other side of the fence? If so, maybe you just need a few good lawn tips to learn how to get green grass that will be the envy of the neighborhood. Read on to find out how to deal with lawn problems and maintenance advice.

### When to Mow

Mowing is essential for your lawn. Ideally, you should maintain a height of 3-4 inches to promote root growth and shade out weeds. {By City Ordinance, lawn grass cannot exceed 8 inches in height.} Be careful to not cut too short or the grass will become weak and be in danger of being invaded by weeds. Using a mulching lawn mower will not only make your lawn greener, it will also reduce the amount of raking and bagging you will have to do. The good news is there are plenty of times you shouldn't

mow your lawn: when it's wet; when it's too hot; or when it's frosty. The bad news is, during the growing season when it's warm and sunny but still moist, you may need to cut the lawn twice a week to keep it looking at its best.

### Spring

Now's the time to do a lot of work on your lawn, as the grass begins to grow again. Consider a spring cleanup of dead flowerheads and other debris throughout your landscaping. Feed your grass with a commercial lawn feed after mowing every few weeks. Deal with weeds in the spring. If you have small patches of weeds or moss, use selective weed killer that won't damage your lawn. If you have a widespread moss problem, you can buy weed and moss killer that also contains feed for the grass. If you have any

resultant bare patches, cover it with a specialist mix that contains grass seed, grass feed and seeding soil for best results.

### Summer

On average, lawns should be watered two to three times a week. Use a sprinkler that gives a slow, light watering rather than fast, hard waterings. Early morning just before sunrise is the best time of day to water your lawn, or at dusk if morning is not possible. During the day the grass needs to soak in energy from the sun so shouldn't be covered with water if you can help it.

If you have very compact soil, aerate it with a hollow tine aerator or a simple garden fork. Do this before watering to allow the moisture and feed to get down to the grass roots more easily.

## City holds dedication ceremony for Peace Poles installation

The City of Southfield held a dedication ceremony for the new Peace Poles installation last November in the city hall front circle drive.

The new Peace Poles installation is part of an initiative started by the May Peace Prevail on Earth International™, a global not-for-profit charity that develops and promotes peace activities for communities and youth. May Peace Prevail on Earth is a nonsectarian organization dedicated to promoting global peace through the universal message and prayer, May Peace Prevail on Earth. The Organization is member supported in both its activities as well as its funds. The organization is headquartered in New York with executive offices in San Francisco, Tokyo and Munich; however, the May Peace Prevail on Earth movement is spread throughout the world by the tireless grassroots efforts of the individual members.

The foundation's primary mission is to plant Peace Monuments around the world. Along with their affiliates Peace Pals International™ and the Goi Peace Organization of Japan, they also conduct an annual international art contest for children and tour of the artwork, an annual essay contest for youth, and international youth conference webinars. Partner organizations are all members of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

"Now more than ever before, we must all come together in a spirit of peace, love, mutual respect and understanding," commented Councilman Dr. Lloyd C. Crews. "In Southfield, we value every person from every culture, religion, race and background and these new Peace Poles exemplify that in a way that I hope resonates with every resident and visitor. It is our collective prayer for peace not only in Southfield, but throughout the entire world."

The Organization believes that global peace can only be achieved when each person attains inner peace and people of every country affirm their commitment to peace. It is therefore



important that local citizens worldwide make their own efforts for peace, according to the customs and culture of the region. In this spirit, Peace Representatives are appointed to take the initiative in promoting the Organization's activities locally, while maintaining close contact with headquarters. Peace Representatives are also encouraged to network with other Peace Representatives on both national and international levels to exchange information and coordinate efforts for global peace.

According to research by the World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC), countries with a more open and sustainable tourism and hospitality sector tend to be more peaceful. A sustainable and open tourism and hospitality sector brings about a higher level of positive peace through personal attitudes, institutions, and societies. This also promotes expanded social and economic investments that enhance sustainable growth in local communities.

The City of Southfield is the first City in the U.S. to receive this award. The community of Zihuatanejo, Guerrero, Mexico, the City of Southfield's sister city, was the first to receive the Annual Amig@s de la Paz Sustainable Tourism Award for programs that were modeled after Southfield.

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



## The City of Southfield is hiring for numerous positions

The City of Southfield is currently hiring for a variety of positions throughout numerous departments. There are both full and part-time, career and non-career opportunities available at this time.

The City of Southfield offers competitive pay and excellent benefits for full-time, career employees. The job announcements are only summaries of positions, duties, job requirements and compensation.

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- Pre-Service Police Officer
- Public Safety Technician – 911 Dispatcher
- 911 Dispatcher Supplement
- Paramedic To Fire Fighter
- Fire Fighter-Paramedic

### **General Employment positions available:**

- Building Service Worker

### **New Postings:**

- Administrative Assistant I- Legal
- City Assessor
- Library Coordinator- Youth Services

### **Non-Career positions available:**

- Assistant Pool Coordinator
- Crossing Guard
- DPW 2021 Seasonal Jobs
- Driver - Parks & Recreation
- Facility Attendant- Parks and Recreation
- Lifeguard
- Park Maintenance
- Golf Maintenance
- Specialty Coordinator- Athletics

To apply, please fill out an application and submit via email to [sfldjobs@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:sfldjobs@cityofsouthfield.com). Individuals with special needs who may require assistance with the application process should contact the Human Resources Department at (248) 796-4700 (voice) or [hrrsupport@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:hrrsupport@cityofsouthfield.com) if auxiliary aids or services are needed. Reasonable advance notice is required.

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# 2020 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

**ATTENTION: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REPORT ON WATER QUALITY AND SAFETY**

The City of Southfield, The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are proud of the fine drinking water they supply and are honored to provide this report to you. The 2020 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. We will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

## About the System

The City of Southfield purchases water from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) at eleven locations. SOCWA provides GLWA water through its member distribution systems to a population of 210,000 within a 56 square mile area. Current members are Berkley, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield and Southfield Township.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, watersheds in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. EGLE in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of GLWA's Detroit River source water for potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is based on a seven-tiered scale and ranges from very low to very high determined primarily using geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and potential contaminant sources. The report described GLWA's Detroit River intakes as highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four GLWA water treatment plants that service the city of Detroit and draw water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment and meet drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2016, EGLE approved the GLWA Surface Water Intake Protection Program plan. The programs include seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential of sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public participation and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report please, contact GLWA at (313) 926-8102. [And/or](#) Your source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. EGLE in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004

to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

In 2016, the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy approved GLWA's Surface Water Intake Protection plans for the Lake Huron water intake. The plan has seven elements: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public participation and public education activities. GLWA is in the process of updating the plan which should be completed by September 2021. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report, please contact GLWA at (313-926-8102).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

## Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

## Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
>	Greater than	
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, di-bromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our system.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow a margin of safety.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of all analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
pohms	Microohms	Measure of electrical conductance of water
<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Definition/Explanation</b>

## 2020 Springwells Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

2020 Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	3-10-2020	ppm	4	4	0.63	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	3-10-2020	ppm	10	10	0.37	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

2020 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2020	ppm	4	4	0.70	0.60-0.79	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2020 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.21 NTU	100%		no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.				

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal	Erosion of natural deposits

2020 Special Monitoring						
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	3-10-2020	ppm	n/a	n/a	5.37	Erosion of natural deposits



## 2020 Northeast Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

2020 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	3-10-2020	ppm	4	4	0.80	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	3-10-2020	ppm	10	10	0.36	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

2020 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quarterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2020	ppm	4	4	0.76	0.67-0.84	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2020 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.14 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

2020 Special Monitoring						
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	3-10-2020	ppm	n/a	n/a	5.92	Erosion of natural deposits



## 2020 Lake Huron Regulated Detected Contaminants Table

2020 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	3-10-2020	ppm	4	4	0.72	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	3-10-2020	ppm	10	10	0.30	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	5-16-17	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.

2020 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quarterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2020	ppm	4	4	0.77	0.70-0.85	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2020 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.10 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

Radionuclides - Monitored at the Plant Finished Tap in 2014							
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/14	pCi/L	0	5	0.86 ± 0.55	no	Erosion of natural deposits

2020 Special Monitoring						
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	3-10-2020	ppm	n/a	n/a	4.91	Erosion of natural deposits



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2020 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also E.coli positive.	0	no	Sanitary defects

2020 Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System, Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2020	ppb	n/a	80	37	15.8 – 56	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	ppb	n/a	80	19	14 - 20	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Lead and Copper Monitoring at the Customer's Tap in 2020									
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Range of Individual Samples Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2020	ppb	0	15	4	1	0 - 90	no	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; erosion of natural deposits*
Copper	2020	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.2	0	0.0 - 0.2	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives

\* The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value. If the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

Number of Water Service Connections by Service Line Material		
Number of Lead Service Lines	Number of Service Lines of Unknown Material	Total Number of Service Lines
16	0	20,167

**The Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR4)**

The UCMR program provides the EPA and other interested parties with nationally representative data on the occurrence of particular contaminants in drinking water, the number of people potentially being exposed and an estimate of the levels of that exposure. In accordance with SDWA, EPA will consider the occurrence data from UCMR4 and other sources, along with the peer reviewed health effects assessments, to support a regulatory determination on whether to initiate the process to develop a national primary drinking water regulation.

The table lists the minimum reporting level, level detected, average and range of each contaminant detected.

Detection levels are in micro grams per Liter (1µg/L = 1ppb)

Contaminant	Minimum Reporting Level µg/L	Level Detected	AVG	Range
Manganese	0.4	85.1	NA	NA
HAA5	NA	NA	17.32	11.31 – 25.09
HAA6Br	NA	NA	7.37	6.89 – 7.88
HAA9	NA	NA	23.52	17.41 – 31.72

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## Important Health Information

### Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Southfield is responsible for providing high quality drinking water but, cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more

vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds

to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

### Questions:

- Local Distribution: City of Southfield, Public Works Administration (248) 796-4850
- Southeastern Oakland County Water Supply System – Water Authority offices: (248) 288-5150. Visit our web site at [www.socwa.org](http://www.socwa.org)
- Great Lakes Water Authority – [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org)
- Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) - (586) 753-3755 – [www.michigan.gov/egle](http://www.michigan.gov/egle)
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791.
- Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech>

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