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The City of Southfield's intent is to operate its programs and services, so when viewed in their entirety, they are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with a disability. To ensure equally-effective communication, upon request, the City will provide auxiliary aids and services, such as sign language interpreters, Braille-translated material, large-print documents, etc. Advance notice is required. To make arrangements, contact the City Clerk's Office at 248/796-5150 (voice) or 248/354-4831 (TDD).

City of Southfield celebrates historic 50th anniversary

From farmland to the center of it all in just 50 years

The City of Southfield is celebrating a historic community milestone this year. On April 28, 2008, Southfield will celebrate its 50th anniversary of incorporation as a city. The City of Southfield was officially incorporated in 1958 following a favorable incorporation vote and approval of a City Charter by local voters. Before that time, Southfield was largely an undeveloped township of approximately 15,000 residents. Today, Southfield has grown to be one of the premier business and residential addresses in Michigan. With a residential population of almost 80,000, and a daytime population of more than 175,000, Southfield is truly the business and residential center of it all. Few other metropolitan areas can boast such a beautiful skyline, replete with magnificent skyscrapers and high rises located just minutes away from quaint, tree-lined neighborhoods. Over the past 50 years, Southfield has truly grown from a rural farming community to be one of the leading business and economic centers in Michigan and the Midwest.

Through the years, the City of Southfield has become known for throwing a great party. From award-winning cultural arts programs and festivals to polo in the city - Southfield knows how to celebrate. The City's 50th anniversary celebration will certainly be no exception. To commemorate this historic milestone, the City is planning several exciting events and programs throughout 2008. We kicked off the year of festivities with the Fire & Ice black-tie gala on January 26. The event featured an elegant evening of dinner and dancing at the



exclusive Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield. More than 300 Southfield residents, elected officials and community leaders came together to enjoy this elegant fundraiser with proceeds benefiting Southfield's 50th anniversary fund. Festivities continued on February 17 with the Winter Fun Fest at the Southfield Municipal Complex. This free community kickoff event featured an afternoon of music, food, fun and games for the whole family, including children's arts and crafts, hayrides, animal petting farm, interactive gaming area and ice sculpture carving demonstrations. Almost 2,000 Southfield residents of all ages and ethnicities came out to enjoy this fun-filled afternoon. If you missed these events, don't fear because the best is yet to come. On April 28, the City will host

the Southfield 50th Anniversary Business Reception for all Southfield businesses to recognize their commitment to the community. Awards will be given to businesses based upon the number of years that they have been located in Southfield. Guests will also enjoy live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres provided by some of Southfield's top restaurants. On May 4 the City will hold the official 50th Anniversary Community Celebration at the Southfield Municipal Complex. Residents can expect great food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. The celebration will include two stages of top entertainment as well as strolling performers such as jugglers, magicians, clowns and mimes. Children's activities will include a giant obstacle course, petting farm, arts and crafts, games and a special fireworks finale. This is one celebration that you will not want to miss!

Southfield is pulling out all the stops to celebrate its golden jubilee - from the Southfield's Got Talent competition to the commemorative Liberty Elm tree program - there is truly something for everyone. So, get into the spirit and join us as we begin our celebration that has been 50 years in the making!

◆ THEN & NOW ◆

1958

World population: 2.9 billion
U.S. population: almost 175 million
Cost of a gallon of gas: 25 cents
Cost of a first class stamp: 3 cents
Average annual U.S. income: \$4,600

2008

World population: 6.6 billion
U.S. population: over 300 million
Cost of a gallon of gas: \$3+
Cost of a first class stamp: 41 cents
Average annual U.S. income: \$48,000

City of Southfield 50th Anniversary Signature Events



CITY OF SOUTHFIELD 50TH ANNIVERSARY

◆ **BUSINESS RECEPTION** ◆

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2008 AT 6 P.M.

Southfield Pavilion

The City will host a special reception for Southfield businesses on Monday, April 28 to recognize their commitment to the community. Awards will be given to businesses based upon the number of years that they have been located in Southfield. Guests will enjoy live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres provided by some of Southfield's top restaurants while networking with fellow Southfield businesses.

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD 50TH ANNIVERSARY

◆ **COMMUNITY CELEBRATION** ◆

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2008 AT 1 P.M.

City Hall, Southfield Pavilion & front lawn

The City, along with our generous sponsors Fifth Third Bank, Lawrence Technological University, Etkin Equities, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Detroit Jewish News and the Southfield Sun, will sponsor a free 50th anniversary celebration for the entire community on Sunday, May 4. There will be an open house at City Hall featuring a giant, community-sized cake, as well as the Passport to Southfield program where residents will be able to visit with city departments, neighborhood associations and community groups to learn more about our unique and vibrant community. Every resident who gets five or more stamps on their passport will receive a City of Southfield 50th anniversary commemorative keepsake. The celebration will also include two stages of top entertainment, one indoors and one outdoors (weather permitting), as well as strolling performers such as jugglers, magicians, clowns and mimes. Children's activities will include a giant obstacle course, petting farm, arts and crafts, and games for all ages. The City will also bring back the popular International Café featuring international dance and musical performances celebrating Southfield's diversity. The event also offers free admission and parking, a variety of food available for purchase, and a spectacular fireworks finale.

This is a celebration 50 years in the making that you will not want to miss! Bring the entire family and tell the neighbors: Southfield is turning 50 and we are going to celebrate! For more information, call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Purchase a commemorative Liberty Elm tree as part of 50th anniversary celebration

The City of Southfield and the Southfield Community Foundation are offering residents a special opportunity to purchase a commemorative American Liberty Elm tree at a subsidized price of \$125 as part of the City's 50th anniversary celebration. This special reduced price also includes the delivery and planting of the tree! As a proud Tree City USA Award recipient for the past 23 consecutive years, what better way to celebrate Southfield's past, present and future than with a Liberty Elm? Planting a disease-resistant Liberty Elm tree is an excellent way to celebrate and commemorate Southfield's history while "planting" for its future.

The American Liberty Elm is the result of over sixty years of selection, research and breeding. The Liberty Elm was developed by the Elm Research Institute (ERI) to be resistant to Dutch elm disease. The American Liberty Elm is the only street-proven, disease-resistant elm tree with a lifetime warranty against Dutch elm disease. After more than 20 years of field tests, less than one percent of ERI's trees have been lost to Dutch elm disease. Since 1983, over 300,000 of these trees have been planted in more than 1,000 communities across the country.

The trees will be at least 10 to 12 feet in size (shipped in containers) that will fill out rapidly once planted. The American Liberty Elm grows very quickly, averaging two to three feet of growth per year. The American Liberty Elm is also a long-lived specimen, with an average lifespan of 200-275 years or more. The trees typically reach 20 to 30 feet in height with a four to six inch diameter within ten years. Trees will develop the classic vase-shape of the American elm and can be expected to reach heights of 100 feet or more throughout their lifetime. An extremely hardy tree, the American Liberty Elm is tolerant of conditions such as pollution, drought, salt and a wide range of temperatures, with few insect or disease problems.

These fast growing, long-lived trees will make an excellent addition to your yard and neighborhood. Continue to keep Southfield beautiful by making your contribution to our community and future generations with an American Liberty Elm tree. Celebrate Southfield's 50 years of history with a tribute that will last for many years to come. Trees may be ordered by filling out the form below and mailing with a check made payable to the City of Southfield. Mail completed form and check to: City of Southfield, Neighborhood & Information Center, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055. **PLEASE NOTE:** It is the responsibility of the homeowner to call Miss Dig before planting. For more information, contact the Neighborhood & Information Center at (248) 796-5140.



A limited number of Liberty Elm trees are available for Southfield residents to purchase at a special reduced price of \$125 including delivery and planting. Only one tree is available per household and orders are filled on a first come, first served basis.

Check # _____

Name _____

Address _____

City Southfield State MI Zip Code _____

Home Telephone Number _____

Work Telephone Number _____

E-mail _____



City sponsors Southfield's Got Talent competition

The City of Southfield is sponsoring the Southfield's Got Talent competition as part of the City's 50th anniversary celebration taking place throughout 2008. The talent competition will showcase local musicians, singers, rappers, bands, and dancers who will compete for various prizes. The top 20 acts will perform for a selection committee in May, with the top five acts performing at the City's Star Spangled Southfield Fireworks before a panel of celebrity judges. Southfield's Got Talent has added FOX 2 TV personality Jay Towers as one of its celebrity judges. Towers became known in the metro Detroit area as the voice of the 93.1 WDRQ Morning Show before joining the FOX 2 Weekend Show as a features/entertainment correspondent.

The first place winner will receive \$500, a professionally produced demo DVD of their performance and a gift basket; the second place winner will receive \$200; and the third place winner will receive \$100. The competition is open to all artists 16 and older who live, work or attend school in Southfield. Performances should be "family-friendly" and not exceed five minutes in length. A completed registration form and DVD of the performance are required for entry. Artists in need of DVD production assistance can contact Southfield's Millennium Centre at (248) 796-5191, who will produce a DVD for a nominal fee. Registration forms are available online at www.cityofsouthfield.com/talentshow or at the front desk of the City Hall main lobby. Completed registration forms and performance DVD's may be mailed to the Community Relations Department, Attn: Talent Show, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055 or dropped off at the main lobby front desk. All entries must be received by 4 p.m. on April 18, 2008.

Call or e-mail Rochelle Freeman at (248) 796-4161 or rffreeman@cityofsouthfield.com for more information.

Advertise your business in the 2008 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.



Legal notice regarding basement flooding

What if your basement floods? Immediately upon discovery of an overflow or back up, contact the Water Department at (248) 796-4850. After hours, the message will advise you to call (248) 796-4899 or you can call the Police desk at (248) 796-5500 to be put in touch with the supervisor on call.

Under Public Act 222, any resident having experienced an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, must file a written claim with the City within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have been discovered. Notice should be mailed to the Office of Management and Budget at the City of Southfield. Failure to provide the required notice to the City will limit your rights under the law. For more information, contact the Office of Management and Budget at (248) 796-5260.

Residential Rubbish Collection Guidelines

Southfield residents can discard most unwanted items year-round, including large items such as appliances, at their curb on their designated garbage collection day. The City of Southfield partnered with Waste Management of Michigan, Inc. to expand the types of items that will be accepted at regular weekly rubbish collection. The traditional Spring Clean Up program has been replaced by the more convenient and cost-effective regular weekly garbage pickups.

Most items are now collected on the regular weekly trash collection day with the exception of hazardous waste materials, contractor or commercial refuse. Household hazardous waste materials will continue to be accepted twice a year at the Household Hazardous Waste Days in the spring and fall. The next **Household Hazardous Waste Day** will be on **Saturday, April 19** at the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) located at 20000 W. 8 Mile Road in Southfield. Most household hazardous waste materials may be dropped off on that day (see article on page 5 for more information).

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. Refuse 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. Branches and brush refuse must be placed with the cut ends towards the curb on the designated collection day April through November. Other yard waste must be placed in approved paper yard waste bags or in a rigid container marked 'yard waste.' Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.

Concrete (two cubic yards maximum) is

accepted, but only if it is generated by the resident and is not a result of contract work.

Branches placed at the curb will be removed by workers with brush chippers. We ask you to be patient, depending upon the amount of branches at the curb, it may take longer than your designated day to take care of them. To preserve the community's natural beauty, a City ordinance forbids cutting down trees until the Planning Department has checked them first - a permit may be required! Contact the Planning Department at (248) 796-4150 before considering tree removal.

In an effort to keep costs down, many refuse trucks are one person operations; therefore, all trash placed at the curb must be limited to a size and weight that one person can manage alone.



The following items are now accepted for weekly curbside collection:

aluminum siding - not to exceed 60 lbs.

and cut to 4 ft. lengths; limited to two containers or tied and bundled

carpeting - cut into 4 ft. lengths tied and bundled, not to exceed 60 lbs.

concrete - not to exceed 60 lbs. in two 32-gallon containers

dirt, soil, stone, gravel, chipped marble and brick - not to exceed 60 lbs. in two 32-gallon containers

doors and windows - not to exceed 60 lbs. or 3 ft. x 4 ft.

drywall and plaster - not to exceed 60 lbs. in two 32-gallon containers

fences and fence posts - cut, not to exceed 60 lbs. max, or 3 ft. x 4 ft. whichever is less

railroad ties - cut, not to exceed 60 lbs, or 4 ft. whichever is less

root ball, bush - clean without dirt

shingles - not to exceed 60 lbs. in two 32-gallon containers

tree trimmings - tied in bundles 4 ft. lengths, 2 in. diameter not to exceed 60 lbs.

branch removal - 2 to 8 in. diameter, 6 to 8 ft. in length, placed with cut ends towards street

Collection of 'white goods' (all appliances and furniture) remains unchanged - placed at curb by 7 a.m. on designated day.

SPECIAL PICK UP REQUIREMENTS

Large volume items such as kitchen cabinets, fences, or large quantities of materials such as broken concrete or commercial refuse will require a special pickup at the homeowner's expense.

For more information, contact Southfield Public Works at (248) 796-4800 or (248) 796-4860.

Southfield Volunteer Day 2008

Plan to be part of Southfield Volunteer Day 2008 and make a difference in your community. Volunteers are needed to clean, paint, rake, plant and prune throughout Southfield on Saturday, April 19 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Work will take place this year at Schoenhals Elementary School, Thompson Middle School, Lincoln Woods Nature Preserve and the I-696 Service Deck. All sites are located on Lincoln Drive near Greenfield and I-696.

Workers are asked to bring rakes and wheelbarrows (if possible). Other tools will be provided as well as gloves, a continental breakfast, snack, and a free t-shirt.

Volunteers may work the entire shift or donate just a few hours. This is a great opportunity for service clubs seeking a spring project, high school students in need of community service credits, or anyone who wants to help improve their community.

To volunteer, call Ollie Colvard at the Southfield Education Center, (248) 746-7601. For additional information on National Volunteer Day - Southfield or to sign on as a sponsor or donor, call Ken Siver, Southfield Public Schools Deputy Superintendent at (248) 746-8565.

38th Annual Rouge River Clean Up

Share in the commitment to maintain a clean water system by volunteering for the annual Rouge River Clean Up on Saturday, June 7 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Adults, teenagers, teachers, students, naturalists, contractors and local businesses have an opportunity to improve the environment and everyone is encouraged to take part in this important initiative.

Registration is at Beech Woods Recreation Center, just south of Nine Mile Road on Beech Road. For more information, call (248) 796-4806.

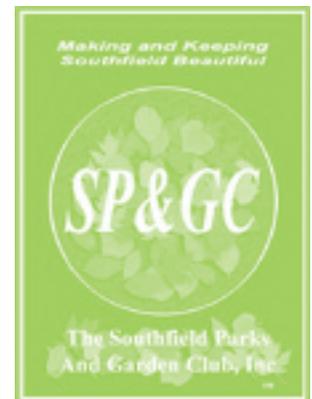
Southfield seeks nominations for 2008 Community Pride Awards

The City of Southfield and the Southfield Parks and Garden Club is seeking nominations for the 2008 Community Pride Awards, which honor individuals, multi-residential complexes and neighborhoods that have gone the extra mile to beautify their community. Residents are encouraged to nominate their neighbors, neighborhoods, family, friends, 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.

A team of judges will tour neighborhoods and select a list of winners in August. All winners will be honored by the mayor and city council prior to a council meeting in October. Nomination forms are available at Southfield City Hall's Neighborhood and Information Center, located at 26000 Evergreen Road, or they may be downloaded from the City's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com. Nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. For more information, call the Neighborhood and Information Center at (248) 796-5140.

The Southfield Parks and Garden Club starts Community Farm for the needy

The Southfield Parks and Garden Club, Inc. (SP&GC) was formed as a charitable community service organization comprised of volunteers who work to beautify the city. The club has been busy doing litter pick-ups, plantings, cleaning up landscapes for elderly residents, and clearing and mapping city park trails. The club will host a groundbreaking ceremony for their newest venture, the Emmanuel Community Farm, on Thursday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located at 23425 Lahser Road, north of Nine Mile Road.



The all-volunteer farm will use natural inputs and organic seed to enable the harvest of a wide variety of produce that will be used to feed those in need. The Southfield Parks and Garden Club membership and projects reflect a wide cross-section of residents, skill levels and interests. Gardening enthusiasts and community-minded individuals of all backgrounds are encouraged to join and participate as their schedule permits. SP&GC holds monthly meetings and work days March through October. Call (248) 356-2281 or visit www.parksandgarden.org for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Day April 19

Household Hazardous Waste Day is your annual opportunity to discard household hazardous waste materials. The Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) continues to coordinate these events. This year, Saturday, April 19, has been designated Hazardous Waste Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the RRRASOC center, located at 20000 W. 8 Mile Road (please enter from Mapleridge, one block east of Evergreen Road). The program is sponsored by the City of Southfield with services provided by Environmental Recycling Group.

Southfield residents may also take advantage of additional Household Hazardous Waste Days in the following RRRASOC communities:

Wixom on Saturday, April 12 at Wixom Dept. of Public Works, 2057 Charms Road, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmington on Saturday, May 3 at the William Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Novi on Saturday, September 27 at Novi City Hall, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Please be prepared to show proof of residency. Hazardous waste materials from businesses will not be accepted.

Items not accepted include large quantities of unknown materials, latex paint, radioactive waste, including smoke

detectors, explosives, unstable wastes, pressurized fire extinguishers, unknown gas cylinders, and substances regulated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. If an item is judged unacceptable, it will be repackaged if necessary, so that the resident can work with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to dispose of it properly.

The following items ARE ACCEPTED on Household Hazardous Waste Days:

Household - Bug Sprays, Floor Care Products, Furniture Polish, Metal Polish with Solvent, Expired Medicines, Nail Polish, Drain Openers and Cleaners, Bleach, Ammonia, Aerosol Cans, Batteries, Mercury, Computer Equipment

Garden - Fungicides, Herbicides, Insecticides, Pesticides, Weed & Feeds

Garage - Automatic Transmission Fluid, Auto Batteries or Battery Acid, Brake Fluid, Car Wax with Solvent, Diesel Fuel, Fuel Oil, Gasoline, Kerosene, Metal Polish with Solvent, Motor Oils, Other Oils, Antifreeze

Workshop - Fluorescent Light Bulbs, Cutting Oil, Glue (Solvent Based), Oil Based Paint, Automobile Paint, Paint Thinner, Paint Stripper, Primer, Turpentine Varnish, Wood Preservatives

For more information, call Southfield Public Works Department at (248) 796-4860 or RRRASOC at (248) 208-2270 or www.rrrasoc.org.

**SUPPORT GOOD
HEALTH AND
MICHIGAN FARMERS**
at the
Providence Hospital & Southfield
Cornerstone Development
Authority

SOUTHFIELD FARMER'S MARKET

**HELD EVERY
THURSDAY**

(weather permitting)

June 5 - October 31
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Located in the
**Millennium Theater
Parking Lot**

adjacent to Northland Mall

Featuring many varieties of the freshest fruits and vegetables, baked goods, seafood, cheeses, plants, flowers, jams, jellies, salsas, and other natural products from numerous vendors. There will be regular special events such as cooking demonstrations, music and other features throughout the spring and summer seasons. The Market also offers free parking and indoor restrooms!

Call Cornerstone
Development Authority
at (248) 796-5196 for
more information.

Southfield Flower Day May 24

The City of Southfield will host the 6th annual Southfield Flower Day on Saturday, May 24 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the front lawn of City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road.

The event is sponsored by the Mayor and City Council to promote curb appeal and the beautification of Southfield. Many varieties of flowers, plants and vegetables will be offered for sale from several local vendors. For more information, call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130.

City Clerk's News

Nancy L. M. Banks, *City Clerk*



Election News 2008

DID YOU KNOW?

Southfield Public Schools Board of Education adopted a resolution to change the date for School Board Elections to an annual November election date! Starting this year, elections for the Southfield Public Schools Board of Education will be held in November, eliminating the need and cost for a May Election.

Southfield voters will be going to the polls on August 5 for the State Primary Election, and November 4 for the Presidential General Election. As in all elections, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Offices to be elected this year:

- President/Vice President
- U.S. Senator
- U.S. Representative
- State Representative
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Board of Regents
- Michigan State University Board of Trustees
- Wayne State University Board of Governors
- Oakland Community College Board of Trustees
- County Executive
- Prosecuting Attorney
- Sheriff
- County Clerk/Register of Deeds
- County Treasurer
- Drain Commissioner
- County Commissioners
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the Probate Court

Judge of the 46th District Court
Precinct Delegates
Local School Board Members

DID YOU KNOW?

The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that all Michigan voters must now show current photo identification before voting at the polls. Voters should bring their current Michigan Driver's License, State ID, or other government issued photo ID to vote at the polls on Election Day;

The last day to register to vote in the August 5 Primary Election is July 7, 2008. Michigan election law states that you must be registered to vote 30 days prior to an election. If you are not registered to vote in Southfield, please visit the City Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State Branch Office. Unsure of your precinct number or voting location, visit the City's Web site for more election information and the Voting Precinct Map and Guide to Voting Precincts.

The last day to register to vote for the November 4 Presidential General Election is October 6, 2008.

The Southfield City Clerk's Office will be hiring 100 high school and/or college students for the August and November Elections. Please stop by the City Clerk's Office to complete an application.

Absent Voter Information

DID YOU KNOW?

The City Clerk's Office is in the process of establishing a permanent Absent Voter list. As a result of a recent Michigan Appeals Court ruling, it was determined

that Absent Voter Applications cannot be mailed to voters without first receiving a direct request from the voter. If you have not received the Application to be on a permanent Absent Voter List, and are interested in receiving Applications for Absent Voter Ballots for all future elections, please call the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150 to request said form.

To request an Absent Voter Ballot, you must be:

- 60 years of age or older;
- Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another;
- Appointed a precinct worker in a precinct other than the precinct where you reside;
- Expect to be absent from the community which you are registered for the entire time the polls are open on election day;
- Cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion;
- Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Registered voters who wish to receive an Absent Voter Ballot may request an Application by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150 or download a copy of the Application form from our Web site. (Please be sure to sign and print your full name and address on the Application form).

Michigan law requires that a new Application be completed for each election for which an absentee ballot is needed. Absent Voter Applications resemble an oversized post card. Be sure to sign the card, check the reason why you are requesting an absentee ballot,

fold it in half, attach postage stamp where indicated, and return it to the City Clerk's Office.

Passport Applications

DID YOU KNOW?

The City Clerk's Office is a Passport Application Acceptance Facility, authorized by the U.S. Department of State to accept and process applications for U.S. passports. U.S. Passports are issued only to U.S. citizens or non-citizen nationals.

Effective January 23, 2007, the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative went into effect, requiring all U.S. citizens traveling by air to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda, to have a U.S. Passport! The goal of the new travel initiative is to strengthen border security and facilitate entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate international travelers. By summer of 2008, the requirement for a passport will be extended to include all land and sea travel as well.

U.S. 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 \$75 for applicants 16 years of age or older; \$60 for applicants 15 years of age and younger, payable by check or money order to the U.S. Department of State. There is also a \$30 execution fee required for each application, payable by cash, certified check or money order. Routine

applications take 4-6 weeks to process; expedited applications are processed within 3 weeks from the date received by the Passport Agency, for an additional \$60 (payable by check or money order).

Southfield residents, business persons and visitors are welcome to apply for a U.S. Passport at the City Clerk's Office. The City Clerk's Office accepts passport applications Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Protect Your Personal Identity

DID YOU KNOW?

Identity theft is ranked the number one consumer fraud complaint. Identity theft occurs when someone has stolen a name, credit card, social security number, birth date, or other piece of personal information.

The City of Southfield, in partnership with Southfield Public Schools and Iron Mountain Records Management, Inc., will offer free consumer shredding up to 100 lbs. (the equivalent of two copy paper boxes) on Saturday, April 26, 2008, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., at the Southfield High School parking lot located at 24675 Lahser Road, at Ten Mile Road.

Consumers may bring personal documents such as tax returns, medical records, credit card statements, bank checks, and more, to be securely destroyed by Iron Mountain's mobile shredding truck. A fee of \$5 will be charged for documents weighing more than 100 lbs.

Garage Sale Permits

DID YOU KNOW?

Spring marks the beginning of the garage sale season. Southfield residents may sell used personal property such as clothing, garden tools, toys or other second hand

items customarily found in and about the home. The term garage sale also includes reference to Basement Sale, Attic Sale, and Estate Sale.

The Southfield City Code allows residents to hold a garage sale once every six months. Residents may obtain their garage sale permits from the City

Clerk's Office. The cost of the permit is \$4 which also includes one (1) sign with wire stand. One additional sign may be purchased for an additional \$2 fee. These permits are valid for five (5) consecutive days, issued at least six months apart, and may not be apportioned to run over two weekend periods. Items for sale must be sold between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

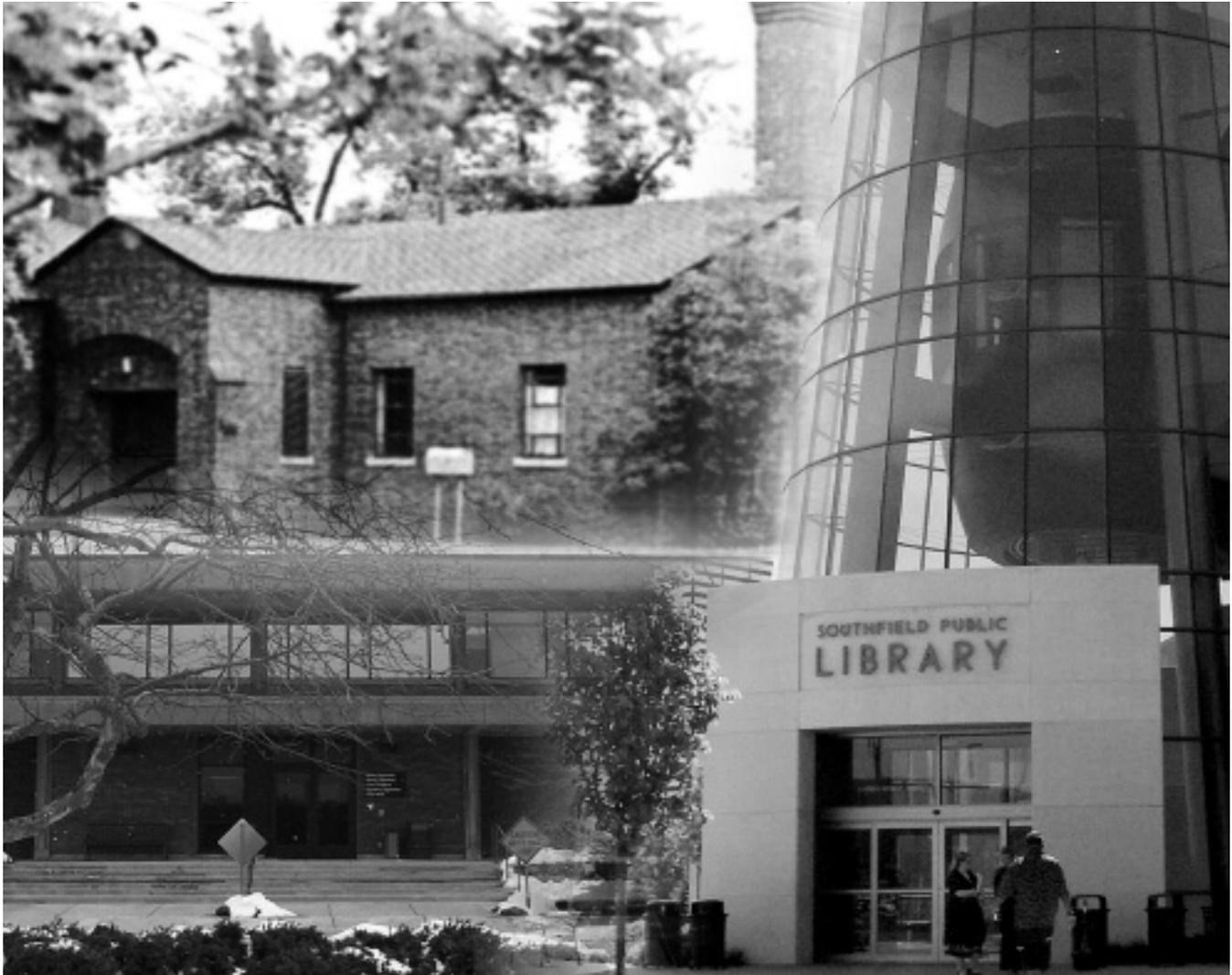
Garage sale signs can be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner. Valid garage sale signs for 2008 are blue. Garage sale signs cannot be placed in any public right of way, generally described as an area where street signs, traffic signs, fire hydrants and utility poles are located, and those areas that span from the sidewalk to the roadway surface. Any garage sale signs located in the public right-of-way will be removed by the City and discarded.

For more information on obtaining a garage sale permit, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.

The City Clerk's Office is located at the Southfield Civic Center Complex, 26000 Evergreen Road, at the corner of Civic Center Drive, north of Ten Mile Road. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.



Southfield Public Library grows with Southfield



Southfield Public Library has proudly served the citizens of Southfield from our three locations: From 1960 - 1964 in the old Brooks School at the corner of 11 Mile Road and Lahser Road; from 1964 - 2003 in the Southfield Municipal Complex on Evergreen Road; since 2003 at the Northern corner of the Southfield Civic Center complex.



City of Southfield's 50th Anniversary Quilt *Southfield Yesterday and Today*



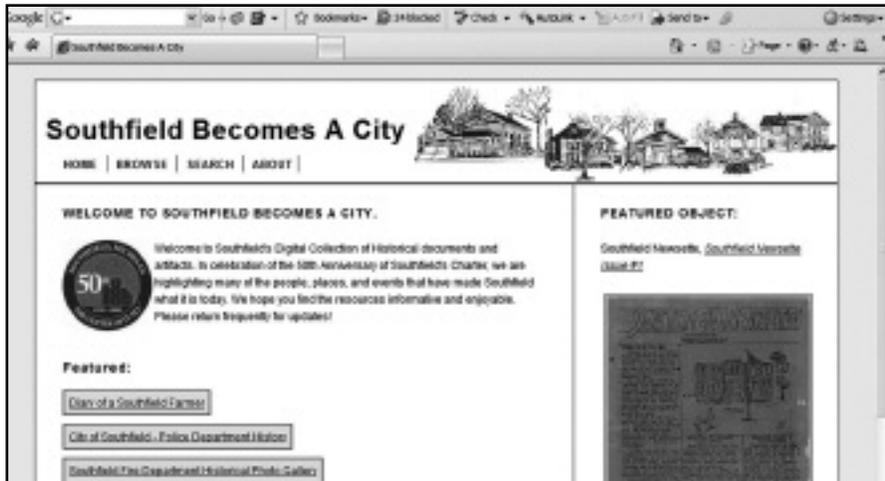
Mary Silber, 93 year old Southfield resident and quilt expert, wanted to celebrate Southfield's 50th Anniversary in a very special way. Working hand in hand with the Southfield Public Library and Southfield Historical Society, Ms. Silber has created a quilt entitled "Southfield Yesterday and Today" with images of historic buildings such as the First City Hall and newer Southfield icons such as the Southfield Public Library. This quilt will be on display throughout this year at the Southfield Public Library, Southfield Municipal Complex and the Southfield Historical Museum.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Southfield Public Library.



Southfield Becomes a City

New Online Collection of Historical Documents



Southfield Public Library has recently added “Southfield Becomes a City,” a new online collection of digitized historical documents to the library’s website.

In celebration of the City of Southfield's 50th anniversary researchers at the Southfield Public Library and the Southfield Historical Society have been hard at work gathering, cataloging and creating digital images of historical materials which document the events surrounding the April 1958 incorporation of the city of Southfield.

The new online collection is fully searchable by title and subject and available 24/7 through the Library’s Southfield webpage at <http://history.sfdlib.org/history/>.

“Southfield Becomes a City” contains digital images of newspaper clippings, historic photos, letters, manuscripts and even the entire meeting minutes from the 1957/58 Charter Commission which created the current Southfield City Charter. More documents are being added to the collection every day.

“This is a tremendous step forward towards opening up access to our history for Southfield residents and researchers as well as preserving these delicate and unique documents from further deterioration due to handling,” says City Librarian David Ewick. “It’s a win-win situation for everyone.”



The Veterans History Project

The Veterans History Project is an initiative created by the Library of Congress to collect and archive the personal recollections of U.S. wartime veterans, to honor their service and to share their stories with current and future generations. The project also collects the stories of civilians who worked to support the armed services on the home front.

The Southfield Public Library is pleased to have been named as a Partner Archive to serve as a local repository for Veterans' History Project interviews.

The office of U.S. Representative Sander Levin has been instrumental in helping to transfer to the Library of Congress the original materials collected by the Southfield Veterans' Commission under the direction of Chairman Dan Brightwell while the Southfield Public Library provides local access to the collection. The library already has copies of several interviews from veterans such as TV weatherman Marvin 'Sonny' Eliot and Southfield Councilman Sidney Lantz available for check out on DVD. Many of the interviews may also be viewed online by connecting to the library's Veterans' History Project web page at www.southfieldlibrary.org.

To participate, arrange for an interview or to make a donation, contact:

Daniel Brightwell
Chairperson, Southfield Veterans Commission
248-796-4VET (248-796- 4838)
southfieldvets@cityofsouthfield.com
www.southfieldvets.org



Southfield Style: Early Houses to Ranch Homes



June 17, 2008
6:30 p.m.
Auditorium and Meeting Room

For Southfield's 50th Anniversary, the Southfield Public Library and Southfield Historical Society invite you to a program showcasing both our oldest residences and the wonderful variety of Mid-Century Modern homes within the city. Members of the Southfield Historical Society will speak on our earliest residences and talk about the work of the Society. Followed by our special guest for the evening, Ellen Thackery, Field Representative, from the Michigan Historical Preservation Network to speak about the historic changes in culture that brought about Northland Mall, highways and most importantly the ranch style home within our city.

Bring your questions about your Southfield home and how best to preserve its style and history. A reception will follow our program.



See Southfield's History through special exhibits on display during April & May

Celebrating Southfield's 50th Anniversary

Tower Lobby

Relive your elementary school days with memorabilia from Carolyn Krieger-Cohen from Simms Elementary School



Bookends Cafe

Photographs from the Southfield Library's history will be on display

WOW Wall

Explore the history of Hudson's and Northland Mall with postcards and historical items from Michael Hauser

Second Level Gallery Wall

See beautiful photos from in and around Southfield by Twana Norwood



Third Level Gallery Wall

Photographs of Mary Thompson

Third Level Glass Displays

Former councilwoman Jean McDonnell's hat collection courtesy of the Southfield Historical Society



Third Level Southfield History Room

Southfield's Founding, from the collection of Hugh Dohany, Southfield's 1st City Treasurer

City launches Eyes on Southfield program

The City of Southfield launched the Eyes on Southfield program 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 code issues or violations.

The Southfield Code Enforcement Department will respond to most complaints within a 24- to 48-hour time period. The City relies on the “eyes and ears” of the entire community to report any obvious or extreme code violations. When a violation exists, code officers will inform the resident or business of the issue and educate them how to correct it. If another violation occurs at the same property, the home or business owner will be issued a civil infraction and must appear in court.



Every resident and business owner has a vested interest in maintaining property values by keeping Southfield clean and attractive. 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.
- 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. Outside storage of recreational vehicles, snowmobiles, boats, travel trailers and mobile homes exceeding 20-feet in length is not permitted and must be stored offsite. Recreational vehicles, boats and travel trailers less than 20-feet in length may be stored in the backyard only.
- 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.

Let's each do our part to keep Southfield clean and attractive by maintaining our homes and neighborhoods. If you see a potential code or appearance issue, call the City's special Eyes on Southfield hotline at (248) 796-EYES (3937) to report it.

City Cable 15 celebrates Southfield's 50th Anniversary



City Cable 15 will be commemorating Southfield's golden anniversary all year long. Turn on Channel 15 to learn about the city's rich history. Plus, you'll have the best seat in the house because Cable 15 will be covering all of the celebratory events. From family gatherings to the big galas to tributes to business leaders, City Cable 15 will chronicle the excitement for our viewers!

What's the deal with digital?

Are you wondering what is happening with the digital TV (DTV) transition? Many of you have probably heard that a digital transition will take place in February 2009 that could affect your television. Congress mandated that February 17, 2009 would be the last day for full-power television stations to broadcast in analog. In the coming months, City Cable 15 will be airing a series of public service announcements to give residents all the information needed so that the transition from analog to digital is a smooth one. Please stay tuned.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOUTHFIELD? *Spring • Summer 2008*

- April 7 -* Yard waste collection begins (through November 28)
- April 10 -* High School Battle of the Books, 7 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- April 12 -* 18-Hole Breakfast Golf Scramble, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- April 19 -* Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC Center
- April 25 -* 10th Annual Southfield Business Expo, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Southfield Town Center Garden Atrium
- April 26 -* Personal Privacy Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Southfield High School parking lot
- April 28 -* 50th Anniversary Business Reception, 6 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- May 2 -* SRO Productions 'Dinner with Friends' opens (runs May 2-4, 9-11 and 16-18), Burgh Historical Park
- May 3 -* Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Rouge River (at Valley Woods Trail)
Tennis Free for All, 10 a.m., Civic Center Tennis Courts
- May 4 -* 50th Anniversary Community Celebration, 1 p.m., City Hall, Southfield Pavilion & front lawn
- May 6 -* Southfield Public Schools Election, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., various sites
- May 16 -* 9-Hole Steak & Ale Golf Scramble, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- May 17 -* American Heart Association Heart Walk, 8 a.m., City Hall front lawn
- May 23 -* Memorial Day Ceremony, 9 a.m., City Hall
- May 24 -* Southfield Flower Day, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., City Hall front lawn
- May 26 -* Memorial Day, City offices and library closed
- June 7 -* Rouge River Clean Up, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Beech Woods Recreation Center
- June 8 -* The Metropolitan Singers Season Finale Concert, 3:30 p.m., P&R Building
- June 9 -* Mayor's Walks begin (every Mon., Wed., & Fri. through August 1), 7 a.m., Inglenook Park
- June 13 -* 18-Hole Junior Optimist Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- June 14 -* Southfield Sports Arena Pool opens
- June 16 -* Summer Day Camps begin, Call (248) 796-4620 for more information.
- June 18 -* Burgh Gazebo Concerts begin, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park (Wednesdays through August 13)
- June 19 -* Eat to the Beat concerts begin, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza (Thursdays through September 11)
- June 20 -* 9-Hole Steak & Ale Golf Tournament, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- June 21 -* Free Swim Lesson Day, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- June 23 -* Family Pool Party, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- June 24 -* Southfield Kids' Day, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., City Hall front lawn
- July 4 -* Independence Day, City offices and library closed
- July 9 -* Family Pool Party, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- July 11 -* Junior/Senior Golf Day, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- July 23 -* Family Pool Party, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- August 1 -* 18-Hole Junior City Golf Championship, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- August 5 -* State Primary Election, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., various sites
- August 9 -* Southfield Open Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- August 10 -* Southfield Open Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- August 22 -* 9-Hole Steak & Ale Golf Scramble, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course

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