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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).



EYES ON SOUTHFIELD

Every resident and business owner has a vested interest in maintaining property values by keeping Southfield clean and attractive. The City of Southfield is committed to working with residents and businesses to keep Southfield beautiful. With an increased focus on curb appeal, the Southfield Code Compliance Department will respond to most complaints within a 24- to 48-hour time period. Code Compliance Officers canvass the City seven days-a-week to monitor the condition of Southfield homes and neighborhoods. In addition, the City relies on the “eyes and ears” of the entire community to report any obvious or extreme code violations. In an effort to maintain curb appeal, the City has initiated the “Eyes on Southfield” program to enable residents to notify the City with ease when a code or blight 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. 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.



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. Every Southfield resident can do their part to keep our community clean and attractive. If you see a potential blight or code issue, call the City's special hotline at **(248) 796-EYES (3937)** to report it.

Together, we can keep Southfield beautiful!

City of Southfield wins MEDA award for best Web site

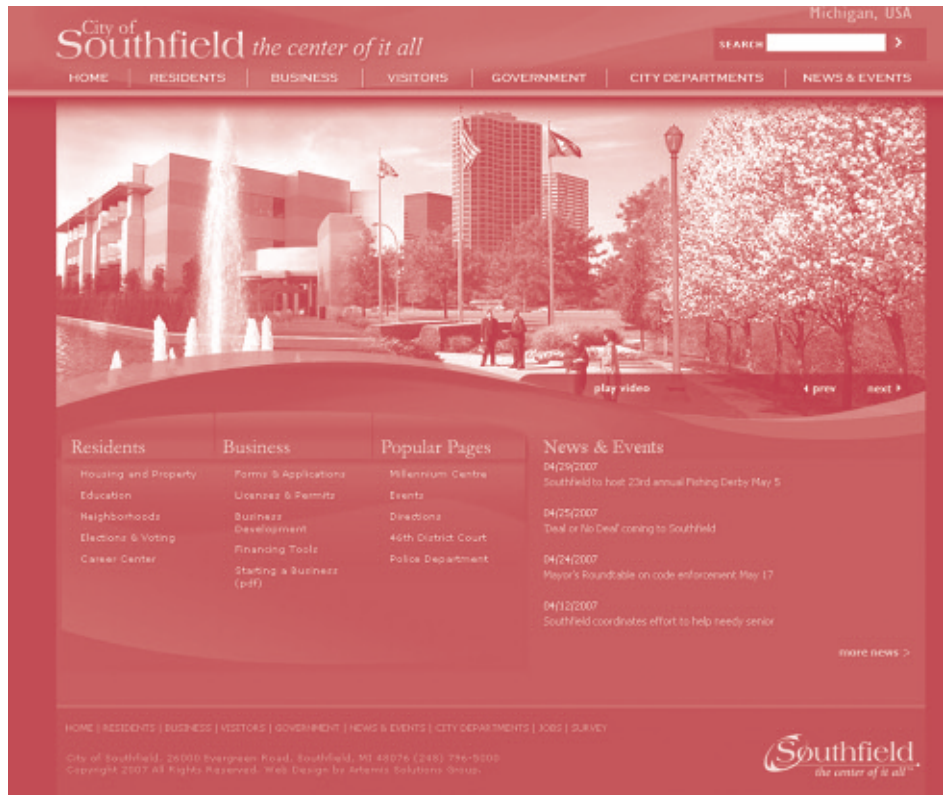
The City of Southfield was recently awarded 'Best Web site' in the Michigan Economic Developers Association's (MEDA) 2nd annual MEDA Marketing Materials Competition for cities with populations below 100,000.

Submissions were evaluated based on creativity, graphic design, and content. Entries were judged by a panel of independent representatives from professional public relations and marketing firms, including: Jeffrey R. Caponigro, president and CEO of Caponigro Public Relations; Laurie Hix, creative director, Brogan & Partners Convergence Marketing; and Howard English, manager of account development, Ford & Earl, LLC. The judges commented that the site was overall an, "excellent Web site that is graphically appealing, easy to navigate with very good information." The award will be given at the MEDA 2007 Annual Meeting to be held Thursday, August 23 in Boyne Falls, Michigan.

The Michigan Economic Developers Association was founded in 1960 to advance economic development throughout Michigan, and increase the individual member's effectiveness in the economic development profession. The association's goal is to provide a variety of services and programs which will enhance professional's ability and skills in economic development.

Through education, legislative updates, public relations and networking, MEDA makes it possible for economic development professionals to do their jobs more efficiently and effectively.

To view the City of Southfield's award-winning new Web site, log on to www.cityofsouthfield.com. The site contains the latest City news and information as well as numerous downloadable forms, documents and applications.



Advertise in the City of Southfield 2008 Annual Report/Calendar

The award-winning 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 8,600 businesses for one extraordinarily low price! The return on the investment in a calendar ad reaps dividends throughout the entire year. **Reserve your spot today, space is limited. Call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 for more information.**

City of Southfield earns strong bond rating

The City of Southfield's AA+ bond rating was reaffirmed on July 20 by Standard & Poor's, one of the nation's major bond rating agencies, placing the City in the top three percent of all rated governmental agencies in Michigan. Standard & Poor's rating is reflective of the City's ability to show adherence to its five-year budget stabilization plan as well as the city's stable, steadily increasing, diversified local economy; above-average wealth and income levels; and moderate to low debt burden.

"Having a strong credit score is an impressive accomplishment in these tough economic times for Michigan cities," commented Southfield City Council President Sylvia Jordan. "This saves the taxpayers money when the City needs to sell bonds to fund major capital projects like roads, bridges, and water/sewer system improvements. A strong credit rating results in lower interest costs and better terms for any bond issues. The AA+ rating is also a sign of financial stability with good management systems in place and a strong set of fiscal policies established by City Council. This is teamwork in action. All elected officials and the City's management staff are united in their commitment to maintaining the financial integrity and strong financial position of the City. There is a long-range future vision at work here."

The City's financial position has been

hampered in recent years by a steady decline in state shared revenues, the second largest single revenue component next to property taxes. The

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- Southfield City Treasurer
Irv Lowenberg

total projected in the fiscal year 2007-08 budget of \$6,776,303 is \$3,000,013, or 31 percent, less than the high-point total of \$9,776,316 in fiscal year 2001-02. The City has been able to work toward returning to structural balance, however, by adopting and adhering to a five-year budget stabilization plan, attrition of some city positions, and new employee contracts.

City Treasurer Irv Lowenberg commented that the achievement of this excellent bond rating is primarily due to the City's "Five Year Fund Balance Stabilization Plan" established in the 2004-05 fiscal year. "We are currently in the fourth year of the plan and are on target to its objective which is to wean the City off of the use of fund balance reserves for day-to-day operations," continued Lowenberg. "Given the challenges of the current Michigan economy, achieving a

AA+ bond rating is a major accomplishment."

The City's commitment to stay on course with the five-year plan is reflected in the fiscal year 2007-08 general fund budget increase of \$995,951, or just 1.5 percent. The July 2007 Municipal Cost Index (MCI), the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for city operations developed by the American City and County trade publication for municipalities, indicates an increase of 3.6 percent nationally.

"This strong rating is extremely important to the City's business reputation and benefits all taxpayers of the City," stated Joan Seymour, chair of the Council Finance Committee. "Major capital projects are necessary to keep the City first class and bond issues are necessary to fund such projects. A strong bond rating for the City, much like strong credit score to an individual, enables us to save money by getting lower interest rates on the bonds. The AA+ bond rating confirms Southfield's ability to effectively manage financial resources, making it an attractive destination for new business development, redevelopment and future fiscal growth. It is critical that we stay on course to the five-year plan, which includes holding-the-line and strictly adhering to our 2007-08 budget plan."

Southfield is turning 50!

- April 28, 2008 -

It's time to celebrate! The City of Southfield will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of incorporation as a city on April 28, 2008. The City and various 50th anniversary planning committees have been busy planing an array of exciting events and activities to commemorate this historic occasion. As residents and businesses of Southfield, you are encouraged to join us throughout 2008 as we celebrate this important community milestone. Following you will find several important dates to remember, so mark your calendars and get ready for a memorable celebration throughout the entire year!



Southfield 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Event / Winter Festival - Sunday, February 10, 2008

The City will host a winter festival with fun, games and food for the whole family, including: clowns, face painting, games, wall climbing and mimes for the children, a chili contest, ice sculptures and musical entertainment. The event will conclude with a special winter fireworks display.

Southfield 50th Anniversary Business Reception - Monday, April 28, 2008

The City will host a special reception for all Southfield businesses to recognize their commitment to the community. Awards will be given to businesses for 50, 40, 30, 20, and 10 years of operation in the City of Southfield. A model display of the City and historical photo exhibit will serve as the backdrop while guests network with fellow Southfield businesses.

Southfield 50th Anniversary Community Celebration - Sunday, May 4, 2008

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. Residents can expect great food, fun and entertainment for the whole family. There will be an open house at City Hall featuring a huge birthday cake, refreshments, children's activities, and international dance and musical performances celebrating Southfield's diversity. Guests will also be able to visit city departments and neighborhood associations

YARD WASTE COLLECTION ENDS NOVEMBER 30

As autumn approaches and the leaves begin to fall, residents are reminded that leaves and other yard waste are collected on their regular weekly garbage collection day through **Friday, November 30, 2007**. Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic material only. 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 and brush refuse must be placed with the cut ends towards the curb on the regular trash collection day.

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.

City Cable 15 News



City of Southfield offers live Web casting of City Council meetings

Did you know that you can watch City Council meetings live online? City Cable 15 and Southfield Technology Services are now offering live Web casting of regular Southfield City Council meetings. To view the meetings, you must log onto the following Web address: www.cityofsouthfield.com/video. Regular City Council meetings are typically held every other Monday beginning at 7 p.m. There is limited availability, so viewers are advised to log on early. For more information, call City Cable 15 at (248) 796-4500.

Tune into City Cable 15 for Election Results!

City Cable 15 is your community resource for local elections. Watch for the Southfield City Council Candidates' Forum sponsored by the Southfield Chamber of Commerce to be scheduled this fall. During the forum, voters will hear from candidates vying for your vote at the general election on November 6. After the votes are tallied, election results will be provided during live coverage on election night and posted on Cable 15's video bulletin board the following day.

Community Pride Awards

It's the awards ceremony that Southfield residents look forward to each year! City Cable 15 is the place to turn to find out the 2007 Community Pride winners. The honorees will be announced October 22 during the City Council meeting. City Cable 15 will cablecast the event live at 6:30 p.m. Good luck to everyone who entered this year!

Calling all Southfield veterans

The Southfield Veterans' Commission was established by the Southfield City Council in December of 2004. The Commission's mission is to serve Southfield veterans by improving their quality of life through education, recognition, and by providing assistance to veterans and their families when in need. The Southfield Veterans' Commission (SVC) is a 501(a) non-profit commission of the City of Southfield. The Commission sponsors various events and programs of benefit to veterans throughout the year. Call (248) 796-4VET (248/796-4838), e-mail southfieldvets@cityofsouthfield.com, or visit their Web site at www.southfieldvets.org for more information.

ATTENTION SOUTHFIELD VETERANS! Stay apprised of the latest SVC news and activities. Please fill-out the form below and mail to: Southfield Veterans Commission, 26000 Evergreen Rd., Southfield, MI 48076.

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Service Years: _____

cut and mail to the address above

City Clerk's News

Nancy L. M. Banks, *City Clerk*



Municipal Election November 6, 2007

Preparations are underway in the City Clerk's Office for the Municipal General Election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007. Southfield voters will go to the polls to elect the following offices:

City Council (4 seats)

The November 6, 2007 Election ballot may also include several Charter proposals. For candidate and additional ballot information contact the City Clerk's Office or visit the Southfield Web site, www.cityofsouthfield.com, and click on the Government tab, City Clerk's Office for more information.

Close of Registration

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

The Close of Registration deadline for the November General Election is October 9, 2007.

If you are not currently registered to vote in Southfield, please visit the City Clerk's Office, or any Secretary of State Branch office, or visit the City

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

Absent Voter Applications

Michigan law requires that registered voters wishing to receive an absent voter ballot must complete an Absent Voter Application for each election for which an absentee ballot is needed. All registered voters age 60 years and over, and disabled residents who have requested same, were mailed the Absent Voter Application in September. The Application must be returned to the City Clerk's Office, completed and signed, before an Absent Voter Ballot can be mailed to the voter. If you need an Absent Voters Ballot for the 2007 Election, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150, or visit the City Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Attention College Students

State law requires that the address on your driver's license match the

address on your voter registration record. Any address change submitted for your driver's license will automatically change your voter registration record. This is particularly important information for college students who often change their driver's license to reflect their college address. College students who change their driver's license to their college address will be required to vote in their college community. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office.

Precinct Information

Do you know your voting precinct number and polling location. All registered voters in the City of Southfield received new Voter Identification Cards in February 2005. Any registered voter who has not received a new Voter ID Card should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.

Please remember to bring your Voter ID Card or Driver's License with you on Election Day.

Passports

If you are planning to travel abroad, or just take a day trip to Canada, you may want to apply for a U.S. Passport

to make your traveling easier and more efficient. On January 23, 2007, all U.S. citizens traveling by air to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda will require a U.S. Passport! On December 31, 2007, the requirement for a passport will be extended to include all sea and land border crossings as well.

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

Application fees are \$67 for an adult 16 years of age or older; \$52 for applicants 15 years of age and younger, payable by check or money order to the U.S. Department of State. A \$30 cash execution fee is also required for each application. Routine applications take 10-12 weeks to process; expedited applications are processed within 2-3 weeks for an additional \$60.

Winter Weather Reminders

Taking preventive action is your best defense against having to deal with extreme cold-weather conditions. By preparing your home and car in advance for winter emergencies, and by observing safety precautions during times of extremely cold weather, you can reduce the risk of weather-related injuries.

Preparing your home for extreme winter cold

1. If you plan to use a fireplace or wood stove for emergency heating, have your chimney or flue inspected each year.
2. Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze.
3. Have a generous supply of water and dry food available in case of long power outages.

Preparing your car for severe winter weather

1. Have the radiator system serviced or check the antifreeze yourself with an antifreeze tester and add some if necessary.
2. Replace any worn tires and check the air pressure of your tires.
3. Make sure windshield wiper fluid is full and add a wintertime mixture.
4. Prevent gas lines from freezing by monitoring fuel level and maintaining at least a half tank of gas at all times.

Safety guidelines for space heaters

1. Do not place heater within three feet of anything that may catch on fire, such as drapes, clothing, furniture, etc.
2. Never cover the heater.
3. Avoid using extension cords to plug in a heater.
4. Install carbon monoxide (CO) detectors.
5. Follow all manufacturer's warnings.

Fire Hydrant Ordinance

By City ordinance, all fire hydrants must be visible and accessible for fire service use. Please do not block or pile snow over hydrants and advise any maintenance or snow removal service of the importance of clear, accessible hydrants.

It is also important to maintain proper heat temperatures in stairwells with sprinklers or hose connections to keep water lines from freezing.

For more information, call Fire Headquarters during regular business hours at (248) 796-5607.

Snow Removal Guidelines

Simple measures can be taken to ensure the safety of pedestrians and drivers during the winter months. Southfield City ordinance requires residents and businesses to clear their sidewalks in a timely fashion for pedestrian safety and to expedite mail delivery.

To minimize snow buildup in front of driveways, residents should remember to shovel snow from left to right as they face the street. Residents should also remember to remove all vehicles from the street whenever there is a significant snowfall to aid in plowing. Fire hydrants and catch basins should also be kept as clear as possible.

CITY TREASURER'S NEWS

Irv M. Lowenberg, City Treasurer

Property tax deferment

If your annual income does not exceed \$40,000 and you own and reside in your home, you may be entitled to a property tax deferment. You must be at least 62 years of age or, if under 62 years, retired because of a disability and unable to work. Property taxes may be deferred under certain conditions. For details, call the Treasurer's Office at (248) 796-5200.

"Tuesdays with the Treasurer"

The City of Southfield presents an informative financial lecture series entitled "Tuesdays with the Treasurer," held once a month on Tuesdays inside the Southfield Public Library auditorium, located at 26300 Evergreen Road. The lectures are designed to educate the community about timely financial issues. Each program will be hosted by the Southfield City Treasurer Irv Lowenberg and include a lecture and question-and-answer forum by a financial expert. Some of the topics previously discussed were Identity Theft, Credit & Debit Management, Personal Financial Management, Reverse Mortgages, Social Security, Foreclosures, and Tips for the Educated Consumer. Residents are encouraged to suggest topics that they would like to hear discussed in the future.

The events are free and open to the public and light refreshments will be served. Call Southfield City Treasurer Irv Lowenberg's office at (248) 796-5200 or e-mail at ilowenberg@cityofsouthfield.com and get added to the mailing list about upcoming events.

Where do you city tax dollars go?

Do you have questions about where your city tax dollars go? We have answers! Southfield City Cable 15 has produced a special edition of "15 News" entitled "Your Southfield City Tax Dollars: How They're Spent." This program provides an indepth analysis of how the City of Southfield uses your tax dollars. The 18-minute program will continue to play on City Cable 15 on a regular basis. It is also available free-of-charge to all Southfield residents and community groups. To receive a free DVD or VHS copy of this program, call the Southfield Treasurer's Office at (248) 796-5200.



Animal rescue league re-opens shelter in Southfield

The Almost Home Animal Rescue League is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to finding loving homes for homeless animals. Almost Home is made up of a group of dedicated volunteers who strive to find homeless cats and dogs good homes. The League is strongly against euthanasia of adoptable animals and continuously works to match friendly pets with good families.

Almost Home rescues homeless animals (many of which would otherwise be euthanized) and properly cares for them until they are adopted. Since 2001, the group has been helping animals without the benefit of an actual dedicated shelter. Last year, the City of Southfield partnered with Almost Home to allow the group to utilize the City's former animal shelter on Clara Lane in return for all Southfield strays and

abandoned animals to be cared for and sheltered at the facility. Many of the animals at the shelter have been brought in by the police after being found wandering without an ID tag. Residents are reminded that the City of Southfield requires all dogs (and cats) to be licensed and to wear collars with ID tags. Failure to do so could result in the owner being ticketed, and if the owner is not located within three days, the City may transfer that animal and the owner could lose all rights to their pet. The issuance of a license requires proof of vaccination for rabies, which is necessary for the health of the pet and for the protection of the community.

While the City provides the facility, Almost Home is responsible for all operating expenses at the shelter, including food and veterinarian costs. Tax deductible donations are



always accepted and much needed to defray expenses.

Almost Home is staffed entirely by a team of dedicated volunteers. The organization is currently looking for other responsible and caring individuals to assist with clean up, walking dogs, helping at adoptions and fundraisers, painting and paper-work. To date, the Almost Home Animal Rescue League has rescued almost 2000 dogs, cats, kittens, and puppies.

Visit Almost Home's Web site at www.almosthomeanimalrescue.org to learn more.

Southfield Emergency Management offers free disaster preparedness classes

The City of Southfield Emergency Management Division is offering free disaster and emergency preparedness classes on the last Wednesday of each month. The classes are held at the Emergency Management offices located in the basement of the Southfield Parks and Recreation building. All classes provide participants with a step-by-step approach to disaster preparedness; how to develop a disaster plan; and how to prepare for sheltering and evacuations during times of disaster. The course provides information on possible disasters such as severe weather and tornadoes and addresses how to prepare for them. All participants will also receive a free disaster survival kit (\$70 value).

Upcoming classes will be held: August 29, September 26, October 24, November 28 and December 19.

To register, call Southfield Emergency Management at (248) 796-5990. Voicemail messages will be accepted if you leave your name, telephone number, and the date of the class you will be attending.

A black and white photograph of an astronaut in a full space suit, floating in space. The astronaut is holding a rectangular device in front of their chest. The background is a vibrant red with a pattern of white stars and circular light spots, suggesting a celestial or futuristic environment.

Yours
Explore^{to}

Southfield Public Library

Some of the many programs you can enjoy:

Storytimes
Art & Science Saturdays
Teen Readers' Theater
Teen Programs
Leaders on Leadership
Local Author Book Fairs
Humanities
Opera @ The Library
Book Discussions
Jazz & Blues @ the Library
Computer Classes
Battle of the Books
Southfield Books & Beyond Festival
Rick Bloom Series
Black History Programs
SCORE Business Planning Workshops
Going Green: Environmental Series

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

26300 Evergreen Road
Southfield, MI 48076
www.southfieldlibrary.org - (248) 796-4200



Individuals with special needs who plan to attend library programs should contact the City of Southfield at 248-796-5150 (voice) or 248-354-4831 (TDD) if auxiliary aids are needed. Reasonable advance notice is required.



Books & Beyond

The Southfield Books & Beyond Festival is designed to highlight all that the library has to offer - books, music, youth activities, a place for community, fun and learning.

Saturday, September 15

Sunday, September 16

1:00-5:00 pm

On the front lawn of the Library.

Gary Schmidt, author of *Lizzie & the Buckminster Boy* (Newberry Honor & Printz Award), *The Wednesday Wars*, *Anson's Way* & *Straw Into Gold*.

Saturday @ 1:30pm



Beverly Jenkins, African-American historical romance writer who has written many romance books for adults and teens and has received numerous awards for her works.

Saturday @ 3:15pm



Wong Herbert Yee, author and illustrator of *Hamburger Heaven*, *Fireman Small*, *Big Black Bear* & *A Drop of Rain*.

Sunday @ 1:30pm

Naomi Long Madgett, Detroit's Poet Laureate since 2001, is the author of nine collections of poetry, editor of two anthologies and author of two textbooks.

Sunday @ 2:30pm



also...

- Writer's pavilion with local Detroit authors
- Children's performers & activities
- Special used book sale
- Poetry open mic & more



Exhibit here at the Library!

The Southfield Public Library invites individuals and community groups to share their art, collectibles or historical artifacts!

248.796.4362

www.sfldlib.org/exhibits.asp

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Learn a Language on *your* computer!
communicate... enrich... connect... improve...
understand... inspire.

Southfield Public Library cardholders can access Rosetta Stone at: www.sfldlib.org
Click Search Us, then Research Sources and Language.

Bonjour!

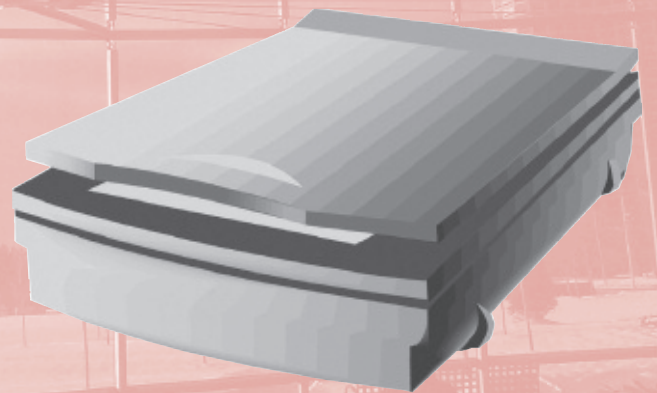
Bring Your Laptop

Go Wi-Fi! Wireless access to the Internet is available throughout our Library.



Scanning

Need your items scanned?
Free scanning is available in our computer labs!



Poetry, Pages & Scribes

A platform for poets, storytellers and musicians to share their works and the inspiration behind them in an intimate setting. Additionally, each evening will feature well-known talent. Hosted by Ber-Henda Williams.

Oct. 4 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Meeting Room
Nov. 1 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Meeting Room
Dec. 6 6:00 - 8:00pm in the Meeting Room

Jazz & Blues at the Library

Jazz & Blues at the Library is a monthly program series featuring two important forms of American music. A \$3.00 admission is charged for live performances. Show your Friends of Southfield Public Library Membership card to receive a discount. No admission is charged for children under 12.

Live Performance!

Buddy Budson & Ursula Watson

Wednesday, October 17 at 6:30pm in the Meeting Room
also

Nov. 21 6:30pm in the Meeting Room
Dec. 12 6:30pm in the Meeting Room
Jan. 16 6:30pm in the Meeting Room
Feb. 20 6:30pm in the Meeting Room
Mar. 19 6:30pm in the Meeting Room

PROFILE

**LEADING
IS
FUNDAMENTAL**



When Southfield's new City Librarian David Ewick took the helm at the Southfield Public Library, it represented the culmination of decades of dedication to learning, sharing and innovating. Southfield Living sat down with Mr. Ewick to discuss his career path as well as his future plans for the library.

Q: Chart your career path to Southfield.

A: I started out in a children's library position in Shelbyville, Indiana. That was my first professional library job. I paid my dues there from the bottom up. A Children's Librarian picks out books for children to read, works with kids, and handles a lot of kids programming. There were only three male children's librarians in Indiana at the time. What was neat was that so many kids didn't have positive male role models, so it was fun and humbling to serve as a role model to those young kids.

I then took a position as an audio visual librarian in Franklin, Indiana, which was closer to home. As an audio visual librarian, I was head of a department responsible for selections of music and films while controlling a larger budget.

I became a Library Director in Rochester, Indiana, which is the Fulton County Public Library. I was there for 17 years. In that time frame, we attained a million dollar budget and built one library branch. We served 16,000 people in a predominately rural area. We made a lot of changes such as switching from

video to DVDs, cassettes to CDs, and started a CD-ROM collection of computer software. We were loaning video projectors and other equipment out to people doing presentations and were producing a lot of programs. We pushed the envelope for such a small community. We were able to do some innovative things and started an outdoor concert series during the summer, bringing in local and regional bands to perform.

Q: What attracted you to the Southfield Library?

A: I was initially thinking of moving south and not north. But the recruiter that Southfield hired called me and encouraged me to look into it. When I saw the Web site, I was drawn to Southfield. I thought I had died and gone to Library heaven. When I came here and saw firsthand the magnificent building and observed the hospitality of the staff, I was sold.

Q: What is Library Science?

A: Libraries are about sharing. We take and share things with other people and ask that you bring it back. When you have 200,000 books, 5,000 DVDs, you must have some order to it or you won't find it. The first principles that library science teaches you is how to organize things so they can be found, how to find them, and how to investigate resources and determine their credibility.

Q: If someone wants to become a librarian, what classes would they take?

A: My father, who was also a librarian, would always say that library science is biblio-therapy, in that you're helping people find the information they need to help themselves. As librarians, you must know a little about everything and a lot about nothing. A lot of librarians start with degrees in fine arts, English, history, computers and sociology. A business administration background is a good thing to have to run a library the size of Southfield's because it's like running a big business or corporation.

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What's Happening in Southfield?

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- September 3** - Labor Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- September 5** - Deadline for ordering trees from Forestry Division, (248) 796-4881
- September 8** - Punt, Pass & Kick, 10:30 a.m., City Hall front lawn
- September 13** - Last Eat to the Beat concert, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza
- September 15** - 18-Hole Red, White & Blue Golf Scramble, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
Southfield Books & Beyond Festival, 1 - 5 p.m., Southfield Public Library
- September 17** - Southfield Books & Beyond Festival, 1 - 5 p.m., Southfield Public Library
- October 5** - SRO Productions "Over the River and Through the Woods" opens (runs Oct. 5-7, 12-14 and 19-21), Burgh Historical Park
- October 8** - Columbus Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- October 13** - Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC
- October 20** - 18-Hole Chili & Beer Golf Scramble, 10 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- October 26** - Boo at the Burgh, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- October 27** - Boo at the Burgh, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- October 31** - Halloween Candy Screening, 7 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena
- November 5** - Snow Drop Contest begins (through Nov. 26), P&R Building
- November 6** - General Election, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., various sites
- November 9** - Veterans' Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., City Hall
- November 12** - Veterans' Day (observed), City Offices & Library Closed
- November 22** - Thanksgiving, City Offices & Library Closed
- November 23** - City Offices Closed ~ Library open
- November 26** - Snow Drop Contest winner announced, 12:00 noon, P&R Building
- November 27** - Burgh Tree Lighting Ceremony, 7 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- December 3** - Tree Lighting/Visits with Santa, 6:45 - 7:15 p.m., City Hall
- January 21** - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk Celebration, 9:30 a.m., Hope United Methodist Church
MLK Peace Walk Program, 11:30 a.m., Southfield Pavilion
- January 26** - Daddy-Daughter Dinner & Dance, 5:30-6:45 p.m. (dinner); 7-9 p.m. (dance), Southfield Pavilion
- February 10** - Southfield 50th Anniversary Kick-off / Winter Festival, Southfield Pavilion
- March 26** - Southfield/Red Cross Community Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Southfield Pavilion



REMEMBER: LAST DAY FOR YARD WASTE COLLECTION IS NOVEMBER 30

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