

SOUTHFIELD Living

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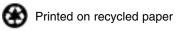


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The City of Southfield's intent is to operate its programs and services, so when viewed in their entirety, they are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with a disability. To ensure equally-effective communication, upon request, the City 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).







Southfield steps up code compliance efforts

The City of Southfield is stepping up its code compliance efforts with an increased focus on maintaining the City's curb appeal. To facilitate this initiative, the code compliance division will restructure existing staff and utilize the latest technology to allow 7-day coverage of neighborhoods between the months of April and October, when the number of violations typically increase. Each officer will cover an assigned geographic area of the City to uphold Southfield's high community appearance standards.

"Our main objective is code compliance in the areas of health, safety or appearance violations," said Southfield Code Compliance Manager Gerald Witkowski. "We advise residents and businesses of unacceptable conditions and possible remedies. We enforce code ordinances, but we also work with residents as a team focused on maintaining attractive homes, businesses and neighborhoods throughout Southfield."

The division restructuring will allow for greater coverage of the City without the addition of new full-time employees or any significant funding increase. In addition to canvassing the City, code enforcement officers also regularly meet with residents at neighborhood association meetings where they offer general guidance on code-related matters and further strengthen the rapport between the city and neighborhoods. To that end, the department plans to strengthen the A.C.T.I.O.N. (Active Citizens Together in Our Neighborhoods) program where members of neighborhood associations help to maintain appearance standards throughout their area. Association officers mail a postcard to homeowners with obvious code violations to inform them of the issue and how to correct it. The program has already proven very successful in many neighborhoods and the division plans to further promote it throughout Southfield.

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

Where do your 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, please call (248) 796-4500.

Southfield to celebrate 50th Anniversary

On April 28, 1958 the City of Southfield was incorporated as a city 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 the premier business and residential address in Michigan. A modern city of beautiful homes and golden skyscrapers, with a population of more than 80,000. On April 28, 2008, the City of Southfield will celebrate its 50th anniversary of incorporation as a city. In recognition of this important milestone, the City plans to sponsor several special programs, events and activities leading up to our golden jubilee. To celebrate and commemorate this historic occasion, the City is seeking input from the entire community to plan and prepare for Southfield's golden anniversary. Residents, business people, students and seniors are all needed to assist in this undertaking. Anyone interested in participating in the planning and preparation of this historic community milestone should call the Community Relations Department at (248) 796-5130. Various planning and steering committees are being established and everyone is encouraged to be a part of Southfield history as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.





Southfield Volunteer Day 2007

Plan to be part of Southfield Volunteer Day 2007 and make a difference in your community. Volunteers are needed to clean, paint, rake, plant and prune throughout Southfield on Saturday, April 21 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Work will take place this year at Leonhard Elementary School, Lahser Woods Park, Inglenook Park and Evergreen Woods at the Southfield Civic Center.

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.

37th 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 2 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 2007 Community Pride Awards

The City of Southfield and the Southfield Parks and Garden Club is seeking nominations for the 2007 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 1, 2007. For more information, call the Neighborhood and Information Center at (248) 796-5140.

The Southfield Parks and Garden Club helps keep Southfield beautiful

The Southfield Parks and Garden Club, Inc. (SP&GC) was formed in February of 2005 as a charitable community service organization comprised of volunteers who work to beautify the city. The club has been busy doing litter pick-ups, planting flowers throughout the city and public schools, cleaning and brightening up landscapes for needy residents, and clearing and mapping city park trails. In 2006 the club incorporated and received charitable organization status and started several new programs, including the Horticultural



Enrichment program and the Fine Place Awards. This year, the club also plans to start a Community Farm to grow and harvest fresh, organic produce for the needy.

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 has monthly meetings March through October on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Building. Call (248) 356-2281 or visit www.parksandgarden.org for more information.





Southfield Flower Day May 26

The City of Southfield will host the 4th annual Southfield Flower Day on Saturday, May 26 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.

Household Hazardous Waste Day April 21

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 21, 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 SQS.

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

Wixom on Saturday, April 14 at Wixom Dept. of Public Works, 2057 Charms Road, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Farmington on Saturday, May 5 at the William Costick Center, 28600 Eleven Mile Road, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Novi on Saturday, September 15 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.

Be a Good Neighbor!

With warmer weather approaching, it's the perfect time to take a look at the outdoor appearance of our homes. The City's Code Compliance Division reminds homeowners of the importance of maintaining their home's appearance as a positive factor contributing to Southfield's quality of life.

An attractive neighborhood is vital to a community's 'curb appeal.' Your home is a big investment and keeping it well maintained secures that value. Step outside and take a critical look at your property. Are you being a good neighbor and adding to the curb appeal of your neighborhood? Doing our part to contribute to the positive appearance of our homes creates a feeling of pride in our neighborhoods.

Code Compliance also reminds residents about the City's grass ordinance, which requires lawns to be cut regularly and kept neat. Lawn grass should not exceed eight inches in length. Landscaping should be free of litter and shrubs trimmed on a regular basis. In order to preserve the community's natural beauty, the City of Southfield has a Tree Ordinance. Residents and/or their contractors must consult with the Planning Department, (248) 796-4158, before cutting down any trees on their property.

Residents also are reminded NOT to place YARD WASTE in plastic bags. They will not be picked up. Yard waste must be placed in paper yard waste bags or in a rigid container marked yard waste. Trash is not to be placed at the curb before 4 p.m., the evening before trash pick up. Garbage cans and recycling bins must be removed no later than noon the day following trash collection.

Let's all do our part to keep our neighborhoods looking good and to be a source of pride for everyone! For more information, contact Code Compliance at (248) 796-4140.

Southfield 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 21 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.



New items now accepted for weekly curbside collection include:

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 containers

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

fences and fence posts - cut, not to exceed 60 lbs., 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 containers

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

branch removal - 2 to 8 in. diameter 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.





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.

New City of Southfield Web site in development

The City of Southfield continues to utilize the latest technology to improve communication and customer service. The City is currently developing a new and improved municipal Web site to provide the community with a more interactive and streamlined source of City news and information. The new Southfield Web site will be more user-friendly, offering improved navigation and detailed information in a quick and convenient format. Some of the new features the Web site will offer include more online services and downloadable City forms, applications and documents as well as the ability to watch city council meetings on your computer in the comfort of your home. The sleek new site will also feature an entirely new design that will be easier to use and navigate. The new City Web site is expected to be launched this summer. In the interim, the City's current Web site remains fully functional - providing residents and visitors alike with a wealth of City news and information. The new site will still be located at the current address, www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Legal notice about basement flooding

What if your basement floods? Immediately on 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.

Contact the Office of Management and Budget for more information at (248) 796-5260.





City Clerk's News

Nancy L. M. Banks, City Clerk



Elections for 2007

The City Clerk's Office is making preparations for the election cycle of 2007.

Regular Election (School) -

May 8, 2007

City Primary Election -

September 11, 2007

City General Election -

November 6, 2007

Polls Open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Offices to be Elected

May 8 - Regular Election (School)

Member of the Southfield Board of

Education (1 Seat)

September 11 - City Primary Election

City Council (4 Seats)

November 6 - City General Election

City Council (4 Seats)

Close of Registration

Are you a registered voter? 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 2007 Elections is:

Regular School Election April 9, 2007
City Primary Election August 13, 2007
City General Election October 9, 2007

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

Absent Voter Applications

Absent Voter Applications for the 2007 elections are scheduled to be mailed during the first week in March to all registered voters over age 60 and to disabled residents who have requested applications for each election.

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 for Absent Voter's Ballot 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. If you have not received your Application by the first week in March, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150. 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.

Passports

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. Some airlines and cruise ships may now require a pass-



port for travel to these destinations. All travelers should check with their airline or cruise line to be sure. On January 1, 2008, the requirement for a passport will be extended to include all *land or sea* travel as well.

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. There is also a \$30 execution fee required for each application, payable by cash or money order. Routine applications take 6-8 weeks to process; expedited applications are processed within ten business days for an additional \$60.

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. 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.

Garage Sale Permits

Spring marks the beginning of the garage sale season, wherein 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. 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 2007 are red. 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-ofway 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.

Protect Your Personal Identity

The City of Southfield, in conjunction with the Southfield Public Schools. Iron Mountain and ARMA Detroit, will again offer free shredding to consumers in recognition of "Personal Privacy Day" on Saturday, April 28, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Identity theft is the fastest growing form of financial fraud for consumers. Identity theft occurs when someone has stolen a name, credit card, social security number, birthdate or another piece of personal information from your tax returns, credit card statements, receipts, pre-approved credit forms, bank checks and statements.

Consumers may bring 100 pounds (equivalent to two cases of copy paper) of personal information to be securely destroyed by a mobile shredding truck at the Southfield High School parking lot located at Ten Mile and Lahser Roads. A fee will be charged for anything over 100 pounds.

For more information on Personal Privacy Day, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.





Southfield Human Services offers helping hand to those in need

Southfield Human Services committed to "helping people to help themselves." The department offers a wide range of programs and services that promote personal growth, independence, dignity and respect for the citizens of Southfield and Lathrup Village. Some of the programs they provide include Southfield-Lathrup Counseling Services, Legal Aid, Southfield Parent-Youth Guidance, Outreach Services, Special Programs, Older Adult Services. Services for the Disabled. Southfield Career Center. and the Southfield Human Services Providers. Following is a brief overview of these services.

Counseling Services

(248) 796-4534

Provides confidential, culturally sensitive, low cost counseling services for individuals, couples and families. Counseling support is available to assist residents in resolving problems related to anger management, domestic violence, chemical dependency, stress management, depression, grief, and gambling addiction.

Outreach Services

(248) 796-4546

Provides temporary emergency resources to residents and assists

them in developing strategies for problem resolution. Our goal is to help residents overcome personal hurdles and lead satisfying. productive lives. Outreach Services also coordinates various holiday food and gift giving programs within the community including the Southfield Goodfellows Christmas program for income-eligible residents, and the Human Services holiday Adopt-A-Family program which matches families experiencing hardship with area corporations interested in providing holiday support through food and/or gifts.

Other social service programs provided include a free legal clinic on alternating Tuesday evenings and one Friday morning each month, by appointment only; and a free tax preparation service for incomeeligible residents during February and March, by appointment only.

Senior Services

(248) 796-4547

Provides counseling services, assessments, and consultations to older adults and physically challenged individuals and their families, and other city and community providers. The Senior Services staff also provide a telephone reassurance program to check on seniors and keep them connected with others who care. As

needed, the staff will provide referrals to other area resources and providers, and develop support groups that focus on the concerns of older adults and physically challenged individuals.

Senior Services also coordinates the Focus Hope food distribution program for income-eligible older adults, aged 62 years and older.

Parent-Youth Guidance (PYG)

(248) 796-4532

Prevents juvenile delinquency, child abuse and neglect, and promotes citizen and community involvement in the lives of Southfield youth. These goals are achieved by providing family education, campership opportunities, mentors PLUS, youth recognition, youth involvement/4H, and skill building scholarships.

Southfield Career Center (SCC)

(248) 796-4550

The Southfield Career Center has been identified as one of the "best kept Secrets" available for individuals who are looking for employment today, and for employers looking to fill vacant positions within their organization. All of the services/resources are available free-



of-charge. The SCC is designed to help both job seekers and employers achieve their career and/or employment goals.

If you are unemployed or looking for a new job, the Resource Center can help facilitate your job search. The Center offers fax machines, copiers, computers and career resource materials, including up-to-date information on interviewing, schools, companies, resume writing, and much more! You can even post your resume and view job orders in Michigan's Talent and Job Banks. Job Seekers in need of more information should call (248) 796-4580.

The Southfield Career Center provides free assistance to employers in finding solutions to their human resource needs. For over 25 years, the Center has been providing support to the business community in recruiting and training qualified candidates. Whether you need entrylevel, technical, or management personnel, our qualified staff can assist with the matching and job placement process. Employers in need of more information should call (248) 796-4573.

Housing

(248) 796-4170

Provides assistance in obtaining affordable housing. The goals are to improve and preserve Southfield's existing housing stock, revitalize neighborhoods and expand afford-

able housing principally to benefit low and moderate-income persons. The department also facilitates partnerrepresentatives of the community who volunteer their time for the purpose of making Southfield the



Southfield Human Services is located in the Burgh Historic Park at 26080 Berg Road (& Civic Center Drive)

ships with other City departments and outside entities to provide greater resources for our residents and enhance public awareness.

Southfield's unique CHORE program provides assistance to income-eligible seniors for minor home repairs and yard work to support the maintenance of their homes and the continued enjoyment of independent living.

Boards & Commissions

(248) 796-4540

The City of Southfield Boards and Commissions are comprised of concerned residents and corporate best it can be. Boards and Commissions directly affiliated with the Department of Human Services include the Parent-Youth Guidance Commission (focuses on the prevention of delinquency and neglect of Southfield youth); Commission on Senior Adults (focuses on specialized needs and concerns Southfield seniors): and the Southfield Lathrup Counseling Services Advisory Board (provides direction and guidance in an advisory capacity to the Counseling Services program).

For more information on any of the above programs or services, contact the Human Services Department at (248) 796-4540 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.











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 Friends Book Cellar Battle of the Books Southfield Books & Beyond Festival Rick Bloom Series **Black History Programs Summer Library Programs** Teen Summer Library Programs

Mon - Thurs: 9:30am - 9:00pm Fri & Sat: 9:30am - 5:30pm

Sun*: 1:00 - 5:00pm

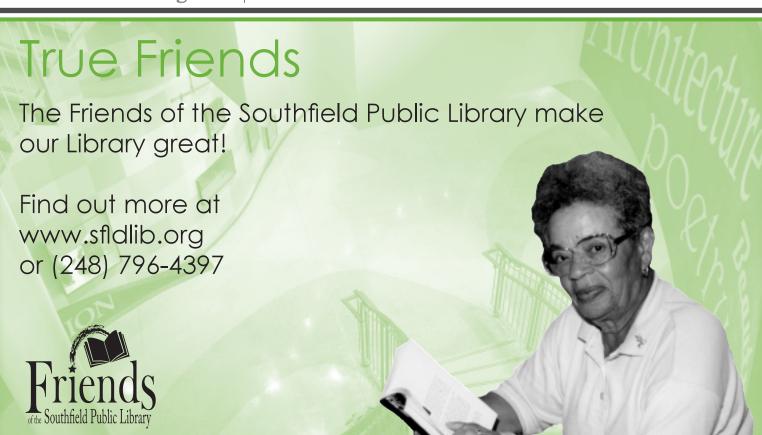
*(during the school year)

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















Drive-Up Services

You don't even have to get out of your car!
Pick up items on hold. Return materials or pay fines.
You can return items even when we're closed!



Renew Your Checked Out Materials Online

Avoid overdue charges by renewing your items from home or office! Have your library card ready & go to www.sfldlib.org, click on Catalog then on Renew.









Come and experience the convience of free wi-fithroughout the Library!







Youth Summer Programs



Preschool - 5th graders

Registration begins Friday, June 1, 2007 at the reference desk in the Youth Room! Free for students who live or attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village.

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Teen Summer Programs 6th - 12th graders Free for students who live or attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village.





CITY OF SOUTHFIELD 2006 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

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

Water Authority and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) are proud of the fine drinking water they supply and are honored to provide this report to you. The 2006 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 State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ).

About the System

The City of Southfield purchases water from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) at fourteen locations. SOCWA provides Detroit water through its member distribution systems to a population of 220,000 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 (treated at the Springwells Plant), situated within Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality 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 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from moderately low to very high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

If you would like to know more about this report or to obtain a complete copy, please contact your local water department.

How Do We Know the Water is Safe to Drink?

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department facilities operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The treatment process begins with disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, a chemical called Alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

In addition to a carefully controlled and monitored treatment process, the water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment, and throughout the distribution system. Hundreds of samples are tested each week in certified laboratories by highly qualified and trained staff. Our water not only meets safety and health standards, but also ranks among the top 10 in the country for quality and value.

Additional Information

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.

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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Detected Contaminants Tables

These tables are based on tests conducted by DWSD in the year 2006 or the most recent testing done within the last five (5) calendar years. They conduct many tests throughout the year; however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown here. The table on the next page is a key to the terms used in the tables.

	Key to Detected Contaminants Tables								
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation							
MCLG	Max:mum	The lever of contaminant is orthking water below which there is							
	Contaminant	no known or expected risk to health.							
	Level Goal	:							
	Maximum	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking							
	Contaminant	water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using							
	Level	the best available treatment technology.							
	Maximum	The level of a donking water disinfectant below which there is no							
	Residual	known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the							
	Disinfectant Leve	benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial							
	Goal	contaminants.							
	Maximum	The highest level of a disintectant a lowed in drinking water.							
	Residual	There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is							
	Disinfectant Level	necessary for control of microbial contaminants.							
	Parts per billion	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per lifer. A microgram							
	(one none	1/1000 milligram.							
	billion)								
	Paris per million	The ppm is equivalent to militigrams per liter. A milligram =							
	(one in one	1/1000 gram.							
	million)	Planauros sho ale idiyana al mater							
	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water							
`TT	Treatment	A required process intended to reduce the level of a							
	Technique	contaminant in drinking water.							
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers							
		treatment or other requirements which a water system most							
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HAA5	Haldiadehd ladids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacelic, chloroacetic, dibromoacelic,							
		dichloroacetic, and frichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based.							
		on the total.							
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	Trihalomethanes	bromodichloromethane, dibromochioromethane, and							
		bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.							
n/a l	Not applicable	į							
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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.**





Springwells Water Treatment Plant

2006 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Gual MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Defected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
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Damestart Chloruo	Jan-Dec 2008	pan	MRDG.	MRD. 4	:.,67	065071	No	Water and the used to control missiones

2006 Turbidity - Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap									
Highest Single Measurement	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water						
Cannot exceed 1 NJU	Turbidity Limit of 0.3 N1U (minimum 95%)	yesino							
0.28 N <u>TU</u>	100 %	j Na	Sair Rurolf						
Turnicity is a measure of the cloud	Lumicity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We mainten! because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								

2006 Microbiolo	gical Contr	iminants - Munithly Monitoring in Dis	mbution System		
Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
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	Goal MCLG	Level	Percentile Value*	of Samples Over AL	yednu	
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Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Running annual average	Monthly Rali⇔ Range	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
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Important Health Information

Lead

Since 1992, with the cooperation of many Southfield residents, DWSD has been testing homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. Our latest round of testing shows 0 out of the 12 homes tested has lead levels above the action level. If your home has a lead service line or piping that has lead soldered joints, you can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that may have leached into your drinking water from your pipes.

- Run your water for 30 seconds to 2 minutes or until it feels cold. This practice should be followed anytime your water has not been used for more than 6 hours.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

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 at (800) 426-4791.

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 quidelines 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.

Cryptosporidium

Cryptosporidium is a disease-causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Symptoms of infection include diarrhea. abdominal cramps. headaches, nausea and vomiting. The disease is typically spread through contact with feces of an infected animal or person and consuming contaminated food or water. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface water runoff containing animal waste and sewage discharge.

Questions?

Local Distribution: City of Southfield, Public Works Administration (248) 796-4880

Southeastern Oakland County Water Supply System – Water Authority offices: (248) 288-5150. Visit their Web site at www.socwa.org.

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department – Water Quality Division at (313) 935-7109.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality - Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division - 517-335-9216.

U.S. Environmental Protection AgencySafe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791

Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at: www.waterdata.com.

Other Monitoring

In addition to testing we are required to perform, our water system voluntarily tests for hundreds of additional substances and microscopic organisms to make certain our water is safe and of the highest quality. If you are interested in a more detailed report, contact the DWSD Water Quality Division at (313) 935-7109.





Southfield City Cable 15 has you covered

What's Ahead on City Cable 15?

Southfield City Cable 15 has some exciting things on tap for viewers this year! As part of the new city Web site currently in development, Southfield City Council Meetings will soon air live on the Web beginning this summer. Residents will be able to watch council meetings live on the Internet by logging onto the city's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com. This new service is just one more way that the City of Southfield and City Cable 15 strive to keep residents informed. Stay tuned for more information about the city's new Web site and Council Web casts.



Improving your health!

Are you trying to improve your health? City Cable 15 is committed to helping you with your efforts. Tune into Cable 15 all spring and summer to find out about Southfield's "100 Days to Health" programs and Mayor Brenda Lawrence's weekly Mayor's Walks. Additionally, Southfield resident and physician Dr. Kertia Black reports on the latest health news in the "To Your Health" and "Health Minutes" segments on City Cable 15.

Upcoming Shows

May: City Cable 15 will videotape Southfield's 2007 Memorial Day Ceremony. Look for this show to air the entire holiday weekend.

June: Stay tuned for the 2007-2008 Southfield Budget Program. Host Leonard Yourist will outline plans for city tax dollars for the next fiscal year.

August: Southfield honors its seniors every year during Senior Appreciation Week. Check out City Cable 15's Electronic Bulletin Board and look for station promos regarding scheduled events and activities.

Be a City Volunteer!

Would you like to be of service to your community? Do you or someone you know need to do community service? Why not consider volunteering for the City of Southfield? Whether it is in the government offices or in the Southfield community, a variety of volunteering opportunities exist right in your area.

Contact the Neighborhood and Information Center to find out about volunteer opportunities in the City. We will try to match your skills and interests with a volunteer opportunity. If you have time and would like to get involved in your City, consider volunteering. For more information about volunteer opportunities in the City of Southfield, contact the Neighborhood and Information Center at (248) 796-5140.

Rental Property Owners

Contact the Southfield Housing Agency if you are interested in listing your available units to Housing Choice Voucher holders or other interested parties.

For more information regarding the Southfield Housing Agency subsidy program, call (248) 796-4172 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

CITY Ordinance Requires all one and two-family rental properties be inspected and certified every two years. Landlords, please call to schedule an inspection if your Southfield rental properties are overdue. Let's all work together to keep Southfield beautiful! Call Lorna Boulware in the Building Department at (248) 796-4177.

VHAT'S HAPPENING IN SOUTHFIELD?

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- Yard waste collection begins (through November 30)
- April 9 -Spring Break Camp (April 9-13), 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., P&R Building

Spring Break Open Gym (April 9-13), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 - 6 p.m., Beech Woods Recreation Center

- 18-Hole Breakfast Golf Scramble, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course April 14 -
- High School Battle of the Books, 7 p.m., Southfield Pavilion April 19 -
- April 21 -Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC Center
- April 27 -9th Annual Southfield Business Expo, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Southfield Town Center Garden Atrium
- April 28 -Personal Privacy Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Southfield High School parking lot
- SRO Productions 'WSRO' opens (runs May 4-6, 11-13 and 18-20), Burgh Historical Park May 4 -
- Fishing Derby, 8 a.m. 2 p.m., Rouge River (at Valley Woods Trail) May 5 -
 - Tennis Free for All, 10 a.m., Civic Center Tennis Courts
- May 18 -9-Hole Steak & Ale Golf Scramble, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- May 19 -100 Days to Health Kickoff, 8 a.m., City Hall front lawn
 - American Heart Association Heart Walk, 8 a.m., City Hall front lawn
- May 25 -Memorial Day Ceremony, 9 a.m., City Hall
- Southfield Flower Day, 10 a.m. 4 p.m., City Hall front lawn May 26 -
- May 28 -Memorial Day, City offices and library closed
- June 2 -Rouge River Clean Up, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Beech Woods Recreation Center
- June 3 -The Metropolitan Singers Season Finale Concert, 3:30 p.m., P&R Building
- June 11 -Mayor's Walks begin (every Mon., Wed., & Fri. through Aug. 3), 7 a.m., Inglenook Park
- June 15 -18-Hole Junior Optimist Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- June 16 -Southfield Sports Arena Pool opens
- June 18 -Summer Day Camps begin, Call (248) 796-4620 for more information.
- June 20 -Burgh Gazebo Concerts begin, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park (Weds. thru Aug. 15)
- June 21 -Eat to the Beat concerts begin, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza (Thurs. thru Sept. 13)
- June 22 -9-Hole Steak & Ale Golf Tournament, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- V98.7 Smooth Jazz Fest, time TBA, City Hall front lawn June 23 -Free Swim Lesson Day, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
 - V98.7 Smooth Jazz Fest, time TBA, City Hall front lawn
- June 24 -V98.7 Smooth Jazz Fest, time TBA, City Hall front lawn
- June 25 -Family Pool Party, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- June 26 -Southfield Kids' Day, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., City Hall front lawn
- June 27 -Southfield Star Spangled Fireworks Celebration, 6 - 11 p.m., City Hall front lawn (No Burgh Concert)
- Independence Day, City offices and library closed *July 4* -
- Junior/Senior Golf Day, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course July 13 -
- July 21 -18-Hole Breakfast Golf Scramble, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- July 27 -Junior City Golf Championship, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- Southfield Open Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course August 4 -
- Southfield Open Golf Tournament, 9 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course August 5 -
- August 24 -9-Hole Steak & Ale Golf Scramble, 5 p.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course



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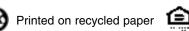


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