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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).



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Vision

by Dale E. Iman, *City Administrator*

On June 19, the Southfield City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007 Municipal Budget. The budget planning process was particularly arduous this year, as it has been in recent years, due to serious financial shortfalls and limitations. As costs continue to rise across the board, from healthcare to materials, and State Shared Revenues continue to decline, balancing the budget becomes ever more challenging. The good news I am happy to share with you is that there will be no cuts in the outstanding city services, programs and facilities that you have come to expect and appreciate. The FY 2006-07 Budget was balanced through significant cost savings realized through reorganization, streamlining and innovative new revenue generation. This was also accomplished at the same millage rate, which has been held flat for the past three years, and is seven percent lower than it was twenty years ago. It is equally important to note that only thirty cents of your tax dollar goes to the city, with the remaining seventy cents going to other taxing authorities and jurisdictions. This leaves the city with a limited base from which to operate, especially when considering increasing costs and declining revenues.

Throughout the budget planning

process, the resident is always kept in mind as our top priority. The City of Southfield strives to deliver quality city services in a cost-effective manner with a continuous focus on taxpayer's concerns. Southfield is known for its unparalleled city services, from our nationally recognized Police and Fire departments, to our award winning Parks & Recreation programs and facilities. Southfielders can also boast of our state-of-the-art Southfield Public Library, home to three floors of beautiful architecture and more than 250,000 books, magazines, CD's, DVD's and other media. You can rest assured that you will continue to receive the most for your tax dollar, even in such difficult economic times as we find ourselves.

As an inner-ring suburb that is already mostly developed, we must continue to look at innovative new ways to facilitate redevelopment and development projects throughout the city. With this in mind, Southfield is very fortunate to have several exciting new retail and residential projects currently in the works. In fact, one of the latest new developments taking shape in the city was recognized as an outstanding achievement by an independent association of Michigan municipalities. The Michigan Municipal League (MML) recently announced that Southfield is a winner in the 23rd Annual MML Achievement Awards for Centex

Home's Spring Haven Development, a new residential project that replaced the former Southfield Downs Trailer Park on Southfield Road north of Twelve Mile. The Michigan Municipal League is a non-partisan organization working through cooperative efforts to strengthen the quality of municipal government and administration. The mission of the MML Achievement Awards is to recognize and promote the outstanding efforts and innovative solutions of municipal governments.

The Spring Haven residential development will consist of more than 50 new single-family homes, 70 condominiums and a small commercial component. The \$60 million initiative was selected as a winner based on the many improvements to the area made possible by the project. Centex has worked extensively to remediate the site by unearthing and removing trash from a former City of Detroit landfill that once occupied portions of the site as well as eliminating combined sewer overflows. The environment as well as the quality of the City's housing stock will be greatly enhanced by this project.

Innovative redevelopment, such as the Spring Haven project, is essential to Southfield's future, especially when considering that the city is approximately 93% developed. As Southfield approaches its 50th

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Southfield to celebrate 50th Anniversary April 28, 2008

On April 28, 1958 the City of Southfield was incorporated as city following a favorable incorporation vote and approval of a City Charter by local voters. Before that time, Southfield was a largely undeveloped township of approximately 15,000 residents. Today, Southfield has grown to be a modern city of beautiful homes and golden skyscrapers, with a population of almost 80,000 as of the 2000 Census. 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 the anniversary to celebrate and commemorate this historic occasion. To do this, 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 will soon be established and everyone is encouraged to be a part of Southfield history as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

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anniversary as an incorporated city on April 28, 2008, we must continue to find new ways to reinvent and reinvigorate our community and economy. We have grown tremendously since our days as a rural township before incorporation in 1958. Since then Southfield has grown to become the premier business address in southeastern Michigan. Not only are we an important business center, we are also a community of beautifully maintained homes, neighborhoods and parks. Southfield has the unique distinction of being able to boast of more than 700 acres of park land as well as more than 26 million square feet of office space. I truly believe that the City of Southfield is one of the most meticulously maintained and well planned communities throughout Michigan and the Midwest. In order to maintain our present infrastructure and position ourselves for the future, Southfield city leaders are currently

working to create a new comprehensive master plan for the city. As an older community with an aging housing stock and limited new development opportunities, a solid, well developed master plan is vital to Southfield's future. The master plan will delineate Southfield's strategy to maintain strong property values and curb appeal while facilitating future development and redevelopment opportunities. The plan will establish a future land use map and outline policies and procedures relative to the physical development of the city. The master plan will also address housing, transportation, environmental issues, utilities and community facilities, economic development, future issues and opportunities, community image, and intergovernmental cooperation. Once the plan is recommended by the Planning Commission and adopted by City Council, it will serve as the basis from which city officials, business leaders and citizens can make informed decisions as they develop programs and policies that will shape the future of Southfield.

An integral part of the master plan will be to establish an ongoing program that will analyze and update policies and procedures as needed. At each step throughout the planning process, clear communication between city staff, elected officials, residents, businesses and other community stakeholders is essential. The public will provide valuable input needed to develop, maintain and execute an effective and comprehensive master plan. Through teamwork and collaboration with all community stakeholders, we must work and plan together today to create the bright future of tomorrow. This can only be done through a mutual commitment of all parties to build a community that will continue to prosper as a premier place to live, work and play. As we approach our 50th anniversary as a city, we look fondly back to where we have come as we look confidently forward to where we are going. I invite all Southfield residents and businesses to join us as we celebrate our past and create our future.

New Water Bills coming soon to a mailbox near you

The City is currently in the process of converting to a new water billing computer program. As a result, beginning later this year you will notice that your water bill will look substantially different. The new billing system will allow the City to provide its customers with an improved level of service as well as allow the City to print informational notes on the bills for the resident's benefit. When you receive your new bill, please review it carefully to ensure that the amount you are billed is consistent with similar past bills.

Water Bill Payment Assistance Program

Due to the recent economic down turn, many Southfield families and seniors are struggling to pay their water bills. If you have a delinquent water bill, and are having difficulty paying your bill, please contact the Public Works Department, Water Billing at (248) 796-4850 *BEFORE* your service is shut off. We will do our best to work with you to set up a payment plan that you can afford.

Important Water Facts and Figures

- Approximately 450 billion gallons of drinking water are purchased from the South Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) annually
- Approximately 1.25 billion gallons of drinking water are delivered per day to City customers.
- 388 miles of City-owned piping deliver the drinking water.
- 65% of all drinking water used in the summer is for outdoor purposes, primarily watering lawns, gardens and washing cars.
- One leaking toilet can waste up to 200 gallons per day.
- A leak as little as 1/16th of an inch can waste over 800 gallons of water per day.

Why Conserve Water?

- Lowering the City's maximum daily and peak water demands may result in lowering the rate charged by SOCWA.
- Reducing water usage during peak demand periods will provide better reliability of the system's operating pressures for fire prevention.

How Can I Conserve Water?

1. Set your automatic sprinkling system so it doesn't run from 5 - 10 a.m. or from 5 - 10 p.m. daily.
2. Water lawns every other day. Homeowners with addresses ending in odd numbers should water outdoors on odd numbered calendar days; those with even-numbered address should use water outdoors on even calendar days.
3. Check all faucets and toilets for leaks.

Advertise in the City of Southfield 2007 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.**

Southfield Housing Choice Voucher Program

The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding for the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program, formerly known as Section 8. The HCV Program subsidizes rent for income-qualified individuals through the Southfield Housing Commission. As a tenant-based program, the Voucher holder is subsidized - not the rental unit. The Program is often referred to as "Finders Keepers" because the family must locate a unit. The unit must meet Housing Quality Standards (HQS) established by HUD. The rental unit must also pass an HQS inspection prior to leasing and every 12 months thereafter.

Previously a certificate and voucher program, the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 merged the two into the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Vouchers are issued to anyone who begins the program or when moving. HUD allows portability for a family that wishes to move outside of their Housing Commission's jurisdiction anywhere within the United States.

Under HCV, the subsidy is determined by subtracting 30 percent of the Voucher holder's monthly adjusted income from the Housing Commission's Payment Standard for the bedroom size allowed on the Voucher. The Housing Commission pays the lower of: Payment Standard minus Total Tenant Payment (TTP) or Gross Rent minus Total Tenant Payment, whichever is lower. The total subsidy is the lesser of the payment standard or the gross rent, minus TTP. TTP is the total family contribution or family share. The only time a person can apply for the Housing Choice Voucher is when a waiting list is open. A Legal Notice will be published in the Southfield Eccentric and the Sunday edition of the Detroit News/Free Press announcing when the waiting list is scheduled to open.

For more information regarding the Southfield Housing Commission's Housing Choice Voucher Program, call (248) 796-4172. Owners of rental properties: You are also encouraged to contact the Southfield Housing Commission at (248) 796-4172. Your property will be included in a file of available rentals for review by anyone who visits our office inquiring as to what the Commission has listed. For more information about HUD, visit www.hud.gov. Anyone interested in obtaining a list of public housing from the State of Michigan should call (517) 373-1973.

Upcoming Southfield Philharmonic performances

The Southfield Philharmonic, under the musical direction of Conductor Joseph Striplin, will perform the following popular pieces from the classical repertoire. Tickets are \$15 general admission; \$8 for students/seniors/groups. Tickets are available by phone at (313) 417-9850 or at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m. Schedule and program are subject to change. For more information, call (313) 417-9850.

February 25 at 7 p.m. - Southfield-Lathrup High School Auditorium

Dukas' Fanfare from La Peri; Mozart's Symphony for Violin, Viola and Orchestra with soloists Greg Staples and Beatriz Budinzsky Staples; and Moussorgsky's Pictures at an Exhibition, including a student art exhibit

March 25 at 7 p.m. - Southfield Public Library Auditorium

Chamber concert of Mozart's String Quintet in G minor and Brahms's String Quintet in G major featuring Joe Striplin and Greg Staples on violin, Beatriz Budinzsky Staples and Han Zheng on viola and David Levine on cello.

April 29 at 7 p.m. - Southfield-Lathrup High School Auditorium

Fifth Annual Levine Memorial Concert featuring the winner of the Levine Student Concerto Competition performing with the Southfield Philharmonic. The orchestra will also perform Vaughn Williams' Symphony #5 and Beethoven's Symphony #7 in A major.



New programs on City Cable 15

Tune into City Cable 15 to watch two exciting new shows: “Conversations with...” is a program that will introduce you to people who are making a difference in Southfield. They are local newsmakers who share with viewers interesting stories about their lives and their dedication to this community. The show is hosted by Leonard Yourist and takes place in a casual atmosphere. Be sure to check the Cable 15 monthly program guide for air dates and times.

Cable 15’s “House & Home” segments are designed with Southfield in mind. Get great tips that will help you improve the curb appeal of your property and increase its value. The projects that are demonstrated don’t require a lot of know-how, just a little motivation. From time-saving tips on painting to planting beautiful flower beds to winterizing your property, you’ll learn how to add beauty to improve your home!



Tune into City Cable 15 for Election Results

City Cable 15 is your community resource for local election results. You can count on seeing election numbers on Cable 15’s Electronic Bulletin Board. Complete results are posted on the bulletin board once final tallies are available. If you miss the numbers on election night, final results typically run on the bulletin board the day after the election as well.

Your Community Programming Resource

Each year you can count on City Cable 15 to bring you community programming such as *City Council meetings*, *15 News*, *Author’s Den*, *Business Matters*, *Focus on Seniors*, *More than Books*, *Patches The Rag Doll*, *Safe & Secure* as well as youth and senior events. Additionally, the station provides coverage of the following annual programs: Community Pride Awards Ceremony in October; Election Coverage in November; Veterans’ Day Ceremony in November; Tree Lighting Ceremony in December; MLK Peace Walk Program in January; Battle of the Books in January; and the State of the City Address in February.

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.

Rental Registration

City ordinance requires all one and two-family rental properties be inspected and certified every two years. Landlords, please comply with this ordinance! Let’s work together to Keep Southfield Beautiful! Call Lorna Boulware in Housing at (248) 796-4177.

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

City Clerk's News

Nancy L. M. Banks, *City Clerk*



Gubernatorial Election November 7, 2006

Preparations are well underway in the City Clerk's Office for the Gubernatorial Election scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006. Southfield voters will go to the polls to elect the following offices:

- Governor/Lt. Governor
- Secretary of State
- Attorney General
- United States Senator
- Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- State Representative
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Regents
- Michigan State University Trustees
- Wayne State University Governors
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the 46th District Court
- Judge of Probate
- Specified County Offices

The November 7, 2006 Election ballot may also include several proposals. For candidate and additional ballot information, contact the City Clerk's Office or visit the City of Southfield Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com and click on the election banner to the right of the screen.

New Voting Equipment

Southfield voters and members of the disability community will have unprecedented access to the voting booth thanks to a new device allowing them to cast ballots without assistance. The new AutoMARK system, a voter assist terminal that resembles a fax machine, will be available at every polling location. This system offers voters with disabilities the same opportunity for access and participation on Election Day that all other voters enjoy. The AutoMARK ballot marking device allows voters who have a physical disability or are blind, visually impaired or otherwise unable to mark a ballot in the usual way to do so independently. The screen magnification and contrast features make it a useful tool for seniors even if they are not actually sight-impaired.

The AutoMARK units are paid for with federal dollars under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), and are compatible with the M-100 optical scan voting machines. The Help America Vote Act (HAVA), was signed into law in 2002, to provide federal funding for states to replace outdated voting equipment, and to improve access for voters with disabilities and citizens living outside of the country. Federal funds valued at more than

\$516,000 for the City of Southfield, paid for the purchase of the new M-100 optical scan tabulators, the AutoMARK voter assist terminals, and related software to replace the old punch card voting system which had been used for almost three decades. Southfield voters now fill-in an oval on a printed ballot which is then inserted into the tabulator. Every municipality in the State of Michigan currently uses an optical scan voting system. Paper ballots, punch cards and lever machines are a part of American history.

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 July. 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 2006 Elections, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150, or visit the City's 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.

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 10, 2006.

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.

Seeking Election Workers

The City Clerk's Office is seeking applicants to work as Election Inspectors for the November 7 Gubernatorial General Election. Michigan law allows students age 16 years or older to work at the polls. Applications from workers of all eligible ages are welcome. Compensation for Election Inspectors is \$120 for the full day (6 a.m. until polls close and election results are reported); Chairpersons receive \$145 for the day. For more information about applying for appointment as an Election Inspector, stop by the City Clerk's Office to submit an application.

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 December 31, 2006, all U.S. citizens traveling by air or sea 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 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 6 - 8 weeks to process; expedited applications are processed within ten business days for an additional \$60.

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City Clerk News, *Continued*

The Southfield City Clerk's Office will be open on Saturday, September 16 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon to accept and process passport applications. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.

New Precinct Locations

- Pct. 1** - Akiva,
21100 Twelve Mile Rd.
- Pct. 2** - McIntyre School,
19600 Saratoga
- Pct. 3** - Birney Middle School,
27225 Evergreen Rd.
- Pct. 4** - McIntyre School,
19600 Saratoga
- Pcts. 5 & 6** - Vandenberg School,
16100 Edwards
- Pct. 7** - Akiva,
21100 Twelve Mile Rd.
- Pct. 8** - City Hall,
26000 Evergreen Rd.
- Pct. 9** - Birney Middle School,
27225 Evergreen Rd.
- Pcts. 10 & 11** - Schoenhals School,
16500 Lincoln Dr.
- Pct. 12** - City Hall,
26000 Evergreen Rd.
- Pct. 13** - Adler School,
19100 Filmore
- Pct. 14** - Thompson School,
16300 Lincoln Dr.
- Pct. 15** - Schoenhals School,
16500 Lincoln Dr.
- Pct. 16** - Oakland Church of Christ,
23333 Ten Mile Rd.
- Pct. 17** - Adler School,
19100 Filmore
- Pcts. 18 & 19** - Thompson School,
16300 Lincoln Dr.

- Pcts. 20 & 21** - Kennedy School,
16299 Mt. Vernon
- Pct. 22** - VFW Hall,
24222 Nine Mile Rd.
- Pcts. 23 & 24** - Brace-Lederle School,
18575 Nine Mile Rd.
- Pcts. 25 & 26** - St. Johns Armenian Church,
22001 Northwestern Hwy.
- Pcts. 27 & 28** - Palace of Southfield,
25228 Twelve Mile Rd.
- Pct. 29** - Stevenson School,
27777 Lahser Rd.
- Pcts. 30 & 31** - Christian Tabernacle Church,
26555 Franklin Rd.
- Pcts. 32 & 33** - Stevenson School,
27777 Lahser Rd.
- Pct. 34** - Christian Tabernacle Church,
26555 Franklin Rd.
- Pcts. 35 & 36** - Hope United Methodist,
26275 Northwestern Hwy.
- Pcts. 37 & 38** - Levey Middle School,
25300 Nine Mile Rd.
- Pct. 39** - Oakland Church of Christ,
23333 Ten Mile Rd.
- Pct. 40** - Levey Middle School,
25300 Nine Mile Rd.
- Pcts. 41 & 42** - Beech Woods Rec. Ctr.,
22200 Beech Rd.
- Pct. 43** - VFW Hall,
24222 Nine Mile Rd.

*See the next page for the new
Voting Precinct Map*

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS
REMINDER**

Remember to turn back your
clocks one hour at bedtime on
**October 28 - Daylight Savings
Time ends October 29.**
Also remember to change your
smoke detector batteries
TO SAVE A LIFE!

**YARD WASTE
COLLECTION
THROUGH
DECEMBER 1**

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, December 1, 2006**. 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.



Southfield Public Library

26300 Evergreen Road
(248) 796-4200
Mon. - Thur., 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Sun. (during the school year), 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.



John Grace Branch

21030 Indian
(248) 796-4290
Mon. - Thur., 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Visit us on the Web at www.sfldlib.org

2nd ANNUAL SOUTHFIELD BOOKS & BEYOND FESTIVAL

Saturday & Sunday, September 16 & 17 from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

on the front Lawn of the Library and Meeting Room Wing

Southfield Books & Beyond Festival is Southfield's largest literary event, celebrating books as a valuable source of learning, information and entertainment. This two-day celebration of the written word offers free literary events to honor book culture and promote reading and literacy. Activities will include book signings, local authors, storytelling, children's activities, a used book sale, musical performances and much, much more.



Southfield Books & Beyond Festival's Featured Authors:

Saturday, September 16

1:30 p.m. – **Sue Stauffacher**, author of *Donuthead*, *Harry Sue* and *Bessie Smith and the Night Riders*.

3:30 p.m. – **Alexander Jefferson**, author of *Red Tail Captured* and *Red Tail Free: Memoirs of a Tuskegee Airman and POW*.

Sunday, September 17

1:30 p.m. – **Kathe Koja**, author of *Straydog*, *Buddha Boy*, *Blue Mirror* and *Talk*. Her newest book, *Going Under*, will be coming out in September.

3:30 p.m. – **Thomas Lynch**, poet, writer, essayist and funeral director from Milford. He is the author of *Booking Passage: We Irish & Americans*, *Bodies in Motion* and *At Rest: Essays, Skating with Heather Grace*, *Still Life in Milford: poems* and *The Undertaking: Life Studies from the Dismal Trade*.

Stop by the library or visit www.SouthfieldBooksandBeyond.org for more details.

Local Author Book Fair

Come meet and talk with a variety of local authors. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, November 9, 2006 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room

Featuring: "How to Write Your Memoir," with author Mark A. Kelly

Book Discussion @ Your Library

Southfield Public Library is pleased to host its own book discussion group. Different book discussed every month. Tuesdays September 12, October 10, November 14, January 9, February 13 & March 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Southfield History Room

Tuesday, September 12 - *The Undertaking* by Thomas Lynch

Tuesday, October 10 - *Shadow of the Wind* by Carlos Ruiz Zafron

Call (248) 796-4381 to find out what book is being featured next.

Creecy Series

Art and the Da Vinci Code with Shelley Perlove

Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room

Shelley Perlove, Ph.D., a Professor of Art History, will explore the *Da Vinci Code* from an art-historical perspective.

Humanities

Using a specially prepared anthology from literature, philosophy, history and art, our moderators will guide participants in reading and discussing these thoughtful selections. Limited enrollment. Registration begins Monday, August 21 at Guest Services Desk or by calling the Library at (248) 796-4224.

Fall Humanities – Coming to America

Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – September 21 & 28; October 5, 12, 19 & 26; November 2 & 9

Spring Humanities – A Gathering Together

Thursdays, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – January 18 & 25; February 1, 8, 15 & 22; March 1, 8 & 15

Opera @ Your Library

Tuesday, October 24 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Dr. Wallace O. Peace, opera connoisseur and lecturer, presents an informative and entertaining discussion of *Porgy & Bess*, by George Gershwin.

Tuesday, October 31 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium

Come see a film of *Porgy & Bess*.

A Case About Diversity Exhibit

A Case About Diversity: The Affirmative Action Debate at the University of Michigan

A traveling exhibit that looks at the two 2003 Supreme Court decisions regarding race and admissions policies will be on display from Monday, October 16 - Friday, November 17 on the second level of the library.

The exhibit is organized by the University of Michigan and funded by the Ford Foundation, Butzel Long and the University of Michigan.

Microsoft Computer Safety

Find out how to better protect your PC, yourself and your family—from computer scams such as phishing, pharming and more—by attending this free seminar. Hosted in conjunction with Microsoft and AARP.

Thursday, September 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Please RSVP at 1-877-926-8300.

International Language Night

Wednesday, October 4 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on the second level of the Library

Do you know where you can find the latest best selling fiction in Russian? Would you like to flip through current magazines and newspapers in Arabic? Would you like to improve your English skills? Join us for our International Language Night! Tour the library's Foreign Language and Literacy collections, browse our foreign film selections and see our English language instructional software, ELLIS, up close. This will be a great opportunity to explore our library's international offerings and sample some ethnic treats.

BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Rick Bloom Investment Seminars

Rick Bloom and Ken Bloom will discuss various topics to keep you in control of your money.

Legal Aspect of Starting a Business - Wednesday, September 6, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Ken Bloom will discuss the various legal and tax aspects involved in starting and running your own business.

Speaker: Ken Bloom

Estate Planning and Powers of Attorney - Monday, October 16, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Discover how important it is for everyone to have an estate plan and completed powers of attorney forms.

Speaker: Ken Bloom

Year-End Tax Planning Tips - Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Learn ways that you can save taxes by taking advantage of tax-saving tactics before year end.

Speaker: Ken Bloom

Investing 101 - Wednesday, January 3, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Rick Bloom will discuss the importance of developing a long-term financial plan before you invest.

Speaker: Rick Bloom

Maximizing Investments to Meet Your Financial Needs during Retirement - Wednesday, February 7, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Find out what retirees need to do with their investments to meet their financial needs.

Speaker: Rick Bloom

SCORE Pre-business Workshop

Wednesdays in the Meeting Room. There is a charge for each program. Call (313) 226-7947 for advance purchase and registration.

Pre-Business Planning

September 20 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (\$40 in advance, \$50 at the door)

Market Research and Marketing Your Business

October 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (\$45)

Entrepreneurship

October 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (\$20)

The Business Plan

November 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (\$40 in advance, \$50 at the door)

Leaders on Leadership

Bring a lunch to the Library, watch the Leaders on Leadership episode and participate in the discussion led by host Larry Fobes. Every Tuesday in October at 12:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room

October 3 - Ron Gettlefinger, President of United Auto Workers

October 10 - Tom Wilson, President and CEO of Palace Sports & Entertainment

October 17 - Mary Sue Coleman, President of the University of Michigan

October 24 - David Brandon, Chairman and CEO of Domino's Pizza

October 31 - Don Barden, Chairman and CEO of the Barden Companies

In partnership with Detroit Public Television, Wayne State University School of Business Administration, Southfield Chamber of Commerce and City of Southfield Business Development.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Dinner Theater Series

In Partnership with the Southfield Public Library & Southfield Public Schools

Bring the whole family, a blanket and a picnic dinner to the Southfield Public Library's Meeting Room. Dinner starts at 6:15 p.m. and the performances begin at 7:00 p.m. Limited to children who live or attend school in Southfield and Lathrup Village. Registration is required. Please call the Youth Services Desk for more information at (248) 796-4240.

Wednesday, October 25

Madcap Puppets presents the "Cinderella Files."

The classic tale of Cinderella comes to life with new magical twists provided by two fairy godfathers named Lenny and Ralph.

Wednesday, November 29

Wild Swan Theatre presents "Jack and the Beanstalk."

The classic tale of a boy, some magic beans and a giant.

Family Story Time

Children of all ages will enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays.

Thursdays, September 14, October 5, November 2, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Storytime Space Station

YOUTH STORY TIMES

Lapsit Story Time

Stories, songs, finger plays, social interaction and playing. Designed to introduce books to the very young.

For 6 -18 month-olds with caregiver

Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Storytime Space Station

Series 1: Sept 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18

Series 2: Nov 8, 15, 22, 29; Dec 6, 13

Toddler Story Time

Toddlers will hear stories, learn finger plays, develop social interaction skills and enjoy a free-play time.

For 1 ½ - 3 year olds with caregiver

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Storytime Space Station

Series 1: Sept. 12, 19, 26; Oct. 3, 10, 17

Series 2: Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28; Dec. 5, 12

Preschool Story Time

Preschoolers will hear stories, learn finger plays and sing songs.

For preschoolers, ages 3-5, not yet in Kindergarten

Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in the Storytime Space Station

Series 1: September 15, 22, 29; October 6, 13, 20

Series 2: November 17, 24; December 1, 8, 15, 22

Bookworm Bunch

Come and join us for stories, craft projects and science experiments! No registration required.

For: kindergarteners and 1st graders

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Storytime Space Station

When: Tuesdays, September 26, October 24, November 28, December 12 (combo with Ravenous Readers)

Ravenous Readers

Book discussion group for 2nd and 3rd graders. Limited to children who live or attend school in Southfield and Lathrup Village. Registration is required, space is limited. Register at the Youth Services desk.

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Storytime Space Station

When: Tuesdays, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 12 (combo with Bookworm Bunch)

Arts and Science @ Your Library

Experience the arts and sciences at the Library during this Saturday series. No registration required.

For: Pre-K through 5th graders, accompanied by an adult

Where: Storytime Space Station

When: Saturdays, September 23, October 21, November 18 and December 16 from 2:00 -3:00 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMS

For those in grades 6th - 12th grades who live or attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village.

Teen Read Week – Sunday, October 15 - Saturday, October 21

Teens celebrate Get Active @ Your Library with special events.

Sporty Matching Game

From October 15 – 31 come into Club Q & A to enter a contest that will challenge your sports knowledge. You could win a \$10 gift card to Borders!

Digital Showdown

Monday October 16 - 1st level Computer lab

Session 1: 6:00-7:20 p.m.

Session 2: 7:30-8:50 p.m.

Are you a Web page design genius? Then this is your chance to compete with others to create a Library Teen Web page. A panel of judges will select the winner from each session who will receive a \$25 Gift Card to Best Buy.

Register starting Monday, September 25 at the Guest services desk, (248) 796-4224.

Must have Web design experience with either Front Page or Microsoft Word and provide your own CD-ROM.

Poetry Slam 2006

Thursday, October 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Library Auditorium

Write and perform your own original piece of poetry 3-4 minutes in length. Content should be appropriate for an all ages audience, which means say how you feel but keep it clean. Costumes, props and musical accompaniment are not allowed, but the performer may sing if needed. All efforts are applauded and there will be no negativity at this event! Register starting Monday, September 25th at the Guest services desk, (248) 796-4224.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Battle of the Books is a program designed to encourage the sport of reading and to give recognition to those who like to read. All 4th – 8th graders who live or attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village may participate in this program.

4th & 5th Grades and Middle School Challenge Battle of the Books Kick-Off October 12 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium - For adult managers ONLY

Battle of the Books, *Continued*

4th & 5th Grades and Middle School Challenge Battle of the Books Update Meetings December 6 and December 7 in the Auditorium - For adult managers ONLY

Wednesday, January 24: Middle School Challenge

Wednesday, January 17: 4th Grade Battle of the Books

Thursday, January 18: 5th Grade Battle of the Books

All Battles begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. at the Southfield Pavilion. Please join us in the audience by 6:45 p.m. on Battle night.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Be a Friend! Friends of the Southfield Public Library provide the margin of excellence that allows our Library to offer resources, programs and services it otherwise could not. Through membership dues, book sales, sponsorships and fund raising activities, the Friends enable our Library to meet the challenges of today and protect the quality of our Library tomorrow. The Friends of the Southfield Public Library is a volunteer, nonprofit organization of people like you who believe that a dynamic, exciting Library is crucial to the education, well being and success of our community. For more information on how to join the Friends of the Southfield Public Library, please call (248) 796-4397.

FRIENDS BOOK CELLAR

The Friends Book Sales are held monthly in the Friends Book Cellar on the lower level of the Library.

September 7	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	October 5	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	November 2	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
September 9	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	October 7	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	November 4	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
September 10	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	October 8	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	November 5	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
December 7	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	January 4	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.	February 1	10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
December 9	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	January 6	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	February 3	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
December 10	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	January 7	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	February 4	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Look for the Friends book sale at our second annual Books & Beyond Festival, September 16 & 17.

March 1 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

March 3 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

March 4 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Bag O' Books sale in Tower Lobby

Saturday, October 14 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The book sale offers an excellent variety of books, sheet music, audio and video cassettes, DVDs, CDs and current monthly magazines at very reasonable prices. Donations from the public are accepted at the Library throughout the year. Proceeds from the Friends' book sales are used to fund Library programs and other special projects that otherwise might not be possible.

All Library programs are FREE and no registration is required unless noted.

Individuals with special needs who plan to attend a program should contact the Library at (248) 796-5150 (voice) or (248) 354-4831 (TDD/TTD) if auxiliary aids are needed. Reasonable advance notice is required.



[Q:] "What do YOU like about Southfield?"



[A:] "I really like all of the wonderful family events that the city sponsors as well as all of the other great city programs and services."

- **Cindy Powell**, Southfield resident



[A:] "Southfield is a very friendly, clean and modern city. I enjoy all the great facilities and services that the city has to offer, from the state-of-the-art library to the outstanding police and fire departments."

- **James Hardin**, Southfield resident



[A:] "I like the fact that Southfield is a very scenic, beautiful and quiet community of well maintained homes and neighborhoods."

- **Franz Lane**, Southfield resident



[A:] "I think the City of Southfield is a very nice place to live. The people are friendly, there are lots of activities for children and a good public school system."

- **Donetta Hayes**, Southfield resident



[A:] "We have a great new library, an excellent police force and nice neighborhoods."

- **Issam Atcho**, Southfield resident



[A:] "Southfield is a great community to live in for several reasons: great city services, a new public library and many other amenities for everyone from children to seniors."

- **Dr. Jermoe Boikai**, Southfield resident



[A:] "I live in the Beech Woods area and I really like all of the mature trees in the area. I think the City of Southfield is beautiful place to live and our library is phenomenal."

- **Mary Christner**, Southfield resident



[A:] "I appreciate that Southfield is a very quiet and peaceful city and we have good city services, especially when compared to other area communities."

- **Evelyn Dannard**, Southfield resident

What's Happening in Southfield?

Fall 2006 ~
Winter 2007

- September 1** - Deadline for ordering trees from Forestry Division, (248) 796-4881
- September 4** - Labor Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- September 9** - Autumnfest, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mary Thompson Farm
- September 14** - Last Eat to the Beat concert, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza
- September 16** - 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 1** - 18-Hole Chili & Beer Golf Scramble, 10 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- October 3** - General Ice Skating begins, Sports Arena
- October 9** - Columbus Day, City Offices & Library Closed
- October 14** - Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC
- October 28** - 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 6** - Snow Drop Contest begins (through Nov. 27)
- November 7** - State General Election, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., various sites
- November 9** - Veterans' Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., City Hall
- November 10** - Veterans' Day (observed), City Offices & Library Closed
- November 23** - Thanksgiving, City Offices & Library Closed
- November 24** - City Offices Closed ~ *Library open*
- November 27** - Snow Drop Contest winner announced, 12:00 noon, P&R Building
- November 29** - Burgh Tree Lighting Ceremony, 7 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- December 4** - Tree Lighting/Visits with Santa, 6:45 - 7:30 p.m., Southfield Municipal Complex
- January 15** - 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 20** - Daddy-Daughter Dinner & Dance, 5:30-6:45 p.m. (dinner); 7-9 p.m. (dance), Southfield Pavilion
- February 25** - Southfield Philharmonic Concert, 7 p.m., Southfield-Lathrup H.S. Auditorium
- March 28** - Southfield/Red Cross Community Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- March 25** - Southfield Philharmonic Chamber Concert, 7 p.m., Southfield Public Library Auditorium
- April 29** - Southfield Philharmonic Levine Memorial Concert, 7 p.m., Southfield-Lathrup H.S. Auditorium



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