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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).



Vision

by Dale E. Iman, City Administrator

I am very proud to have been selected as the new City

Administrator for the City of Southfield, Michigan. I feel very honored that the City Council and Mayor appointed me to this position, and I pledge to them and the entire Southfield community, my diligence and determination to serve this city to the absolute best of my ability.

In my short time here, I have already come to appreciate the many things that make Southfield such a dynamic, diverse and economically developed community. I have found a city that is a great place to live, work and play. I have found a city that is a vibrant center of commerce close to quaint, quiet neighborhoods. I have found a city that offers exceptional city services, facilities and programs for the entire community. In short, I have found a city that offers both a progressive international business center and traditional family-centered neighborhoods all in one cohesive community. From these

very positive first impressions, I have gathered that Southfield truly is *the center of it all!*

The City staff have gone to great lengths to make me feel welcome and at home in my new position. The department heads, managers and staff are all qualified and committed to their jobs and the City. I have found here a very positive, proactive and progressive group who work well together as a team for the betterment of the city. I, too, share this vision and commitment to serve the community with an uncompromised level of service and dedication. I plan to build a solid team of professionals that remains focused on continuing this tradition of quality, while also becoming more efficient and effective in our service delivery. I plan to increase productivity and to decrease expenditures without compromising the programs or services that residents have come to expect. It is my goal to maintain the quality of life in Southfield by increasing our emphasis

upon 'curb appeal' and beautification efforts, as well as economic and community development projects.

While Southfield is already a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family, there is always room for new innovations, ideas and improvements. I plan to work closely with City staff to ensure that every tax dollar spent is put to good use for the community. In these tough economic times, it is important that we continue to monitor and assess the City's budget so that we may offer the maximum amount of programs and services for the minimum amount of money. I believe that the City of Southfield has a strong economic base and I am completely committed to further strengthening that position.

Again, I am very excited to be a part of the Southfield family. On behalf of myself and my family, I trust this will be the beginning of many great years here at the City. I hope that I get an opportunity to meet and work with as many of you as possible and I look forward to serving as your new City Administrator.

Miracle League baseball field opens in Southfield

The Miracle League of Michigan recently completed construction of a Miracle League field here in Southfield that will serve the entire state. Many sponsors helped to offset the estimated \$535,000 cost of building this very special Miracle Field. The Miracle League is a charitable organization that provides children with mental and/or physical challenges an opportunity to play baseball as a team member in an organized league. The Miracle League gives these children the opportunity to get out in the sunshine and enjoy playing the all-American game of baseball - *because "Every Child Deserves the Chance to Play Baseball."*

The first specially-equipped field called the "Field of Dreams" was built in Atlanta, Georgia in the spring of 2000. This custom-designed venue incorporates a cushioned synthetic turf that accommodates wheelchairs and other walking assistance devices, while helping prevent injuries. In other words, it provides a level-playing field where physically and mentally challenged children can hit, run, and catch - just like the best of them. During each Miracle League game, every child is given an opportunity to hit the ball and score a run. Miracle League team members are assigned "buddies" who assist them in hitting the ball and "running" the bases. Buddies can be fellow schoolmates, parents, college students, business leaders or anyone who wishes to volunteer their time to give a child the gift of baseball. For more information, call the Miracle League at (248) 506-4604.



The newly completed Miracle League field at the Southfield Municipal Complex.

Public Notice

Any citizen having experienced an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, or both, must file a written notice of claim with the City of Southfield within 45 days after the overflow or back up was discovered or in the exercise of reasonable diligence should have been discovered. The Notice of Claim must be in writing and include the claimant's name, address and telephone number; the address of the affected property; the date the damage or injury was discovered; and a description of the claim. The Notice of Claim must be mailed to THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET at the City of Southfield. Failure to provide the required notice may prevent recovery of damages.

Immediately upon discovery of an overflow or back up:

- Report your incident to the Water Department at (248) 796-4850.
- After hours, the message at that number will advise you to call (248) 796-4899 to be put in touch with the supervisor on call.
- To file a claim, contact the OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET at (248) 796-5260.
- Submit your written Notice of Claim to:
Office of Management and Budget
26000 Evergreen Road
P.O. Box 2055
Southfield, MI 48037-2055

Preserve the natural beauty of Southfield

The City requires residents or their contractors to obtain a permit prior to removing any trees 8" in diameter or larger on public or private property.

Permits are issued at no charge by the Planning Department under the City's Woodland and Tree Preservation Ordinance. Any tree 8" in diameter or larger must undergo an inspection prior to removal. Inspections and permits are required for all trees, regardless of size, within a woodland area as indicated on city maps. The only trees that do not require a permit are those found to be completely dead; orchard type trees such as apple or cherry; or trees damaged by a disaster that require removal to prevent injury to persons or property. No permit is required for the removal of ash trees; however, transporting ash wood from quarantined areas such as Southfield to other parts of Michigan is prohibited. Permits are also not required for trees that only require moderate trimming.

The Southfield Planning Department has a list available of licensed and insured tree services if needed. To obtain a tree inspection, call the Planning Department at (248) 796-4156.

Southfield Calendar selected as finalist in 2004 Savvy Awards Competition

The City of Southfield 2004 Annual Report/Calendar was selected as a finalist for one of three awards in the 16th Annual Savvy Awards Competition sponsored by the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA).

The exact award designation, offered in the category of publications-annual reports/calendars, population group 78,000 - 110,000, will be announced at the 3CMA Annual Conference in September.

The Savvy Awards are held in cooperation with the National League of Cities to recognize outstanding local government achievements in communications, public sector marketing, and citizen-government relationships. The Savvies salute effective city/county/agency government programs that exhibit creativity and innovation.

The Southfield 2004 Annual Report/Calendar was produced by the City of Southfield's Community Relations Department. Southfield was one of almost 700 entries submitted from municipalities and counties throughout the country.

New Southfield e-News coming

The Southfield Community Relations Department will soon offer a new service to keep the community informed about the latest City news. Beginning this fall, the City will provide an electronic version of *Southfield Living* for all interested residents with Internet access.

The Southfield e-News will offer the community the latest City news and information in a quick, easy and timely format. Residents and businesses interested in receiving *Southfield e-News* simply need to send an e-mail to ENews@cityofsouthfield.com to receive more information about registration. The service is free and the registration process will be quick and easy. Once the system is up and running, registered participants will receive the latest City news in a convenient electronic format. Electronic versions of other City information such as the *City Cable 15 Program Guide* and the *Southfield Business News* will also soon be available through this new service.

Advertise Your Business in the City's 2005 Calendar

Reserve your space today!

Feature your business in a publication that gets seen and used by the entire Southfield community year-round. The attractive advertising section of the Southfield calendar reaches every residential and business address in the City for one low price! Call Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 to reserve your spot today!

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.

CHORE Program

Are you a Senior Adult or a disabled resident in Southfield? Do you need help in maintaining your home? Is your income as a family of one under \$24,450? What about a family of two making \$27,950 or less? The CHORE program provides yard work, snow removal, window and gutter cleaning. Additional services include minor plumbing, minor furnace repair, minor electrical repair, painting and carpentry. Don't forget to call Denise Glinz to apply for assistance. Denise will gladly assist you, but you must call (248) 796-4180. The City of Southfield can help you if you just call.

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.

Southfield receives City Livability Award

Mayor Brenda Lawrence and the city of Southfield received honorable mention in the 2004 City Livability Awards sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Mayors at their annual conference in Boston.

City Livability Awards recognize and honor mayors for exemplary leadership in developing and implementing programs that improve the quality of life in America's cities. An independent panel of judges, selected by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, determined the winning cities based on three criteria: mayoral leadership, creativity and innovation, and broad impact on the quality of life for residents.

Mayor Lawrence was selected for her innovative Mayor's Walks: A Healthy City is a Strong City initiative, an eight-week walking program designed to promote physical fitness. The program also allows residents and business people the opportunity to network with the mayor and other elected officials while fostering healthy living and physical activity. Every walk begins with a 15-minute warm-up of stretching exercises, followed by a 30-45 minute walk around Southfield's beautiful Inglenook Park, located on west 12 Mile Road between Lahser and Evergreen Roads.

City Clerk's News

Nancy L. M. Banks, *City Clerk*



Presidential Election Year

The City Clerk's Office is making preparations for the election of 2004. The election date is:

- Presidential General Election - Nov. 2

Offices to be elected in 2004 include:

- President/Vice President
- U.S. Representative in Congress
- State Representative
- State Board of Education
- University of Michigan Board of Regents
- Michigan State University Board of Trustees
- Wayne State University Board of Governors
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals
- Judge of the Circuit Court
- Judge of the District Court
- Judge of the Probate Court
- County Office

Additional information regarding this year's elections will be available from the City Clerk's Office or on the Southfield Web site, www.cityofsouthfield.com.

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, are automatically

mailed the Absent Voter Application. 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 Voter Ballot, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150 to request an Application or visit the City's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com.

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 for the General Election is October 4, 2004. If you are not currently registered to vote in Southfield, please visit the City Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State branch office. 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.

Precinct Changes

In March 2003, the Southfield City Council enacted Ordinance No. 1494, amending the City Code to consolidate the number of voting precincts in Southfield. The Precinct Consolidation Plan reduced the number of voting precincts from 50 to 43 and trimmed the number of polling locations from 25 to 19. The plan provides for a more equal balance of actual voters at the precincts, a cost-savings in both personnel and equipment, and helps eliminate long lines on election day.

To streamline the election process even further, new precinct numbers were assigned and changes in some polling locations were made to allow easier access

to the polls for Southfield voters. In September 2003, all registered voters in Southfield were mailed a new Voter Identification Card, identifying their new precinct number and polling location. Valid Voter I.D. Cards are dated 09/02/2003 to present. Any registered voter who has not received a newer Voter Identification Card should contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.

As a result of the precinct consolidation plan, and with the support of Lawrence Technological University, the City Clerk's Office implemented the use of laptop computers at the voting precincts. Election workers are able to verify precinct numbers and voting locations via the laptop computers on-site for voters. To view voting precincts and polling locations in Southfield, refer to the New Precinct Locations information and Precinct Map in this publication, or visit the City Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Election Workers Needed

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be a part of the democratic process? Then why not consider becoming a precinct worker?

The City of Southfield is seeking election workers for the Presidential General Election to be held on November 2. Michigan law allows students age 16 years or older to work at the polls. Applications from workers of all eligible ages are welcome. Election inspectors are required to work from 6 a.m. (Polls open at 7 a.m.), until the polls close and all information is signed and verified. Compensation for the day is \$120 for an Election Inspector and \$145 for a precinct Chairperson. For more

information about becoming an Election Inspector, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.

Voter Information Center

The Voter Information Center is an online service for one-stop election information. To access information on your voter registration status, polling location and voting equipment system, precinct map and League of Women Voters' Voter Guide visit the City Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com, click the 'City Departments' button and then select the 'City Clerk's Department' from the list. You can then click on the Election Banner on the right for more election information.

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 Page 8 for
the new Voting
Precinct Map.*

Plant a tree and keep Southfield beautiful

The City of Southfield is selling trees to Southfield residents and the business community at cost. For \$175, a shade, flowering, or evergreen tree (spring only) will be delivered to your doorstep ready for planting. For \$200, the Forestry Division will plant the tree in the City right-of-way area (between the sidewalk and the street).

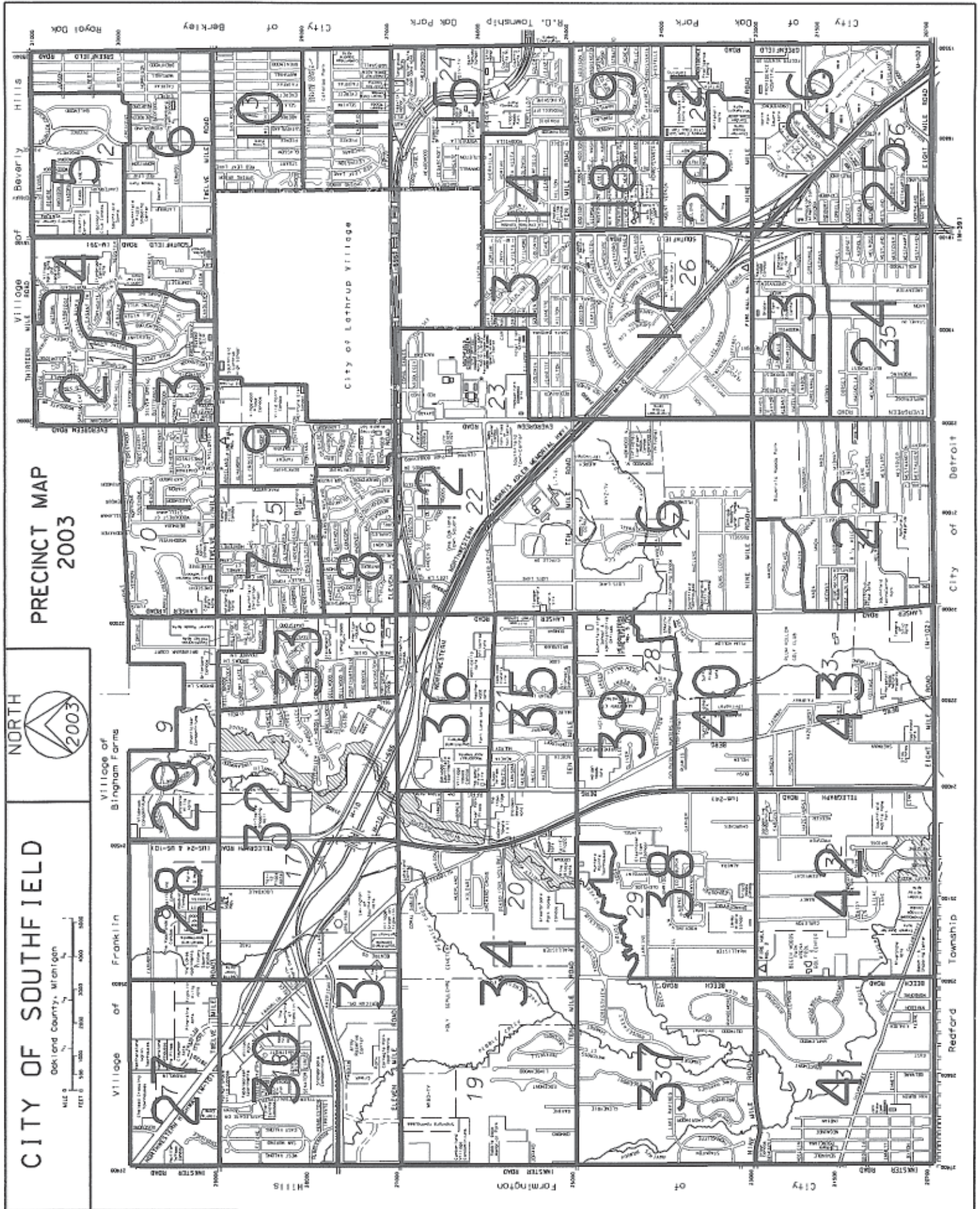
For application order forms, contact the Southfield Parks & Forestry Division at 796-4630 before the fall order deadline of September 1, 2004.

Residents and the business community that are interested in the fall planting are encouraged to get their order in early!

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 clear their sidewalks in a timely fashion for pedestrian safety and to expedite mail delivery.

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





City Cable 15 Survey

City Cable 15 values your opinion! Completing this survey will help the station meet the community's needs. Please take a few minutes to tell us your thoughts. By doing so, your name will be entered in a GRAND PRIZE drawing for TWO FREE Months of Cable Service. Thank you for your time.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Telephone: _____

Age Range: Teen 21-35 36-49 50-60 Over 65

1. What days of the week are you most likely to watch City Cable 15?

- Monday Wednesday Friday Sunday
 Tuesday Thursday Saturday

2. What times are you most likely to watch City Cable 15 programs?

- Mornings Afternoon Evening 7-10pm Late night 11pm-2am

3. How often do you normally watch City Cable 15 each week?

- Once a week Twice a week 3-4 times 5-7 times 7+ times

4. Would you like to receive the monthly City Cable 15 program guide by email?

What is your email address? _____

5. How do you watch City Cable 15? (Select one)

- I look at the program guide I channel surf and stop if it looks interesting

6. Do you think that having a station with local City of Southfield programming is important?

- Very important Important Somewhat important Not important

7. Do you watch the electronic bulletin board that lists city-wide events?

- Yes No

Suggestions: _____

8. Would you like to see more City information on the Electronic Bulletin Board?

- Yes No

Suggestions: _____

9. What Cable 15 programs have you watched? (Circle as many as you like)

- | | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 15 News | Community Pride Awards | City Council Meetings |
| State of the County | Annual Budget Tape | State of the City Address |
| Veteran’s Day Ceremony | Oakland County-Sheriff Bouchard | Today’s Woman with Mayor Lawrence |
| The Condino Report | Eric Coleman-County Government | Motor City Brass Band Concert |
| Madrigals Concerts | Southfield Philharmonic Concerts | MLK Peace Walk |
| Great Lakes Lyric Opera | Election Coverage | Focus on Seniors-Hearing Loss |
| Focus on Seniors-Alzheimer’s | Focus on Seniors-Low Vision | Civic Bowl Football |
| Battle of the Books | Kids Koncert | Youth Hockey |
| Youth Basketball | Youth Baseball | CityScape |
| Super Cheer | Poetry Slam | Author’s Den |
| Classic Movies | Patches’ Place | How-to Golf Programs |
| Library-Lectures | Opera in the Afternoon | PYG-Youth Awards |
| Holiday concerts | Daddy-Daughter Dance | |

10. What programs would you like to see on Cable 15? (Circle as many as you like)

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Planning Comm. Meeting
(gavel to gavel coverage) | Zoning Board of Appeals Board Meeting
(gavel to gavel coverage) | City Administrator Report |
| Interviews with City officials | Call-in Shows | Council Action Summary |
| Local Business Show | Home Improvement | Cooking Show |
| Police Dept. Information & Tips | Fire Dept. Information & Tips | Community Forum (Speaking Out) |
| Southfield History | Parks & Recreation activities | Southfield Homes Showcase |
| Health Program | Environmental Program | City Budget Discussion |

11. Please give us your feedback as to how we are doing and what we could do better.

**Return to: City of Southfield, City Cable 15, 26000 Evergreen Rd.,
P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055**

Please call 248-796-4500 if you have any questions. **Survey deadline: September 30th.**
Drawing: October 4th. **City Cable 15** will notify the winner by phone.

Southfield Public Library

26300 Evergreen Road

(248) 796-4200

Mon. - Thur., 9:30 am - 9:00 pm

Fri. & Sat., 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Sun. (during the school year), 1:00 - 5:00 pm

**John Grace Branch**

21030 Indian

(248) 796-4290

Mon., Tue., & Thur., 1 - 5:00 pm

Wed., 1:00 - 7:00 pm

Fri., 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Visit us on the Web at <http://www.sfldlib.org>

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Fall Humanities Series – The Heritage of the Future; Thursdays, September 2, 9, 23 & 30, October 7, 14, 21 & 28; 1:00 - 3:00 pm; Meeting Room. Registration Required (248) 796-4224 and a \$2.00 materials fee will be collected at the first meeting. Our moderators will guide participants in a lively discussion about literature around The Heritage Of The Future.

Creecy Series – Before Motown @ Your Library - September 14, 6:30 – 8:30 pm; Auditorium. Authors of Before Motown: A History Of Jazz In Detroit, 1920 – 1960, Professor Lars Bjorn and Jim Gallert will trace Detroit's impact on American jazz and explore the interrelationship of the city's music and its social scene.

Something For Your Senses Week - September 27 – October 1

Gwendolyn Baines, author of *Gwen's New Orange Shoes: the Turbulence and Triumphs of a Single Woman*. Monday, September 27; 6:30-8:30 pm; Auditorium. Gwendolyn Baines will appear in a one woman show where she advises her woman readers to make themselves happy; travel, shop, entertain and to spend money on themselves all without guilt, since they have sacrificed all of their lives.

Getting More Out Of Life!, by Sylvia Rubach - Tuesday, September 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm; Auditorium. Motivational speaker, Sylvia Rubach, will give you a fun filled outlook on how to live your life differently by making it an adventure.

Cooking For Your Senses with Kim Banda - Thursday, September 29, 6:30 – 8:00 pm; Meeting Room. Kim Banda, a local chef on Southfield City Cable 15, will demonstrate how to prepare quick, simple and healthy meals. Get tips on nutritious home cooked meals you can fit into your tight daily schedule.

Book Discussion @ Your Library - Second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 pm & at 7:00 pm; Meeting Room. Registration Required (248) 796-4224. Upcoming dates are October 12; November 9; January 11, 2005; February 8; March 8. Southfield Public Library is pleased to announce the formation of its own book discussion group.

Music @ Your Library - Warm up by the fireplace and each month and enjoy the relaxing sounds of music from 2:00 – 4:00 pm by the 2nd Level Fireplace.

Sunday, September 19	Stephan Becker, Keyboardist
Sunday, October 10	Tim Nicola, Cellist
Sunday, November 21	Venus Rembert, Candace Rembert & Paul Karchin on Viola, Violin & French Horn
Sunday, December 5	Onita Sanders, Harpist

Authors @ Your Library - Local Author Book Fair - Wednesday, October 6, 6:00-7:30 pm; Meeting Room. Books will be available for purchase and signing. Marvin Arnett/Pieces from the Crazy Quilt; Aneisha Bussey/A Gift from God; Minister Mary Darlene Edwards/Ponderings from the Heart of Mary; Melvin Foster/Shaking Hands with Lefkowitz; Charisse M. Gibert/A Wise Woman Builds Her House; Helen Hannon/Sacred Years and Numbers; Pamela Osborne/Bread and Butter & Hank Patterson/Squirrels the Mutation & Denise Rodgers/The Poetry Lady.

Authors @ Your Library - Local Author Book Fair - Wednesday, January 26, 6:00-7:30 pm; Meeting Room. Books will be available for purchase and signing. David Collins/*My Louise*; Sylvia Lee/*Desserts-A Delicious Learning, Baking and Eating Experience*; Barbara Talley/*Pathways to Interfaith Dialogue: An Innovative Model for Peace and Community Building*; Charles M. Thornton/*A Spiritual Survival Guide for the 21st Century*; Chandra Renee Oden/*Spiritual Vibrations*, plus more authors.

Opera @ Your Library - Tuesday, October 12, 2:00-4:00 pm; Auditorium. Dr. Wallace Peace, opera expert and educator, presents an informative and entertaining discussion of Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi. Tuesday, October 19, 2:00-4:00 pm; Auditorium. Come see a movie of Rigoletto by Giuseppe Verdi.

Doing It Your Way: Protecting Your Independence and Money - Wednesday, October 20, 6:30 – 8:30 pm; Auditorium. Attorney, Jim Schuster, will speak on legal issues which most effect those over 50.

Detroit Institute of the Art's Tiny Treasures Discussion @ Your Library - Thursday, October 21, 6:30 pm; Auditorium. Wendy Evans from the Detroit Institute of Art will discuss the Tiny Treasures collection of items that are smaller than 9".

Botsford Health Program - Wednesday, October 27, 6:00 pm & Wednesday, November 3, 6:00 pm; Meeting Room. Botsford Medical Staff will come to discuss pertinent health issues with our participants.

Black History Month @ Your Library - African American Family History Talk - Tuesday, February 1, 7:00 pm; Meeting Room. Join DeWitt Dykes Jr., Associate Professor of History at Oakland University, for an entertaining and educational genealogical program. *Watch for other exciting programs @ your Library to celebrate Black History Month!*

AARP Tax-Aide Program - Fridays in Spring; Second Level. This program helps low to moderate income taxpayers of all ages to complete their taxes and receive all appropriate tax credits. This program runs on a first-come first-served. Watch for more details and exact dates and times.

YOUTH DIVISION

Huntington Bank Family Dinner Theater Series - October 13 & November 17, 6:00 pm - Bring your dinner, 7:00 pm - Show Begins; Meeting Room. Bring the whole family, a blanket and a picnic dinner to the Meeting Room for an evening of fun. This series is proudly sponsored by Huntington Bank, the Southfield Public Library and the Southfield Public Schools. Wednesday, October 13 join us for Honey Pot of Pooh Stories by Wild Swan Theater. On Wednesday, November 17, Traveling Lantern Theater Company presents The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

Battle of the Books - The kick-off for the 4th & 5th Grade Battle and Middle School Challenge will be on Thursday, October 14 at 7:00 pm in the Library's auditorium. Update meetings will be held on Wednesday, December 8 and Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 pm in the Library's auditorium. These meetings are for Managers & Co-managers. Team members do not attend.

The 4th Grade Battle of the Books will be on Wednesday, January 19, 2005.

The 5th Grade Battle of the Books will be on Thursday, January 20, 2005.

The Middle School Challenge will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2005

All Battles are held in the Pavilion of the Southfield City Complex. The programs begin promptly at 7 pm and the public is welcome to attend.

New this year is a Battle of the Books program for high school students in the 9th & 10th grades. *The kick-off will be Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium.* Team members and Managers/Co-Managers are welcome to attend. An Update Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium. *The Battle will be held in the Pavilion on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm* and the public is welcome to attend.

Lapsit Story Time - Wednesdays at 10:00 am in the Storytime Space Station from September 15 to October 20; November 10 to December 15; January 26 to March 2; March 23 to April 27. For 6 – 18 month olds with caregivers. Drop-in, no registration required.

Toddler Story Time - Tuesdays at 10:00 am in the Storytime Space Station from September 14 to October 19; November 9 to December 14; January 11 to February 15; March 8 to April 12. For 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 year olds with caregivers. Drop-in, no registration required.

Preschool Story Time - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm and Thursdays at 10:00 am in the Storytime Space Station from Wednesday, September 8 to Thursday, October 7; Wednesday, October 27 to Thursday, December 2; Wednesday, January 26 to Thursday, February 24; Wednesday, March 9 to Thursday, April 7; Wednesday, April 27 to Thursday, May 26 – However, there will be no preschool story times on the following dates: Thursday, November 11 and Thursday, November 25. Please join us for simple stories, rhymes and finger plays designed for preschoolers ages 3 – 5, not yet in kindergarten. No registration required for these programs. Drop in on the days you would like to attend.

Bookworm Bunch - Tuesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Storytime Space Station on October 5 & 12, November 2 & 9, February 1 & 8, March 8 & 15, April 5 & 12 and May 3 & 10. Book group for Kindergarteners and 1st graders. No registration required.

Ravenous Readers - From 7:00 – 8:00 pm in the Storytime Space Station on Tuesdays, October 19 & 26, November 16 & 23, February 15 & 22, March 22 & 29 and April 19 & 26. Book Discussion group for 2nd and 3rd graders. Free to Southfield and Lathrup Village residents. Registration required, space is limited, please call the Library at 248-796-4240.

Saturday Crafts - From 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Storytime Space Station on Saturdays, September 18, October 16, November 20 & December 18. Come join us for craft projects and fun at the Library!

TEEN READ WEEK - October 17 - 23

Teen Poetry Slam, October 19, 6:30-8:30 pm; Auditorium. Write and perform your own two to three minute original piece of poetry. Music, costumes and props are not allowed though some singing is fine. All efforts are applauded and there will be no negativity at this event!

Teen Movie Madness - October 21, 6:30 - 8:45 pm; Storytime Space Station. Teens in grades 6 – 12 come watch and then act along with the cast of a popular scary film.

NATIONAL READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY & DR. SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY - March 2; Meeting Room. Help the library celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday and National Read Across America Day. Watch for more details.

EXHIBITS

September - Lobby - "School Days and Early School Days" collection from the Children's Museum; First Level - WOW Entrance Wall; Second Level - Gallery Wall; & Third Level - Southfield Gallery Wall - "Juxtapositions"- Sculpture, Paintings and Jewelry by Dr. Susan Hershberg Adelman.

October - Lobby-"Michigan Animals, Bird Nests, Butterflies & Insects" collection from the Children's Museum; First Level – WOW Entrance Wall-A collection of antique and modern children's cookbooks from Southfield resident Elaine Harris; Second Level - Gallery Wall - "Paintings" by Larcenia Talley; Third Levels - Glass Displays - "Eating For Life" by Jim Corcoran; Third Level - Southfield Gallery Wall - "Honoring the Journey of Motherhood" photographs of children and families by Lisa Dunlap.

November - Lobby - "Lights Through The Ages" collection from the Children's Museum; Second Level - Gallery Wall & Glass Displays - "Mixed Media Art" by Peter Pinkhasov; Second Level - Gallery Wall - "The World Through the Art of an Artist" by Julie Dawson; Third level - Southfield Gallery Room - "Urban Landscapes and Architecture People and Nature" by Gordon Rodwan.

December - Second Level - Gallery Wall - "The World Through the Art of an Artist" by Julie Dawson; Third level - Southfield Gallery Room - "Urban Landscapes and Architecture People and Nature" by Gordon Rodwan.

January - Second Level - Gallery Wall —Abstract art by Al Bell; Third level - Southfield Gallery Room - "Photographs of Architecture" by Pavel Layer.

February - Second Level - Gallery Wall - "Art Through the Ages" presented by the Del Gallery in celebration of Black History Month; Third level - Southfield Gallery Room - "Photographs of Architecture" by Pavel Layer

March - Lobby -Women's History Display; Third level - Southfield Gallery Room - photographs by Andris Andersons

COMPUTER CLASSES

The Southfield Public Library is pleased to present Hands-On Computer classes, designed to give participants both the information and experience necessary to master the basics of the Internet, e-mail and computer software. All classes are FREE! Please call (248) 796-4200 or visit www.sfldlib.org to find out the current class schedules.

Adult computer class topics include: REALLY Basic Computer Skills, Basic Computer Skills, Email Basics, Getting Started on the Web I, Getting Started on the Web II, EBay with Ease, Find it Fast!, Microsoft Word I, Microsoft Word II, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher and Microsoft XP. The children's computer class is Where On The Web Are We Going?

NEW SERVICE AVAILABLE – PROXY SERVICE

The Proxy Service allows for library users who are not in the Library to access nearly all of our informational databases via the web. Go to www.sfldlib.org and click on the Research Databases link. Then go to your database of choice and when prompted enter your Library Barcode. You can then use the informational databases as if in the library building. Some of the many databases you can access are: eLibrary Elementary; First Search; Health & Wellness Resource Center; InfoTrac; Literature Resource Center; New York Times; Reference USA; Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage; World Book Online & Wall Street Journal.

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, Friends enable our Library to meet the challenges of today and to 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 and each of its residents. 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 new Friends Book Cellar on the lower level of the Library. The sale dates are:

October 7, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	November 4, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	December 2, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
October 9, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	November 6, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	December 4, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
October 10, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	November 7, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	December 5, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
January 6, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	February 3, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	March 3, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
January 8, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	February 5, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	March 5, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
January 9, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	February 6, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	March 6, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 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.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY WINS PRESTIGIOUS HONOR

The Grand Award from the Seventh Annual "Building Team Project of the Year" Awards competition was presented to the Southfield Public Library for its 127,000 sq. ft. library. Sponsored by Building Design & Construction Magazine, the awards, applaud the teamwork and collaborative excellence of building owners, architects, engineers and constructors.

Southfield Public Library was the project featured on the June 2004 cover of Building Design & Construction Magazine. As well as the Southfield Public Library, the other Grand Award Winners are The Tufts Performance and Production Center of Emerson College in Boston; The Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles, designed by the world famous architect, Frank Gehry and the renovation of Soldier Field in Chicago. Building Design & Construction Magazine is the highest circulating architecture and design magazine in the world.



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What's Happening in Southfield...

- Sept 6 - Labor Day**, City Offices & Library closed
Sept 11 - Autumnfest, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Mary Thompson Farm
Oct 1-3 - M&M Antique Show, Fri. 2 - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 12 - 5 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Oct 9 - Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC
Oct 11 - Columbus Day, City Offices & Library closed
Oct 16-17 - Modernism Show, Sat. 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Oct 30 - Lunch with the Great Pumpkin, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Nov. 2 - General Election Day, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Nov. 5 - Veterans' Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., City Hall
Nov. 7 - Southfield Philharmonic Concert, 7 p.m., location TBA
Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day, City Offices & Library closed
Nov. 13-14 - Metro Parent Native American Festival, Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sfld. Pav.
Nov. 19-21 - M&M Antique Show, Fri. 2 - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. 12 - 5 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving (and Nov. 26), City Offices & Library closed
Nov. 26-28 - Intl. Gem Show, Fri. 12 - 7 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Nov. 30 - Burgh Tree Lighting Ceremony, 7 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
Dec. 6 - Tree Lighting/Visits with Santa, 6:45 - 9 p.m., City Hall
Jan. 12 - Middle School Challenge (Battle of the Books), 7 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Dec. 19 - Southfield Philharmonic Concert, 7 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Jan. 17 - Dr. MLK, Jr. Peace Walk, 10 a.m., Hope United Methodist Church, program 11:30 a.m., Civic Ctr.
Jan. 19 - 4th Grade Battle of the Books, 7 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Jan. 20 - 5th Grade Battle of the Books, 7 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Feb. 13 - Southfield Philharmonic Concert, 7 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
Feb. 25-27 - M&M Antique Show, Fri. 2 - 9 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
April 14 - High School Battle of the Books, 7 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion
May 22 - Southfield Philharmonic Concert, 7 p.m., Sfld. Pavilion



Winter at the Burgh Historical Site

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The Detroit Audubon Society meets monthly in the Parks & Recreation building except for Sept. 8 which will be held in the Marcotte Room. Meetings are free and open to the public. For dates, topics and speakers, visit their Web site at detroitaudubon.org or call (248) 545-2929.

Sept. 8 (Wed.) at 7:00 p.m. - Overturning the Dove Hunt. The Songbird Protection Coalition and Humane Society of the United States will present strategies to protect the songbird; Marcotte Room.

Oct. 14 (Thurs.) at 7:00 p.m. - Wild Utah: America's Red Rock Wilderness presented by Bob Brister of the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. Mr. Brister will present a multi-media slide show to document efforts to protect this unique wilderness; P&R Bldg.

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