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City of Southfield purchases former Northland Center to pave the way for new development

The City of Southfield purchased the former Northland Center mall located in the City's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) District, from the court-ordered receiver last December with plans to demolish, remediate, and sell the property to a qualified developer.

"The City of Southfield purchased the 114 acre property to protect, maintain, and ultimately increase the property values for Southfield's home and business owners. The City does NOT intend to develop or own the property, we plan to demolish it and clean it up so it can be sold to a qualified property developer who will build a new, revitalized mixed-use development containing office, retail, and residential space on the site," stated Southfield Mayor Ken Siver. "We bought the mall because there were no viable offers on the table and we did not want Northland to fall victim to blight, dumping, graffiti or scappers. The Northland name is synonymous with Southfield and it's important that we find the finest development possible for this site."

In addition to the \$2.4 million the City is spending to purchase Northland, Southfield also anticipates spending an additional \$8-\$10 million on the demolition and remediation of the property. There was a \$31 million mortgage lien on the property which was extinguished upon the City's purchase of the property.

"Further, by owning the center, we control the destiny of this 114 acres and will be able to develop the site to its full potential," Mayor Siver continued.

The mayor, city council, and city administration have been very forward thinking in planning for property redevelopment for large land parcels such as this. In addition to taking advantage of available low interest and no interest government loans and/or



grants, the two primary sources of funding being utilized are from the following restricted funds:

- The Tax Base Initiative Fund (TBIF)—which can only be used for city redevelopment projects—has set aside \$7.8 million over the past two years.
- The Local Improvement Revolving Fund (LIRF)—which is reserved solely for capital projects—began in 1983 and has \$15.3 million of which \$12.5 million is in liquid assets.

The City of Southfield will NOT have to increase taxes to purchase, demolish and clean up the property; nor will the City have to increase taxes to replenish the funds being spent on the project.

"The City is currently in the process of hiring a private company -- through a published bidding process -- to demolish and clean up the site. We have put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) to

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Free the Bear: Northland Public Art Fundraising Campaign

Many remember Northland Center very fondly: the shopping, the restaurants, and of course, the Marshall Fredericks sculpture—The Boy and Bear. Fredericks wanted his bigger-than-life art piece to be very public, reaching out to children and their parents and grandparents in a very human and playful way.

When Northland Center closed, The Boy and Bear was slated for auction. The City of Southfield intervened to keep this important piece of history—and art—here in Southfield for our citizens to cherish for future generations. With your support, the legacy of this piece will continue. The Southfield Public Arts Commission has found a permanent home for this sculpture—at the Southfield Public Library. Our library receives thousands of visitors per week, and Marshall Fredericks would have been pleased to know his work will continue reaching so many people each day. This campaign to raise funds creates a final resting place for





Mayor Ken Siver sponsors "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest

Three winning essayists will receive cash prize and chance to read their essay at televised city council meeting

Mayor Ken Siver is sponsoring a new essay contest to encourage young people to get involved in their community and to learn more about their local government. Mayor Siver invites all 6th grade students throughout Southfield to participate in a citywide "If I Were Mayor, I Would..." essay contest.

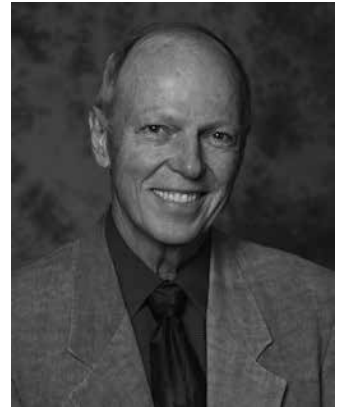
The purpose of the essay contest is to engage young people in local government and to solicit input from the next generation of future leaders. The contest gives students a chance to creatively use grade-specific language arts, civics and social studies knowledge.

Promoting good city government is important to Mayor Siver and the city of Southfield, and this essay contest provides students the opportunity to reflect on the role of the chief elected official in their own city. In addition to helping youth think about the important role that municipal government plays in their daily lives and communities, the contest also offers an opportunity for city officials to connect with local schools and students.

"The future mayors of our city are in classrooms today," commented Mayor Ken Siver. "The education they receive helps them to become good citizens – and good mayors. The best way to ensure that students understand how municipal government works is to get them involved."

The essay contest is open to all 6th grade students in Southfield, including public, private, parochial, Hebrew, charter and home-schooled. A \$100 cash prize will be awarded to the first place winner; \$50 will be awarded to

the second place winner, and \$25 will be awarded to the third place winner. Winning essayists will also be invited to read their essay at a televised City Council meeting in May. Each essay must contain the student's name, school, home address, and phone number on the front page or cover sheet. Entries may be typed in a 12-point font, double-spaced or handwritten on white 8.5"x11" paper. Essays will be judged on creativity, clarity, content and adherence to the theme. Essays are limited to a maximum length of 250 words; one entry per student. **All essays must be received or postmarked by Friday, April 15, 2016.** Entries should be mailed to: Mayor's Office, Attn: Mayor's Essay Contest, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055. Entries may also be e-mailed as an attachment in Microsoft Word to: ssilva@cityofsouthfield.com.



The three winning essays will be selected by a review committee comprised of Mayor Siver, local teachers, educators and city officials. Information packets were sent to all public, private and charter schools throughout Southfield. If a school did not receive the packet, it can be obtained from the City's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com or by calling the Mayor's Office at (248) 796-5100.

For more information, call Sue Silva, special projects coordinator in the Mayor's Office, at (248) 796-5100.

Mayor Siver to host Community State of the City address March 31

Mayor Ken Siver will hold a Community State of the City address on Thursday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 26000 Evergreen Road.

The event will include Mayor Siver's overview of the past year as well as his vision for the coming year and beyond. Mayor Siver delivered the 2016 State of the City address at the Southfield Area Chamber of Commerce Annual

Meeting on March 21 at the Westin Hotel-Southfield. The Community State of the City address will provide residents an opportunity to hear a re-cap of the Mayor's remarks. The event is free and open to the general public; however, seating is limited so please arrive early.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office at (248) 796-5100.

Southfield seeks nominations for 2016 Community Pride Awards

Program expanded to include businesses and other additional categories

The City of Southfield is currently seeking nominations for the 2016 Community Pride Awards, which recognizes Southfield residents that have gone the extra mile in their beautification efforts. The program has been expanded to now include several new categories including 'Businesses – Small', 'Businesses – Large' and 'Well-Manicured/Maintained Residential Properties' which is geared for homeowners that maintain curb appeal on a budget.

The program is coordinated by the City's Neighborhood & Information Center and the Southfield Parks & Garden Club to promote beautification efforts throughout the city. Residents are encouraged to nominate individual homeowners, neighborhoods, condominiums, apartments, businesses 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 July. All winners will be honored by the mayor and city council prior to a council meeting in October.

Nomination forms are available at the City's Neighborhood & Information Center located inside City Hall at 26000 Evergreen Road, or they may be downloaded from the City's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com. Pictures of properties are welcome and the condition of the entire property will be considered for judging. **All nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2016.** Nominations may be hand delivered to the Neighborhood & Information Center, mailed to: City of Southfield, Attn: Community Relations, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055 or e-mail: lcarr@cityofsouthfield.com.



For more information, call the Community Relations Department at (248) 796-5130.

Southfield Parks & Garden Club continues to blossom and grow

The Southfield Parks and Garden Club (SP&GC) has been active since 2005 as a charitable community service organization serving Southfield and neighboring communities. The Club fixes up the front landscapes of elderly and/or disabled low-income residents, maps and maintains city park trails, provides gardening education, conducts litter pickups, sponsors the annual Southfield Garden Walk, co-sponsors the annual Southfield Community Pride awards, and operates the Emmanuel Community Farm. The Club holds meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., April through October, in Room 112 of the Parks and Recreation building. Typical meetings consist of discussions on gardening ideas, presentations on various topics, and planning future projects. More information may be found at www.parksandgarden.org or by calling (248) 356-2281.

The Emmanuel Community Farm is an all-volunteer sustainable organic garden which gives all of its produce to Forgotten Harvest for distribution to food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the metro area. The Farm has donated over 20,000 pounds of fresh fruit and vegetables since 2008.

Emmanuel Community Farm is located at 23425 Lahser, just North of 9 Mile Road. Workdays take place on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. through mid-October. Visitors and volunteers are always welcome (children 9 to 16 years of age require adult supervision). The Farm provide tools and training in organic methods. Visit www.emmanuelcommunityfarm.org or call (248) 356-2281 for more information.

2016 Southfield Garden Walk set for June 26

SP&GC will hold the 10th annual Southfield Garden Walk in the beautiful Farmbrooke and Stonecroft neighborhoods on Sunday, June 26 from 2-5 p.m.

Tickets are just \$10 and will be available at the Walk or purchased in advance by calling (248) 356-2281. The ticket table and vendors will be located at the Burgh Historical Park, 26080 Berg Road. Shuttle buses will be available. Members of the Southfield Historical Society will also provide guided tours of the Southfield History Museum.

CITY CLERK'S NEWS

Nancy L. M. Banks, City Clerk



2016 Election Information

State Primary Election – August 2, 2016

Presidential General Election – November 8, 2016

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. on Election Days.

Election Inspectors with Computer Skills Needed

2016 is a big election year and the City Clerk's Office is seeking applicants with computer skills to work as Election Inspectors in the August Primary and November General Elections. Michigan law allows students age 16 years or older to work at the polls.

Applications from workers of all eligible ages are welcome. You must be a registered voter in the State of Michigan. Compensation for Election Inspectors is \$140 for the full day (6 a.m. until polls close and election results are reported); Chairpersons receive \$180 for the day. All political parties are encouraged to apply.

Visit the City's website at www.cityofsouthfield.com to download and fill out the Election Inspector Application.

Do You Know Your Voting Precinct?

Are you registered to vote? Do you know your voting precinct and polling

location? In an effort to provide better service for our residents, and to help cut down the number of phone calls and/or waiting in line on Election Day, you can verify your voter information by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150 or visiting our website at www.cityofsouthfield.com. Click on the Government Tab at the top, select City Clerk's Office, under Services on left hand side scroll down and click on Election Information. Under Downloads on the far right, click on **Are You Registered to Vote**. Enter your name and zip code and your voter information will appear.

Absent Voter Information

Michigan law requires that registered voters wishing to receive an absent voter ballot must complete an Application for each election for which an absentee ballot is needed. Voters whose names are on the Permanent Absent Voter List will be mailed an Absent Voter Ballot Application in June 2016. The application must be returned to the City Clerk's office, completed and signed, before an absentee ballot can be mailed to the voter.

If you need an absentee ballot for the 2016 Elections, contact the City

Clerk's office at (248) 796-5150, or visit the City's Web site to download the application form. (You must print your full name and address on the application form.)

The City Clerk's Office will be open on **Saturday, July 30** and **Saturday, November 5** from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. to accept and process Absent Voter Ballot Applications.

The last dates for qualified electors to obtain an Absent Voter Ballot for the 2016 Elections are: **Monday, August 1** until 4 p.m. and **Monday, November 7** until 4 p.m.

Ballots issued on August 1 and November 7 must be voted on-site and cannot leave the building. All Absent Voter Ballots must be returned to the City Clerk's Office by 8 p.m. on Election Night in order to be counted.

Garage Sale Permits

Spring marks the beginning of the garage sale season. Southfield residents may sell used personal property such as clothing, garden tools, toys or other second hand items customarily found in and about the home. The term garage sale also includes reference to Basement Sale, Estate Sale and Attic Sale.

The Southfield City Code allows residents to hold a garage sale once every six months. **VALID GARAGE SALE SIGNS FOR 2016 ARE RED.** The cost of the permit is \$5, which includes



one (1) sign with a wire stand. One additional sign may be purchased for an additional \$3 fee. Permits are valid for five (5) consecutive days, and can only be used once every six months. 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. 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 sign located in the public right-of-way will be removed by the City and discarded.

Solicitors

The spring and summer seasons bring an increase in solicitors in the residential areas. A solicitor is any person who goes door-to-door on private property for the purpose of offering or selling goods

or services, or to request a contribution of funds for political, charitable, religious or other non-commercial purposes.

No person shall solicit within the City of Southfield without first obtaining a permit issued by the City Clerk's Office.

Other than veterans or solicitors within three miles of their residence who solicit for educational, charitable, religious or youth organizations, all persons must first obtain a City permit. The City permit, complete with name, address and photo of the permittee, must be worn and visible while the individual is soliciting or peddling in the City.

Solicitation activities are permitted between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. It is unlawful for any person to conduct solicitation activities where the property owner or legal occupant has posted a sign bearing the words "No Solicitors," "No Solicitation," or words of a similar nature.

Lawn Care & Business Licenses

The City Clerk's office is responsible for issuing various types of licenses. Garage Sale Permits, Taxicab Licenses, Vendor Licenses, and certain Business Licenses to include but not limited to lawn care and snow removal, tree removal, ice cream trucks, etc. Those businesses required to be licensed to operate in the City of Southfield must have a current Business License for each location.

Please help us make sure the company you are doing business with is licensed in Southfield. Ask to see a copy of their business license.



PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER FORM

▲ Please Detach at Perf and Return This Bottom Portion in an Envelope.

Mail To: NANCY L.M. BANKS, City Clerk
 City of Southfield
 26000 Evergreen
 P.O. Box 2055
 Southfield, MI 48037-2055

VOTER CONTACT INFORMATION	
Please complete the information below.	
Print Full Name	
Address	
Home Phone:	
Mobile Phone:	
E-Mail:	

Yes, Please add my name to your Permanent Absent Voter List. I understand that I will automatically receive an Absent Voter Ballot Application prior to each upcoming election. I further understand that if I choose to be on the permanent list, and I automatically receive an application for an absentee ballot, that I could still vote in person at the polls simply by not returning my absentee application for processing.

 Signature of Absent Voter

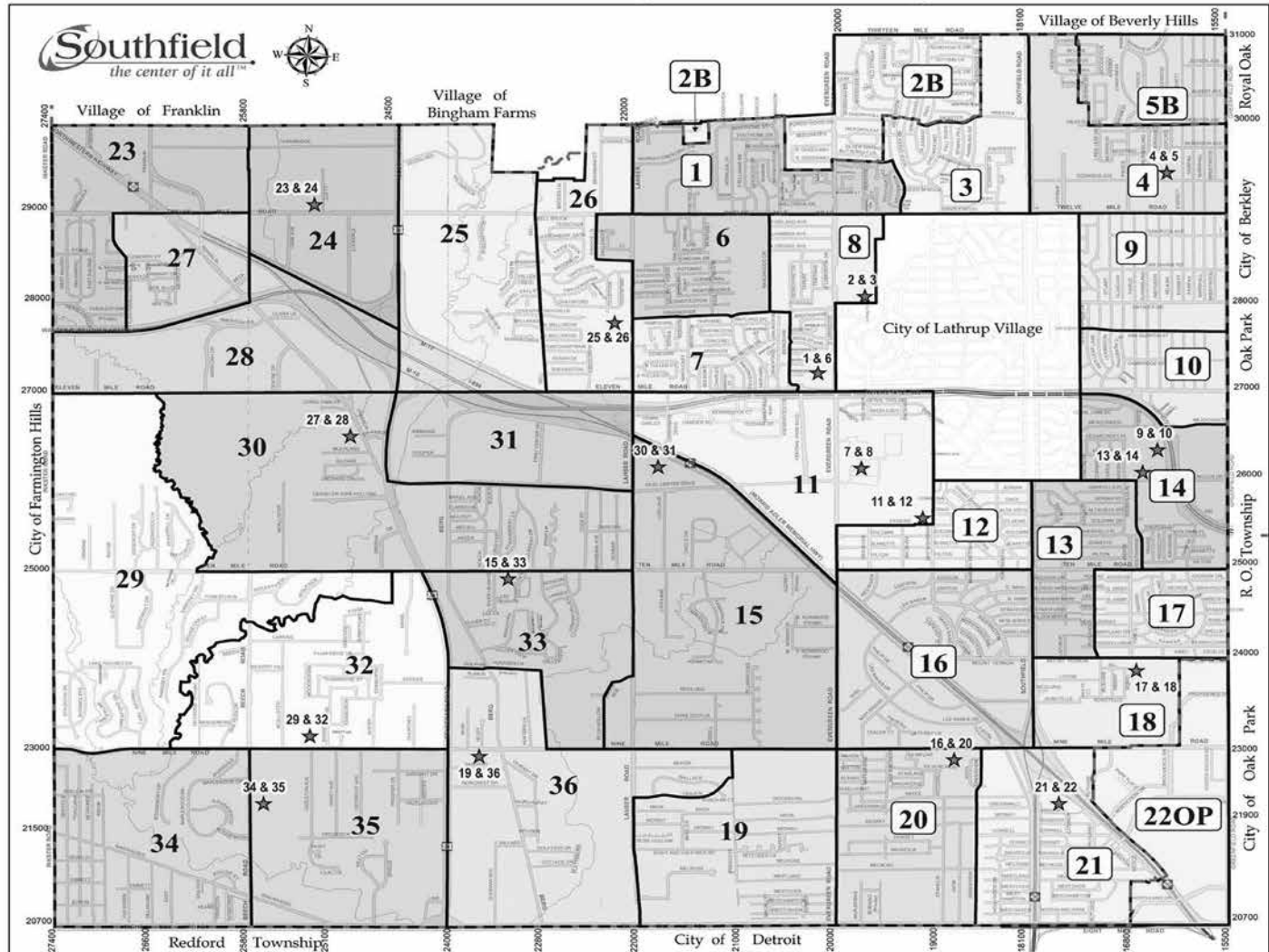
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2016 City of Southfield Guide to Voting Precincts

(Total Locations: 18 - Polling Locations Map below. Precincts identified with star.)

01	Birney Middle School 27225 Evergreen Road	10	Thompson School 16300 Lincoln Drive	19	New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Hall 23455 W. Nine Mile Road	28	Christian Tabernacle Church 26555 Franklin Road
02	McIntyre School 19600 Saratoga	11	Adler School 19100 Filmore	20	Brace-Lederle School 18575 Nine Mile Road	29	Levey Middle School 25300 Nine Mile Road
03	McIntyre School 19600 Saratoga	12	Adler School 19100 Filmore	21	St. Johns Armenian Church 22001 Northwestern Hwy	30	Hope United Methodist 26275 Northwestern Hwy
04	Vandenberg School 16100 Edwards	13	Schoenhals School 16500 Lincoln Drive	22	St. Johns Armenian Church 22001 Northwestern Hwy	31	Hope United Methodist 26275 Northwestern Hwy
05	Vandenberg School 16100 Edwards	14	Schoenhals School 16500 Lincoln Drive	23	Regency Manor (Palace of Southfield) 25228 Twelve Mile Road	32	Levey Middle School 25300 Nine Mile Road
06	Birney Middle School 27225 Evergreen Road	15	Oakland Church of Christ 23333 Ten Mile Road	24	Regency Manor (Palace of Southfield) 25228 Twelve Mile Road	33	Oakland Church of Christ 23333 Ten Mile Road
07	City Hall 26000 Evergreen Road	16	Brace-Lederle School 18575 Nine Mile Road	25	Stevenson School 27777 Lahser Road	34	Beech Woods Recreation Center 22200 Beech Road
08	City Hall 26000 Evergreen Road	17	Southfield Education Center (SEC) (Kennedy School) 16299 Mt. Vernon	26	Stevenson School 27777 Lahser Road	35	Beech Woods Recreation Center 22200 Beech Road
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2016 City of Southfield Voting Precincts & Polling Locations Map



{ Precincts identified with star }



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solicit bids for demolition and clean-up. Simultaneously, the City is seeking grants to underwrite part or all of the cost of the demolition and clean-up,” commented Southfield City Administrator Fred Zorn. “It is anticipated that it will take about a year for the demolition and clean up to take place.”

Why Northland Center is so important to the City of Southfield:

- Located just north of 8 Mile Road, the border between Detroit and Southfield, it is the important southern entry-way into Southfield from Michigan's largest city.
- It is adjacent to the Lodge Freeway (M-10), which goes northwest from downtown Detroit through Southfield to West Bloomfield, six miles north of the Detroit/Southfield border.
- The Lodge connects with two other major expressways, the Southfield Freeway and I-696 a few miles north of Northland Center.
- About 140,000 vehicles pass the site daily on the Lodge.
- Northland Center is located just south of City's marquee cluster of five golden skyscrapers known as the “Golden Triangle” that form the contemporary Southfield Town Center office complex with the Westin Hotel and conference center.
- If the site is not demolished and re-developed into a revitalized mixed-use site, it could become an eye-sore that brings down property values for homes and businesses throughout Southfield.

Background on Northland Center:

- Northland Center was the largest shopping mall in the world when it opened in March 1954. The mall was enclosed 20 years later in 1974.
- Northland led the way for Southfield to become a major commercial, business and residential center in metropolitan Detroit.
- When the original center was completed, Southfield's population was only 25,000. Fifteen years later, the population had grown to 69,000, which is about what it is today (72,000).
- In addition to its population growth, the Center helped foster enormous office expansion. Today, Southfield boasts more than 27 million square feet of office space, making it one of Michigan's leading business centers.
- Over the past decade, due to a struggling economy and an aging facility, many Northland Center stores closed. In August of 2014, the mall went into receivership and in March of 2015 the remaining stores were closed.

The City is currently in the process of selecting a multi-professional development team to formulate a plan for redeveloping Northland into a future mixed-use project and to help determine which buildings — if any — could be reused. The selected firm(s) will evaluate and study the current market conditions, hold planning meetings, and make recommendations to the City for a development plan to create a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly mixed-use, including green infrastructure. The demolition process for former mall and tunnels could begin as early as this summer.

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this great sculpture. Moreover, your contribution will establish a permanent fund for youth art programming, support local artists, and expand cultural opportunities in our city.

For Our Youth

Your support will lead the way in developing an art-specific fund for our future generations in Southfield. We are committed to developing and maintaining the great assets of our city by doing the following: Creating education and outreach programs specific for our youth; Encouraging expression through art at an early age; Invigorating and developing public interest in the Arts; Maintaining our existing artwork; and Promoting diversity and global thinking.

Crowd Funding

The Southfield Public Arts Commission (501(c)3 pending) has started a GoFundMe campaign to allow public donations with ease. Please join us in continuing the legacy of this prized artwork for generations! The City will hold a VIP reception and unveiling of The Boy and the Bear at the Library for donors on May 19. A public unveiling will take place on May 23. Watch for more information forthcoming soon!

To donate, please send cash donations or checks (made payable to): City of Southfield, c/o Mayor Ken Siver, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055; or visit: www.gofundme.com/freethebear.

For more information, call the Mayor's Office at (248) 796-5100 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

“I gave the bear big ears, big feet, and soft forms so he'd appeal to youngsters. I hope when children see him, they will imagine themselves riding on his back.”

- Marshall Fredericks, The Detroit News, March 15, 1994

Construction Update

Thanks in part to the passage of the \$99 million Street Improvements Bond, the City of Southfield will again lead nearly every Oakland County community in active road construction projects this season.

Section 15 – Kingley Estates, Southfield Manor, Ranchwood

Water Main Replacement & Road Rehabilitation
Estimated Project Cost: \$4.1M

Section 19 – Edgewood Hills

Water Main Replacement & Road Rehabilitation
Estimated Project Cost: \$1.8M

Section 24 (Area 3)

Sewer, Water & Road Reconstruction
Estimated Project Cost: \$4.6M

Section 25 (Area 9)

Sewer, Water & Road Reconstruction
Estimated Project Cost: \$6.6M

Section 28

Water Main Replacement & Road Rehabilitation
Estimated Project Cost: \$6.7M

Section 34 – Phase II

Water Main Replacement & Road Rehabilitation
Estimated Project Cost: \$4.6M

Section 35 – Phase I (2015 start)

Water Main Replacement & Road Rehabilitation
Estimated Project Cost: \$4.9M

Northland Drive

Sewer Upgrades & Road Reconstruction
Estimated Project Cost: \$1.8M

Bell Road

Road Reconstruction & Sidewalk Construction
Estimated Project Cost: \$3.7M

Nine Mile (Beech – Telegraph)

Road Reconstruction/Widening
Estimated Project Cost: \$2.8M

**TOTAL 2016 INFRASTRUCTURE
INVESTMENT: \$41.6 million**

Visit cityofsouthfield.com to learn more.

Make your lawn the envy of the neighborhood with these easy tips

Does the grass look greener on the other side of the fence? If so, maybe you just need a few good lawn tips to learn how to get green grass that will be the envy of the neighborhood. It may seem simple: cut and water your lawn and it will grow green and healthy. But what do you do when a brown patch appears, or your grass is slowly being replaced with moss? And how do you keep your lawn looking its best whatever the season? Read on to find out how to deal with lawn problems and maintenance tips.

When to Mow

Mowing is essential for your lawn. Ideally, you should maintain a height of 3-4 inches to promote root growth and shade out weeds. {By City Ordinance, lawn grass cannot exceed 8 inches in height.} Be careful to not cut too short or the grass will become weak and be in danger of being invaded by weeds. Never remove more than one third of the length of the grass. Using a mulching lawn mower will not only make your lawn greener; it will also reduce the amount of raking and bagging you will have to do. Grass clippings have nutrients that will help maintain a green lawn provided they are not too thick. The good news is there are plenty of times you shouldn't mow your lawn: when it's wet; when it's too hot; or when it's frosty. The bad news is, during the growing season when it's warm and sunny but still moist, you may need to cut the lawn twice a week to keep it looking at its best.

Spring

Now's the time to do a lot of work on your lawn, as the grass begins to grow again. Consider a spring cleanup of dead flowerheads and other debris throughout your landscaping - Yard Waste Collection begins on April 4. Feed your grass with a commercial lawn feed after mowing every few weeks. Alternatively, you can get long-

lasting feed that you only need to apply once in four months. Deal with weeds in the spring. If you have small patches of weeds or moss, use selective weed killer that won't damage your lawn. If you have a widespread moss problem, you can buy weed and moss killer that also contains feed for the grass. If you have any resultant bare patches, cover it with a specialist mix that contains grass seed, grass feed and seeding soil for best results. You can even get coated grass seed that withstands the ravages of pet urine.

Summer

On average, lawns should be watered two to three times a week. Use a sprinkler that gives a slow, light watering rather than fast, hard waterings. Early morning just before sunrise is the best time of day to water your lawn, or at dusk if morning is not possible. During the day the grass needs to soak in energy from the sun so shouldn't be covered with water if you can help it.

If you have very compact soil, aerate it with a hollow tine aerator or a simple garden fork. Do this before watering to allow the moisture and feed to get down to the grass roots more easily.

Fall & Winter

Adjust the cutting height on your mower to cut the grass higher as it will be growing more slowly now. You can cut less frequently throughout fall and winter. Instead of mowing, you'll be raking away fallen leaves and other debris. Remember that yard waste collection ends on your regularly scheduled trash pickup day through November 26. If you want to feed it before winter, make sure you use a fall specific lawn feed. Don't feed the lawn over the winter, as this will encourage early growth that wouldn't withstand winter weather until the spring sunshine returns.



Rizzo Environmental Services selected as City's new rubbish/recycling contractor

Significant cost savings and larger recycle bins in new contract

The Southfield City Council recently selected Rizzo Services as the City's new solid waste provider for residential collection and disposal, yard waste, large bulky waste, and recycling collection. The new Rizzo contract will begin on July 1, 2016.

Rizzo Environmental Services is southeast Michigan's largest family owned and operated full service solid waste provider. Collection will be done with clean, modern, professional trucks and courteous drivers. Residents' weekly trash collection day will stay the same as will all current collection guidelines.

One of the many benefits of the new Rizzo contract will be the availability of free new 64 gallon recycling carts for any resident that is interested in ordering one. (Please note: the new carts are not required, you may continue to use your current recycling bin if preferred.) The new recycling carts will be available to order beginning on June 20, 2016. To order, simply call (866) 772-8900 or visit www.rizzoservices.com and click on the City of Southfield link. The carts will be delivered free-of-charge beginning July 1.

Guidelines for Weekly Trash & Recycling Pick-up

Place trash and recycling at the curb after



4 p.m. on the afternoon before scheduled pick-up and no later than 7 a.m. the day of your scheduled pick-up. Empty receptacles must be removed from the curb by noon of the day after pick-up. All mixed-refuse (non-recyclables) must be in bags or watertight containers holding 32 gallons or less, including tight-fitting lids and handles.

Yard waste must be in recyclable paper bags or in ordinary trash containers (marked with a "Y" or a Yard Waste sticker) and placed at least three feet from the regular trash. Branches and tree limbs must be less than 8 inches in diameter and not more than 6 feet long with cut ends facing the street. They will be picked up from the curb from spring through fall.

For more information, Call the Rizzo Customer Care Center at (866) 772-8900 Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. or visit www.rizzoservices.com. Call Southfield Public Works at (248) 796-4860 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Code Enforcement Community Dialogue

The Mayor and City Council invite residents to discuss Code Enforcement at a Community Dialogue on April 14.

In response to citizen concerns over code enforcement in Southfield, the Mayor and Council are hosting a Community Dialogue on appearance codes and procedures. **Residents are invited to attend the dialogue on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers.**

Code enforcement was a hot topic during the 2015 local elections. Following closely behind roads, code enforcement and neighborhood appearances were foremost on the minds of residents.

Downtown Police Station re-opens

The Police Department is pleased to announce that operations have resumed at the Downtown Station (DTS). The DTS is located in the east parking lot of the former Northland Center off of Greenfield Road between J.L. Hudson Drive and Northland Drive. The DTS is now staffed by the police department's community-related units, including the Crime Prevention Bureau, Community Policing Officers, Neighborhood Watch, the Traffic Safety Bureau, and the Tactical Crime Suppression Unit.

Chief Eric Hawkins states "The police department is excited to re-establish a sub-station presence in the community. Recent studies strongly suggest that police sub-stations lead to greater police-community collaborations and lower crime rates. The re-opening of the DTS will have a positive impact on the entire Southfield community."

Advertise in the 2016 City of Southfield Calendar

Reach potential customers all year long with just one ad! More than 45,000 copies of the City of Southfield's award-winning calendar are mailed annually to every home, apartment and business 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 than 73,000 Southfield residents and 10,000 businesses for one extraordinarily low price. The return on an investment in a calendar ad reaps dividends throughout the entire year — providing lasting visibility for your business.

Reserve your ad today—space is limited! Call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 for more information.

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD

2015 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

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

The City of Southfield, The Southeastern Oakland County 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 2015 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 210,000 within a 56 square mile area. Current members are: Berkley, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield and Southfield Township.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the 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 in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from "very 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 Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

Your source water may at times come from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. 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 in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron Source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has

historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards. In 2015, DWSD received a grant from The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to develop a source water protection program for the Lake Huron water treatment plant intake. The program includes seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection area, identification of potential of source water protection area, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources and public participation. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment Report, please contact DWSD Water Quality Division at (313) 926-8102.

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.

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.**



2015 Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.



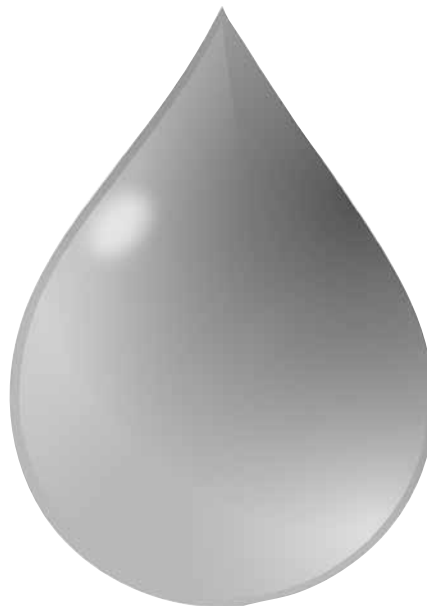
SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT 2015 REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/11/15	ppm	4	4	0.45	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/11/15	ppm	10	10	0.33	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in DWSD Distribution System By Treatment Plant								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2015	ppm	4	4	0.74	0.66-0.79	no	Water additive used to control microbes
2015 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU			Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)			Violation yes/no		Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.18 NTU			100%			no		Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								
Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique							Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal requirement.							Erosion of natural deposits

2015 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.74	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality, ML Semegen





LAKE HURON WATER TREATMENT PLANT

2015 REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/11/15	ppm	4	4	0.43	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/11/15	ppm	10	10	0.30	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Disinfectant Residuals Monitoring in GLWA Distribution System by Treatment Plant								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2015	ppm	4	4	0.82	0.71-0.91	no	Water additive used to control microbes
Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique							Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.							Erosion of natural deposits

2015 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)		Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.2 NTU	100%		no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique						Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.						Erosion of natural deposits
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/14	pCi/L	0	5	0.86 + or - 0.55	no	Erosion of natural deposits

2015 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.00	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection, sampling result information and table provided by GLWA Water Quality Division, ML Semegen



NORTHWEST WATER TREATMENT PLANT 2015 REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLES

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	5/11/15	ppm	4	4	0.46	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/11/15	ppm	10	10	0.28	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Disinfectant Residual – Monitoring in Distribution System by Treatment Plant								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation Yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine residual	Jan-Dec 2015	ppm	4	4	0.75	0.65-0.82	no	Water additive used to control microbes
2015 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU			Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)			Violation yes/no		Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.17 NTU			100%			no		Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								
Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique							Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.							Erosion of natural deposits

2015 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.96	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by GLWA Water Quality Division, ML Semegen



For more information, contact the Southfield Water Department at (248) 796-4850.



CITY OF SOUTHFIELD WATER QUALITY RESULTS

Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes	2015	ppb	n/a	80	25	10.6-45.6	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2015	ppb	n/a	60	12	0-19	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection

2014 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment.
<i>E. coli</i> Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E. coli</i> positive.	0	no	Human waste and animal fecal waste.

2014 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customers' Tap								
Regulaed Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	0	0	yes *	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	2014	ppb	1300	1300	94.6 ppb	0	no	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value

* In 2014, we received a monitoring violation for collecting 12 lead and copper samples, instead of the required 13. We will be conducting lead and copper monitoring again in 2017 and will ensure the proper number of samples are collected.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Lead

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Southfield is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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 guidelines 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.

Questions?

- Local Distribution: City of Southfield, Public Works Administration: (248) 796-4850

- 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) 926-8128 or www.dwsd.org.
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division – (586) 753-3755 or www.michigan.gov/deq.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791

Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at: www.epa.gov/drink.

City of Southfield launches Southfield Ambassadors program

The City of Southfield Total Living Commission (TLC) is seeking applicants for the Southfield Ambassadors program, a new community engagement fellowship designed to connect the community.

Ambassadors will work to connect with fellow residents and surrounding cities to promote Southfield and raise awareness of its many events and activities. This select group of volunteers will engage in an active two-year leadership development program while networking with Southfield officials, organizations and businesses to raise public awareness of key programs and projects for the city.

Criteria to be eligible to become a Southfield Ambassador:

- Applicants must be 18 years or older;
- Applicants must be a Southfield resident, work, go to school or worship in the city of Southfield;
- Applicants need to be available for a two-year fellowship program; and
- Applicants must be willing to submit to a criminal background check (if required).

Ambassador Program Selection Process:

- Application period March 14 – April 15, 2016. **All applications must be received by April 15, 2016.**
- Applications will be reviewed for interviews April 20-29, 2016.
- Interviews will take place May 2-13, 2016.
- Applicants will be selected and notified by May 20, 2016.

- The official Ambassadors Welcome Reception / Program Kick-off will take place on June 1, 2016.
- The selected Southfield Ambassadors fellowship will run from June 1, 2016 – June 1, 2018.

The complete program guidelines and application are available on the City's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com. To be considered, the application must be filled out in its entirety and e-mailed to lcarr@cityofsouthfield.com or mailed to City of Southfield, Attn: Community Relations Department, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055.

For more information, contact Community Relations at (248) 796-5130.

Southfield reintroduces Greg Kennedy Community Service Award

The City of Southfield has reintroduced the Greg Kennedy Community Service Award to honor members of the community who exemplify the characteristics of the late Greg Kennedy.

The award was originally established in 1999 to honor the legacy of community activist Greg Kennedy by encouraging other residents to engage in public service.

The Greg Kennedy Community Service Award is intended to:

- Recognize and encourage volunteerism in the City of Southfield;
- Raise public awareness of the many areas within the City that benefit from volunteer commitment; and
- Recognize unsung heroes who represent the characteristics of the late Greg Kennedy and his commitment to Southfield and its residents.

Criteria

Nominees must be a Southfield resident for at least the past five years who is involved in the community and exemplifies community spirit through their attitude, activities and volunteer efforts. The following criteria should be considered when nominating someone for this honor:

1. **Service:** Nominees should be recognized for their service to the City of Southfield, Southfield Schools and PTAs, religious organizations, senior citizens' groups, youth organizations, and/or its residents. The nominee's volunteer activity should be exemplary in community service and involvement.

2. **Character:** Nominees should embody and demonstrate qualities of Greg Kennedy's personal character including compassion, community dedication, and service to Southfield.

3. **Impact:** The nominee's activities should demonstrate a long-term commitment to community programs and activities. The nominee's service has made an impact or difference to the community.

Nomination Process

Nominations are due by September 1 and are available online at www.cityofsouthfield.com or in print at City Hall. Nominations for this prestigious award are reviewed by the City's Total Living Commission with recommendations made to Southfield City Council. The City Council recognizes one resident annually with the Greg Kennedy Community Service Award as merited. The

award will be presented at a televised City Council meeting in December if a deserving candidate is nominated.

Nomination Questions

Please provide, in 150 words or less, a brief biography of your nominee. Include a brief summary of the nominee's volunteer service activities. Please provide information about how long the nominee has lived in the community, community-related hobbies and other interests, relevant job or family information. Please elaborate on your Nominee Summary by addressing the following points in no more than 500 words: 1) Volunteer Service Activity; 2) Accomplishments; and 3) Anecdotes.

The complete award guidelines and nomination form are available on the City's Web site at www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Since its inception, there have been only three past recipients of the award, including: Samuel P. Havis in 2000; Jacqueline Nelson in 2001; and Muriel Zweigel in 2003.

For more information, call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130.

What's Happening in Southfield?

Spring | Summer 2016

- March 31 - **Community State of the City Address**, 7 p.m., Council Chambers
- April 4 - **Yard Waste Collection begins** (on your regularly scheduled trash day through November 26)
- April 14 - **Code Enforcement Community Dialogue**, 7 p.m., Council Chambers
- April 16 - **Household Hazardous Waste Day** (including document shredding), 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC Center
- April 27 - **Shakespeare Performace - Great Michigan Reads**, 7 p.m., Southfield Public Library
- May 7 - **32nd Annual Fishing Derby**, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Rouge River (at Valley Woods Trail)
- Southfield Youth Baseball Opening Day**, Citywide
- Tennis Free for All**, 10 a.m., Civic Center Tennis Courts
- May 21 - **46th Annual Rouge River Clean Up**, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Beech Woods Recreation Center
- May 27 - **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 9 a.m., City Hall
- May 30 - **Memorial Day (observed)**, City Offices & Library closed; *Rubbish collection delayed one day all week*
- June 9 - **Eat to the Beat Concert**, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza
- June 18 - **Southfield Summer Soulstice run**, 6-11 p.m., City Hall front lawn
- June 22 - **Family Fun & Safety Night (featuring Family Movie Under the Stars)**, 5-9 p.m., City Hall lawn
- June 25 - **Southfield Sports Arena Pool opens (plus free swimming lesson day)**, 12-6:30 p.m., Civic Center
- June 26 - **Southfield Garden Walk**, 2-5 p.m., Farmbrooke & Stonycroft Neighborhoods
- June 27 - **Summer Day Camps begin** - Call (248) 796-4620 for more information.
- Swim Lessons begin**, various times, Sports Arena Pool
- July 1 - **Community Pride Awards due**, Call Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 for more info.
- July 4 - **Independence Day**, City Offices & Library closed; *Rubbish collection delayed one day all week*
- July 5 - **Burgh Gazebo Concerts begin**, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park (Tuesdays through August 16)
- July 14 - **Eat to the Beat Concert**, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza
- July 18 - **Park*It @ The Burgh**, 6 - 9:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- July 19 - **Brew @ The Burgh (craft beer tasting)**, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- July 29 - **Southfield Junior Metro Open Golf Championship**, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- August 2 - **Primary Election**, Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Citywide
- August 6 - **Southfield Open Golf Tournament**, 8 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- August 7 - **Southfield Open Golf Tournament**, 8 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- August 11 - **Eat to the Beat Concert**, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza
- August 24 - **Senior Appreciation Night** (free for seniors 50+), 5:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- August 27 - **Last day of general swim**, Sports Arena Pool
- September 5 - **Labor Day**, City Offices & Library closed; *Rubbish collection delayed one day all week*

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