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## City of Southfield unveils new ‘Spot Southfield’ app and ‘Sustainable Southfield’ community engagement site

*New tech tools enable residents to stay in the know and in touch with city*

The City of Southfield continues to embrace the latest technology to provide the community with new tools and resources to improve service delivery and communication.

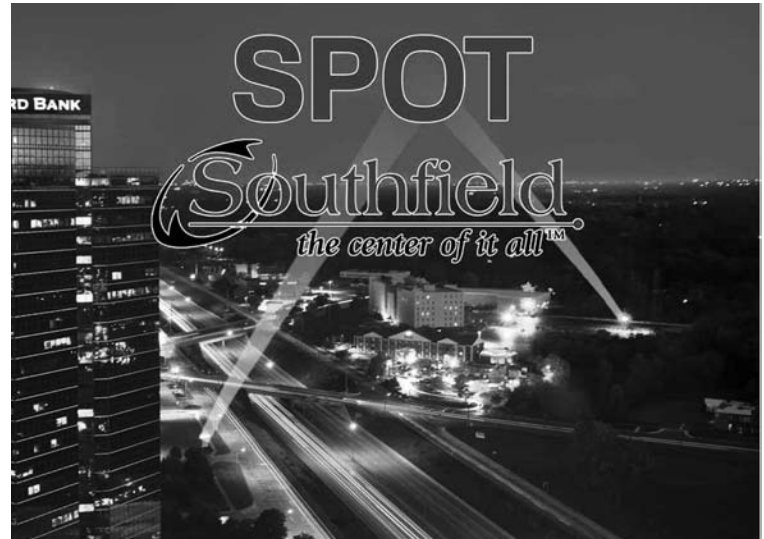
The City launched a free new app, Spot Southfield, late last year that is now available on both Apple and Android smart phones and tablets.

“We are excited to offer the community a convenient new tool to stay connected to Southfield,” commented City Administrator Fred Zorn. “This new app will provide a wealth of information to users about the City and all its attractions, restaurants, shopping and more.”

The Spot Southfield app provides users with detailed information on the go in numerous categories, including:

- **‘Eat’** – a breakdown of various dining options in the city as well as ‘nearby’ option;
- **‘Play’** – entertainment and recreation activities for the whole family from golf to theatres to nightlife;
- **‘Stay’** – all of the hotel and other accommodation options in Southfield from one night to extended stay;
- **‘Shop’** – from automotive to florists and everything in between;
- **‘Events’** – everything to do in the city in one convenient spot;
- **‘Media’** – from static videos to Cable 15 live, users can also create a special Southfield postcard for their friends, family or themselves;
- **‘Find’** – get where you need to go with this useful tool that helps you navigate your way to your destination; and
- **‘Services’** – allows users to connect with city department or services with ease.

Download is quick, easy and free-of-charge in both the Apple App Store for iPhones and iPads and Google Play for Android phones and devices. From an iPhone, click on the Apple App Store icon, search for ‘Spot Southfield’ and click get and then install to experience the new city of Southfield app. From an Android smart phone, click on the Google Play icon, search for ‘Spot Southfield’ and click to install.



The app was developed by the City’s Technology Services Department in coordination with Bar-Z, an app development company that helps clients to deliver creative content to people on numerous devices. Bar-Z works with clients to make publishing content to multiple platforms easier. Future plans for the app include the ability for users to report issues in the city such as potholes directly to the appropriate department as well as the option to book golf tee times right from your phone.

The City of Southfield also recently launched a new community engagement Web site, Sustainable Southfield, where citizens can connect, communicate and collaborate with community decision makers and other residents about the future Southfield right from the comfort of their home. To join in the discussion, simply logon to [sustainablesouthfield.mindmixer.com](http://sustainablesouthfield.mindmixer.com), create your account and begin participating.

“We are excited to offer the community a convenient new tool to connect with city leaders on a variety of topics,” commented City Planner Terry Croad. “The Sustainable Southfield site will allow the community to provide feedback and input that will be used in future planning and developments efforts, as well as incorporated into the City’s new Master Plan.”



## Council President Donald F. Fracassi to serve as Acting Mayor

Council President Donald Fracassi officially assumed the role of Acting Mayor on January 5 with the resignation of former Mayor / current Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence.

The Southfield City Charter mandates that the current City Council President serve as the Acting Mayor should that office be vacated, and that the current Council President Pro Tem serve as the Acting Council President. As such, Council President Donald Fracassi will serve as the Acting Mayor and Council President Pro Tem Sylvia Jordan will serve as Acting Council President until the November 2015 general election.

The Mayor is the city's chief elected official, selected by the voters to serve a 4-year term. As the city's chief elected officer, the Mayor serves as liaison to other government officials, agencies and boards, at the local, state, and federal levels, representing the City of Southfield.

The duties of the Mayor include serving as signatory on official city documents, bonds, notes and contracts; review and delivery of the annual budget to City Council with recommendations; providing information to City Council concerning the affairs of the city; and maintaining the power to veto ordinances, resolutions and City Council proceedings.



Acting Mayor Fracassi delivered the 2015 State of the City Address at the Southfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting on March 13. Tune in to City Cable 15 to view a replay of the State of the City Address in its entirety. Check the program guide for replay dates and times.

## Dr. Lloyd C. Crews appointed to Southfield City Council



Dr. Lloyd C. Crews took the oath of office to serve on the Southfield City Council on December 29 in Council Chambers. Councilman Crews will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Councilman / current State Representative Jeremy Moss as the fifth place candidate for Southfield City Council in the November 5, 2013 election. Dr. Crews will serve the remainder of Councilman Moss' term which expires in November of 2015.

Dr. Crews holds a Bachelor and Master of Arts degree in Political Science from Clark Atlanta University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Wayne State University. He has worked in the field of higher education for more than 15 years, beginning at Wayne State University followed by a position at Oakland Community College (OCC) where he has served as Dean of the Royal Oak and Southfield Campuses for the past 12 years. In August of 2014, he took

on a new role as a tenured professor of Political Science at OCC to more fully pursue his role as a public servant. Long interested in matters of diversity and inclusion, Dr. Crews has been actively involved in these efforts. Most notably, he coordinated the first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Convocation at OCC in addition to creating SAFE Zones on campus for LGBT students. As past chairperson of the OCC Sustainability Committee, he was awarded the Cultural Diversity Award by the Michigan College Personnel Association and the Diversity Champion Award from the Bloomfield/Birmingham Diversity Taskforce. In 2014, Dr. Crews received 40 under 40 Awards from both Oakland County and the Michigan Chronicle.

Dr. Crews has also been involved in various external service organizations, including his service on the boards of the Boys and Girls Club of South Oakland County (Field Zone), American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan, and as Past President of the Southfield Rotary Club. He is a member of the Southfield Partnership Council, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc., MLK Jr. Diversity Taskforce, and is past president of the Michigan College Personnel Association.

## Southfield seeks nominations for 2015 Community Pride Awards

The City of Southfield will soon be accepting nominations for the 2015 Community Pride Awards, which recognizes Southfield residents that have gone the extra mile in their beautification efforts.

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 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 early July. All winners will receive a Community Pride Award certificate, lawn sign and 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](http://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 Thursday, July 2, 2015.** For more information, call the Neighborhood & Information Center at (248) 796-5140.



## New Tech Tools, *Continued from page 3*

In 2014, the City Council authorized the City Planner to update the Southfield Comprehensive Master Plan (last Adopted April 2009) in accordance with state law. One goal of the Master Plan is to reposition the city of Southfield to be a vibrant place to work, play and live to meet changing demographic, housing and economic shifts in the near and distant future. Sustainable Southfield is a comprehensive master plan that will establish a holistic guide for the City's future land use as well as balancing the City's social, environmental and economic needs for now and the future.

The goal of the new Web site is to get the community involved in the planning process. Along the way, Sustainable Southfield, will be used as an online tool to generate new ideas and feedback from citizens using this interactive and accessible platform. Feedback from the Web site will be used by the city of Southfield to develop plans on a variety of projects, particularly the City's updated Master Plan.

Sustainable Southfield gives contributors a chance to share new ideas, support others' ideas, expand upon existing ideas and give feedback on initiatives, working with community leaders on a variety of topics online anytime, anywhere.

A total of 20 different topics that will change every 1-2

weeks will be presented over a five month period. The discussion will begin with topics like these, and branch off from there based upon input:

- "What are the most important issues facing our community?"
- "How can we create a more connected Southfield?"
- "What makes a community sustainable?"

The site also measures and tracks participation, identifying the most interested citizens and most compelling topics. MindMixer's tools make it easy for administrators to communicate back with citizens, and they deliver measurable results and invaluable insights for the planning process.

As part of its service, MindMixer consults and collaborates with clients to identify issues that are critical to stakeholders in order to update topics and content for their Web sites.

For more information on the Sustainable Southfield, call the Planning Department at (248) 796-4150. For more information on the new Spot Southfield app, call Southfield Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 or visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).



# CITY CLERK'S NEWS

*Nancy L. M. Banks, City Clerk*



## 2015 Election Information

*Mark Your Calendars*

**Special Election – May 5, 2015**

**City Primary Election – August 4, 2015**

**City General Election – November 3, 2015**

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

### New Voting Precincts

In January 2014, the City Council approved reducing the number of voting precincts from 43 to 36. The proposed plan presents a more equal balance of voters per precinct, equating to a cost-savings in both personnel and equipment needed.

#### *The consolidation plan:*

- Reduces the current number of voting precincts from 43 to 36
- Trims the number of polling locations from 19 to 18
- Reconfigures all voting locations currently with three precincts down to two voting precincts per voting location
- Consolidates all Birmingham School Voting locations into one precinct
- Consolidates all Oak Park School Voting locations into one precinct
- Saves considerable tax dollars

Please check the map on page 8 to confirm your new voting location. Call the City Clerk's Office at (248)

796-5150 if you did not receive your new voting card.

### 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, Attic Sale, and Estate Sale.

The Southfield City Code allows residents to hold a garage sale once every six months. Residents may obtain their garage sale permits from the City Clerk's Office. The cost of the permit is \$5 which also includes one (1) sign with wire stand. One additional sign may be purchased for an additional \$3 fee. These permits are valid for five (5) consecutive days, issued at least six months apart, and may not be apportioned to run over two weekend periods. Garage sales may not be conducted before 8 a.m. or after 8 p.m. of each day.

Garage sale signs can be placed on private property with the permission of the property owner. VALID GARAGE SALE SIGNS FOR 2015 ARE GREEN. Garage sale signs cannot be placed in any public right of way, generally described as an area where street signs, traffic signs, fire hydrants and utility poles are located, and those areas that span from the sidewalk to the roadway surface. Any garage sale signs located in the public right-of-way will be removed by the City and discarded.

For more information on obtaining a garage sale permit, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.

### 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.



## Solicitor Permits

The spring and summer seasons bring an increase of 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. Legitimate solicitors have been approved by the Police Department. Other than veterans or solicitors who reside within three miles of their residence who solicit for educational, charitable, religious or youth organizations, all other 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. Let's keep our City safe. Call the police department if you see someone soliciting in your area who is not licensed by the City of Southfield.

## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Southfield Shred Day

### NEW LOCATION

Identity theft is ranked the No. 1 consumer fraud complaint. Identity theft occurs when someone has stolen a name, credit card, social security number, birth date or other piece of personal information.

The City of Southfield, in partnership with RRRASOC will offer free consumer shredding of documents, on Saturday, April 18, from 9 am – 2 pm at the RRRASOC Recycling Center located at the corner of Eight Mile Road and Evergreen Road. The entrance to the site is located at 20875 Mapleridge Avenue.

Consumers may bring personal documents, the equivalent of 2 copy paper boxes, such as tax returns, medical records, credit card statements, bank checks and more to be securely destroyed by RRRASOC. Residents may also dispose of oil-based paint, stain, pesticides, herbicides, batteries, motor oil, fluorescent lights and computers. A fee will be charged for three (3) or more boxes or anything weighing more than 100 pounds.

**LAST DAY  
TO REGISTER TO VOTE:**

Special Election – April 6

City Primary Election – July 6

City General Election – October 5

## Election Inspectors with Computer Skills Needed

The City Clerk's Office is seeking applicants with computer skills to consider signing up to work as an election inspector. 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.

Visit the City's Web site at [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com) to download and fill out the Election Inspector Application.

*Please see next page for the  
2015 City of Southfield  
Guide to Voting Precincts &  
Polling Locations Map*



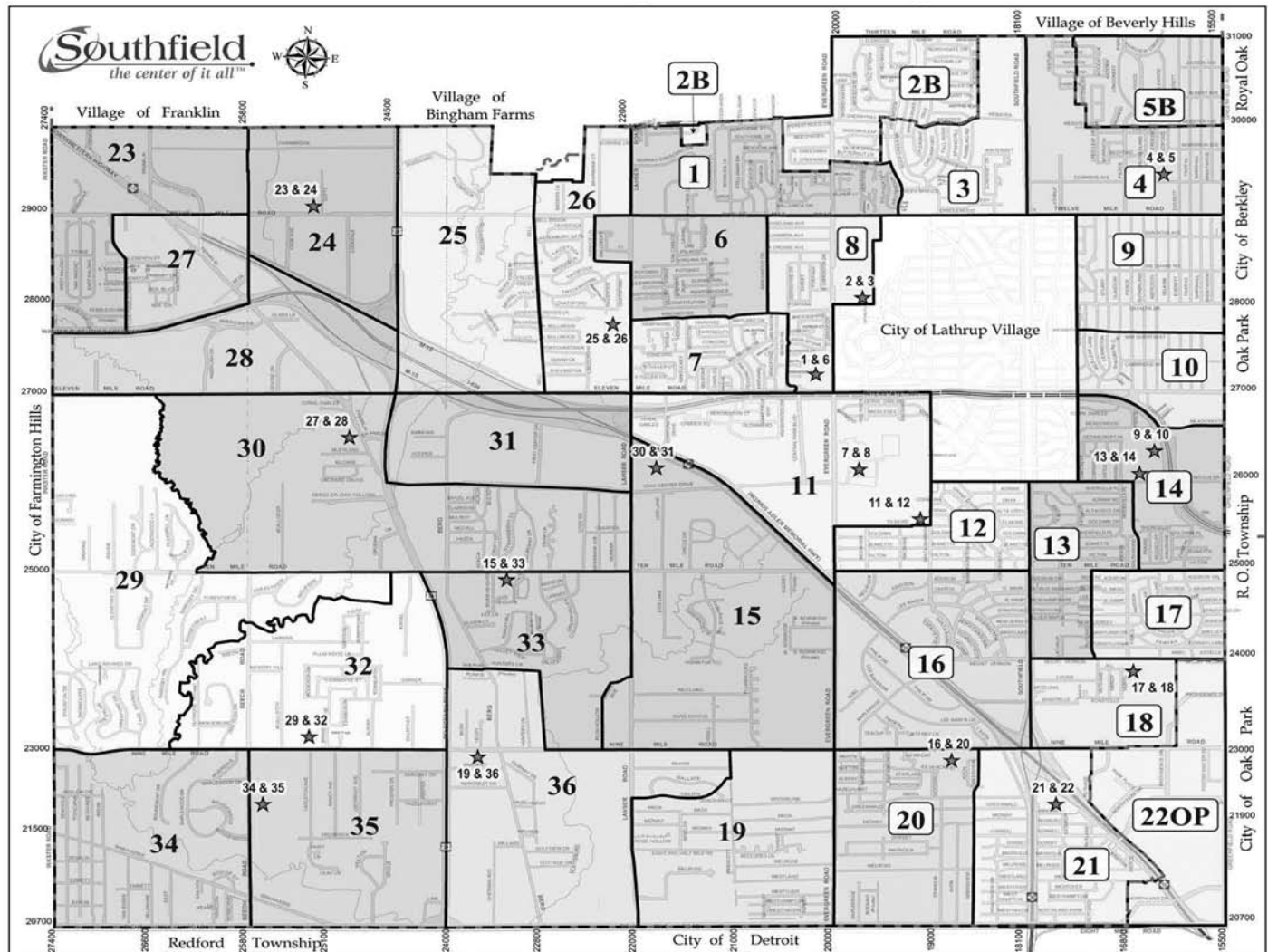
**MAY 5  
AUGUST 4 &  
NOVEMBER 3!**

## 2015 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
09	Thompson School 16300 Lincoln Drive	18	Southfield Education Center (SEC) (Kennedy School) 16299 Mt. Vernon	27	Christian Tabernacle Church 26555 Franklin Road	36	New Hope Missionary Baptist Church Hall 23455 W. Nine Mile Road

## 2015 City of Southfield Voting Precincts & Polling Locations Map

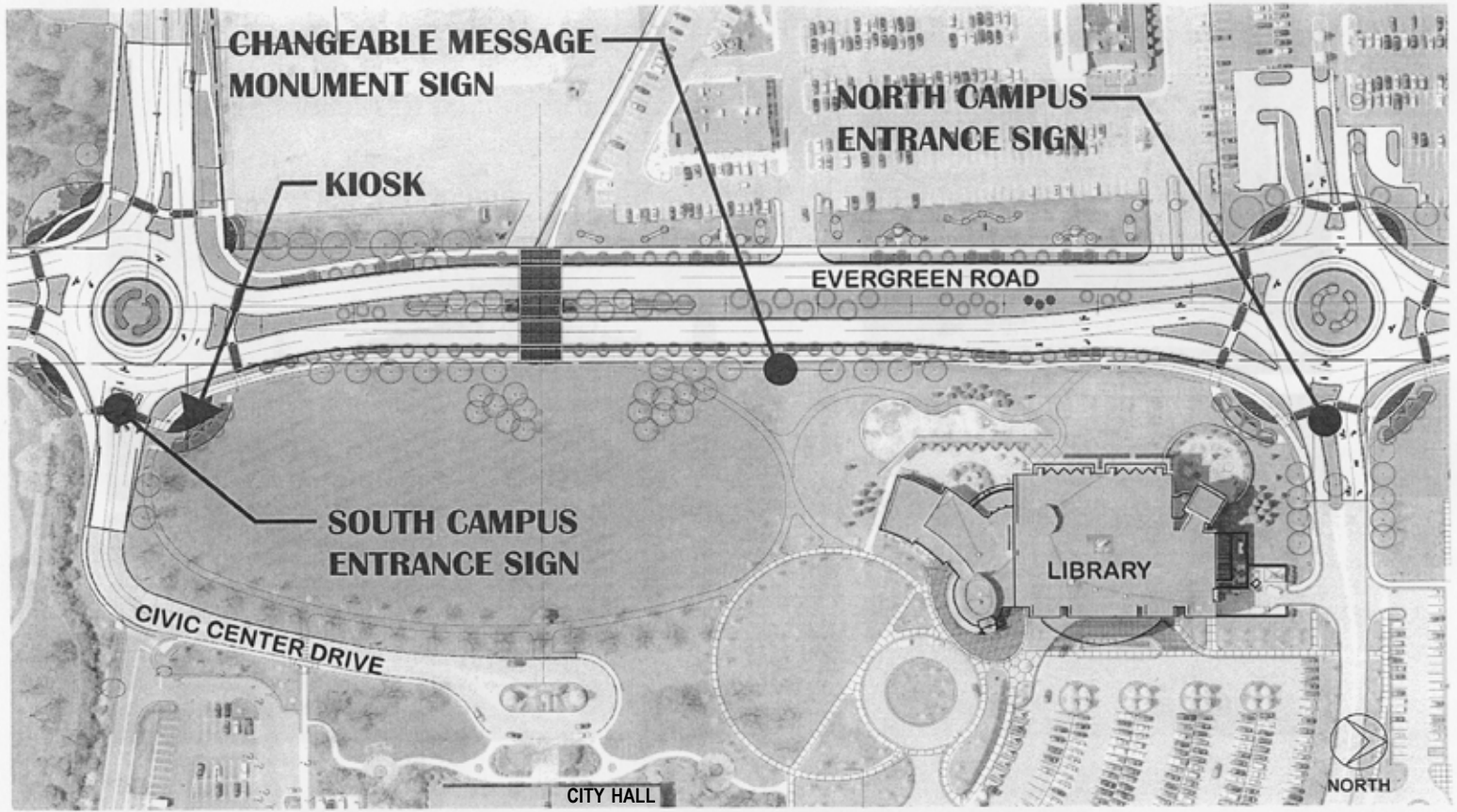






# Evergreen Road Improvement Project well underway

*Construction will resume in early spring and be completed by summer of 2015*



Work is well underway on the Evergreen Road Improvement Project. The Project involves the total reconstruction of a one-mile segment of Evergreen Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads from the existing six and seven-lane road into a four-lane boulevard with a roundabout at Evergreen and Civic Center Drive and a roundabout at Evergreen and the north Municipal Campus driveway.

The Evergreen Road Improvement Project will incorporate many new amenities that will make the corridor more pedestrian-friendly and attractive, including: a major mid-block crossing and plaza that will be constructed between the two roundabouts, a ten foot wide bike/multi-use path that will be constructed

on the east side of Evergreen from I-696 to Filmore Street with benches and landscaping, as well as decorative street lighting. Innovative stormwater features will also be incorporated into the project to provide water quality improvements before discharge to our storm sewers. The stormwater drains and water mains will be replaced and upgraded — improving the functionality of the sewer system and helping to maximize the lifespan of City's infrastructure. The City will also construct a rain garden adjacent to the tennis courts and install pervious pavers behind the curb between the roundabouts. Additionally, the power distribution system at the Southfield Municipal Campus will be relocated from the front lawn to north of the tennis courts.

## EVERGREEN PROJECTS OVERVIEW

### North End

- Reconstruction of Evergreen from the existing six and seven-lane road into a four-lane boulevard with a roundabout at Civic Center Drive and at the north Municipal Campus driveway.
- Work began in May of 2014 and will be completed by summer of 2015.
- New amenities include: mid-block crossing and plaza, benches, landscaping, LED lighting, and message monument sign.
- Total Cost: \$12.1 million

### South End

- Reconstruction and widening of Evergreen from Eight Mile to Nine Mile, including new concrete pavement and curbs, sidewalks, and traffic signal upgrades.
- Construction began in May of 2014 and restoration will be completed this spring.
- Total Cost: \$5.1 million

## Construction Update

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

### MAJOR STREETS

#### 9 Mile (Beech to Telegraph)

- July to November construction
- One east bound lane of traffic during construction

#### North Bound Northwestern Service Drive (8 Mile to 9 Mile)

- May to July construction
- Service drive closed during construction

#### South Bound Northwestern Service Drive (Berg to Evergreen)

- July to November construction
- Road open during construction

#### Providence Drive (JL Hudson to Greenfield)

- July to November construction
- Road open during construction

#### Bridge Street & Hilltop Reconstruction

- June to November construction
- Property access maintained during construction

#### 11 Mile Road (Franklin to cul-de-sac)

- June to November construction

### LOCAL STREETS

#### Section 11 Concrete Patching

- May to November construction

#### Section 12 Meadowvale Subdivision Water Main & Paving

- May to November construction

#### Section 13 Cambridge Village Water Main & Paving

- May to November construction

#### Section 34 Tappers Baseline Evergreen Subdivision Water Main & Paving

- June to November construction

#### Section 35 West Magnolia Subdivision Water Main & Paving

- June to November construction

#### First Center Drive

- June to August construction

Visit [cityofsouthfield.com](http://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 1.* 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 30.* 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.





## City of Southfield sells 2015 Library Building Authority Refunding Bonds

*Refinancing saves library almost \$4 million over the next 15 years*

The City of Southfield recently sold its 2015 Library Building Authority Refunding Bonds, in the amount of \$21,765,000, to refinance the bonds related to the original construction of the library. The bonds were refinanced at an average lower interest rate of 2.86 percent, as compared to the original rate of 5.04 percent, saving the library almost \$4 million over the next 15 years with a final maturity of 2030.

“We were able to take advantage of the historic low interest rates and the City’s great credit rating to save our taxpayers a substantial amount of money,” commented City Treasurer Irv Lowenberg. “This refinance was truly a win-win situation for the City and the Library.”

In preparing to sell the bonds, the City through the Library Building Authority, requested a Standard & Poor’s Rating Services (“Standard & Poor’s”) evaluation of the City of Southfield’s credit quality. Standard & Poor’s affirmed the City’s strong underlying bond ratings of “AA.”

According to Standard & Poor’s, the ‘AA’ rating reflects their assessment of factors, including:



- Strong management conditions, with “good” financial policies and practices;
- Strong budgetary performance, with a positive result in both the general fund and at the total governmental fund level in fiscal 2014 (year ended June 30); and
- Very strong liquidity, with strong access to external liquidity if necessary.

The financing was conducted by the Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firms, Fifth Third Securities, and Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc., the financial advising firm, Public Financial Management, and the law firm serving as bond counsel, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C.

For more information, contact the City Treasurer’s Office at (248) 796-5200.

## Police to sponsor Youth Police Academy

The Southfield Police Department will sponsor the 3rd annual Youth Police Academy, June 22-26 at the Southfield Municipal Complex.

The program is free and open to students between the ages of 14 and 18 who attend school in Southfield or Lathrup Village. The Academy will cover different aspects of law enforcement including crime scene investigation, drug awareness, traffic safety, gun safety, leadership skills and conflict resolution.

Interested students must submit an application by Friday, April 17. Applications may be received by contacting Officer Kelly Pate at (248) 796-5360 or e-mail [kpate@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:kpate@cityofsouthfield.com).

## Basement Flooding Legal Notice

Any resident experiencing an overflow or sewage back up should contact the Water Department at (248) 796-4850. After hours, the message will advise you to call (248) 796-4899 or you can call the Police desk at (248) 796-5500 to be put in touch with the supervisor on call.

Under Public Act 222, any resident having experienced an overflow or back up of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, must file a written claim with the City within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered or in the exercise of reasonable diligence, should have been discovered. Notice should be mailed to the Office of Management and Budget at the City of Southfield. Failure to provide the required notice to the City will limit your rights under the law. For more information, contact the Office of Management and Budget at (248) 796-5260. The source of the back up must be the City sewer. Problems caused by the property’s plumbing are the homeowner’s responsibility.

## 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 71,000 Southfield residents and 9,000 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****2014 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 2013 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.

DWSD has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. DWSD participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. If you would like to know more information about this report or a complete copy of this report please, contact your water department at (248) 796-4850.

**How Do We Know the Water is Safe to Drink?**

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

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

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

**Additional Information**

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.



**Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

**Detected Contaminants Tables**

These tables are based on tests conducted by DWSD in the year 2014 or the most recent testing done within the last five (5) calendar years. They conduct many tests throughout the year; however, only tests that show the presence of a contaminant are shown here.

Key to the Detected Contaminant Tables		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	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, dichoroacetic, 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.
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, dibromoochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on total.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the **Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791.**

## SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANT 2014 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
<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	5/13/14	ppm	4	4	0.61	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/14	ppm	10	10	0.39	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
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
Xylene	11/12/13	ppm	10	10	0.0009	n/a	no	Discharge from petroleum factories; Discharge from chemical factories
<b>Disinfectant Residuals – Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
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	2014	ppm	4	4	0.70	0.64-0.74	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2014 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
0.24 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 TOC removal requirement.	Erosion of natural deposits

### 2014 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.15	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

## 2014 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
<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at the Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	5/13/14	ppm	4	4	0.59	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/14	ppm	10	10	0.31	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
<b>Disinfectant Residuals Monitoring in DWSD Distribution System</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	Jan-Dec 2014	ppm	4	4	0.82	0.64-0.94	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

2013 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
0.19 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.			

2014 Radionuclides							
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 & 228	5/13/14	pCi/L	0	5	0.86 + or - 0.55	no	Erosion of natural deposits

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	4.78	Erosion of natural deposits

**2014 Special Monitoring** - Collection, sampling result information and table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen



## NORTHWEST WATER TREATMENT PLANT 2014 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
<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	5/13/14	ppm	4	4	0.59	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	5/13/14	ppm	10	10	0.26	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
<b>Disinfectant Residual – Monitoring in Distribution System</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine residual	2014	ppm	4	4	0.76	0.62-0.85	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2014 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
0.11 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

**2014 Special Monitoring**

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5.08	Erosion of natural deposits

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

### IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET FOR SOUTHFIELD

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During June 1, 2014, to September 30, 2014, we did not complete all monitoring for lead and copper and, therefore, cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. **There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time.**

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for during June 1, 2014, to September 30, 2014, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants and how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	Date additional samples will be taken
Lead	13 samples every 3 years	12	06/01/2014 to 09/30/2014	06/01/2017 to 09/30/2017
Copper	13 samples every 3 years	12	06/01/2014 to 09/30/2014	06/01/2017 to 09/30/2017

**For more information, contact 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 (TTHM)	2014	ppb	n/a	80	26	12-35	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2014	ppb	n/a	60	11	0-15	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								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2014	ppb	0	15	0	0	no	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 preservatives.

\*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 is above the AL additional requirements must be met.

## 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](http://www.socwa.org).

- Detroit Water and Sewerage Department – Water Quality Division at (313) 926-8128 or [www.dwsd.org](http://www.dwsd.org).
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality – Drinking Water and Radiological Protection Division – (586) 753-3755 or [www.michigan.gov/deq](http://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](http://www.epa.gov/drink)

### Other Monitoring

In addition to testing we are required to perform, our water system voluntarily tests for hundreds of additional substances and microscopic organisms to make certain our water is safe and of the highest quality. If you are interested in a more detailed report, contact the DWSD Water Quality Division at (313) 926-8128.



**EVERGREEN PROJECT**, *Continued from page 9*

The project is expected to cost approximately \$12 million, with \$4.8 million in federal transportation funding for the road reconstruction and \$450,000 from a Michigan Transportation Alternatives Program grant for the pedestrian amenities and stormwater mitigation features. The City’s Water & Sewer Fund will contribute \$3.5 million and the Major Street Fund will contribute \$700,000. The Metro Act Fund will provide \$1 million, the City Centre Advisory Board will contribute \$100,000 toward the pedestrian amenities, and the Local Improvement Revolving Fund (LIRF) will fund the remaining \$1.5 million.

The incorporation of roundabouts will greatly improve traffic flow in the corridor while also reducing the number of serious accidents. The many benefits of roundabouts include improved safety resulting in a 90% reduction in fatalities; 76% reduction in injuries; and a 35% reduction in all crashes. Studies have also shown that accidents that do occur are typically less serious and that roundabouts are safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Roundabouts have also been proven to greatly improve traffic flow by reducing congestion, decreasing traffic delays and increasing traffic capacity. They are also more environmentally friendly — reducing pollution with fewer stops and hard accelerations — resulting in less vehicle emissions, fuel consumption and noise. Roundabouts are also generally considered to be more aesthetically pleasing than traditional intersections — enhancing and defining corridors and cities.

The Evergreen Road Improvement Project began construction last May and is expected to be completed by the summer of

2015. Evergreen Road will remain open to traffic during construction, maintaining one lane in each direction. The project will improve Evergreen Road and the surrounding area in numerous ways, including: the complete replacement of deteriorated pavement; correction of storm water system inadequacies; improved traffic flow and safety; enhanced pedestrian amenities; creation of a strong link between east and west sides of Evergreen; and overall beautification of the corridor and City.

**Evergreen Road South End Project**

Reconstruction of Evergreen Road from Eight Mile Road to Nine Mile Road also began last spring. Work was done to widen the road to a continuous three lane cross section, including new concrete pavement with curbs, storm sewer, water main, sidewalk on both sides of the road, traffic signal upgrades and other related work. Construction began last May and the road was opened in December of 2014.

The total estimated construction cost was \$5,095,100, with a Federal Aid cost share of \$3,293,800 and the City of Southfield’s estimated cost share of \$1,801,300. Funding for the City’s portion of the project came from the FY2013-14 Water & Sewer budget (\$1,600,000) and the Local Improvement Revolving Fund (LIRF) (\$201,300).

A detailed overview of all construction projects underway throughout the city as well as construction updates can be found on the City’s Web site at [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com) under ‘Highlights’ and then click on ‘Construction Projects’.

**Instructions for Using a Roundabout**

**SLOW DOWN!**

- 15 miles per hour

**YIELD AT ENTRY!**

- Yield to vehicles already in roundabout
- Yield to pedestrians and bicyclists

**LOOK LEFT!**

- Vehicles in roundabout have right-of-way
- No traffic? Don’t stop - Enter roundabout to right

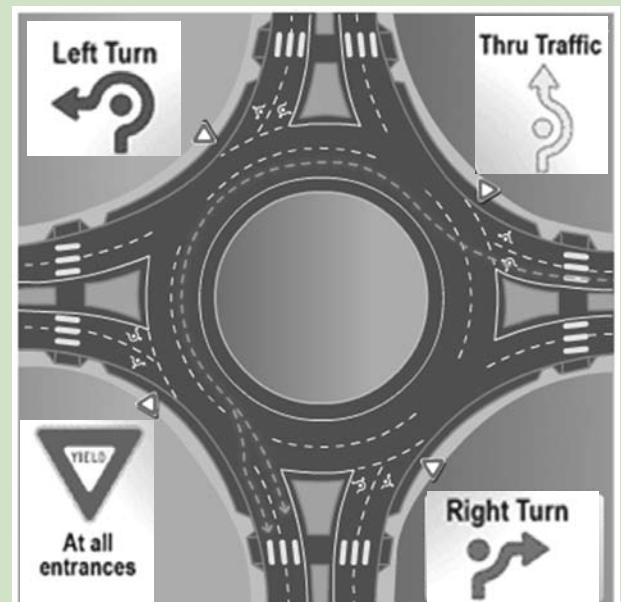
- Traffic present? Wait for opening - Enter roundabout to right

**KEEP RIGHT!**

- Roundabout is one-way
- Circulating car has right-of-way

**PROCEED!**

- Proceed to Exit
- If missed, go around again



# What's Happening in Southfield?

Spring | Summer 2015

- April 4 -** EGGS'travanza, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
- April 6 -** **Yard Waste Collection begins** (on your regularly scheduled trash day through November 28)  
**Spring Break Camp** (April 6-10), 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., P&R Building
- April 18 -** **Household Hazardous Waste Day** (including document shredding), 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., RRRASOC Center
- April 22 -** **Spell Bowl**, 6:30 p.m., Southfield Public Library
- May 2 -** **31<sup>st</sup> 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 5 -** **Special Election**, Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Citywide
- May 16 -** **Southfield Flower Day**, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., City Hall front lawn
- May 22 -** **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 9 a.m., City Hall
- May 25 -** **Memorial Day** (observed), City Offices & Library closed; *Rubbish collection delayed one day all week*
- June 6 -** **45<sup>th</sup> Annual Rouge River Clean Up**, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Beech Woods Recreation Center
- June 11 -** **Eat to the Beat Concert**, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza
- June 20 -** **Southfield Sports Arena Pool opens** (plus free swimming lesson day), 1 - 8 p.m., Civic Center
- June 22 -** **Summer Day Camps begin** - Call (248) 796-4620 for more information.  
**Swim Lessons begin**, various times, Sports Arena Pool
- June 24 -** **Creature Feature Fest**, 5:30-9 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- June 25 -** **Family Pool Party**, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- July 3 -** **City Offices & Library closed** (in observation of Independence Day)
- July 4 -** **Independence Day**, Library closed
- July 7 -** **Burgh Gazebo Concerts begin**, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park (Tuesdays through August 18)
- July 9 -** **Eat to the Beat Concert**, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza  
**Family Pool Party**, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- July 20 -** **Park\*It @ The Burgh**, 6 - 9:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- July 21 -** **Brew @ The Burgh** (craft beer tasting), 6 - 8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- July 31 -** **Southfield Junior Metro Open Golf Championship**, 9 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- August 4 -** **City Primary Election**, Polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Citywide
- August 6 -** **Family Pool Party**, 5:30 - 9 p.m., Sports Arena Pool
- August 8 -** **Southfield Open Golf Tournament**, 8 a.m., Evergreen Hills Golf Course
- August 9 -** **Southfield Open Golf Tournament**, 8 a.m., Beech Woods Golf Course
- August 13 -** **Eat to the Beat Concert**, 12 noon - 2 p.m., City Centre Plaza
- August 19 -** **Senior Appreciation Night** (free for seniors 50+), 5:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
- August 22 -** **Last day of general swim**, Sports Arena Pool
- September 7 -** **Labor Day**, City Offices & Library closed; *Rubbish collection delayed one day all week*

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