



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- **Workforce Investment Alert:** *Going PRO Talent Fund*
- **Meet Akoya Behavioral Health**
- **Spring Commercial Clean-Up**
- **Career Corner:** *The Amazing Shake Recap*
- **Property Spotlight:** *Travelers Tower*
- **Ribbon Cutting Welcome:** *Palu Cafe*
- **April Business Events Calendar**

Workforce Investment Alert: Going PRO Talent Fund Opens Soon

Funding available to help businesses train, retain, and grow their workforce

Going PRO
IN MICHIGAN

TALENT FUND

The State of Michigan's Going PRO Talent Fund will open its next application cycle on April 6, providing Southfield businesses with an opportunity to receive funding to train, develop, and retain current and newly hired employees. The program, administered through the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity and delivered locally through Oakland County Michigan Works! Southfield, helps employers address skill gaps and build a stronger, more competitive workforce

SPRING COMMERCIAL CLEAN-UP INITIATIVE UNDERWAY

The City of Southfield Code Enforcement Department will be conducting routine inspections of commercial properties this spring as part of the City's ongoing effort to maintain a clean, safe, and attractive business environment. Inspections will focus on parking lots, landscaping, dumpsters, building maintenance, outside storage, and signage.

Property maintenance plays an important role in protecting property values, supporting business attraction, and maintaining Southfield's strong corporate image.

Questions? Please contact the City of Southfield Code Enforcement Department at 248.796.4140.



Through the Going PRO Talent Fund, employers may receive funding support for short-term, industry-recognized training programs that help employees gain new skills, earn credentials, and advance within the company. Eligible training may include classroom training, customized training, on-the-job training for new employees, and registered apprenticeship programs, all designed to meet specific workforce needs identified by the employer.

Oakland County Michigan Works! Southfield strategizes directly with local employers to identify training needs, develop training plans, and assist with the application process. Businesses interested in applying are encouraged to contact the Oakland County Michigan Works! Southfield office to get started. They may be reached at 248.796.4580 or contact Center Manager Charlene Thomas at cthomas1@cityofsouthfield.com.

MEET AKOYA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Akoya Behavioral Health, founded by Yitz Miller, has relocated its Southfield office to 24525 Southfield Road, Suite 100, choosing to continue growing its operations within the City. The company specializes in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy for children with autism and provides both clinic-based and in-home services throughout the Metro Detroit region.

Akoya's continued investment in Southfield supports the city's growing healthcare and professional services sector while also bringing professional job opportunities to the community, including therapists, behavior technicians, and administrative staff, and helping meet the increasing demand for behavioral health services.





Career Corner: The Amazing Shake Recap

Students from across Michigan gathered at Levey Middle School for the Amazing Shake, a competition designed to teach professional skills such as communication, leadership, interviews, and networking through real-world scenarios. Parents watched from the sidelines as students worked through each challenge, with top participants advancing to the national finals in Atlanta, Georgia.

Representatives from Oakland County Michigan Works! Southfield were on hand to witness the event and support this hands-on workforce development program, which helps students build confidence and career-ready skills at an early age and connects students to future career pathways.

For more information on workforce development programs and services available through Oakland County Michigan Works! Southfield, specifically youth career exploration, training programs, and employer services, please contact Sylvia Korkis at 248.796.4568.

Upcoming Business Events & Opportunities

april 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- 4/4: LTUX Gaming & Anime Expo
- 4/8: Southfield DDA Volunteer Recruitment Event (SDDA)
- 4/9: Women Build 2026 Kick-Off Event (Habitat for Humanity)
- 4/14: From Model to Business Plan: Turning Ideas into Action (Oakland Thrive)
- AI Office Hour | Human OS: The Future of Intelligence for Business (Detroit Regional Chamber)
- 4/16: Certification for Women Owned Businesses (Oakland Thrive)
- Edu2B Tech Collaboration - Business Networking (Oakland Co.)
- 4/22: 41st Annual Oakland Co. Economic Outlook Luncheon (Oakland Co.)
- 4/23: Webinar: The 2026 ISA Global Economic and Risk Outlook (MEDA)
- 4/26: Palu Café Grand Opening, 29255 Greenfield Rd, Southfield (City of Southfield)
- 4/30: Meet Southeast Michigan's County Leaders (Detroit Regional Chamber)
- Changing Careers: New Opportunities, New Future (Oakland County MI Works!)



Property Spotlight: Travelers Tower, 26555 Evergreen Rd

Travelers Tower, a Class A office complex in Southfield's premier office district, currently has office space available for lease. The property offers full-service amenities including covered parking, fitness center, conference facilities, on-site dining, and convenient access to major freeways. Click for more info!



Palu Cafe Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting

Join us on Sunday, April 26 from 3–6 PM for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Palu Café, a new Armenian café and bakery located at 29255 Greenfield Rd in Southfield.

The public is welcome to attend and enjoy refreshments and special promotions while celebrating the opening of this new small business in our community.

Coming in May: National Small Business Week

We'll be celebrating the entrepreneurs and small businesses that power Southfield's economy. Stay tuned for business spotlights, small business resources, and ways you can support local businesses!