

# SOUTHFIELD BUSINESS BEAT

Monthly Updates, Resources & Opportunities for the Southfield Business Community



Photos, left to right: House of Falafel, Savvy Sliders (photo courtesy of the owner), Bro's Fish & Chicken, and Joe Louis Southern Kitchen

## Kerby's Koney Island: A True Family Tradition



**Kerby's Koney Island** is more than a restaurant. It's a family legacy rooted in Detroit history and woven into Southfield's business community.

The story begins in 1917 and 1924, when the Keros family's great uncles opened Detroit's original coney islands, American and Lafayette. Today, Kerby's carries that legacy forward through Van, Tim, Terry, Alex, George (pictured L-R above), and Bill (not pictured), continuing a family tradition that spans generations.

After reopening in August following a fire, we were thrilled to officially celebrate Kerby's return with a grand re-opening ribbon cutting on December 8. For decades, this Northwestern & Ten Mile institution has been a go-to spot for breakfast meetings, coffee catch-ups, and quick lunches for surrounding businesses. We're proud to welcome them back and see this Southfield staple thriving once again.

## CES 2026: Centrepolis Takes Michigan Mobility Global *continued on page 2*

This January, Centrepolis Accelerator at Lawrence Technological University will officially unveil the Michigan Mobility Pavilion at CES 2026, showcasing cutting-edge Michigan startups on the world's largest technology stage — and reinforcing the region's role in shaping the future of mobility and innovation.

## Growing Southfield's Dining Scene

Southfield's restaurant scene continues to grow, fueled by new investment, expansion, and the resilience of local businesses. Add them to your must-try list!

### Savvy Sliders, 26336 W Twelve Mile Rd

With its second Southfield location now open, Savvy Sliders brings gourmet sliders and a fast-casual concept that's perfect for office lunches and events. Be sure to check out their catering menu, and join us for a Grand Opening on **Thursday, January 19, 2026, from 2-4pm.**

### Bro's Fish & Chicken, 27212 W Eight Mile Rd

This locally owned restaurant is now open, adding another convenient dining option for residents and nearby businesses. A future grand opening is in the works as we continue to support their launch and growth in Southfield.

### Kerby's Koney Island (Re-Opened)

**25050 Northwestern Hwy**

See our feature to learn more about Kerby's family legacy and return to the community.

### Joe Louis Southern Kitchen 29649 Northwestern Hwy

Southfield is happy to welcome the second location of Joe Louis Southern Kitchen, expanding from their original Midtown Detroit restaurant. A ribbon cutting was held on December 9, and we're excited to have this well-known brand choose Southfield as part of its growth.

### House of Falafel, 26587 Evergreen Rd

House of Falafel adds fresh Mediterranean flavors to Southfield's diverse dining lineup. The restaurant strengthens the City's reputation as a place where independent, locally owned businesses can thrive.



## Hungry for more?

Visit the [Southfield Restaurant Guide](#) on the City of Southfield's Business & Economic Development webpage to explore these new additions and dozens of other local restaurants worth trying.



## Southfield's Culinary Studio Wins 2025 Seed Award

Southfield's own The Culinary Studio, LLC, has been named a 2025 Michigan Good Food Fund Seed Award winner!

Selected through a competitive statewide process, The Culinary Studio is one of 18 Michigan food and farm businesses receiving Seed Awards designed to support early-stage growth and community impact. The awards recognize businesses advancing healthy food access, job creation, and economic opportunity. Congratulations to The Culinary Studio on this exciting achievement!

### Looking for a shared-use commercial kitchen in Southfield?

Contact The Culinary Studio at [info@myculinastudio.com](mailto:info@myculinastudio.com) or 248-353-2500 or visit [myculinastudio.com](http://myculinastudio.com) to learn more.



**THE CULINARY  
STUDIO**  
A SHARED-USE KITCHEN



## Mentorship: Strengthening Southfield's Talent Pipeline

**January is National Mentoring Month**, a time to recognize how mentoring strengthens careers, businesses, and local economies. One Southfield-based example of mentoring done right is Plante Moran, whose culture places people development at the center of long-term business success.

Through its **Early Careers programs**, Plante Moran intentionally connects students and young professionals with experienced leaders early on, pairing real-world project work with structured guidance and coaching. New hires are supported through formal mentors, peer "buddies," and team leaders who focus not just on technical skills, but on confidence, decision-making, and professional growth. This approach helps emerging talent transition successfully into the workforce while **building a strong, engaged pipeline of future leaders**.

Plante Moran has long emphasized that mentoring is an investment of time, and that time spent developing people ultimately **strengthens teams, client service, and organizational resilience**. By prioritizing mentorship, the firm reinforces a culture of **knowledge-sharing, trust, and continuous learning** — all critical ingredients for sustainable business growth.

Southfield businesses interested in strengthening mentoring or workforce development efforts can also connect with Oakland County Michigan Works! — Southfield, which offers employer support, talent resources, and connections to local workforce programs. They can be contacted at (248) 796-4580.



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*“Contrary to popular belief, the best way to climb to the top of the ladder is to take others up there with you.”*

— Maria Eitel, Founder & Former CEO of the Nike Foundation

### Simple Ways Businesses Can Encourage Mentoring



Pair new hires or interns with experienced team members



Offer job shadowing or informational interviews



Support employee mentors as part of professional growth



Create opportunities for cross-team knowledge sharing



Partner with schools or workforce organizations



Start small — even informal mentoring makes a difference

## CES 2026: Centrepolis Takes Michigan Mobility Global

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The Consumer Electronic Show (CES) 2026, taking place on January 6–9, 2026, in Las Vegas, is the premier global event for technology and innovation. This year, Michigan's Mobility Pavilion will be officially unveiled, led by Centrepolis Accelerator at Lawrence Technological University in partnership with the Michigan Office of Future Mobility and Electrification and the City of Southfield.

The pavilion will showcase an exciting lineup of eight mobility, electrification, and hardtech startups.

Meet the Michigan Pavilion Exhibitors:

- **AG3 LABS**: Autonomous aerial systems & swarm-control intelligence
- **Intermode**: Modular autonomous delivery robots ("Modal")
- **LIVAQ**: All-electric off-road mobility
- **Modal Motors**: Rare-earth-free electric motors
- **motmot**: Autonomous underwater pipe inspection
- **Neumo**: Contactless brainwave sensing for safer driving
- **Vertical Autonomy (Cobra AERO, LLC)**: Long-endurance unmanned aircraft systems
- **Voltaic Marine**: Advanced electric boats

Read more here: <https://ltu.edu/michigan-mobility-pavilion-to-showcase-states-emerging-technologies-at-ces-2026/>

### Centrepolis Tech Corner



## Upcoming Business Events & Opportunities

**1/10: Robofest Kickoff III (Lawrence Tech University)**

**1/15: Tercer Jueves Networking Event with Barton Malow (Michigan Hispanic Chamber)**

**1/15: Outlook on America Series: Economic, Investment and Political Update (Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce)**

**1/22: Savvy Sliders (26336 W Twelve Mile Rd) Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting**

**1/29: 2026 Detroit Policy Conference (Detroit Regional Chamber)**

Contact Us



Do you have a favorite local business we should feature? Suggestions are always welcome!

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