

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

Santa arrives in Southfield; Meets good girls and boys



After arriving, Santa and Mrs. Claus sat with Southfield youngsters to learn if they had been good all year.

Chanukah Parade on tap for December 20

The Southfield Police Department will provide a safety assist to a Chanukah Parade on Tuesday, December 23. Cars will begin lining up at 5pm in the parking lot of Stevenson School (27777 Lahser).

Cars sporting lit menorahs, will wind their way through several neighborhoods before arriving at the Civic Center for refreshments and entertainment.

Originally instituted as a pandemic safety measure, the parade has become popular with Southfield residents.



Cars line up for the Chanukah parade.

Santa Claus arrived in Southfield on December 6th with a police escort while riding atop the city's vintage 1950s fire truck at the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony.

After meeting members of the Parks & Rec Board, Councilpersons Nancy Banks and Linnie Taylor and City Treasurer Irv Lowenberg, Mayor Siver presented Santa with the key to the city.

Scores of people turned out for the event and children lined up to meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus. Santa reported that he only found good boys and girls in Southfield.

Several reindeer arrived separately, standing by to watch the festivities.

Holiday carols filled the air while lights twinkled and children of all ages sipped hot chocolate.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

City offices and the library will be closed from Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 and again on Friday, December 30 through Monday, January 2. Regular hours resume on Tuesday, January 3.

Happy Holidays to All!!

City Council approves appointments to fill elected office vacancies

Southfield City Council has tapped Allyson Bettis to serve as City Clerk to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Sherikia Hawkins and Coretta Houge to fill the Council vacancy due to the resignation of Jason Hoskins. Mr. Hoskins was elected to the Michigan House of Representatives in November.

Ms. Bettis is a long-time Southfield resident who for the past five years has served as Deputy City Treasurer. Prior to her employment with the City of Southfield, she served for 20 years as City Clerk-Treasurer in Garden City, Michigan.

Ms. Houge is also a long-time Southfield resident who served for over seven years on the Southfield Employee Retirement Board. Currently employed as a senior contract administrator for Health Alliance Plan, she has over 25 years of human resources and administrative leadership duties in the areas of payor contracting and reimbursement, customer service, benefits administration, labor relations, performance appraisals and employee recruitment.



Allyson Bettis



Coretta Houge

Although, Councilman Hoskins will not officially take office as State Representative until January 1, he resigned effective December 13 to allow for his replacement to come on board before the start of the new year.

Both Ms. Bettis and Ms. Houge will serve until November 2023. The incomplete terms of both Hoskins and Hawkins will be on the November ballot.



Mayor's BIG RAKE concludes

Over 250 volunteers, most of whom were Lawrence Tech students, cleared 110 yards in the 2022 BIG RAKE program for seniors and handicapped.

City, Southfield Non-Profit Housing Board continue partnership with Habitat for affordable housing



Habitat's Tim Ruggles & Ann Duke speaking at dedication ceremony upon the completion of an affordable duplex on Westland Street.

Southfield continues to build affordable housing in partnership with the Southfield Non-Profit Housing Board and Habitat for Humanity Oakland County. The newest affordable housing project is an all-electric duplex on Westland Street. This Women Build home is highly energy efficient. Homeowners are estimated to have an annual electric bill of \$100.

2022 saw many new businesses open in the city



Lillie Mae's Southern Buffet **29221 Northwestern Highway**

Lillie Mae's partners pictured above have created a broad menu of palette pleasing food that ranges from grits to shrimp jambalaya to fried chicken and catfish, turkey meatloaf and fried pork chops.

D'bo's Daiquiris, Wings & Seafood **28595 Northwestern Highway**

County Executive Dave Coulter was among the special guests who came out for the opening of D'bo's. Born in Memphis in 1990, D'bo's features a variety of frozen drinks, wings, burgers, seafood and sides like crunchy coleslaw and fried okra in an upscale setting.



Chick-fil-A
28588 Telegraph Rd.
This popular fast food chain needs no introduction to most. Offers nicely decorated indoor seating and double-lane drive-thru at Tel-12.

Infinity Jewelers
28636 Telegraph Rd.
Located at Tel-12 Center, this jewelry store features custom creations, watch and jewelry repairs.



Pictured: Chamber of Commerce Director Jasmine Patton and Mayor Siver with owners Nick and Seta Tikoyan Bederian.

New business openings

Continued



EXtreme Loans
29444 Northwestern Highway
Mortgage financing

Spa Lyfe
26699 W. Twelve Mile Road
Body contouring and advanced skin care services; chemical peels, permanent hair removal and custom massages

Opening a new business or looking for space to open a business in Southfield? Contact the Southfield Chamber of Commerce at 248.557.6661 or info@SouthfieldChamber.com
 Or, contact Rochelle Freeman, Director of the City of Southfield Economic & Business Development office at 248.796.4161 or rfreeman@cityofsouthfield.com



Natural U Health & Beauty Salon
15565 Northland Drive, Suite 101W
Skin & body sculpting, fitness training



New Seoul Garden, Enterprise Rental Car expand operations



Popular Korean restaurant New Seoul Garden is adding a gourmet market next door.



Enterprise Rental Car continues growth in Southfield with its third expansion at Telegraph & Garner streets.



Northland redevelopment moving at steady pace

Construction at the new Northland City Centre is moving right along. The first five story apartment tower is visible when driving along Greenfield.

The first road into the complex from Greenfield is under construction and site preparations continue for the construction of the Business Costco at Northwestern Hwy. and Northland Drive.

Southfield Public Art Commission shines spotlight on local artists

The Southfield Public Arts Commission continues its support of local artists by curating shows of their work. The lobby of the municipal building has been turned into a gallery featuring local art and the photography of the finalists from the annual Southfield Photo Prize competition.

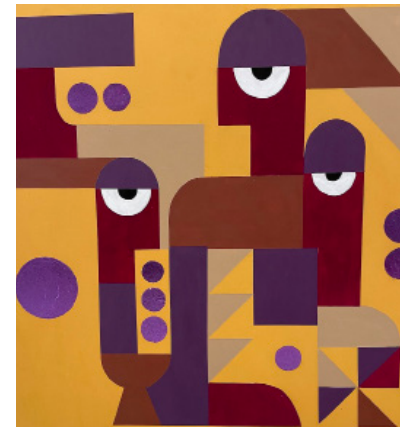
Through January 2023, the works of Rosemary Summers and Jabrion “Jae” Graham are on display. Their pieces are priced for sale by contacting the artists.

Every three or four months a new show is launched. Depending on the size of the artworks, roughly 25 to 30 pieces are on display in each show.

For more information on displaying local artists’ work, contact Southfield Public Arts Commission Chair Delores Flagg in care of the Planning Department. (248.796.4150)



Jabrion Graham



Rosemary Summers



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