

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

Mark your calendars! Host of events on tap for May, June

Friends of Southfield Public Arts hosts Art & Vintage Fashion Show on May 31st

Detroiters of a certain age will remember clothing sold at Hudson's, B. Siegel, Winkelman's Himelhoch's, Jacobson's, Bonwit Teller, Claire Pearone, and Surwin's.

These labels and more will be on display at the Art & Vintage Couture Fashion Show to be held at the Skyline Club (2000 Southfield Town Center, 28th Floor) on Friday, May 31 from 7 to 9pm.

The event is a fundraiser for the Friends of Southfield Public Arts. Presale tickets are \$50; day of event, \$60. Besides the fashion show, the event will feature art, jewelry, and clothing vendors. A deejay and wine and cheese reception are included.

Tickets are available from the Mayor's Office or via PayPal or Zelle at SFLDPublicArts@gmail.com

Eleven models from the Southfield A&T Dance Team will sport over 40 articles of vintage clothing from the 1940s, '50s, '60s, and '70s. The couture is on loan from Fantoni, the Berkley vintage clothing store located at 4105 W. Twelve Mile Road.

The Friends of Southfield Public Arts, a 501(c)(3) organization, is dedicated

Southfield
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Fantoni

THE FRIENDS OF SOUTHFIELD
PUBLIC ARTS

Hosted by: The Friends of Southfield Public Arts

Tickets available at Mayor's Office, via Paypal or Zelle:
SFLDPublicArts@gmail.com

For Information call:
(248) 796-5100

Cost per Ticket:
\$50

Clothing, Jewelry & Art Vendors

ART & VINTAGE CLOTHES
Fashion Show

MAY 31st 2024 / 7-9 PM
Skyline Club
28th Floor
2000 Town Center
Southfield, MI

to supporting and furthering art in public places in the City of Southfield. Its mission is to finance the procurement, transport, installation, and restoration of art for public enjoyment in the City of Southfield.

**Southfield
Mid-Century
Modern
Architecture
Tour**

Homes -- Neighborhoods -- Commercial Buildings -- Religious Institutions

Sunday, June 9 from 2 to 4:30pm

City Tour Begins & Ends at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue
27375 Bell Road @ 11 Mile, Southfield — Free Parking

Tickets: \$40 -- Available from the Mayor's Office
City of Southfield, 26000 Evergreen Road

Checks Payable to: The Friends of Southfield Public Arts
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Sponsored by:
Southfield Historical Society
Detroit Area Art Deco Society
Friends of Southfield Public Arts

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

The Southfield Mid-Century Modern Tour includes interior visits to five buildings and one home. A Home & Building Guide is included.

The tour will proceed from Shaarey Zedek to a classic Mid-Century home, with its original interior décor, to Cranbrook Neighborhood and on to significant buildings along Southfield Road (including Empowerment Church) and Northwestern Highway.

The tour will loop around Northland with several stops including Minoru Yamasaki's Reynolds Aluminum building and through Northland Gardens to Ira Kaufman Funeral Home and Emanuel Lutheran Church.

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Southfield to Showcase its Mid-Century Modern Architecture with City Tour on Sunday, June 9

In celebration of some of its unique architecture and designs by several of the 20th Century's leading architects, the Southfield Historical Society, the Detroit Area Art Deco Society, and the Friends of Southfield Public Arts are hosting once again the Southfield Mid-Century Modern Architecture Tour.

The bus tour will begin at 2pm on Sunday, June 9 at Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, 27375 Bell Road at 11 Mile Road. Free parking is available at the site. The bus will return to Shaarey Zedek at approximately 4:40pm.

Mid-Twentieth Century architecture and design (referred to as Mid-Century Modern) has seen a tremendous resurgence in the popularity. Mid-Century Modern styling is popular once again in architecture, fashion, home furnishings, and interior design.

For a number of years during the 1960s Southfield was Michigan's fastest growing city. As a result, Southfield has a large, amazing collection of Mid-Century Modern homes, commercial buildings, schools, and religious institutions.

The purpose of the tour is to create awareness of and appreciation for some of Southfield's distinctive buildings and homes and to promote Southfield as a place to live, recreate, and do business. Guides will comment on some the distinctive features of Mid-Century Modern architecture as well as architects of the day. Besides Yamasaki, other noted buildings in the city were designed by Victor Gruen, Gunnar Birkerts, Rossetti & Associates, Percival Goodman, G. Bruce Boore, and Louis Redstone.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 on the day of the tour (if available). Tickets may be purchased through the Mayor's Office at Southfield City Hall (26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield 48076) or via PayPal or Zelle at SFLDPublicArts@gmail.com.

For additional information, or to purchase tickets directly, please contact Mayor Ken Siver at ksiver@cityofsouthfield.com or (248) 796-5100. Make checks payable to Friends of Southfield Public Arts.

Juneteenth

celebrate freedom

Southfield celebrates Juneteenth with activities, events June 10-22

The city of Southfield, in partnership with Pearls of Service Foundation and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority - Pi Tau Omega Chapter, Southfield Public Library, Southfield Parks & Recreation, and the Southfield Historical Society, will sponsor events and activities for the city's 2024 Juneteenth Celebration.

June 10 – Flag Raising & Council Presentation

Southfield's Juneteenth celebration will kick off with the raising of the Juneteenth flag at 5:30pm at the circle drive in front of City Hall, followed by the reading of the City Council Juneteenth proclamation at 6pm.

June 12 – Jazz & Blues at the Library – 6pm

The Friends of the Southfield Public Library will sponsor a special Juneteenth Jazz & Blues concert on the Library Fountain Terrace. This free concert will feature the music of the One Luv Band, a dynamic, high-energy group that will inspire attendees to clap their hands and move their feet.

June 14 – Senior Luncheon – 11:30am – 1pm

Southfield Parks and Recreation will host a special Juneteenth Senior Luncheon in Room 115 Parks & Recreation Building. Includes a hot meal, music, dance, and speeches that highlight the significance of Juneteenth. Tickets are \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents. Pre-registration required through Parks & Rec. Sorry, no walk-ins!

June 15 – Mayor's Juneteenth Walk – 10-11:30am

Join Mayor Ken Siver for the Mayor's annual Juneteenth Walk on Saturday, June 15 from 10-11:30am beginning at the Southfield City Hall front circle. Mayor Siver will lead participants on an invigorating 2.5 mile walk concluding a stop at the Covenant Church linked to the Underground Railroad.

June 16 – Juneteenth Jubilee – 4-9pm

Southfield Parks & Recreation will host Juneteenth Jubilee, a special Juneteenth celebration on the Municipal Campus front lawn. Included are food trucks, entertainment for the entire evening, yard games, a marketplace

with over 30 Black vendors, and a beer and wine tent for attendees ages 21 and over.

June 18 – Southfield Historical Society Profiles in Freedom – 6pm

Members of the Southfield Historical Society will profile African American freedom fighters at the barn behind the Mary Thompson House on Evergreen Road. The event will feature period costumes.

June 22 – Pearls of Service Foundation Juneteenth Breakfast – 11am

The Foundation will sponsor a Juneteenth Breakfast at Tapestry Banquet Hall, 24580 Evergreen Road. The theme for the event is "Our Ancestors' Wildest Dreams: A Celebration of Art & Scholarship." Tickets for the event cost \$50 and can be purchased at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/pearlsofservicefoundation/1207330#>

June 22 – Juneteenth Open Mic Event – 1-4pm

The Southfield Public Library will celebrate Juneteenth with a special Juneteenth Open Mic Event. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some of metro Detroit's best spoken word poets outside on the Fountain Terrace. Original spoken word done solo, in duets, or trios, and more, are welcome and encouraged! The event will also feature food, vendors, music, and more! Performance registration deadline through the library is June 17.

June 26 – Book to Screen at the Library – 6:30pm

This edition of Book to Screen examines the caste system, a man-made social order designed to rank the value of certain groups of people, as outlined in the non-fiction book, **Caste**. Author Isabel Wilkerson provides a masterful portrait of an unseen phenomenon in America as she explores, through an immersive, deeply researched, and a beautifully written narrative, stories about real people, and how America today, and throughout its history, has been shaped by a hidden caste system.

For more information on the 2024 Southfield Juneteenth Celebration, visit www.cityofsouthfield.com

Submissions due May 31st for Annual PhotoPrize Competition

The City of Southfield has kicked off the 8th Annual PhotoPrize Competition. Entries may be submitted between now and May 31st.

Any who lives, works, attends school, or worships in Southfield may enter. Photos should showcase the natural and architectural beauty of the city.

The top 25 entries, as judged by the public, will be enlarged and featured in an outdoor display at the Civic Center. Some off the winning photos *may* be included in the 2025 Southfield calendar.

CONTEST CRITERIA

Original digital photos with no obvious editing except for dodging, cropping, or color corrections. Land-

scape orientation is preferred.

The photograph must be high resolution – 300 DPR and 2,000 pixels submitted in JPEG, TIFF, or PDF format

Each photographer may submit up to three entries.

Submissions must be emailed as an attachment to PhotoContest@cityofsouthfield.com

For further information, call the Community Relations Department at 248.796.5130.



Spring is Here! Plant Flowers that Deer (usually) Won't Eat

Many residents are frustrated by marauding deer eating their flowers and shrubs. Deer are picky eaters when there is plenty of vegetation to choose from. (They will eat just about anything if hungry enough in late fall, winter, or early spring.)

Deer do not like plants with fuzzy leaves or that give off a stronger odor. You can have flowering annuals and perennials in your yard if you choose deer adverse plants.

Some Suggestions:

ANNUALS	PERENNIALS
Ageratum	Astilbe
Alyssum	Beebalm
Begonias (waxy)	Blanketflower
Cleome	Clematis
Dahlias	Columbine
Dusty Miller	Coneflower
Lantana	Coreopsis
Marigold	Ferns
Periwinkel	Foxglove
Salvia (blue)	Lavender
Snapdragons	Lupine
Verbena	Poppies
Vinca	Russian Sage
Zinnias	Yarrow

17th Annual Southfield Garden Walk Slated for Sunday, June 23 - 2-5pm

The Southfield Parks & Garden Club will hold its 17th Annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 23 from 2-5pm. The walk will feature 11 yards in the Tamarack/Hiawatha Neighborhood, bounded Evergreen and Lahser roads, south of Ten Mile. Enter the neighborhood on Tamarack Trail.

Garden Walk tickets are \$10 and may be purchased on the day of the event or from the Southfield Mayor's Office. The Garden Walk starts at the corner of Tamarack Trail and Tamarack Circle. Parking is free, as are refreshments.

Tamarack/Hiawatha is a lovely, wooded neighborhood of Mid-Century ranch homes. Attendees are encouraged to walk the loop through the neighborhood. However, a shuttle bus will make a continuous loop. Yards on display are clustered in several areas.

The Southfield Parks & Garden Club originated the annual walk to showcase some of Southfield's beautiful and unique home gardens and garden art, to offer tips and ideas to homeowners, provide information on annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees and to promote Southfield's housing stock.

The club maintains the community garden at Emanuel Lutheran Church, growing vegetables for Forgotten Harvest.

Police Chief Elvin Barren to be honored by Michigan Chronicle as 2024 Man of Excellence

Among those to be recognized by the Michigan Chronicle in the 17th Annual Men of Excellence Awards is Southfield Police Chief Elvin Barren.

Annually, the Chronicle recognizes local African American men who inspire others through their vision, leadership, exceptional achievements, and participation in community service. They are men who exemplify extraordinary stature and integrity who continue to break the mold and affect change in their professions and community.

These men influence those around them to go beyond the norm and strive for greatness. They are champions of our economic empowerment and diversity, the backbone of our business, religious and educational organizations, and driving forces in politics and service. An induction ceremony is scheduled for June.



2024 Road Repair Projects Underway

As flowers bloom and trees bud, out come the orange barrels marking another road construction season.

Southfield will be spending \$21 million, about half of it grant funded, this season on roads and pathways. Projects include:

- 12 Mile – Telegraph to Northwestern
- Code House Neighborhood
- Foster Winter Drive
- North Park Drive
- Nine Mile – Evergreen to Lahser
- Sherwood Village West
- Ten Mile – Greenfield to Evergreen – Spot Repair
- Beech Road Pathway – Nine Mile to Shiawassee
- Nine Mile Pathway – Prescott to Lahser
- Repaving Civic Center Pathway

In addition, numerous water main and sewer replacement projects are scheduled, including the redesign of underground lift stations and water main lining and replacement, totaling \$23.04 million.

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SOUTHFIELD BUSINESS NEWS



- **Lucid Motors** has leased 33,000 square feet of space in Travelers Tower for a new Research & Development Center. The electric vehicle company has operations in Arizona and California. The company expects to hire 262 staff.
 - **International Workplace Group** has leased 30,000 square feet of co-working space in the Onyx Building on Telegraph.
 - **Bloom**, a new dining establishment, will fill the former restaurant space on the lower level of the retail building at Ten Mile & Southfield. It will feature ball-room dancing.
 - **Panda Express** will be building a restaurant in front of the Comerica Tower at 12 Mile & Telegraph
- OTHER LEASES**
- **Epitex** staffing company has leased the top floor of Travelers Tower.
 - **Bloom Pediatrics** has set up a second office with 10,000 square feet at Twelve Mile and Northwestern.
 - **Make A Wish Foundation** has leased a floor at 20750 Civic Center Drive.
 - A car wash is coming to Nine Mile & Telegraph.