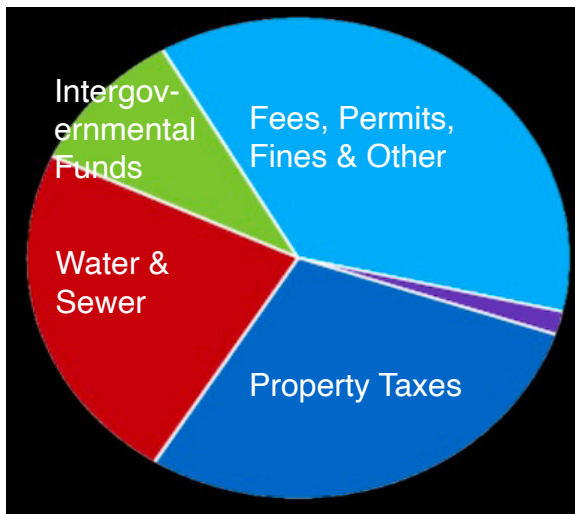


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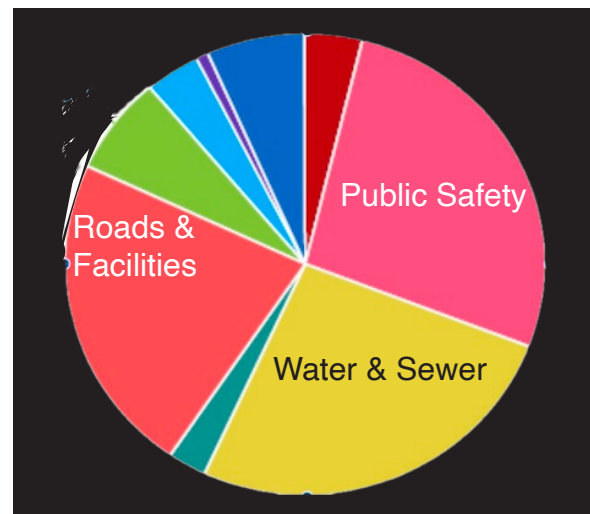
News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

City Revenues 2025-26



Fees, Permits, Fines & Other = \$105,103,682 / 37%
Property Taxes = \$81,776,852 / 28%
Water & Sewer = \$675,654,917 / 23%
Intergovernmental Funds = \$27,767,681 / 10%
Sanitation = \$4,482,712 / 2%

City Expenditures 2025-26



Public Safety = \$67,895,897 / 27%
Water & Sewer = \$65,654,717 / 26%
Roads & Facilities = \$56,421,238 / 22%
General Government = \$17,317,370 / 7%
Library = \$16,666,928 / 7%
Parks & Recreation = \$9,782,347 / 4%
Community & Economic Development = \$9,272,255 / 4%
Sanitation & Litter Control = \$6,562,604 / 3%
All Other Services = \$2,093,716 / 1%

City Council adopts 2025-26 \$284.78 million budget

In June the Southfield City Council adopted the 2025-26 budget totaling \$284,785,844, inclusive of all funds.

KEY POINTS

- Property taxes represent 49% of General Fund Revenues and 28% of all funds revenue. Projected taxable value is \$3,215,261,900 which represents an increase of approximately \$58 million or 1.78% over the 2024-25 projection.
- The millage rate increased by 0.0941 mills comprised of 0.1950 increase in the Police & Fire Pension rate offset by a decrease of 0.0003 to the Public Act 59 rate, a decrease of 0.0006 for Drains at Large, and a 0.10 decrease in the Road Bond rate. The resultant levy is 26.8115 mills.

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2025-26 budget includes funding for new, year-round municipal swimming pool

The new city budget includes \$22.5 million for a new municipal swimming pool. It has taken several years to finance the replacement of the existing pool which was built over 50 years ago.

The new pool will be a year-round facility at the Civic Center with a few additional features that hopefully will include a lazy river. Pools are very expensive to operate making a summer-only pool impractical.

The city issued a Request for Proposal for architectural services to design the new pool in June. An architect will be hired in August to begin the process.

2025-26 Budget Adoption

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- State shared revenues increased by approximately 2% compared to the prior budget year. Constitutional and statutory revenue payments from the State of Michigan are projected at \$8,379,696 and \$1,416,347, respectively and represent 9% of the General Fund revenues.
- Combined General Fund revenues are proposed at approximately \$128.4 million, a 27.6% increase over 2024-25.
- Total revenues of all funds are proposed at approximately \$284.78 million, a 29.8% increase from 2024-25.

Expenditure Snapshot

- At \$62.7 million, Police and Fire services continue to be the largest General Fund expenditure, making up approximately 49% of all General Fund expenditures, an increase of \$2.4 million over the prior year.
- The proposed budget includes approximately \$17.3 million for general government expenditures. These costs comprise approximately 13% of the General Fund expenditures and include Administration, elected officials, City Clerk, City Attorney, City Treasurer, Assessing, Fiscal Services, Technology Services, Human Resources, and Community Relations
- Combined General Fund expenditures are proposed at approximately \$128.4 million, a 27.6% increase from 2024-25
- Total expenditures of all funds are proposed at approximately \$284.78 million, a 29.8% increase from 2024-25.

Capital Projects

Southfield continues to replace aging infrastructure. Budgeted for 2025-26 are the following funds:

- Local Streets = \$5,750,000
- Major Streets = \$11,088,800
- Water & Sewer = \$22,305,650

Dollar Distribution of Property Taxes

- City of Southfield = 26.8115 Mills or 36 cents
- Oakland County = 6.0109 Mills or 8 cents
- Southfield Public Schools, Oakland County Intermediate School District & State Education Levy = 42.2199 Mills or 56 cents.

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Euni Rose with portrait

Library honors long-time volunteer Euni Rose with portrait, book plates

The Southfield Public Library and the Friends of the Library honored Library Board Trustee Euni Rose in June for her dedicated service to the institution.

Mrs. Rose was presented with a permanent portrait that will be hung in the library and numerous books plated with her name. Thirty years ago Mrs. Rose was among those who led the drive for a new library. The current, greatly expanded Southfield Public Library opened in 2003.

Mrs. Rose served on the Southfield Public Library Board for 23 years until her retirement in 2024. Besides her service to the library, Mrs. Rose spent an untold number of hours in the Southfield Public Schools reading to children and stressing the importance of being a reader. She was also involved in the arts and the Southfield Martin Luther King Task Force.

Northland City Center project reports construction progress

Southfield elected officials recently toured the Northland City Center redevelopment project, inspecting the work being done internally on the first of 1,500 apartments to be built.

The project, a huge undertaking for the redevelopment of the historic, former Northland Center, the world's first modern shopping mall, has faced a number of delays. New financing was recently acquired.

Progress has been slower than hoped for but continuous.

Plumbing and electrical services have been installed in the apartments. The first driveways and underground infrastructure is in place. The Hudson's building has been fully gutted in preparation for a boutique hotel on the upper floors, a marketplace on the first floor, and underground parking.

The underground infrastructure for a replacement electrical transformer is also in place. Delivery was delayed due to supply chain issues.

The first floor of the first two buildings facing Greenfield Road have been leased with a restaurant, credit union, coffee shop, fast food franchise, and neighborhood retail.

Ground will be broken in late summer on the next two high rise apartment buildings. Model apartments and leasing is expected after that.

Councilwoman Yolanda Haynes, Council President Ari Mandelbaum, Mayor Ken Siver, Councilwoman Nancy Banks, and Councilman Dan Brightwell, with Contour developer David Dedvukaj and DDA Director Molly LaLone stopped to take in the view from the six floor of the first apartment building at Northland City Center.



The iconic Northland Center water tower was recently restored. The tower will serve as a beacon for the development. Developer Contour Companies is honoring the history of the site by using the original Northland logo.



Oakland County invests millions in 2 Southfield parks

Oakland County Parks & Recreation is undertaking a significant expansion of facilities at Beech Woods /Southfield Oaks Park and Catalpa Oaks Park.

Construction is nearing completion on a new parking lot, playscape, and picnic pavilion at Beech Woods/Southfield Oaks Park. Yet to come are walking paths on the former golf course greens. The county is spending over \$4.5 million on the improvements at Beech Woods.

The city closed the Beech Woods Golf Course several years ago as the facility needed major repairs and the operation of two, municipal golf courses required a \$390,000 annual subsidy to keep both courses open.

Evergreen Hills Golf Course at the Civic Center has undergone many improvements and is now profitable. The Parks & Rec department no longer subsidizes golf.

Catalpa Oaks Park

Catalpa Oaks Park, at Greenfield & Catalpa streets, is closed temporarily for renovation and expansion of its facilities.

The dirt parking lot will be paved and striped. Two additional soccer fields will be added, plus a soccer practice area. A second picnic shelter will be constructed along with an expanded children's play area.

Over 100 trees will be added to the park and a pollinator garden. The soccer fields will be irrigated to better maintain the turf. Additionally, improvements to the walking path that encircles the park will be made.

Catalpa Oaks is widely used by soccer teams for competitive matches.

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New facilities at Beech Woods/Southfield Oaks are nearing completion



Rendering of the Catalpa Oaks Park improvement plan



Oakland County Parks & Rec Director Chris Ward met with County Commissioner Linnie Taylor, Mayor Ken Siver, County Executive Dave Coulter, and County commissioner Yolanda Charles to review improvements at Catalpa Park. They were joined by Oakie, the Squirrel.



Oak Park & Southfield officials gather to celebrate completion of Greenfield Gateway project with a ribbon cutting.

Southfield, Oak Park celebrate Greenfield Gateway improvements

Southfield and Oak Park officials gathered at Nine Mile & Greenfield recently to celebrate the improvements that both cities have made to their shared border, Greenfield Road between Eight and Nine mile roads.

The area is experiencing a rebirth with many new investments on either side of Greenfield. To further encourage economic development, improvements were made to the median landscaping. Additionally, welcome gateway signage and banners were installed. Mayor Siver and Oak Park Mayor Marian McClellan cut the celebratory ribbon.

Also celebrated were the repaving of Foster Winter Drive and North Park Drive. Rutland Street is currently being rebuilt. The Nine Greenfield Plaza is under new

ownership. Improvements have been made to the strip center, including repaving of the parking lot. The Nine/Greenfield Plaza is now completely leased. It's newest retailer is 5th Avenue Furniture.



Beech Road Pathway completed

Connecting to the 9 Line and the Shiawassee Pathway, the Beech Road pathway is now complete between Shiawassee and Nine Mile. Previously, residents living below Nine Mile who wished to walk or bike to Beech Woods Park had to travel along the edge of the road.

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