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Michigan Strategic Fund Board approves Transformational Brownfield Plan for new Middlepointe redevelopment



Project will add 577 new housing units, commercial space & community amenities to Southfield City Centre

The Michigan Strategic Fund (MSF) Board approved a Transformational Brownfield Plan (TBP) incentive package to support a mixed-use redevelopment project that will reinvigorate blighted, vacant land in the Southfield City Centre through added housing, commercial space and community amenities.

The \$131,822,436 TBP package requested by the city of Southfield Brownfield Redevelopment Authority and developer Middlepointe Investment Group LLC includes construction of a walkable, high-density mixed-use development including three multi-story, mixed-use buildings, a single-story retail structure and one multi-story parking deck with ground-floor retail.

In total, the project is planned to include 577 residential units, surface and structured parking spaces and 42,665 square feet of retail and commercial space. The project also includes two pocket parks and a pedestrian greenway connecting Southfield's central park with development to the west. It is anticipated the overall project will create 100 full-time jobs and bring a total capital investment of \$209,552,970.

"This is more than a redevelopment—it's a rebirth," said Southfield Mayor Dr. Ken Siver. "The Middlepointe project will bring much-needed residential density, economic activity, and walkability to our City Centre. It's a transformative investment in our future and a shining example of how public-private partnerships can reshape communities in profound and productive ways."

The development team is led by Hassan Jawad, a real estate investor and developer with a longstanding track record of delivering transformative projects across Michigan. Under his leadership, the Middlepointe Development Team brings deep collective expertise across real estate acquisition, finance,

construction, and asset management.

"The long-awaited redevelopment of the Evergreen & Civic Center Roads intersection—considered the "Main & Main" of the Southfield City Centre District—marks a major milestone nearly two decades in the making," commented City Administrator Fred Zorn, CECd. "Since the demolition of the outdated structure in 2009, this key corner has remained a visual and functional gap in the heart of the city. Southfield, as a Redevelopment Ready Community, enlisted the public to create a vision for the site. Recognizing the potential, Middlepointe Investment Group stepped in to support vision and had the commitment to transform this underutilized site into a vibrant, high-density, mixed-use community hub."

Residents and patrons of Middlepointe will be able to live, work, and enjoy being in the inviting neighborhood setting of this new 8-acre mixed-use development in the heart of Southfield City Centre. Middlepointe's vast residential offerings will also include community amenities such as a pool, dog park, gym, and EV chargers. The community was designed with pedestrians in mind with wide walkways and plenty of greenspace to enjoy.

This transformational project, once fully developed, will significantly strengthen Southfield's tax base and bring new vitality to the City Centre. The site presented complex challenges—uneven terrain, unfinished grading, and the need for environmental remediation. These conditions made brownfield support critical to unlocking the site's potential. By utilizing Michigan's Transformational Brownfield Plan program, Middlepointe Investment Group is not only delivering new housing opportunities but also creating a workforce training program that will provide jobs and skill-building for local residents in construction and skilled trades.

City Council Approves new Southfield Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief

The Southfield City Council approved City Administrator Fred Zorn's recommended appointment of new Southfield Fire Chief Joey Thorington and Deputy Fire Chief Mark Jackson at the April 28 City Council meeting.

"Fire Chief Thorington has a strong desire to work with our management team to further the goals and objectives of our elected officials – namely to keep Southfield residents safe and secure," commented City Administrator Fred Zorn. "I am confident that Fire Chief Thorington and Deputy Fire Chief Mark Jackson will continue to do an excellent job in maintaining the Southfield standard of excellence in the delivery of fire and EMS services."

About Fire Chief Joey Thorington

Fire Chief Thorington retired from the City of Dearborn Fire Department after 27 years of service with his last three years as the department's Fire Chief. Chief Thorington has a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and a master's degree from Eastern Michigan University. He also holds Fire Staff and Command certification from Eastern Michigan University and Executive Fire Officer certification from the National Fire Academy. He is a passionate and experienced Fire Chief with a proven track record of leading firefighting teams to excellence.



About Deputy Fire Chief Mark Jackson

Deputy Fire Chief Jackson previously served 26 years at the Detroit Fire Department, most recently as a Fire Lieutenant where he was primarily responsible for Fire Suppression and Rescue while supervising and teaching the next generation of Public Safety Heroes. He has extensive experience as a Professional Emergency Manager, Fire Service Administrator, Fire Officer I,II,III, Exercise & Training Coordinator, Hazardous Materials Technician, Confined Space Technician, Trench Rescue Technician, Aircraft Rescue, Vehicle Extrication Specialist-Trainer, Chemistry for Hazardous Materials 1 & 2, and Arson Investigations.



Deputy Chief Jackson holds a Master of Business Administration degree, with a concentration in Leadership, from Cleary University and a Bachelor of Science degree, with a concentration in Diversity, Leadership and Public Safety from Cleary University.

Southfield Fire Department Updates

The city continues to invest in the latest technology and equipment with an over \$3 million purchase of new ambulances and a fire truck. Three new ambulances were purchased for a total amount of \$1,167,372.49, with the most recent ambulance delivered on February 25. A new tower fire truck was also purchased for \$1,769,478, which will be delivered this fall.

Southfield Neighborhood & Information Center rolls out new merchandise

Show off your Southfield pride in style! The Southfield Neighborhood Information Center is excited to introduce its latest collection of new merchandise. The new sweatshirts feature a fresh design and come in an array of vibrant colors, while the t-shirts are available in various shades including green, black, grey, navy blue, and others. To complete the look, the center now offers new hats, making it easy to represent Southfield throughout the community. Best of all, everything is available for sale at a reasonable price. Be sure to stop by City Hall during regular business hours to check out the selection and grab some swag without breaking the bank!

The Southfield Municipal Campus undergoes exciting new walkway construction

The Southfield City Council authorized construction of a stamped concrete promenade across the front lawn of city hall from Evergreen to the front circle drive. Designed to enhance walkability and aesthetics, the project aims to provide a welcoming entrance to the Southfield Municipal Campus. The walkway is expected to improve pedestrian flow, making it easier for residents and visitors to navigate the campus safely and efficiently.

Due to upcoming events programmed for the front lawn, the construction of the promenade must be expedited for completion by Memorial Day. Barbara Talley Way and the front circle drive will be closed for the duration of the project to allow the contractor to perform the work most efficiently and expeditiously. The new promenade will be used to stage food trucks and mobile platforms during events along with other programming features.

The walkway aligns with the City's broader vision of fostering



a more pedestrian-friendly environment. Southfield has long been committed to sustainability and urban development, and this project reinforces that dedication.

As progress continues, residents are encouraged to stay informed through city updates and public meetings. The new front lawn walkway will transform the municipal campus front lawn into a more walkable and inviting space. Southfield's investment in this project reflects its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its residents and visitors.

Southfield moves forward with deer cull amid overpopulation concerns

Southfield is moving forward with a plan to reduce its growing deer population after residents voted in favor of action in 2022. A recent aerial survey found some areas have more than 40 deer per square mile, far exceeding numbers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The City has seen a rise in auto accidents involving deer and growing concerns over damage to natural vegetation.

A common assertion is that deer are pushed from natural areas as property is developed. However, this is no longer the case as suburban neighborhoods create the perfect environment for deer populations to flourish due to the plentiful availability of food and lack of predators.

Southfield averaged over two car/deer accidents a week in 2024 based on deer recovered from roadways. Deer overpopulation also harms natural plants in parks and private yards and can lead to the spread of diseases that can then spread to other animals and even people. A 2018 deer browse study of Southfield parks discovered that deer overpopulation damaged natural vegetation and aided in spreading invasive species. One of the study's conclusions was that if the deer population continues to increase, no new Oak trees will grow in Southfield parks unless they are protected by special fencing.

In 2024, the Southfield Wildlife Advisory Commission recommended initiating a cull to decrease the deer population. Deer culls are necessary because relocating or sterilizing deer or reintroducing predators are either prohibited or impractical. A cull differs from a hunt because professional sharpshooters



are trained to harvest deer safely and humanely. The venison harvested from the deer cull would be donated to those in need.

In 2022, Southfield voters approved a proposal to decrease the city's deer population by humane lethal means, with 62% of voters in support of a cull.

Southfield is a founding member of the Southeast Michigan Urban Deer Coalition, which is coordinating a pilot deer cull for the winter of 2026. The proposed cull would also include Farmington Hills, who approved participation on April 28. The cull will be conducted by United States Department of Agriculture sharpshooters.

All proper safety precautions and protocols will be put in place to ensure that the deer cull is humane, efficient and safe for the community. Advanced communication and further detailed information will be provided to the public as well as data results following.

Keep Southfield Beautiful: Spring Cleanup Reminders

This spring and summer, let's all do our part to help keep Southfield beautiful! Residents are reminded that all yards must be kept mowed, free from weeds, litter, debris, and illegal storage.

SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY APPEARANCE STANDARDS

Residents are reminded of the following community appearance standards:

- Weeds and grass must be cut on a regular basis. Lawn grass should not exceed eight-inches in length and weeds may not exceed 12 inches at any time.
- Trash is not to be placed at the curb before 4 p.m. the evening prior to collection. Refuse is limited to 60 pounds of material and must be placed in plastic bags or waste containers no larger than 32-gallon capacity. All containers must be removed no later than noon the day following trash collection.
- Littering is not only unsightly and unsanitary – it is illegal in Southfield! All violators could face fines and even prosecution! Please do your part to keep Southfield clean and attractive for us all!
- Unlicensed or inoperable vehicles may not be parked outside of a garage. The repair of vehicles is not permitted on residential property.
- Outside storage is not permitted, except in industrial zones.
- Outside storage constitutes anything placed outside that is not in immediate use. Outside storage of recreational vehicles, snowmobiles, boats, travel trailers and mobile homes exceeding 20-feet in length is not permitted and must be stored off site. Recreational vehicles, boats and travel trailers less than 20-feet in length may be stored in the backyard only.
- Buildings must be maintained according to City code regulations, including no peeling or weathered paint, cracked or broken glass, fallen gutters, litter or debris, or other maintenance issues.

YARD WASTE & BRANCH PICKUP

Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, branches, brush and other organic material only. Yard waste must be placed in approved paper yard waste bags or in a rigid container clearly marked 'yard waste.' Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted.

Branches and brush refuse must be placed with the cut ends towards the curb on the regular trash collection day.



Branches placed at the curb will be removed by workers with brush chippers. Depending upon the amount of branches in each neighborhood (especially after storms), it may take longer than the designated trash collection day to dispose of them.

Yard waste will be collected on residents' regular garbage collection day through December 12, 2025. For more information, visit www.cityofsouthfield.com or call the Public Works Department at (248) 796-4860.

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM

Every Southfield resident is encouraged to do their part to help our environment by regularly recycling and composting, thus reducing waste and unnecessary landfill. Visit www.cityofsouthfield.com for a complete list of what is recyclable as well as other important recycling information.

WANT A FREE 64-GALLON RECYCLING OR GARBAGE CART?

Contact Southfield's waste contractor Priority Waste to order a free 64-gallon recycling cart or garbage cart by calling (586) 228-1200. Recycling carts or Garbage Carts are delivered to single-family households upon request at no cost.

FREE WOOD CHIPS PROGRAM

Southfield residents may take advantage of the City's free wood chips program from April to December while supplies last at the Southfield Municipal Campus located at 26000 Evergreen Road. The wood chips are located behind the baseball diamond located directly behind the Southfield Sports Arena. Residents may take up to five yards of wood chips completely free-of-charge while supplies last. Residents must provide their own equipment to load and transport wood chips. Wood chips are provided to Southfield residents only — no commercial contractors or landscapers.

Save the date for the State of the City!

YOU ARE INVITED

SAVE THE DATE.

June 5, 2025!

City of Southfield

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Join us for Southfield Mayor Dr. Kenson Siver's 2025 State of the City Address. Mayor Siver will share key updates, accomplishments, and future initiatives shaping our city. This is a prime opportunity to connect with local leaders, business professionals, and community stakeholders all in one convenient location!

When: Thursday, June 5 from 2-5 p.m.

Location: Lear World Headquarters,
21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield

Tickets: \$50

Purchase tickets online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-city-of-southfield-state-of-the-city-address-tickets-1321802509889>.

This special event will feature:

- Mayor Siver's Annual Address – Key insights on Southfield's progress and vision!
- Business Networking Reception – Engage with fellow business and community leaders with drinks & hors d'oeuvres!

Mayor Siver's presentation, "Measuring Southfield's Successes," will focus on economic development, housing and infrastructure, public safety, redevelopment, community placemaking, and public art. The address will also include Mayor Siver's overview of the past year as well as his vision for the coming year and beyond.

Community State of the City

The Community State of the City address will take place on Thursday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers. This event is free and open to the public.

SOUTHFIELD SOLUTIONS APP

The Southfield Solutions mobile app empowers Southfield residents and businesses to provide City staff with pictures, descriptions, geo-locating and other valuable information to resolve issues efficiently. The platform also provides Southfield officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from the initial report to resolution — engaging the community throughout the process.

The Southfield Solutions mobile app is available in the Apple or Google Play app stores and online on the city's website at www.cityofsouthfield.com.

EYES ON SOUTHFIELD COMMUNITY APPEARANCE HOTLINE

The City of Southfield launched the "Eyes on Southfield" program to enable residents to notify the City when a code or blight issue is observed. Residents can call (248) 796-EYES (3937) anytime to report code issues or violations. Southfield Code Enforcement will respond to most complaints within 24 - 48 hours. When a violation exists, code officers will inform the resident or business of the issue and educate them how to correct it. If another violation occurs at the same property, the home or business owner will be issued a civil infraction and must appear in court.

City of Southfield Parks, Nature Areas and Trails Rules & Reminders

The City of Southfield is home to numerous parks, 774 acres of park land and open space at 33 sites throughout the City. Residents can enjoy Southfield's beautiful parks throughout the entire year from dawn to dusk and there are no park entrance fees.

Residents are reminded of the following Park Rules in effect at all City of Southfield parks, trails and nature areas:

- Parks open from dawn to dusk.
- No alcohol, marijuana or illegal substances are allowed.
- All pets must be leashed and controlled.
- Golf is prohibited in park areas.
- No motorized vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot.
- Please place litter in receptacles provided.
- No loitering.
- Group use by permit only.
- Pet droppings must be collected and removed by pet owner.
- Remote or radio-controlled aircraft prohibited.
- Feeding of wildlife prohibited.
- Fire in grills only.
- Fireworks prohibited.
- Dumping of household trash prohibited.
- Playing loud music will not be permitted.
- Tents not authorized by Southfield Parks & Recreation prohibited.

Help Maintain Southfield Parks

Although crews inspect Southfield's park sites on a regular basis, damage or vandalism may occur between crew visits. If you notice broken playground equipment, unsafe conditions or vandalism, please contact Park Services at (248) 796-4630.

Southfield Celebrates Juneteenth with events & programs

Juneteenth ✦ *Freedom Day* ✦ *June 19*

The City of Southfield and community partners will sponsor several events and activities for the City's Juneteenth Celebration. Juneteenth is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It is also observed for celebrating African American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865.

Library Juneteenth Exhibit: The Legacy of Black Medical Schools and Departments - June 25 from 6-8 p.m.

The Southfield Public Library is hosting a Juneteenth exhibit and program focusing on the legacy of Black medical schools. A group of historians, educators, and students will discuss their research, which highlights over 3000 years of historical contributions to medicine. The exhibit, running until June 30, showcases the stories of 19 Black medical schools, their role in training physicians, and their impact on Black healthcare. Featuring never-before-seen photos, artifacts, and expert analysis, the exhibit explores why these institutions remain vital.

In the Shadow of History: Presidential and Historical Moments Captures - May 18 - June 30

In the Shadow of History - presidential and historical moments captured by International Presidential Photographer Gary Hunter. See photos of President Barack Obama, Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence, members of the Congressional Black Caucus and more. The Exhibit on display in the 3rd Level Southfield History Room.

Freedom Confirmed: President Abraham Lincoln's Courage to Create Change- June 12

Presented by Rodney David Deal, Vice President of Education and Outreach at the Detroit Historical Society, this lecture will take place June 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Southfield Public Library and will inspire and educate attendees about Abraham Lincoln's Civil War presidency and the history of American freedom and justice in the pivotal year of 1865. The

lecture will discuss the creation and implications of the 13th amendment.

Juneteenth Senior Luncheon – June 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Southfield Parks & Recreation will once again host a special Juneteenth Senior Luncheon where history, culture, and community come together in a celebration of freedom and resilience. This uplifting event will feature electrifying performances, soul-stirring music, a delicious meal, and dancing. Watch a powerful performance by the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, showcasing the rhythmic precision and energy of step. Feel the heartbeat of history through rhythmic beats of African drumming. Tickets are \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents and can be purchased on the Parks & Recreation website or by calling (248) 796-4620.

Juneteenth Jubilee – June 14 from 4-9 p.m.

Southfield Parks & Recreation invites the community to an evening of commemoration, celebration, and unity at the Juneteenth Jubilee. Watch history come to life as re-enactors from the Southfield Historical Society portray influential African-Americans including Phyllis Wheatley, Opal Lee, Billie Holiday, and Sojourner Truth. There will be games and activities for kids with Recreation on the Move and an outdoor concert with the Detroit RSVP AllStars. Food trucks will be available throughout the event. Admission is free.

Juneteenth Open Mic Event – June 21 from 1-4 p.m.

The Juneteenth Open Mic Event returns to the Southfield Library. Enjoy some of metro Detroit's best spoken word poets outside on the Front Lawn (or inside the Meeting Room in case of inclement weather). The community will be invited to present original spoken word done solo, in duets or trios. Tony Speaks will be the MC host. The event will also feature food, vendors, music and more! Pre-registration on the Library website is recommended to perform, and walk-in performances will be welcome if time permits. Content should be PG-13.

City of Southfield seeks entries for 9th annual Photo Prize competition and public art exhibition



The city of Southfield will sponsor the 9th annual Southfield Photo Prize competition and public art exhibition this summer to showcase the natural and architectural beauty throughout the city while also creating an outdoor public art exhibition.

The city is currently seeking qualified entries for the competition which will run from June through August. Submissions will be initially reviewed by the Total Living Commission that will select the top 25 finalist entries that will be enlarged and displayed on the parks & recreation building for public viewing and voting.

The community is encouraged to visit all of the entries and to vote online for their favorite photo on the City's website at www.cityofsouthfield.com from June 16 – August 28, 2025. The photo that receives the most overall votes will be featured in the City's 2026 calendar with a photo credit. Other finalists may also be featured in the calendar and other city marketing materials. All finalists will receive their enlarged photographs from the exhibition as well as additional prizes for the top three winners. The results will be announced at an awards ceremony in September.

For more information, call Community Relations at (248) 796-5130 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Criteria for Submissions:

- *Photographer must live, work, worship or attend school in the City of Southfield.*
- *Original digital color photograph of Southfield landmark or other subject matter shot within the City of Southfield borders taken in any season or format (color or b&w).*
- *Photographs may be edited with dodging, burning, cropping and color corrections. No other obvious photo editing is permitted.*
- *If cropping, please utilize a ratio of 4x3 or 3x4 for contest prints and calendar. City staff reserve the right to re-crop photos based on needs.*
- *Photographs must be high resolution: at least 300 DPI (Dots Per Inch) and 2,000 pixels submitted in JPEG, TIFF or PDF file format (which can be achieved with most cameras and phones).*
- *The City of Southfield reserves the right to use all entries in marketing and other materials – expressly the City's 2026 calendar;*
- *Each photographer may submit up to three (3) total shots for consideration per person; and*
- *Submissions that do not meet above criteria will not be eligible for the competition.*

E-mail your three best shots as an attachment to Photocontest@cityofsouthfield.com by Friday, May 30.

Housing Discrimination Notice

Housing discrimination is prohibited by law. For more information on housing discrimination, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing.

If you believe you have been discriminated against or have questions about fair housing, contact: the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 800-482-3604 (TTY: 877-878-8464) or MDCR-INFO@michigan.gov. or contact HUD, the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 800-669-9777.

Southfield Public Library Summer Programs



Photo by Darren Hood

Library Summer Reading Program

Summer Reading is back at the Southfield Public Library! The fun begins at our Messy Art Night on Monday, June 16. Celebrate the start of summer reading with night full of paint and creativity. And be prepared to get a little MESSY! Due to the messy nature of this program it will be canceled in the event of adverse weather.

Pick up your reading log and record each day that you read 20 minutes (or more!). Visit the library all summer long for exciting programs, fun crafts and more.

New this year, the library will also host a Summer Reading program for adults from June 16 to August 8! Splash your summer with a rainbow of reading! This sunny season is your golden ticket to break free from the hustle and bustle. Dive into your dreamland! Let your curiosity lead the way—pick up books, audiobooks, shows or tunes that call your name.

Finally, don't miss the Summer Reading Program Finale Party on Monday, August 11 to play laser tag, get your face painted and raffle winners can pick up their prizes. Summer Reading is for all ages!

The Phenomenon of Flyy Girl & The Urban Classics of Omar Tyree - July 19, 2-4 p.m.

Join us for an engaging cultural interview and book discussion with renowned author Omar Tyree, alongside a special guest social media influencer. This event will explore the lasting impact of Flyy Girl and Tyree's other urban classics, celebrating their influence on literature and pop culture. Attendees will have the opportunity to purchase books and get them signed.

Draw to the Beat - June 12 & July 10, 11 a.m - 2 p.m.

The Southfield Public Library will be hosting a companion event to the City's Eat to the Beat series. Join the library on the Fountain Terrace to enjoy the music and get creative with drawing and doodling challenges.

Jazz & Blues Series

The Friends of the Southfield Public Library will once again sponsor a summer series of Jazz & Blues concerts at the Southfield Public Library Fountain Terrace (rain location in the meeting room). These are free concerts but a \$5 donation to the Friends of the Southfield Public Library is suggested. All concerts take place from 6-8 p.m.

June 18 - Chris Canas Band

The Chris Canas Band is a dynamic and soulful contemporary blues-rock group known for their electrifying performances and tight musical chemistry. Led by Detroit's Prince of Blues and multi-talented Chris Canas, the band features a lineup of accomplished musicians including Derek Washington on bass, Marc Anthony on drums and Mikey Biddle on keyboard. Together, they create a powerful and engaging sound that blends traditional blues roots with modern rock influences, captivating audiences with their passion, energy and skillful musicianship.

July 16 - Sax Maniacs

The Detroit's Sax Maniacs Band has been performing in the Detroit area since 2003. The group plays great sax driven Blues & Soul music that everybody can sing along too. The band features smokin' saxophone, a female and male singer, keys and guitar along with an awesome rhythm section. The band also performs original blues material.

The Sax Maniacs recently played in Greektown for the 2024 NFL Draft Party and also at the 2024 & 2025 Royal Oak Winter Blast and Arts, Beats and Eats Festival. The group was just featured on WDIV TV 4 performing their hit original song, The Next One Back In Detroit.

August 20 - Roots Vibration

Roots Vibrations is a musical force that provides authentic Caribbean music. Made up of members from the exotic islands of the Caribbean and the funky streets of Detroit, this band will stimulate your senses with positive roots music. Roots Vibrations' sound is uplifting and fun and features creative and seasoned musicians who have a multigenerational and multinational appeal. They bring decades of experience and authenticity to the Reggae scene.

Evergreen Hills Golf Course Opens Following Upgrades

Evergreen Hills Golf Course has reopened to the public for the season as of May 10. After a brief delay, golfers can now enjoy a refreshed and enhanced golf course experience, thanks to a series of significant upgrades completed since the closing last November.

Some of the enhancements to Evergreen Hills Golf Course include:

- Demolition and replacement of aging bridges;
- Refreshed bunkers throughout the course;
- Extensive brush clearing to improve play and visibility;
- Milling and repaving of cart paths; and
- Upgrades to the cart corral and surrounding clubhouse area

The seasonal opening was initially delayed due to weather and unforeseen circumstances, pushing the project timeline back by about three weeks. However, the additional time allowed Parks staff and contractors to execute a range of improvements that enhance the experience of those who visit Evergreen Hills.

Golfers are invited to visit the course and see the upgrades for themselves. Whether they are returning players or first-time visitors, they can expect a



Photo by Pleze Moore

smoother, well-maintained golfing environment.

Evergreen Hills Golf Course is located at the Southfield Municipal Campus at 26000 Evergreen Road. Evergreen Hills is a 9-hole, par 34, 2,954 yard course with beautifully landscaped greens and pathways. Call the Pro Shop at (248) 796-4666 to book your tee time today!

And don't forget Beech Woods Driving Range located at 22202 Beech Road is open May 1 - October 31 (weather permitting) Mondays - Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., and Saturdays & Sundays from 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 796-4655.

Pet Licensing required in Southfield

Southfield City Ordinance requires that all cats and dogs be licensed through the Police Records Bureau. Licensing pets helps maintain public safety, supports responsible ownership, and ensures that all animals are properly vaccinated.

Pet Licences expire on December 31 of the expiration year and must be renewed by January 1. Failure to renew results in a \$25 delinquency fee. Pet owners can obtain licenses either in person or by mail. If renewing by mail, residents must complete the Pet License Application Form on the City's website and submit it along with proof of rabies vaccination and payment to Southfield Police Records Bureau at 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield, MI 48037-2055. Payments must be made via check or money order. Discounts apply for pets that have been spayed or neutered, provided owners furnish documentation from a veterinarian.

The license fees vary depending on the pet's neutering status and the chosen term length. For non-neutered pets, the fee is \$20 for one year and \$50 for three



years, whereas spayed or neutered pets cost \$10 for one year and \$25 for three years. Seniors age 65 and older receive a 10% discount, with proof of age. Pet owners opting for a one-year tag must ensure their rabies vaccination remains valid through March 1 of the current year, while those purchasing a three-year tag need rabies vaccinations valid through January 31 of the expiration year. Licenses are processed and mailed upon verification.

For additional assistance, residents can contact the Police Records Bureau at (248) 796-5580.

9th Annual Kimmie Horne Jazz Festival returns to Southfield August 8-9



Photo by David Graff

Mark your calendars for the 9th annual Kimmie Horn Jazz Festival on **Friday, August 8** from 6-10:30 p.m. and **Saturday, August 9** from 3-10:30 p.m. The free, outdoor two-day event will feature the best in live music, food trucks, boutique vendors and a beer and wine tent as well as a presentation of a lifetime achievement award to a legendary artist.

Kimmie Horne is an internationally renowned vocalist, performer and recording artist and a descendant of legendary songstress and actress Lena Horne and singer/songwriter Cleveland Horne of the *Fantastic Four*. Kimmie has left her musical mark around the world from Detroit to Tokyo. Kimmie first launched the Kimmie Horne Jazz Festival in 2016. The City of Southfield Municipal Campus has been the home of the Festival since 2018 - growing each year to thousands of attendees from all over southeastern Michigan. The Kimmie Horne Jazz Festival even won the Cultural Entertainment Showcase for the National Civic League's 72nd annual All-America City Awards (AAC) in 2021!

Selma Blair awarded Key to the City at MS fundraiser



Mayor Dr. Kenson Siver presented the Key to the City to former resident, iconic actress, fashion figure and multiple sclerosis advocate Selma Blair on May 16 at a MS fundraiser luncheon at the Westin Southfield-Detroit. Ms. Blair also served as special celebrity host of the Art & Vintage Fashion Show and fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Southfield Public Arts that evening at the former Skyline Club.

2025 Community Pride Awards

The City of Southfield is currently seeking nominations for the 2025 Community Pride Awards, which recognizes Southfield residents that have gone the extra mile in their beautification efforts. The program



includes several nomination categories including residential houses, condominiums, small and large businesses, apartments, churches, schools, neighborhood entranceways, entire neighborhoods, and well manicured/well maintained properties (which is geared for homeowners that maintain curb appeal on a budget). In-person judging returns this year with a team of master gardeners who will visit all nominated properties in mid-July to select the winners. All winners will be honored by the Mayor and City Council at an awards ceremony in September.

The program is coordinated by the City's Neighborhood & Information Center and the Southfield Parks & Garden Club to promote beautification efforts throughout the city. Residents are encouraged to nominate individual homeowners, neighborhoods, condominiums, apartments, businesses and even themselves. Public buildings such as schools, churches and synagogues may also be worthy of recognition, and residents are encouraged to nominate them as well.

Nomination forms are available at the City's Neighborhood & Information Center located inside City Hall at 26000 Evergreen Road, or they may be downloaded on the City of Southfield website. The condition of the entire property will be considered for judging. All nominations must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Friday, June 20, 2025. Nominations may be e-mailed to: communityrelations@cityofsouthfield.com or mailed to City of Southfield, Attn: Community Relations, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055.

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD

2024 CONSUMERS ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

ATTENTION: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REPORT ON WATER QUALITY AND SAFETY

The City of Southfield, The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are proud of the fine drinking water they supply and are honored to provide this report to you. The 2024 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. We will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. We are pleased to show you how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

About the System

The City of Southfield purchases water from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA). SOCWA provides GLWA water through its member distribution systems to a population of 210,000 within a 56 square mile area. Current members are Berkley, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Lathrup Village, Pleasant Ridge, Royal Oak, Southfield, and Southfield Township.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, watersheds in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of GLWA's Detroit River source water for potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is based on a seven-tiered scale and ranges from very low to very high determined primarily using geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and potential contaminant sources. The report described GLWA's Detroit River intakes as highly susceptible to potential contamination. GLWA's water treatment plants Northeast and Springwells that draw water from the Detroit River has historically provided satisfactory treatment and meets drinking water standards.

And/or

Your source water comes from the lower Lake Huron watershed. The watershed includes numerous short, seasonal streams that drain to Lake Huron. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is a seven-tiered scale ranging from "very low" to "very high" based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The Lake Huron source water intake is categorized as having a moderately low susceptibility to potential contaminant sources. The Lake Huron water treatment plant has historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. GLWA has an updated Surface Water Intake Protection plan for the Lake Huron water intake. The plan has seven elements that include:

roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new water sources, public participation, and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment Report, please, contact GLWA at (313 926-8127).

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive materials, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in the water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

GLWA voluntarily monitors for *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* in our source water monthly. The untreated water samples collected from our Belle Isle Intake indicated the presence of one *Giardia* cyst in November 2024. All other samples collected from the Belle Isle Intake in 2024 were absent for the presence of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia*. Systems using surface water like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9 percent of *Giardia lamblia* and *Cryptosporidium* is removed or inactivated. GLWA's drinking water treatment process is designed to remove and inactivate these protozoans.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes *Cryptosporidium*, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of *Cryptosporidium*

may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea, and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within a few weeks. However, immuno-compromised people, infants and small children, and the elderly are at greater risk of developing life threatening

illness. We encourage immuno-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease, and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

KEY TO THE DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
>	Greater than	
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, Dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	Below the detection limit of the method
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristic of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance (aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence or acceptance of the drinking water.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water

2024 SPRINGWELLS REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

2024 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	02-13-2024	ppm	4	4	0.49	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	02-13-2024	ppm	10	10	0.31	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

2024 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quaterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chlorine Residual	2024	ppm	4	4	0.74	0.63-0.76	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2024 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap				
Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)			
0.13 NTU	100%			
			no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system

Summary of Violation: Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) did not monitor individual filter turbidity for five hours on September 2, 2024, due to an interruption of power at the GLWA Springwells Water Treatment Plant. The issue was resolved.

2024 Special Monitoring						
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	02-13-2024	ppm	n/a	n/a	5.2	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2024 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

2024 SPRINGWELLS TAP WATER MINERAL ANALYSIS

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	N.T.U.	0.78	0.03	0.13
Total Solids	mg/L	148	126	136
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	150	92	120
Aluminum	mg/L	0.088	0.020	0.037
Iron	mg/L	0.3	0.2	0.2
Copper	mg/L	0.002	ND	0.001
Magnesium	mg/L	8.6	6.7	7.8
Calcium	mg/L	29.8	25.6	27.4
Sodium	mg/L	8.9	0.5	4.8
Potassium	mg/L	1.2	0.9	1.1
Manganese	mg/L	ND	ND	0.000
Lead	mg/L	ND	ND	0.000
Zinc	mg/L	0.002	ND	0.000
Silica	mg/L	3.7	1.7	2.3
Sulfate	mg/L	35.9	24.8	28.8

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Phosphorus	mg/L	0.81	0.35	0.52
Free Carbon Dioxide	mg/L	13.6	6.2	10.3
Total Hardness	mg/L	110	88	101
Total Alkalinity	mg/L	82	66	73
Carbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	9	0	1
Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	82	56	71
Non-Carbonate Hardness	mg/L	36	12	28
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	8.3	ND	4.2
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	14.3	6.7	10.5
Nitrite Nitrogen	mg/L	ND	ND	0.0
Nitrate Nitrogen	mg/L	0.40	0.17	0.27
Fluoride	mg/L	0.65	0.43	0.54
pH		7.39	7.02	7.15
Specific Conductance @ 25 °C	µmhos	233	147	200
Temperature	°C	23.2	1.9	13.7

2024 NORTHEAST REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

2024 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	02-13-2024	ppm	4	4	0.47	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	02-13-2024	ppm	10	10	0.32	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
2024 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quaterly Resuts	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Chlorine Residual	2024	ppm	4	4	0.77	0.68-0.82	no	Water additive used to control microbes
2024 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap								
Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU		Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)					Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.28 NTU		100%					no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system								
2024 Special Monitoring								
Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected		Source of Contaminant	
Sodium	02-13-2024	ppm	n/a	n/a	5.3		Erosion of natural deposits	
Regulated Contaminant		Treatment Technique						Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon		The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.						Erosion of natural deposits

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2024 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

2024 NORTHEAST TAP WATER MINERAL ANALYSIS

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	N.T.U.	0.07	0.02	0.06
Total Solids	mg/L	147	76	128
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	148	102	122
Aluminum	mg/L	0.104	0.024	0.050
Iron	mg/L	0.3	0.2	0.2
Copper	mg/L	0.032	ND	0.004
Magnesium	mg/L	8.1	7.5	7.8
Calcium	mg/L	29.0	25.8	27.3
Sodium	mg/L	6.0	0.5	4.6
Potassium	mg/L	1.1	1.0	1.1
Manganese	mg/L	0.005	ND	0.000
Lead	mg/L	ND	ND	0.000
Zinc	mg/L	0.002	ND	0.000
Silica	mg/L	2.3	1.5	2.0
Sulfate	mg/L	40.0	21.6	29.3
Chloride	mg/L	11.7	9.5	10.6

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Phosphorus	mg/L	0.70	0.43	0.53
Free Corbon Dioxide	mg/L	15.1	6.3	10.4
Total Hardness	mg/L	108	88	99
Total Alkalinity	mg/L	80	60	72
Carbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	8	0	1
Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	80	57	70
Non-Carbonate Hardness	mg/L	40	12	27
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	7.9	ND	4.0
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	13.1	6.7	9.6
Nitrite Nitrogen	mg/L	ND	ND	0.0
Nitrate Nitrogen	mg/L	0.39	0.18	0.26
Fluoride	mg/L	0.66	0.46	0.55
pH		7.31	6.90	7.14
Specific Conductance @ 25 °C	µmhos	231	146	196
Temperature	°C	23.2	8.4	16.0

2024 LAKE HURON REGULATED DETECTED CONTAMINANTS TABLE

2024 Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Tap

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Fluoride	02-13-2024	ppm	4	4	0.8	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposit; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	02-13-2024	ppm	10	10	0.35	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

2024 Disinfection Residual - Monitoring in the Distribution System

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDLG	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest Level RAA	Range of Quaterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2023	ppm	4	4	0.76	0.68 – 0.84	no	Water additive used to control microbes

2024 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 Hours at the Plant Finished Water Tap

Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.2 NTU	100 %	no	Soil Runoff

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2024 Special Monitoring

Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	02-13-2024	ppm	n/a	n/a	5.1	Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Organic Carbon ppm	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC is measured each quarter and because the level is low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.	Erosion of natural deposits

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2024 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. The data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

2024 LAKE HURON TAP WATER MINERAL ANALYSIS

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	N.T.U.	0.10	0.04	0.07
Total Solids	mg/L	156	89	125
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	140	92	113
Aluminum	mg/L	0.084	0.022	0.043
Iron	mg/L	0.3	0.2	0.2
Copper	mg/L	0.005	ND	0.001
Magnesium	mg/L	8.0	7.4	7.6
Calcium	mg/L	27.9	23.3	26.2
Sodium	mg/L	5.3	0.5	4.3
Potassium	mg/L	1.1	1.0	1.0
Manganese	mg/L	0.001	ND	0.000
Lead	mg/L	ND	ND	0.000
Zinc	mg/L	0.010	ND	0.003
Silica	mg/L	2.4	1.9	2.2
Sulfate	mg/L	32.8	18.1	21.4
Chloride	mg/L	11.0	9.0	9.9

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Phosphorus	mg/L	0.68	0.37	0.48
Free Carbon Dioxide	mg/L	7.8	4.6	6.2
Total Hardness	mg/L	106	88	99
Total Alkalinity	mg/L	82	74	77
Carbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	6	0	0
Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	mg/L	82	63	76
Non-Carbonate Hardness	mg/L	30	6	23
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	8.7	2.0	4.4
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	12.9	8.3	10.3
Nitrite Nitrogen	mg/L	ND	ND	0.0
Nitrate Nitrogen	mg/L	0.40	0.20	0.28
Fluoride	mg/L	0.80	0.51	0.72
pH		7.50	7.30	7.39
Specific Conductance @ 25 °C	µmhos	222	135	189
Temperature	°C	22.8	8.9	16.1

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2024 Microbiological Contaminants – Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System					
Regulated Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation yes/no	Major sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	0	no	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also E.coli positive.	0	no	Sanitary defects

2024 Disinfection By-Products - Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products Monitoring in the Distribution System								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level LRAA	Range of Quarterly Results	Violation	Major Sources in Drinking Water
(TTHM) Total Trihalomethanes	2024	ppb	n/a	80	33	13-52	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination
(HAA5) Haloacetic Acids	2024	ppb	n/a	60	26	12-37	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Lead and Copper Monitoring at the Customer's Tap in 2023								
Regulated Contaminant	Unit	Year Sampled	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Range of Individual Samples Results	Number of Samples Over AL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	ppb	2024	0	15	2	0-4	0	Lead services lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	ppm	2024	1.3	1.3	0.3	0.0-0.4	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
* The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

2024 Number of Water Service Connections by Service Line Material		
Number of Lead Service Lines	Number of Service Lines of Unknown Material	Total Number of Service Lines
1	1570	20104

More Information about the community water system inventory can be found at:
<https://www.cityofsouthfield.com/sites/default/files/inline-files/Complete%20Water%20Service%20Lines%20Material%20Inventory%202024.pdf>

ABOUT UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where these contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

In 2024 The City of Southfield participated in the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule. During this monitoring period 29 per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances and

lithium were analyzed. For the four quarters of monitoring all 29 per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances and lithium sampling results reported as non-detect. All systems are required to report their data to the EPA. The analytical results from the UCMR are stored in the National Contaminant Occurrence Database for drinking water. For a summary of the UCMR results, please refer to the UCMR Occurrence Data webpage.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER
Reporting Requirements Not Met for GLWA Springwells

Reporting Requirements Not Met for GLWA Springwells

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. We routinely monitor your water for turbidity (cloudiness). This tells us whether we are effectively filtering the water supply. We did not monitor individual filter turbidity for five hours on September 2, 2024, due to an interruption of power at the GLWA Springwells Water Treatment Plant.

“Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.” These symptoms are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

What happened? What is being done?

Power was restored and turbidity monitoring resumed on

September 2, 2024. Additional response actions have also been implemented at the plant. We are making every effort to ensure this does not happen again.

Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is required to notify water users of any unresolved significant deficiencies identified by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, Drinking Water and Environment Health Division (EGLE). Below is the status of significant deficiencies in the GLWA water system identified by EGLE:

Date Identified by EGLE	Description	Compliance Agreement Deadline	Status
05-25-2022	Inoperable rapid mixing equipment at the Springwells 1930's water plant	12-31-2023	Completed in December 2023.
05-25-2022	Inoperable flocculation equipment at the 1958 Springwells water plant	11-11-2027	Phase I construction is completed as of December 2024. Phase II scheduled to begin at the fall of 2025.

For more information, please contact GLWA Water Quality at waterquality@glwater.org

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Lead

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of Southfield is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry, or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact City of

Southfield (248) 246-3300 for available resources. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead/>.

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups. Infants and children can have decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can lead to new learning and behavior problems or exacerbate existing learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy can have increased risk of these adverse health effects. Adults can have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney, or nervous system problems.

People with Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

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Southeastern Oakland County Water Supply System – Water Authority offices: (248) 288-5150. Visit our web site at www.socwa.org

Great Lakes Water Authority – www.glwater.org

Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) - (586) 753-3755 – www.michigan.gov/egle

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Safe Drinking Water Hotline: (800) 426-4791.

Water quality data for community water systems throughout the United States is available at <https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech>

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What's Happening in Southfield? SPRING • SUMMER 2025

May 30 - 2025 Photo Prize Submissions Due
June 4-7 - Library Friends BookShelf Open
June 5 - State of the City, Lear Corporation Headquarters
June 12 - Eat to the Beat, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Municipal Campus Front Lawn
June 12 - Community State of the City, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers
June 13 - Juneteenth Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., P&R Room 115
June 14 - Junetenth Jubilee, 4-9 p.m. Municipal Campus
June 16 - Summer Day Camps begin
June 16 - Summer Reading Program Kickoff, 5:30 -7 p.m., Southfield Public Library
June 18 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library, 6 p.m., Southfield Public Library
June 19 - Juneteenth, City offices & Library closed (*No rubbish collection delay*)
June 20 - Community Pride Award Nominations Due
June 21 - Juneteenth Open Mic., 1-4 p.m., Southfield Public Library
June 23 - Park*It @ the Municipal Campus, 6-9 p.m.
June 27 - Summer in the City Concert, 7-9 p.m., Municipal Campus
July 1 - First Day to pay 2025 Summer taxes and special assessments
July 4 - Independence Day, City Offices & Library closed (*Rubbish collection delayed one day*)
July 7 - Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6 p.m., Southfield Public Library
July 8 - Gazebo Concert, 7-8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
July 9-12 - Library Friends BookShelf Open
July 10 - Eat to the Beat, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Municipal Campus Front Lawn
July 11 - Summer in the City Concert, 7-9 p.m., Municipal Campus
July 11-12 - Public Works Open House, Southfield Public Works
July 15 - Gazebo Concert, 7-8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
July 16 - Kids Concert, 12 p.m., Municipal Campus Front Lawn
July 16 - Jazz and Blues @ Your Library, 6 p.m., Southfield Public Library
July 18 - Summer in the City Concert, 7-9 p.m., Municipal Campus
July 22 - July Board of Review Meeting
July 25 - Summer in the City Concert, 7-9 p.m., Municipal Campus
July 29 - Gazebo Concert, 7-8:30 p.m., Burgh Historical Park
August 4 - Red Cross Blood Drive, 12-6 p.m., Southfield Public Library
August 5 - Primary Election, polls open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. citywide
August 8-9 - Kimmie Horne Jazz Festival, Municipal Campus Front Lawn
August 11 - Summer Reading Finale, 5:30 -7 p.m., Southfield Public Library
August 11 - Park*It @ the Municipal Campus, 6-9 p.m.
August 13-16 - Library Friends BookShelf Open
August 14 - Eat to the Beat, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., Municipal Campus Front Lawn
August 15 - Summer Wine Down Concert, 7-9 p.m., Municipal Campus
August 16 - P&R Impulse Dance Academy Summer Showcase, 3 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
August 20 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library, 6:30 p.m., Southfield Public Library

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