

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

City fills vacant leadership positions

Over the past few months, the Southfield City Council has approved appointments to fill key positions in administrative leadership. The following appointments have been made:

Deputy City Treasurer - Allyson Bettis

Ms. Bettis brings nearly 32 years of municipal finance experience to Southfield. For the past 20 years she served as the Treasurer/City Clerk in Garden City. Prior to that she worked for the cities of Oak Park and Highland Park as Deputy Treasurer and Income Tax Administrator, respectively. A Southfield resident, Ms. Bettis holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Wayne State University and an MBA from the University of Detroit Mercy. She replaced Kathy Hicks who retired last fall.

Deputy City Attorney - Dawn M. King

Ms. King has served as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Southfield since 2003. As part of the city's legal team she assists with litigation of and federal cases against the city, performs research and prepares legal responses, pleadings, memoranda, resolutions, contracts, draft ordinances, real estate and litigation documents. Ms. King, a Southfield resident, served as a judicial clerk for Judge Brian Mackenzie of 52-1 District Court (Novi) for two years prior to coming to Southfield. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor degree from the Thomas Cooley Law School.

Director of Human Resources – James Meadows

Possessing a broad range of professional experience in Human Resources, James Meadows not only holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and a Master of Arts Degree in Industrial Relations from Wayne State University, but a Juris Doctor degree from the Detroit College of Law. His most recent position was Director of Resources for Lucas County, Ohio. He served as General Counsel/HR



Allyson Bettis
Deputy Treasurer



James Meadows
Human Resources Director



Dawn King
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Elizabeth Rae-O'Donnell
City Attorney

Advisor for the Office of Judge Advocate at Selfridge Air National Guard for five years and was the Director of Human Resources for ten years for the 36th District Court. Other experiences include Director of Human Resources for the Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit and the City of Detroit HR Department, Detroit Diesel Corporation and the UAW-GM Legal Service Plan. Mr. Meadows, also a Southfield resident, replaces Lauri Siskind who retired in November.

City Attorney – Elizabeth (Beth) Rae-O'Donnell

Ms. Rae-O'Donnell has come back home! Beth previously worked for the City of Southfield as an Assistant City Attorney for 23 years. She left in 2013 to pursue an opportunity to provide legal counsel to multiple public-sector and community college clients as an

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Employment opportunities available with City of Southfield

The city of Southfield Human Resources Department will hold a Career Fair to fill current and upcoming vacancies on Tuesday, February 19 from 10am to 3pm in the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen Road.

Interested applicants can visit the career fair to speak with representatives from Southfield Human Resources as well as the various departments hiring throughout the city. Applicants are encouraged to bring resumes.

The City is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill the following open positions:

Public Safety Positions

- Certified Police Officers
- Public Safety Technicians – 911 Dispatcher
- Police Cadets
- Pre-Service Police Officers
- 911 Emergency Communications Cadets

General Employment Positions

- Building Inspector
- Building Inspector/Plan Examiner
- Building Inspector Specialist
- Building Service Worker – Facilities Maintenance
- Parks & Operations Supervisor
- Technology Services Network Engineer

Non-Career – Seasonal/Part Time

- Crossing Guard
- Department of Public Works Seasonal Help
- Parks & Recreation Seasonal Help

The Career Fair is open to anyone 18 years and older with no reservations required. Open positions are posted on the City’s website. For more information, contact the Human Resources Department at (248) 796-4700.

Southfield Parks & Recreation looking to fill Summer 2019 seasonal positions

Summer is coming! With it comes opportunities for summer employment in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Department.

The following positions will be available:

- Summer Camp Directors
- Assistant Camp Directors
- Camp Counselors
- Latch Key Counselors
- Lifeguards/WSI (age 16 or older)
- Park Maintenance Workers
- Golf Starters & Rangers
- Assistant Pool Managers
- Building Attendants

Applications available on line at www.cityofsouthfield.com or at the Parks & Rec Building. Applicants must be 18 years of age unless otherwise noted.

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attorney with the law firm of Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho of Livonia.

Ms. Rae-O’Donnell is well versed in municipal law, labor negotiations, risk management, conducting legal research and providing guidance to governing bodies. From 1990 to 2013 she was engaged in all facets of municipal legal work including: the prosecution of ordinance violations in the 46th District Court; the representation for the city in litigation matters including appeals and administrative proceedings; draft policies and procedures for the police and fire departments and Human Resources policies applicable for the entire workforce; review and processing of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) responses; crafting ordinances; review of tax exemption requests; grievance hearings and investigations related to disciplinary and ethics violations.

She has chaired the City of Farmington Hills’ Planning Commission and served recently on their Library Board. Ms. Rae-O’Donnell holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Political Science from the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit School of Law. She replaces Susan Ward-Witkowski who retired in August.

Winterfest on tap for February 19; Black History Month fun continues

The Southfield Parks & Rec Department will present Winterfest 2019 on Sunday, February 17 from 2-4:30pm in the Southfield Pavilion and Sports arena.

Family fun events will include snow tubing, ice skating, nature activities, horse-drawn carriage rides, marshmallow roasting, games, crafts and inflatables. Admission is free.

Black History Month activities are continuing with Movie Night on Friday, February 15 at 7pm, featuring *Am Not Your Negro* (the 2016 documentary directed by Raoul Peck, based on James Baldwin’s unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*. Narrated by Samuel L. Jackson; Rated PG-13). Room 115 of the Parks & Rec Building. Admission is free.

The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers will be held on Thursday, February 28 in the Southfield Pavilion. Pre-Glow: 6-6:45pm; Performance: 7-9pm. Admission: \$10 person. Food for purchase and cash bar available. The event will feature Carolyn Carter, Daniel Baxter, Pauline Onyango Sade Sar, Mollywop and Dwight Skip Stackhouse and hosted by Satori Shakoor.

Remove snow, ice from sidewalks within 24 hours following storms

By city code, homeowners, renters and businesses are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks.

Clearing sidewalks is important to maintaining the safety of pedestrians and it is the legal responsibility of property owners and/or tenants to keep premises safe and hazard-free. This includes keeping walkways, driveways, parking lots and other common areas free of ice and snow to prevent accidents and injuries.



To report a violation, call the Southfield Code Enforcement Department at 248.796.4140. Good neighbors make great communities!



City readies for 2019 water, sewer, road rehabilitation projects; Water and sewer bonds planned for 2019-21

Southfield is gearing up for the fifth year of infrastructure improvements. The complete list of projects has not been finalized as of this writing. However, the following projects are under review.

Section 24 / Kingshire Neighborhood & Southwood & Sherfield streets

Sewer Separation, water main replacement and street reconstruction.

Section 13 / Canterbury Gardens & Wilshire & Catalpa streets in Bonnie Acres

Water main and road reconstruction

Section 26 / Washington Village

All streets and water main and road reconstruction

Section 36 / Northland & JL Hudson Drive

Installation of water mains & sanitary sewer

The preliminary cost estimate for the 2019 projects is \$25.47 million. The City Council approved a resolution authorizing “the publication of notice intent to issue limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, in January for a total of \$63,192,811. In 2020, \$13.48 million, and in 2021 \$24.25 million in water and sewer rehabilitation/replacement is planned. These funds will be used in conjunction with the 2014 road bond funds, as the city continues to rebuild its infrastructure.

Projects not completed in 2018 will be finalized this spring, including Winchester Street, Nine Mile/Lahser bridge replacement and Northwestern Service Drive.



Mayor to deliver State of the City address March 18, 21

Southfield Mayor Ken Siver will deliver the 2019 State of the City address on Monday, March 18 and Thursday, March 21.

The address will highlight city accomplishments over the past year and future plans, as well as providing a review of business growth and redevelopment in Southfield.

The March 18th event, sponsored by the Southfield Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Regency Manor (25228 W. 12 Mile) from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Tickets for this event are \$45 for Chamber members and \$55 for non-members. The event includes lunch.

The Mayor will deliver the 2019 State of the City address a second time at 7pm on Thursday, March 21 in City Council Chambers. This event is free and open to all. A reception will follow the address in the lobby of City Hall.

For those who cannot attend either event, Southfield City Cable 15 will record and replay the address numerous times in the days and weeks following.

Construction will start in the spring on grandstands and at right. When funding is available the two-story press box will be built.

LTU to begin construction of grandstands, concessions

Lawrence Tech is set to begin Phase 3 of its athletic field development which will include permanent seating for 2,150 fans, a ticket booth, concessions and pedestrian walkways on property located on the northwest corner of W. Ten Mile and the Northwestern Highway Service Drive.

Thousands of people turned out for home games last fall. The Blue Devils play in the Mideast Division of the Mid-State Football Association. The grandstands are expected to be completed by the start of football season on September 7.

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