

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

City Council hits 'pause button' on medical marijuana facilities

Now that it has approved three medical marijuana grow operations and three medical marijuana provisioning centers, the Southfield City Council has hit the "pause button." The City Council opted out of recreational marijuana two years ago.

Provisioning and grow centers are strictly limited in the city by zoning regulations. At most, it appears that Southfield could have four to six provisioning centers. Zoning limits placement of these facilities by distances from residential areas, religious institutions, educational facilities, parks and preschools—and from one another.

While none of the provisioning or grow centers have opened, the Council wants to proceed cautiously to see how these facilities operate. The city does not expect any problems with the centers as they are tightly controlled by state and local regulations. Security systems are extensive. Authorities report that there is rarely any crime associated with licensed facilities. However, crimes frequently occur at illegal and unlicensed grow houses. Any Michigan resident can grow up to 12 plants for personal use at home.

Two of the medical marijuana grow operations will be located on Eight Mile Road and one in the Bridge Street Industrial Park off Eight Mile. No retail sales take place at these facilities.

Two of the approved provisioning centers are located on Telegraph Road. One at the southeast corner of Telegraph and 12 Mile and the other farther down Telegraph on the west side of the street. The third provisioning center has been approved for Lahser and I-696.

In order to purchase medical marijuana, a person 18-years of age or older must submit identification (driver's license, voter registration card or government-issued document with name and date of birth). Patients must obtain legitimate medical records from their primary care physician describing their diagnosis and written certification from a physician licensed in the state of Michigan (with which the patient has a bona fide relationship) stating that the patient would

benefit from the medical use of marijuana. The patient then must register with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Program to receive a medical marijuana card. The application fee is \$60.

At the medical marijuana provisioning center, identification and the medical marijuana card must be presented.

Two thirds of Southfield voters approved medical marijuana in 2008 and recreational marijuana in 2018. Currently, there are no plans to permit recreational marijuana sales in Southfield.



Photo Prize judging ends August 31st

Judging continues on the top 25 finalists in the 2020 Southfield Photo Prize competition until August 31, 2020.

The community is encouraged to visit the public exhibition to view all of the photos on display outside the parks & recreation building. To vote, simply click on the following link <https://www.cityofsouthfield.com/form/southfield-photo-prize>, click on your favorite photograph and then hit 'Submit' at the bottom of the page. Please note: you may only vote for one entry per IP address. Additional votes from the same IP address will be ineligible.

The photograph that receives the most overall votes will be announced at an awards ceremony in September and featured in the City's 2021 calendar.



On June 14th hundreds of residents lined Evergreen Road for the Southfield Unity-Kneel to Heal event sponsored by the City of Southfield and Urban Unity CDC. The peaceful protest was a call to end systemic racism and police brutality in the US.

Mayor, City Council call for a more equal & just society

In June, Southfield City Council and Mayor Kenson Siver added their voices to the grief and anger expressed over yet another death at the hands of a police officer employing excessive force. Elected leaders share in the outrage over the death of George Floyd and the legion of people of color before him due to racism and systemic bias toward minorities, the powerless and the economically disadvantaged.

Southfield elected officials also criticized the current (national) administration for willfully and purposefully dividing the nation, demonizing immigrants, embracing white nationalism, attacking critical commentary, attempting to suppress voting rights and employing a litany of other tactics to undermine democracy and equality.

Southfield Police Chief Elvin Barren was applauded for revising the department's "Use of Force" policy with the "Duty to Intervene" amendment that requires any sworn officer to stop or attempt to stop another sworn officer when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required.

The Mayor and City Council joined the call by former President Barack Obama in pledging to do everything in their power "to recognize and root out the tragic, painful, maddening effects of systemic racism" and to continue to support training for our police officers and departmental policies and practices that de-escalate situations and avoids the use of deadly force.

Following the murder of George Floyd there have been calls to defund police departments. That is not going to happen in Southfield.

MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL JOINT RESOLUTION **OUR SORROW & DETERMINATION FOR A MORE EQUAL & JUST SOCIETY**

WHEREAS, communities across the nation and around the world are overwhelmed with grief and anger over yet another death at the hands of a police officer employing excessive force; and

WHEREAS, the recent deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and sadly a legion of other people of color before them are based in racism and systemic bias toward minorities, the powerless, the economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, nationally the current administration has willfully and purposefully divided our nation, demonizing immigrants, embracing white nationalism, attacking critical commentary, attempting to suppress voting rights and employing a litany of other tactics to undermine democracy and equality; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the protests and demonstrations following the death of George Floyd in cities across the world are not just about police brutality but also about voting rights, civil rights, equal pay, fair housing, equal opportunity and protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, we condemn those who have infiltrated peaceful protests to incite violence and mayhem and who clearly have other agendas; and

WHEREAS, we sincerely hope that George Floyd's death is not in vain and instead a catalyst for a thorough examination of our society's ills and the momentum for genuine change; and

WHEREAS, we applaud our Police Chief on revising the department's policy on Use of Force with the "Duty to Intervene" amendment that requires any sworn officer to stop or attempt to stop another sworn officer when force is being inappropriately applied or is no longer required; and

WHEREAS, we are in pain, as is our community, and we say, "enough is enough;" and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the Mayor and City Council of the City of Southfield join in the call by former President Barack Obama by pledging to do everything in our power "to recognize and root out the tragic, painful, maddening effects of systemic racism" and to continue to support training for our police officers and departmental policies and practices that de-escalates situations and avoids to use of deadly force;

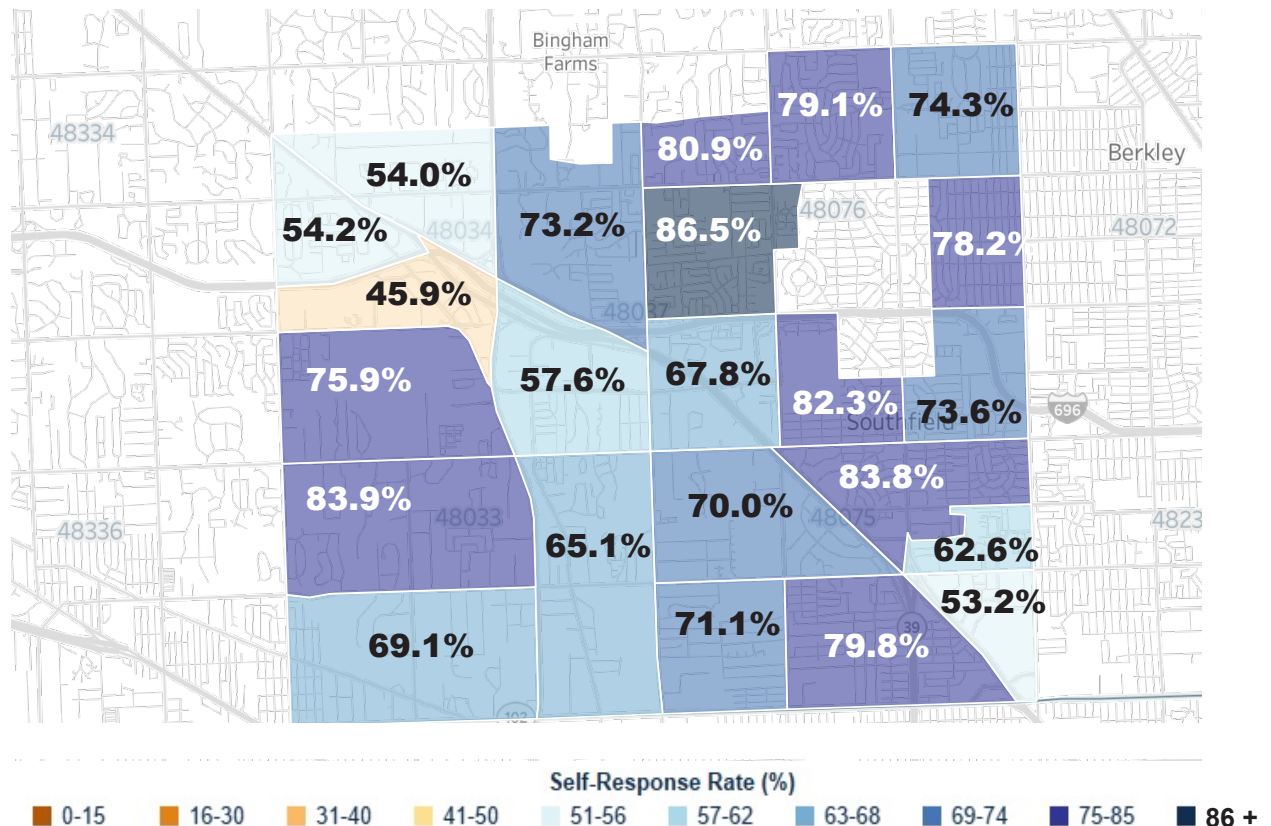
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is adopted by the City Council of the City of Southfield, County of Oakland, State of Michigan on this 8th day of June, 2020.

Signed by Mayor & City Council

Michigan Response Rate

69.3%

Southfield Response Rate

68.3%

2020 Census response extended until September 30

Southfield's response rate to 2020 United States Census is lagging. As of August 16, 2020, only 68.3 percent of Southfield households have responded to the Census.

Residents are urged to complete the Census, which only takes a few minutes. Due to COVID-19, the Census count has been extended until September 30.

Those who have not yet responded can do so easily by telephone—call 844-330-2020—or online at 2020census.gov.

It is vitally important that every resident completes the Census. Census data guides state and federal revenue sharing for roads and public infrastructure, public safety, schools, hospitals, social services and a myriad of other programs. Medicaid alone accounts for 58 percent of census-guided funding.

Residents are reminded that the Census count im-

pacts revenues the city receives, not for one year, but for ten. For Southfield that equates to millions of dollars over the next decade.

Census workers will never ask for bank or social security information. All information collected in the Census, including addresses, is confidential and protected by law. The Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with the FBI, IRS, CIA, Welfare, Immigration, or any other government agency. No court of law or law enforcement agency can find out respondents' answers.

Census data is sealed for 70 years before being made available to the public.

Census enumerators will be out in the neighborhoods between now and the end of September knocking on doors of households that have yet to respond. Contacting apartment residents presents the greatest challenges for Census workers.



Due to the pandemic, the annual Community Pride Awards program has been canceled. Winners were notified by mail.

Congratulations 2020 Community Pride Award Winners!

The following homeowners, condo associations, businesses, schools and religious institutions have been honored this year for their efforts to beautify Southfield:

5000 Town Center Condo Assn
 Dilbert & Lynette Adams
 Robert Alexander
 Robert & Cynthia Alexander
 Vernell & Janice Anderson
 Betty Armenio
 Rachel Baker
 Beacon Square HOA
 Niccole & Marion Blocker
 Delores & Thomas Bracy
 Margaret Branchero
 Sandra Brown
 Haywood & Lillie Burgess
 Arnetta Burroughs
 Carolyn Buxton
 Candy Carter
 Terri & Dexter Chandler
 Chanticleer Condo Assn
 Tracy Clayton
 Betty Collins
 Congregation Shaarey Zedek
 Wade & Tracy Cook
 Brandi Copher
 Debylen Coty
 Ervin "Sporty" Coty
 William & Cheryl Cray
 Cumberland Village Condo Assn
 Carl & Amber Dixon
 Mary Ellen Emmans
 Darrell Evans
 Exxon Mobil (13 & Southfield)
 Calvin Foulks
 Willie & Annie Gainey
 Gwendolyn Garland
 Edward Gaston
 Adoree Gipson

Green Dolphin HOA
 Flordeliza Guevara
 Gloria & Eric Hardy
 Bobbie & Percy Hentrel
 Cora Hill
 John & Vicki Hodgson
 Lee & Rhonda Holloway
 Eric Holmes
 Jax Kar Wash (13 & Southfield)
 Armand Jordan
 Noah & Audrey King
 Andrew & Jean Kinnon
 Mary & Wayne Knox
 Lawrence Technological University
 Derrick & Tracy Lee
 Ruth & Andrew Love
 Mark Sarver & Nasir Khawaja
 Calvin & Niba Mathaw
 Lizzie Mays
 Peter McClain
 William McCray
 Latonya & Carl McGrier
 Charles & Martha Miller
 Adine Moore
 Angelo Muccioli
 Christin Newsome
 Jewell & Winston Owens
 Joann & Joseph Paholak
 Bev Parker
 Gerald & Pam Phoenix
 Janine Pixley
 Malvin & Lorine Porter
 Derek & Leslie Porter
 Lt. Posey & Vantico Williams
 Valerie Powell
 Carolyn Printup
 MacArthur & Julia Rambo

Margaret Rankin
 Ravines Civic Assn.
 Dorothy & Larry Richardson
 Walterine & John Roberts
 Ronald Roberts
 Josephine Rodgers
 Ronald & Rosalyn Ross
 Dennis & Debra Ross
 DeElla Saddler
 Delvin & Yvette Scarber
 Tirrell & Shannon Shackelford
 James & Donna Simpson
 Melissa & Ted Smith
 Carl & Deborah Smith
 St. John Armenian Church
 Walter & Denise Starghill
 Cheryl Steinberg
 Andrew & Diann Thomas
 Edward & Frances Thornton
 JoAnn & Oliver Turner
 Villa Pointe Condo Assn
 Gregory Walker
 Christina Waller
 Irene Walrad
 Isaac & Donna Washington
 John & Willie Lee Whitby
 Leslie White
 Patricia & Cleaven Wiley
 Nancy Wisniewski
 Charlotte & Anthony Woods
 Ron Woods
 Frederick & Chris Wooten
 Jazmine Wright
 Artist & Andrea Wright
 Chanita Wright Hicks
 Norman Yono

No end in sight for the pandemic; Cases rise, deaths slow in city

Hopefully, the days of dramatic increases in COVID-19 cases and deaths are behind us, but Southfield and Michigan cannot let its guard down.

The weekly rapid rise of cases and alarming number of deaths the city experienced in April and early May has slowed. However, new infections are still being reported.

SOUTHFIELD COVID-19 STATS

Date		48075	48076	48033	48034	TOTAL
5/30	Cases	431	473	430	256	1,590
	Deaths	40	69	68	34	211
6/15	Cases	440	480	446	258	1,624
	Deaths	42	72	71	37	222
6/30	Cases	452	493	452	263	1,660
	Deaths	41	73	76	37	227
7/15	Cases	468	527	467	277	1,739
	Deaths	42	76	78	39	235
8/1	Cases	496	554	488	299	1,837
	Deaths	43	79	78	41	241
8/17	Cases	508	577	504	306	1,893
	Deaths	43	79	80	41	243

Southfield city offices are open. Visitors must wear masks and maintain social distancing. As of this writing the 46th District Court is closed to in person judicial proceedings. However, tickets may be paid in person.

Parks & Recreation Dept. is offering limited activities. Tennis courts, golf courses and picnic shelters are open. Check city website for more details.

The Southfield Public Library is operating its drive-up window and a small computer lab is open by appointment. Computer sessions are limited to one hour.

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Motown Mural by Clifton Perry hung outside Southfield Pavilion

The Friends of Southfield Public Arts and the Southfield Public Arts Commission have announced that another piece of art from the former Northland Mall has been restored and is now on display.

The Motown Mural, by artist Clifton Perry has been mounted on the walls just outside the Southfield Pavilion. Each of the individual panels are ten feet tall and four feet wide.

The non-profit Friends of Southfield Public Arts purchased the 18-piece Northland art collection in 2015 for \$500,000 and as funds are raised restores and places pieces. Anyone interested in supporting public art in Southfield should contact the Mayor's Office.

Southfield voters turn out in force for August primary election

Believed to be a record turnout for a summer primary election in Southfield, 24,396 ballots were cast on August 4th. Of those approximately 19,000 were by absentee ballot. Historically, the summer primary election has not garnered a high number of voters.

Absentee ballots will be sent to voters in late September for the November 3rd General Election. It is strongly recommended that voters return their ballots early and not place ballots in the US mail in the two weeks prior to the election. Ballots should be brought to City Hall or placed in the secure drop box.

Unfortunately, over 150 ballots arrived in the mail in the days following the August 4th primary. Any ballot received after 8pm on election day cannot be counted.