

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

Southfield assists with county COVID-19 vaccination program

NOTE: City does not control vaccination scheduling

To assist the public in getting vaccinated against COVID-19, the City of Southfield has opened the Southfield Pavilion as an inoculation site. Vaccinations are administered to 1,100 people daily on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9am to 6:30pm by appointment.

Appointments must be made through the Oakland County Health Division. The City of Southfield has no authority to schedule appointments.

Currently, Michigan's priorities for vaccinations are:

Phase 1A – Long-term care facility residents and staff and health care workers.

Phase 1B — People age 75 and older, frontline state and federal workers, teachers, school staff, childcare workers and law enforcement and emergency responders.

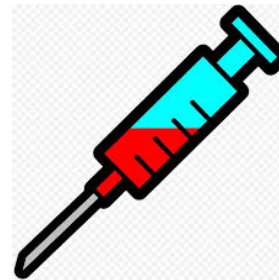
Additionally, many hospitals and health care systems, such as Beaumont, Henry Ford and Ascension, have begun offering vaccines to their patients age 65 and above. Some systems are using electronic patient portal such as My Chart. Residents should check with their health provider.

For more information on where to get a vaccine locally, contact Oakland County:

Nurse-on-call: 800-848-5533 or
noc@oakgov.com

Oakland County Vaccine Hub:
<https://oaklandcountyvaccine.com/appointments/>

State of Michigan Vaccine Hub:
https://www.michigan.gov/corona-virus/0,9753,7-406-98178_103214_104822---,00.html#comp_121341



For senior adults lacking a computer and/or Internet access, the Southfield Human Services Department may be able to assist in registration for the vaccine. Call the appointment assistance hotline at 248.796.4529. The hotline is ONLY for registration assistance and provides no information on the vaccine.

Major pharmacies including Meijer's, CVS, Rite Aid, and Walgreens have all announced they will be offering the COVID-19 vaccine to those who qualify to receive it as soon as they have it available for administering. Additionally, many other healthcare providers, insurance carriers and non-profit organizations will be offering appointments for vaccination. Check their direct websites frequently for further information.

Recent news reports indicate that in the very near future the vaccine will be available at pharmacies.

*Mask Up,
Southfield!*

*It Could Save
a Life!*



Southfield
the center of it all™

SOUTHFIELD COVID-19 STATS

As of February 1, 2021

3,365 cases — 264 deaths

National study ranks Southfield number 1 city for Black women to flourish financially

MoneyGeek, a financial statistical company that provides analysis of insurance, mortgages and credit, has named Southfield number 1 on its list of best places for Black women to flourish financially.

MoneyGeek ranked 200 cities with populations in excess of 65,000 as the best and worst for Black women. The ranking included analysis of income, poverty rate, homeownership, educational attainment and health insurance gaps between the entire population



nationally and locally.

Southfield earned a score of 100 percent.

Income disparity was a key measure in the rankings. MoneyGeek calculated the median income of Black women working full time with the median income of white men working full time in each locality.

Southfield celebrates Black History Month with virtual events, walking tour, drive-in movie, art exhibit and more

The Walk Through History - Month-long display features influential African Americans from Southfield and world history. The display is made up of a series of placards along the walking path on the front lawn of city hall. Walk, read and enjoy!

African American Art Exhibit — City Hall Lobby through April 30. Art works supplied by Jo's Gallery, Detroit and may be purchased.

Black History Month Activity Bags — For children, the kits contain activity sheets, stickers, themed coloring sheets, crayons, bracelet craft and more. Bags can be purchased for \$5 each.

Conversation with Rochelle Riley — February 8 @Noon — Riley will discuss her new book *That They Lived: African Americans Who Changed the World*. Free. On Zoom, register with the Southfield Public Library.

Black History Month Lunch & Lecture — February 17 @1pm — Featuring former Southfield City Councilperson Barbara Talley presenting a lecture entitled "Black History to Inspire Us." The lecture is free and will be presented via the Webex platform.

Conversations & Cocktails — February 19 @7:15pm — Program acknowledging and celebrating the contributions of African Americans with some of metro Detroit's most notable poets and drummers. Gather at home safely with family and friends, make a cocktail or two, and connect to the Southfield Parks & Recreation Facebook page (@SouthfieldParksandRecreation).

Moonlight Movie Night — February 20 @7:30pm — Free, drive-in movie in the Parks & Recreation parking lot showing *Just Mercy*. Sound for the movie will be transmitted through the car via FM radio. (Limit 40 cars)

The Secret Society of Twisted Story Tellers® — February 26 @7:30pm — A Zoom webinar produced and directed by Satori Shakoor and hosted by Cheryl James, the show will feature true and personal stories told by storytellers Carolyn Carter, Frank Joyce and Ken Coleman along with musical guest Kym Brady, the Urban Violinist and Legacy Dance Studio Tiaras. Tickets are \$10.

Register online via the city website, Parks & Recreation, or call the Information Desk at (248) 796-4620.



Taking a Walk Through History

During February the front lawn walking path at City Hall is lined with placards featuring local and national figures in Black History. Residents are urged to walk, read and enjoy!

Weekly online survey

Live, work, play in Southfield? You are invited to give input on the city's Master Plan

The city of Southfield is in the process of updating the 2026 Comprehensive Master Plan, a document created to establish goals and guidelines to manage the community's redevelopment and growth.

The Plan is updated every five years, following the requirements of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (Act 33 of 2008, as amended), for a review to determine whether to amend or adopt a new plan.

The city of Southfield's updated Master Plan will state policies and recommendations for the physical development of the City, in addition to providing background information for elected officials and administration to use while making planning decisions pertaining to future development.

As a first-tier community, neither fully urban nor completely suburban, Southfield needs a master plan that will blend the new with the old. A public participation program will incorporate ideas from those who know Southfield best—the residents and business community.

The City is encouraging Southfield residents to participate in an 8-week public input survey process to provide an opportunity to respond to a series of questions

pertaining to a wide range of topics that will affect the future of the community. Surveys will be available for participants to complete weekly, starting Monday, February 1 through Friday, March 26 online at <https://publicinput.com/sustainablesouthfield2026>.

For more information on the 2026 Comprehensive Master Plan review process, please visit <https://bit.ly/3aov9HB> or contact the Planning Department by phone at (248) 796-4150.



Another piece of Northland art restored, placed

Rescued from the former Northland Theater, this sculpture is the latest piece of the Northland Art Collection to be restored and placed. Dubbed "Lady in Waiting," (sculptor unknown) the piece has been placed on the Pavilion Plaza at City hall.



Fire Chief Johnny Menifee (right) introduces new Deputy Fire Chief Antonio Macias, III at swearing in ceremony in January.

Southfield City Council appoints Antonio Macias Deputy Fire Chief

Through a reorganization of the command structure of the Southfield Fire Department, the position of deputy chief has been created.

Filling this new position is Antonio Macias. Macias most recently served for eight years as Assistant Fire Chief in the city of Auburn Hills and has previous fire service in the Groveland Township Fire Department and with the City of Pontiac. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Safety Administration from Eastern Michigan University.

Additionally in January, the department promoted Patrick Charette to battalion chief; Ronald Ballerini to captain; Curtis Nelson to lieutenant; and inducted Colin Pearce as a new firefighter/paramedic. These promotions fill vacancies in the department following retirements.

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February 16 last day to pay 2020 winter property taxes without penalties

Despite the current COVID-19 city hall closure, residents are reminded that there are still several convenient ways to pay residential property taxes, including the 24-hour drop box located at the municipal campus to the right of the front circular drive entrance facing Evergreen Road.

Residents may also pay taxes online with a debit/credit card or by electronic check at: <https://bsaonline.com/OnlinePayment/OnlinePayment-Search/?PaymentApplicationType=4&uid=272>. An additional fee of 2.5% is assessed for this service with a minimum charge of \$1.95.

Due to COVID-19, residents are encouraged to pay by written instrument such as a check, money order or by credit card.

To pay by mail, make checks payable to 'City of Southfield' and mail to: City of Southfield Treasurer's Office, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055. Be sure to write your tax parcel number on the check and envelope must be postmarked by the due date (metered postmark not accepted).

The last day to pay 2020 winter taxes without penalties is February 16, 2021. All delinquent taxes from previous years have been turned over to the Oakland County Treasurer's office and are now payable to Andy Meisner, Oakland County Treasurer, 1200 N Telegraph Road, Dept. 479, Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0479.

Beginning March 2, 2021, 2020 summer and winter taxes will also be delinquent and payable to the Oakland County Treasurer. Call the Oakland County Treasurer's office with any questions at (248) 858-0611.

For more information, call Southfield City Treasurer's Office at (248) 796-5200 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.