

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

Southfield celebrates Juneteenth with week of activities

Mayor Ken Siver, the Pi Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha, the Southfield Historical Society, the Southfield Public Library and the Southfield Parks & Recreation Department are proud to present Southfield 2021 Juneteenth Week. *Come celebrate with us!!*

General Information

<http://bit.ly/JuneteenthDetails>

Monday-Saturday 8am-5pm

Juneteenth Art Display – City Hall Lobby
Juneteenth Virtual Scavenger Hunt

Find activities & online resources, watch videos, walk about the city and complete survey to enter Juneteenth raffle

Juneteenth Economic Freedom – Create list of minority-owned Businesses; track purchases; complete survey, enter online raffle

Juneteenth Virtual Walk – Log steps during the week to reach 5K/3.1 miles or 6,000 steps

Monday, June 14 6pm

City Council Resolution – via WebEx

Tuesday, June 15 6pm

A Historical Look at Juneteenth & June 19, 1865
Celebrating Southfield's 1860s Freedom Finders
Southfield Historical Society – Burgh Historic Park

Wed., June 16 6-7:30pm

Jazz & Blues Concert at the Library – Outdoor Patio
Luther “Badman” Keith Blues Band -- <https://southfieldlibrary.org>

Thursday, June 17 9am

Mystery Meet Up – Starts outside Parks & Rec Building
www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/parks-recreation

10:30am

Juneteenth Conversation & Treats – Picnic Shelter #1 Civic Center
www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/parks-recreation

6:30pm

In the Midst of the Storm: Oakland County's Antislavery & Abolition Activism – Library ZOOM event -- <https://southfieldlibrary.org>

Friday, June 18 1-3pm

Black Cowboy LC Caldwell -- Beech Woods Patio – Treats & more
www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/parks-recreation

Saturday, June 19 10am

Mayor's Juneteenth Walk – Civic Center to NW Hwy to Oakland Towne Square & back to Evergreen Road -- Gather on Front Lawn

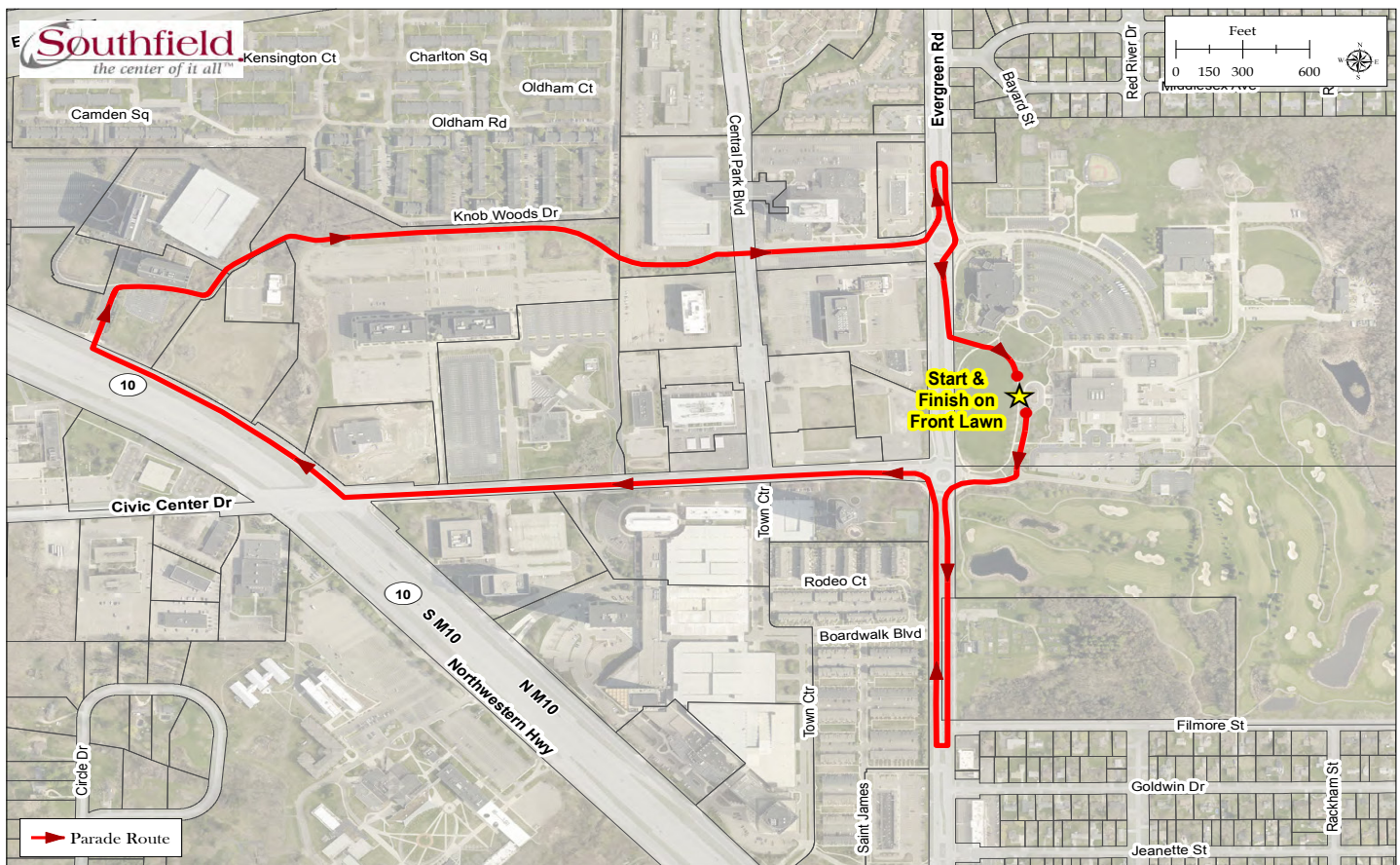
Noon

Juneteenth Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® - Pi Tau Omega Chapter Webinar & Raffle -- <https://bit.ly/PTOJuneteenth>

7pm

Movie “Miss Juneteenth” -- P&R Parking Lot - \$10 pre-registration
www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/parks-recreation

Juneteenth Walk Route 2021



Mayor's 5K Juneteenth Walk set for Saturday, June 19 at 10am

Rain or shine, the Mayor's 2021 Juneteenth Walk will start and end at the front steps of city hall. No pre-registration is required. Just show up in your walking shoes.

The route goes south on Evergreen for about a quarter mile and then back up to Civic Center Drive; across Civic Center to Northwestern Highway and through the Red Pole Park.

Turning in at Oakland Towne Square, walkers will proceed along the rear drive to Central Park Boulevard and on to Evergreen Road in front of the Travelers Tower Building.

Crossing Evergreen north of the North Roundabout, participants will go to the Reformed Presbyterian (Coventers) Church to view the Underground Railroad marker and then back to city hall.

Southfield Public Library reopens with restrictions, limited hours

While still asking patrons to follow COVID-19 precautions (face masks and social distancing regardless of vaccination status), the Southfield Public Library reopens today.

New hours are Mondays & Wednesdays, 11am to 8pm; Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11am to 5pm; and Saturdays from 11am to 3pm. Closed Fridays and Sundays.

A limited number of computers will be available for 60-minute sessions and librarians will be available to assist patrons.

Termed "Grab & Go," patrons will be able to browse for books, videos and other materials but long stays will not be permitted. Study rooms and tables will not be available, but copy and fax machines and scanning services will be.

Annual Southfield Garden Walk returns on Sunday, June 20 from 2-5pm



Layered greenery and flowers in a yard from the 2019 Garden Walk.

The annual Southfield Garden Walk showcasing some of Southfield's most beautiful and unique home gardens and garden art is set for Sunday, June 20 from 2-5pm.

Featured this year are 16 yards in the Cranbrook Neighborhood. (12 Mile to 13 Mile, east of Evergreen Road).

Registration and check in will be at the former Bussey Center (across from the high school) at 19080 W. 12 Mile Road.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from the Southfield Mayor's Office 26000 Evergreen Road, Southfield or on the day of.

Make checks payable to the Southfield Parks & Garden Club.

Free shuttle service is provided to the seven stops in the neighborhood. The shuttles will make continuous loops through the neighborhood.

This is an excellent time to learn about plants, receive information on annuals, perennials, shrubs and trees and gather tips and ideas to beautify your yard.

The Southfield Garden Walk is held annually in a different neighborhood in the city. Anyone interested in helping to organize the 2022 Garden Walk in their neighborhood should contact the Parks & Garden Club.

For further information, contact 2021 Garden Walk Co-Chairs:

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Community Pride nominations due June 25

The annual Community Pride Awards program is sponsored by the City of Southfield and the Southfield Parks & Garden Club to recognize residents and businesses that have gone the extra mile in their beautification efforts.

Residents are encouraged to nominate individual homeowners, neighborhoods, condominiums, apartments, schools, churches, businesses and even themselves. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, nominations must now include at least one photograph for new virtual voting process.

All winners will be honored by the Mayor and City Council at an awards ceremony in September. Please nominate properties that have not been previously recognized.

Nominations will be accepted until



5pm on Friday, June 25, 2021.

Nominations and photos may be e-mailed to: lcarr@cityofsouthfield.com or mailed to City of Southfield, Attn: Community Relations, 26000 Evergreen Road, P.O. Box 2055, Southfield, MI 48037-2055. Pictures of properties are required (maximum of 3) and the condition of the entire property will be considered for judging.

For more information call (248) 796-5140.

City Council to approve \$185.8 million budget for 2021-22

Southfield continues to be resilient in the face of unprecedented challenges. The slow recovery from the Great Recession and restoration of our tax base, the City's primary source of funding for general operations, continue at a modest pace.

Throughout the ongoing pandemic, the city remains **Southfield Strong** as it continues building a thriving and sustainable community.

The proposed budget represents a modified return to more typical operations from the uncertainty of the past year. Although core operations have continued to function, improvements to the service delivery model are ongoing as the city remains committed to providing a high level of service to residents and stakeholders.

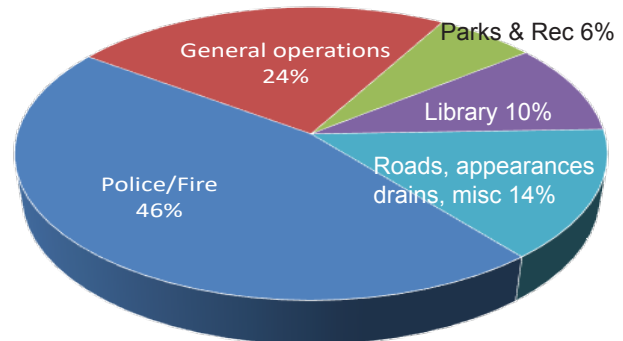
Capital projects that were delayed in the current year have been thoughtfully reassessed and included in the budget, as appropriate. The fundamental message of this proposed budget continues to be sustainability and responsible budgeting to maintain structural balance and live within our means.

The proposed budget is based on available revenues supplemented by a prudent draw on restricted fund balance for sanitation and Metro Act funds. There is no budgeted use of unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund. Total anticipated General Fund revenue of \$81,826,333 is largely supported by property taxes of \$54,292,348 which represent 66% of General Fund revenue.

The tax base of \$2,651,178,080 represents growth of 1.4% over the current fiscal year. Revenue sharing from the State of Michigan, including Local Community Stabilization funds, are anticipated to generate \$8,467,797 or just over 10% of General Fund Revenues.

General Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$81,826,333, largely devoted to personnel cost of \$58,914,355 or 72% of the General Fund expenditures.

Capital Projects within the General Fund total \$2.7 million and include:



Distribution of Property Tax Dollars - 2021-22

- \$600K for right-of-way improvements utilizing Metro Act funds
- \$650K for a new practical skills training center for the Fire department
- \$200K for a new storage facility for the Fire department
- \$350k for renovations and refinishing at all fire stations
- \$97K for security upgrades for the 46th District Court and Fire stations

Significant capital projects across funds include:

- \$2.2 million in the Library fund for building improvements, equipment, and media
- \$2.4 million in Local Street improvements
- \$16.3 million in Major Street improvements
- \$12.4 million in Water & Sewer infrastructure

The proposed 2021-22 budget for all City funds anticipates balanced revenues & expenditures of \$185,816,809.

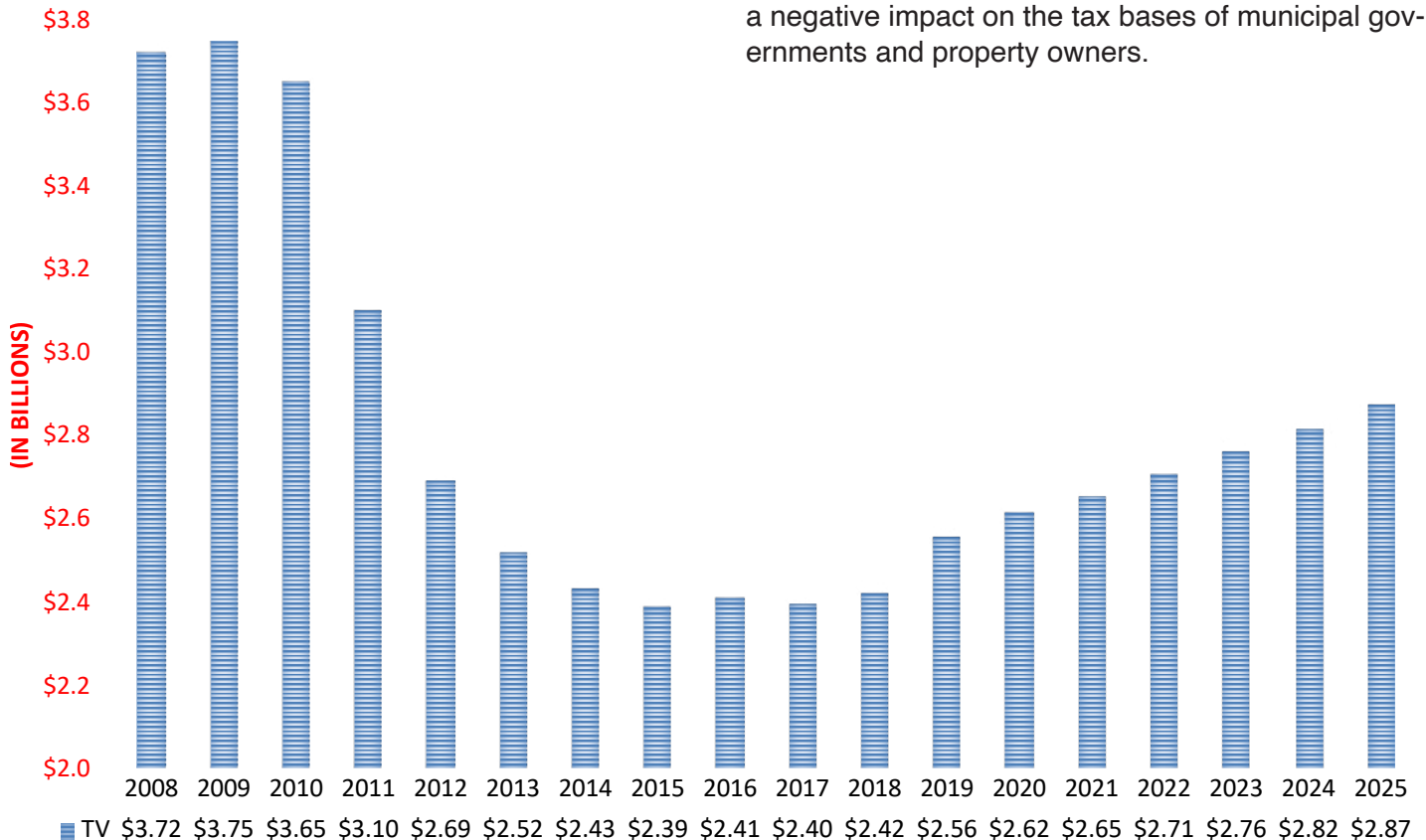
Property Tax Millage Rates

Levy	2020-21	2021-22
General Fund	6.6094	6.6094
Police & Fire	6.8906	6.8906
Fire & Police Pension	5.7075	6.0227
Residential Streets	1.0000	1.0000
Parks & Recreation	1.7500	1,7500
Library	2.8000	2.8000
Public Act 298	0.2207	0.2207
Public Act 59	0.0191	0.0188
TOTAL OPERATING	24.9973	25.3122
County Drains	0.2150	0.2150
Road Bond	2.5800	2.6000
GRAND TOTAL	27.7923	28.1272

Southfield property values inching upward following Great Recession

Southfield property owners are seeing a slow recovery in the worth of their property following the Great Recession (2007-09).

Homeowners with “junk mortgages” found themselves underwater. Foreclosed properties led lenders to “dump” residential and commercial properties at a fraction of their pre-recession value. All of which had a negative impact on the tax bases of municipal governments and property owners.



Kimkie Horne Jazz Festival to return August 13 & 14 in person

A signature Southfield summer event, the Kimkie Horne Jazz Festival, will return to the front lawn of the municipal campus on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 13-14.

The event is free but parking on city property is \$10. Food trucks and vendors will be available.

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National Civic League honored Kimkie Horne with its 2021 Cultural Entertainment award on June 9th.

Kimkie Horne in concert 2019.