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SOUTHFIELD BUSINESS BEAT

Big Moves, Local Gems & a Season of Giving: It's All Happening in Southfield!

Methode Electronics Makes Southfield Its Global Home



Southfield is proud to welcome **Methode Electronics**' global headquarters at 25650 W. Eleven Mile Road following its relocation from Chicago! The electrical components manufacturer plans to invest $3.7 million and create at least 90 additional Michigan jobs by 2030. The project is supported by a $900,000 performance-based grant through the Michigan Business Development Program, approved by the Michigan Strategic Fund.

Founded in 1946, Methode operates in 14 countries, serving the automotive, commercial vehicle and industrial markets. Its move brings company leadership closer to customers and the region's automotive network, strengthening opportunities for collaboration and growth.

We're delighted Methode has chosen Southfield for its next chapter!



Centrepolis Tech Corner

Centrepolis and USCAR Launch $100k Innovation Challenge

Southfield innovation is helping strengthen domestic supply chains! Centrepolis Accelerator at Lawrence Technological University and the United States Council for Automotive Research (USCAR) have launched a new initiative to advance technologies for processing, substituting and recycling critical materials.

The Critical Materials Manufacturing Technology Innovation Challenge offers companies and research teams the opportunity to compete for a $100,000 grand prize and access commercialization support, including engineering assistance, pilot projects and connections to automotive, defense and industrial customers.

Interested applicants are encouraged to submit by November 23, 2026, for earlier opportunities to connect with USCAR and its member companies. The final application deadline is January 11, 2027.

Learn more and apply on the Centrepolis website!

Barton Malow: Building Southfield Success and Giving Back

A member of Southfield's business community since relocating its headquarters here in 1986, **Barton Malow** is celebrating 40 years in our city. Founded in Detroit in 1924, the construction firm builds automotive and manufacturing facilities, hospitals, schools, university buildings, and sports and entertainment venues.

Congratulations to Vice President of Project Controls Luke Knochel, who was named to Crain's Detroit Business' 2026 40 Under 40! Knochel leads teams overseeing project costs, schedules and financial forecasting.

The Barton Malow Foundation also announced a $1 million commitment to the American Heart Association's Hard Hats with Heart initiative, supporting heart-health education and resources for construction workers.

We're proud to recognize a longtime Southfield company for its leadership and commitment to the people who build our communities!



Barton Malow®

Left: Luke Knochel, Vice President of Project Controls for Barton Malow

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NEW BUSINESS Spotlight

GARAN
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS

Welcome to Oakland Commons, **Garan Lucow Miller, P.C.**! The law firm opened its new office on October 12 at 20700 Civic Center Drive, Suite 500. The more than 17,000-square-foot space accommodates over 100 attorneys and team members, with collaborative workspaces and updated technology to support client service.

Founded in 1948, Garan Lucow Miller serves businesses, insurers, municipalities and other clients throughout Michigan and the Midwest. Its practice areas include insurance defense, commercial litigation, municipal law and appellate matters.

We're pleased to celebrate the firm's investment in Southfield and wish its team continued success in their new space!

Learn more at **garanlucow.com**.



Thank you to **Southfield Chick-fil-A** for joining the fun at the Southfield Police Department's Trunk or Treat and helping make the event special for local families!

Looking for another way your business can give back? The Southfield PD is collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 4–12. Consider organizing a workplace toy collection! Donations can be dropped off at the Police Department front desk, 26000 Evergreen Road. Questions? Call (248) 796-5375 for more info.

Shop Small, Support Southfield!

The Southfield DDA and Business & Economic Development team kicked off Shop Small with a tailgate on October 20 at Greenfield Plaza!

Keep the momentum going by supporting Southfield businesses this holiday season, especially on Small Business Saturday, November 28. From November 1–30, enter Oakland County's Local Gems Sweepstakes by submitting selfies at your favorite local businesses for a chance to win up to $1,000.

Learn more: **OaklandCountyMI.gov/ShopSmall**



Upcoming Business Events & Opportunities

CITY OF SOUTHFIELD BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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11/2: Michigan Cottage Food Law Webinar (MSU Extension)

Culver's Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting, 29785 Telegraph Rd, 10-11:30am (BED)

11/4: Pre-Veterans Small Business Week Webinar (SBA)

Communicating Through Conflict Webinar (MSU Extension)

11/5: Chipped Cookie Company Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting (BED)

11/6: 2026 Entrepreneur & Small Business Conference and Expo (NEA)

11/7: Marketing Your Business in the Digital World Webinar (SCORE)

11/9: Moving Beyond Cottage Food Webinar (MSU Extension)

11/10: Say YES to Lending Webinar (SBA)

Matick Auto Wash Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting, 29310 Telegraph Rd, 4-6pm (BED)

11/12: State of Education and Talent Webinar (Detroit Regional Chamber)

11/13: Be the ART: A Costume Ball (Southfield Friends of the Public Arts)

11/18: Savvy Tips for Starting a Small Business Webinar (MSU Extension)

11/28: Small Business Saturday