

MAYOR'S MEMO

News of Interest to Southfield Residents from Mayor Ken Siver

Juneteenth

celebrate freedom

In the Shadow of History: Presidential & Historical Moments Captures - May 18 - June 30

Exhibit at the Library in the Southfield History Room, showcasing photographs captured by International Presidential Photographer Gary Hunter.

Freedom Confirmed: President Lincoln's Courage to Create Change -- June 12 - 6-8pm - Library

Lecture by Rodney David Deal will inspire and educate attendees about Abraham Lincoln's Civil War presidency and the history of American freedom and justice in the pivotal year of 1865.

Juneteenth Senior Luncheon – June 13 - 11:30am-1pm - Parks & Rec

History, culture, and community come together in a celebration of freedom and resilience with electrifying performances, soul stirring music, a delicious meal, and dancing. Tickets are \$25 for residents and \$30 for non-residents and can be purchased on the Parks & Recreation website or by calling (248) 796-4620.

Juneteenth Flag Raising – June 14 - 9:30am

Southfield's Juneteenth Celebration kicks off with the raising of the Juneteenth flag in front of City Hall.

Mayor's Juneteenth Walk – June 14 - 10-11:30am - Front of City Hall

Join Mayor Dr. Ken Siver for the Mayor's 2.5 mile Juneteenth Walk

Juneteenth Jubilee – June 14 - 5-9pm

Southfield Parks & Rec invites the community to an evening of commemoration, celebration, and unity at the Juneteenth Jubilee. History comes to life as Southfield Historical Society re-enactors portray influential African-Americans including Phyllis Wheatley,

Opal Lee, Billie Holiday, and Sojourner Truth. Games and activities for kids included with Recreation on the Move and a concert with the Detroit RSVP All Stars. Food trucks available. Admission is free.

The Friends of the Library Juneteenth Jazz & Blues Concert – June 18 - 6-8pm

This free outdoor concert will feature the music of the Chris Canas Band.

Pearls of Service Foundation Juneteenth Celebration – Thursday, June 19 - 6-10pm

The Pearls of Service Foundation, in collaboration with the Chamber of Commerce, is hosting 'Pathway to Promise: Culture and Scholarship' at the Southfield Regency Manor Banquet Center, 25228 W 12 Mile Rd. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased at pearlsofservicefoundation.org/juneteenth

Juneteenth Open Mic Event – June 21 - 1-4pm - Library

Presenting original spoken word done solo, in duets or trios. Tony Speaks will be the MC host with food, vendors, and music. Preregistration on the Library website is required. southfieldlibrary.org/calendar-of-events/#/events/QIY5wJfdKi/instances/3IH-fEAGdn2/ Content should be PG-13.

Library Juneteenth Exhibit: The Legacy of Black Medical Schools and Departments – June 25 - 6-8pm - Library

A group of historians, educators, and students will discuss their research, which highlights over 3000 years of historical contributions to medicine. The exhibit showcases the stories of 19 Black medical schools, their role in training physicians, and their impact on Black healthcare.

Mayor Siver to deliver State of the City Address June 12 at 7pm



Southfield Mayor Ken Siver will hold a Community State of the City address on Thursday, June 12 at 7pm in City Council Chambers.

Mayor Siver’s presentation, “Measuring Southfield’s Success,” will focus on economic development, housing and infrastructure, public safety, the Northland City Center redevelopment, upgrades to parks & recreation

facilities, community placemaking, and public art. The address will also include Mayor Siver’s overview of the past year as well as his vision for the coming year and beyond.

The mayor will also focus on the adaptive re-use of existing buildings. He believes this is a key to Southfield’s future and maintaining the city’s tax base and property values.

Following the Community State of the City address residents will have an opportunity to ask questions and/or air concerns in a Q&A session.

The event is free and open to the public; however, seating is limited. For more information, contact the Mayor’s Office at (248) 796-5100.

Southfield 2025 Garden Walk to be held Sunday, June 22 - 2-5pm

The Southfield Parks & Garden Club will hold its 17th Annual Garden Walk on Sunday, June 22 from 2-5pm. The walk will feature 15 yards in the Sherwood Village Neighborhood, bounded by Southfield Road and Southwood Street, and between Ten Mile and Lincoln. Registration will take place in front of the former Schoenhals School, 16400 Lincoln.

Tickets for the Garden Walk are \$15 and may be purchased on the day of the event or from the Southfield Mayor’s Office. The Garden Walk starts at the corner of Woodvilla and Lincoln and winds through the neighborhood. Sherwood Village is a lovely neighborhood of Mid-Century modern homes and colonials. Attendees are encouraged to walk the loop through the neighborhood. However, a shuttle bus will make a continuous loop around the subdivision. Yards on display are clustered in several areas.

The Southfield Parks & Garden Club originated the annual walk to showcase some of Southfield’s beautiful and unique home gardens and garden art, to offer tips and ideas to homeowners, provide information on annuals, perennials, shrubs, and trees, and to promote Southfield’s housing stock.

Parking is free, as are refreshments.

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Eat to the Beat lunchtime concert series kicks-off Thursday, June 12 with DJ Derek

The city of Southfield, in partnership with the City Centre Advisory Board, will sponsor the Eat to the Beat lunchtime food truck and concert series beginning Thursday, June 12 from 11am–2pm. DJ Derek will spin tunes on the Southfield Municipal Campus front lawn, 26000 Evergreen Road.

Come on out and enjoy a variety of food options available for sale from Hero’s & Villains, Sucree Dessert Truck, Kona Ice SnoCones, Fuddruckers, and Green Lantern Pizza!

Eat to the Beat concerts feature a rotating selection of the area’s best food trucks with free admission and parking every second Thursday, June through September. This summer’s other Eat to the Beat concerts will take place on July 10, August 14 & September 11.

Chaldean artists featured in latest lobby exhibit

The Southfield Public Art Commission is celebrating five years of quarterly art exhibits in the lobby of City Hall, reflecting rich diversity of mediums, peoples & cultures.

The latest exhibit features eight, local Chaldean artists. Works by Reni Stephan, Habib Hannona, Sam Selou Wazi, Wilson Sarkis, Emad Tammo, Taif Alheety, Azhr Matti, and Sipya Kado are on display now through August 31.

Residents and visitors may view the art, which includes sculptures and furniture, during regular city business hours.



Artist Reni Stephan stands before his painting, Hearing the Heartbeat of Babylon.

Bumble Bee graces Northwestern Highway Path at Oakland Towne Square

The Bumble Bee is Southfield’s newest piece of public art. It was installed this month on the northbound Northwestern Highway Pathway adjacent to the Oakland Towne Square complex.

Related to the city’s sustainability initiatives, the Bumble Bee sits across Northwestern Highway from the Monarch Butterfly sculpture. Both the Monarch and the Bee were commissioned by the Southfield City Centre Advisory Board (CCAB). The Monarch is surrounded by a butterfly garden and maintained by Eaton Corporation.

The CCAB is comprised of representatives from the leading stakeholders in the area roughly bounded by Evergreen Road, Ten Mile, Eleven Mile, and along Northwestern Highway.

The Board is supporting the city’s sustainability initiatives, including promotion of pollination. Bee and butterfly populations have declined. The CCAB also supports the city’s placemaking (creating interesting public spaces) efforts, with benches, wayfinding signage, trail markers, and public art.

Southfield has over 20 miles of urban pathways.



Southfield’s newest public art installation is the Bumble Bee on the Northwestern Highway Pathway.



Newest addition to the Civic Center campus is the front lawn Promenade. (Photo by Nancy Peterson)

New Promenade improves event space

The installation of the fifty-foot wide Promenade will greatly improve events the city hosts on its front lawn.

Completed this month, the Promenade links the front of City Hall to the mid-block crossing on Evergreen Road. Eventually, it will tie directly to the center of the Middlepointe development across from the municipal campus.

Lighting and benches will be added to the Promenade. It will be able to bear the weight of food trucks and portable stages. Many times the lawn does not drain well causing ruts and soggy spaces. It also may alleviate having to close Evergreen Road for smaller events.

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Southfield’s first municipal dog park is under construction at Lahser Woods Park

Southfield gets its first dog park

Construction of Southfield’s first public dog park is expected to be completed by mid-summer at Lahser Woods Park.

The park will have a run for small dogs and another for large. The parking lot is being expanded, as well, in anticipation of more users.

Southfield Parks & Recreation Department will set rules for the park and membership fees. Owners of dogs wishing to use the park will have to have their pooch licensed and vaccinated. Patrons of the dog park will pay an annual membership fee to receive a FOB to allow their dogs to enter.



Future home of Barkside at 15640 W. 11 Mile & Greenfield

Adaptive reuse

Former retail space becomes hangout for people and their pooches

Dogs and their owners will soon have a new place to chill out when Barkside opens later this summer.

Barkside is a bar and dog park in one. While their owners are enjoying libations, canines will have their own space to socialize. Day passes and monthly or annual memberships are required.

There are stipulations for dog memberships and rules for owners to follow. Canines must be up to date on Rabies, DHLPP/Da2PP, and Bordetella vaccines. Dress code for dogs includes wearing a collar or harness. People may come as they are. Dogs under six months of age are not allowed to enter. Humans under age 21 must be accompanied by an adult.

Structurally altered, long time residents will remember this space as the home of the Ponderosa Steak House at the corner of Greenfield and W. 11 Mile Road. More recently the building housed Hyrdomaster Garden Supplies.

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Several new eateries coming to Southfield

Construction is underway for a number of new fast casual restaurants in Southfield. Openings will continue in the fall.

The list includes:

City Cafe -- at Northland City Center on Greenfield

Culvers -- Southfield Road & Webster

Culvers -- 29777 Telegraph -- outlot at the Onyx Building

Panda Express -29201 Telegraph -- outlot at Comerica Tower

Qdova -- Northland City Center -- Greenfield Road

Savvy Sliders -- 26336 W. 12 Mile (near North western Hwy. -- former Huntington Bank

Starbucks -- Northland City Center -- Greenfield Road.

In related news, the McDonalds restaurant on Southfield Road north of 12 Mile, now under new ownership, completed a total remodeling last fall. Evergreen Bar & Grill was able to save its Fuddruckers franchise thanks to acquiring a liquor license. It has added a full service bar.



El Car wash coming to the corner of W. 12 Mile and Northwestern Hwy.

High tech car wash to start construction soon

Plans for El Car Wash have been approved for the intersection of 12 Mile Road & Northwestern Hwy. Site preparation is underway.

Three vacant buildings are in the process of being demolished to make way for the facility. The El Car Wash recycles and filters water used to clean vehicles. The facility will include electric charging stations and an art installation near the intersection.