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GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

November 5, 2024

Polls open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m.

For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Early Voting available in Southfield this November!

Early voting for all Southfield precincts will be available in the Southfield Parks & Recreation Room 115 from October 26 – November 3, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (except Thursday, October 31, 2024 from noon – 8 p.m.) *Early voting will also be available for all Southfield precincts at Oakland County's regional site: Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road in Waterford.*

What is Early Voting?

Early voting allows a voter to cast a ballot in person before Election Day in an experience similar to voting on Election Day. During the early voting period, voters are issued a ballot that they can insert directly into a tabulator at their early voting site or they can bring their absentee ballot to run through the tabulator.

Who can vote early?

Any registered voter in Michigan has the right to vote early in person at an early voting site for statewide and federal elections in which they are eligible. Voters in Michigan can register to vote up to and on Election Day, including during the early voting period.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 796-5150.

Polling Location Changes

The polling place for precincts 13 & 14 at Beth Yehudah (Schoenhals School), located at 16500 Lincoln Drive,

have been moved permanently to Thompson School located at 16300 Lincoln Drive.

Precincts 4 & 5 at Vandenberg Academy will be temporarily moved to Southfield Pavilion at located at 26000 Evergreen Road.

Precincts 25 & 26 at Stevenson Elementary School will be temporarily moved to Birney Middle School, 27225 Evergreen Road.

Precincts 11 & 12 at Adler School located at 19100 Filmore will be temporarily moved to Southfield Pavilion located at 26000 Evergreen Road for the November 5, 2024 General Election due to construction in the gym.

Drop Box Locations:

- City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Southfield 48037. Front Circle Drive in front of the main lobby.
- City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Southfield 48037. Rear of Pavilion Near Police/Building Department.
- City Hall Drop Slot in front of Building near Treasurer's Office.
- Southfield Public Library front entrance, 26300 Evergreen Southfield, MI 48037.
- Fire Station 2, 25733 W. Nine Mile Southfield, MI 48033.
- Oakland County Health Department, 27725 Greenfield Southfield, MI 48076.

Check for your polling place/voting location at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/>

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

VOTE 2024

Priority Waste selected as City's new garbage and recycling vendor

GFL Environmental, the City's previous refuse collection vendor was sold to Priority Waste effective July 1, 2024. Priority Waste will continue to pick up garbage and recycling on residents' designated days; however, there may be some fluctuation in pick up times. All other rules for curbside collection will remain the same:

- Place trash at the curb after 4 p.m. on the afternoon before scheduled pick-up and no later than 7 a.m. the day of your scheduled pick-up.
- Place trash can (or other garbage and recycling) at curb on your property (not in street if possible) in proper position with lid opening facing towards the street

according to the directions imprinted on trash cans.

- Yard waste must be in approved paper yard waste bags or containers (32-gallon max) clearly marked with a yard waste sticker. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be collected.

The sale included all of GFL's trucks and other equipment as well as the transfer of contracts with 75 other municipalities. Residents may see the lime green GFL trucks for a period until they are all painted yellow and rebranded as Priority Waste trucks.

For more information, contact Southfield Public Works at (248) 796-4860 or visit <https://www.cityofsouthfield.com/departments/public-works/rubbish-collection>.

New Priority Waste Garbage Carts being delivered to all Southfield single-family households!

As part of the new contract with Priority Waste, all single-family households will receive a new garbage cart delivered directly to their home free of cost.

Every household (excluding apartments and condominiums) will receive one 95-Gallon Southfield-branded trash cart with a hinged lid and wheels for easy mobility. The carts are black with red lids.

At present, the new carts are not required and residents can still use their own trash cans; however, they cannot be more than 32-gallons or weigh more than 60 lbs. as those cans must be manually placed into the truck.

How to order 64-Gallon recycling cart If you don't already have one?

Residents should contact Priority Waste at (586) 228-1200 or visit www.prioritywaste.com to order a free 64-gallon recycling cart delivered directly to their home. Recycling carts are only provided upon request at no



cost to single-family households (excluding apartments and condominiums) **who have not already previously received one**. Those residents who have already received the red 64-gallon recycling cart may continue to use them and do not need to order a new one.

Household Hazardous Waste Day October 26

RRRASOC will host a Household Hazardous Waste Day Event on October 26 at the RRRASOC MRF- Truck Entrance, 20875 Mapleridge Avenue, Southfield. Residents of any RRRASOC community (including all Southfield residents) can attend any of the Household Hazardous Waste Day events.

Household hazardous waste consists of products used in and around the home that can be Corrosive, Toxic, Flammable or Reactive. Check the label to determine if products require special handling for disposal. Household hazardous waste must be collected through licensed hazardous waste companies. Residents are encouraged to bring household hazardous waste to a special drop-off event or collection site.

Electronic waste is also accepted at all Household Hazardous Waste Day events. The mobile shredder will also be onsite as well. Residents may bring up to 3 boxes or 100 pounds of paper for shredding.

For more information, please call (248) 208-2270.

Southfield to hold Walk to Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence October 6

The City of Southfield Police & Fire Departments, 46th District Court and community partners will host the "2024 Walk to Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence" on Sunday, October 6 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. beginning at the Southfield Municipal Campus, 26000 Evergreen Road.

Registration and t-shirt pickup will begin at 9 a.m. on the front lawn of City Hall. Pre-registered participants will be guaranteed a free walk t-shirt. Non-registered participants will be given shirts on a first-come, first-served basis as supplies are available. The approximately two-mile walk will begin and end on the front lawn of the Southfield Municipal Campus.

The event will kick-off with a press conference to outline the City's strategy to address and reduce the impact and occurrence of domestic violence. All walkers must register to participate at: <http://walktoraiseawarenessofdvmqigroupinc.com>.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with a situation involving domestic violence, please contact the Southfield Police Department at (248) 796-5500 or HAVEN at (248)



334-1274. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of the abusers and those who are abused!

The event is generously sponsored by Huntington Bank in partnership with the City of Southfield, HAVEN Oakland, Southfield Public Schools, Southfield Domestic Violence Group, Family Assistance for Renaissance Men, Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Dr. Martin Luther King Task Force, Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce, the Southfield Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Pi Tau Omega Chapter, Southfield Community Anti-Drug Coalition and Road Masters Vette Club.

Southfield Police Chief Elvin Barren honored with Michigan Chronicle Men of Excellence Award

Southfield Police Chief Elvin Barren was selected as one of Michigan Chronicle's 2024 Men of Excellence honorees. The annual Men of Excellence awards celebrate African-American men who inspire others through their success in business, community involvement and philanthropy.

The Men of Excellence awards were presented at an induction ceremony on June 27 at the MGM Grand Ballroom in Detroit.

The Michigan Chronicle Men of Excellence Awards recognizes local African American men who inspire others through their vision, leadership, exceptional achievements, and participation in community service. They are men who exemplify extraordinary stature and integrity who continue to break the mold and affect change in their professions and community. These men influence those around them to go beyond the norm and strive for greatness. They are champions of our economic empowerment and diversity, the backbone of our business, religious and educational organizations, and driving forces in politics and service.

"We celebrate Police Chief Elvin Barren's remarkable achievement of being honored by the Michigan Chronicle as 2024 Man of Excellence," stated Mayor Kenson Siver. "His unwavering dedication to ensuring the safety and security of



Southfield residents, businesses, and all who enter our city on a daily basis is truly commendable. Under Chief Barren's exceptional leadership, the Southfield Police Department continues to function with utmost efficiency – safeguarding our community. Congratulations, Chief Barren!"

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Give back to the community and volunteer with one of Southfield's many grassroots clubs and organizations

Southfield Parks & Garden Club and others seeks new members and volunteers

There are many non-profit, grassroots and community organizations in Southfield that are doing great work in the community that are in need of volunteers! From the Southfield Parks & Garden Club to the Southfield Historical Society, there are many ways to volunteer and make a difference in the Southfield community!

Southfield Parks & Garden Club (SP&GC)

The Southfield Parks & Garden Club (SP&GC) was formed in 2005 as a community service organization comprised of volunteers who work to beautify the city. The Club engages in litter pick-ups, plantings, cleaning up landscapes for elderly residents, garden walks and other various gardening activities. The Club also partners with the City to sponsor and judge the City's annual Community Pride Awards nominations.

SP&GC broke ground on the Emmanuel Community Farm in 2008 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church located at 23425 Lahser Road. The all-volunteer farm uses organic seed and agriculturally sustainable farming methods to grow a wide variety of produce that is donated to Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries throughout the area. The Club welcomes anyone who wishes to volunteer their time and energy to help maintain the gardens. You do not have to be a member of the Club to volunteer. The Farm hours are Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. April - October.

Club membership and projects reflect a wide cross-section of residents, skill levels, and interests. Gardening enthusiasts and community-minded individuals of all backgrounds are encouraged to join and participate as their schedule permits.

For more information, call SP&GC President Pat McLamore, at (248) 227-2812, email patmclamore@sbcglobal.net or visit www.southfieldparksandgarden.org.

Friends of the Southfield Public Library

The Friends of the Southfield Public Library is a dynamic group of Library supporters who enhance the programs and services that the library provides. The Friends purchase items not provided for in the Library's budget, provide seed money for new services and collections, and actively promote the use of the Library to the community. The Friends sponsor various Library programs and special events, including the Jazz & Blues @ Your Library concert series and the Library Friend's BookShelf gently used book sales.

For more information on how you can become a



Friend of the Library, call (248) 796-4397, email southfieldfriends263@gmail.com or visit www.southfieldlibrary.org.

Southfield Historical Society

The Southfield Historical Society was founded in 1965 to encourage the preservation and interpretation of objects, structures, and documents of local historical significance. The Historical Society also provides interpretive and educational programming to further the knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the history of Southfield.

The Historical Society operates from the Mary Thompson Farm House, a house museum adjacent to the Southfield Municipal Campus depicting typical farm life in Southfield at the end of the 19th Century. The Southfield Historical Society also operates the Town Hall Museum located in the Burgh Historical Park.

For more information, call Southfield Historical Society President Darla Van Hoey at (248) 219-6963, email HistoricSouthfield@gmail.com or visit www.southfieldhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com.

City of Southfield's Boards & Commissions

The City of Southfield's municipal boards and commissions are another excellent way for Southfield residents to serve their community by volunteering their time and talents. Southfield's many boards and commissions are comprised of concerned residents and business people who volunteer to assist in the operation of city government and the Southfield community. There are 30 different boards and commissions to choose from, many requiring no experience or qualifications other than a commitment to serve and give back to the community.

The City Clerk's office has applications for individuals interested in serving on a municipal board or commission. To apply, call (248) 796-5150 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com/boards-commissions.

Southfield Parks continue to improve with recent upgrades

Over the past decade, outdoor spaces have become increasingly vital to city residents, prompting the Southfield Parks & Recreation Department to enhance the city's parks. This summer marked the completion of a major renovation at Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve and the start of two exciting projects at Lahser Woods Park and Beech Woods Park.

Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve recently underwent significant upgrades. This 42-acre preserve, established in 2007, provides a haven for local wildlife and a serene space for visitors.

Thanks to a \$600,000 Michigan Economic Development Grant, secured by State Senator Jeremy Moss and State Representative Jason Hoskins, the city was able to expand the preserve's amenities. Key improvements include the addition of 25 parking spaces (now totaling 71, with accessible spots and bus parking), a small open-air shelter, and an all-season restroom facility. ADA accessibility features were also incorporated, such as curb ramps and a crosswalk connecting the Boulder Garden to the restroom and shelter area. These enhancements will support a wide array of nature programs for all ages.

Unfortunately, just before the official reopening of the park, a tree fell and damaged the fishing pier. Repairs, which will also improve wheelchair accessibility at the pier, are planned for this fall.

Lahser Woods Park Another exciting development is taking shape at Lahser Woods Park, where a newly paved pathway connects the neighborhood to the Young Israel



of Southfield synagogue, Stevenson Elementary School, and Lahser Road. This marks the first phase of a project that will transform the park into Southfield's first dog park, further expanding recreational opportunities for residents and their pets.

Beech Woods Park, a new pathway now links the Nine Mile Road sidewalk to the park, offering easy access to the picnic shelter and playground. Additionally, construction has begun on a \$7 million renovation project. The plan includes a redesigned entrance, parking lot, playlot, restroom facility, picnic shelter, and the replacement of the old maintenance building. These improvements will create a modernized park space, enhancing the overall experience for park visitors.

Additional Projects Other recent efforts include fence replacement at the Mary Thompson House and Farm. Bedford Woods Park received attention on August 22, when volunteers from the local business community and LTU completed improvements such as pathway maintenance, fence cleanup, playground mulch installation, and a mural project.

These projects reflect Southfield's ongoing commitment to providing top-quality outdoor spaces for its residents. Keep an eye on these parks as they continue to evolve!

Southfield Goodfellows seeking donations to purchase gift cards for low income families and seniors.

The Southfield Goodfellows is seeking monetary donations to purchase gift cards for low-income families, children and senior citizens that live in Southfield and Lathrup Village. The Goodfellows are also seeking individuals and organizations to participate in their gift-giving tree that can make a commitment by October 31, 2024.

The Southfield Goodfellows is an all-volunteer non-profit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization that provides assistance through the coordinated efforts of donors and volunteers. The group works in partnership with the Southfield Human Services Department to identify senior citizens and families with school-aged children who require assistance during the holiday season.

To make a monetary contribution, please make a check or money order payable to Southfield



Goodfellows and mail to P. O. Box 2336, Southfield, MI 48037-2336 or make a donation on their secure website at <http://www.southfieldgoodfellows.org/donateonline.html>. To participate in the gift-giving tree program, please call their 24-hour voicemail at (248) 788-5899 and leave a message and indicate call back information.

“Southfield Solutions” app and “Eyes on Southfield” hotline help to keep Southfield beautiful

Southfield Solutions App and Web Reporting Platform

The City of Southfield partnered with QScend Technologies to launch the Southfield Solutions platform that allows residents to directly report quality-of-life issues and request city services all from the convenience of their smart phone, tablet or computer. With the free Southfield Solutions mobile app and web tools, Southfield residents and businesses can provide City of Southfield staff with photographs, specific descriptions, geo-locating and more — valuable information needed to resolve an issue efficiently. In addition, the Southfield Solutions platform provides Southfield officials with a centralized issue management system to manage issues from the initial report to resolution — engaging the community throughout the process.

The Southfield Solutions mobile app is available for free. Search for “Southfield Solutions” in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. In addition to the mobile apps, citizens can send reports directly to the City of Southfield website at www.cityofsouthfield.com.

Eyes on Southfield Community Appearance Hotline

The City of Southfield launched the “Eyes on Southfield” program to enable residents to notify the City with ease when a code or blight issue is observed. Residents may simply call (248) 796-EYES (3937) 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week to report code issues or violations. With an



increased focus on curb appeal, the Southfield Code Enforcement Department will respond to most complaints within a 24- to 48-hour time period. Code Enforcement Officers canvass the City seven days-a-week to monitor the condition of Southfield homes and neighborhoods. In addition, the City relies on the “eyes and ears” of the entire community to report any obvious or extreme code violations. When a violation exists, code officers will inform the resident or business of the issue and educate them on how to correct it. If another violation occurs at the same property, the home or business owner will be issued a civil infraction and must appear in court.

Southfield residents are encouraged to report potential code or blight issues through the Southfield Solutions app or by calling the City’s special “Eyes on Southfield” hotline, (248) 796-EYES (3937). Together, we can keep Southfield beautiful!

Sustainable Southfield Initiative receives honorable mention in U.S. Conference of Mayor’s 2024 Climate Protection Awards

The City of Southfield’s Sustainable Southfield Initiative recently received honorable mention in U.S. Conference of Mayor’s 2024 Climate Protection Awards! As the effects of climate change becomes more impactful on cities throughout the nation and the world, thirteen U.S. mayors were recognized today for their outstanding leadership in combatting these changes, each winning a 2024 Mayors’ Climate Protection Award.

This is the 18th class of mayors to be honored by The U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) for local actions that reduce carbon use and emissions in their cities.

These annual mayoral awards are supported through a partnership between USCM and Walmart, specifically recognizing innovative “local climate action” by mayors throughout the United States.

About the United States Conference of Mayors

The U.S. Conference of Mayors is the official nonpartisan organization of cities with populations of 30,000 or more. There are more than 1,400 such cities in the country today, and each city is represented in the Conference by its chief elected official, the mayor.

2024 Southfield Photo Prize winner announced

The City of Southfield announced the winner of the 2024 Southfield Photo Prize at an awards reception on Thursday, September 19 in Council Chambers.

The City of Southfield sponsored the 8th annual Southfield Photo Prize competition and outdoor exhibition this past summer to showcase the natural and architectural beauty throughout the city. A total of 159 submissions were received and initially reviewed by the Total Living Commission which selected the top 25 photos that were eligible for public voting from July 1 – September 1. The Photo Prize finalists were enlarged and placed on public display at the parks & recreation building with online voting at www.cityofsouthfield.com. Over 3,750 unique votes were cast in the contest. The results were determined by the most overall online votes each finalist received.

First place was awarded to Robert Schmidt with over 1,650 votes for his photo of the Southfield City Centre skyline. Second place was awarded to Darren Hood for his photo of the children posing in front of the SFLD letters on the



2024 Southfield Photo Prize 1st Place Winner Robert Schmidt

Southfield Municipal Campus. Third place was awarded to Michael Beneson for his photo taken at the Southfield Public Library.

The winning photographs and finalists will be featured in the City's 2024 calendar and other city marketing materials.



2nd Place Winner Darren Hood



3rd Place Winner Michael Beneson

2025 Southfield Photo Prize now open for submissions!

The City of Southfield is now seeking entries for the 9th annual Southfield Photo Prize! Entries must be an original digital color photograph of a Southfield landmark or other subject matter shot within the City of Southfield borders. Photographs with no obvious photo editing other than cropping, color and lighting corrections taken in any season or format are acceptable. Up to three submissions per person may be e-mailed as an attachment to PhotoContest@cityofsouthfield.com by Friday, May 30, 2025. For more information and full contest details, contact Community Relations at communityrelations@cityofsouthfield.com, call (248) 796-5130 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

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WHEN: OCTOBER 20, 2024
FROM: 2 PM - 5 PM

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Stay Safe with these Winter Home Safety Tips from the Fire Department

As the leaves are changing colors and the air is getting cooler, the Southfield Fire Department would like to share a few safety tips before we see snow on the ground.

- Make sure that your furnace is working properly. Check the filter, and make sure you don't have anything that can burn within 3 feet of the furnace.
- If you use a space heater in your home or office, make sure there is nothing that can burn within 3 feet of the space heater. Make sure the space heater automatically shuts-off if it is tipped over. Do not leave the space heater on when you leave the room or go to bed, and make sure it is plugged directly into the wall outlet.
- Never use your oven to heat your home or apartment.
- Do not leave the kitchen when you are cooking and be extra careful when frying foods. The oil can heat up quickly and there are a lot of distractions when there are extra people in your home. Do not use water on a grease fire; put a lid on it instead. If there is a fire in the oven or the microwave, keep the door closed. Turn off the oven and unplug the microwave.
- Never leave candles unattended and make sure there is nothing that will burn within 1 ft. of the candle.



- Do not use candles as emergency lighting. A flashlight is a much better choice.
- Be careful of the placement of Christmas Trees. Make sure you have at least 3 feet of clearance from an ignition source such as a fireplace or space heater. Most importantly, do not forget to water your tree every day.
- Make sure you have working smoke alarms and working carbon monoxide (CO) alarms in your house and test them monthly. There should be a smoke alarm in each bedroom, and each level of your home should have a smoke alarm and a CO alarm.

Prepare your home for fall and winter

Fall is the time when you want to get your home and yard ready for the winter cold. Follow these easy steps, most of which you can do yourself, to help lower your utility bills and protect your property.

Home Preparation Steps

- Tune-up your furnace for optimal performance. Get your chimney, furnace and heating ducts inspected and winterize the A/C. Also, regularly replace furnace filters and check smoke and carbon monoxide detector batteries.
- Clean out gutters and downspouts, disconnect and drain all outside hoses. If possible, shut off outside water valves.
- Repair roof leaks and prune any tree branches that could become weighted down with ice or snow and fall on your house or your neighbor's house.
- Wrap water pipes in basement or crawl spaces with insulation sleeves to slow heat transfer and consider an insulated blanket for your hot water heater. If you have a fireplace, keep the flue closed when you're not using it.

Yard Preparation Steps

- Aerate your lawn if the soil is compacted or if thatch is a problem. Apply gypsum and fertilizer to improve soil.
- Plant flowering bulbs and dormant, deciduous trees and shrubs while your garden soil is still soft and pliable. Be sure to allow sufficient space to allow for spring growth.
- Cut the grass one more time to 2-3 inches in height, service your lawn mower and store for winter. Continue to rake fallen leaves and collect in approved paper yard waste bags or in a rigid container clearly marked 'Yard Waste.'
- **Yard waste in plastic bags will not be accepted! Yard waste will be collected on residents' regular garbage collection day through December 13.**

Residents reminded to clear sidewalks

By City Code, homeowners, renters and businesses are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks and curb cuts in front of their homes and businesses within a twenty-four (24) consecutive hour time period. Clearing sidewalks is very important to maintain safety for pedestrians, and it is the legal responsibility of homeowners, renters and businesses to keep their premises safe and hazard-free. This includes keeping walkways, driveways, parking lots and other common areas free of ice and snow to prevent accidents and injuries.

This winter, the City of Southfield requests that all residents and businesses make a special effort to clear their sidewalks and apply salt in front of their homes or businesses to ensure a safe route for pedestrians. If your neighbor is elderly or physically incapable of removing the snow from their sidewalks, please consider offering to help. Residents and businesses are encouraged to take the Southfield Safe Sidewalks Pledge and commit to do their part to keep our walkways safe and snow free! Good neighbors make great communities!

Snow Removal Info

The City of Southfield recognizes that dealing with snow and ice covered roads is an inconvenience we all must face. Our road crews do their best to clear the roads as quickly and safely as possible.

We begin by plowing the major roads first, followed by Priority 2 roads (Collector streets) and potentially hazardous locations. Collector streets and potentially hazardous intersections and hills are plowed or salted as required at all storm depths after city major streets are completed followed by all local roads.

DRIVEWAYS & SNOW

Following are some steps that you can take when clearing your driveway to reduce the amount of snow that may get piled as the road is plowed:

- If possible, clean driveways and around mailboxes after we have finished plowing the roads.

If this is not possible . . .

- When clearing your driveway, place as much snow as possible in the direction of travel downstream on your side of the road.
- Clear an area upstream from your driveway opening to form a "pocket" for the snow from the road to go into. The result will be that more of the snow from the clearing of the road will go into the open "pocket" area and less will end up in the end of your driveway.

MAILBOX INFORMATION

Snow being discharged from the plow can damage or knock down your mailbox without having any contact from our equipment. It is the City's policy to consider replacing mailboxes only if they are hit by our equipment.

For more information, call Streets & Highway at (248) 796-4860 or visit www.cityofsouthfield.com.

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What's Happening in Southfield? FALL 2024 • WINTER 2025

October 16 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library featuring Djangophonique, 6:30 p.m., Library
October 19 - Boo Bash, 1-4 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
October 19 - Lawrence Tech Football vs. Siena Heights University, 1p.m., LTU Blue Devils Stadium
October 20 - Trunk or Treat, 2-5 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
October 26 - Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., RRRASOC
October 31 - Last day of Season - Beech Woods Driving Range, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
November 2 - Lawrence Tech Football vs. Madonna University, 1p.m., LTU Blue Devils Stadium
November 5 - General Election, polls open, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., various sites
November 6 - Avoiding Elder Financial Abuse & ID Theft with the Southfield Police , 6-7:30 p.m., Library
November 8 - Veterans' Day Cermony, 11 a.m., City Hall
November 11 - Veterans' Day, City Offices & Library closed
November 14 - Stories from a Native American Woman, 6-8 p.m., Library
November 13-16 - Library Friends bookShelf Open
November 20 - Jazz & Blues featuring Joseph and the Velozians, 6:30 p.m., Library
November 25 - The Gardening Guru with Rosebud Schneider, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Library
November 28 - Thanksgiving, City Offices & Library closed (*No rubbish collection*)
November 29 - City Offices & Library closed (*Rubbish collection delayed one day*)
December 1 - First day to pay 2024 winter taxes
December 3 - Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6-8 p.m., Municipal Campus front lawn
December 4-7 - Library Friends bookShelf Open
December 11 - Jazz & Blues - An evening of Modern Day Jazz with Damon Terrell, 6:30 p.m., Library
December 13 - Yard waste collection ends (*on your regular trash collection day*)
December 13 - Senior Holiday Luncheon , 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Parks & Recreation Building
December 14 - Soulful Santa, 12-5 p.m. Southfield Pavilion
December 24 - Christmas Eve, City Offices & Library closed
December 25 - Christmas Day, City Offices & Library closed (*No Rubbish collection & delayed one day thereafter*)
December 31 - New Years Eve, City Offices & Library Closed (*No Rubbish collection*)
January 1 - New Years Day, City Offices & Library Closed (*Rubbish collection delayed one day*)
January 15 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library featuring Expedition with Ralph Koziarski , 6:30 p.m., Library
January 20 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Offices & Library closed
January 20 - 40th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk & Celebration, 9 a.m., Hope United Methodist Church
February 17 - Presidents' Day, City Offices & Library closed
February 19 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library featuring Chris Buzzelli Guitarist, 6:30 p.m., Library
March 2 - Winter Fest, 2-4:30 p.m., Southfield Sports Arena
March 22 - Daddy Daughter Dance, 4-6 p.m., Southfield Pavilion
April 18 - Good Friday, City Offices & Library closed
April 20 - Easter, Library closed



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