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# GENERAL ELECTION INFORMATION

## November 7, 2023

**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](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

### Early Voting Available this November in Southfield!

Early voting for all Southfield precincts will be available in the Southfield Pavilion October 28 – November 5, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (except Thursday, November 2, 2023 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, Waterford, MI.

### What is Early Voting?

Early voting allows a voter to cast a ballot 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.

### 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, visit: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/elections/voting/early-in-person-voting>

### 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 11 & 12 at Adler School located at 19100 Filmore will be temporarily moved to Southfield Pavilion at located at 26000 Evergreen Road for the November 7, 2023 General Election due to construction in the gym.

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

## City of Southfield Proposed Charter Amendments

### Two Proposed Charter Amendments will be presented on the November 7 ballot for voters to decide

The positions of the Southfield City Clerk and City Treasurer are currently elected. Of the 276 other Michigan cities with charters, only 42 elect these positions with the remaining 234 being appointed.

#### Ballot Proposal #1

Shall the Charter be amended by amending Sections 5.2, 5.9 and 6.1 to change the city treasurer from an elected to an appointed position, to take effect in November 2025 or upon a vacancy in the office, whichever occurs first?

#### Ballot Proposal #2

Shall Charter Sections 5.2, 5.9 and 6.1 be amended to change the city clerk from an elected to an appointed position, to take effect in November 2025 or upon a vacancy in the office, whichever occurs first?

#### Appointed Clerks and Treasurers:

- Will be required to meet minimum standard criteria and qualifications (such as experience) as set by the City Administrator and will operate as other city departments reporting to Administration;

- Are subject to performance review and can be terminated for unsatisfactory job performance and removed for cause (misconduct in office or neglect of duties);
- Qualifications, job descriptions, and wages/benefits including all statutory responsibilities, and any additional responsibilities are established by City Council; and
- Are vetted and appointed by the City Administrator with the City Council's confirmation.

#### Elected Clerks and Treasurers:

- Are only accountable directly to the voters and only required to be residents of the City Southfield and a registered voter;
- Can only be removed from office by the Governor or a voter recall, pursuant to Public Act 116;
- Cannot be required to hold office hours, attend training, or obtain qualifications, if not specified by State law; and
- Have their compensation established by the Local Officers Compensation Commission and hold four (4) year terms commencing in odd-numbered years.

## City of Southfield joins DTE Energy's MIGreenPower program as first Oakland County municipality to enroll



### *Enrollment enhances City's commitment to improve sustainability and quality of life*

DTE Energy and the city of Southfield recently announced Southfield's enrollment in MIGreenPower, DTE's voluntary renewable energy program. Southfield is the first municipality in Oakland County to enroll in MIGreenPower, which enables any DTE Electric customer to attribute an even greater percentage of their electricity use to Michigan-made wind and solar projects beyond the 15% DTE already provides. The enrollment, which includes all eligible city of Southfield buildings, is equivalent to taking more than 1,500 gasoline-powered cars off the road for a year.

"The City of Southfield discovered DTE's MIGreenPower program while reviewing options for adding a large solar installation in our community," said Southfield Mayor Dr. Ken Siver. "After further researching the program, the city determined that enrolling in MIGreenPower will provide Southfield with all the benefits of renewable energy without the added responsibility of installing and maintaining our own solar arrays."

MIGreenPower is among the largest voluntary renewable energy programs in the U.S., with more than 1,300 businesses and 90,000 residential customers enrolled. On an annual basis, MIGreenPower customers have enrolled four million megawatt hours of clean energy in the program, which has the environmental benefit equivalent to avoiding more than three million tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually or the greenhouse gas emissions from

more than 630,000 gasoline-powered passenger cars.

We are excited to welcome the city of Southfield to the MIGreenPower program, and to recognize it as the first municipality in Oakland County to join," said Brian Calka, vice president of Renewable Energy for DTE. "We appreciate the opportunity to help the city meet its environmental goals, easily and affordably. By attributing more of its electricity use to DTE's wind and solar projects, Southfield will help bring additional clean energy to the grid, creating a more sustainable future for the city and the state of Michigan as a whole."

MIGreenPower participation is accelerating the development of new wind and solar projects in Michigan. By 2026, DTE will add more than 1,000 megawatts of new clean energy projects to meet program demand. The company is committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2050 and recently reached an agreement with 21 Michigan organizations for its CleanVision Integrated Resource Plan, which has also been approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. The plan includes increasing investment in solar and wind energy to add more than 15,000 megawatts of new renewable energy projects over the next two decades, accelerating the retirement of coal plants and investing in the development of new energy storage - all reinforcing the company's commitment to cleaner energy.

## Southfield Fire Department maintains Class 2 rating from Insurance Services

The Southfield Fire Department maintained a Class 2 rating in the latest Public Protection Classification (PPC) program sponsored by the Insurance Services Office (ISO). The ISO analyzes the structural fire suppression delivery system that protects the community.

Southfield/Lathrup Village joins twenty-two other Michigan fire departments and 2,004 fire departments nationwide with a Class 2 rating – keeping Southfield/Lathrup Village in the top two percent in Michigan and in the top five percent of the country.

ISO's Public Protection Classification (PPC) program helps to establish fire insurance premiums for residential and commercial properties by analyzing relevant data using a Fire Suppression Rating Schedule. Classifications are assigned from 1 to 10, with Class 1 representing exemplary public protection and Class 10 indicating that a municipality's fire protection program does not meet minimum standards. Each insurance company determines the insurance premiums for each policyholder. The insurance companies analyze ISO information like prior fire loss.

"Retaining our ISO rating is a great accomplishment that reconfirms that our department is improving its service

delivery system, fire prevention activities and ultimately making the community a safer place to live, work and play" stated Southfield Fire Chief Johnny Menifee. "This is the second evaluation our department has had since I've been the Chief. Our last review was in 2018, so this evaluation gives us measurable benchmarking statistics that the department can build on. We improved our overall score in many areas but remain in the class 2 rating".

The Class 2 rating for Southfield's Fire Department may lower insurance rates for property owners in both Southfield and Lathrup Village, where the Department also provides full fire and EMS service. Insurance policy holders for properties within the Southfield Fire Department's service area can contact their insurance provider to determine how the new classification may impact premiums.

"The department has improved department processes in communication interoperability, GPS technology, new training center and new firefighter safety equipment. I'm very proud of the men and women of the department, also the commitment and investments the city has made in the fire department," added Chief Menifee.

## City of Southfield wins awards for Branding & Style Guidelines and Photo Prize in 3CMA Savvy Awards Competition

The City of Southfield was selected as a winner for two different categories of the City-County Communications and Marketing Association (3CMA) 35<sup>th</sup> annual national Savvy Awards Competition. The City's updated Branding & Graphic Design Standards won the 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Southfield Photo Prize won the 2<sup>nd</sup> place nationally.

"It is a great honor for the city of Southfield to be recognized nationally among our peers," commented Mayor Dr. Kenson Siver. "These projects have a profound impact on our community, showcasing the diversity and beauty of Southfield to the nation! The Southfield Photo Prize competition engages both residents and business to share their experiences through photography with the community, while the Southfield Branding and Style Guidelines help to create a cohesive and unified visual identity for our city. The Community Relations Department works every day to keep our residents and visitors informed and to make Southfield a great place to live, work, visit and do business.



It is wonderful to see their efforts recognized nationally!"

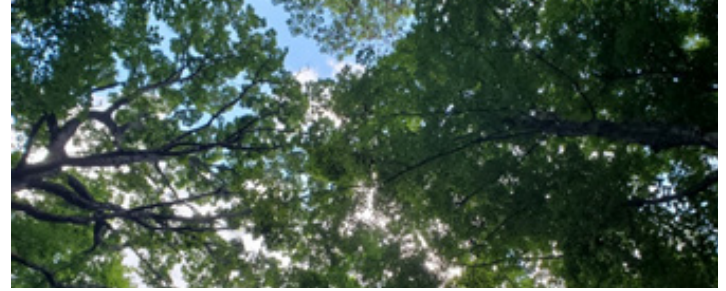
Southfield's entry was one of more than 870 submitted in this year's competition from municipalities and counties from across the country. The exact award designations, offered in the categories of 'Publications: Style and Branding Guide' and 'Most Creative Activity with Least Dollars Spent' in the population group 50,000-140,000, were announced on September 7 at the 3CMA Annual Conference.

## Trees & Biodiversity – *Our Lives Depend on It*

What would our lives look like without trees? From a visual perspective, the lush green, blooming buds, and fall colors would be missing from our neighborhoods, parks, and open spaces. Picnics and beach trips would never be the same without the protection and shade of the trees we seek for these recreational activities. People mark the changing of the seasons by the color of the leaves and trees also play a key role in various holiday celebrations.

Why is biodiversity important and why should you care? Biodiversity is the variety of living things on this planet. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, “Biological diversity is essential to the health and wellness of our planet and all the plants, animals, and humans who share it. Ecosystems with higher levels of biodiversity have superior air and water quality, are more resistant to drought and disease, produce higher food-yields, and even contribute to the development of new and improved medicines.”

The bottom line is trees make life possible on this planet for humans, wildlife, and other plants. From the oxygen we breathe to the houses we build, trees are a critical natural resource to us. Unfortunately, human activity has harmed the tree population by exploiting resources, using harmful chemicals, destroying habitats, and ultimately preventing biodiversity of plants and animals from thriving.



*Tree Canopy at Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve  
Photo by Souzan Hanna*

### Did you know?

- Trees properly planted around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30% and heating costs can be reduced as much as 50%.
- Trees increase property values and have been shown to reduce crime.
- It takes 460 trees to absorb the annual CO<sup>2</sup> emissions of a single car.
- To provide oxygen for one person each year, it requires 7 to 8 mature trees.
- There are 60,000 tree species across the globe.
- Forests absorb 30% of all CO<sup>2</sup> emissions worldwide.

As of 2023, the City of Southfield has been recognized as a Tree City USA for 36 years by the Arbor Day Foundation. We take pride in this accomplishment and encourage all residents and property owners to help maintain and increase the City’s tree canopy by planting more trees!

## Volunteers needed for the 8th Annual Mayor’s Big Rake

Southfield Mayor Kenson Siver, in partnership with Southfield Great Lakes Ace Hardware, Home Depot and Lowes of Southfield, will host the 8th annual Mayor’s Big Rake on select Saturdays, November 11 & 18 and December 2 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Big Rake is organized by the Mayor’s Office to help seniors or disabled Southfield residents with fall lawn maintenance. Volunteers are needed to help rake leaves. Southfield Great Lakes Ace Hardware, Home Depot and Lowes of Southfield donated paper yard bags for use at the event. Mayor Siver has donated 80 rakes which will also be provided to volunteers. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own gloves. Other dates and times may be scheduled depending on available volunteers and the need. Last fall, 250 volunteers helped clear 75 yards in five days.

“The Big Rake is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and help your neighbors who need our



help the most,” commented Southfield Mayor Kenson Siver. “By volunteering, you can make a real difference in the lives of our elderly and handicapped neighbors. It’s a rewarding experience that lets you see firsthand the impact that your kindness can have. Together, we can show our neighbors that Southfield cares.”

Interested volunteers can contact the Mayor’s office at (248) 796-5100 or e-mail [vperry@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:vperry@cityofsouthfield.com).

Senior or disabled residents who would like to sign up to get their leaves raked can contact the Mayor’s office at (248) 796-5100.

## Southfield Parks & Recreation invests in citywide park upgrades

Many Southfield parks have seen updates or renovations within the past year beginning last winter with new playground equipment installed at Civic Center Park, Freeway Park and Bedford Woods Park. These three parks represent the first stage in the Parks & Recreation Department's plan to replace all 12 playgrounds throughout the city. Improvements made to Simms and Miller parks include the paved walking paths at both parks as well as the addition of basketball courts. Simms Park features two half-courts for basketball as well as a tennis court that includes playing lines for Pickleball. At Miller Park, the old tennis courts were renovated into four new pickleball courts and three basketball half courts with the ability to play a full court game. Repairs to the play equipment at Bauervic Woods, Beech Woods, and Inglenook parks were completed in the spring. New Dog Waste Stations have also been installed at many of the Southfield parks over the summer to assist residents utilizing the parks with their pets.

The City of Southfield is home to Michigan's first baseball field for children with physical or cognitive disabilities, offering a true Major League experience through Easterseals Mircale League. The barrier-free playing surface was completely replaced and the field is now back in use hosting fall seasons.



The seven courts at the Civic Center Park Tennis Complex were also completely resurfaced and painted, including Pickleball lines added to court #7 to allow for dual play. or those not familiar with Pickleball, the sport is often described as a combination of tennis, Ping-Pong, and badminton, and has become one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States. In 2023, Pickleball was estimated to have over 4.8 million players. It is played on a court that is smaller than a tennis court, by two or four players using a small racket or paddle to hit a hollow,



plastic ball (similar to a whiffle ball) over a 34-inch-high net. Its appeal to all ages can be attributed to its slower pace, the ability to be played indoors or out, and easy-to-learn rules and techniques. Recognizing the need for dedicated spaces for Pickleball players in Southfield, the Parks & Recreation Department has added courts at four parks throughout the city, including four at Miller Park as well as at parks with tennis courts that include Pickleball lines at Civic Center Park (court #7), the court at Simms Park, and at Beech Woods Park.

Bauervic Woods Park recently received improvements with the removal of brush and trees in front of the park as well as in the playlot area. In June, Bauervic Woods Park was the site of the Eaton Corporation's "Annual Days of Caring" volunteer event with Rebuilding Together Southeast Michigan. Volunteers assisted in trail maintenance and the spreading of mulch throughout the play area. In August, the park services crew installed two new grills and additional picnic tables at the park to accommodate small family gatherings.

As many projects neared completion, an exciting new project began at Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve. Construction began in late-July on the expansion and improvement of the existing parking lot as well as the addition of a small open-air shelter to be used for nature programming, and a year-round restroom facility. Anticipated completion of phase I of this project is tentatively scheduled for the beginning of November 2023. Contractors and city officials will determine at that time if the park reopens to the public prior to phase 2 construction beginning, or if it will remain closed until the project is completed in spring 2024. This project is supported by a \$600,000 Michigan Economic Development Grant.

## Southfield Goodfellows seeks donations for “No Child Without a Christmas” holiday giving program

The Southfield Goodfellows is seeking monetary donations to purchase food, clothing & gifts for low-income families and senior citizens that live in Southfield and Lathrup Village as part of their “No Child Without a Christmas” holiday giveaway program.

The primary goal of the Southfield Goodfellows is to assure that no child in Southfield or Lathrup Village is forgotten during the Holiday Season. Each year, the Southfield Goodfellows works to ensure that the food requirements of needy families and senior citizens in the community are met. Southfield Goodfellows also provides assistance to individuals year-round through their Urgent Needs Program, which provides assistance for unforeseen hardships on a case-by-case basis, as long as funds are available. The City of Southfield Human Services Department manages the Urgent Needs Program on behalf of the Southfield Goodfellows. 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.

“We’re back to business! This year, we return to our pre-COVID restrictions/original operation,” Commented Iris Johnson, Southfield Goodfellows President. “We’ve reached out to our supporters to once again purchase gifts and necessities for the children this upcoming holiday



season. We’re also asking for monetary donations to provide the families with gift cards for food and other needed items. Please help us help the families of Southfield and Lathrup Village.”

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 our secure website at <http://www.southfieldgoodfellows.org/donateonline.html>.

If you have any questions, please leave a message on their 24-hour voicemail at (248) 788-5899.

## Nine Mile Corridor Project Revitalization Underway

A multi-jurisdictional initiative is underway to revitalize Nine Mile Road in southern Oakland County. The Nine Mile Corridor Project aims to increase the walkability and bikeability of Nine Mile Road while creating a vibrant streetscape, facilitating a robust community culture, improving the health and wellness of residents along the corridor, and increasing business growth. In the process, it aims to create an identity for common spaces that includes pathways, signage, benches, bike repair stations, public art and more.

With the Northland City Center project progressing, an important link from Nine Mile will connect to this massive new development. The first phase of the Nine Mile Corridor project in Southfield encompasses Greenfield to Lahser Roads. Pathway construction began last year with a half mile segment from Evergreen to Prescott. Nine Mile

between Evergreen and Lahser is slated for repaving along with lane reductions. With the completion of each pathway segment, streetscape improvements follow. These include landscaping, benches, trash receptacles, directional signage, public art, and more.

To improve the entrance to Southfield at Nine Mile and Greenfield, Lawrence Tech has donated a new entrance marker. (Currently, there is a small “Southfield City Limits” sign.) A trailhead is planned for Bauervic Woods Park along with other park improvements.

The project is funded through a federal grant as part of the Transportation Alternatives Program, and grants from the State of Michigan, Oakland County, Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and other sources.

## 2023 Southfield Photo Prize winner announced

The City of Southfield announced the winner of the 2023 Southfield Photo Prize at an awards reception on Thursday, September 21 in Council Chambers.

The City of Southfield sponsored the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Southfield Photo Prize competition and outdoor exhibition this summer to showcase the natural and architectural beauty throughout the city. Over 115 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](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com). The results were determined by the most overall online votes each finalist received.

First place was awarded to Darren Hood with over 1,200 votes for his photo of the SFLD Sign in front of the library. Second place was awarded to Anthony Dennard for his photo of the Southfield skyline shot from across the lodge M-10 freeway. Third place was awarded to Darren Hood for his photo taken of the Southfield Public Library.



*2023 Southfield Photo Prize 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner Darren Hood*

City's 2023 calendar and other city marketing materials. The Southfield Photo Prize 1st place winner received a gift certificate and bag of Southfield swag and all finalists received their enlarged photos to keep.



*2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winner Anthony Dennard*



*3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winner Darren Hood*

## 2024 Southfield Photo Prize now open for submissions!

The City of Southfield is now seeking entries for the 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:PhotoContest@cityofsouthfield.com) by Friday, May 31, 2024. For more information and full contest details, contact Community Relations at [communityrelations@cityofsouthfield.com](mailto:communityrelations@cityofsouthfield.com), call (248) 796-5130 or visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

## Southfield Fire Chief Johnny Menifee selected as IAFC Great Lakes Division 2023 Chief of the Year



Southfield Fire Chief Johnny Menifee was selected as the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Great Lakes Division 2023 Chief of the Year.

The IAFC Great Lakes Division is the most prestigious honor the IAFC's Great Lakes Division can bestow upon its chief fire executives. It was conceived to recognize truly outstanding fire chiefs whose actions and leadership

serve as an example for all other chief fire executives throughout the Great Lakes states. Nominations for Chief of the Year award are from the Division's peers based on leadership, innovation, professional development, integrity, public service, and contributions to the fire service.

"Fire Chief Menifee exemplifies all of the characteristics and criteria required for this very prestigious award," commented City Administrator Fred Zorn. "It is a great honor for not only him, but for the entire department and city as a reflection of the outstanding fire and EMS service that is provided to our community."

Fire Chief Menifee was sworn-in as the President of the Southeastern Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs by State Representative Kyra Bolden in 2020. Chief Menifee is the first African American and the first Southfield Fire Chief to be selected to preside over the Association.

## 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 8.**

## 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](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).

## 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!

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## What's Happening in Southfield? FALL 2023 • WINTER 2024

October 18 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library featuring The Luddites, 6:30 p.m., Southfield Public Library  
October 28 - Household Hazardous Waste Day, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., RRRASOC  
October 28 - Boo Bash, 1-4 p.m., Southfield Pavilion  
October 29 - Trunk or Treat, 1-4 p.m., Southfield Pavilion  
November 4 - Lawrence Tech Football vs. Taylor University, 12 p.m., LTU Blue Devils Stadium  
November 5 - Daylight Savings Time ends; *Change smoke detector batteries!*  
November 7 - General Election, polls open, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., various sites  
November 7 - Lawrence Tech Men's Basketball vs. Ohio Christian University, 7:30 p.m., Don Ridler Field House  
November 8 - Suicide Prevention Community Forum, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Southfield Pavilion  
November 9 - Veterans' Day Ceremony, 11 a.m., City Hall  
November 10 - Veterans' Day, City Offices & Library closed  
November 11 - Lawrence Tech Men's Basketball vs. Concordia University, 3 p.m., Don Ridler Field House  
November 15 - Jazz & Blues featuring The Boogie Woogie Kid, 6:30 p.m., Southfield Public Library  
November 18 - Lawrence Tech Men's Basketball vs. Cleary University, 3 p.m., Don Ridler Field House  
November 21 - Lawrence Tech Men's Basketball vs. U of M Dearborn, 7:30 p.m., Don Ridler Field House  
November 23 - Thanksgiving, City Offices & Library closed (*No rubbish collection*)  
November 24 - City Offices & Library closed (*Rubbish collection delayed one day*)  
December 1 - First day to pay 2022 winter taxes  
December 5 - Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:30-8 p.m., Municipal Campus front lawn  
December 8 - Yard waste collection ends (*on your regular trash collection day*)  
December 13 - Jazz & Blues Holiday Concert, 6:30 p.m., Southfield Public Library  
December 25 - Christmas Day, City Offices & Library closed (*No Rubbish collection*)  
December 26 - City Offices & Library closed (*Rubbish collection delayed one day*)  
December 29 - City Offices closed  
January 1 - New Years Day, City Offices & Library Closed (*Rubbish collection delayed one day*)  
January 6 - Lawrence Tech Men's Basketball vs. Univ. of Northwestern Ohio, 3 p.m., Don Ridler Field House  
January 10 - Lawrence Tech Men's Basketball vs. Madonna University, 3 p.m., Don Ridler Field House  
January 15 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, City Offices & Library closed  
January 15 - 39<sup>th</sup> Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Walk & Celebration, 9 a.m., Hope United Methodist Church  
January 17 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library, 6:30 p.m., Southfield Public Library  
January 17 - Lawrence Tech Men's Basketball vs. Cornerstone University, 7:30 p.m., Don Ridler Field House  
February 19 - Presidents' Day, City Offices & Library closed  
February 21 - Jazz & Blues @ Your Library, 6:30 p.m., Southfield Public Library  
March 29 - Good Friday, City Offices & Library closed  
April 9 - Easter, Library closed



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