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Vegetable Crop Management, Food Processing - Technology & Safety and Landscape Management Certificates. The partnership allows students to earn a certificate from MSU IAT while working toward an Associate in General Studies degree from WCCCD. Full-time students are able to complete the associate degree and certificate in just two years.

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"By working together, MSU and WCCCD are able to offer specialized training programs for high-demand jobs close to home and at a lower overall cost. Graduates will be prepared for rewarding job opportunities in agriculture or transfer to continue their education," said WCCCD Downriver Campus President Anthony Arminiak.

The program offers regionally relevant agricultural training programs for careers in some of Michigan's highest-demand industries, such as

commercial fruit and vegetable growers, crop production and management services, farm operations, equipment sales and service, irrigation services, landscape design, construction and maintenance, retail equipment and supply centers, greenhouse and field nursery operations, retail garden centers and many more. Students will benefit from dual enrollment at both institutions, with all courses delivered at the WCCCD Downriver Campus.



"We are thrilled to offer these programs where students and residents alike can study a field that has grown rapidly in interest and importance to our region, and the nation at large," said Arminiak. "Michigan is a leader in agriculture and Metro Detroit is a leader in urban agriculture. This center is directly in line with that interest and with our mission to provide pathways to better lives through higher education."



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# From the MAYOR

## Heritage Days is Back!

**H**ELLO Southgate,  
Our traditional community festival, Southgate Heritage Days, will be returning this June. What a wonderful sign. Things are truly turning in a positive direction and we will once again have the opportunity to gather and celebrate our great city! All of the favorites will be back, including the Heritage Days parade, "Kid-O-Lympics", live music, food trucks and the very popular "Taste of the Town". There is always something for everyone to enjoy.



The festivities will continue with our free summer concert series at Market Center Park. Each Thursday evening from June 16 through August 25, live music will fill the summer air at the park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and get ready for some toe-tapping selections. Or better yet, join the dance crowd under the pavilion for an energized evening.

For more information on all of this season's events, please review the calendar on page 13.

Also, in this issue there is an important article from our City Clerk Jan Ferencz explaining the new redistricting for our Michigan and federal representatives. There will be several changes for this November's election that we should all be aware of.

Randy Coleman, our new ordinance officer, is also featured with some helpful tips on ordinance compliance. Randy does great work for our city and is committed to keeping our neighborhoods and business districts clean and safe.

Let's stay informed and active as we begin to enjoy another great Southgate spring and summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to Joseph G. Kuspa.

Joseph G. Kuspa  
Mayor



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## Check It Out!

Join the Southgate Veterans Memorial Library for some spring and summer fun!

**W**E'RE busy planning for the next few months and looking forward to restarting in-person programming soon. It's not long until our 2022 Summer Reading Program. Come on in and join our mascot, Opal the Octopus, as we dive into this year's theme, Oceans of Possibilities!



The Summer Reading Program will start on June 20 for kids, teens, and adults. Keep an eye on our website [www.southgate.lib.mi.us](http://www.southgate.lib.mi.us) for updates on that and other upcoming events.

Don't want to wait until summer to see what we have to offer? No problem! Now that winter

has departed, we're adding some tools and toys to our Library of Things collection to help you take advantage of the outdoors. You can pick up some equipment to help with a little gardening, a leaf blower and branch trimmers for springtime cleanup, or a post hole digger for that project you've been thinking about.



On the fun side, try out our new six-player croquet set or pick up some of our board or card games – perfect for when the weather turns on you!

Don't forget to check out some of our other new items as well. Warmer nights make this a much more pleasant time to borrow our telescope. Prep some snacks with our food dehydrator or try out the instant pot! If you're feeling crafty, perhaps you'd like to give the sewing machine a whirl or you could relax outdoors with a movie, displayed using our projector and 100-inch screen!

We're excited for everything the summer holds and we hope you are too!



## Where IN THE gate?

**W**ELCOME to another installment of Where in the Gate, where we challenge residents to figure out what they're looking at in the picture provided.

To participate (and win a fabulous prize!), send us an email at [southgatetoday@ci.southgate.mi.us](mailto:southgatetoday@ci.southgate.mi.us) with your guess as to what and where the location in the picture is. Include your name, address, phone number and email.

Submissions that contain the correct answer and required contact information will be entered into a random drawing to **win a dining certificate from one of Southgate's fabulous eateries!**

Last issue's picture was of the girls softball diamond at Southgate Anderson High School.

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## Hard Work AND Service

Restaurant owner loves his adopted country, serving the local community

By Terry Jacoby

**D**AVID Nucullaj, who is Albanian, moved to this country in 1993 from his native Montenegro and found something he loved to do in a place he loved doing it.

Everything else has been, as they say, gravy – homemade, of course.

Nucullaj takes a seat in one of the new booths inside his newly named and remodeled restaurant on the corner of Eureka and Dix in Southgate. And even though he has just finished a long stretch in the kitchen, cooking for a busy lunch crowd, he is smiling and outgoing, and talks with great pride about his diner, his staff and his food.

"I've been here 30 years and came straight from Montenegro to Michigan," he said. "I was 18 when I came here and went right to work in my brother's restaurant in Belleville. I started how everyone starts in this business, washing dishes. But I loved it and I wanted to work. I was fortunate that I met a great group of people who helped me and taught me and gave me a chance. That was important in my life."

Nucullaj talks about the "amazing work ethic" people had back when he first arrived here and it's clear that he still believes in it and lives it.

He was the owner and cook at Cornerstone Grill at the same location for six years. When COVID hit, everything changed – and even though they were forced to close, Nucullaj didn't just sit at home feeling sorry for himself.

"It started with a simple project," he said. "I just started taking out the old carpet. Then I started doing a little bit more. Before I knew it, the only thing left in the building was me and the four walls."

The end result was a brand-new dining room and bar with bright lights, tile floors, comfortable chairs and booths in a welcoming environment. During that time, Nucullaj also was able to secure a liquor license, not an easy or quick process.



Nucullaj absolutely loves the United States and especially Michigan, his adopted home state. You can hear it in his voice and see it on the walls, which feature historic pictures from all over the "26th state."

"I really like Michigan and the incredible history here," he said.

"Michigan was the 26th state when it was formed in 1837 so that's where the name comes from. We also try and support all the local businesses here because people in this area really work hard and have great products. It's important to me that we support them."



The new State 26 Grill opened in March and already customers are raving about the changes and improvements, along with the usual great food and service. During a recent lunchtime afternoon, there was talk of "excellent service," "knowledgeable wait staff," "fresh and tasty food," and even "you can tell they use real potatoes."

Nucullaj is proud of the impressive changes inside but realizes success all comes down to the quality of the food and service.

"People love the changes," he said. "I have a great team working here and they really take care of people and make sure everyone leaves happy."

State 26 Grill is located at 14999 Dix Toledo Road. For more information, call (734) 250-8590 or visit them on Facebook.



# YMCA BUILDS COMMUNITIES – One Healthy Person at a Time

**T**HE YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit is celebrating the organization's 170th birthday by honoring the nonprofit's commitment to making people in the communities they serve healthier.

The Y 170 Challenge offers many incentives to keep participants on track, including cash and other monthly prizes like gift cards for food, merchandise, Y gear and free YMCA memberships. The challenge runs from January 1 through September 18, and the finale will be a grand prize of \$1,852 to a winning participant. The \$1,852 commemorates the year the nonprofit organization was founded.

## Get started

You must be at least 18 years old to participate, you don't need to be a YMCA member and there is no purchase necessary. Simply download the YMCA Detroit App on the App Store or Google Play to register. Each week, participants are challenged to exercise and log 170 minutes, or at least 600 minutes monthly.

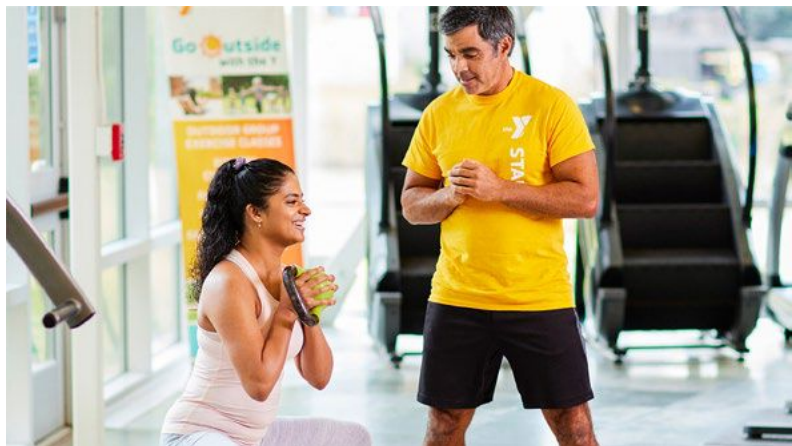
All participants will receive a complimentary, seven-day guest pass for themselves or a friend to be used at any of the seven YMCAs in Metro Detroit.

By the end of February, there were 1,000-plus Y 170 Challenge participants and more than 549 days of exercise had already been entered.

"We decided we would celebrate the whole year," said Latitia McCree, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit senior vice president of marketing and communications. "What's the best gift anyone can give to the Y? It's to help us create healthier communities. That starts with each person making a commitment to be healthier and be active. It's a good first step. We're encouraging people to move their bodies."

The minute goal markers follow guidelines from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which recommend adults exercise 150 to 300 minutes weekly to help prevent chronic diseases. They report the more active you are, the less likely you are to have chronic diseases. Also, people who do suffer from health issues have more strength to fight back.

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit was founded September 27, 1852, and YMCAs worldwide currently serve more than 64 million people



in 120 countries. The mission is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for people of all ages.



## Just for you

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit has facilities in Detroit, Milford, Birmingham, Southgate, Farmington, Mount Clemens and Royal Oak. Hundreds of programs are offered at these and other locations, including the Plymouth Family YMCA, which operates out of the PARC-Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex; Metro Youth YMCA, Y Arts, and two YMCA camps in Oscoda and Holly.

"The Y is the leading nonprofit committed to strengthening community by empowering young people, improving the health and well-being of people of all ages and inspiring action in and across communities," according to the Y website [ymcadetroit.org](http://ymcadetroit.org).

"The Y welcomes everyone, which is why our programs, services and initiatives are so wide-ranging. We inspire kids to realize their potential, prepare teens for college and career, provide opportunities for families to bond and support people of all ages and backgrounds to be healthier in spirit, mind and body. And that's just the beginning."

The Y also provides employment and volunteer opportunities.

The Downriver YMCA is located at 16777 Northline Road in Southgate. Call (734) 282-9622 or go to [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org) for more locations and information.



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# A Strong Commitment

Advantage One celebrates 70 years, continues with random acts of kindness

**A**DVANTAGE One Credit Union is celebrating its 70th anniversary with numerous giveaways to honor its long-term philosophy of “people helping people.”

The organization began as McLouth Employees Federal Credit Union and changed its name in 1982 to Southgate Community Federal Credit Union to expand its field of membership. Six years ago, it moved from a federal to a state charter, changed its name to Advantage One Credit Union (AOCU) and opened services to all southeast Michigan. Today, Advantage One has two branches, more than \$211 million in assets and serves 16,000 members across the state of Michigan.

## Benefiting many

“Our longevity and continued success are a credit to a team of dedicated employees and volunteers, and our members who remain supportive and loyal to Advantage One,” said Chris Corkery, Advantage One CEO.

Giveaways and lobby events are planned throughout the year in a program called 70 Random Acts of Kindness. Employees are surprising people by purchasing gas, lunches and grocery orders. The program was kicked off with thank-you bags for the Brownstown Township Police Department and goody packages given away at the Brownstown Daddy/Daughter dance. The credit union has also made random credits to members’ debit transactions during the holidays, as well as paying final loan payments on vehicle loans.

Advantage One has touched many in the Downriver community. Outreach has included food donations to the Downriver West Kiwanis; providing the Banzai online financial literacy program to participating Downriver schools; forging a partnership with the Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan to provide financial literacy education; supporting



Downriver veterans’ programs; participating in Toys for Tots; donating to the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees; providing scholarships to high school seniors and adults – among a myriad of other initiatives the credit union supports.

Advantage One’s wide array of product offerings, such as savings and checking accounts, mortgages, home equity loans and state-of-the-art online banking enables them to support Downriver families with the features and services of a big bank and the neighborly service of a locally owned, small-town credit union.

## Educating members and their families

“We’re very much into educating our members and our children,” said Kimberlee McEachran, vice president of marketing. “We’re always trying to find ways to give back to our members and one of the best ways is to help them make sound financial decisions.”

Corkery added: “We appreciate that our members have multiple choices when it comes to financial services, and we honor our trust and commitment to them and to the communities we serve in everything we do. We are 70 years young and stronger than ever, with many exciting enhancements planned this year. If someone has not yet given us a chance, I encourage them to give us a closer look.”

## Looking forward

Richard Lindemann, Advantage One Board of Directors chairman, said he’s excited about the future.

“One thing has remained consistent, a strong commitment to AOCU’s members, employees and the Downriver community,” he said. “This is something we will focus on for years to come.”

Advantage One Credit Union is located at 13050 Fort Street in Southgate. Call (734) 676-7000 or visit [www.myaocu.com](http://www.myaocu.com) to learn more.



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# 'Art is a Human Right'

## Progressive Art Studio Collective provides professional experience to disabled artists

By Kelsi Klein

**I**n January 2021, Services To Enhance Potential (STEP) launched the Progressive Art Studio Collective (PASC) to help adults with developmental disabilities and mental health needs establish professional art careers.

Progressive art studios exist to help those with disabilities express themselves through self-directed practices and art forms in an open studio environment and have been around since the late 1960s. PASC is the first progressive art studio in Detroit and Wayne County.

There are currently about 100 artists who work out of PASC's three studio locations, two of which are located within the STEP Resource Centers in Westland and Detroit.

The Southgate location is the first standalone public studio and the only PASC gallery. It is open to the public on Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and artists work in the studio from about 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. every weekday.

"PASC is based on a model that allows for independence and self confidence to develop through that independence," said Anthony Marcellini, PASC program manager. "It is extremely hands off, meaning that we never touch the artwork and allow the artists to create through their own experience and experimentation."

Having art experience is not required for PASC artists, although some artists have been creating their own artwork for years at home and are advanced in their art practices.

PASC hires some of their artists to work as art advisors in the studio to provide encouragement, inspiration, suggestion, material or tool recommendations and help their fellow artists work in a way that is most comfortable for them.

"We are actively working with people to help develop their contemporary art careers," Marcellini said. "The goal of the program is really to get people exhibitions, sales

and to have their work seen by the public, ultimately allowing them to start a resumé and career."

PASC hosts exhibitions in the Southgate gallery as well as at external sites

"Art is a Human Right",  
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such as the Scarab Club in Detroit, The Art Gallery at City Hall in Westland, Swords into Plowshares Peace Center and Gallery in Detroit and more.

All artwork shown in the gallery and on the PASC website is available for sale and can be bought online or in person at the gallery. The artist receives 60 percent of the sale of their art.

Additionally, there are no out-of-pocket costs for PASC artists who are covered by Medicaid. For artists who are interested in private pay, scholarship opportunities will be available.

PASC's goal is to continue to grow in the Metro Detroit area and for all their programs to eventually become their own standalone studios and galleries. Construction for the Detroit location has begun and is expected to be completed by 2024.

"There has been lots of real growth within the program and we imagine it's going to grow more as we are already moving into larger spaces," Marcellini said.

To learn more about PASC or their artists or to browse artwork, visit [www.progressiveartstudiocollective.org](http://www.progressiveartstudiocollective.org). PASC also accepts and appreciates any tax-deductible monetary donations or material donations. To donate lightly used art supplies or materials, email a description and image of your donation to [progressiveart@stepscentral.com](mailto:progressiveart@stepscentral.com)







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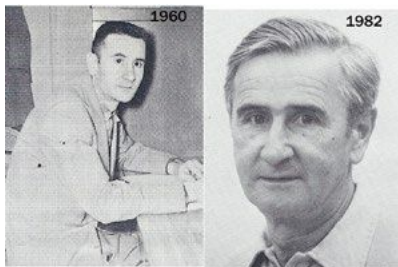
By Jerry Pesci, City Historian

**S**CHAFER High School was opened in 1956 by Heitzen (Ecorse Township #7) School District. Prior to its construction, the school district contracted with Detroit Public Schools, with most of the district's students attending Southwestern High.

In 1955, the board of education awarded a contract for construction of the school to Edward Schedel Company of Wyandotte for \$518,000 to erect a two-story structure with 21 classrooms, a library, health clinic, two teachers rooms, a counseling room, lavatories and offices. A gymnasium, kitchen shops, music and art rooms were added later.



Schafer Mr. Fred Pellegrine



Schafer Mr. John Sokovich

The school was named in honor of George G. Schafer. Mr. Schafer was born in 1894 on a farm in Ecorse Township. His father, Charles Schafer, was one of eight children of German immigrant Reinhart Schafer, who settled in Ecorse Township in 1848.

The 1957 yearbook identified the school as "The Gaters", possibly in anticipation of the

city being named Southgate. The following year the school became "The Vikings", a name it carried until closing.

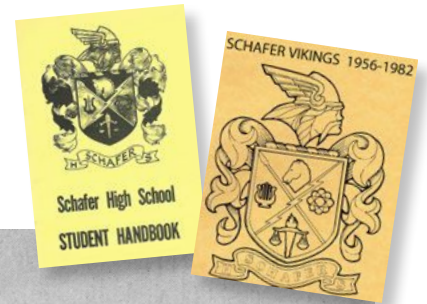
Of the school's original faculty of 25, three – Barbara

Jarvis, Fred Pellegrine and John Skovich – were on staff for the school's entire history.

Southgate's two school



George G. Schafer High School, in Southgate, was named after a well-known public education supporter (inset).



districts, Ecorse Township #7 (Heitzen) and Ecorse Township #8 (McCann), merged in 1970. With dwindling enrollments – Schafer had a peak enrollment of 1,500 in the 1970s, which fell to less than 900 in 1981 – a decision was made to merge Schafer High with Southgate Community High. Schafer closed in 1982.

The consolidated school was named for Thomas J. Anderson. Mr. Anderson was the last Ecorse Township supervisor, the first Southgate mayor, a former city council member, city historian, state representative and head of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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## FROM YOUR Clerk's Office

### What is the Permanent Absentee Vote List?

A permanent absentee voter list is a list of individuals who have either given a written or verbal request to be on the permanent absentee voter list. This list is maintained by the Clerk's Office to add or remove a voter by their request.

Individuals on the list will automatically be mailed an absent voter ballot application. Once the application is received, the voter should check the appropriate box(es), date, then sign and return the application to the Clerk's Office.

The application is processed and the ballots are mailed out approximately 45 days before election. If a voter does not return their application, a ballot cannot and will not be mailed.

If you are not on the list and cannot attend the polls for a certain election, you can call the Clerk's Office and request an application for an absentee ballot.

If you are on the list and do not want to vote by absentee every election, please contact the Clerk's Office to be removed from the list.

### Southgate's New Redistricting

Here are the new voter district breakdowns in Southgate:

- Congressional – District 13
- State Senate – District 4
- State House is split. Precincts 1, 9, 10 and 11 – District 2. Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 – District 27.

New ID cards will be issued for all registered Southgate voters before the next election. No precinct boundary changes will happen. Everyone will remain in their same precinct.





# Heritage Days is Back!

**Popular event celebrates 46 years, returns to Market Center Park**

**A**FTER a rough few years of canceled and/or postponed events, Southgate officials are excited to announce that one of the community's most popular annual events, Heritage Days, is returning. The event, now in its 46th year, begins on Thursday, June 16, and will run through Sunday, June 19.

Kickoff for the four-day event begins with the return of the Concerts at Market Center Park series from 5-8 p.m. The concert series will run every Thursday until August 25.

Other Heritage Day kick-off activities include the famous Kids "O"lympics, featuring a shoe kick, asparagus toss, sack race and doughnut-eating contest. The entertainment for the evening will be After the Fire.

Friday, June 17 will feature the 8th Annual All School Reunion from 6-9 p.m. Graduates of Southgate High, Aquinas and Southgate Anderson are invited to come and visit, and check out the memorabilia. And don't forget to sign the class reunion book! Bragging rights go to the school with the most graduates who show up. The highlight of the event will be the entertainment, which starts at 5:30 p.m. with the awesome Boogie Dynamite band (5:30-8:30 p.m.), followed by the popular Mega 80's (9 p.m. – midnight).

On Saturday, June 18, the event's Annual Parade will start at 11 a.m. at Grogan Elementary and travel down Burns with a quick turn onto Eureka before ending at Market Center Park. The parade will feature city officials, sports programs, bands, local organizations and some special guests.



Immediately after the parade, Heritage Days' most popular event, "Taste of the Town", will begin and run from 12-2 p.m., with music by Little Davey and the Diplomats. Pay one price and sample all the offerings from a selection of foods from local restaurants. Don't forget to vote for your favorites! You can drop your votes in the giant pot located in the center of the event.

For the first time, the event will feature live music starting earlier in the day and running throughout the whole day. Following Little Davey and the Diplomats will be local favorite Wisteria (3-5:30 p.m.), followed by Sonic Fury (5:30-8:30 p.m.), and a new band known as Fool House (9 p.m. – midnight), which will cover all your favorite '90s hits.

And, as always, the carnival will be there for attendees to enjoy all weekend.

## Hours:

- Thursday and Friday: 4-11 p.m.
- Saturday: 12-11 p.m.
- Sunday: 1-8 p.m.

"We are so excited to be able to bring back Heritage Days to our community this year after having two years off," said Southgate Parks and Recreation Director Julie Goddard. "It will be a great time for everyone."

For more information on this year's Heritage Days event, visit its Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Southgate-Heritage-Days-Festival/1628836407340470](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southgate-Heritage-Days-Festival/1628836407340470) or go to the city's website.

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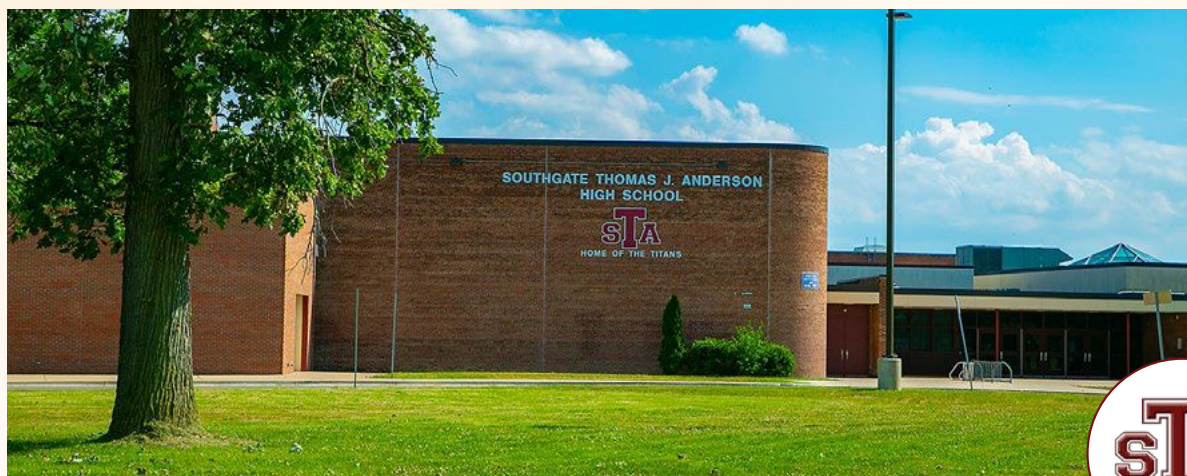
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# LISTEN, TALK, *Breathe*

Students are more anxious than ever – here are some ways to help them through it

By Tracy Willis

**A**SK any teacher what the biggest issue students are facing right now in our COVID-19 world and they'll probably tell you it's anxiety.

When you think about it, it's not surprising. The entire world was turned on its head, with shelter-in-place quarantines, masking, virtual schooling, hybrid schooling, the loss of loved ones to the pandemic and/or the fears of losing a parent to the pandemic.

As a parent, it can feel daunting to support your anxious child. It's important to not avoid anxiety-producing situations. Avoidance can reinforce nervousness in the long run. Instead, set positive and realistic expectations with your child. The goal is to teach your child how to manage worries, not eliminate them.

## Talk It Out

According to Danesha LaBlanc, LLPC, one of the most effective things you can do is talk to your child.

"When your child is anxious, asking questions like, 'What is the worst thing that could happen? What do you think will happen if...?' Asking questions like these helps your child to look at the worry and see the reasoning behind it," LaBlanc said. "It helps them see that it's not as big as they thought."

## Validate, Validate, Validate!

Respect your child's feelings but don't empower the anxiety. What does that mean? Be empathetic. Children's worries may seem trivial but to them, they're monstrous. Don't belittle.

"Give the message, 'I know you're scared. It's okay to be scared. I'm here. We'll get through this together,'" LaBlanc said.

## Anticipate and Rehearse

Keep the anticipation period as short as possible. Do give your child prior knowledge about a potential anxiety-producing event but don't give them too much notice. The more time they're given to worry about it, the worse the anxiety can become.

Rehearsing for success is another strategy that can help your child move through an anxious situation. Before a situation or event that may be an anxiety trigger, practice ways your child can respond. Rehearse what they might say or actions they might take before they're in the thick of it.

## Calming the Apprehension Storm

Sometimes, children are in a heightened state of apprehension. When they're in this state, talking and rehearsal may be too difficult. Calming needs to occur first.

"It's important to be present and focus on the here and now," LaBlanc said.

Anxiety often speeds up the central nervous system, and children may feel as though their hearts and minds are racing. Square breathing is a valuable tool for slowing things down. You can practice this with your child. Close your eyes, take a deep breath over four counts. Hold the breath for four counts, then release it over four

## Signs of Anxiety in Children

- Decreased ability to concentrate
- Poor or interrupted sleep
- Loss of appetite
- Outbursts of anger or irritability
- Frequent stomach aches and headaches

counts. Do this a few times until the child feels more relaxed.

## Reach Out

Sometimes, anxiety will continue to escalate despite parental efforts. Reaching out to counseling professionals can stack your child's deck for social emotional success. Informing teachers and school personnel can also make a dramatic difference. When school staff is aware of your child's anxieties, they can better support your student and work with them on school-specific strategies to manage apprehensive situations.

Tracy Willis is a 27-year veteran educator and a third-generation teacher. She has taught K-8 students in both general education and music classrooms. A former literacy coach, she has also taught undergraduate teaching candidates. Her passions include hiking and writing. She's hopelessly devoted to her pets. She currently teaches fifth grade in the Metro Detroit area.





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# 2021 WATER REPORT

## ATTENTION: THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REPORT ON WATER QUALITY AND SAFETY

The Southgate Water Department is proud of our long history of providing quality drinking water to our customers and is honored to provide this report to you. The 2021 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, lists the results of our tests, and contains important information about water and health. The Southgate Water Department will notify you immediately if there is ever any reason for concern about our water. We are pleased to show you that the water we purchase from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) has surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). Drinking water quality is important to our community and the region. The Southgate Water Department and the GLWA are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards, including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great Lakes as our water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to our community. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and the Southgate Water Department professionals in delivering some of the nation's best drinking water. Together we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.

## ABOUT OUR SYSTEM

The Southgate Water Department provides water to approximately 30,000 residents, 10,000 homes and over 2,000 businesses, schools, churches, apartment complexes and numerous guests and visitors. The Southgate Water Department also maintains over 100 miles of water main and approximately 1,300 fire hydrants. The Southwest Water Treatment Plant, owned and operated by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), is Southgate's major supplier of water. The Southwest Water Treatment Plant receives water from the Detroit River, where underground pipes carry the water for treatment. The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected, either by hard-hat divers or with cameras, for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

The City of Southgate and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to safeguarding our water supply and delivering the highest quality drinking water to protect public health. If you would like to know more about this report or have any questions or concerns about your water, please contact the Southgate Water Department at (734) 258-3074.

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures, and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water.

Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of Southgate performs required lead and

copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

## NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULATIONS COMPLIANCE

In 2021, the Southgate Water Department had one (1) monitoring and one (1) maximum contaminant level violations and did not exceed any health standards.

In 2021, the Southgate Water Department had zero (0) monitoring violations of fecal coliform. The regulation requires confirmation of any positive result and that location and all points surrounding to be re-sampled within 24 hours of notification or the next business day.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) required the City of Southgate to sample water for Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) between the years of 2017-2020. The City of Southgate had no detectable contaminants during this period.

"Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it can dissolve naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in the water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits

for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Southgate is responsible for providing high-quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Infants and children who drink water containing lead could experience delays in their physical and mental development. Children could show slight deficits in

attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

The City of Southgate has a total of 10,876 water service lines. Of these water service lines, 68 are lead, 5,624 are other materials (copper, plastic, cast iron or galvanized) and 5,184 are of unknown material at this time. The City of Southgate is actively inspecting the water service lines of unknown material and began replacing known lead lines in the summer of 2021.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, watersheds in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of the GLWA's Detroit River source water for potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale and ranges from very low to very high determined primarily using geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and potential contaminant sources. The report described GLWA's Detroit River intakes as highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four GLWA water treatment plants that service the City of Detroit and draw water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment and meet drinking

## 2021 SOUTHWEST MINERAL ANALYSIS

Parameter	Units	Max.	Min.	Avg.
Turbidity	NTU	0.23	0.03	.09
Total Solids	ppm	172	97	133
Total Dissolved Solids	ppm	150	75	124
Aluminum	ppm	0.115	0.023	0.049
Iron	ppm	0.2	0.1	0.2
Copper	ppm	0.001	ND	0.000
Magnesium	ppm	8.3	5.9	7.5
Calcium	ppm	29.9	20.8	26.1
Sodium	ppm	6.0	4.1	5.2
Potassium	ppm	1.3	0.8	1.0
Manganese	ppm	0.002	ND	0.000
Lead	ppm	ND	ND	0.000
Zinc	ppm	ND	ND	0.000
Silica	ppm	2.6	1.3	2.1
Sulfate	ppm	31.3	20.7	24.4
Chloride	ppm	12.3	7.9	10.1
Phosphorus	ppm	13.5	9.4	10.8
Free Carbon Dioxide	ppm	.45	.30	.37
Total Hardness	ppm	10.7	0.7	7.0
Total Alkalinity	ppm	108	96	101
Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	76	64	72
Bi-Carbonate Alkalinity	ppm	0	0	0
Non-Carbonate Hardness	ppm	76	64	72
Chemical Oxygen Demand	ppm	40	21	29
Dissolved Oxygen	ppm	3.9	ND	1.1
Nitrite Nitrogen	ppm	ND	ND	0.0
Nitrate Nitrogen	ppm	0.55	0.21	0.37
Fluoride	ppm	0.76	0.17	1.57
pH		8.30	7.13	7.37
Specific Conductance @25 °C	µohms	214	194	224
Temperature	°C	24.0	1.8	13.4

water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2021, the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy approved GLWA's Fighting Island Surface Water Intake Protection plan. The plan has seven elements that include: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources, public participation and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report, please contact GLWA at (313) 926-8102.



### Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2021 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
<b>Inorganic Chemicals – Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap</b>								
Fluoride	04/13/2021	ppm	4	4	0.58	n/a	no	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive, which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate	04/13/2021	ppm	10	10	0.37	n/a	no	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	05/16/2017	ppm	2	2	0.01	n/a	no	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits

<b>Disinfection By-Products – Monitoring in Distribution System Stage 2 Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Highest LRAA	Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	ppb	n/a	80	20.00	15 - 18	no	By-product of drinking water chlorination.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	ppb	n/a	60	23	9 - 23	no	By-product of drinking water disinfection.

<b>Disinfection Residual – Monitoring in the Distribution System</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MRDGL	Allowed Level MRDL	Highest RAA	Quarterly Range of Detection	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Chlorine Residual	2021	ppm	4	4	0.60	0.47-0.70	no	Water additive used to control microbes.

2021 Turbidity – Monitored every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap			
Highest Single Measurement Cannot exceed 1 NTU	Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (minimum 95%)	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
0.9 NTU	100%	no	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.			

<b>2021 Lead and Copper Monitoring at Customer's Tap in 2020</b>								
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Range of Individual Samples Results	Typical Sources in Drinking Water
Lead	2021	ppb	0	15	5.0	1	0.0 – 18.0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings & fixtures; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2021	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.2	0	0.0 – 0.3	Corrosion of household plumbing system; Erosion of natural deposits.
*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL additional requirements must be met.								

Regulated Contaminant	Treatment Technique		Typical Source of Contaminant	
Total Organic Carbon (ppm)	The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each quarter and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.		Erosion of natural deposits	

<b>2021 Special Monitoring</b>							
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Source of Contaminant
Sodium	4/13/21	ppm	n/a	n/a	4.52	no	Erosion of natural deposits

<b>Radionuclides – Monitored at the Plant Finished Tap in 2014</b>							
Regulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Violation yes/no	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Combined Radium Radium 226 and 228	5/13/2014	pCi/L	0	5	0.65 + or - 0.54	no	Erosion of natural deposits

Collection and sampling result information in the table provided by Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Water Quality Division, ML Semegen.

2021 Key to the Detected Contaminant Tables		
Symbol	Abbreviation for	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, di-bromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our system.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow a margin of safety.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRLDG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity.
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µmhos	Micromhos	Measure of electrical conductance of water
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
ND	Not Detected	

**The Southgate Water Board conducts meetings on a quarterly basis that are open to the public. For more information, call (734) 258-3074.**

#### **Odd / Even Outdoor Watering Schedule – 2022**

There is a mandatory Odd/Even Watering Schedule in effect from: **May 24 – September 10, 2022**  
Residents with an address ending in an even number would be permitted to water their lawns on even-numbered calendar dates.

If your address ends with: 0 or 2 or 4 or 6 or 8	You may use water outdoors on calendar dates ending in: 0, 2, 4, 6, 8
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Residents with an address ending in an odd number would be permitted to water their lawns on odd-numbered calendar dates.

If your address ends with: 1 or 3 or 5 or 7 or 9	You may use water outdoors on calendar dates ending in: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
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Compliance with this watering schedule will be enforced.



# It's Good To Have GOALS

Petrarca and King help  
skate Southgate back to  
respectability

By Terry Jacoby

**A**SHTON Petrarca has played his last game for the Southgate Unified hockey team but the standout forward leaves behind his name and a huge number for those who follow to take aim at. Petrarca finished his career with the Titans as the program's all-time leader in points, with an amazing 169.

Petrarca said it was an honor to be the program's all-time points leader.

"Southgate has a storied program and had some really good teams in the '80s and '90s," he said. "A lot of credit goes to my teammates. I'm just honored and proud to be a part of the school's history."

The senior had an incredible final season for Southgate. The 18-year-old finished first in the state this year in both points, with 104, and assists, with 70. In his 25 games, he also scored 34 goals for the Titans.

Southgate Unified Head Coach Rick Butler has been around the Southgate hockey program since 1989 and he's seen plenty of good players hit the ice but Petrarca stands out.

"Ashton is a great kid," Butler said. "I have watched him grow and develop into a great man. On the ice, he is magic and is one of the best players I have seen in a long time."



Southgate finished the regular season with a 10-13-0 record before falling to Dearborn Unified in the first round of the playoffs. The 10 wins were more than the Titans had over the past four seasons combined.

"Overall, we far exceeded the expectations people had for us coming into the season," Petrarca said.

Southgate is a co-op team with players from Monroe High and Flat Rock. Still, they only had 10 skaters on the roster all season – and one was the backup goalie.

"It's the smallest team I've played on, but it's also the closest team I've ever been a part of," Petrarca said.

Another key player in Southgate's success this year was Marcus King. The senior finished the season with 56 points.

"I have coached Marcus for four years and have seen him develop into a great leader and man," Butler said. "On the ice he has played where we have needed him to play. He started as one of my top defensemen. I needed him to play forward and he stepped right in there."

The two players complemented each other all season.

"Ashton is silk and Marcus is the grinder," Butler said.

The combination certainly stood out during this 2021-22 high school hockey season and it helped lead the Titans back to respectability.

Familiarity also played a part in Southgate United's success this past season.

"We had the same exact team as last year and we had a rough year last season, but it helped this year because we knew each other better and meshed a lot better," King said.

Butler said the whole team worked hard and supported each other all season long.

"They never quit," he said. "They were just a great group of kids."

Petrarca isn't sure about his hockey future other than he knows it will continue.

"I plan on playing either in college or in juniors," he said. "I've been talking to some teams and attending some camps. I will sit down with my family and we will figure out the best move. Everything is on the table right now."



Petrarca (left)  
and King.



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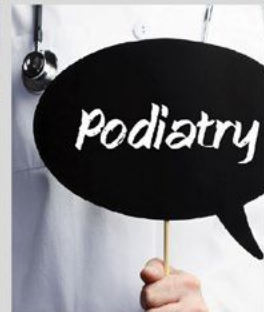
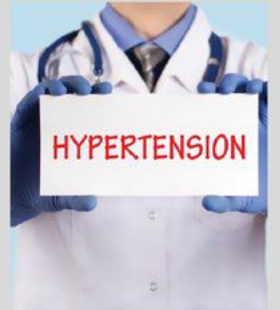
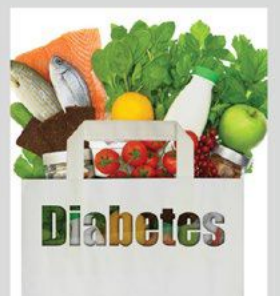
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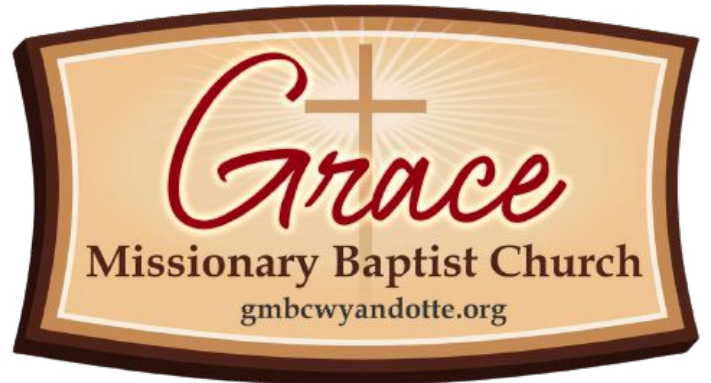
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**S**PRING is here and summer is on the way! Make sure you check out these fun programs – coming soon! Register for our upcoming classes at [www.southgaterec.com](http://www.southgaterec.com) or in person at the Southgate Parks and Recreation Office, located inside of the Southgate Ice Arena.

● **Mad Science**

**Monday, May 9 at 6 p.m. ~ JR Reactors**

Create a tiny world of atoms with your very own set of Atomic Coins! Learn to recognize ingredients for some sensational results.

**Monday, June 13 at 6 p.m. ~ Rocket Science**

Investigate the four forces of flight! Kids will work in groups to build rockets and launch them at the end of class.

● **Certified Babysitting/  
First Aid & CPR**

**Sunday, June 12, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Ages 9 and up  
First Aid and 911 training. CRP and choking; basic care – feeding and diapering, and learning how to be safe and responsible when home alone. Option to add on Pet Sitter Course is available.



● **Skyhawks Sports Camps**

**Monday-Thursday, June 20-23**

This multi-sport program was developed to give children a positive first step into athletics. Sports are taught in a safe, structured environment filled with encouragement and fun. Through exciting games and activities, campers explore balance, hand/eye coordination and skill development at their own pace. COST: \$110 (includes equipment)

**Monday-Thursday, June 20-23**

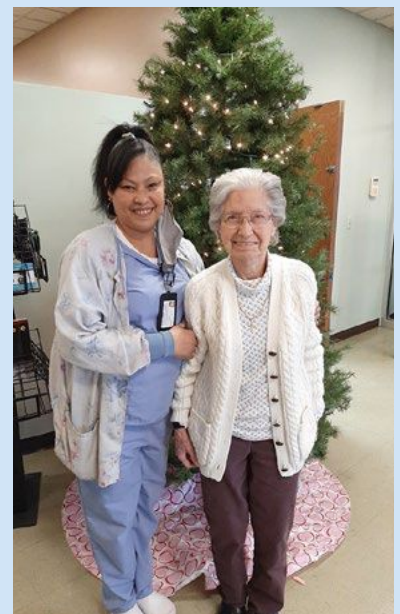
12:30-3:30 p.m. ~ Basketball Camp ~ Rotary Park  
This fun, skill-intensive program is designed for beginning to intermediate players. Using our progressional curriculum, we focus on the whole player – teaching sportsmanship and teamwork. Boys and girls will learn the fundamentals of passing, shooting, ball handling, rebounding and defense through skill-based instruction and small-sided scrimmages. COST: \$110 (includes equipment)

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

### CATHERINE TRUPIANO

*In this issue, we highlight longtime Southgate resident Catherine Trupiano. Here are a few interesting facts about her:*

- She is a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte
- She once worked for the U.S. Army
- She did secretarial work before getting into business with her husband
- She was married for 58 years before her husband passed in 2010
- She has traveled around the world (she said she enjoyed Italy and England the most)
- She has been a resident of Southgate for 29 years
- She has three children, 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren
- She has been a member Confraternity of the most Holy Rosary at St. Pius Church for 11 years
- She enjoys playing Bingo, doing arts and crafts, parties, sewing, and being with her friends and family





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**HERITAGE DAYS IS BACK**

**JUNE 16TH-19TH, 2022**

**JUNE 16TH**

KICK OFF TO CONCERTS IN PARK - 5PM-8PM  
KID OLYMPICS - 5PM-7PM  
CARNIVAL - 4PM-11PM

**JUNE 17TH**

ALL SCHOOL REUNION - 6PM-9PM  
BOOGIE DYNAMITE - 5:30-8:30 PM  
MEGA 80'S - 9PM-12PM  
CARNIVAL - 4PM-11PM

**JUNE 18TH**

PARADE - 11AM (DOWN BURNS)  
TASTE OF THE TOWN - 12-2PM  
LITTLE DAVEY & DIPLOMATS - 12-2PM  
WISTERIA - 3-5:30PM  
SONIC FURY - 5:30-8:30PM  
FOOL HOUSE (90'S BOY BAND) - 9PM-12AM  
CARNIVAL - 12PM-11PM

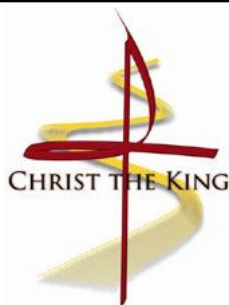
**JUNE 19TH**

CARNIVAL - 1PM-8PM

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Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Bible Class & Sunday School 10 a.m.

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Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Bible Class 6:00 p.m.

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# Curb Appeal Matters

City ordinance officer says role about education, loves serving community

By Angela Calabrese

**F**OR Randy Coleman, who was born and raised in the Downriver area, his job as the city's ordinance officer fits him well. He's been serving in that position since October 2021.

"I love it down here and I just want to do my part to keep the community safe," said Coleman, who comes from a background of over 30 years in law enforcement and executive security.

He also loves talking to people. Coleman's main duties are to handle residential and business ordinances, which he said is really all about education.

"I'm here to educate the residents," he said. "I don't want to come out there and be forceful. I want to help people understand the ordinances and help them to have great curb appeal."

For those who need a refresher about the city's ordinances, you can find them at the City of Southgate website ([www.southgatemi.org](http://www.southgatemi.org)). Go to Government, then Code and Ordinances.

Here are some ordinance violations that Coleman sees most often:

- **Trash containers.** All household trash should be placed in the trash and recyclable carts. It is against ordinance to place loose garbage bags at the curb. Make sure your trash is out and in a place where it won't impede the garbage trucks from unloading the carts. Keep all containers away from cars, trees or other items that could prevent the trucks from using their mechanical claws to grasp the container. Also, residents need to have their containers out no sooner than 6 p.m. the day prior to pick up and brought in no later than 8 a.m. the following day. The City also requires that trash containers be stored in a non-descript area, out of view from the street or sidewalk.
- **Grass and weeds.** The maximum growth for lawns is 8 inches. For residents who are elderly, infirm or otherwise unable to keep up mowing their yards, Coleman suggests getting a neighbor or family member to help.
- **Dog waste.** People need to pick up after their pets. Whether you're walking your dog or you're letting your own pet go to the bathroom in your yard, not picking it up attracts undesirable creatures such as rats, who like to consume pet waste.

- **Inoperable vehicles/ commercial and recreational vehicles.**

No one wants to see your broken down 1977

Chevy with the flat tires on your lawn or driveway for years on end. Residents who store inoperable or unlicensed vehicles need to be aware that those make a great home for rats and other creatures you don't want hanging around. Recreational vehicles such as boats, campers

and RVs are allowed, but there are certain guidelines that must be followed. Commercial vehicles such as semis, utility trailers, etc., are not allowed.

- **Parking.** There is no parking on residential streets from noon to 4 p.m. on trash pickup days. Also, parking on the grass, blocking sidewalks and fire hydrants is prohibited.

For residents who have questions, concerns or complaints, Coleman is available during normal business hours.

"If people want to come to the police station to see me, they can," he said. "I have an open-door policy."

He also stresses a "neighbor-helping-neighbor" mindset.

"Watch out for each other," he said.

Coleman can also be reached at (734) 258-3036 or by email at [rcoleman@ci.southgate.mi.us](mailto:rcoleman@ci.southgate.mi.us).

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*The 2022 Weed Cutting Season will begin on May 15, 2022. Per ordinance 692.02 (b), "If between May 1, 2022 and October 15, 2022, the City finds that any owner, the owner's agent, resident or occupant has failed to cut, destroy or remove the material and vegetation, the City shall cause such material and vegetation to be cut, destroyed or removed within 15 days and shall bill the owner therefore at rates established by the Council."*

*Also, per City of Southgate ordinance 694.01, "Every person who owns or inhabits any land within the city shall cut, destroy or remove from such land all grasses and weeds, including noxious and poisonous varieties growing thereon, whether residential, commercial or industrial property, from April 15 through October 15 of each year, to prevent such weeds from going to seed or blossom, as the case may be, as well as overgrowing the lot, and to prevent dead grass and brush from becoming a fire hazard or health hazard. The Ordinance Department or its agent shall determine which lots need to be cut and the decision of that office shall be final and conclusive."*

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# 2022 SOUTHGATE SOUTHWINDS CLASSES

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## **JUNIOR GOLF LEAGUE**

*June 15 - July 26*

*3 Age Groups (Age of June 1)*

*8-10, 11-13 and 14-16*

*Fee: \$135.00 for 7 Weeks*

*Friday Morning Tee Times at 8:30 a.m.*



## **GET GOLF READY JUNIOR CAMP**

*June 20-23 or June 27-30*

*Ages 10-17 years*

*Fee: \$99.00 per player*

*4 Days - 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*

## **JUNIOR GOLF ACADEMY**

*August 5-26*

*Ages 10-17 years*

*Fee: \$199.00 per player*

*Includes Instruction, Green Fees & Lunch*



## **GOLF FORE WOMEN**

*May 6 - June 3*

*Fridays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

*Fee: 5 Lesson for only \$99.00*

## **GET GOLF READY IN 5 DAYS - MEN**

*May 2-30*

*Mondays from 6:00-7:00 p.m.*

*Fee: 5 Lesson for only \$99.00*



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## **PASSION for THE PAST**

### **History buff keeps city stories alive**

By Diane Gale Andreassi

**J**ERRY Pesci spends countless hours preserving Southgate's history and he credits his father with opening the doors to this passion.

When Pesci, 74, followed his dad to various community meetings he was underwhelmed as a boy, but as an adult he likes thinking about the people he met and the lessons he learned about city politics. He was building an arsenal of knowledge for his volunteer work as vice chair of the Southgate Historical Foundation, curator of the city's museum, city historian and former Southgate Historical Commission chairman.

#### **History preserved**

He tells a gripping story about a pilot who made a successful forced landing on the former Hance Airfield, a landing strip along Eureka Road in Southgate. The pilot was on his way to Willow Run Airport where bomber planes were built during World War II.

"Most residents aren't aware there even was a landing strip there, much less a forced landing from a bomber pilot," he said. "When the war ended, the property owner realized there was a housing boom, and sold the land to developers."

Pesci's decade-long volunteer work with the Southgate Christmas festival has a story linked to days gone by, too. The main feature of the festival is a mini-sized steam locomotive at Southgate's Kiwanis Park, with Pesci dressed as Santa at the end of the track. The train is a marvel since steam engines were phased out in the U.S. in the 1960s.

#### **Ordinarily speaking**

Nothing definitively sets Southgate apart from other communities, he said.

Ecorse Township was an agricultural suburb of Wyandotte and now it's "a run-of-the-mill bedroom community with around 30,000 people," Pesci said, joking that he couldn't verify that any famous people lived, or for that matter, came to the city.

So when it came time for him to pick someone to dress up as for the city's 50th anniversary, Pesci chose President John Quincy Adams, even though most people were unfamiliar with the country's sixth president. Adams did, however,

declare the Northwest Territory would be divided into townships.

"We can claim our history went back to John Quincy Adams," Pesci said.

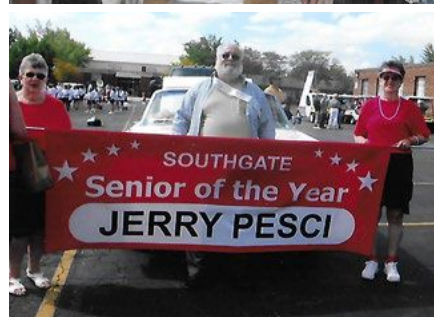
However, unlike much older communities, Southgate's past is well documented.

"We have all the information and history," Pesci said. "In other cities much of their history was lost to time."

#### **Deep roots**

The Pesci family moved to Ecorse Township in 1954. Pesci left to attend college in 1966 and moved back in 1971, when he was in graduate school. Southgate remained his home while he and his wife Cheryl raised two sons, Mark and Joseph.

Pesci retired from the United Parcel Service after 33 years and started volunteering with city historical work 13 years ago.



"I took pity on my wife by getting out several hours a day to give her peace and quiet," he said. "I worked 12 to 14 hours a day at work and in retirement I had to have something to keep me busy."

Although he said it sounds like a cliché, the biggest lesson he learned while delving into Southgate's narrative is "History pretty well repeats itself. All the problems we had in 1958 when it became a city are the same problems we have right now. Things don't change with time."



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**June 3-5**

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5-9 p.m.

Downtown Wyandotte

This barking good time will include vendors, adoption opportunities, a beer garden, live bands, disc dog events and much more. Attendees are encouraged to bring their well-behaved dogs. Admission is \$5 and will be donated to Detroit Dog Rescue. Visit [www.360eventproductions.com](http://www.360eventproductions.com) for more information.



**June 10-12**

### Cabrini Fest

Cabrini Church

9000 Laurence Avenue, Allen Park

Festivities abound at Cabrini Church at their annual parish fest. This festival will include food and beer tents, raffles, rides, Vegas rooms and much more. Visit [cabiniparish.org](http://cabiniparish.org) for more information.



**June 16-19**

### Heritage Days

Market Center Park

13631 Eureka Road

Come celebrate your Southgate heritage at this annual event hosted in the new home of Market Center Park. This event will include a parade, carnival with rides, music and much more. Kick off summer the right way with this four-day social gathering. Visit [southgatemi.org](http://southgatemi.org) for more information.

**June 25**

### Downriver Cruise

8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

Throughout Fort Street

This annual event spans across multiple Downriver cities and brings together car enthusiasts from classic to modern. Visit [discoverdownriver.com](http://discoverdownriver.com) for more information.

Please check event websites and social media pages for the latest information as times and dates often change.

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