



City of Southgate Downtown Development Authority Agenda Thursday, February 19, 2026 @ 12:30 p.m.

Southgate City Hall, 14400 Dix-Toledo Highway, (Mayor's office)

- I. Roll Call:*
- II. Approval of Minutes:*
- III. New Business:*
 - A. Schedule Event-2026*
 - i. Hoppy Hour-Egg Hunt*
 - ii. Southgate Easter Eggstravaganza*
 - iii. Heritage Days*
 - iv. Southgate 250 years Celebration*
 - v. Concerts in the park.*
 - B. Budget Update*
- IV. Old Business:*
 - A. Recap Tree Lightning Event*
 - B. Recap Noon Year's eve Celebration Event*
- V. Correspondence:*
- VI. Adjournment:*

Mission Statement

The Southgate Downtown Development Authority's mission is to strengthen the economic vitality of the District by creating an environment that promotes commerce, enhances aesthetics, explores mixed-use development and encourages stakeholder participation.

City of Southgate
Downtown Development Authority
December 15, 2025 @ 12:00pm

A meeting of the Downtown Development Authority was held on December 15, 2025, at City Hall, 14440 Dix-Toledo Highway, Southgate, MI in the Mayor's Office

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Kuspa, Wally Kleit, Bruce Genthe, Brian Batko, Mark Tremper, Lauren Moser.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Moran, Alex Leonard.

STAFF: DDA Director, Maria Goley; City Administrator, Dan Marsh

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kuspa at 12:07pm

Approval of October 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- *Motion was made by Batko and supported by Kleit – Carried Unanimously*

New Business:

- a) Motion was made by Genthe, Supported by Tremper to decline the 10 years extension requested from current Market Center Park manager, and to proceed with a competitive bid process for a new management agreement – Carried Unanimously.
- b) Motion was made by Kleit, Supported by Moser to investigate the possibility of purchasing the Market Center Park Concession. – Carried Unanimously.

Old Business:

- a) Motion made by Genthe, Supported by Batko to hold DDA meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 12:00pm.- Carried Unanimously
- b) Motion made by Batko, Supported by Moser for to approve Business Award selection.- Carried Unanimously.

Adjournment of the Meeting at 1:00pm.

- *Motion was made by Kleit and Supported by Genthe – Carried Unanimously*

SOUTHGATE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY &
SOUTHGATE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRESENT:

4th Annual Easter
HOPPY HOUR
EGG HUNT

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Check in starts 6:30pm - Egg Hunt Starts 7:30pm

SOUTHWINDS GOLF COURSE - 14600 REAUME PARKWAY

Limited Number of Tickets Sold

\$10 per Person

Registration Required



**21+
Event**

**DJ
Food Truck**

Prizes

**Bring a
Basket**

Southgate's Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, March 28th

Market Center Park - 13631 Eureka

Egg Hunt Begins Promptly at NOON

Ages 2-4, 5-7, 8-10

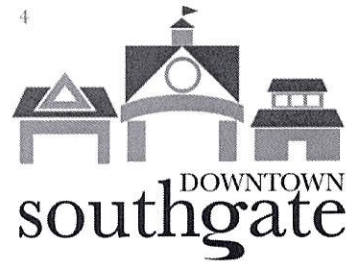
No Registration Needed

Find Golden Ticket for Special Basket

Visit Easter Bunny Noon to 1pm

Sponsored by Downtown Development
Authority & C.A.S.E. Commission





Dear Members of the DDA Board,

I am writing to request the Board's approval to allocate DDA funds for the Southgate Celebrates America 250 event. This event will be held in the DDA District and will be supported by the City's Department of public Services and Recreation Department. The goal is of the event is to bring our community together in recognition of 250 years of history, pride and progress.

The celebration is planned for Friday, July 3rd, at the Southwinds Golf Course, and will feature several community-focused activities. Planned programming includes a 15–18 minute fireworks display, a jazz orchestra performing patriotic music, and two food trucks will be onsite to enhance the experience for attendees. Additionally, I am recommending funds be approved for the creation of an America 250 Float that can be used in the Heritage Days Parade and other local parades. The cost of the America 250 festivities including the float, entertainment, and fireworks is expected to be \$30,000.

The City of Southgate has committed to covering all employee overtime and holiday pay expenses related to the event. Staff time, related overtime costs, and holiday pay represent a significant contribution by the City toward the overall success of the celebration.

Approval from the DDA Board to allocate funds would allow us to move forward with securing entertainment and fireworks and ensure the event is executed at a level that reflects the importance of America's 250th anniversary. This celebration is expected to draw strong community participation and foster civic pride while highlighting collaboration between the City and the DDA.

We believe this event aligns with the DDA's mission to strengthen the District's economic vitality by drawing large crowds from the City and surrounding community. Thank you for your consideration of this request. We would be happy to provide any additional information or address questions from the Board.

Sincerely

Maria Goley

Downtown Development Authority Director



SOUTHGATE CELEBRATES AMERICA

250

July 3rd

**FIREWORKS, LIVE JAZZ BAND,
FOOD TRUCKS & MORE**

WATCH FOR MORE INFO COMING SOON



OUTHGATE DDA PRESENTS ...

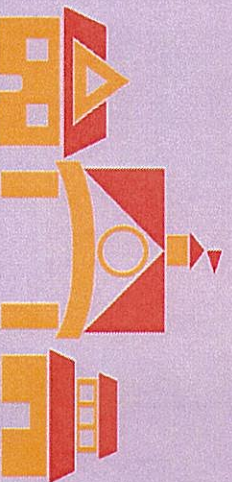
CONCERTS IN THE PARK '26 TUESDAYS

CONCERTS - 6:00PM-8:00PM

VENDORS - 4:30-8:00PM

Market Center Park - 13631 Eureka Road

Rain or Shine Event



DOWNTOWN
Southgate

JUNE 16

Maumee River

JULY 2

Jovi

JUNE 23

Weekend

JULY 28

Wisteria

Comeback

JULY 7

AUGUST

Blues Brothers

Tribute

Category

Russ & Brian's

JULY 14

AUGUST

Toppermost

Kielbasa Ki

Beatles Tribute

