

Southgate

T O D A Y

2021 - Third Quarter



Inside

Foster the People

Experience brings chance to mentor

Remember Fun?

City events make welcome return

Smart About Summer

Fire officials offer safety tips

Support Our
LOCAL BUSINESSES!



Wayne
County
Community
College
District

Where Learning Leads to a *Better Life!*



WCCCD, one of the largest urban community colleges in Michigan, is a multi-campus District with five campus locations, Mary Ellen Stempfle University Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), serving 32 cities and townships, spanning more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, hosting community-based training sessions, improving student facilities and services.

WCCCD OFFERS:

- Open-door admissions
- More than 120 degree and certificate programs
- Transfer to a four-year college or university
- Financial aid, tutoring, and career planning
- One College District: Five Campus, University Center and Distance Learning
- Affordable tuition rates
- Online classes
- Continuing Education classes offered year-round

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.WCCCD.EDU OR CALL 313-496-2600

Follow Us!



**CURTIS L. IVERY
DISTRICT OFFICE BLDG.**
801 W. FORT ST.
DETROIT, MI 48226Z
313-496-2600



DOWNRIVER CAMPUS
21000 NORTHLINE RD.
TAYLOR, MI 48180
734-946-3500



**CURTIS L. IVERY
DOWNTOWN CAMPUS**
1001 W. FORT ST.
DETROIT, MI 48226
313-496-2758



EASTERN CAMPUS
5901 CONNER ST.
DETROIT, MI 48213
313-922-3311



NORTHWEST CAMPUS
8200 W. OUTER DRIVE
DETROIT, MI 48219
313-943-4000



TED SCOTT CAMPUS
9555 HAGGERTY RD.
BELLEVILLE, MI 48111
734-699-7008



**MARY ELLEN STEMPFLE
UNIVERSITY CENTER**
19305 VERNIER RD.
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225
313-962-7150



**MARY ELLEN STEMPFLE
UNIVERSITY CENTER
CENTER FOR LEARNING
TECHNOLOGY**
19191 VERNIER RD.
HARPER WOODS, MI 48225
313-962-7155

From the Mayor

Let's Celebrate Southgate!

Hello Everyone,

This summer season has been met with such joy and enthusiasm. We are finally able to get out, gather together and are free to live life to the fullest once again.

It has been great to see everyone enjoying our "Thursdays at Market Center Park". Each week has a unique theme and a free concert starting at 6 p.m. The music, food and merriment will continue through August 26. If it's a summertime Thursday, it's time to head over to Market Center Park.

The Great Lakes Live Steamers will be continuing their train rides at Kiwanis Park on the third weekend of the month through September. And don't miss their special Halloween and Santa Christmas runs. These holiday train rides have become a Southgate family tradition.

Our annual Harvest Fest is also back this year and will take place Saturday, October 16. This popular family-friendly event will feature pumpkin painting, seasonal vendors and many other activities.

New at Market Center Park this year will be our "Whiskey and Whiskers" event on Saturday, September 25. This event will include a juried "beard" competition, food, spirits, vendors and a live Toby Keith tribute band called American Ride. Check out the rules of the competition and start grooming that facial hair.

Being able to hold these community events is really wonderful. It is truly a time for celebration! But, as we all enjoy these activities, please also consider support of our local Southgate businesses. They have endured unprecedented challenges over the last 16 months and would appreciate our continued patronage. They need us and we need them to keep our city strong and moving forward.

May God bless each of you and our great city of Southgate. Let freedom ring!

Sincerely,



Joseph G. Kuspa
Mayor



Inside this issue

Library offers collections you may not know about ...6

City Event Calendar ...8

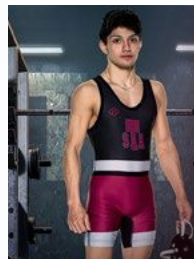
Making A Difference

Boy and Girl Scouts
chip in, fix problems
around community

10

DDA Spotlight: Check out
the Grecian Center for your next event... 12

Be Smart, Be Safe
Fire Department says have fun, be careful this summer... 14



Sports Highlight

Wrestling stars earn
accolades, apply experience
to next level in life

16

Southgate Community Schools News... 22

Just What You Need

Downriver Foster Closet
helps folks who help
others

24



Where in the Gate?... 25

Parks & Rec News... 26

Senior Spotlight... 26

A Great Advantage
Preschool gives kids a leg up for the future... 28

Southgate T O D A Y

Publisher Paul Martin
Director of Publishing Mark Fisher
Editor Angela Calabrese
Advertising Director Gina Guarisco
Creative Director Kelly Nykanen
Ad Design Shannon Esper

TODAY
MAGAZINES

Community Publishing & Marketing
26955 Northline Road | Taylor, MI 48180
(734) 247-8000

To advertise in the next issue call Mark Fisher at (313) 218-7117
or email mfisher@communitypublishing.com

SOUTHGATE TODAY is a product of Community Publishing & Marketing for the residents and businesses of Southgate. Community Publishing & Marketing cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information presented within these pages or be held accountable for omissions or errors. Please report any changes to info@communitypublishing.com for inclusion in subsequent editions.



Have kids? Relax, if you miss the spill the first time, you can still clean it completely.

Stop worrying. This beautiful floor is...
Waterproof. Pet Proof. Kid Proof.



18 MONTHS

**SPECIAL FINANCING
AVAILABLE***

ON PURCHASES MADE WITH YOUR CARPET ONE CREDIT
CARD BETWEEN MAY 8 AND JUNE 28, 2015.

the
Beautiful
GUARANTEE

CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME® PROMISES
YOU'LL LOVE THE WAY YOUR NEW FLOOR
LOOKS, OR WE'LL REPLACE IT - FREE.†

*Subject to credit approval. Minimum monthly payments required. See store for details.

** See warranty guide for complete details. © 2015 Carpet One Floor & Home®. All Rights Reserved.

JABRO CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME®
Beautiful. Made Affordable.
Since 1953

**13460 Northline Rd.
Southgate, MI 48195
(734) 285-0110
JabroCarpetOne.com**



Important Contact Information

Police Department Non-Emergency
734-324-4438

Police Department Administration
734-258-3060

Fire Department
734-258-3080

Mayor's Office
734-258-3022

City Administrator's Office
734-258-3022

Finance Department
734-258-3020

City Clerk's Office
734-258-3015

Building Department
734-258-3030

Department of Public Services
734-258-3075

Water Billing
734-258-3018

Assessor's Office
734-258-3005

Treasurer's Office
734-258-3012

Veteran's Memorial Library
734-258-3002

South Winds Golf Course
734-258-3004

**Parks & Recreation
(Civic Center)**
734-258-3035

Senior Center
734-258-3066

28th District Court
734-258-3068

Southgate Historical Museum
734-258-7430

Downtown Development Authority
734-258-7770

Visit our website
www.southgatemi.org

WHEN ONLY THE BEST LEGAL REPRESENTATION WILL DO, CHOOSE THE COLOVOS LAW FIRM.

For over 35 years the Colovos Law Firm has provided quality legal services to residents with some of the following needs:

- **Criminal Defense**
- **Traffic Matters**
- **Divorce**
- **Personal Injury**
- **Estate Planning**
- **Real Estate Transactions**
- **Driver's License Restoration**
- **Probate Administration**
- **Child Custody/ Support**
- **Parenting Time**



CALL (734) 282-2900

13305 REECK RD. + SUITE 140

SOUTHGATE, MI. 48195

BILL COLOVOS

— ATTORNEY AT LAW —

MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

Library offers collections you may not know about – check them out!

By Don Priest, Director, Southgate Veterans Memorial Library



Books for all ages have been available at public libraries for decades, and over the years they have grown to include movies, music, audiobooks, and more. What we have to offer may surprise you, so let's take a look at some of the lesser-known additions to the Southgate library collection!



Backpack collections

First available starting in the fall of 2020, these backpacks each contain a few books, as well as a number of different items, all related to a single subject. Some, like the ABCs and 123s backpacks, contain early learning toys, flash cards, and DVDs, while others may contain plush toys, music, and games. We have backpacks for farms, Elephant and Piggie, colors, shapes, dinosaurs, and more. They're the perfect choice for helping teach early learners, or just for fun!



Graphic novels & Manga

Graphic novels and manga are not new additions to the collection, but we've expanded these sections considerably in recent years. We have volumes available for all ages, with stories from Star Wars, The Baby-Sitters Club, Avengers, Batman, Geronimo Stilton, Big Nate, Ms. Marvel, the list goes on and on! We collect some of the

newest popular manga series, like One-Punch Man and My Hero Academia, and of course, we still have some of the classics, like Fruits Basket and Naruto. If you would prefer more culture in your mix of art and wordplay, we even have manga editions of several works of Shakespeare!



Radio shows

Part of our audiobook collection is made up of something very special – recordings of popular classic radio dramas! Created by the publisher Radio Spirits, these recordings bring to life entertainment from the golden age of radio. You can find multiple episodes of shows featuring classic figures like The Shadow, Philip Marlowe, and the Saint.

Binge boxes

Do you ever feel like a having a movie marathon? Want to veg out for the weekend with some romance, military action, zombies, sports, or other movies? Look no further than the Binge Box collection! Each Binge Box is a number of movies with a shared theme. Pick up all the Indiana Jones films with We Named the Box Indy, learn why we should Stop Saving Matt Damon, or catch some gunslinging action with Best Western. There's a Binge Box for every craving (probably)!

VOX books

This is a group of picture books and juvenile nonfiction, with a twist – attached to the inside cover of each book is a playback device that will read the book out loud! Controls for changing pages, volume, pausing, and stopping the reader are all built in. It's a perfect choice for those who are just starting to read for themselves, as they can follow along with the narration, picking up the pronunciation of tough or new words as they go, all on their own.

Video games

Yes, that's right, the library even collects video games to loan! While not an extensive collection, we have something to offer for a variety of consoles: PlayStation 2, 3, and 4; Nintendo GameCube, Wii, and Switch; and the Xbox, Xbox 360, and Xbox One. More games are added every month, and it's only a matter of time before we start picking up titles for the current generation PlayStation and Xbox consoles. Video games can be checked out for three weeks, so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy them!

Hello SOUTHGATE



I'm Zoey Kuspa and I am running for a seat on City Council this fall. Over the next few months, I will be going door-to-door throughout our neighborhoods.

As a life-long resident, I look forward to meeting with you to hear your thoughts about continuing to move our City forward. Together, we can make it the best that it can be!

Until then, please contact me with any questions or comments at ZoeyKuspaCampaign@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Zoey

ZOEY KUSPA

✓ Energetic

✓ Resourceful

✓ Involved

Paid for by Zoey Kuspa Campaign Committee.

QUARTZ FOR GRANITE PRICE*
\$1000 OFF KITCHEN



*Limited time. In-stock colors only.

1 DAY BATH REMODEL

**\$500 OFF
Bathrooms**



BEFORE

AFTER

• LIFETIME WARRANTY • EASY TO CLEAN • SENIOR DISCOUNTS

1165 Ford Ave.
WYANDOTTE

36099 Plymouth Rd.
LIVONIA

2100 West Rd.
TRENTON



734.284.4600

www.KDIUSA.com

LICENSED & INSURED • FINANCING AVAILABLE



**DON'T COVER UP THAT
MOLD & MILDEW!**

KDI will tear out your
tub and walls in as little as
ONE DAY!

NEW ACRYLIC UNITS

starting at **\$3995**

Exp. 9/30/21

FREE ESTIMATES • FREE DESIGN • FREE MEASURE • FREE LAYOUT



City of Southgate

Fall & WINTER EVENTS

Whiskey & Whiskers

September 25th - 3:00pm-9:00pm
Market Center Park

Halloween Train Rides

October 15th & 16th - 5:00pm-8:00pm
Kiwanis Train Park

Harvest Fest

October 16th - Noon-4:00pm
Market Center Park

Annual Municipal Tree Lighting

December 3rd - 5:00pm
Kiwanis Train Park

Christmas Train Rides

December 3rd & 4th - 6:00pm-9:00pm
Kiwanis Train Park

Holiday Market

December 4th - 3:00pm-9:00pm
Market Center Park

Light Up the Park

December 11th thru December 31st
5:00pm-10:00pm
Market Center Park

Noon Year's Eve

December 31st - 11:00am-1:00pm
Market Center Park



Floral Designs by Marcia



"Old school flower shop, with a new school vibe!"

AUGUST

Summer Weddings
Plan with us now and pick out the seasonal flowers for your summer wedding!

SEPTEMBER

Fall Wedding Planning
and getting ready for
Homecoming!
Check out our Corsage Bar!

OCTOBER

Fall Flowers & Pumpkin
Arrangements.
Check out our Corsage Bar for
Homecoming!



13354 Dix-Toledo Hwy.
Southgate, MI 48195
Just North of the Southgate Post Office

734-281-3847
www.yourfloraldesigns.com



Locally Owned & Operated • IICRC Certified • 24/7 Fire and Flood Help • Commercial & Residential



FATHER & SON

RESTORATION

13351 Huron, Taylor, MI 48180

734-782-5389

office@fatherandsonrestorationmi.com | www.thefsrteam.com

CORE SERVICES

- SMOKE & TOBACCO REMOVAL
- MOLD REMOVAL
- RESIDENTIAL CLEANING
- CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING
- COMMERCIAL CARPET CLEANING
- FLOOD RESTORATION
- FIRE RESTORATION
- TILE & GROUT RESTORATION

Licensed & Insured • Quality Work & Competitive Prices • Honest & Trustworthy Staff • Satisfaction Guaranteed

Making An Impact

Local Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts take on community projects, achieve high honors

By Erin Federson

Southgate's Girl Scout Troop 76473 and Boy Scout Troop 1795 initiated five community service projects while also achieving their organization's highest award of their ranks.

Troop 76473's cadettes knock out three Silver Award projects

These middle school ladies decided to earn their Silver Award, their rank's highest honor, in June 2020.

"I was a little nervous how they would complete their projects during the pandemic," said Carrie Dassow, a cadette's mom.

Jodi Truel, the troop's cadette leader, had the eight girls conduct a city assessment to scope out their projects. They spoke to friends, neighbors and Southgate Parks & Recreational Director Julie Goddard.

After brainstorming and sharing ideas, the troop voted to do projects with the most impact: new board games for the Senior Center, repaint picnic benches in city parks, and purchase agility equipment for the upcoming dog park.

The cadettes ranked their choices before Truel assigned the girls into groups to divide the projects' responsibilities. Cadettes Genevieve Dassow and Dayton Wasiliewski received the Senior Center project.

"Dayton is passionate about seniors and animals," said Laura Hollen, Dayton's mom. "She loves her grandparents."

These projects had guidance from community members. Senior Center

Director Diane Grabowski received a call from her boss to "...ask me if I could let the girl scouts from Davidson Middle School visit the Senior Center as they were earning a badge."

That evening, Grabowski invited the troop to visit.

"They were so dang cute," Grabowski said.

The troop chose Kiwanis, Lions and Homer Howard parks for their improvement projects. Lions Park is also the new home for the dog park and its new equipment, which will be going up soon.

Wasiliewski said doing a group project during the pandemic was challenging. They sat six feet apart during in-person meetings and also had meetings by Zoom.

She and her mom created a Facebook page asking the community to support the senior center project by donating money, gently used board games or bottles. However, returning bottles during the pandemic was difficult. Some return centers were closed, and limits at others meant having to make several trips.

"I was a little scared," Hollen confessed. "It was for a good cause, but I wanted to be safe."

Their bottle drive resulted in collecting \$3,500, more than enough to purchase several new board games, with extra funds left. They donated their extra funds to the other projects. Wasiliewski



brought paint brushes and paints while Dassow and her mom helped scrape the old paint off of several benches in Lions Park.

When troop members dropped off their donation, Grabowski unexpectedly received 35 games ranging from brand new to gently used. They collected games like Bananagrams, Monopoly, Sequence, Yahtzee, and Uno, just to name a few.

"All eight girls did their part," Truel said.

Wasiliewski's advice for cadettes going for the Silver Award is to work hard.

"Silver Award is hard," she said. "But definitely worth it."

Life Scouts earn Eagle Award by improving nature center

While the girl scout troop covered the entire community for their Silver Award, two life scouts of Boy Scout Troop 1795 focused on the Southgate Nature Center, a natural park near Southgate Anderson High School.

Life Scout Zach Altizer had observed damaged structures while on nature walks with his Environmental Science class. In early May, he started his Eagle project to fix up the nature center's rest area. It was rough with dilapidated wood, graffiti and missing shingles. Altizer felt one big storm would send the structure toppling.



While Altizer worked on his Eagle project, Antonio Burgos, another member of the troop, was working on his own project. Eagle Advisor Paul Knott described Burgos as a young man who lost his way but decided to make a change. Knott relayed how Burgos's project took on a boardwalk section in the bog system that was in "pretty bad shape."

Burgos' project inspected the boardwalk's foundations. When the foundations passed inspection, the project focused on replacing the top boards/planks to ensure safety.

Both projects took about a month and a half to gather materials and raise funds.

Burgos' project took about two days to complete with help from Altizer, the other 29 troop 1795 members and their



families. Altizer's project required pine wood, brown mulch, screws, a plastic shield to protect the information papers and wood stains. With the same group that worked on Burgos' project, Altizer's project took about six to seven hours to complete.

The rest area had a better structure, including a new roof, five-foot benches, a woodchip area with timbers on either side to contain the mulch, a new garbage can enclosure and a new information board to host a map and facts on the local birds and trees.

"He went the extra nine miles," Knott said.

As the Eagle Advisor, Knott's role is to support the life scouts in achieving their Eagle awards. He loved to see mothers pin the Eagle Scout badge onto their sons' uniforms.

Altizer's advice to boy scouts wanting to pursue their Eagle Award is "to try and make as big of an impact as you can, but don't bite off more than you can chew. Helping out the environment is a great way to make an impact on your local community and the planet."

Bondy's

LIGHTING AND HOME DECOR

LET US HELP YOU WITH YOUR LIGHTING NEEDS



16144 Eureka Rd,
Southgate, MI 48195
(734) 283-0434
www.bondyslighting.com



COME SEE OUR EXTRAORDINARY SELECTIONS!

Ceiling Fans • Crystal Chandeliers • Tiffany Lamps
Specialty Lighting • Outdoor Lighting And more!

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SERVING SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN SINCE 1985!

The Grecian Center

Longtime banquet hall redesigns building, services

By Diane Gale Andreassi

Despite losing half of their usual sales during the pandemic, Grecian Center management learned to pivot and rethink what they offer.

"COVID was extremely hard for us, and we lost about half of our staff," said Charity Bronson, general manager.

The Southgate venue has two indoor banquet halls and a covered pavilion, with an open wall, which was convenient for guests wanting to social distance or simply enjoy the fresh air.

Another way

Grecian Center began offering carry-out options for guests who want to celebrate Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, or maybe New Year's Eve, and other holidays, in the comfort of their homes. The service, which requires a 20-person minimum, will continue. They also started offering offsite catering, another service that's here to stay. Clients can choose from the menu and Grecian Center staff will set it up at the venues of choice.

"COVID was a bad thing and a good thing for us," Bronson said. "It made us push and look at different ways of doing things."

It was also a perfect time to make structural renovations during quarantine. The banquet rooms, the Parthenon Ballroom and the Apollo Ballroom, were remodeled; the foyer was totally revamped and the rest rooms got facelifts. Audio and visual equipment, including projectors, screens and a new sound system that come in handy during corporate events, were also updated.

That's a lot of changes for a business that has operated in Southgate for more than 25 years. Even after all those years in the community, many people mistake Grecian Center for St. George Greek Orthodox Church next door. And others mistakenly think you must be a parish member to use the hall.

"It is separate from the church and open to the public," Bronson said.

Getting stronger

By late June, business was starting to rebound and more staff were coming on board. However, recent bookings have been smaller in size from typical weddings of the past. On average, 175 people were invited to wedding receptions and now it's closer to 115.

"I think COVID is a big factor in that," said Bronson, adding that discounted rates will be offered for this year and 2022.

The outdoor pavilion sits on a picturesque six-acre wooded area, known as Grecian Center Park, which includes a man-made pond with a bridge, gazebos and a concession stand. A one-and-a-half acre playground is also on site and ideal for birthday and graduation parties.

The park can be rented for up to 250 people. The area is also available for photo sessions, most often proms, homecomings and engagements.

Grecian Center specializes in weddings and receptions, bridal and baby showers, business luncheons and meetings, anniversary receptions, retirement parties, company picnics, elegant dinners, graduation parties and fundraisers, as well as family and class reunions.

The extensive menu varies for brunch, lunch and dinner. Hors d'oeuvres offerings range from the traditional cheese, crackers, fruit and vegetable trays to assorted canapes, mini bagels with smoked salmon and dilled cream cheese, cold duck canapes, duck pâté with pesto, crabmeat dip, calamari fritti, buffalo wings and much more.

Grecian Center staff pride themselves on designing specialized menus to meet their clients' needs.

Grecian Center is located at 16300 Dix Toledo Road in Southgate. For more information, call (734) 282-5700 or visit www.thegreciancenter.com



ACCEPTING NEW AND GENTLY USED

CLOTHING,
ACCESSORIES,
HOUSEWARES



Hours of Operation:
Monday-Saturday 10AM — 7PM
Sunday 12PM — 5PM

Locations:

15431 Dix Toledo
Southgate, MI 48195
(734) 284-0814

23830 Ford Rd.
Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
(313) 633-0755

35004 W. Michigan Ave
Wayne, MI 48184
(734) 728-9777

**Our Southgate Location
is moving soon!**

Scan the QR
code and follow
our progress!



Are you looking to make a difference in your community while also cleaning out your closet? Donate today at one of our three local Thrift Stores and Donation Centers to help the clients of STEP reach their life goals. All donations are tax deductible.

Are you interested in learning more about the services STEP provides for individuals with disabilities?

Visit STEPcentral.org and follow us on Facebook @enhancepotential and Instagram @servicestoenhancepotential.

Receive 15% OFF your purchase
at any of our locations with this ad.

Owned and Operated by (STEP) Services To Enhance Potential

TODAY MAGAZINES



CHECK US OUT ON **FACEBOOK** @TodayPubs

BE SMART, BE SAFE

Fire pits are fun, but remember the basics of fire safety

By Angela Calabrese

Fire pits are becoming more and more popular as people move to co-opt their outdoor space into living space. What's not fun about sitting around a bonfire roasting s'mores with the family?

But when it comes to fire, it's important to know the dos and don'ts of the community, along with practicing good-old common sense.

According to the Southgate Fire Department, the subject of fire pits and open burning have been a hot topic lately on social media. It seems that folks are wondering what they can and can't do.

We'll help clear things up, with the help of Southgate Fire Marshal Jeff Moore, who clarifies the rules and the reasons for them.

"The rules are the minimum safety precautions in place to protect everyone," he said. "And they're usually created out of a need to address behavior that has happened before."

They also discourage poor decision making, he added, like using gasoline to start a fire.

Here are a few of the rules to follow if you live in Southgate.



No fires allowed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 11 a.m.

Do not build a fire on the ground

It must be contained in an approved outdoor fireplace enclosed with a spark screen, and it must be at least 15 feet away from any structure, lot line, public way (road or sidewalk or any combustible material, i.e., trees, brush or material that will burn or melt).

"Business, organizations and residents must be considerate and aware of what their actions do to others," Moore said. "We all have a responsibility to each other as neighbors."

Do not leave fire unattended

"Outdoor burning is inherently dangerous and can do extreme damage if left unattended," Moore said. "It can get out of hand quickly and fire gives no quarter to anyone or anything."



Burn only dry, seasoned wood

"Burning anything other than seasoned dry hard wood can give off very unpleasant odors and can be toxic," Moore said.

He added that construction lumber and pallets have the potential to contain harmful/toxic chemicals and those chemicals are released in the smoke.

Dos and Don'ts for ceremonial bonfires:

- A permit is required and can be obtained through the fire department.
- The fuel (dry seasoned wood) must be placed in a manner that will prevent any spreading of the fire by wind.



- Use proper techniques for ignition, no gasoline or other accelerants.
- Burn only dry seasoned wood or prepackaged fireplace logs. No trash or construction-grade lumber.
- Keep the fire 50 feet away from buildings, vehicles and combustible ground cover.
- A functioning water supply or fire extinguisher must be available for an emergency and to ensure that the fire is out when the ceremony is completed.
- Practice fire safety always.
- Adult supervision must be present from the beginning through the completion of the event.

In 2020, the Southgate Fire Department responded to 4,736 calls for service. This year (as of press time), the department has received 2,400 calls for service.



Most of those, however, are medical related and not fire related.

"We are an all-hazard, advanced life support response fire department, and the majority of our call volume is emergency medical in nature," Moore said.

That doesn't mean there are no fire emergencies.

"We respond to approximately 150-to-200 fires a year," he said. "This includes structure and car fires, smoke/odor investigations, outdoor burns, nuisance fires and downed power lines."

That's why following the rules and using common sense is so important, Moore added.

And what happens when residents go rogue? Well, quite a lot, actually.

"Fire suppression crews must respond to a 911 call for a nuisance outdoor fire, and they must have the occupant put out the nuisance fire or the suppression crew has to do it," Moore said. "This could potentially prevent a fire suppression crew and a fire apparatus from responding to a true emergency."

And if someone is a repeat offender?

"If this becomes a reoccurring problem, the Officer in Charge will refer the incident to the Fire Marshal," Moore said.

The extinguishment of any fire will be ordered when deemed a nuisance due to excessive smoke or offensive odor.

In Wayne County it is not permissible to burn grass/brush clippings, trees as a means of disposal (utilize the GFL Trash Service for yard waste disposal).

The homeowner is responsible for any damage to property or persons caused by a fire.

Moore said due diligence will be done to try and resolve the problem, up to and including legal action.

He concluded by saying that the Southgate Fire Department wants residents to be able to enjoy their homes, whether with a cozy fire or other outdoor activities. They also want everyone to be safe and be good neighbors.

"The rules are basic safety rules, like do not use gasoline to start a fire, or do not burn trash, construction lumber or yard waste/clippings," Moore reiterated. "Southgate is a wonderful place to live and raise a family, own a business or visit our wonderful business community. That takes us all to keep it that way."

No Shortcuts

High school wrestler
earns wins, parlays
success into other areas

By Terry Jacoby

Ian Norscia was first introduced to wrestling when he was 7 years old after being dragged to his younger brother Isaac's practices. One day while Isaac was on the mat and Ian was in the stands playing Game Boy, Dave Ely, the president of the Downriver Wrestling Club, approached the elder Norscia and asked why he wasn't wrestling.

"I'm a baseball guy," Ian answered. Dave responded, "You could be a wrestling guy, too."

Ely ended up being Ian's coach for the next 11 years and was also on the Southgate Anderson High School coaching staff, where Ian not only wrestled but flourished for four years.

"I ended up liking it and sticking with it," Norscia said. "I liked how in an individual sport it's all on you. If I did well, it was because of me, and I knew that when I didn't perform I had no one else to blame."

As a senior this past year at Anderson, Norscia didn't have to blame himself very often. Wrestling at 215 pounds, he won a district title and then won his second straight regional title to earn a trip to the state finals.

Norscia, 18, took an undefeated record into the Division 2 Individual State Finals and won his first three matches to earn a spot in the championship match. He lost 4-2 to St.



John's CJ Krum in the finals in a very close match and finished with an 18-1 record.

Norscia said wrestling in the state finals is "a really cool experience."

"It was cool knowing that everyone in the arena was watching you and surprisingly I was not very nervous going into it," he said. "I was actually very calm beforehand because I knew my opponent was good but I knew I had what it took to win. I came up a little short, but I knew that I had done everything I could and I gave it all I had so I was able to come to terms with it."

As a freshman, Norscia went 34-13, placed second in the Downriver League and was a regional qualifier. He went 41-10 and was the Wayne County champion at 215 and Downriver league runner-up as a sophomore.

As a junior, Norscia reached another level after working extremely hard in the off-season. He ended up with a 51-5 record, was Downriver League champion and finished second at districts before winning regionals to earn a trip to the state finals.

Norscia also was a four-year starter on the varsity football team and lettered in track and golf. Off the field, he finished in the top 10 in his class with a 3.997 unweighted GPA and was a member of NHS, Class Congress and Link Crew. He was also voted Homecoming King and named 2021 Male Athlete of the Year for Southgate Anderson.

Norscia will attend Wayne State University in the fall. He said he wants to stay involved in Southgate sports and even coach one day.

While he won't wrestle in college, the mental side of the sport will be something he will apply elsewhere in his life.

"Wrestling is 90 percent mental," he said. "Focus carries over into everything you do because you will treat every task the same and not take shortcuts no matter if it is a big school project or doing a simple chore around the house."





FOCUS AND DETERMINATION

Local wrestler succeeds despite COVID- challenged season **By Terry Jacoby**

Looking on from outside of the mat, wrestling appears to be a purely physical endeavor. The strongest man (or woman) will win regardless of any other factors.

But those who have competed on the mat know otherwise.

"The mental side is very important and was something I struggled with my freshman through junior year," said Southgate Anderson wrestler Adrian Rosas. "But my senior year I felt like I really made a breakthrough mentally and physically. Being focused, determined and putting the time in on the mat were all important and thinking about me being 'that guy'."

Rosas was certainly "that guy" for

the Southgate wrestling team. Along with fellow Southgate senior Ian Norscia, Rosas reached the state finals this past season in dominating fashion.

Wrestling at 112 pounds, Rosas was league champion, won Districts and Regionals and took an undefeated record into the championship match at the Division 2 Individual State Finals. He ended up losing 9-4 to St. Joe's Nolan Wertanen but was still proud of his incredible season.

"I didn't think I was going to even have a senior year due to COVID," he said. "I never stopped training. My parents made the garage my personal gym to help me stay focused and get my mat time in. It showed when I

finally was able to have a season."

He called competing at the state finals "electric."

"I was thinking about that moment all year," he said. "To finally be there, it almost didn't feel real. It was pretty cool."

Rosas, 17, finished a pretty cool 23-1 on the season.

His wrestling career included making state finals as a sophomore at 103 pounds, placing fifth at state finals at 112 pounds as a junior and finishing with a 145-33 career record.

Along the way he won the school's Senior of the Year Award, Most Valuable Wrestler Award and Captain's Award.

The next match for Rosas is Wartburg College, a private liberal arts college in Waverly, Iowa.



Photo by Jennifer Angel

"The wrestling team likes to win and I like to win so I think it's a good match," he said. "They welcomed me with open arms and have the academic courses I was looking for. I also like that it's a smaller school."

Rosas plans on keeping that same focus and approach he learned at Southgate and apply it to college – both on and off the mat.

"With focus and determination, you can achieve anything," he said. "I just want to learn and do my best in a sport that I have so much passion for and take things one day at a time."

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!



Over 22 Years of Experience
@ 13400 Dix-Toledo, Southgate since 2012

Southgate Anderson Class of '84
Call 734-285-0814 for a free consultation

Southgate PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS!

Find hundreds of activities and events for young children at
greatstart.org/FindFun





THERE'S NEVER
BEEN A BETTER
TIME TO
CHOOSE
You.

**Give yourself the confidence of a great,
healthy smile with the help of Invisalign®.**

Invisalign treatment can be a great solution for both adults and teens looking for a virtually invisible method to improve their smiles. Invisalign's innovations and technological advancements make it possible to fix nearly all common teeth-straightening and bite issues, all without interrupting your busy life. You've waited long enough. It's your turn to smile.

~~\$5150~~

\$3199

- One Full Invisalign® or Invisalign Teen® Case
- FREE Consultation
- FREE Sonicare™ Toothbrush
- Financing Options Available



Dr. Paul Polyviou

3784 DIX HWY
LINCOLN PARK, MI 48146
polyvioudental.com

313-388-2400





PAWN, BUY, SELL WITH THE BEST.

**GET
THE MOST
CASH**

Top 3 items
to pawn!

Get cash with a pawn loan.

For years you came to Detroit, now we come to you!

- ✓ It's a quick, easy, confidential way to borrow money.
- ✓ No credit check or impact to your credit.
- ✓ Low-interest rate and storage fee.

JEWELRY



ELECTRONICS



TOOLS



THINK YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO PAWN? THINK AGAIN.

Luxury handbags, watches, and jewelry bring big cash. Also, consider your winter tools and toys: snowblowers, snowmobiles, and more.

TWO WAYS TO TREAT YOURSELF!

\$50 OFF
PURCHASE
OF \$100 OR MORE!

**0% INTEREST
LOANS****

Show coupon to redeem offers!

* Offer valid 8/1/21 to 10/30/21. No reproductions or cash value. Limit one per customer. **0% Interest Loan promotion is valid 8/1/21 to 10/30/21 and requires a \$3 storage fee. The pawned item must be redeemed and the loan paid within 30 days. If the loan is not paid and redeemed within the 30-day promotional period, monthly fees of 3% interest and a \$3 storage fee will be charged to your account from the original loan date. Limit one per customer.

VISIT US TODAY!

**Mon-Sat
9:30am-6pm**

Detroit

20450 Greenfield Rd.
Detroit, MI 48235
(313) 345-4000

Hazel Park

20804 John R Rd.
Hazel Park, MI 48030
(248) 398-4653

Pontiac

546 N. Telegraph Rd.
Pontiac, MI 48341
(248) 409-5626

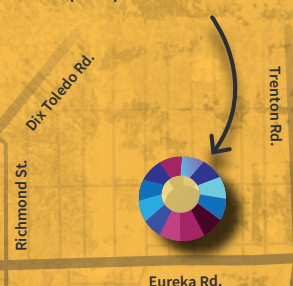
NEW DOWNRIVER LOCATIONS:

LINCOLN PARK

1456 Fort St.
Lincoln Park, MI 48146
(313) 438-0882

SOUTHGATE

14336 Eureka Rd.
Southgate, MI 48195
(734) 225-6811



RIGHT CARE. RIGHT NOW. RIGHT NEXT DOOR.

GET CARE NOW:

Save Your Spot | Virtual Visit | Walk In

We're your full-service urgent care, right in your neighborhood!

INJURIES

- Sprains, Strains, Stitches and More

COVID TESTING

- Same-Day PCR, Rapid Test

ILLNESSES

- Cold, Flu, Ear Infections and More

DIAGNOSTIC

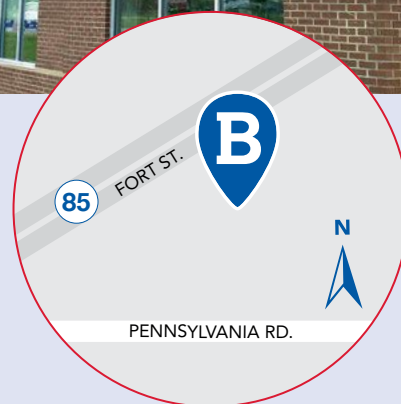
- Digital X-Rays, EKG, Labs and More

WE'LL HAVE YOU FEELING BETTER FASTER!

- **Accessible:** shorter wait times, extended hours, nights and weekends
- **Convenient:** 28 locations throughout Southeast Michigan
- **Quality:** care from Beaumont providers



LEARN MORE AT
BeaumontUrgentCare.com



16525 Fort St. | Southgate, MI 48195

Open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days
a week, including holidays.

734-250-9529

Beaumont
Urgent Care



ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL HONORS ASSEMBLY SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS

Thomas J. Anderson Scholarship

Presenter: Steve Oser
Winner: Zachary Altizer

Paul Chapo Memorial Scholarship

Presenter: Rhonda Kucharsky
Winner: William Connor
Augenstein
Winner: Ava Peryam

Southgate Rotary "Service Above Self" Scholarship

Presenter: Christine Steves
Winner: Daphne Georvassilis
Winner: Frank Rasizzi

Student Council Scholarship

Presenter: Kristin Stewart
Winner: Zachary Altizer
Winner: Sara Saaidi

Southgate Band Boosters Scholarship

Presenter: Martha Hancock
Winner: Chica Johnson
Winner: Frank Rasizzi

Lowell Henry Memorial Scholarship

Presenter: Joseph Reynolds
Winner: Annalyse Hudson

Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital Medical Staff Scholarship

Presenter: Marc Hansen
Winner: Emma Gasior

Thomas & Margaret Flynn Memorial Scholarship

Presenter: Valerie Hornyak
Winner: Frank Rasizzi

Andrew Bednar Scholarship

Presenter: Casey Menter
Winner: William Connor
Augenstein

The Doyle Positive Attitude Scholarship

Presenters: Jason & Dina Doyle
Winner: Nevaeh Hilden
Winner: Abbey Neal

Southgate Historical Foundation Scholarship

Presenter: Jennifer Ferencz
Winner: Dylan Faber

TL Financial Scholarship

Presenter: Tony LaJeunesse
Winner: Ava Peryam

Hector S. Puente Mexican Gardens Memorial Scholarship

Presenter: Jennifer Ferencz
Winner: Rena Huang

The Cook-Anderson Creative Arts Scholarship

Presenter: Jennifer Ferencz
Winner: Rena Huang

The Paul C. Pomponio Public Service Scholarship

Presenters: Dr. Darlene Pomponio
and Alexis Pomponio
Winner: Gavin Baksic
Winner: Nevaeh Hilden

Principals & Supervisors Association Scholarship

Presenter: Dave Pinkowski
Winner: Zachary Altizer
Winner: Ava Peryam
Winner: Steven Porter

Anderson Drama Club Scholarship

Presenter: Amanda Bias
Winner: Logan Dillon
Winner: Madison Mayhew
Winner: Isabella Vasari

Big Brothers Scholarship

Presenter: Karen Dunholter
Winner: Dylan Faber

Big Sisters Scholarship

Presenter: Karen Dunholter
Winner: Chica Johnson

Allen Elementary Alumni Scholarship

Presenter: Lindsay Armos
Winner: Emma Gasior
Winner: Ava Peryam

Fordline Elementary Alumni Scholarship

Presenter: Andrew Lindsay
Winner: Lily Doherty

Realtor Mike Matkin "Keys to the Future" Scholarship

Presenter: Mike Matkin
Winner: Spencer McMahan

Male & Female Outstanding Athlete Award

Presenter: Dave Pinkowski
Winner: Jordan Hunt
Winner: Ian Norscia

DCTC Awards

Presenter: Marc Hansen
Winner: Emma Gasior
Winner: Jacob Kimes
Winner: Ricardo Vasquez
Winner: Alana Proudlock

Senior Perfect Attendance Award

Presenter: Marc Hansen
Winner: Salvador Rosas

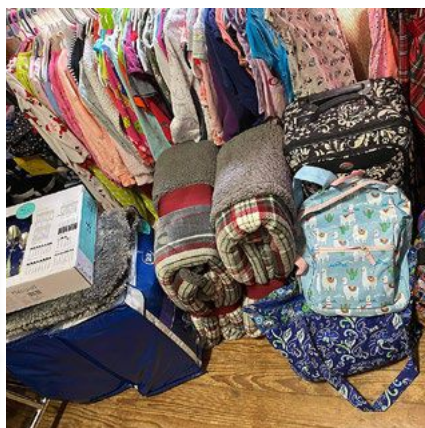
SOUTHGATE ANDERSON FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Sat. 8-21-21	Girls V Swimming	OPEN (Downriver League Relays)	Away	TBA
Mon. 8-23-21	Boys V Soccer	Jefferson MS/HS	Home	6:00PM
Wed. 8-25-21	Boys JV Soccer	Woodhaven HS / MS	Home	4:30PM
Wed. 8-25-21	Boys V Soccer	Woodhaven HS / MS	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 8-26-21	Boys JV Football	Edsel Ford High School	Away	6:00PM
Fri. 8-27-21	Boys V Football	Edsel Ford High School	Home	7:00PM
Mon. 8-30-21	Boys JV Soccer	Allen Park High School	Away	4:30PM
Mon. 8-30-21	Boys V Soccer	Allen Park High School	Away	6:00PM
Wed. 9-1-21	Boys JV Soccer	Trenton High School	Home	4:30PM
Wed. 9-1-21	Boys JV Football	Trenton High School	Home	6:00PM
Wed. 9-1-21	Boys V Soccer	Trenton High School	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-2-21	Boys V Tennis	Allen Park High School	Home	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-2-21	Boys JV Tennis	Allen Park High School	Away	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-2-21	Boys V Soccer	Dearborn Advanced Technology Acad.	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-2-21	Boys V Football	Trenton High School	Away	7:00PM
Tues. 9-7-21	Boys V Tennis	Lincoln Park High School	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 9-7-21	Boys JV Tennis	Lincoln Park High School	Away	4:00PM
Tues. 9-7-21	Girls V Volleyball	Melvindale Quad	Away	4:00PM
Wed. 9-8-21	Boys JV Soccer	Edsel Ford High School	Home	4:30PM
Wed. 9-8-21	Boys V Soccer	Edsel Ford High School	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-9-21	Boys V Tennis	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Away	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-9-21	Boys JV Tennis	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Home	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-9-21	Boys JV Football	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Away	6:00PM
Fri. 9-10-21	Boys V Football	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Home	7:00PM
Sat. 9-11-21	Boys V Soccer	Cabrini High School	Away	11:00AM
Sat. 9-11-21	Girls V Volleyball	Wyandotte Tournament	Away	8:30AM
Mon. 9-13-21	Boys JV Soccer	Taylor High School	Away	4:30PM
Mon. 9-13-21	Boys V Soccer	Taylor High School	Away	6:00PM
Tues. 9-14-21	Boys V Tennis	Taylor High School	Away	4:00PM
Tues. 9-14-21	Boys JV Tennis	Taylor High School	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 9-14-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Carlson High School	Away	5:30PM
Tues. 9-14-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Carlson High School	Away	5:30PM
Tues. 9-14-21	Girls V Volleyball	Carlson High School	Away	7:00PM
Wed. 9-15-21	Boys JV Soccer	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Away	4:30PM
Wed. 9-15-21	Boys V Soccer	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Away	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-16-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Lincoln Park High School	Away	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-16-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Lincoln Park High School	Away	5:30PM
Thurs. 9-16-21	Boys JV Football	Divine Child	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-16-21	Girls V Volleyball	Lincoln Park High School	Away	7:00PM
Fri. 9-17-21	Boys V Football	Divine Child	Away	7:00PM
Sat. 9-18-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Wyandotte Tournament	Away	8:30AM
Sat. 9-18-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Wyandotte Tournament	Away	8:30AM
Tues. 9-21-21	B/G V Cross Country	Jamboree #1	Away	4:00PM
Tues. 9-21-21	Boys V Tennis	Carlson High School	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 9-21-21	Boys JV Tennis	Carlson High School	Away	4:00PM
Tues. 9-21-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Edsel Ford High School	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 9-21-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Edsel Ford High School	Home	5:30PM
Tues. 9-21-21	Girls V Volleyball	Edsel Ford High School	Home	7:00PM
Wed. 9-22-21	Boys V Soccer	Lincoln Park High School	Home	4:30PM
Wed. 9-22-21	Boys V Soccer	Lincoln Park High School	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-23-21	Boys V Tennis	Trenton High School	Away	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-23-21	Boys JV Tennis	Trenton High School	Home	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-23-21	Boys JV Football	Taylor High School	Away	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-23-21	Girls V Swimming	Allen Park High School	Home	6:00PM
Fri. 9-24-21	Boys V Football	Taylor High School	Home	7:00PM
Mon. 9-27-21	Boys JV Soccer	Carlson High School	Away	4:30PM

DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Mon. 9-27-21	Boys V Soccer	Carlson High School	Away	6:00PM
Tues. 9-28-21	Boys V Tennis	Edsel Ford High School	Away	4:00PM
Tues. 9-28-21	Boys JV Tennis	Edsel Ford High School	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 9-28-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Trenton High School	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 9-28-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Trenton High School	Home	5:30PM
Tues. 9-28-21	Girls V Volleyball	Trenton High School	Home	7:00PM
Wed. 9-29-21	Boys JV Soccer	OPEN (Position Round)	Home	4:30PM
Wed. 9-29-21	Boys V Soccer	OPEN (Position Round)	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-30-21	Boys V Tennis	Woodhaven HS / MS	Home	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-30-21	Boys JV Tennis	Woodhaven HS / MS	Away	4:00PM
Thurs. 9-30-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Woodhaven HS / MS	Away	5:30PM
Thurs. 9-30-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Woodhaven HS / MS	Away	5:30PM
Thurs. 9-30-21	Boys JV Football	Carlson High School	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-30-21	Girls V Swimming	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Away	6:00PM
Thurs. 9-30-21	Girls V Volleyball	Woodhaven HS / MS	Away	7:00PM
Fri. 10-1-21	Boys V Football	Carlson High School	Away	7:00PM
Sat. 10-2-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Melvindale Tournament	Away	8:30AM
Mon. 10-4-21	Boys V Tennis	OPEN (Downriver League Meet)	Away	TBA
Mon. 10-4-21	Boys JV Soccer	OPEN (Position Round)	Home	4:30PM
Mon. 10-4-21	Boys V Soccer	OPEN (Position Round)	Home	6:00PM
Tues. 10-5-21	B/G V Cross Country	Jamboree #2	Away	4:00PM
Wed. 10-6-21	Boys V Tennis	OPEN (Regionals)	Away	TBA
Wed. 10-6-21	Boys JV Soccer	OPEN (Position Round)	Home	4:30PM
Wed. 10-6-21	Boys V Soccer	OPEN (Position Round)	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 10-7-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Home	4:00PM
Thurs. 10-7-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Home	5:30PM
Thurs. 10-7-21	Boys JV Football	Lincoln Park High School	Away	6:00PM
Thurs. 10-7-21	Girls V Swimming	Edsel Ford High School	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 10-7-21	Girls V Volleyball	Wyandotte Roosevelt	Home	7:00PM
Fri. 10-8-21	Boys V Football	Lincoln Park High School (Homecoming)	Home	7:00PM
Tues. 10-12-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Taylor High School	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 10-12-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Taylor High School	Home	5:30PM
Tues. 10-12-21	Girls V Volleyball	Taylor High School	Home	7:00PM
Wed. 10-13-21	Boys V Soccer	OPEN (Districts)	Home	TBA
Thurs. 10-14-21	Girls JV Volleyball	Allen Park High School	Away	5:30PM
Thurs. 10-14-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	Allen Park High School	Away	5:30PM
Thurs. 10-14-21	Boys JV Football	Woodhaven HS / MS	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 10-14-21	Girls V Swimming	Trenton High School	Away	6:00PM
Thurs. 10-14-21	Girls V Volleyball	Allen Park High School	Away	7:00PM
Fri. 10-15-21	Boys V Football	Woodhaven HS / MS	Away	7:00PM
Tues. 10-19-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round, 2/3, 5/6, 8/9)	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 10-19-21	Girls JV Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round, 2/3, 5/6, 8/9)	Home	5:30PM
Tues. 10-19-21	Girls V Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round, 2/3, 5/6, 8/9)	Home	7:00PM
Thurs. 10-21-21	B/G V Cross Country	Jamboree #3	Away	4:00PM
Thurs. 10-21-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round 3/1, 6/4, 9/7)	Home	4:00PM
Thurs. 10-21-21	Girls JV Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round 3/1, 6/4, 9/7)	Home	5:30PM
Thurs. 10-21-21	Boys JV Football	Allen Park High School	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 10-21-21	Girls V Swimming	Carlson High School	Home	6:00PM
Thurs. 10-21-21	Girls V Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round 3/1, 6/4, 9/7)	Home	7:00PM
Fri. 10-22-21	Boys V Football	Allen Park High School	Away	7:00PM
Tues. 10-26-21	Girls 9 Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round 1/2, 4/5, 7/8)	Home	4:00PM
Tues. 10-26-21	Girls JV Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round 1/2, 4/5, 7/8)	Home	5:30PM
Tues. 10-26-21	Girls V Swimming	Woodhaven HS / MS	Away	6:00PM
Tues. 10-26-21	Girls V Volleyball	OPEN (Position Round 1/2, 4/5, 7/8)	Home	7:00PM
Fri. 10-29-21	B/G V Cross Country	OPEN (Regionals)	Away	TBA
Sat. 10-30-21	Girls V Volleyball	Melvindale Tournament	Away	8:30AM



Photo by Terry Jacoby



Just What You Need

Downriver organization meets needs of foster families

By Kelsi Klein

In January 2020, Kim Allen, a licensed foster mom, made a Facebook post sharing her dream and vision about opening the Downriver area's first foster closet that would provide free supplies to local foster families in need. To her surprise, she had 400 responses by 10 p.m. and around 900 comments the next morning from people wanting to donate and volunteer.

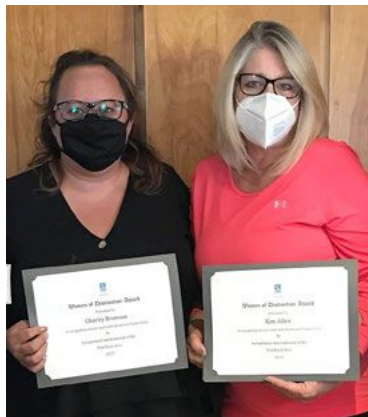
"I had so much stuff from being a foster parent for so long and I have a lot of friends who are foster parents," Allen said. "Sometimes they call and say, 'Hey, can I use a crib or bouncy seat?' After a while I thought it would be so cool to start something to help other foster families."



After discussing her idea with her friend, Charity Bronson, who is also a foster mother, the pair started Downriver Foster Closet. Since both their garages were filled with kids' toys, there was no way they could store all the donations from the Facebook respondents, so the two met at Safe Spot Storage in Trenton.

The owners of the storage business gave them a deal, and volunteers brought donations and helped organize the storage units. Within a month, they had completely filled six units.

Shortly after, the owners of the farmhouse at the old Schafer Family Farm in



Southgate asked Allen if she'd be interested in using the house for the Downriver Foster Closet. Allen went and looked at the house and immediately knew it would fit their needs.

"It was perfect and big and there was so much room," Allen said.

Allen's original dream was to have a "cute little boutique" full of items, so naturally she decided to set the house up like a store. The kitchen cupboards and drawers are filled with baby food, formula, pacifiers, baby spoons, etc. People have also dropped off pots, pans, dishes and other cookware.

The bathroom is filled with toiletries and upstairs, each bedroom is filled with clothes that are organized and sorted by gender for newborns to adults.

With donations from all over, including Sam's Club, who donates boxes of new coats, shoes, boots, Halloween costumes, silverware, blenders and more, the entire enclosed porch and basement are packed with inventory, and the Closet needed to rent three storage pods, which are full of new items.

Allen planned to purpose the living room and dining area for foster family support groups, but because of COVID, these meetings are being held on Zoom until further notice.

She explained the importance of these support groups and helping other foster families with CPS, foster agencies and daily life as foster parents.

"Foster parents might just have a twin bed set up in their house and get a call for four kids but won't get money for about a month," Allen said, citing another reason she wanted to start the Downriver Foster Closet.

Fostering kids always intrigued Allen.

"Being a foster parent was something that always really inspired me, but I didn't really know much about it," Allen said. "When my youngest daughter was in high school 11 years ago, I asked my husband how he'd feel about being foster parents and he thought I was crazy since our kids were off to college."

Since then, Allen has had over 46 foster children in her home and has adopted her two sons, 10 and 14 years old.

For more information on the Downriver Foster Closet and how to donate or volunteer, visit their Facebook page or www.downriverfosterclinet.org.



BLACK PINE TREE SUSHI BAR & RESTAURANT

18700 EUREKA ROAD
SOUTHGATE MI 48195
(734)284-8700

 LIKE US ON FACEBOOK
 FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM
@BLACKPINETREESUSHI

DINE-IN, CARRY OUT
& DELIVERY AVAILABLE

LET YOUR ADVERTISING DOLLARS WORK FOR YOU.



CALL TODAY TO
RESERVE YOUR SPACE
IN OUR NEXT ISSUE.
734-247-8000



Where IN THE gate?

Welcome 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, send us an email at southgatetoday@ci.southgate.mi.us with your guess as to what and where the location in the picture is, and include your name, address, phone number and email.

Submissions that have the correct answer and include the required contact information will be entered into a random drawing. The winner will receive a dining certificate from one of Southgate's fabulous restaurants.

Last issue's picture was of a wooden pathway in the Southgate Nature Center, and the winner was Doris Garza. Congratulations, Doris!

**ENTRIES FOR THIS ISSUE MUST BE
RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 1.**

PARKS AND RECREATION NEWS

The Southgate Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce some upcoming programs. So, mark your calendar and don't miss them!

Learn to Skate – Session One

September 10 – October 15

Registration Deadline – August 27



Fall Soccer

Starts in September

Registration opens in August



Winter Basketball

Starts January 2022

Registration opens in September

Visit our Facebook Page at Southgate Parks & Recreation or www.southgaterec.com for more information.



Otters Downriver Hockey Club

Draft Skates for
players 12 and under
August 16 and 18 – Times TBD



Learn to Play Hockey

Starts in September

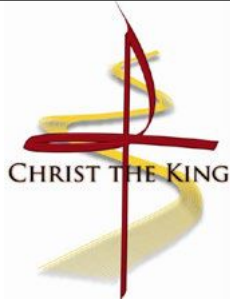
Visit www.downriverotters.com
for more information

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: **Ana Mitchell**

Occasionally in Southgate Today we like to highlight one senior who has served the community admirably. In this issue, it's Ana Mitchell. Here are some of the things that make Ana special.



- Has been on the Cultural Arts and Special Events Commission – aka CASE Commission for 25-plus years
- Has lived in Southgate for 50 years
- Favorite thing about Southgate: “The people – they are friendly, warm and accepting. Also, the location. It's 15-20 minutes from everything – an ideal location for activities and travel.”
- Favorite Southgate restaurant and dish: Olive Garden Soup and Salad
- Favorite Southgate memory or thought: “The spirit of helping. Whenever I have a problem, I can always reach out to a neighbor or resident for help. I have always felt welcome in Southgate – especially since I was born in Puerto Rico and came to the USA when I was 5. I have never felt like an outsider here in Southgate.”



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR UP-TO-DATE
INFORMATION **WWW.CTK.ME**

OR FIND US ON FACEBOOK @CTKSOUTHGATE

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Bible Class & Sunday School 10 a.m.
16700 Pennsylvania Rd

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Bible Class 6:00 p.m.
15600 Trenton Rd

Facebook Live Service Sunday 9am

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT:

Christ The King Lutheran School
Currently Enrolling 3 yr old preschool - 8th Grade
(734) 285-9697 // admissions@ctk.me

Christ The King Daycare 6 weeks - 3 yrs old
(734) 285-8525 // daycare@ctk.me

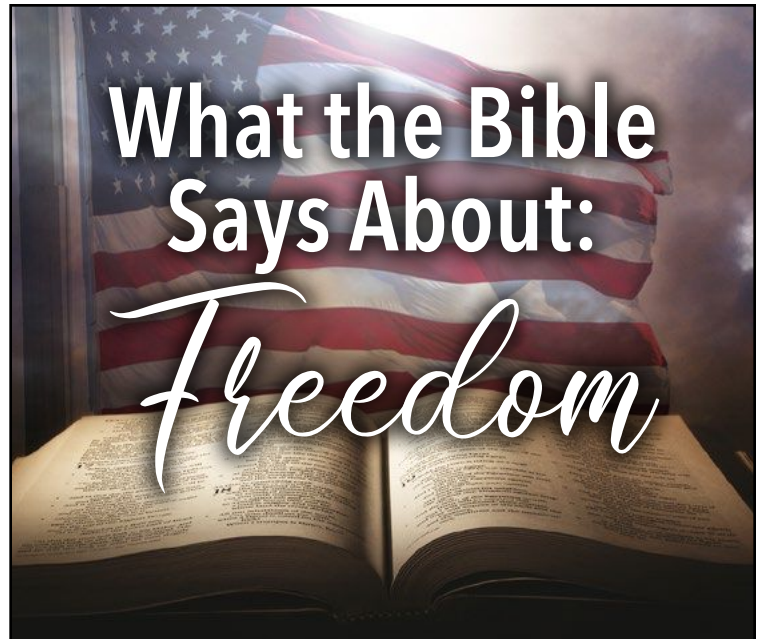
Christ The King Lutheran Church (LC-MS)
(734) 285-9695 | www.ctk.me

15500 HOWARD ST. SOUTHGATE

CALVARY CHURCH

SUNDAYS
IN PERSON & ONLINE

VISIT
CALVARYSOUTHGATE.COM



John Adams once said, "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to liberty, and few nations, if any, have found it." As Americans we celebrate freedom, but what does the Bible say about freedom? Though there are no direct mentions in the Bible about America and personal freedoms, John Adams above was quoting Scripture. Specifically, he was quoting Jesus, who said, "strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leads to life, and few there be that find it" (Matt. 7:14).

Often, Scripture intertwines the ideas of freedom and life. Jesus again in the book of John said that He came to give us life, and to give it in abundance (John 10:10). This life provided by Jesus is a life of freedom, because "if the Son has set you free, you are free indeed" (John 8:36). While the snares of sin had us completely in its grasp, Christ's life, death, and resurrection has brought us freedom.

Freedom is a narrow gate and straight path, provided only through one source: Jesus Christ. If one wants to experience freedom, they mustn't look any farther than Christ and His life, death, and resurrection. His arrest led to our freedom; His death leads to our life; His resurrection leads to our hope. Freedom is a gift that should never be taken for granted. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift (2 Cor. 9:15).



21721 Northline Rd., Taylor, MI 48180

734-287-3090

www.thebeaconbaptist.com



Photos by Terry Jacoby

A Level Playing Field

There's nothing quite like experiencing the world through the eyes of children. Their curiosity and sense of wonder can tenderize even the most hardened adult heart.

Preschoolers are on fire with exploration, but don't be fooled by the fun, games and macaroni art projects. There's important "stuff" happening when a child goes to preschool, and you don't want your child to miss out on it.

"One of the most important things kids learn in the preschool environment is socialization, manners, and the ability to verbalize what they want or need," said Bill Mohnhey of Island Kiddie Kampus.

The importance of a solid preschool program cannot be

underscored enough. Decades of research on early child development and education indicates that high-quality programs result in both short- and long-term benefits to young children.

Preschool Teaches Your Child How to Learn

Young children learn through play. If your child begins his or her schooling in an academic setting like kindergarten, there is an increased chance that your child will be turned off to learning. Why? Because they will not have had the opportunity to explore and develop a sense of curiosity.

It's All About the Skills

Preschool provides a setting in which your children build their social, language, cognitive and motor skills prior to being required to perform academic tasks that are common in kindergarten. Your child learns how to play and collaborate with peers.

"As important as independent problem-solving is, they quickly realize most scenarios require, at a minimum, suggestions from others to solve issues," Mohnhey said.

Language is developed through songs, chants and rhymes. They build cognitive skills by solving problems and asking questions. And the macaroni necklaces? They serve a purpose. They develop your child's fine motor skills. Gross motor skills are also developed via movement and dance activities.

Independence Blossoms

Preschool provides your child with safe opportunities to develop more independence. They learn to make choices, to negotiate conflicts, to hang up their backpacks, and take care of their materials. They learn about the common good and perform jobs that benefit the entire classroom community. Teachers help preschoolers notice how their actions impact others around them. They learn emotional skills that will carry them forward throughout their entire lives.

Boosts Academic Skills

Preschool boosts your child's academic skills as well. Children engage in pre-literacy learning and foundational math skills. Alphabet songs, rhymes and stories prepare your child so they're ready to learn how to read later.

"This sparks conversation and imagination like no other preschool component," Mohnhey said.

Patterning, counting, matching and sorting games and activities build your child's early numeracy skills.

"The retention and recall through repetition are miles above any multimedia electronic input," Mohnhey said.

There is a wealth of research available that concludes that students who attended preschool had higher earnings, were more likely to hold a job, and were more likely to graduate from high school. Preschool education levels the playing field for students, regardless of socioeconomic status or family situation. It's one of the most impactful things you can do for your child.





FAMILY ORIENTED, ARTISTICALLY MOTIVATED!

FALL SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION AUGUST - NOVEMBER

Quality dance instruction in a friendly, exciting atmosphere that instills a sense of love and artistry in every dancer we have the pleasure of training.

"My daughter loves her classes and her teachers, the instructors are phenomenal, and the communication between the studio and the families is top notch!" -Stephanie S.

14270 Eureka Road, Southgate, MI 48195
734-759-3102 | DanceAvenueInc@gmail.com | danceavenueinc.com

**Visit our
website or
email us
for more
information!**



JOIN US AT OUR *Summer Pop-up Events*

**COME LEARN ABOUT CMA,
MEET OUR STAFF & HAVE SOME FUN!**

JULY 8
10-12:30

Bishop Park - Wyandotte
Join us for a fun craft & giveaways!

JULY 21
10-12:30

Heritage Park- Taylor Southgate
Join us for fun games & races!

AUG 13
10-12:30

Heritage Park - Taylor
Join us for a fun scavenger hunt & the ice cream truck!

**NOW ENROLLING
FOR FALL 2021!**

creative-montessori.com • CreativeMontessori

734.284.5600 • 12701 McCann St., Southgate, MI



BLACK TIE

Gala & Expo

Masquerade

Presented by:



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2021

CRYSTAL GARDENS | SOUTHGATE

6-6:30 PM PRE-RECEPTION | 6:30-9:30 PM GALA & EXPO

*For tickets and vendor booth opportunities,
visit www.SWCRC.com or call 734-284-6000*

Presenting Sponsor



Platinum Sponsor



Premier Sponsors



We create chemistry



First Merchants
Bank

Gold Sponsors

Beaumont



Sunday Wednesday
News-Herald
The Voice of Downtown



MedSupply
Quality Medical Equipment - Products and Services

PUBLIC SERVICE
CREDIT UNION

Silver Sponsors



STEP
Services To Enhance Potential

GET YOUR MOVE ON



Call

GAP REALTY GROUP 734-772-5055
OR ALEX PANDOFF 734-231-3672

Buying a home can seem like an overwhelming experience, especially if you are a first-time home buyer.

At GAP Realty, we walk you through each and every step of the home buying process.

Whether it's your first or 10th real estate experience, one of our professional, competent agents can serve your needs!

**DOWN RIVER'S NEWEST
TITLE AGENCY 734-250-7173**



12170 Fort Street, Southgate 48195
734-772-5055 • 855-772-5055
www.gaprealtymichigan.com



VISIT US ON ALLEN ROAD OR
ONLINE ANYTIME!



Community Publishing
26955 Northline Road
Taylor, Michigan 48180

*****ECRWSS*****

LOCAL
POSTAL CUSTOMER

PRST STD
US POSTAGE
PAID
DEARBORN, MI 48120
PERMIT NO. 11

FIND NEW ROADS™

CHEVROLET



#GreatDealsatMichaelBates

MICHAELBATESCHEVY.COM

MICHAEL BATES CHEVROLET

OPEN SATURDAYS FROM 9:00AM UNTIL 3:00PM

0% TO 72 MONTHS (on select models)



2021 TRAX



\$169⁸⁹* MO.

24 Months 10k Miles
Stk#210848C

2021 EQUINOX



\$227³⁰* MO.

24 Months 10k Miles
Stk#211537

2021 BLAZER LT



\$246⁶⁶* MO.

24 Months 10k Miles
Stk#211451

2021 COLORADO CREW CAB 4WD



\$265²²* MO.

36 Months 10k Miles
Stk#211425

2021 BOLT LT



\$281⁹⁸* MO.

36 Months 10k Miles
Stk#211275

2021 SILVERADO CREW CAB 4WD



\$296³⁶* MO.

24 Months 10k Miles
Stk#Incoming

FIND NEW ROADS™

CHEVROLET



MICHAEL BATES CHEVROLET

on Allen Road at West Road, Woodhaven | 734-676-9600

*Disclaimer: All lease examples are GM Employee Pricing with Chevrolet Lease Loyalty. All lease examples are with \$1000 down plus upfront fees (1st payment, doc, cvr, Michigan sales tax and plate). Stock numbers with "C" are company vehicles with no more than 5000 miles. All "C" vehicles have existing miles deducted from total mileage allowance. Must have GM Financial Tier "A" credit approval. Vehicles pictured may not represent actual vehicles. Sale ends 08/02/2021