



CITY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 2020
LATEST CITY NEWS & UPDATES



STERLING HEIGHTS ANNOUNCES CLOSURES AND MODIFICATIONS IN COMPLIANCE WITH NEW MDHHS ORDER

In an effort to keep our community safe, slow the spread of COVID-19, and operate in support of the recent order issued by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the City of Sterling Heights is announcing modifications for building, amenity, service and programming closures and modifications beginning Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020 through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021.

City Hall will remain open for resident services Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Residents are urged to handle any City business they can do from their home to avoid putting themselves or others at risk. A comprehensive list of City services available from home, including bill payment, license and permitting, can be found at [sterling-heights.net/athomeservices](https://sterlingheights.net/athomeservices).

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DODGE PARK ICE RINK SET TO OPEN TUESDAY, DEC. 1

Time to lace up those skates for another season at the Dodge Park Ice Rink!

The ice rink is set to open Tuesday, Dec. 1 with modifications in effort to meet current state guidelines and to ensure the health and safety of our community.

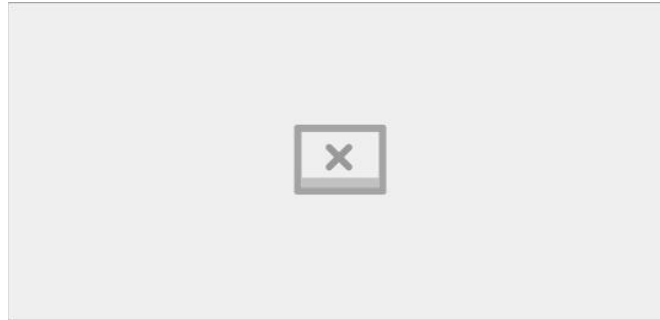
Patrons will need to register in order to skate at the rink this year! With a limited amount of skaters per time block, we strongly encourage interested skaters to pre-register online!

Please note the following modifications:

- Skate rentals will not be available.
- Masks/ facial coverings will be required at all times.
- A signed waiver is required to use the amenity. Skaters under 18 years of age will need a parent or guardian to sign the waiver.

HOURS:

Monday through Friday: 12 – 3 p.m.; 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 2:30 – 5:30 p.m.; 7 – 10 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.; 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.



[More Info](#)

Let's Talk Turkey! Thanksgiving-To-Go in Sterling Heights

Instead of “Home for the Holidays,” this year has become “Stay Home for the Holidays.” But don’t let that get you down!

If you’re looking for the comfort of a traditional turkey dinner but don’t want all the fuss of having to make everything yourself, try supporting one of our local Sterling Heights restaurants with the purchase of a turkey dinner to go.

Ike’s Restaurant will be offering full-cooked turkeys with sides and dessert to serve 8-10 or 12-15. Orders must be placed by 9:30 pm on Nov. 23.
More information can be found on their website [here](#).

For those looking for dinner for smaller families, **Rogers Roost** is offering traditional family-style turkey dinners per person for carryout or delivery with advanced reservation.
More information can be found on their website [here](#).



Lastly, **Villa Penna** is offering Thanksgiving dinners serving up to 5 people for cold pick up on Nov. 25. Orders must be placed by Friday, Nov. 20.

More information can be found on their website [here](#).

Nothing says "Thanksgiving" like supporting our local restaurants and small businesses as much as we can during this partial shutdown!

Stay tuned to our **Facebook page** for updates on other restaurants offering Thanksgiving-To-Go in Sterling Heights or other takeout specials over the next few weeks.

VIRTUAL PUTTIN' ON THE RITZ

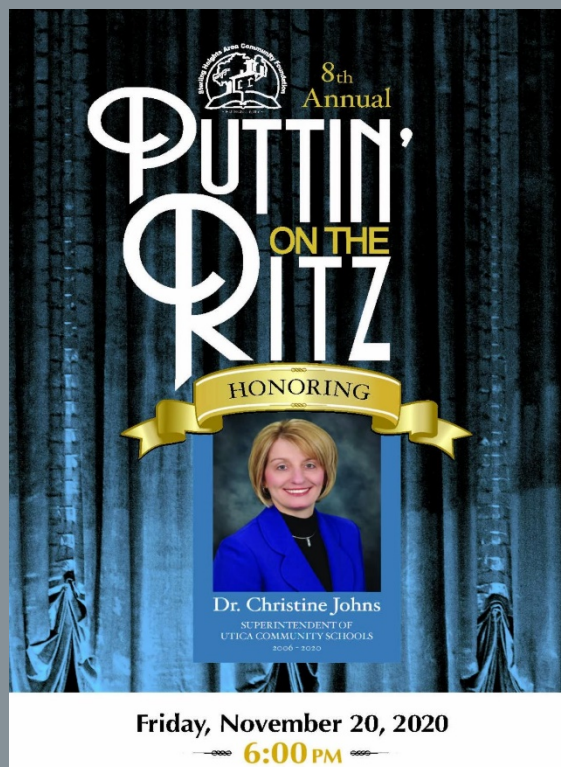
JOIN US FOR A FACEBOOK WATCH PARTY

Join us and the Sterling Heights Area Community Foundation on Friday, Nov. 20th at 6 p.m. for a special virtual 2020 Puttin' on the Ritz to celebrate Dr. Christine Johns, recently retired superintendent for Utica Community Schools.

Dr. Johns will receive the 2020 Richard J. Notte Civic Service Leadership Award for all she has done to strengthen Sterling Heights and Macomb County by making a significant difference in the lives of thousands of UCS students as the leader of one of Michigan's most progressive, successful and respected school districts.

If you'd like to fund programs, activities or endowments that strengthen City residents' wide range of cultural, educational and recreational activities and quality of life, you can make a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation's General Fund or any of its 27 specialized endowment fund.

For more information, please contact Executive Director Karl Oskoian at oskoiank@sbcglobal.net.



STERLING HEIGHTS RANKS AMONG AMERICA'S MOST LIVABLE MID-SIZED CITIES

According to SmartAsset's third annual study, Sterling Heights ranks in the top 20 of America's most livable mid-sized cities. Sterling Heights came in at number 19.

The study reportedly looks at a variety of economic factors, such as income inequality, unemployment rate, home value and housing costs.

According to the study, Sterling Heights has seen a 30% increase in median home value from 2014 through 2018.

It shows a median monthly housing cost of \$1,088; an 11.7% poverty rate; a median household income of \$60,631; and an unemployment rate of 2%. The poverty rate was second-highest among the top 20 cities, while the unemployment rate was the lowest in the top 20.



[Full Report](#)

CHOICE ONE BANK DONATES TO SCHOENHERR TOWERS RESIDENT COUNCIL

The Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce helped cut the ribbon for Choice One Bank as they opened a new branch in Sterling Heights!

Before the ribbon was cut, Choice One Bank presented the Schoenherr Towers Resident Council with a generous donation to support the committee's efforts to provide a great quality of life for the residents.

This donation is anticipated to be used for activities that HUD funds are not able to be used on, such as entertainment, food and travel.



[Learn More!](#)

ANNUAL KEN STEPOWSKI FOOD DRIVE

Employees of the Sterling Heights Department of Public Works are gearing up for another season of collecting non-perishable food with the Ken Stempowski Memorial Food Drive.

The Sterling Heights Department of Public Works Community Involvement Group is continuing the proud tradition initiated by a DPW colleague who began the department's annual collections more than 41 years ago.

Donations of non-perishable food to benefit the Macomb Food Program are now being accepted at the Sterling Heights Public Works facility between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday and at City Hall, weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Collections will be accepted through Wednesday, Dec. 11. Monetary donation checks made out to the "Macomb Food Program" are also appreciated.



The Sterling Heights Department of Public Works is located at 7200 18 Mile Road. City Hall is located at 40555 Utica Road.

LAST WEEK FOR YARD WASTE IS DEC. 7 - 11

Friendly reminder from DPW that the last week for yard waste collection is December 7 through 11!

Acceptable Yard Waste

- Branches / brush less than four feet long, securely tied and bundled
- Flowers and other "soft" material
- Grass clippings and garden weeds
- Leaves

For more info on yard waste collection, visit our website [here](https://sterling-heights.net/yardwaste).

LAST WEEK FOR YARD WASTE DECEMBER 7 - 11



STERLING-HEIGHTS.NET/YARDWASTE



MORE INFO

CITY OFFICES CLOSED THURSDAY, NOV. 26 & FRIDAY, NOV. 27

City offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

City offices include City Hall, DPW, 41A District Court, Library, Community Center, Senior Center, and Nature Center.



Please note, refuse collection will be delayed **one day**. Thursday collection will be picked up Friday, and Friday collection will be pick up on Saturday.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

NOV. 17, 2020

Watch last night's council meeting on our SHTV YouTube channel [here](#).

View meeting packet and agenda [here](#).

Regular City Council Meetings will be held via videoconference for the remainder of the year.

Meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

You can also watch the live meeting via:

- Comcast Channel 5 (Viewing)
- WOW Channel 10 (Viewing)
- AT&T U-Verse Channel 99 (Viewing)
- YouTube live stream (bit.ly/3bbj86B)



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