



CITY OF  
**Sterling  
Heights**

# CITY NEWS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20, 2021  
**LATEST CITY NEWS & UPDATES**

## **NEW FIRE CHIEF NAMED**

**KEVIN EDMOND APPOINTED STERLING HEIGHTS FIRE CHIEF**

Kevin Edmond has been appointed the new fire chief for the city of Sterling Heights. Sterling Heights City Council confirmed the appointment on Jan. 19 following a thorough national recruitment search performed by GovHR and an in-depth candidate evaluation process.

Edmond replaces former Fire Chief Christopher Martin who retired last September following a 31-year career with the Sterling Heights Fire Department.

Edmond has been in fire service for 30 years, most recently as the fire chief in Collinsville, Illinois. He began his professional firefighting career in 1990 with the city of Mentor, Ohio and progressed steadily through



the ranks, serving as a firefighter/paramedic, Lieutenant Battalion Chief and Deputy Fire Chief.

“We found Chief Edmond to be a visionary leader who embraces our City’s philosophy of continuous improvement,” said Sterling Heights Mayor Michael Taylor. “Throughout his career, he has demonstrated a commitment to his professional development through certifications and industry service, and he has already started talking about ways we can grow our already impressive Insurance Services Organization (ISO) rating from a two to a one here in Sterling Heights. That’s the kind of forward thinking and spirit we expect from our City leadership, and Chief Edmond wholeheartedly embodies that spirit.”

[More Info](#)

# MOUND RD PROJECT

ONE STEP CLOSER TO REBUILDING MOUND ROAD

Over the past year, the Macomb County Department of Roads has led the team responsible for preliminary plan development to reconstruct a portion of Mound Road. Through research, public input, assessment of business and community needs, and extensive planning, the design-build construction is close to its beginning phases. There are three parties involved in the construction process, including Macomb County and the cities of Warren and Sterling Heights.

Key needs have been determined for the project and will soon issue a request for proposal to the short listed design-build teams to submit proposal and bid prices to complete the multi-year project. The selected Design-Builder will be responsible for final design and construction of the project beginning as early as this summer.



You can continue to learn about construction updates on the [Innovate Mound website](#) and social media channels.

## 2021

### Segment 1 Construction

Dorby Drive to approximately 18 Mile Road

Duration: Summer 2021 to December 2021

### Intersections

19 Mile Road, 18 1/2 Mile Road, 18 Mile Road

### Bridge Work

Northbound Mound Road over Plum Brook

Southbound Mound Road over Plum Brook

## 2022

### Segment 2 Construction

Approximately 18 Mile Road to approximately 14 Mile Road

Duration: March to November 2022

### Intersections

17 Mile Road, 16 Mile Road, 15 Mile Road, 14 Mile Road

### Bridge Work

Mound over Sterling Relief Drain

Mound over Big Beaver Creek

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# CONE ZONE UPDATE

THE 19 MILE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT COMPLETE

The 19 Mile Road reconstruction project, from Clinton River Road to Schoenherr Road, re-opened on Jan. 19 to two-way traffic.

The project included the construction of a uniform 3-lane pavement, sidewalk improvements, drive approach and local road approach replacement, signal and signage improvements, and landscaping improvements including over 60 new tree plantings.

The project also included a significant improvement to the underground infrastructure with the replacement of nearly one-mile of watermain, including new valves and hydrants, and the replacement of 64 water service leads.

Work will continue over the next week with minor items that will be done under flagging operations. In the spring, the project will be completed with permanent restoration, Gainsley Drive mast arm traffic signal installation, sidewalk gap completion near Schoenherr, and project close out items.

