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CITY NEWS

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LATEST CITY NEWS & UPDATES

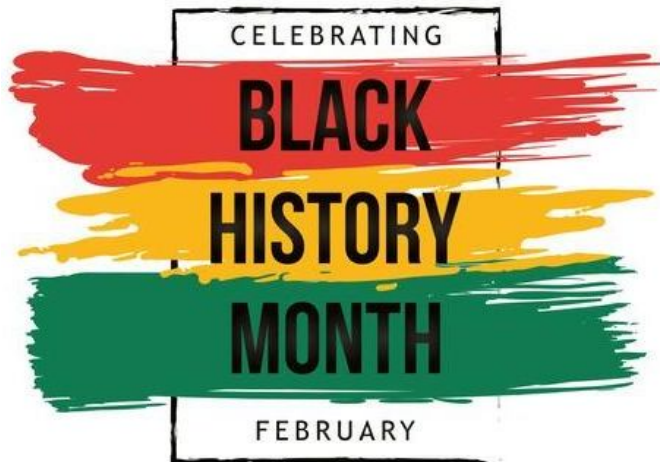
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

UPCOMING EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

The city of Sterling Heights, in collaboration with members of the City's African American Coalition, is hosting a month-long series of events in celebration of Black History Month. The events are aimed at increasing local recognition of and engagement in Black History Month. Events and activities scheduled include:

Virtual Storytime

On Feb. 2 and Feb. 9 at 10:30 a.m. via Facebook, Sterling Heights Ethnic Community Committee and African American Coalition members Sharron Allen and Carmen Williams will read stories about Black History on the library's **Facebook** page.



Sterling Heights Public Library Classic Youth Programming

Upcoming programs will feature Black History themes through stories and crafts! Events include Toddler Time on Feb. 10 at 2:30 p.m., Preschool Storytime on Feb. 11 at 2:30 p.m. and Stories 'n' Such on Feb. 20 at 10:30 a.m. Registration is required and can be made by calling 586.446.2640 or **online**.

Black Men in White Coats

On Feb. 12 at 12 p.m. the Sterling Heights Public Library Adult & Teen Programming will host a showing of the **Black Men in White Coats** documentary. This will be hosted virtually, and registrants will be emailed instructions on how to view the documentary the morning of Feb. 12. Participants can view the documentary anytime between Feb. 12 at noon and Feb. 15 at noon. Registration is required and can be made by calling 586.446.2640 or **online**.

In Our Own Voice: African American Art

Sterling Heights Public Library will partner with the Detroit Institute of Arts on Feb. 18 at 6 p.m. for In Our Own Voice: African American Art, a virtual presentation to build awareness of the creative contributions of African Americans from the 19th century to present day. Registrants will be emailed instructions on how to join the day of the event. Registration is required and can be made by calling 586.446.2640 or **online**.

Walking In Our Shoes: Past, Present and Future – a Conversation on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Members of the City's African American Coalition will join other prominent local figures to host a virtual panel discussion on Feb. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Discussion will focus on what life is like for African Americans in Macomb County.

Voting Matters: The Civil Rights Movement

Sterling Heights Public Library will partner with the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on Feb. 23 for Voting Matters: The Civil Rights Movement, an interactive exhibition on how African Americans shaped the notion of what it means to have the right to vote. Registration is required and can be made by calling 586.446.2640 or [online](#).

"Black History Month is a time for recognizing and celebrating the many achievements and contributions African Americans have made to the formation of our country," said Sterling Heights Mayor Michael Taylor. "We wanted to recognize the national month-long celebration, but we also wanted to underscore its importance locally by adopting a resolution recognizing February 2021 as Black History Month in Sterling Heights and working to host these educational and inspirational events for all our residents."

[More Info](#)

SMALL BUSINESSES RELIEF GRANT

STERLING HEIGHTS TO AWARD GRANTS UP TO \$10,000

**SMALL
BUSINESSES
RELIEF
GRANT**



The city of Sterling Heights invites all interested and eligible small businesses, with 500 or fewer employees based in the city of Sterling Heights, to apply for CARES Act CDBG-CV funding to assist in the preparation, prevention and response to the coronavirus pandemic.

With this funding, the City intends to provide short-term working capital assistance to enable an eligible small business to retain jobs held by low to moderate income persons. The award amount per business will not exceed \$10,000 and will be allocated on a merit basis.

[Apply Online](#)

MEET THE MAYOR

PRESENTED BY THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD



JOIN US AS WE HEAR
FROM THE MAYOR,
ASK QUESTIONS, AND
TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF
THE COMMUNITY CENTER!

EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM!



STERLING HEIGHTS
YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD
PRESENTS:

A DAY IN THE LIFE

MEET STERLING
HEIGHTS MAYOR
MICHAEL TAYLOR

TUES., FEB. 9 @ 7:00 P.M.

Join the Sterling Heights Youth Advisory Board on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. as we present our Day in the Life series featuring Sterling Heights Mayor Michael Taylor.

Mayor Taylor will be LIVE on Zoom to talk about his role as mayor for the city of Sterling Heights, as well as take questions from our community youth!

We will end with a virtual tour of the Community Center and the role it can play for our teens!

This event is for 12-18 year olds.

Sign up now! Spots are limited!

[More Info](#)

LIBRARY RE-OPENING

LIBRARY RE-OPENS TO THE PUBLIC WITH MODIFICATIONS

Building Reopens Feb. 1

Before Entering

- You must not be experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms.
- A mask must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times. If you have a medical exemption, please use our curbside services instead.
- Limit your visit to 1 hour.
- Members not of the same household must be 6' apart.

Available Services

- Grab & Go - Patrons may browse for items, gather holds, and checkout items.
- Technology - Computers, printers, copiers, and the scan/fax station.
- Tax forms may be requested at the information desk.
- Curbside and home delivery services will continue.

Unavailable Services

- Public seating, eating, and group studying.
- Meeting rooms.
- Assistance with computers, printers, copiers, and the scan/fax station.
- Toys, puzzles, newspapers, water fountains, and other frequently touched materials.



For more details, visit:
bit.ly/shpl-feb-2021-reopening

The Sterling Heights Public Library is officially open to the public with modifications following the current state guidelines.

Patrons may browse for items, checkout materials, and use our computers, printers, and fax/scan station. Due to MDHHS regulations and ongoing renovations, up to 25 patrons at a time may visit us. In order to make sure everyone gets an opportunity to enter the building, patrons will be limited to one hour a day.

[More Info](#)

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

CITY PARTNERS WITH FORGOTTEN HARVEST

Sterling Heights is partnering with Forgotten Harvest to host a Mobile Food Pantry at **Delia Park (3001 18 Mile Road)**.

Each Monday in February and March, Forgotten Harvest will be at Delia Park for car-only drive-up mobile pantry distributions from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. To keep everyone safe and healthy, food will only be distributed to the trunk of vehicles.

Below are upcoming dates and times of the Mobile Food Pantry at Delia Park (3001 18 Mile Road):

- Monday, Feb. 8 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, Feb. 15 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, Feb. 22 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, March 1 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, March 8 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, March 15 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, March 22 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*
- Monday, March 29 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.*

*or until food has all been distributed



PARKS & RECREATION

PARKS & RECREATION RECEIVES TWO MPARKS AWARDS



Sterling Heights Parks & Recreation is honored to be the recipient of two MParks Michigan Recreation and Park Association awards at the virtual mParks annual conference taking place this week! The news broke in December, but we are excited to officially bring both awards home to our Community Center and into the hands of our outstanding team!

Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation is being awarded the 2021 Facility Design Award for the new Community Center based on judging criteria of the local significance, degree of innovation, aesthetic quality, functionality and construction viability.

Also being awarded is the 2021 COVID-19 Engagement Award for the creation of outstanding virtual and in-person programming services or practices in the face of the COVID-19

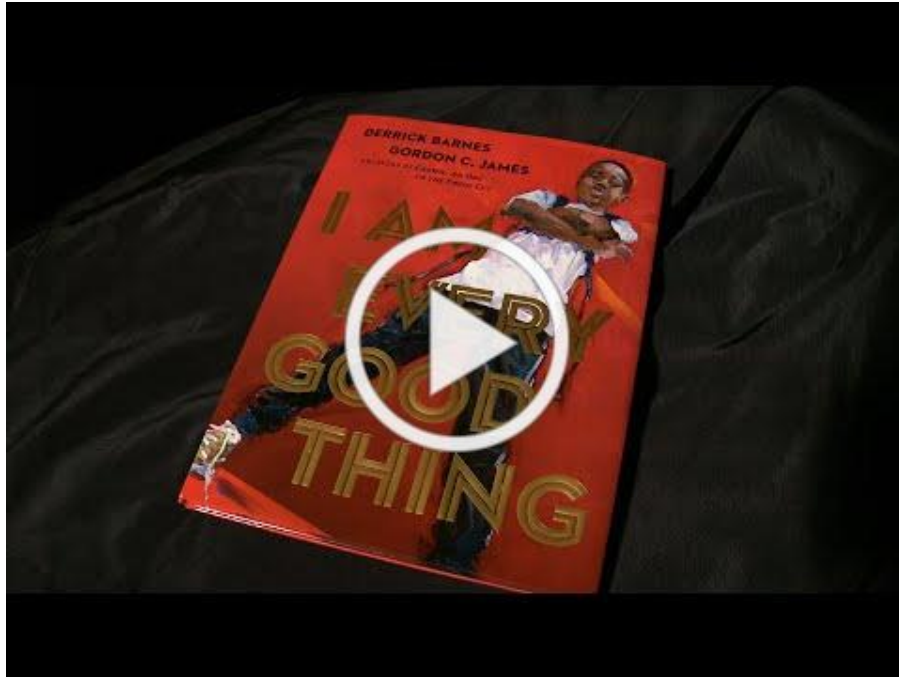
pandemic. mParks selected Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation for this award based on the department's ability to demonstrate that the organizational and program changes implemented were unique to our community as well as sustainable for future operations.

"I am incredibly proud of our entire Parks and Recreation team, as well as being a part of an organization that recognizes the importance of Parks and Recreation and supports our efforts," said Kyle Langlois, Sterling Heights Parks and Recreation director. "We cut the ribbon on our brand new Community Center just two weeks before the pandemic forced a Stay Home order, but we didn't let that dictate how we moved forward. Right from the start, our team worked quickly to recognize the needs of our community and create new ways to provide recreation to our residents at a time when it would have been much easier to just pull the plug for a while. Sterling Heights has been leading the charge for providing safe and responsible programs during this pandemic."

[Read Press Release](#)

BLACK HISTORY STORYTIME

"I AM EVERY GOOD THING" READ BY SHARRON ALLEN



February is Black History Month, and the Sterling Heights Public Library is celebrating by hosting a Black History Storytime. For our first story Sharron Allen reads "I Am Every Good Thing," by Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James.

[Watch Video](#)

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEB. 3, 2021

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 at the Sterling Heights Community Center 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)

