



CITY NEWS

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LATEST CITY NEWS & UPDATES

INSIDE OUT

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES TO EXPAND SERVICES

A graphic for the 'Inside Out' campaign. It features a blue background with white text. On the left, there's a stylized city skyline icon next to the word 'inside'. An arrow points from 'inside' to 'out', where there's a stylized tree icon. Below this, the tagline 'CULTIVATING OUR BUSINESSES WITH ROOM TO GROW' is written. In the bottom right corner, there's a photograph of a red outdoor cafe set with tables and chairs, surrounded by greenery. The City of Sterling Heights logo is also present in the bottom left corner of the graphic area.

As businesses operate during COVID-19 restrictions, their ability to adapt may be critically important to their long-term viability and survival. The City of Sterling Heights is helping out in their own way, through the launch of a the Inside Out program designed to support local businesses that fall under recent COVID-related restrictions.

Through the Inside Out program, existing businesses within Sterling Heights may provide the same services and goods to our community that are normally provide inside; outside in accordance with the standards set forth in the newly approved Inside Out Self Evaluation Form and Conditions.

Outdoor services will provide safe alternatives to traditional service delivery models. So long as appropriate safeguards are in place, the Inside Out program offers a simple way the City can assist businesses in the short-term with their recovery from the emergency closures.

[More Info](#)

PRIDE MONTH

THE CITY DESIGNATES THE MONTH OF JUNE AS "PRIDE MONTH"

June is widely recognized as "Pride Month" for the LGBTQ+ community worldwide.

Pride Month commemorates the ongoing pursuit for equal rights and justice for the LGBTQ+ community and celebrates the significant accomplishments and contributions of community members.

Pride Month grew from an infamous June 28, 1969 police raid on the Stonewall Inn in New York, a popular gathering spot for the LGBTQ+ community. The arrest of employees and patrons sparked a protest



that lasted five days and was the impetus for the movement for equal rights and justice that continues to this day.

To increase awareness of this ongoing movement, the Sterling Heights City Council adopted a resolution designating the month of June 2021 as “Pride Month” in the city of Sterling Heights. By adopting this resolution, City Council continues to underscore the importance of diversity, equity and inclusion in the Sterling Heights commUNITY.

JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

THE CITY DESIGNATES JUNE 19 AS JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Juneteenth is an annual celebration commemorating the day in June 1865 when African Americans in the slave-holding state of Texas first learned of freedom granted by President Abraham Lincoln through the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

On June 19, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, arrived in Galveston, Texas, with news that the Civil War had ended and read aloud General Order No. 3, which began: “The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free.” This pronouncement touched off a celebration of independence from the bonds of slavery that included song, dance, feasting, and prayer. One year later, June 19th became an official celebration that has continued and spread across the nation in the ensuing 150+ years.

Today, Juneteenth Independence Day celebrates African American freedom and achievement, while encouraging continuous self-development and respect for all cultures.

To increase local awareness and appreciation, the Sterling Heights City Council adopted the resolution designating June 19, 2021 as Juneteenth Independence Day in the city of Sterling Heights.



MAKE A VACCINE APPOINTMENT

A LITTLE DOSE OF HOPE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

The Sterling Heights Fire Department, along with assistance from many of our amazing community members, have been hard at work at our vaccination centers right here in Sterling Heights distributing vaccines to continue our fight against the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you are interested in receiving the vaccine, you can make an appointment through Macomb County. For more info on COVID-19 vaccinations, visit the [vaccine central website](#).

Take a photo selfie with your Sterling Heights vaccine sticker and tag the city of Sterling Heights on social media! We will enter all photo submissions into a drawing for a \$100 gift card.

Tag us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#)! #BeeVaccinated #DoseofHope

[**More Info**](#)

RESTAURANT REVITALIZATION FUND

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR ELIGIBLE BUSINESSES



Applications are currently being accepted for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, a program providing emergency assistance for eligible restaurants, bars and other qualifying businesses impacted by COVID-19.

The American Rescue Plan Act established the Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF) to provide funding to help restaurants and other eligible businesses keep their doors open.

Who can apply:

Eligible entities who have experienced pandemic-related revenue loss include:

- Restaurants
- Food stands, food trucks, food carts
- Caterers
- Bars, saloons, lounges, taverns
- Snack and nonalcoholic beverage bars
- Bakeries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Brewpubs, tasting rooms, taprooms (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Breweries and/or microbreweries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Wineries and distilleries (onsite sales to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)

- Inns (onsite sales of food and beverage to the public comprise at least 33% of gross receipts)
- Licensed facilities or premises of a beverage alcohol producer where the public may taste, sample or purchase products

This program will provide restaurants with funding equal to their pandemic-related revenue loss up to \$10 million per business and no more than \$5 million per physical location.

Recipients are not required to repay the funding as long as funds are used for eligible uses no later than March 11, 2023.

[More Info](#)

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

CALLING ALL STERLING HEIGHTS STUDENTS

Do you know an exceptional Sterling Heights student who would love to serve our community?

The Sterling Heights Youth Advisory Board is the perfect opportunity for students age 14-18 to help promote youth involvement in local government, increase civic engagement among youth, assist in development of new youth programs and advise City Council and City Administration on youth and teen issues!

To apply, please complete the forms on our [website!](#)



[Apply Today](#)

MACOMB SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS COMPETE AT VELOCITY CENTER



On Saturday, May 15, 28 elementary school districts from across Macomb County gathered at Velocity Center to compete in this year's Science Olympiad!

For 35 years, the Science Olympiad has worked to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers and doctors. This is accomplished by allowing students to enhance skills in STEM as they study, design and build while having fun with like-minded friends.

The group hosts two tournaments each year, one for elementary school students and one for middle and high school students, and relies on many local science professionals who volunteer their time to coach the students over several months of preparation.

[Watch Video](#)

MEMORIAL DAY

HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE



The city of Sterling Heights will host the 41st Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday, May 31 to honor those who served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice.

The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. in front of the Sterling Heights Police Department as we welcome Grand Marshal Sharron Allen, Sterling Heights resident and Army veteran.

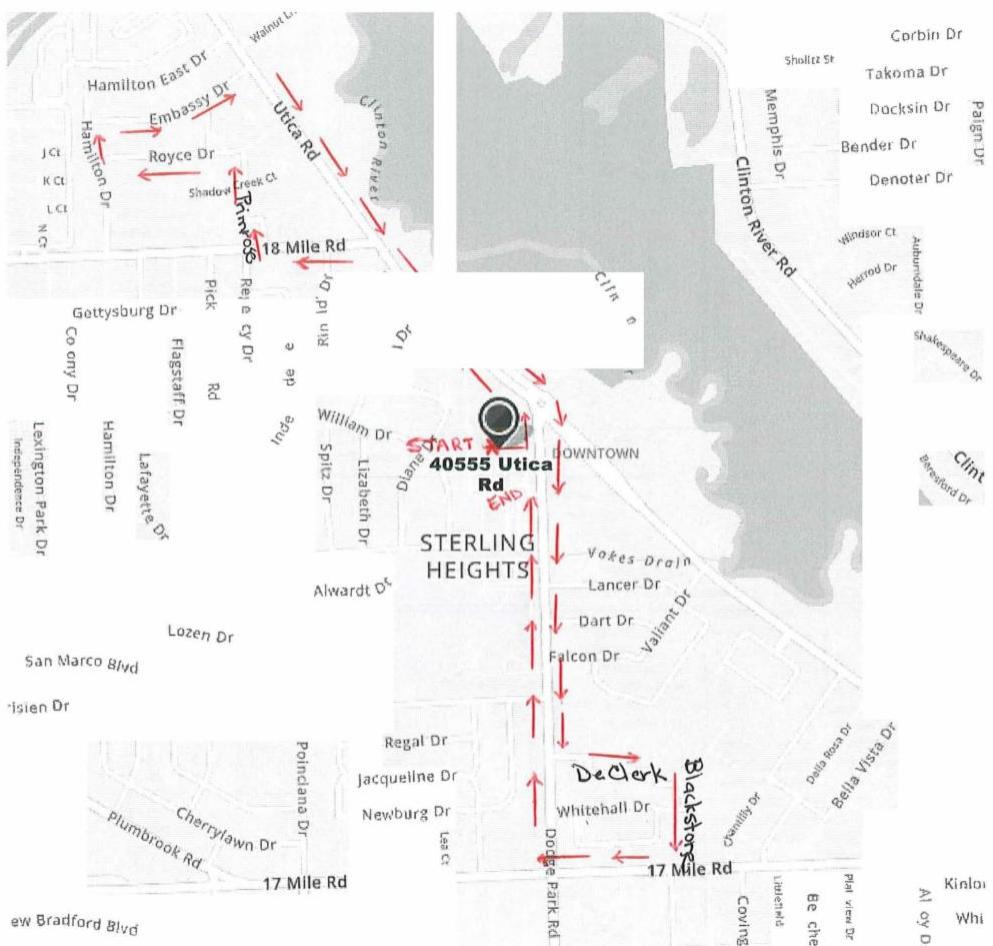
The ceremony will be moderated by Arts Commission Vice Chair Wendy Popko and include the unveiling of the City's new Memorial Garden. Remarks will be made from Mayor Michael Taylor, Senator Michael McDonald, Congressman Andy Levin, State Representative Nate Shannon, and County Commissioner Joseph Romano. We will also have a patriotic performance by Motor City Blend Chorus.



Representing the Sterling Heights VFW Post 6250, Charlie Gablesburger, Ray Nadolski, and Gene Rybicki will be in attendance, as well as Glenn Dickerson from Fraser Post 6691.

We will follow the ceremony with a short Memorial Day Cruise at 10 a.m. exiting from City Hall and heading north down Dodge Park Road. The cruise will travel through the neighborhood of the winner from our Young Artist Contest. See map below!

Spectators are welcome to join us for the ceremony, but there will be limited capacity due to current state guidelines. However, the ceremony will also be streamed live on the [Sterling Heights City Hall Facebook page](#) for viewers to watch at home!



[Facebook Event Page](#)

PATIO 'N' PINTS

COME OUT TO THE OUTDOOR BIERGARTEN IN THE CENTER OF STERLING HEIGHTS

We've got exciting brews! Patios 'n' Pints will return for its third year in Sterling Heights, and it is anticipated to be bigger and better than ever!

Join us Thursday nights from 5 - 7 p.m. just outside the Upton House for an outdoor craft biergarten in the center of it all! Enjoy premium beers, music, games and more.

Each week features a new craft brewery with a few of their freshest options on tap.

Patios 'n' Pints leads right up to live music from the Dodge Park amphitheatre, so your Thursday night plans have been taken care of!

Capacity is limited, so reserve your spot in advance below!



[Register Online](#)

2021 CULTURAL EXCHANGE

COME EXPERIENCE VARIOUS ETHNIC AND CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS

Join the city of Sterling Heights and its Ethnic Community Committee on Friday, June 18 for the 2021 Cultural Exchange from 6 - 10 p.m. in the Dodge Park Farmers Market Pavilion.

Come celebrate the many cultures that make up our community through a wide array of ethnic music and dance, cuisine from a variety of food trucks and educational cultural displays from area groups and retailers. Cultures represented will include African-American, Bulgarian, Chaldean, Filipino, German, Indian, Irish, Italian, Macedonian, Polish, Scottish, Slovakian, Turkish and more.



Businesses interested in becoming a sponsor, groups or organizations that are interested in having a table display and dance troupes and entertainment groups interested in performing are encouraged to call Community Relations at (586) 446-2470.

2021 Cultural Exchange Participation Form

Due to limited capacity, we ask that those interested in attending this year's event to pre-registers online at the link below!

[Register Online](#)

MAY TREE SALE

DPW DISCOUNT ITS TREE PROGRAM IN THE MONTH OF MAY



DPW will discount its tree program in the month of May to encourage residents to purchase trees for the fall 2021 planting.

Trees purchased during the month of May will be discounted by \$50 and will be planted late fall 2021.

Payment must be received between May 1 – May 31.

For more information, call DPW at 586-446-2440.

[More Info](#)

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021

Watch this week'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)



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