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## EAT TO THE BEAT SUMMER SERIES

We had another successful summer series of Eat to the Beat events held the 2nd Thursday of each month in the City Centre attracting larger crowds than ever to the lunchtime food truck and concert series. In 2016, we introduced an After Hours event which included craft beer and wine tastings, as well as live music and tons of fun.



## SUMMER SOULSTICE 5K and FAMILY FUN

In June, the City Centre sponsored the 4th Annual Summer Soulstice 5K run/walk and Family Fun event. We welcomed the largest crowd of participants since the event was started. This year's event attracted hundreds to the Southfield Municipal Campus.



## EVERGREEN RD IMPROVEMENTS

The Evergreen Road Corridor project officially opened to the public barely a year ago and it's already received some significant accolades:

- 31st Annual Michigan ASLA Chapter Award Winners: Category I - Landscape Architectural Design Merit Award.
- Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc.: President's Award
- 2016 Concrete Awards: Michigan Concrete Association: Special Innovative Award.



## ART INSTALLATIONS ABOUND ART IS POPPING UP ALL OVER THE CITY

The City of Southfield continues to develop public art programs through the Southfield Public Arts Commission. Much of the art from the former Northland Mall complex is slated for installation, the famed Boy and Bear sculpture was permanently located to the lobby of the Southfield Public Library. Interactive pieces like "SFLD" were also integrated into events like Eat to the Beat. Jay Lefkowitz's Gratitude sculpture was installed in the south roundabout on Evergreen Rd as well.



## LTU UPDATE TOP IN MICHIGAN

Lawrence Technological University has moved up in the rankings of “Midwest Regional Universities” according to the annual U.S. News & World Report survey of best colleges for 2017.

Lawrence Tech was tied for 40th among 171 listed Midwest regional universities, the magazine’s rankings said, in the top quarter of the rankings of schools in 12 states. That’s up from 54th last year.

“The strong performance of our overall academic program in this prestigious national survey reflects our ongoing commitment to enhance the value of a Lawrence Tech degree,” said LTU President Virinder Moudgil. “It is gratifying that LTU’s efforts are being recognized.”

U.S. News also ranked Lawrence Tech No. 26 on its list of best colleges for veterans. It was the highest ranking of any university in Michigan on this list. The ranking shows schools that fully participate in federal initiatives helping veterans and active duty service members pay for their degrees.

Lawrence Tech was also ranked 44th in the nation among all universities in the strength of its online graduate engineering program. More than 80 schools were ranked in this category.



# A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

## A concept plan for the vacant parcel across from City Hall

The City of Southfield has been proactively developing a concept vision plan for the vacant 8.15 acre site, located at the northwest corner of Evergreen Road and Civic Center Dr. The purpose of the plan is to attract developers, who will work with the City to create a vibrant, pedestrian friendly mixed-use place based upon market reality.

The site is an opportunity to build on Southfield’s high-profile business climate by adding a walkable, mixed-use destination for shopping, dining, entertainment and new residents in the heart of the City Centre.

To understand the capacity of the site, a market study was conducted revealing the amount and types of residential and retail the site is able to support. The market study finds that the site could potentially support 184,000 square feet of retail space, including restaurants and flex space; 250 units of residential (including multi-family rental and condos); a parking garage, boutique hotel & conference center, and public park.

The concept vision plan was informed by key stakeholder meetings, public workshops, and City feedback.

The concept seeks to evoke a sense of “main street” culture, connecting existing assets within a walkable mixed-use development, along an east-west axis from City Hall to Central Park Blvd.

The final product will include a vibrant, walkable streetscape with multiple destinations, mixed-use program and public life, sustainable elements, and is multi-modal with vehicular parking on-street and covered parking structures. The outdoor pedestrian friendly environment will include outdoor dining,

multiple storefronts, innovative seating, rooftop terraces, public plazas and green space, decorative lighting, water features and art.

The project will likely be built in multiple phases depending upon market conditions.



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–Project for Public Spaces

