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UPCOMING EVENTS

■ TENNIS FREE-FOR-ALL

Saturday, May 4, 10-11:30 a.m.
This is a free introductory tennis clinic at the Civic Center Park Tennis Courts.

■ MARK YOUR CALENDAR! EAT TO THE BEAT IS COMING

Join the monthly summer-long celebration with live music and food trucks.

2nd Thursday of Each Month

Jun 13, Jul 11, Aug 8, and Sept 12,
from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Stay tuned for more announcements.

MAKE EAT TO THE BEAT A CORPORATE EVENT

Want to introduce yourself to other companies in the Southfield City Centre, or maybe just enjoy the lunchtime summer sun with your coworkers? Talk with us about setting up tents, seating, and securing food truck vouchers for your employees.

Email Kyle Bryce in Planning Department for details.
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TECHNOSOFT EXPANDS IN THE SOUTHFIELD CITY CENTRE

When Technosoft Corporation was preparing to expand its corporate footprint at One Towne Square in the City Centre, Southfield became its location of choice, edging out other national options. Technosoft is creating a Digital Transformation Center of Excellence to deliver data solutions to its clients, using blockchain, robotic automation, and data science.

“We think Southfield is very business friendly,” says Glenn Moore, vice president of marketing for Technosoft. “The city government was helpful in getting permits quickly when we were building out space and putting out signage. They helped us understand funds that were available to us, got to know us, and helped us with a lot of outreach.”

Technosoft is an IT company that helps clients digitize, and embeds tech talent into customer locations to innovate solutions. The Digital Transformation Center of Excellence will bring together talent teams to build and test applications, manage projects, and create digital solutions using artificial intelligence and is projected to create 104 high-paying jobs.

In 2018, Technosoft applied for funding from the Going Pro talent fund through Oakland County Michigan Works! Southfield, which provides up to \$117,000 reimbursement for tech skills training for new and existing employees.

“The City of Southfield [Business Development Department] was very helpful in making us aware of this program and helping us understand how it works.” says Moore. “We give the City of Southfield some kudos for their support.”

LTU: CITY CENTROPOLIS ACCELERATOR GET STATE GRANT TO BOOST 'CLEANTECH' COMPANIES

The Michigan Energy Office has awarded a one-year, \$75,000 grant to Lawrence Technological University and the Centrepolis Accelerator to launch a "Cleantech ScaleUp for Success" pilot program.

The grant will allow the Centrepolis Accelerator to focus its product development, mentorship services, workshops, and events on supporting Michigan cleantech product companies to prepare products for market and manufacturing at scale.

Clean technology refers to any process, product, or service that reduces negative environmental impacts through significant energy efficiency improvements, the sustainable use of resources, or environmental protection activities.

The Centrepolis Accelerator is a business accelerator that expedites the growth of hardware developers - entrepreneurs and companies that offer a physical product or process - by providing critical commercialization services. It also offers small manufacturers help with growth strategy and scaling up their business. It is supported by LTU, the city of Southfield, the Michigan Economic Development Corp., the New Economy Initiative, and, now, the Michigan Energy Office.

The Centrepolis Accelerator is part of the Southfield Centrepolis SmartZone and operates under a partnership between the City of Southfield and LTU. It plans to open a 6,300-square-foot accelerator space on LTU's campus later this year. Learn more at www.centrepolisaccelerator.com and www.southfieldcentrepolis.com.

The new funding agreement represents the first grant that the MEO has provided to LTU.



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SPRING IS A GREAT TIME TO ENJOY PUBLIC ART IN THE SOUTHFIELD CITY CENTRE

If you haven't peeked out since snow started to fall, you'll be surprised to see some new art installations along the City Centre shared-use pathway. Spring is the perfect time to stretch your legs and see what's new in the City Centre. In the circular drive at the library's main entrance is "The Peacock," a minimalist sculpture of bronze and enamel by Arthur Kraft. And don't forget "Prophet," the bronze-casted sculpture by Sorel Etrog, in the southwest garden of City Hall. As Southfield's 60th anniversary year comes to a close, the "60" in the shared-use path between the library and the civic center will roll away, leaving the SFLD we know and love. Be sure to stroll by the fountain on the library's Evergreen Road side to see the 1,100-pound bronze sculpture "Moby Dick" by Joseph Anthony McDonnell, installed at the end of February. If you don't often find yourself on Northwestern Hwy Service Drive and Civic Center, make sure you take a walk or ride through Red Pole Park. This is one art installation in the City Centre that you must experience to believe. Then share your thoughts with us. This spring and summer, keep your eyes open for more public art in the Southfield City Centre.



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