

SOUTHERN WAYNE & DOWNRIVER

City of Allen Park

Allen Park is in an advantageous location with easy access to major interstates and freeways with thriving businesses, industry and commerce. Progressive education enriches the minds of learners of all ages. The local government wisely manages taxpayers' money, investing in the community's well-being.

Allen Park was incorporated as a village in April of 1927. In March of 1957, it became a city with a Mayor/ City Council form of government.

There are many choices available to satisfy health care and recreational needs and diverse cultural and worship options.

ADDENDUM

Area: 7.42 square miles.

Economic Base: Diversified with residential, retail, commercial and industry.

Government: Mayor/Council.

Housing: \$150,000

Income: \$75,674

Library: Allen Park Public Library, 313-381-2425.

Local Newspaper: *The News-Herald*, www.thenewsherald.com

Location: 15 miles southwest of downtown Detroit and 7 miles east of Metro Airport, easy access to I-75 and I-94.

Medical Services: Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center and Henry Ford Hospital Wyandotte (see *Health Care*).

Parks and Recreation: Civic Arena/Community Center, Civic Hall, Auditorium, numerous parks offering tennis courts, baseball diamonds, tot lots, playgrounds, walking paths and in-line skating. Senior Center transportation for All Allen Park residents, (313) 928-0770.

Population: 27,926

The city has an indoor ice arena, which hosts many special events during the year. There are 14 parks, 7 tot lots, 16 baseball fields, outdoor basketball courts, tennis courts, soccer fields, walking tracks and an in-line hockey facility.

Allen Park is home to the giant Uniroyal Tire, created by US Rubber Co. as an attraction for the 1964 World's Fair. It was brought to Allen Park in 1966. The tire is 80 feet tall and 24 feet wide and weighs ten tons and has become a distinguishing feature for the city.

Protection: Full time fire and police.

Schools: Allen Park Public Schools, Melvindale/Northern Allen Park Schools, Southgate Public Schools (see *Public School chart*).

Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value): Allen Park Public Schools: homestead 43.0258, non-homestead 60.9772; Melvindale-N. Allen Park Public Schools: 36.0258, non-homestead 54.0258; Southgate Public Schools: homestead 39.8458, non-homestead 57.8458.

Transportation: Numerous bus routes and curb to curb service through SMART bus and CONNECTOR. Call 866-962-5515.

Utilities: AT&T (Phone), DTE Energy (gas and electric), Comcast and Wide Open West (cable/internet), City of Detroit sewer and water.

City of Allen Park

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Allen Park Chamber of Commerce

6543 Allen Road • Allen Park 48101 • (313) 382-7303

Part of Southern Wayne City Chamber. www.allenparkchamber.org

Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (see box)

CITY OF MELVINDALE

Area: 2.7 square miles.

Economic Base: Diversified with residential, retail, commercial/office and significant industry.

Government: Mayor, six member Council.

Housing: \$93,000

Income: \$58,050.

Library: Melvindale Public Library, www.melvindale.lib.mi.us

Location: Located between Detroit and Dearborn, easy access to I-94, I-75 and Southfield Free (M-39).

Local Newspaper: *The News-Herald*, www.thenewsherald.com

Medical Services: Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn (see *Health Care*).

Parks and Recreation: Ice arena, community event and senior center, community parks and walking paths.

Population: 10,767

Protection: Full time police and fire.

Schools: Melvindale-Northern Allen Park Schools (see *Public School chart*).

Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value): Melvindale-N. Allen Park Public Schools: homestead 50.9376, non-homestead 68.9376.

Transportation: SMART bus service Taylor-Detroit and Westland-Dearborn-Ecorse routes. Connector curb service, 866-962-5515, www.smartbus.org. City of Melvindale offers community transit for \$12.00 year membership or \$1.00 a trip, (313) 429-1089.

Utilities: AT&T (phone), DTE Energy (gas and electric), Comcast and Wide Open West (cable/internet), City of Detroit water and sewer.

City of Melvindale

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Melvindale Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 3232 • Melvindale 48122 • (link through city website)

Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber
(see box)

Southgate

Located nine miles south of the city of Detroit, Southgate features neighborhoods that are safe and pleasant places to live. Superior schools and a full array of outdoor and indoor recreation programs add to an exceptional quality of life. The real secret to Southgate, however, is its residents who are involved and caring – where excellence is the standard, not the exception. Ask any resident and they will tell you that they consider their community “the Heart of Downriver.”

ADDENDUM

Area: 6.85 square miles.

Economic Base: Residential, retail, commercial and some industry.

Government: Mayor/Council and city administrator.

Housing: \$135,000

Income: \$65,717.

Library: Southgate Veterans Memorial Library, www.southgate.lib.mi.us

Local Newspaper: *News-Herald*, www.newsherald.com

Location: 9 miles south of Detroit, near Metro Airport and the Detroit River.

Medical Services: Oakwood Southshore Hospital (see *Health Care*).

Parks and Recreation: 9 neighborhood parks, 2 community parks, Southgate Ice Arena, senior center, municipal golf course, fun and fitness center with indoor pool and outdoor splash park, nature preserve. Senior center has transportation for 60+ and disabled 734-258-3066.

Population: 28,170 **Protection:** Full time police and fire, volunteer reserves.

Schools: Southgate Community Schools (see *Public School chart*).

Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value): Southgate Public Schools: homestead 43.89, non-homestead 61.90.

Transportation: Fixed route service and curb to curb thru SMART bus and Connector, 866-962-5515, www.smartbus.org.

Utilities: DTE Energy (gas and electric), AT&T (phone), Comcast and Wide Open West (cable/internet), City of Detroit water, sewer and refuse collection.

City of Southgate

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Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber (see box)