

# Inside St. Clair Shores Michigan

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## We pay tribute to our fallen heroes... Sunday May 27, 2012

### VFW Bruce Post 1146 Memorial Day Service 9:00 AM • Veterans Memorial Park

Join your neighbors and friends as we take a few somber moments to remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedoms. Listen to the stirring 24 notes of Taps as we pay tribute to our fallen heroes and place memorial wreaths in front of the Armed Forces Heroes Monument. Originally erected in 1947 by the Blue Star Mothers of America, Chapter 21, the monument proudly stands in Veterans Memorial Park etched with names of our City's fallen heroes from World War I, II, the Korean War, Vietnam and Operation Iraqi Freedom.



### 6th Annual Sailing Thru The Shores 5K Run/Walk

Runners at Noon • Walkers at 12:05 p.m.

Flat & fast course • Miles marked • Chip timed.

This USATF certified run is open to runners and walkers of all ages and abilities. Proceeds from the event funds scholarships for three senior student athletes and helps defray some of the Parade expenses. The route begins and ends at 11 Mile Road and Jefferson. Registration is \$25 per person. Participants can pickup race packets and check in on race day from 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Masonic Temple, one block east of Harper. Over the last four years, *Sailing Thru The Shores* has attracted runners from all corners of Michigan as well as eight states and Canada. Visit [scsfunrun.org](http://scsfunrun.org) for more details.



### 60th Annual Memorial Day Parade Step-off: 1:00 PM

Harper from 9 to 11 Mile Roads  
Theme: *Freedom's Not Free*

Grand Marshall:

**Tara Perez, Commander of the VFW  
Bruce Post 1146**

Special Celebrity Guest:

**Fox 2's Rich Luterman, former Weather  
Detachment Commander, Desert Storm**

Special Guests:

**John Heller, Survivor of the USS Indianapolis**

**Gene Morose, Peal Harbor Survivor**

**Sara Skony, Winner of the logo contest**

Lawn chairs are securely nestled in front of Sunny's Restaurant. Children are waving flags and dancing in the streets to music by "Loco Joe" Evangelista from [djdjockey.com](http://djdjockey.com). Anticipation fills the air...**the 60th Annual Memorial Day Parade is on its way!** Sponsored by the all-volunteer St. Clair Shores Memorial Parade Committee, promoters tout this year Parade as "bigger and better than ever before." The Parade features over one hundred entries including military personnel, military vehicles, marching bands, floats, dignitaries, school and civic groups. The Spirit of American Band as well as the Pipers and the US Navy Great Lakes Band join our citizens in celebration and tribute to our military men and women...past, present and future.

Ed. Note: The Parade is looking for volunteers to help on Parade day. No experience necessary. Call Sue at 504-0493 for details.

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#### FREE CONCERT! US NAVY

#### GREAT LAKES BAND WIND ENSEMBLE

40 professional musicians  
under the direction of  
LT. Patrick Sweeten, USN

Sunday, May 27

6-8PM

BRUCE POST 1146  
28404 Jefferson

# Summer fun waits for YOU at the City pool

Our Olympic-size, municipal pool, located in Lac Sainte Claire Park (behind City Hall at 11 Mile Road and Jefferson) features a 200-foot long, three story waterslide. A park pass is required for entrance and is available at both City Hall and at the Parks and Recreation Office at 20000 Stephens (between Little Mack and the I-94 Expressway). City Hall is open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Office is open every day from 8:30 am to 9:00 p.m. You must present proof of residency to purchase a park pass and to enter our "resident-only" waterfront parks.



## HOURS OF OPERATION

**From May 26 to June 9:**  
The Municipal Pool and Waterslide are available for use by residents and their guests on weekends only from Noon to 8:00 p.m.

**From June 9 to September 3 (Labor Day):** Open every day from Noon to 8:00 p. m.

**Saturday, June 9: FREE DAY!**

## POOL DAILY FEES

|                   | Residents | Non-Resident  |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Guest             |           |               |
| Youth             | \$2.00    | \$3.00        |
| Adult             | \$3.00    | \$4.00        |
| Senior            | \$2.00    | \$3.00        |
| Family Daily Pass | \$7.00    | Not Available |
| Additional Child  | \$1.50    |               |

## POOL/WATERSLIDE DAILY FEES

(Persons using waterslide must be 42" tall to slide. Double sliding is not allowed. Metal objects of any kind are not allowed on the waterslide.)

|                   | Residents | Non-Resident  |
|-------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Guest             |           |               |
| Youth             | \$3.00    | \$ 4.00       |
| Adult             | \$5.00    | \$ 6.00       |
| Senior            | \$4.00    | \$ 5.00       |
| Family Daily Pass | \$12.00   | Not Available |
| Additional Child  | \$3.00    |               |

## SEASONAL PASSES

Passes are available for purchase at the Parks & Recreation Office only (20000 Stephens). The fees are as follows:

## POOL/WATERSLIDE PASSES

|                    |         |
|--------------------|---------|
| Family of 4        | \$50.00 |
| (Additional youth) | \$10.00 |
| Youth              | \$20.00 |
| Adult              | \$25.00 |
| Senior             | \$20.00 |

## SWIM INSTRUCTION: 8:00 AM to Noon

Register TODAY. • Call 445-5270 for more information.

**SESSION 1: June 11-June 22**

**SESSION 3: JULY 9-JULY 20**

**SESSION 2: June 25 -July 6**

**SESSION 4: JULY 23-AUG 3**

Due to new skill standards set by the American Red Cross, class requirements have been changed. All instructors have been retrained to meet the new requirements and will be promoting more safety and competitive swimming. An additional level has been added. Please check class descriptions carefully. All classes are taught by trained American Red Cross water safety instructors.

**LEVEL 1 - Water Exploration (Tots) 42"Height.....\$35**  
Purpose: Orientation to aquatic environment. Create a sound foundation for aquatic and safety skills.

**LEVEL 2 - Primary Skills (Beginners) .....\$35**  
Purpose: Expand on fundamental aquatic locomotion and safety skills.

**LEVEL 3 - Stroke Readiness (Advanced Beginners).....\$40**  
Purpose: Increase swimming skill competency. Practice safety and rescue skills.

**LEVEL 4 - Stroke Development (Intermediates).....\$40**  
Purpose: Develop confidence and competency in strokes and safety skills beyond preceding levels. Introduction of breaststroke and sidestroke.

**LEVEL 5 - Stroke Refinement (Swimmer).....\$40**  
Purpose: Continue refinement of front crawl, back crawl, elementary backstroke, breaststroke, and sidestroke. Introduce butterfly, surface dives, and springboard diving.

**LEVEL 6 - Skill Proficiency (Advanced Swimmer).....\$50**  
Purpose: Develop maximum efficiency and endurance for strokes. Introduce surface dives and flip turns. Encourage lifetime fitness. Refine strokes learned in previous levels. Develop springboard diving skills. Teach advanced rescue skills.

**ADULT SURVIVAL: \$35 • LIFEGUARD TRAINING: \$200 • COMPETITIVE SWIM: \$85**



**SPLASH ZONE  
AT VETERANS MEMORIAL  
PARK OPEN DAILY FROM  
10:00AM TO 8:00PM  
From June 9 to September 3**

# COUNCIL CONNECTION



Council Member  
Chris M. Vitale

How do you measure success in city government? In a business model, you might look at sales. But local government doesn't sell a product. It can only create an environment that will either stimulate

or discourage the sale of real estate. Our supply of homes and other property is limited, so we must create demand to occupy that real estate. With supply a constant, the measure of demand is sale prices.

The majority of land in St. Clair Shores is occupied by 22,966 single-family homes. This presents a huge challenge because ideally government should have very little impact on an individual's life. Thus we must walk a fine line between an overbearing approach and/or becoming so hands-off that decay and blight are accepted and the majority of our real estate becomes undesirable. I believe the difficult nature of having a positive impact on thousands of individual homes is the reason it is so tempting to overlook neighborhoods. Without this focus, local governments often jump ahead to large-scale, special taxation districts like the Nautical Mile, or the construction of new government buildings as "attractions." Like a house without a foundation, a community full of attractions will fail without strong, desirable neighborhoods.

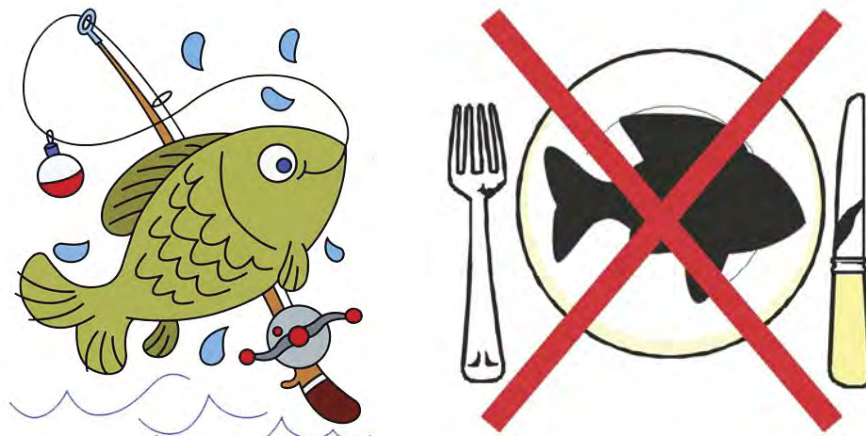
It's hard (if not impossible) to show a connection between special government projects and the desirability of neighborhoods. For example the City of Detroit has numerous community centers, newly-refurbished hotels and a river/boardwalk; but the median home price is barely \$7500. The City of Birmingham has no special tax-capture districts\*, yet it offers a vibrant downtown and St. Clair Shores-comparable brick ranches from the 1950s are abundant... if you have over \$200,000 to spend. Sure these are very extreme examples, but they illustrate that attraction-sites don't guarantee improved property values, and a lack of the same doesn't place you at the bottom of a homebuyer's shopping list either.

When the costs are shown for these special projects, they typically fail to account for the increased workload placed upon city administrators. The time a building inspector spends on a project becomes hours not devoted to rental inspections. The meetings held to discuss the style of park benches with a city manager equals time not spent solving a budget issue. A councilperson's energy to solve a resident's problem is exhausted by new project issues. At a time when city staffing is running lean, and we're staring down issues of crime, declining revenues and a massive age/demographic shift; I'm very reluctant to spread our employees even further.

An unwillingness to begin a massive new public works project doesn't make someone anti-progress. It may simply mean they're willing to learn from the mistakes and successes of others, and that they're considering the entire cost to the community.

I welcome your comments or concerns on these issues. You can contact me via e-mail at [vitalc@scsmi.net](mailto:vitalc@scsmi.net) or call me at 801-4732.

\*Source, Birmingham Treasurer's Office



## From the Michigan Department of Community Health...

### Fish Advisory for the Lange & Revere Canals

#### WHERE ARE THE LANGE & REVERE CANALS?

The Lange and Revere Canals are the two canals just south of 10 Mile Road and along the western shore of Lake St. Clair. PCBs have been found in the Lange and Revere Canals and are associated with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) 10 Mile Drain Superfund Site. These are the only two canals in St. Clair Shores known to have this problem. The USEPA is currently working on investigation and cleanup plans for the PCB contamination.

#### WHAT IS THE FISH ADVISORY FOR THE LANGE & REVERE CANALS?

In May, 2011, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) issued a DO NOT EAT ADVISORY for fish caught in the Lange and Revere Canals. Unsafe levels of PCBs are in the fish that live in these canals. While fishing is allowed, MDCH strongly recommends that people do not eat the fish in these two canals. It is not dangerous to touch the fish,

#### HOW HIGH ARE THE PCB LEVELS FROM THE FISH IN THE LANGE & REVERE CANALS?

Fish caught in the Lange and Revere Canals are contaminated with high levels of PCBs. Four types of fish — sunfish, crappie, large-mouth bass and carp—from these two canals were collected in 2010. The MDCH Laboratory tested for the levels of PCBs in the fish filets. The levels in the fish were more than 2,000 times higher than levels typically seen in fish collected from Lake St. Clair in the Anchor Bay area (the northern end of the Lake). MDCH strongly advises people to not eat any fish from these two specific canals because of the high levels of PCBs.

#### WHY DOES IT MATTER THAT THERE ARE HIGH LEVELS OF PCB IN FISH?

Eating fish with high levels of PCBs can be harmful to your health. The PCBs measured in the fish from the Lange and Revere canals are the highest ever found in the state. Everyone gets a small amount of PCBs from their diet; however, a single meal of these fish has the same amount of PCBs that you would usually consume in thirty-four years. PCBs won't make you sick right away, but studies have linked PCBs with cancer and diabetes. MDCH continues to monitor the situation and will update the Michigan Fish Advisory/Eat Safe Fish Guide as data becomes available.

For more information about public health involvement at the 10 Mile Drain Superfund Site visit [www.michigan.gov/mdch-toxics](http://www.michigan.gov/mdch-toxics) and look for the St. Clair Shores, Macomb County link under the Health Assessments and Related Documents tab, All documentation regarding the PCB contamination is also available in the St. Clair Shores Library at the corner of 11 Mile Road and Jefferson and online at [www.scsmi.net](http://www.scsmi.net).

#### Do Not Eat Fish From These Canals

The Michigan Department of Community Health has found unsafe levels of chemicals (PCBs) in fish from the Lange and Revere Canals.



Eating these fish may harm your health.



For more information, call MDCH at 1-800-648-6942.



Scan this bar QR into your mobile device and go directly to their website.



## Inside Our City



I have lived my whole life in St Clair Shores. In fact, I am what most sports fans would call a "homer." My parents also both grew up in the City, graduating from Lakeshore and the old St. Gertrude High Schools.



Mayor  
Kip C. Walby

I remember when the canals had too much water in them, and the DNR made us dike every canal. I recall canoes in Eagle Point, because the flooding had occurred!

I remember when Jefferson was lined with the old cottages from the 1930's. It looked like you were "Up North," but you only had to go down your street.

I recall when the court house and the City Council Chambers were one building, because we didn't have a separate court building. We were a municipality, so judges worked part time, and the rest of the time they worked as lawyers.

I remember when there were at least seven little leagues for baseball in this town, and my team won the City championship. I think I was about twelve years old.

I remember when Bennett's Market and Hudson's would deliver, and the green Hudson's truck came down my street just about every day! I loved to take my bike to Bennett's to buy penny candy.

I recall that nearly every one of my neighbors worked either directly or indirectly for the Big Three. Ten years ago, on my block, I started with five close neighbors working in automotive, and now only one of us is still working in the automotive industry.

I remember when all the neighbors would sit on the porch in the evening, and talk.

I also remember how your friends' parents would be watching out for you (even if you didn't like it!), and you could get in trouble from somebody else's mom. Then you might go home and catch it again from your mom, because she got a call. I remember that pit I would get in my stomach if I saw my mom come walking down the street looking for me. Of course, that always meant trouble...

I remember the Eleven Mile Park having trampolines and a putt-putt golf course, and having many tourneys there. I have tons of fond memories of my youth in the Shores. As I reflect on the past, I realize that my parents and grandparents faced many of the same challenges and difficulties that we are facing today, and they overcame them. Solomon, with all his wisdom, said, "There is nothing new under the sun".

Bit by bit, one step at a time, we will come through this season of hardship.

Meanwhile, let us remember what is good about life in our hometown.

If you would like to share your memories of St. Clair Shores or have any comments or concerns, please e-mail me at [walby@scsmi.net](mailto:walby@scsmi.net) or call me directly at 445-3983.

## St. Clair Shores Directory

27600 Jefferson Circle Dr.  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48081-2093



**CITY HALL HOURS**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

St. Clair Shores Web Site  
www.scsmi.net

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Municipal Telephone Directory  
Direct Dial Numbers

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Assessing                | 447-3355        |
| City Clerk               | 447-3303        |
| City Manager             | 447-3311        |
| Code Enforcement         | 447-3336        |
| Communications Dept.     | 447-3414        |
| Community Devel.         | 447-3340        |
| D.P.W. Complex           | 445-5363        |
| Finance                  | 447-3324        |
| Fire Department          | 445-5380        |
| 40th District Court      | 445-5280        |
| Golf Course              | 294-2000        |
| Housing-Leisure Manor    | 773-9200        |
| Library                  | 771-9020        |
| Parks & Recreation       | 445-5350        |
| Police Department        | 445-5300        |
| Senior Activities Center | 445-0996        |
| Tax & Water Bills        | 447-3317        |
| <b>EMERGENCY</b>         | <b>911</b>      |
| <b>NON-EMERGENCY</b>     | <b>777-6700</b> |

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## Inside St. Clair Shores

is a community newsletter published by the City of St. Clair Shores eight to ten times per year. It serves to educate and inform the residents and businesses in the City about issues, regulations, activities, and persons who have an impact on the quality of life in our community.

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Plant some flowers...  
Cut the grass...  
Sweep the steps...  
Get ready to welcome visitors  
to your neighborhood...

**St. Clair Shores  
Community Open  
House Event  
Sunday, June 5  
Noon to 5 PM  
Stop by City Hall  
for addresses  
& information packets.**

Visitors from around  
Macomb County will tour  
over 100 open houses in our City.

Sponsored by Ross Mortgage Corp., First American Home  
Buyers Corp., Keller Williams, Home Inspection Professionals,  
C&G Newspapers, the Cool City Committee, & Chirco Title Co.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

**TH 24** Sign Arbitration 9AM City Hall  
1st Stop for TOTS 10AM Library  
TOT Time 10:30AM Library  
Local History Ctr 5-8:45PM Library  
Genealogy 7PM Library

**F 25** Local History Ctr 10AM-Noon 1-4 pm  
Library  
Classic Film Fridays: A League of Their  
Own 1:30 PM Library

**SA 26** Library Closed  
City Pool Opens Weekends Only &  
Holidays Noon-8PM (until June 9)  
Lac Sainte Claire Park behind City Hall

**SU 27** VFW Memorial Day Service 9 AM  
Veterans Memorial Park  
6th Annual Sailing Thru The Shores  
5K Run/Walk Noon Harper and 11  
Mile Rd.

60th Annual Memorial Day Parade  
1PM Harper

**M 28** Memorial Day  
ALL CITY & COUNTY OFFICES  
CLOSED  
TRASH SERVICE DELAYED ONE DAY

**TU 29** TRASH SERVICE DELAYED ONE DAY  
Local History Ctr 1-4 PM Library

**W 30** TRASH SERVICE DELAYED ONE DAY  
1st Stop for TOTS 10AM Library  
TOT Time 10:30AM Library  
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum  
Open 1-4 PM

**TH 31** TRASH SERVICE DELAYED ONE DAY  
Water Bills for 48081 Mailed  
1st Stop for TOTS 10AM Library  
TOT Time 10:30AM Library  
Local History Ctr 5-8:45PM Library

### JUNE

**F 1** TRASH SERVICE DELAYED ONE DAY  
Parks & Rec Programs Civic Arena  
Summer Hours Begin  
Odd/Even Watering Ordinance in  
Effect Until October 1  
Yard Waste & Large Brush Pickup in  
Effect Until December 14

Classic Film Fridays: Arabesque  
1:30 PM Library

**SA 2** Early Warning Siren Test 1 PM ( In  
Good Weather Only)

9 Mile Merchants Assoc. JuneFest  
9 Mile & Mack

**M 4** City Council Meeting 7 PM City Hall

**TU 5** Local History Ctr 1-4PM Library  
Summer Reading Club Open House  
6-8PM Library

Historical Com. 7 PM Selinsky-Green  
Farmhouse Museum

Water Resources Brd 7PM City Hall

**W 6** 1st Stop for TOTS 10AM Library  
TOT Time 10:30AM Library  
Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum  
Open 1-4 PM

**TH 7** 1st Stop for TOTS 10AM Library  
TOT Time 10:30AM Library  
Local History Ctr 5-8:45 PM Library

Dog Park Com 6:30PM Civic Arena  
Cinema Thursdays: One For The  
Money 6:30 PM Library  
SCS Memorial Parade Com 7PM City Hall  
Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) 7PM  
City Hall

**F 8** Local History Ctr 10 AM - NOON  
1-4PM Library  
Classic Film Fridays: Bunny Lake is  
Missing 1:30 pm Library

**SA 9** I-94 Expressway Ramp Cleanup  
10AM-Noon  
Meet in Parking Lot NE Corner 10 MI &  
I-94

FREE Day at the City Pool Noon-8PM

Splash Zone Opens 10 AM-8PM  
Veterans Memorial Park

Summer Playground Programs Begins  
Veterans Memorial Park

**M 11** Long Mondays DPW Open 7AM-7PM  
For Trash & Motor Oil Drop Off

Yardeners 7PM Library

**TU 12** Local History Ctr 1-4PM Library  
SRC Terrific Tuesdays 2PM Library  
Planning Com 7PM City Hall

**W 13** 1st Stop for TOTS 10AM Library  
TOT Time 10:30AM Library

Selinsky-Green Farmhouse Museum  
Open 1-4 PM

Cultural Com 6PM Library

Beautification Com 7PM City Hall

Cool City Committee 7PM City Hall

**TH 14** Flag Day  
1st Stop for TOTS 10AM Library  
TOT Time 10:30AM Library

Local History Ctr. 5-8:45 PM

Parks & Rec Com 7PM Civic Arena

**F 15** SCS Sharks Softball Tourn Kyte Monroe  
Father's Day Craft 10 AM-Noon  
2-4 PM Library

SCS Sharks Softball Tourn Kyte Monroe

**SA 16**