**Southfield to host COVID-19 memorial, visual tribute May 10-28**

*Program will include candlelight vigil May 11 at 8 pm*

Southfielders who have relatives, friends, colleagues and neighbors who passed away due to the COVID-19 pandemic are invited to submit a photo and brief biography for a memorial tribute to be held in May.

Mayor Ken Siver, Planning Department, Public Arts Commission and the City Centre Advisory Board will install memorial flags as a tribute to residents who lost their lives to COVID-19 on the front lawn of the Southfield Municipal Campus, 26000 Evergreen Road.  The flag memorial will be on display from May 10-28, in addition to a candlelight vigil that will take place on May 11 at 8pm. The memorial will include a reading of the names of community members who have passed.

“With so many Southfield lives lost to COVID-19, we felt it was vitally important to pay tribute to these cherished friends and family members,” commented Mayor Siver. “We hope that this memorial tribute provides some comfort to the many families and friends who have lost loved ones as we remember these individuals and share how they inspired us and contributed to our community.”

The city of Southfield is inviting residents to honor lost loved ones by submitting their names, a brief bio (350-character limit) and a photo (optional) to be included in an online memorial at [www.cityfosouthfield.com](http://www.cityfosouthfield.com) as well as at the candlelight vigil. Submissions should be e-mailed to kbryant@cityofsouthfield.com by 5pm. on Monday, May 3 to be included.

To date, 267 Southfield residents have succumbed due to the COVID-19 virus.

For more information, contact Mayor Siver’s office at (248) 796-5100 or visit [www.cityofsouthfield.com](http://www.cityofsouthfield.com).