



# City Waves

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## City of South Haven Property Tax and Special Assessment Exemption Guidelines

The South Haven City Council approved and adopted two separate programs at their January 21, 2019 regular meeting, both of which provide similar benefits to citizens. Those programs are: 1) the 2019 property tax poverty exemption guidelines, and the special assessment district guidelines.

Property owners who are unable to reasonably pay annual property taxes and/or special assessments may apply to the programs to seek either a partial or full exemption from property taxes for the year of application.

A requirement of the programs is that the claimant must own and occupy the homestead property for which the exemption is requested. Decisions are determined by the poverty threshold income standards along with other standards such as asset eligibility limitations that City Council sets each year.

A property owner may apply for the poverty exemption at the City Assessor's Office, City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven. Exemptions can be approved by the March, July, or December Boards of Review. Therefore, the last date to apply for 2019 would be prior to the December Board of Review—approximately December 1.

For more information regarding application to the poverty exemption program, contact the City of South Haven Assessor's Office at (269) 637-0745, or by email at [jwoodley@south-haven.com](mailto:jwoodley@south-haven.com).

## All Seasons Marine Visioning Sessions 2 and 3

In order to gather input from residents and interested parties, the City of South Haven will be hosting two visioning sessions related to the proposed purchase of All Seasons Marine, as well as the overall future of the maritime district. The sessions will be conducted by Mr. Greg Wykcamp of Edgewater Resources. Please plan to join us on Tuesday, February 5 for Session #2, and Thursday, February 28 for Session #3. Both sessions will be held from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven, MI 49090.

## THIS MONTH



February:

### Meetings

4	City Council	7:00 pm
6	DDA	12:00 pm
6	CBA	3:00 pm
7	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
11	LDFA / Brownfield	4:00 pm
12	Parks Commission	7:00 pm
18	City Council	7:00 pm
19	Harbor Commission	5:30 pm
25	BPU / SHAWSA	4:00 pm
25	Zoning Board of Appeals	7:00 p.m.

\*\*Please confirm dates, times & location before attending.

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**March 20 - First Day of Spring**



Just a few reminders...

- Beginning on November 15th, no parking is allowed on any City street between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. to allow for snow removal. This parking restriction will be in effect until March 15, 2019.
- The City of South Haven mailed the Winter 2018 Property Tax bills the first week of December. If you have not received your bill please call (269) 637-0700 or visit the Parcel Records area of the City's website at [www.south-haven.com](http://www.south-haven.com). **Winter taxes are due on February 14th.**
- The Assessing Office will be mailing assessment notices to each property owner within the City limits at the end of February. The assessment notices show several important figures. These include the State Equalized Value, the Assessed Value, and the Taxable Value of your property for the 2019 tax years. For more information, contact the assessing office at (269) 637-0745.
- Trash containers should not be placed in the parkway more than 24 hours before pick-up. Also, the containers shall be removed no more than 24 hours following pick-up.

## Board of Review Meeting Dates

At their January 7, 2019 Regular Meeting, the City Council approved a resolution setting the meeting dates for the City of South Haven Board of Review. All meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 539 Phoenix Street, South Haven, MI 49090. The meeting dates are as follows:

- Tuesday, March 5 at 9:00 a.m. for Board Organization and review of assessment roll (no hearing of appeals).
- Tuesday, March 12, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m., hearing of appeals by scheduled appointment. Walk-ins will be seen if time allows between scheduled appointments.
- Tuesday, March 15, 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., hearing of appeals by appointment. Walk-ins will be seen if time allows between scheduled appointments.

For more information on the Board of Appeals, please visit the city's website at [www.south-haven.com](http://www.south-haven.com).

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