

CITY DIRECTORY

Emergencies	Call 911
Fire Emergency	(248)541-3600
City Manager	(248)546-2360
City Clerk	(248)546-2384
Community Development	(248)546-2366
Ferndale DDA	(248)546-1632
Finance Dept.	(248)546-2376
Fire Non-Emergency	(248)546-2510
Police Non-Emergency	(248)541-3650
Public Library	(248)547-2504
Public Works	(248)546-2514
Public Works <i>after hours</i>	(248)541-3650
Recreation Department	(248)544-6767
Special Events	(248)546-1573
Tax Department	(248)546-2370
Water & Sewer	(248)546-2374
43 rd District Court	(248)547-8700
Ferndale Area Chamber	(248)542-2160
Historical Society	(248)545-7606
Housing Commission	(248)547-9500

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11, 2014

Hilton Fall Festival at Martin Road Park, Hours: 11:00 am to 4:00 pm
Sponsored by Garden Fresh Gourmet & Ferndale Recreation Department
For more info: (248) 544-6767

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Dress like the Devil, Run for the Angels 5k & Fun Run
Hours: 9:00 am – 10:30 am. For more info: (248) 219-8577

November 22, 2014

FestivALE, a holiday celebration festival. Presented by One-Eyed Betty's
Hours: 12:00 pm to 12:00 am. For more info: (248) 808-6633

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Holiday Hoof Obstacle Course Run,
Hours: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
www.downtownferndale.com

December 6, 2014

Holiday Showplace - Arts & Crafts Fair, Hours: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
@ Kulick Community Center. For more info: (248) 544-6767

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Breakfast with Santa, Hours: 9:30 am to 11:30 am.
@ Kulick Community Center. For more info: (248) 544-6767

December 13, 2014

Holiday Ice Festival, Hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
www.downtownferndale.com



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Mayor's Corner

Welcome to our new quarterly newsletter for Ferndale residents. On behalf of City Council and staff, we are excited to provide you the most current information to take full advantage of the services we deliver.

As you know, on August 11, 2014 the City of Ferndale and our surrounding neighbors experienced severe damage caused by massive flooding. We worked hard with the State and Federal Government to bring FEMA funds to our community. Our hard work paid off, and on September 25, 2014 the President of the United States declared an emergency for our area and authorized FEMA funds to assist our residents. If you were impacted by the floods, I urge you to contact FEMA at:

1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or
www.disasterassistance.gov

to register your damage and assess if you qualify for either a grant or a loan. You have until November 24, 2014 to apply for these funds, so please don't miss this opportunity.

To stay connected to updates and information, please follow us at:

www.FerndaleMI.gov
[Facebook.com /Ferndale.Michigan](https://www.facebook.com/Ferndale.Michigan)
[Twitter.com/FerndaleMich](https://twitter.com/FerndaleMich).

I hope you find this information valuable, and look for the next quarterly newsletter in your mailbox in January!

Sincerely,
Mayor Dave Coulter

What You Need to Know About Curbside Leaf Pick-Up.

The City of Ferndale's Department of Public Works (DPW) provides residents with curbside leaf pick up from October 15 to November 30. The DPW will be deploying four leaf pick-up crews, up to six days per week to collect leaves rapidly. However, in some cases, leaf collection may be delayed due to inclement weather, water main breaks or sewer blockages.

Simple steps to leaf collection:

- Place fallen leaves in a long narrow row approximately one foot out from the curb and no wider than four feet.
- Do not place leaves near a mailbox or behind trees.
- Do not mix tree limbs, brush and other yard waste with leaves as this may cause equipment damage.
- Avoid on street parking during curbside leaf collection.
- Do not rake leaves over catch basin grates to prevent street flooding during rain events.
- City Ordinance prohibits the burning of leaves and yard waste.

Paper lawn refuse bags and reusable containers are the alternative to leaf pick-up and can be picked up during normal weekly curbside yard waste collection. Please do not mix yard waste with refuse or recyclables.

The City's weekly curbside yard waste collection program will continue through the end of November. All paper lawn refuse bag collection ends the second week in December.



Any remaining leaves or lawn refuse from December to mid-April can be dropped off at the SOCCAR's Troy Transfer Station, located on Coolidge Hwy. at *no charge*. For more details, call (248) 288-5150.

If you have any questions or concerns relative to Ferndale's yard waste collection program, please call DPW at (248) 546-2514.



CITY OF FERNDALE
300 EAST NINE MILE ROAD
FERNDALE, MICHIGAN 48220

Address Corrections Requested

General Election, November 4 Voting 101: Know Before You Go

- ✓ Checking your voter registration. Your registration is not automatically changed when you move, even if you change the address on your Driver's License.
- ✓ View a sample ballot at City Hall or www.ferndalemi.gov/Services/Elections.
- ✓ Voting a Straight Party Ticket. Marking one of the political parties in this first section of the ballot will register a vote for each of the party candidates. If you cast a vote in one or more of the specific office sections for a candidate(s) of a *different party*, the tabulator will override your Straight Party choice for that office(s) only.

Voting Absentee

- ✓ Eligibility. You may request an Absentee Voter (AV) ballot if you are 60+ years old; expect to be out of town on Election Day; physically unable to go to the polls; and several other reasons. AV ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office or on-line at www.michigan.gov/vote.
- ✓ Deadline to Apply. To have an AV ballot mailed to you, we must receive your application by Nov. 1 at 2pm or stop in person to City Hall until Mon., Nov. 3 at 4pm. By law, you may only pick up a ballot for yourself.
- ✓ Return voted AV Ballot by mail, in person at City Hall or drop in the secure payment drop box at City Hall. Any AV ballot returned by 8pm on Election Day will be counted.
- ✓ Sign Your Ballot. You MUST sign the envelope to return your AV ballot.

Extended Office Hours

- ✓ To assist you, the City Clerk's Office will be open the following extended hours: Fri., Oct. 24 and Fri., Oct. 31, 9am-4pm, and Sat., Nov. 1, 9am-2pm.

Ferndale's Winter Maintenance Guide & Snow Removal



The City of Ferndale prepares year-round to ensure that residents are safe from snow, ice, and extreme cold during Michigan's long winter season. Below are a few resources to help get you through what we hope to be an easier winter than last season!

Winter Street Clearance Procedures: Ever wonder in what order DPW clears streets and parking lots?

- Priority 1: Major Roads
- Priority 2: East side & west side fire routes, sidewalks and crosswalks
- Priority 3: Public parking lots, municipal building parking lots and parking bays
- Priority 4: Public alleys and dead end streets
- Priority 5: all other residential streets

Snow Emergency

The Director of the Department of Public Works is officially responsible for calling a snow emergency in Ferndale. By declaring a snow emergency, it helps our DPW try to clear important routes curb to curb. Once declared, the snow emergency remains in effect until an announcement is made that it has been lifted. Cars that remain parked in city streets during an active snow emergency may be ticketed or have their vehicles impounded.

Residential homes without a driveway are eligible for a special parking permit issued by the Ferndale Police Department. For more information on this program, please contact the Ferndale Police Department non-emergency number: 248-541-3650.

Residential Snow Removal

Help us by following the basics of residential snow removal and by looking out for your neighbors, particularly the elderly and disabled. Property owners should clear sidewalks adjacent to their homes within 24 hours of the first sign of snow accumulation. If the snow accumulates overnight, homeowners should work to remove the snow by noon the following day. Together we are all responsible for keeping Ferndale safe and comfortable for all of us who use our public sidewalks.

Snow Emergency & Removal continues...

When You Shovel Snow and Clear Ice:

- Shovel the full width of the sidewalk on all sides of your property, down to the bare pavement.
- Remove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is clear, sprinkling sand, salt, or cat litter can help prevent slipping. Pile snow onto your own yard or boulevard. It's against ordinance to shovel snow into streets and alleys. If you have a corner property, you are required to clear the curb ramps at crosswalks down to the street gutter.

Avoid a ticket!

If the City of Ferndale receives a complaint or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, Ordinance Enforcement will inspect the sidewalk and give the property owners an opportunity to clear it. If the sidewalk has not been cleared upon re-inspection, the property owner may be issued a citation with a fine. The City will have the snow and ice removed from the sidewalk. Property owners will be billed for this service.

It is important to remember:

You are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk as for clearing snow. The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely that ice will form. Make arrangements for someone to take over while you are on vacation.

City Ordinance No. 809 prohibits the parking of vehicles on city streets when a snow emergency is declared by the Director of Public Works. The City's Emergency Snow Removal Ordinance may be declared as follows:

- A snow emergency will be declared when four or more inches have accumulated in one hour or more. It will be announced on the city's website, social media and radio stations such as: WOMC/104.3 FM, WCSX/94.7 FM, WWJ/950 AM, WXYT/1270 AM, along with TV channels WJBK-FOX 2, WDIV-TV 4, WXYZ-TV 7 and Ferndale Municipal Cable/Cable TV 17/10.
- Once a snow emergency is declared, it shall remain until city streets are clear curb-to-curb, or until the Director of Public Works cancels it.
- A special parking permit may be issued by the Police Department for any residential home that does not have a driveway. A maximum of two parking permits may be issued per such home. The snow emergency parking sticker should be removed from the vehicle when a driveway is constructed, when the permit holder moves, or when the vehicle is disposed of.
- Any person whose vehicle(s) is parked on a city street during a snow emergency may be ticketed, fined, and his/her vehicle(s) impounded.



Free Parking on Thanksgiving Day & Black Friday!

The City of Ferndale is offering *free municipal public parking* on Thanksgiving Day and "Black Friday" in the downtown area. All city parking facilities will offer free parking beginning at 10:00 a.m. on November 27 and ending at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29.

2014 Ferndale City Council



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www.FerndaleMI.gov
[Facebook.com /FerndaleMichigan](https://www.facebook.com/FerndaleMichigan)
[Twitter.com/FerndaleMich](https://twitter.com/FerndaleMich)

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