



Miscellaneous

April 3, 2015
Good Friday

April 5, 2015
Easter

April 15, 2015
Tax Day

April 24, 2015
Arbor Day

May 5, 2015
Cinco de Mayo

May 5, 2015
Special Election

May 10, 2015
Mother's Day

May 25, 2015
Memorial Day

June 14, 2015
Flag Day

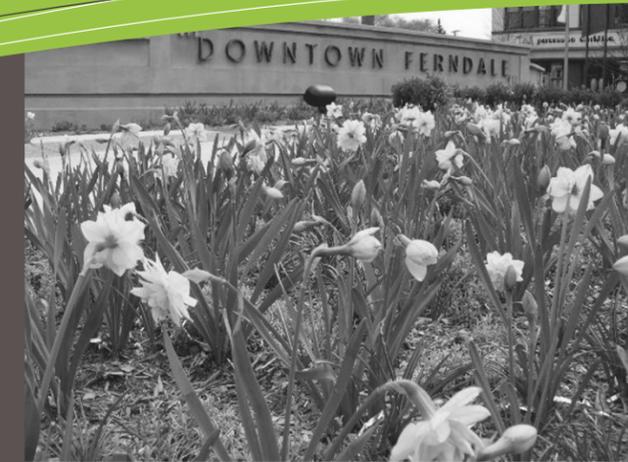
CITY DIRECTORY

Emergencies	Call 911
Fire Emergency	(248)541-3600
City Manager	(248)546-2360
City Clerk	(248)546-2384
Community Development	(248)546-2366
Finance Dept.	(248)546-2376
Fire Non-Emergency	(248)546-2510
Police Non-Emergency	(248)541-3650
Public Library	(248)546-2504
Public Works	(248)546-2514
Public Works <i>after hours</i>	(248)541-3650
Recreation Department	(248)544-6767
Special Events/Dream Cruise	(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
Ferndale DDA	(248)546-1632
Historical Society	(248)545-7606
Housing Commission	(248)547-9500

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- March 12 – April 23, 2015
- Art@City Hall, featuring paintings by Taurus Burns
- May 16, 2015
- Clean the Ferndale Up!
- May 25, 2015 – City Hall Closed
- 97th Annual Ferndale Memorial Day Parade
- May 31, 2015
- Rainbow Run and Ferndale Pride
- June 13, 2015
- Relay For Life of Ferndale
 - Trunk & Treasure
- June 20, 2015
- ArtFair@CityHall
 - Summer Beer Festival

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Five Reasons to License Your Pets

Submitted by Oakland County

- Licensed pets that go missing have a better chance of being found.
- It proves your ownership.
- It's the law, since 1919.
- It indicates that your pets' rabies shots are up to date.
- Fees go toward the support of the Oakland County Pet Adoption Center.

You can purchase pet licenses at City Hall. One- and three-year licenses are available (rabies vaccinations must be valid until 2017 to purchase a three-year license). Prior to June 1, costs range from \$6.75 to \$15 for one-year licenses and \$20.25 to \$45 for three-year licenses, depending on spay/neuter status. Obtain your licenses before June to avoid delinquent fees!

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City of Ferndale
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Spring into Activity with Ferndale Recreation Offerings

The City of Ferndale has a full array of family-friendly activities slated for the coming months. Many events require pre-registration; for more information, contact the Recreation Department at 248-544-6767 or www.ferndalemi.gov/Services/Recreation.

Family Tiger's Trip—May 24

Catch some Tiger's action on a fun-filled day at Comerica Park. Tickets are \$25 per person and include bus transportation, ticket, and food voucher. Register online at www.ferndalemi.gov/Services/Recreation/Special_Events.

Bike Rodeo—June 6

The annual Bike Rodeo is a chance for Ferndale residents to receive a free bike inspection, skills test, helmet, and license. To take part, bring your bike to Ferndale High School on Saturday, June 6, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Event sponsored by the Ferndale's Recreation, Police, and Fire Departments and Ferndale Rotary.

Trunk and Treasure Sale—June 13

Clean out your closets, basement, and garage and join us for the "little bit of everything" Trunk and Treasure Sale. This is a great opportunity to sell (and buy) used items, arts, and crafts. The sale will be held in the City Hall parking lot, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. To register as a vendor, contact Recreation.

Ferndale Summer Camp—June 22–August 21

Ferndale Summer Camp is a state-licensed camp for youth aged 5–12. Campers enjoy weekly themes, games, sports, swimming, field trips, and more. Watch our website for registration information, or call Recreation.

Challenger British Soccer Camps—June 23–26

Soccer camp is a great way for kids to have fun and be active. Challenger camps are available for youth aged 3–14. Register online at challengersports.com by May 8 and receive a free jersey.

Summer Drama Camp—August 17–21

Learn stage skills through music and script. Gain the confidence needed to audition for your school productions and win that leading role! At the end of the week, camp participants will perform a small production for friends and family. Watch our website for registration information, or call Recreation.

Save the Date for Fall Sports

Registration for fall soccer leagues, youth baseball leagues and adult softball leagues begins in July. Watch our website for details.

Rental Information

Looking for a place to hold your next picnic or graduation party? The Recreation Department is now taking reservations for pavilion and picnic areas at Geary Park, Martin Road Park, Garbutt Park, and Harding Park. To reserve a space, call Recreation or visit http://bit.ly/park_rental.

A HELPFUL TIP

Keep Your Home Safe While You're Away: Police Auxiliary Offers Vacation House Watch Program

When vacation calls, don't just stop your newspaper and drop your dog off with the pet-sitter — contact the Ferndale Police Department. The Ferndale Police Auxiliary provides a free vacation house check service for residents. If you're planning to leave town, call the department at 248-541-3650 with your address and the dates you plan to be away and your house will be added to the watch list.

Mayor's Corner

Spring is a time of gratitude. When April hits, I find myself feeling thankful—for the warmer weather, the flowers and greenery coming back to life, and the fact that we made it through another winter!

Of course, this winter went out with a bang—February alone brought more than 26 inches of snow and multiple bitter-cold days. Snowy, cold conditions can be fun, but they also take their toll on roads, parks, and equipment.

During the times when sub-zero temperatures hit or massive snowfalls accumulated, I saw things that made me proud to call myself a Ferndale resident: neighbors helping each other by distributing scarves and shoveling walkways. Recreation staff hosting warming centers for citizens in need. DPW crews working around the clock to clear streets and repair water main breaks.

And it doesn't stop with winter. Now that spring has arrived, DPW will be collecting yard waste, performing tree maintenance and disposing of dead branches, and beginning local road repairs. A complete Garbutt Park renovation is underway, with new play equipment being installed. City council and staff are working to plan our annual Clean the Ferndale Up event, which includes city-wide cleanup efforts and a recyclables drop-off for residents (see above).

Services like these are essential to the health and vitality of a city—and they're also a choice. We have great DPW, police, fire, and recreation because the residents of Ferndale choose to support them. I, for one, am grateful to live in a community that values and invests in quality services.

3rd Annual CLEAN THE FERNDALE UP!

Winter takes a toll on streets, yards, and parks—so let's get together and clean our city up!

Clean the Ferndale Up—our third annual spring cleaning extravaganza, brought to you by the Ferndale Community Foundation in partnership with the City of Ferndale—returns on **Saturday, May 16.**

The idea is simple: resident volunteers join City employees for a day of raking, sprucing, tidying, bundling, bagging, and recycling. It's a fun chance to come out, meet your neighbors, and make our city look great.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome—visit www.cleantheferndaleup.com to sign up and learn more. The City will provide cleaning tools, garbage bags/receptacles, and other necessary equipment, but volunteers are encouraged to bring a pair of work gloves and a rake if they have them.

Clean the Ferndale Up is also a great opportunity to clean up your own homes and properties as well. This year, the City will partner with SOCRRA (Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recovery Authority) to offer recycling of hazardous items and many recyclables not permitted for curbside pickup—batteries, electronics, paint, oil, tires, and more. Keep an eye on our website for the complete list of accepted items and drop-off hours at City Hall. If you're not able to attend Clean the Ferndale Up, SOCRRA also offers recycling, electronics drop-off, and hazardous waste disposal at their Troy facility, 995 Coolidge. For hours and information, visit www.socrra.org.



CLEAN THE FERNDALE UP!

Mayor's State of the City Address

It's time once again for Mayor Dave Coulter's annual State of the City Address. All Ferndale residents and business owners are invited to attend to hear about citywide initiatives, important issues, and plans for the future. The State of the City will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. Attendance is free and open to all. A reception will be held prior to the address at 5:30 p.m., cohosted by the City of Ferndale and the Ferndale Chamber of Commerce. Network with Mayor Coulter, City Councilmembers, City staff, and fellow Ferndale business owners. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$15 per person; reserve yours at <http://web.ferndalechamber.com/events>. The reception and address will be held at Pulse 220, 1200 Woodward Heights.



Severe Weather Awareness Week

Did you know that there were 112 storm-based warnings—including three tornados—issued in southeast Lower Michigan during the 2014 severe weather season?

This year, Oakland County is urging all residents to be prepared. Governor Rick Snyder and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson have declared April 12–18, 2015, as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Chief Kevin Sullivan, Ferndale fire chief and emergency education instructor, says that preparedness is the key to staying safe during severe weather and similar emergency incidents. "When people go into reactive mode, that's when mistakes happen," Sullivan says. "Be prepared. Have a plan and practice it with the others in your household." Sullivan says that one of the easiest ways to prepare is to create a disaster kit—a collection of essential items in a sturdy, easy to carry container. Restock and maintain as needed, and make sure everyone in the household knows its location. Items to stock include:

- Water—One gallon per person per day (plus additional for pets)
- First-aid kit
- Essential medications
- Battery-powered radio and extra batteries
- Canned food and manual can opener
- Emergency supplies (flashlight, whistle, tools, etc.)
- Special items needed for infant, elderly, or disabled family members

For more information about disaster kit suggestions and emergency preparedness tips, visit www.oakgov.com/homelandsecurity.



The 21st Annual Ferndale Dream Cruise is gearing up for another year of cruis'n Woodward fun and classic rock'n roll sounds for the entire family. This year's event will be held August 13 - 15, 2015, and will feature the 15th Annual Ferndale Emergency Vehicle Show, Lights & Sirens Cruise, and the Mustang Alley. Plus – the crowd-pleasing Rock'n Live Entertainment stage and Kids Play Zone! For continuous updates, official merchandise, and performance show times, please visit www.FerndaleDreamCruise.com or call 248-546-1573.

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