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CHECKING IN WITH FERNDALE

The official newsletter of the City of Ferndale



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Pollinator Parade! - Back Cover

On the cover: Dexter the bunny (full name Dexter Anthony Hopkins), was hopping around at Ferndale Pride! The City would like to extend a special thank you to Julie M. for letting us share this picture.

STAY CONNECTED

Ferndale City Hall
300 East Nine Mile Road
Ferndale, Michigan 48220

Current Hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed to the public on Fridays

 **248-546-2525**

 **information@ferndalemi.gov**

For accessibility assistance relating to these or other City of Ferndale materials, please email **information@ferndalemi.gov**.



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[@FerndalePolice](https://twitter.com/FerndalePolice)

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Ferndale residents and friends,

First and foremost, to the residents and voters of Ferndale – thank you. Thank you for the trust that you place in your local public servants to deliver essential services to this amazing community. The recent Headlee Override Millage passed with a split of 58.05% in favor and 41.95% against.



Colleen O'Toole
City Manager

We are humbled and honored by this show of support for our general operations millage proposal. This outcome will allow the City to continue to provide a consistent level of municipal services while addressing the challenges of our many aging facilities.

As we look to the future, we will be especially mindful to deliver on the goals identified during our millage presentations over the last few months, including:

- Providing quality municipal services: We are committed to delivering high-quality municipal services in a way that is both effective and cost-efficient.
- Achieving excellence in Public Safety and Public Works: Our team will prioritize excellence within our core service areas by benchmarking activities and welcoming community feedback.
- Practicing responsible facilities and asset management: We will embrace the call to be responsible stewards of all facilities and assets in our municipal portfolio. Ensuring peak lifecycle operations and providing quality spaces for end users.

Even though the millage proposal has passed, we know that questions remain within the community regarding how we will make the best use of these dollars moving forward. Please know that our efforts to respond to those questions and concerns did not stop when the millage was approved. We are still here to serve you and deliver results that are in the best interest of the community as a whole. I am personally always happy to find the time to engage with residents directly and learn about how we can improve your experiences within this community.

Whether it is the Headlee millage vote, an item on an upcoming agenda, or an issue on your block, the staff of the City of Ferndale will continue to create an open and collaborative environment where residents feel welcomed to share their thoughts, concerns, and ideas. We hope you will seize this opportunity to be a part of an open and engaged City Hall.

All the best,
Colleen O'Toole

PUBLIC WORKS

TRASH AND RECYCLING DELAY

The following holiday impacts weekly curbside garbage and recycling collection:

- Labor Day, Monday, September 1, 2025

There will be no pickup on September 1, 2025, so please set your containers out one day late for the rest of the week.



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dpwservice@ferndalemi.gov



521 E. Cambourne



248-546-2519

YARD WASTE

Yard waste is collected on your regular trash pickup day through the week of Monday, December 15, 2025. Please put your grass clippings, leaves, small sticks, and weeds in a labeled, reusable container or a brown kraft bag. Labels are available at the DPW yard or Ferndale City Hall.

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

ROADS AND SIDEWALKS

If you have questions about the orange barrels in the street or spray paint on the sidewalk, visit ferndalepaving.com for a schedule of road paving and water main construction. For questions, please call the DPW front desk at **248-546-2519**.



LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENTS

DPW is proud to report that 2,100 lead service lines have been replaced since 2021. There are still about 6,000 unknown lines in the system, so we need your help with this crucial step.

The City has created a self-reporting tool to allow residents to identify the service material inside their homes. Please fill out the survey and attach a few pictures of your meter. Visit bit.ly/ferndaleisl for the self-reporting tool and other lead service line information. This will help DPW understand the system and overall lower the cost of the program to ratepayers, like you!

STREET SWEEPING

Keep your eye out for the street sweeper over the summer. Street sweepers pick up loose debris on the streets to keep them clean and prevent clogged drains and flooding. If you see it around, please move your vehicle to give drivers a clear path.

RAINWATER AND FLOODING

The Kuhn Water Retention and Treatment Basin is the City's combined stormwater and sewer system. The system handles typical running water, flushing, and average rainfall, but when the rain pours, it can get overwhelmed. Not to mention, the effects of climate change have made rainfall more unpredictable. This can lead to flooding—but regular maintenance makes this less likely to happen.

As a reminder, the drain in your home is your responsibility. While the City does our part to maintain sanitary stormwater infrastructure, there are a few things you can do at home to protect your sewer line. Roots are the most common culprit of a clogged drain, but it also helps to be mindful of what you flush. If you do experience a basement backup, use water sparingly until the problem is resolved. Any additional water in the system may end up in your basement.

STORM CARE PROCEDURES

Preparing for severe weather events is critical. Here's what to do if a summer storm pours down:

1. If there are water backups in your area from heavy rain, let DPW know via **SeeClickFix**, or call the DPW front desk at **248-546-2519**.
2. If backups occur after normal operating hours, call the Police Department's non-emergency line at **248-541-3650**.
3. MOST IMPORTANT: Do not approach downed power lines. Call the Fire Department and let the professionals handle it safely.
4. For any emergency, always call **911**.

DRAIN DON'TS

DOING YOUR PART
TO PROTECT YOUR
SEWER LINE

ROOTS = THE
COMMON
CULPRIT

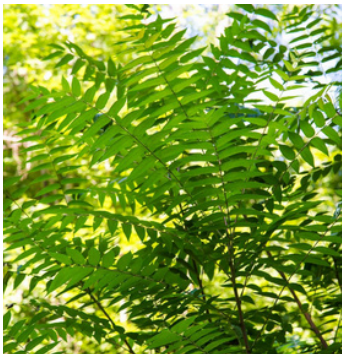


DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS DOWN YOUR DRAINS:



SUSTAINABILITY

TREE OF HEAVEN



THE NATURE CONSERVANCY



MOZHONG RAJAE, FESC
COMMISSIONER



PSU EXTENSION BARK

Invasive species watch! Are you familiar with the tree of heaven? It's a notoriously invasive tree/noxious weed that is difficult to get rid of, causes property damage, and worsens seasonal allergies. The tree of heaven grows rapidly, crowds out other species, and can give off an unpleasant odor. According to Penn State University, to permanently remove this invasive species, target the roots with systemic herbicides applied in mid-to-late summer (July to onset of fall color). Learn how to identify and control it at bit.ly/3HkupHC. Get to know the Ferndale Environmental Sustainability Commission at bit.ly/ferndalefesc.

RESIDENTIAL COMPOST PROGRAM

Register for the free program at bit.ly/3X4LQ14. Collect food scraps in a container of your choice. Empty your container regularly into the green compost carts at any of the six locations throughout the City. (Consider emptying it more in the summer months.) Bring your container home, rinse, and repeat.



Scan for more information!

Can you compost it?

NO!



pet waste



pizza boxes



plastic



(including condiment packages, plastic utensils, plastic bag, plastic wrap, foil, silverware, straws, bottles, or chemicals)



non-BPI certified compostable products

YES!



fruits/
vegetables



meats/
bones



dairy



grease



coffee filters



eggshells



bread/
grains



BPI certified products



napkins/
paper towel

(free from cleaning products)



Drop Off Locations

Open Dawn to Dusk



Geary Park Lot

1198 Earle Blvd | Southwest Corner



Martin Road Lot

1615 E Lewiston Ave | Southeast Corner



Ferndale City Hall

300 E. Nine Mile Rd | Southeast Side



Kulick Lot

1201 Livernois St | Southwest Corner



Withington Parking Lot

159 Withington St | Southwest Corner



Wilson Park

1280 Hilton Rd | Southwest Corner



FERNDALE

The City's free Compost Drop-Off Program is a great way to give back to the Earth. Composting turns food into healthy soil, and also reduces greenhouse gas emissions and the amount of waste sent to landfills. Plus, you'll have fewer rodents and pests lingering around your trash cans.

When in doubt, throw it out! Please do not include contaminants such as:

- Pizza Boxes (this is different than pre-2024 policies)
- Plastic grocery bags or plastic packaging
- Compostable products not labeled as BPI-Certified compostable. This includes products that may be labeled as compostable or have other compost certifications, such as TUV Austria.
- Produce stickers

For questions, please contact Logan Applebee, Zero Waste Manager, at zerowaste@ferndalemi.gov or **248-336-4236**.

FREE WILDFLOWER SEEDS

The Ferndale Environmental Sustainability Commission (FESC) has been making Ferndale bloom with free wildflower seed mixes! The FESC curated a wildflower mix to support ecosystems and pollinators, assist with stormwater runoff, and enhance biodiversity. These free seeds are a great way to kick off a planned natural landscape in your yard, or enhance what is already there. Learn more about the Planned Natural Landscaping Program at bit.ly/3PICszJ.



The City would like to thank Oakland County Parks & Recreation and the Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area. Seed packets and instructions can be picked up at City Hall or by coordinating with Logan Applebee, Zero Waste Manager. Sign up for free at seam.ly/QuRb8f9N. Please email zerowaste@ferndalemi.gov with any questions.

PARKS & RECREATION

GET INVOLVED

Get out in the sun and have some fun! Parks and Recreation has lots of events, sports, and programs for all ages.

- Sponsors, volunteers, program coordinators, and coaches are always encouraged.
- If you're passionate about parks and recreation, consider lending your voice to the Parks and Recreation Commission.



bit.ly/ferndaleamilia



recreation@ferndalemi.gov



Incubizo, 1938 Burdette St



248-544-6767



facebook.com/ferndaleparksandrec

EVENTS

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Park it Night! | Thursday, July 17, 2025
Harding Park | 6:00 p.m.

Special Feature: Moana 2

- Free outdoor concert, kids activities, sponsor giveaways, food trucks, and a family-rated movie

Movie on the Hill | Thursday, August 14, 2025 |
Martin Road Park | 8:00 p.m.

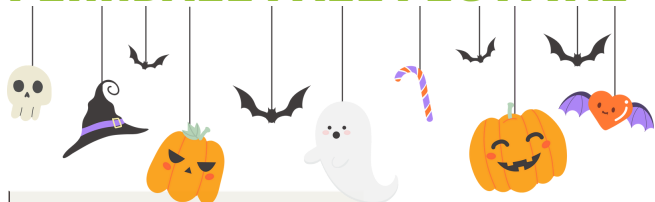
Special Feature: Jurassic World (Part 1)

- Fun and games and a movie under the stars

These events will be free and open to the public. Don't forget to bring your blankets and chairs! Check out the Parks and Recreation Facebook page for event updates and much more. For more information, contact the front desk at **248-544-6767** or email the department at recreation@ferndalemi.gov.



FERNDALE FALL FESTIVAL



**FALL
VIBES**

Saturday, October 4, 2025 | 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Detroit Curling Club at Martin Road Park
Register at bit.ly/ferndaleamilia.

Will there be tricks or treats? Find out at the Ferndale Fall Festival at the Detroit Curling Club and Martin Road Park. We're celebrating spooky season with hay rides, pony rides, roller skating, carnival games, prizes, crafts, face painting, pumpkin painting, a trick-or-treat trail, music, and more (while supplies last)! All ages are welcome.

A wristband is required to enter. Wristbands are \$8 per person if purchased by Friday, September 26, 2025, and \$10 per person after that date. Children ages 1 and under get in free.

SENIOR PROGRAMS

If you or someone you know is 55+ years old, you're qualified for the Ferndale Senior Group! This is a great place to socialize, make friends, get involved, travel, and have fun. Whether exploring Eastern Market, experiencing the elegance of Meadowbrook, staying in the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, or all of the shopping, dining, and museums in between...there's something for everyone.



The Senior Group has been having a blast visiting different fun destinations like the DIA, The Edsel Ford House, The Royal Eagle's Royal Tea, and Mackinac Island. Join in on the fun!

WALKING GROUP

Step to it in the senior walking group, led by Rachel Eckert. Go outside, get active, and meet your neighbors. Walks will start and end with stretching and a warmup/cool down.

Tentative monthly schedule: Every Tuesday from 8:45-9:45 a.m. (weather permitting)

- July - Harding Park (meet at the parking lot by Mapledale and Wolcott)
- August - Wilson Park (meet at the parking lot on University between Wilson and Hilton)
 - Bring your dog on a leash to the National Dog Day walk on Tuesday, August 26, 2025
- September - Garbutt Park (meet by the restrooms on Gardendale north of 8 Mile)
 - Wear beach-themed gear to the Goodbye Summer walk

A raffle will be held in October for those who have attended the most walks. Call **248-544-6767 Ext. 503** or sign up online at tinyurl.com/ferndaleseniors. Registration is free and highly encouraged!

STORYTELLING

Your story deserves to be heard. Join Ferndale Parks and Rec. every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Incubizo to tell yours. This free weekly meetup is made to build a higher sense of community and improve mental health, especially for seniors. Each week will be a different theme. If you would prefer not to share and just listen, no problem! Pre-registration is highly encouraged at tinyurl.com/ferndaleseniors.

FERNDALE SMART COMMUNITY TRANSIT BUS

The Ferndale SMART Community Bus Service is available by appointment only within a five-mile radius of Ferndale between 2 to 30 days in advance. Trips are \$2 one-way and \$4 round trip. Any resident of Ferndale is eligible, but children under the age of eighteen must be accompanied by an adult. Vehicles have lifts to accommodate wheelchairs, scooters, canes, or walkers. For more information or to schedule a ride, contact our dispatch line at **248-914-2701** or **248-544-6767 Ext. 535**. You can also reach the SMART Connector Bus Service line is **866-962-5515**.

SPORTS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	MORE
Youth and Adult Tennis Lessons 	Registration open now Every Saturday from June 21-August 5: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-6 years old: 9:15-10:00 a.m. • 7-10 years old: 10:00-11:00 a.m. • 11-17 years old: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. • 18 years and older: 12:00-1:00 p.m. 	Ferndale High School Tennis Courts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes are taught by Coach Chip Fazio, a USPTA certified professional • Participants should bring a properly fitting racquet and a water bottle
Youth Fall Soccer 	Registration begins in mid-July and games are every Sunday from mid-September through October	Martin Road Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For age groups 4U, 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U • Annual All-Star Game with fun competition
Fall Adult Softball 	Registration open now Games are held from late August to October, primarily on Thursdays	Martin Road Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6-8 games, pending status • First pitch is at 6:20 p.m. and the final game is at 10:00 p.m.
Aquatic Programs 	Activities are scheduled from July-August	Ferndale High School Pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes water aerobics, lap swim, and new adult learn-to-swim sessions • Instructors and lifeguards on duty
Yoga in the Park 	Every other Saturday until August 31, 2025, from 10:15-11:00 a.m.	Wilson Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classes designed for all levels • Participants should bring a mat and a water bottle

GET SIGNED UP!

Hit the court, have fun, develop a skill, and be a team player. Register for all of the sports above at bit.ly/ferndaleamilia.



OUTDOOR FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Let's get outdoors and get active! Take your workout from the gym to outside at Geary Park. These high quality, wheel-chair accessible equipment pieces range from cardio and strength training to agility trainers. You can also get your steps in and take a lap around the walking path. Stay tuned for outdoor fitness classes and activities throughout the summer.

WHAT'S NEW AT OUR PARKS?

HARDING PARK

➤ The Harding Park Inline Rink is getting a makeover, including a new sports flooring, an accessible entrance, wider walking paths, updated benches, additional van-accessible parking, landscaping, and more. We want you to be a part of this project. More details to come!



WILSON PARK

Come hang out at Wilson Park and enjoy the new paved walking path, playground system, pavilion, and accessible amenities. This renovated space offers something for everyone.



➤ Thank you to the Michigan DNR, Oakland County, Ralph C. Wilson Legacy Fund, American Academy of Dermatology, and America in Bloom for transforming one of Ferndale's largest parks into a more accessible and inviting space. Don't forget to check out our Space Tree, a Ginkgo Biloba grown from a seed germinated in space!



DOG PARK AT WILSON PARK

LET'S PAWTY! JOIN THE CITY OF FERNDALE'S CANINE CLUB.

- The Dog Park welcomes pups who live in Ferndale and beyond to enjoy fenced play areas for large and small dogs, sitting areas, dog water stations, waste pickup stations, urine-resistant shrubbery, and more.
- Membership is required along with a one-time dog safety course, annual fee, licensing and vaccine records, and an application.
- Each dog and human needs a safe environment, so there are some rules to follow. Dogs must be licensed and healthy.

For more information, visit bit.ly/ferndaledogpark.

MARTIN ROAD PARK

➤ Martin Road Park has four brand-new pickleball courts, a full basketball court, ADA-accessible walking paths and parking, new shade structures, water bottle refill stations, companion seating, picnic tables, and landscaping. This project was made possible thanks to grant support from the Michigan DNR, Oakland County, and America in Bloom.

➤ The new Service Building at Martin Road Park will feature restrooms and a concession stand to better support visitors, programming, and events. This project is made possible by grant funding from the MDNR SPARK Grant, Community Project Funding HUD Grant, a Michigan Enhancement Grant, and the Oakland County Parks Grant.


➤ The Splash Pad at Martin Road Park is open until Labor Day on Monday, September 1, 2025. The splash pad is open to the public for daily use from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Touch sensors activate the water features during operating hours. Please be sure not to leave any trash or food in the pad's vicinity.



PARK AND PAVILION RENTALS

Celebrate a fun gathering at one of our parks! Reserve a park or pavilion for the 2025 season—including Geary Park, Martin Road Park, Harding Park, Wanda Park, Wilson Park, and Schiffer Park. Contact **248-544-6767 Ext. 519** or visit bit.ly/ferndaleparkandpavilion to sign up.

PARKS AMENITIES CHART

<div></div>		Baseball Field	Basketball Court	Benches	Bike Racks	Bleachers	Concessions	Dog park	Garden Space	Grills	Inline Skating Rink	Outdoor Fitness Equipment	Parking Lot	Pavilion	Pickleball Court	Picnic Tables	Play Structures	Restrooms	Skatepark	Soccer Field	Softball Field	Splash Pad	Volleyball Net	Walking Trail	Water Fountain
1	Fair Park			✓													✓							✓	
2	Garbutt Park			✓	✓					✓						✓	✓	✓					✓	✓	✓
3	Geary Park	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
4	Harding Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓
5	Kulick Park			✓	✓								✓			✓	✓								
6	Lennon Memorial Park		✓	✓						✓						✓	✓								
7	Marie Park			✓													✓							✓	✓
8	Martin Road Park	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
9	Oakridge Park																								
10	Oppenheim Park			✓						✓						✓	✓								✓
11	Schiffer Park			✓	✓											✓									✓
12	Vester Park		✓	✓						✓						✓	✓								✓
13	Wanda Park	✓	✓	✓	✓					✓				✓		✓	✓				✓			✓	✓
14	Wilson Park		➡	✓	✓			✓		✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓				✓	✓



At the Park



In Process

ELECTIONS

MAY 6, 2025, ELECTION RESULTS

The Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Election results concluded that both the City of Ferndale Operating Millage Restoration Proposal and the Ferndale Public Schools Bond have passed.

RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL OR MAYOR

The City of Ferndale's General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, will include one Mayoral and two City Council positions. Each candidate must be at least 25 years old, a United States citizen, and a Ferndale resident since Saturday, November 4, 2023, or longer. Interested candidates must collect and return 100-150 verified signatures from registered Ferndale voters on official nominating petitions. Those interested in running for a position can retrieve a candidate packet from the City Clerk's Office at City Hall during normal business hours. The deadline to file the nominating petitions and Affidavit of Identity is Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. The City Clerk's Office recommends turning packets in 1-2 weeks early for the verification process. Please return the completed form to the City Clerk's Office.



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clerk@ferndalemi.gov



300 East Nine Mile Rd



248-546-2525 Ext. 5

FINANCE

PROPERTY TAXES

Summer property taxes become available on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Paper bills should arrive to taxpayers by the second week of July. If you have not received yours by Tuesday, July 15, 2025, please email taxbilling@ferndalemi.gov to request a copy. Beginning Tuesday, July 1, you can view your balance due, see detailed tax information, and print a copy of your tax bill through the BS&A online portal.



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taxbilling@ferndalemi.gov



300 East Nine Mile Rd



248-546-2525 Ext. 4

If you qualify for the installment plan, you will automatically receive coupons in the mail. The first installment is due Thursday, July 31, 2025. You can pay online, by mail, by phone, or at City Hall. Phone payments must be made in full—installments or partial payments cannot be made by phone. Specific instructions for each payment method are printed on the back of your tax bill and can also be viewed at bit.ly/ferndalepropertytaxes. Installment payments that are not made by the full date on the coupon may be subject to interest accrual.

If you have any questions regarding your assessed or taxable value, please email assessor@ferndalemi.gov. For taxes from the year 2024 or before, please call the Oakland County Treasurer at **248-858-0611 Option 7**.

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The 2025 July Board of Review will be held on Tuesday, July 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in City Council Chambers at City Hall until business completes. This meeting will be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. The July and December Boards of Review have authority stated in MCL 211.53b. The authorities are different for the March Board of Review, where appeals over an opinion of value are only heard. Please email assessor@ferndalemi.gov for questions.

NEW BSA PORTAL

The City has transitioned to a new and improved, modernized BS&A payment system that offers smoother transactions, a user-friendly experience, and elevated customer service. This operates the same as the previous system, with a few added upgrades and tweaks.



NEW BSA ONLINE PAYMENTS!

- More streamlined process
- Easier to use
- Modernized web design

The City is very excited to announce the new BSA online payment system that upgraded the current website!

Visit the new and improved website at <https://bsaonline.com/?uid=512>.

FERNDALE
BS&A SOFTWARE

The City still accepts payments online, by phone, dropbox, or in-person with cash, physical checks, e-checks, debit and credit cards—and now, Google Pay and Apple Pay!

Those currently enrolled in Point and Pay auto-pay can make a one-time payment and re-register for autopay at bsaonline.com/?uid=512. Those who are not enrolled in autopay do not need to make changes at this time.



Please reach out to taxbilling@ferndalemi.gov or waterbilling@ferndalemi.gov for more information.

POLICE

STREET CORNER ROUNDTABLES

Hang out with the Ferndale Police Department at a park! This is a great opportunity to ask questions, address concerns, and enjoy the warm weather. Reach out to the department for more information.

BLOCK PARTIES

You can also invite the Ferndale Police Department to a block party. The team will join in on the fun, hang out, and bring a patrol car for the neighborhood to check out.



ferndalemi.gov/government/police



demmi@ferndalepolice.org



310 East Nine Mile Rd.



248-541-3650 (non-emergency)



Facebook.com/FerndalePoliceMI

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

The department also offers educational presentations and discussions for children and youth to establish relationships and build trust with the next generation. Please reach out to the department if you are interested in hosting a program.



FIRE

HEAT CARE



We know it's fun to be in the sun, but it's very important to take care of yourself and your loved ones in hot temperatures. Stay cool, stay hydrated, and stay alert. Visit bit.ly/ferndaleheatcare for more safety information.

SUMMER SAFETY QUIZ!

QUESTIONS

It's quiz time! Let's see how well you know the Fire Department's summer safety procedures.

1. **True or False:** Residents must have a permit in order to have a backyard fire.
2. **True or False:** Fireworks are allowed every weekend in the summer.
3. **True or False:** The Fire Department can fill up a backyard pool for residents.
4. **True or False:** Residents can receive a free home safety inspection from the Fire Department.
5. **True or False:** Hot coals can be thrown away while they're hot.
6. **True or False:** Grills are one of the leading causes of summer fires.

ANSWERS

Let's see how you did!



1. **True:** Residents must have an Open Burn Permit to have a backyard fire. Review the safety guidelines and visit bit.ly/ferndaleopenburnpermit to fill out an application.
2. **False:** Fireworks are only allowed on select days and times. This summer, fireworks are allowed from Sunday, June 29, 2025, to Saturday, July 5, 2025, until 11:45 p.m. They are also allowed on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day until 11:45 p.m. Please call the Police Department's non-emergency line at **248-541-3650** if fireworks are being used outside of the dedicated days/times.
3. **False:** The Fire Department does not fill up pools.
4. **True:** The Fire Department offers free virtual home safety inspections for the exterior and interior of your home. Please complete the inspection form at bit.ly/ferndalehomesafetyinspection.
5. **False:** Hot coals should not be disposed of while they are hot. Please consider re-using coals, but if not, please go to a local hardware store and buy dedicated bins to cool them down. Once they are cool, they can be disposed of in the trash.
6. **True:** Grills are one of the leading causes of summer fires. Please keep your grill away from your home, garage, deck, trees, and similar structures, as well as children and pets. Never leave your grill unattended. Gas grills should be lit while the lid is open. If there is a gas smell, immediately move away from the grill and call the Fire Department.



ferndalemi.gov/fire



information@ferndalemi.gov



Fire Station 1: 1635 Livernois
Fire Station 2: 1070 E. Nine Mile



248-546-2510 (non-emergency)

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROPERTY REMINDERS

- Grass and weeds enforcement runs until Friday, October 31, 2025. No grass or weeds can exceed seven inches in height.
- Outdoor storage for residential use should not exceed thirty-six square feet on the premises, should only be located in the back yard, and should not be located within any required side yard or rear yard set-back for the property.
- Garbage cans should be stored at the rear of the house. Trash should be stored in solid waste containers with water-tight covers.
- Properties should have visible address numbers from the street for first responders/safety officers.
- All rental properties in the City of Ferndale are required to be registered with the City and inspected. If you own and/or live in a rental property, and have not had a City inspector out to your property, please contact City Hall.

SEECCLICKFIX

If you have an issue to report around the City, visit bit.ly/ferndalescf.

PARKFERNDALE

ZONE PARKING

The City of Ferndale, the Downtown Development Authority, and the ParkFerndale Team are excited to announce a transition to a smoother, modernized, new parking system: Zone Parking. Visit ferndalemi.gov/zoneparking for more information.

Please scan the QR code for more information.

A promotional graphic for Zone Parking. It features a background of various Illinois license plates. At the top right, a green diagonal banner says "NEW". On the left, there is a green circular icon with a white "P" and a location pin. The main text reads "ZONE PARKING" in large, bold letters, with "EASY WAYS TO PAY" below it. A list of four payment methods is provided with right-pointing arrows: "Text ParkFerndale to 727563", "Scan QR code located on Zone Parking Sign", "ParkFerndale App", and "Use nearby Kiosk". At the bottom, a green box asks "DO YOU KNOW YOUR LICENSE PLATE NUMBER?" followed by the instruction "(take a photo, save to your phone or memorize)". Logos for the City of Ferndale and the Downtown Development Authority are at the bottom left of the graphic.

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City of Ferndale **Downtown Development Authority**

EVENTS: SUMMER 2025



JULY

Sunday, July 13 - Nine on Nine
Thursday, July 17 - Park It Night (pg. 7)
Saturday, July 19 - Market Days
Sunday, July 20 - Market Days
Sunday, July 20 - Nine on Nine
Sunday, July 27 - Nine on Nine

AUGUST

Sunday, August 3 - Nine on Nine
Sunday, August 10 - Nine on Nine
Thursday, August 14 - Movie on the Hill
Friday, August 15 - Ferndale Dream Cruise
Saturday, August 16 - Ferndale Dream Cruise
Sunday, August 17 - Nine on Nine
Sunday, August 24 - Nine on Nine
Sunday, August 31 - Nine on Nine

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Monday, September 1 - City Hall Closed in Observance of Labor Day
Saturday, September 7 - Nine on Nine
Friday, September 19, 2025, to Sunday, September 21, 2025 - DIY Street Fair and Funky Ferndale Art Fair
Saturday, October 4, 2025 - Fall Festival

DOWNTOWN FERNDALE

Remember that business you've been meaning to check out? There's no better time than summer! Get out your sun screen and head to Downtown Ferndale.

Visit downtownferndale.com to stay in the know or follow [@downtownferndale](https://www.instagram.com/downtownferndale) on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/downtownferndale), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/downtownferndale), and [Tik Tok](https://www.tiktok.com/@downtownferndale).

Please note, all events are subject to alteration or cancellation. Visit ferndalemi.gov/calendar for a calendar of events.



Nine on Nine Concerts



Movie in the Park



Ferndale Dream Cruise



Fall Festival

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JOIN A BOARD OR COMMISSION

Your voice matters. Share your passion for Ferndale on a board or commission! There are many ways to get involved.

Check out a board or commission meeting in person to see if it's the right fit! View the full schedule at ferndalemi.gov/calendar.

Scan the QR code or visit ferndalemi.gov/government/boards-commissions to apply for available board and commission volunteer opportunities.

For questions, please reach out to the City Clerk's Office at clerk@ferndalemi.gov.



SEEN ON SOCIAL



Did you hear the buzz? It was the Pollinator Parade!

Our dedicated volunteers of the Ferndale Arts and Beautification Commission hosted the first-ever Pollinator Parade at the Ferndale Area District Library with support from the Ferndale Environmental Sustainability Commission and the Ferndale Garden Club.

It was an afternoon full of information from pollinator experts, craft stations, giveaways, and photo stations. It ended with a parade of blossoming community members dressed as bees, butterflies, bats, ladybugs, and flowers. This community event took many dedicated hours to bloom and grow. It combines the visions and initiatives that complement the creativity and gardens found in Ferndale!



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