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CHECKING IN WITH FERNDALE

The official newsletter of the City of Ferndale



FERNDALE

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On the cover: Ammy Amorette Spencer's mosaic mural, "UNO," symbolizes unity and collaboration, demonstrating that everyone is part of the same world. The artwork aims to foster a sense of belonging and happiness among viewers. You can find this amazing work of art at 413 W. Nine Mile Road.

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
1 email information@ferndalemi.gov.

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PUBLIC WORKS

SNOW REMOVAL AND EMERGENCIES

The Michigan winter is upon us! The Public Works Department (DPW) plows streets according to the Winter Maintenance Guide schedule:

1. Major Roads
2. Emergency Routes
3. Sidewalks and Crosswalks
4. All Other Streets

Residents must shovel their sidewalks within 24 hours of snow accumulation. Please keep paths clear for people on foot, in wheelchairs, on bikes, or with pets.

A snow emergency is declared when weather conditions are hazardous, and roads are impassable. Vehicles must move off the streets into the designated snow emergency parking lots shown on the map below. Residents without a driveway or with accessibility concerns can apply for the Snow Emergency Exemption Parking Permit at ferndalemi.seamlessdocs.com/f/SnowParkingPermit.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING MAP

1. Kulick Center Lot
2. The dot Parking Garage (Level Two)
3. West Breckenridge Lot
4. East Breckenridge Lot
5. Harding Park Lot
6. Martin Road Park Lot
7. Wilson Park Lot

*Please note: Residents can park in any of the parking areas mentioned above in the event of a snow emergency. The numbers above do not indicate an order or preference. They are for guide purposes only.



TRASH, RECYCLING, AND YARD WASTE

There are no garbage or recycling delays in January, February, March, and April. Yard waste season begins on Monday, April 6, 2026. Until then, yard waste can be dropped off at SOCRRA by appointment only. Visit socrra.org to learn more.



ferndalemi.gov/public-works



dpwservice@ferndalemi.gov



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SUSTAINABILITY

RADON AWARENESS

Did you know? Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and 3 in 10 homes have high radon levels in Oakland County. Radon is a naturally occurring odorless, colorless gas that can seep into homes through cracks or gaps in the foundation. Have you tested yours to make sure you're not at risk? Learn more at epa.gov/radon/national-radon-action-month-information. City Hall will also offer radon test kits available for pickup.



ferndalemi.gov/government/services/sustainability



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RESIDENTIAL COMPOST PROGRAM

Join your neighbors in making Ferndale greener with the Compost Program! Sign up at bit.ly/ferndalecompost to help reduce landfill waste, greenhouse gas emissions, pests, rodents, and odors.

Once your food scrap container is full, just bring it to any of these easy-to-reach spots: Geary Park lot, Martin Road Park lot, Ferndale City Hall, Kulick lot, Withington Park lot, or Wilson Park.



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
(compostable plates, cups, and cutlery—look for the logo!)



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

PARKS & RECREATION

WHAT'S NEW AT OUR PARKS?

MARTIN ROAD PARK

This spring, Martin Road Park will transform with the addition of a modern restroom and concession facility, complete with inviting outdoor seating overlooking the Splash Pad.

HARDING PARK

Get ready for the Harding Park Inline Skating Rink project, expected to start construction this spring. The improvements will include a new and improved inline skating rink, accessible parking, smoother walking paths, and better ways to manage rainwater. Thanks to a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Land and Water Conservation Fund, this project is moving forward. We are also happy to announce a partnership with Patronicity, a foundation that supports community projects. We will work with them to raise money, and they will match our funding goal to support the project. Stay tuned for ways to get involved and help out!

Events



What	When	Where	More Info
Little Princess Dance	Saturday, February 7, 2026, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Ferndale High School	Tickets are \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents (\$5 more after Saturday, January 31, 2026)
Eggstravaganza	Saturday, March 28, 2026, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.	Various City parks	Free event!

Sports



What	When	More Info
Youth Soccer (Quad City League)	Registration opens Monday, February 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.	Games starting in April
Adult Softball League	Monday, February 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.	Games starting in April
Winter Little Eagles Jr. (Basketball League/Clinic)	Program runs from January to March	Registration open now



bit.ly/ferndaleamilia



recreation@ferndalemi.gov



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248-544-6767



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Programs

What	When	More Info
Summer Camp	Weekly sessions from Monday, June 15, 2026, to Friday, August 14, 2026	Tickets sell out fast!
Mackinac Grand Experience	Trip takes place in May 2026 for travelers 50+	Register now!

CITY CLERK

2026 MEETING CALENDAR

Visit ferndalemi.gov/calendar for the full calendar of meetings and City Hall holiday closures in 2026.



ferndalemi.gov/cityclerk



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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

If you're passionate about the Ferndale community, boards and commissions are a great way to share your voice and effect change. Visit ferndalemi.gov/government/boards-commissions for a full list of available opportunities.

FINANCE

PROPERTY TAXES

WINTER

Property tax season began on Monday, December 1, 2025. Paper bills have been sent. Residents can pay online at bsaonline.com/?uid=512, by phone at 947-282-5306, by mail, or in person by dropbox or at the front counter of City Hall. Online and phone tax bills are due on Saturday, February 14, 2026. In-person and dropbox payments are extended to Tuesday, February 17, 2026, due to City Hall's closure for Presidents' Day.



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taxbilling@ferndalemi.gov
waterbilling@ferndalemi.gov



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MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

The March Board of Review Meeting will be held in City Council Chambers. Dates will be announced on the City's website, ferndalemi.gov. Please call the City of Ferndale Assessing Team at **248-546-2525 Ext. 121** or email assessor@ferndalemi.gov for more information.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

SEECLICKFIX

Notice something that needs attention in the City?
Visit bit.ly/ferndalescf to issue an official report through SeeClickFix.

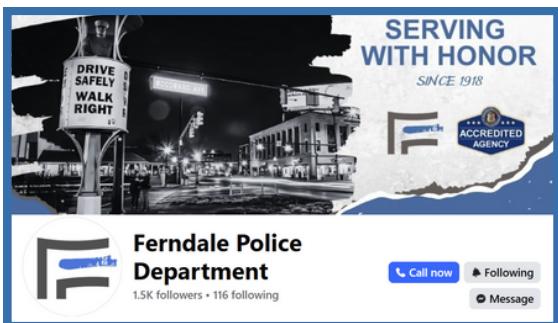
PERMIT CENTER

Ready to bring your spring project to life? Make sure you have the right permit. Head over to ferndalemi.gov/permit to get started and keep your plans on track.

POLICE

GET CONNECTED

Stay connected with the Ferndale Police Department by following their Facebook page at facebook.com/FerndalePoliceMI. Discover the latest on crisis support, community programs, upcoming events, safety tips, and more.



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248-541-3650 (non-emergency)



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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Each year, the Ferndale Police Department honors National Police Week to recognize the service and dedication of law enforcement officers. National Police Week will take place from Sunday, May 10, 2026, to Saturday, May 16, 2026. We invite you to join us in marking this important week. We will share more details soon on social media and the City website.

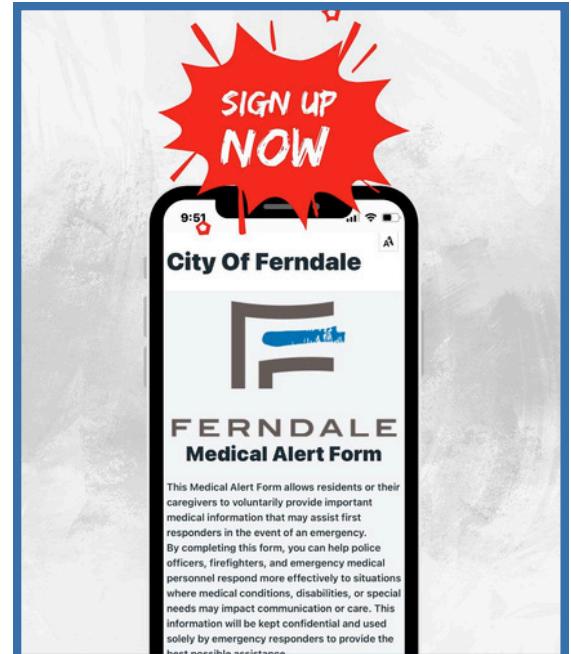
MEDICAL ALERT FORM

The Ferndale Police Department invites residents and caregivers to complete our Medical Alert Form. This voluntary form provides first responders with important medical information they may need in an emergency.

If you or someone you care for has a medical condition or accessibility matters that could affect communication or care, this form helps our police, fire, and EMS teams respond quickly and effectively.

All information is kept confidential and used only by emergency responders. Please keep it up to date so we always have the most accurate information when it matters most.

Please fill out the form at bit.ly/3NSSGrs.



FIRE

STAYING SAFE AND WARM

Michigan winters bring cold, ice, and dangerous weather. The Ferndale Fire Department offers safety tips to help you and your family stay safe and warm.

Visit bit.ly/4pUqyII for more important information.



ferndalemi.gov/fire



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



248-546-2510 (non-emergency)

INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY

International Firefighters' Day will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026, to honor the firefighters who serve the Ferndale community. This is a chance for everyone to honor and recognize the life-saving work of our Ferndale firefighters.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Be sure to learn the proper way to dispose of items that are flammable or chemically stained. Learn about proper disposal methods with SOCRRA's Waste Wizard. Simply search the item you are looking to dispose of and follow the instructions. Hazardous waste can be dropped off at the SOCRRA facility, located at 995 Coolidge Hwy, Troy, MI 48084. Visit socrra.org to make an appointment or use the Waste Wizard tool.
- Regularly clean your grills and barbecues to avoid grease buildup and debris.
- Remove yard waste materials, dead vegetation, leaves, and pine needles from your property and gutters.
- Clean your dryer's air exhaust vent pipe to prevent lint buildup. Empty your lint trap before/after using your dryer. Ensure the outdoor vent flaps are not obstructed. Keep flammable items away from the area. If clothes become in contact with flammable substances, lay them outdoors to dry before washing.

OPEN BURN PERMITS

If you live in Ferndale and use a fire pit, a yearly permit is required. You can apply online at the City's website at bit.ly/ferndaleopenburnpermit. The permit costs \$25 and lasts until the end of 2026. Please follow safety rules when having a backyard fire, and do not burn leaves.

COMMUNICATIONS

PHONE TREE

Planning to call the City? Get ready for a faster, friendlier experience with our upgraded phone tree menu, designed to connect you to the right person. Reach out at 248-546-2525 for any assistance.



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COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

Now that the new year has started, we in the Communications Department want to know how well we're keeping you informed. As a crucial member of our community, do you feel up to date and involved? What's the best way for us to stay in touch with you? Please help meet your communications needs by taking a short survey at surveymonkey.com/r/ferndalecommunicationsfeedback.



GET CONNECTED

Stay in touch and discover what's happening in Ferndale! Visit linktr.ee/ferndalemich to get involved.

EVENTS: WINTER 2026



FEBRUARY

Saturday, February 7 - **Little Princess Dance** (page 4)

Saturday, February 14 - **Property Taxes Due** (page 5)

Monday, February 16 - **City Hall Closed in Observance of Presidents' Day**

MARCH

Month of March - **Art March** (see below)

Saturday, March 28 - **Eggstravaganza** (page 4)

APRIL

Monday, April 6 - **Yard Waste Season Begins** (page 2)



DOWNTOWN FERNDALE

As winter melts away, Downtown Ferndale bursts to life with fresh energy and excitement!

Celebrate the pulse of creativity in downtown with Art March, a month-long festival overflowing with color and inspiration. Explore citywide art tours, thanks to the amazing Downtown Development Authority volunteers and the creativity of the Arts and Beautification Commission. Discover new favorites, support local gems, and let Ferndale's art move surprise you. Find all the details at ferndaleartmarch.com.

Mark your calendar for 2026 and experience the heart of Downtown Ferndale. Discover unique shops, savor local flavors, and show your support for the businesses that make our city shine. Stay in the loop at downtownferndale.com or follow @downtownferndale on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

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



CITY LEADERSHIP



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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

On behalf of the City of Ferndale, we wish you a Happy New Year! We can't wait to see what 2026 has in store.

The City is thrilled to welcome our new Councilmember, Eddie Sabatini. I look forward to working with him alongside City staff to support the 50th City Council's vision for our community.

Always feel free to reach out and connect at cotoole@ferndalemi.gov.



SEEN ON SOCIAL



Photo taken by Sadie Quagliotto

The City of Ferndale wishes you a Happy New Year!

We're excited for another great year ahead. We encourage you to get involved—try a new event, join a sport or program, attend a City meeting, or consider joining a board or commission.

Remember: Your voice matters. This community values and appreciates you. You belong here.