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CITY OFFICES

CITY HALL - 151 MARTIN STREET

City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

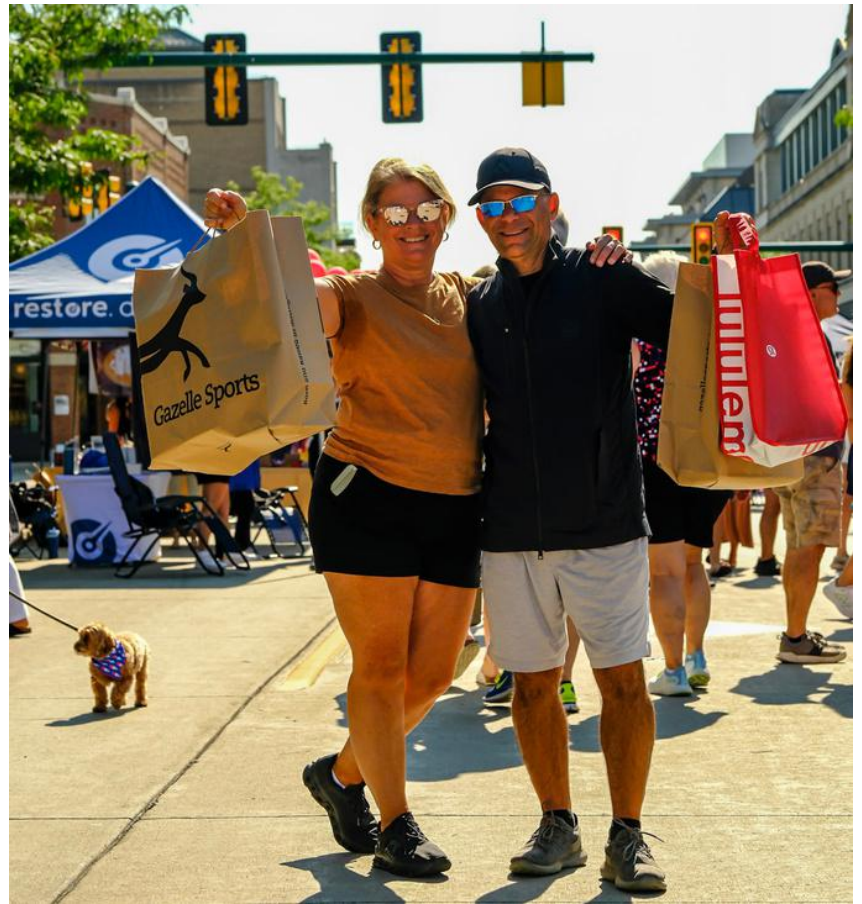
The Police Department lobby entrance on the east side of City Hall on Pierce Street continues to operate as the point of contact for all off-hour requests.

MEETINGS

City Commission and other city boards meet in person, and most have a virtual option available to the public (see meeting agendas for Zoom information). For meetings that occur after hours, visitors can access City Hall through the Police Department lobby entrance on Pierce Street. You may also watch many city meetings on your local cable access channel and by web streaming on the [city's Vimeo channel](#).

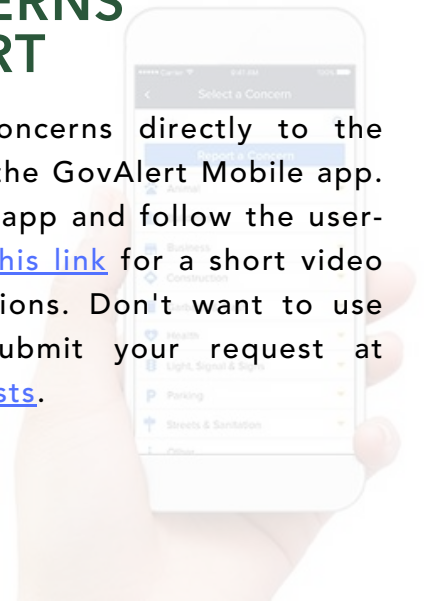
CONTACT US

Visit www.bhamgov.org/contacts to view a list of department contact numbers.



SUBMIT CONCERNS WITH GOVALERT

Submit non-emergency concerns directly to the City of Birmingham using the GovAlert Mobile app. Simply download the free app and follow the user-friendly prompts. [Follow this link](#) for a short video with step-by-step instructions. Don't want to use the app? That's OK! Submit your request at bhamgov.org/citizenrequests.



CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Looking for the inside scoop at City Hall? Download the [City Manager's Report](#) prepared for the City Commission each month. Birmingham City Manager Jana Ecker provides the latest updates from city departments and a sneak peek at upcoming events, staffing changes, developments and more.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED FRIDAY, JULY 4

City offices will be closed on Friday, July 4 for the Independence Day holiday. Residents who normally place refuse out on Friday should set out their refuse on Saturday, July 5 instead. As always, the police and fire departments will be on duty to ensure the safety of our community.



MEET THE STAFF

MEET BRAD McNAB

Meet Parks and Recreation Foreman Brad McNab. Brad leads the team responsible for maintaining parks and playgrounds, landscaping and flower beds, installing holiday lights and more. He's a Certified Playground Safety Inspector and has been with the city for more than seven years. Brad is also responsible for the city's first ever Parks and Rec [Scavenger Hunt](#) this month! Read more about that [here](#), and learn about Brad at bhamgov.org/meetthestaff.



NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEET OFFICERS & THERAPY K9S AT POLICE DEPT. OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Birmingham Police Department will host their annual Open House event on Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Martin Street and Pierce Street near Birmingham City Hall, located at 151 Martin Street. Attendees will meet police officers, including Therapy K9 Maple, and learn about their work to keep the community safe.



Birmingham Police Chief Scott Grewe and other officers will welcome community members as they demonstrate a variety of resources and hand out plenty of swag and ice cream. Attendees will experience a drone demonstration, enjoy a vehicle display, participate in a driving simulator or intoxication goggle activity, and learn about evidence collection and the Adopt a Senior Program. The community will meet therapy dogs and our mental health co-responders from Oakland Community Health Network. Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities will be on site to provide information about their programs which include substance use prevention, wellness and recovery support.

This event hosts an opportunity to register your bicycle with the city, drop off prescription medication and obtain free gun safety locks. We will also have first responders joining us from the Birmingham Fire Department and Michigan State Police Bomb Squad. This year we are bringing back the popular dunk tank and partnering with the Lucky Fin Project. Donations will be accepted by the organization for the opportunity to dunk a police officer from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Learn more at bhamgov.org/policeopenhouse. We look forward to seeing you there!





NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT FIREWORKS SAFETY & USAGE REMINDERS

We all know fireworks can be fun and enjoyable, but they can also be very dangerous for the user and the surrounding community. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fireworks start over 19,500 fires and send over 11,500 people to the Emergency Room annually in the United States. Over the last five years, the Birmingham Fire Department has responded to an increased number of structure fires and damage to property caused by fireworks. These fires occurred due to airborne fireworks such as bottle rockets, floating lanterns, and other fireworks that leave the ground. There is no telling where a firework will land once it's in the air. The firework doesn't have to land on a roof to start a fire. Dried landscapes, trees, vehicles, and anything on the ground are susceptible to fire when a firework lands.



Please consider watching professional displays on television or locally, instead of do-it-yourself displays. Unmanned free-floating devices (sky lanterns) are prohibited at all times. Explosive noisemaker fireworks can cause significant injury and are disruptive because they produce loud noises, flame, and smoke. Please be respectful of your neighbors. These noises interrupt peace in the community and can cause harm to neighbors with PTSD and pets.

Remember, it is unlawful for a person to ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or another person's property without that organization's or person's expressed permission to use those fireworks on those premises. In doing so, violators shall pay a civil fine of not more than \$1,000.00.

Although the City can and does ban fireworks on most days of the year, by State law, they must be allowed on certain dates and times, as stated below.

It shall be unlawful for any person to ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks, as such term is defined in the Ordinance, except for the use of consumer fireworks from:

- 11:00 a.m. on December 31 - 1:00 a.m. on January 1
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on June 29 and 30 and July 1, 2, 3, and 4
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on July 5, if that date is a Friday or Saturday (it is this year)
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:45 p.m. on the Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day

Please visit the [City of Birmingham Fireworks Ordinance](#) page online for more information.



BIRMINGHAM FARMERS MARKET

SUNDAYS, 9 A.M. - 2 P.M.

660 NORTH OLD WOODWARD AVENUE



BIRMINGHAM
FARMERS MARKET

The Birmingham Farmers Market is open every Sunday through October 26 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Save the date for these upcoming special events in July, and visit the [Farmers Market website](#) for more information.

- July 13: Second Sunday with Gazelle Sports – Gazelle Sports will lead a fitness walk/run at 9 a.m. A Nike representative will demo products before the walk/run. All fitness levels are welcome! [Register](#) to join in.
- July 20: Super Farmer Day – Join us at the Farmers Market for Superhero-themed fun and festivities, including visits from Birmingham's hometown heroes from the Police and Fire Departments!



DREAM CRUISE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dream Cruise is Saturday, August 16! Become a volunteer and enjoy a fun behind-the-scenes experience at the Dream Cruise.

Please submit our [volunteer application](#) to participate.

As always, [parking](#) is convenient and free for the first two hours in all five municipal structures downtown. For more information, visit [downtownbirmingham.com](#), follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and subscribe to [Birmingham Shopping District enews](#).



OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHTS

JULY 11, AUGUST 8, SEPTEMBER 5
BOOTH PARK

It's show time! Join us at Booth Park on select Friday nights for free, family-friendly movie nights. Pre-show entertainment begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie begins at 7:30 p.m.

DATES AND FEATURE PRESENTATIONS:

July 11: Home Alone (Christmas in July theme)

August 8: Moana 2

September 5: Trolls

In the event of inclement weather, Movie Nights will be held the following evening (Saturday). Learn more at downtownbirmingham.com/events.





DAY ON THE TOWN

SATURDAY, JULY 26

DOWNTOWN BIRMINGHAM, 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Visit downtown Birmingham on Saturday, July 26, for the biggest retail event of the year! Browse unique and discounted high-end merchandise in stores and on the streets and sidewalks throughout downtown Birmingham. In addition to great deals, you will also find food trucks and more. Plus, the Birmingham Police Department is hosting its annual open house during the event. You won't want to miss this fun-filled day downtown! Parking is free in municipal structures during the event. Visit the [Event Calendar](#) for more information.



2025 IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERTS

2025 IN THE PARK SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

July and August Concerts

Wednesday, July 2 - 7 p.m.
Mainstreet Soul (Motown, R&B, pop)

Wednesday, July 9 - 7 p.m.
The Sax Maniacs (Soul & rock)

Wednesday, July 16 - 7 p.m.
Toppermost (Beatles tribute band)

Wednesday, July 23 - 7 p.m.
Ben Sharkey (R&B/soul & rock)

Wednesday, July 30 - 7 p.m.
FiftyAmpFuse (American rock)

Wednesday, August 6 - 7 p.m.
Zang (Rock and pop cover band)

Wednesday, August 13 - 7 p.m.
Magic Bus (Late 60s rock)

Wednesday, August 20 - 7 p.m.
Mobile Dueling Pianos
(Piano-based cover band)

Wednesday, August 27 - 7 p.m.
Rebecca Cameron (Country)

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in Shain Park. See more [here](#).



SUMMER GOLF NEWS

JULY GOLF EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these fun golf events in June:

- Friday, July 4: Closest to the Pin at Lincoln Hills and Springdale.
- Saturday, July 12: Nine, Dine & Sing at Lincoln Hills. Two-person scramble. Registration begins at 5 p.m., followed by a 6 p.m. shotgun start, dinner and awards. Get festive and you may win "best dressed" team.
- Sunday, July 20: Parent/Child Family Cup at Springdale. Registration begins at 5 p.m., followed by a 6 p.m. shotgun start and awards dinners.

For more information and to register, visit bhamgov.org/golfevents or call one of the course clubhouses at the numbers below.



GOLF LOCAL THIS SUMMER!



Birmingham's top-rated Lincoln Hills and Springdale Golf Courses are a great place to get out and enjoy summer! Both 9-hole courses offer outstanding golf opportunities that are close to home, affordable and open to everyone! Make your reservation [online](http://bhamgov.org/golf) or by calling the numbers below. For locations, hours and events, visit bhamgov.org/golf.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

JOIN THE PARKS & REC SCAVENGER HUNT IN JULY

July is the 40th annual Parks and Recreation Month, and we have a fun new Birmingham parks and rec scavenger hunt to celebrate!



BIRMINGHAM PARKS & REC SCAVENGER HUNT

To play along, either print the official [scavenger hunt checklist](#) on the next page, or pick one up at City Hall, the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena at 2300 E. Lincoln, Baldwin Public Library or the Department of Public Services facility at 851 S. Eton. Then work on completing the checklist's tasks as you visit Birmingham's beautiful [parks](#) between July 1 and 31, including mystery clues posted at six different parks! Kids 2 through 12 get a free Junior Park Ranger shirt (see photo) for finishing the hunt; just bring your completed checklist to the [ice arena](#) by Aug. 8 to claim it while supplies last!

We'd love to see the adventures you have completing the checklist and discovering new things to enjoy about Birmingham parks, so [send us](#) your photos and videos or tag @bhamgov in your [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) posts. Happy hunting!



COOL DOWN AT THE ICE ARENA THIS SUMMER!

Come skate with us this summer!

The Birmingham Ice Sports Arena's summer open skate schedule offers open skate sessions Monday through Friday. Skate rental is available.

See the rink's summer schedule, valid through Aug. 28, 2025, at bhamgov.org/icearena and plan your next visit!



PARKS & REC SCAVENGER HUNT: PRINT & PLAY ALONG!



Parks & Rec Scavenger Hunt

Go for a family walk in the park/trails



Push a friend on the swing



Mystery Clue #1 (Adams Park)

Locate a drinking fountain



Mystery Clue #2 (Pembroke Park)

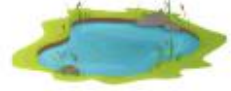
Find a trail marker



Spot some birds



Walk all the way around Quarton Lake



Use the recycling can



Ride the spring rider for 5 minutes



Mystery Clue #3 (Crestview Park)

Go down a slide 10 times



Find a picnic table



See how many dogs you can spot



Mystery Clue #4 (Poppleton Park)

Race a friend



Find some pollinators



Mystery Clue #5 (Kenning Park)

Walk, bike or scooter to the park



Mystery Clue #6 (St James Park)

Whenever you visit one of Birmingham's beautiful parks between July 1-31, work on completing all of the tasks and mark them off.

Find the mystery clues posted in the message boxes throughout our various parks and write your answers in the correct square!

When you've completed it, drop it off at the Birmingham Ice Arena (2300 E. Lincoln) no later than August 8 for a free prize!

Name: _____ Age: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____



WELCOME, NEW BUSINESSES

Banya

555 S. OLD WOODWARD, SUITE 27L

Banya combines red-light saunas, cold plunges, and lymphatic body rollers with an evolving offering of holistic detox modalities to enhance one's wellness journey. Visit their location and check out their [website](#).



Photo courtesy of Banya's website

Solidcore

1000 HAYNES STREET

Solidcore has a full schedule of fitness classes, including high-intensity, low-impact strength training. Their program utilizes slow, controlled movements to push muscles. Visit their location and check out their [website](#).



Photo courtesy of Solidcore's Instagram



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WHERE DO YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO?



\$\$.31 City of Birmingham

\$.24 Oakland County

\$.31 Birmingham
Public Schools

\$.14 State of
Michigan

Have you ever wondered what happens to your tax dollars? The city acts as a collection point for various taxing authorities so residents only have to submit one payment. Your payment is then distributed by the city to various taxing authorities on your behalf. The city does not have control over how the other taxing authorities set their tax rates or how they spend your tax dollars. The image above shows how tax dollars are projected to be distributed for the city's fiscal year 2025-2026 (July 1, 2025 through July 1, 2026).

\$.31 is retained by City of Birmingham (13.1041 total millage)

- Operating Millage (10.6121). This millage is used to pay for the general operations of the city including police, fire, road improvements, parks, museum and water and sewer improvements.
- Refuse Millage (.6623). This millage is used to pay for residential garbage and recycling collection.
- Library Millage (1.2789). This millage is used to pay for the Baldwin Public Library's operations and capital improvements.
- Senior Services Millage (.3246). This millage is used to fund interim property improvements associated with moving Next from Midvale Elementary to the city-owned YMCA building, and to assist with a portion of the cost of permanent facility improvements.
- Debt Service Millage (.2262). This millage is used to pay the city's long-term debt on bonds approved by Birmingham residents.

\$.24 is distributed to Oakland County (10.1265 est. total millage)

These taxes are used to pay for county operations, county parks, SMART transportation, zoo operations, art museum operations, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority operations, Oakland Schools operations and Oakland Community College operations.

\$.31 is distributed to Birmingham Public Schools (12.8000 est. total millage)

These taxes are used to pay for school operations and debt on capital improvements.

\$.14 is distributed to the State of Michigan (6.0000 total millage)

These taxes are collected by the state for the purpose of funding public schools. The taxes are distributed to schools based primarily on the number of students in a school district.

Did you know?

Birmingham property taxes are high because property values are high.

Birmingham's local tax rate of 13.1041 is not high compared to surrounding cities:

Beverly Hills: 13.6064

Berkley: 17.2385

Royal Oak: 18.7231

Clawson: 24.8194

Ferndale: 21.6723

Learn more
bhamgov.org/tax



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BIRMINGHAM GREEN

BY NICHOLAS J. DUPUIS, PLANNING DIRECTOR



HOW DO I DISPOSE OF PIZZA BOXES?

Ok so pizza boxes – can they be recycled or not? People seeking clarification on this subject are often met with conflicting and confusing guidance – but why? It seems to be universally accepted that food residue and grease are central to the issue, and that the existence of such can render an unusable material that is unsuitable for new product. Unlike metal, glass or plastic that is heated during the recycling process, cardboard and paper is not heated and therefore does not have the advantage of contamination being burned off. Rather, cardboard and paper are washed and mixed with water to create a slurry. This process often is not able to remove as much grease or food residue which then becomes impossible to separate from the slurry. So, as a general rule – if it looks too contaminated, please do not recycle the whole box. Our recommendation would be to cut off the top (if clean) and recycle that, then dispose of the bottom in the trash. If you would like to go the extra mile, the contaminated side of the pizza box could be cut into small pieces and composted in your compost tumbler. As always, you can visit the [Birmingham recycling webpage](#) and use the SOCRRA Waste Wizard to ensure you are following local guidelines!



How do I dispose of...?

PIZZA BOXES



**Clean and empty?
Ready to recycle!**



**A little grease?
No problem.
You can still recycle it!**



**Too greasy or
food-soiled?
Throw in the trash.**

CROSS-CONNECTION PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Under the direction of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), all municipalities need to perform inspections on residential properties for cross connections. If inspection results show corrective action is needed, homeowners are responsible for any installation, corrections and/or testing of their backflow prevention devices per the State mandate. Cross connection backflow is the reversal of normal flow in a system due to backsiphonage or backpressure. Backsiphonage backflow occurs when a vacuum is induced on a piping system, just like drinking from a glass with a drinking straw. Cross connections with drinking (potable) water piping systems are prohibited by State plumbing codes.

The City of Birmingham is using HydroCorp to manage the inspection of all residents' water systems and will be starting to reach out to homeowners this summer to begin the required inspection process and will discuss corrective action if needed. Those who receive a Cross Connection Control Program notice in the mail will be instructed to contact a backflow-certified licensed plumber to test the backflow device(s) at your home. A list of certified testers and next steps can be found at watercustomer.com. Examples of potential cross connections include lawn irrigation systems, water assisted backup sump pumps, unprotected hose bibs, hard pipes for pool or pond fills, and boilers used for heating.

Questions concerning cross connection control and backflow prevention may be directed to:

- City of Birmingham Department of Public Services
(248) 530-1700
- Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance
(517) 284-6514
- Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Construction Codes Plumbing Division
(517) 241-9330

This information is provided by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. Learn more at www.michigan.gov/egle.

A decorative background for the bottom section of the newsletter, featuring a blue and white water splash effect with a central water droplet.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT ON WATER QUALITY

The 2024 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality shows the sources of our water, testing results, and contains important information about water and health. The report shows how we have surpassed water quality standards as mandated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). Follow [this link to download the report](#).

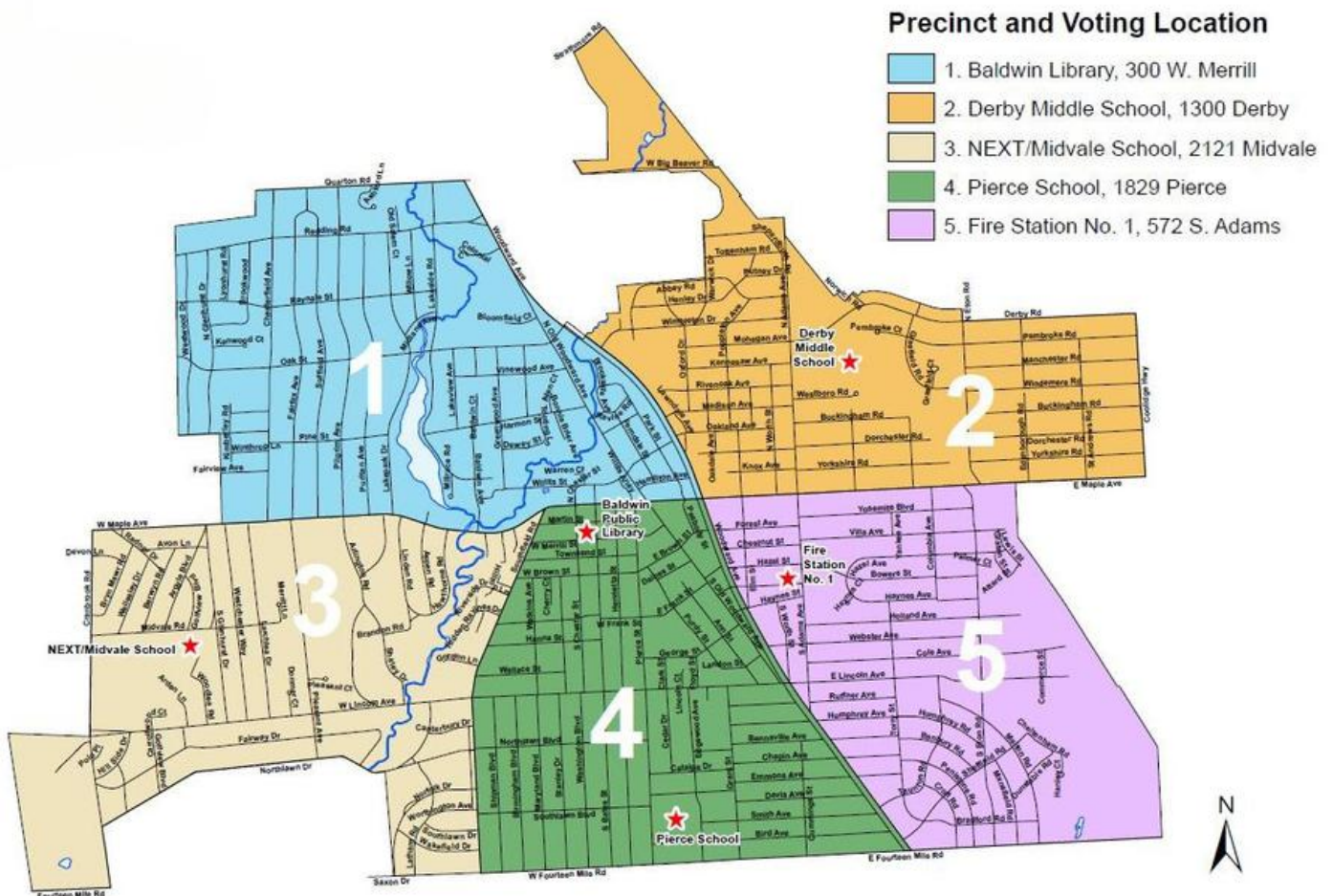
NEWS FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

ELECTION PRECINCT CONSOLIDATION

On June 9, the Birmingham City Commission voted to approve the consolidation of the city's nine existing election precincts to five election precincts. This action affects almost every Birmingham voter and was implemented as an efficiency and cost-saving measure. In-person voters on Election Day should experience no difference in wait time at polling places, because the majority of Birmingham voters now cast ballots by mail or during the nine-day early voting period, greatly reducing the number of people voting at the polls on Election Day.

The new precinct boundary lines (below) were drawn to be as compact and contiguous as is practical while staying within the legal limits of no more than 4,999 active voters per precinct. The use of major roads was implemented to simplify the precinct boundaries. The change is effective immediately, so please take a minute to familiarize yourself with the new election precinct and polling place map below before the next election on Nov. 4, 2025.

Later this month, Birmingham voters will receive a new voter identification card confirming their new precinct and polling location assignments. To avoid confusion, voters should discard old voter ID cards with outdated information. Voters can also confirm their new precinct, polling place, voter registration status and much more at any time at mi.gov/vote (click the "Am I registered?" question). If you receive a voter ID card for a voter who does not belong at your address, please return the card to sender so it can be tracked and resolved. Questions? Contact the clerk's office at elections@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1880.



NEWS FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE TO RUN FOR COMMISSION/LIBRARY BOARD BY JULY 22

Ever considered serving on the Birmingham [City Commission](#) or the Birmingham [Library Board](#)? This could be your year! Each group will have three open positions on the ballot in the Nov. 4, 2025 general election. All are four-year terms. Candidates must be registered voters and residents for at least one year before the election, and must collect more than 25 signatures from registered Birmingham voters and submit these with other required paperwork by July 22, 2025 at 4 p.m. Interested residents can pick up candidate packets with all the necessary forms and information at the [City Clerk's Office](#) in City Hall during regular business hours (Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Learn more about nominating petitions and candidate filing at bhamgov.org/elections.



SOLICITORS MUST PRESENT VENDOR LICENSE



Did you know that Birmingham requires door-to-door solicitors to be licensed? If someone knocks on your door and requests money for a good, service or a donation to a charitable, political or religious cause, ask to see their valid, current City of Birmingham vendor license. Vendors must not visit homes on the city's No Soliciting list, but it's important to note that this list does not apply to religious and political solicitations, which are not prohibited. To join the No Soliciting list, visit bhamgov.org/nosoliciting or email clerksoffice@bhamgov.org.

- To confirm whether a solicitor has a permit, contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880.
- To file a complaint about a solicitor, contact the Police Department at (248) 530-1870.

See the city's entire vendor/peddler/solicitor ordinance at bhamgov.org/vendorordinance.

NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM

NEW COLLECTION AT THE BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM: HARRY BROOKS, A YOUNG BIRMINGHAM AVIATOR WHO BECAME HENRY FORD'S TEST PILOT

Museum staff have completed the cataloguing of a new collection of items related to early aviator Harry Brooks. The materials were donated by a family member of an author who collected them years ago to write a book about Brooks' life. Now that the materials are in the museum's collection, they can be digitized and made available to researchers and others.

Brooks always knew he wanted to be an aviator. After graduating from Baldwin High School in 1921, his dreams came true when Henry Ford personally selected him to be the chief test pilot for Ford's Flivver, a personal aircraft. Although he was young, the daring Brooks set records and accomplished many firsts in the Ford Flivver. However, Brooks' life was cut short in a fatal crash that ended a record-breaking flight from Detroit to Miami. Brooks' death on February 25, 1928 left Birmingham and Henry Ford in a state of shock and mourning.



Highlights of the collection:

- Early photos of Ford Flivver prototypes and test flights performed by Brooks
- Photos of Brooks' journey to Mexico in 1927 in the Ford Tri-motor with a group that included Evangeline Lindbergh, the mother of American aviator Charles Lindbergh.
- Documents chronicling Brooks' aviation achievements
- Images of the wrecked Flivver after Brooks' fatal crash

Interested in learning more about Birmingham's famed pilot? Join us at the Baldwin Public Library on October 9, 2025 at 7 pm, when we present "Brooksie:" The Story of Henry Ford's Top Pilot. The program is free, but you must register in advance at the Baldwin Public Library's website; registration will open later this fall. Contact the Birmingham Museum at 248-530-1928 or museum@bhamgov.org. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, and free for members of the Friends of the Museum.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

MORE THAN 200 NEW PUBLIC TREES PLANTED

The City of Birmingham is installing more than 200 trees in public right-of-ways and green spaces this spring and summer as part of its 2025 spring tree purchase. It is the most diverse tree planting in recent history, with more than 35 different species and varieties.

The city plants trees twice a year, with a focus on replacing trees that were removed and/or when there is adequate spacing in the easement. The forestry team uses the "right tree, right place" method. Species diversity is very important to the overall development of our urban forest and taken into account, with an emphasis on native species when possible. Existing overhead and underground utilities are also considered, as well as other standard urban forestry practices such as appropriate spacing from other trees, signs, light poles, driveway approaches and crosswalks.

Forestry staff visits every residence that gets a new public tree and provides a tree care guide with information about the newly planted tree's watering requirements and other recommended maintenance practices, such as avoiding fertilizing the tree during the first few years of establishment.

Learn much more about the city's forestry and tree care at bhamgov.org/treecare.



HELP PLANT NATIVE SPECIES IN BOOTH PARK NATURAL AREA

Department of Public Services (DPS) staff has been working hard to revitalize the natural area between the Rouge River and the walking path on the east side of Booth Park. This requires removing invasive species and reestablishing the riparian area with three types of native seed mixes, live staked trees and ultimately, planting native perennial plugs. And that's where they need your help! In late July or early August, DPS will seek volunteers to help plant the native perennial plug plantings.

If you'd like to help take back our Booth Park forest and restore the native natural beauty of the Rouge Corridor, please stay tuned for more details later this month by signing up for email updates at bhamgov.org/enews by selecting the "parks and recreation projects" list.

DPS is an active member in and works closely with the [Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area](https://www.oaklandcounty.gov/oc-cisma) (OC CISMA), which awarded the city a Community Habitat Improvement Project (CHIPs) grant. It will help fund this project to help combat the spread of invasive woody species which can overtake natural areas if left unchecked, such as buckthorn and honeysuckle.

TRANSFORM OUR PARKS DONATE NOW



Searching for a gift for the person who has everything? Seeking to memorialize a loved one? Consider a donation to Birmingham Parks and Recreation! Options include:

- a memorial park bench
- the exciting next phase of Booth Park
- sponsoring the beloved In The Park summer concert series!

It's easier than ever with the city's new streamlined community donation platform. Learn more and donate online at bhamgov.org/donate today!

[BHAMGOV.ORG/DONATE](https://bhamgov.org/donate)



BIRMINGHAM
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**GET
INVOLVED**

JOIN A CITY BOARD

The city is looking for individuals who want to give back to their community by serving on a board or committee. This is your opportunity to make recommendations that shape the city's future! Select a board that fits your skills at bhamgov.org/boardopportunities or click on a board listed below to learn more.



CURRENT OPENINGS

- ✓ [Advisory Parking Committee](#)
- ✓ [Architectural Review Committee](#)
- ✓ [Shopping District Board](#)
- ✓ [Cable Board](#)
- ✓ [Greenwood Cemetery Board](#)
- ✓ [Multi-Modal Transportation Board](#)

LEARN MORE 

See current openings

bhamgov.org/boardopportunities

See all boards & commissions and apply online

bhamgov.org/boards

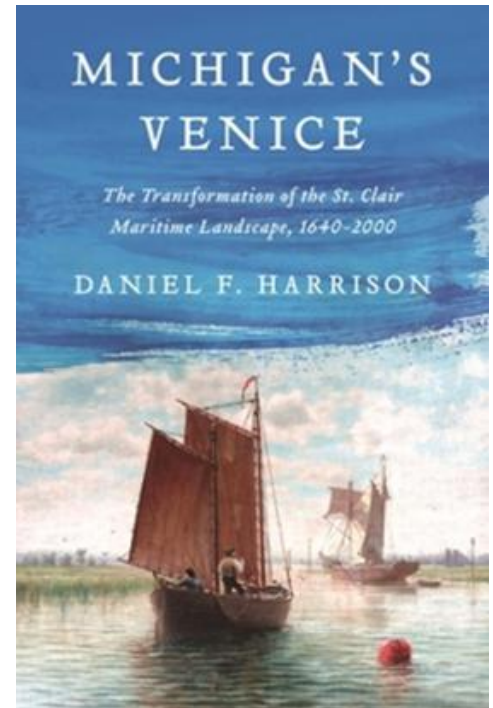


BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

JULY NEWS FROM THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

July is packed with fun for all ages! Adults can learn more about [Michigan's Venice](#). Kids have the chance to attend a [Costume Ball](#) or the [Baby Prom](#). Teens are [doing improv](#) and [making zines](#)! [Matthew Ball](#) will fill the Atrium and Plaza with music. And [computer classes](#) are in full swing.

Find all of this and more at baldwinlib.org/calendar.



COLOR OUR WORLD SUMMER READING 2025

Participants of all ages can register for the summer reading challenge until August 8, counting any progress made since June 13!

Full details are at baldwinlib.org/summer-reading.

Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street in Birmingham. For more information visit www.baldwinlib.org or call (248) 647-1700. The library will be closed on Friday, July 4 through Sunday, July 6 in observance of Independence Day.



**GREAT LAKES TAIKO CENTER -
TRADITIONAL JAPANESE DRUMMING CONCERT**
Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 pm

Come to Next and experience the powerful rhythms and inspiring performance of traditional Japanese drumming. Taiko is rooted in the ancestral wisdom and cultural history of Japanese music traditions and continues to grow today as a global cultural arts movement that amplifies imagination, uplifts spirits, and builds community.

[Please follow this link to register.](#)



WORKING WITH - NOT AGAINST- YOUR GARDEN
Thursday, July 24, 2025 | 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Louise Sloan, Advanced Extension Master Gardener

Learn ways to avoid those pesky situations that lead to frustrations in your garden. Louise Sloan, an Advanced Extension Master Gardener, will share information that can make gardening a joy and not a chore. You'll leave the class with resources that will help you and your garden grow for this season and many more to come.

[Please follow this link to register.](#)



JOIN US FOR THE GOLF CLASSIC TO BENEFIT NEXT!
Friday, September 12, 2025 at Springdale Golf Course
Start: 2:00 PM - Scramble Shotgun Start

Wear your best casino-worthy attire and try your luck at nine holes of golf with various contests and prizes! Enjoy appetizers, drinks, dinner, and a silent auction to round out the evening. All friends of Next are welcome to join us for this fun event – get your foursome together and plan for an entertaining afternoon and evening! Registration begins July 7, 2025 on Next's website and in Next's front office. Cost per person is \$125 and includes nine holes of golf, cart rental, cocktail reception, dinner, and evening activities. Dinner and evening activities only tickets are available for \$30.



Next proudly serves the growing 50-plus population in our community. Next is located at 2121 Midvale Street in Birmingham. Contact Next at (248) 203-5270, visit www.BirminghamNext.org or [like Next on Facebook](#).



NEWS FROM THE BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY COALITION (BBCC)

“CREATING SAFE SPACES: HOW TO SUPPORT TEENS WHEN THEY ARE STRUGGLING”

Celebrating 30 Years of Prevention, Connection, and Youth Voice

This year, the Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC) celebrates 30 years of educating and encouraging youth to live healthy, substance-free lives. As we mark this milestone, one truth continues to guide our work: connection is prevention.

When teens from BBCC’s Youth Action Board (YAB) were asked why it’s hard to ask for help, their responses were powerful—and sobering.

“I don’t want to be a burden.”

“I feel like I should be able to handle it myself.”

“I don’t want to be judged.”

“I’m scared it will get worse if I talk about it.”

“Sometimes I don’t even know what I need—I just feel overwhelmed.”

These honest answers reflect what many Birmingham Bloomfield-area teens are experiencing: pressure to seem okay, fear of disappointing others, and uncertainty about how to reach out. It’s not that teens don’t want support—it’s that they often don’t feel safe or confident asking for it.

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NEWS FROM THE BIRMINGHAM BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY COALITION (cont.)

This is why BBCC creates safe, guided, and consistent spaces for youth advocacy, leadership and connection. YAB gives high school students a place to be heard, be seen, and belong. Our Mid Action Board (MAB) welcomes 8th graders into this circle of youth-driven prevention early—supporting them during a critical transition period as they prepare for high school.

Substance use, mental health struggles, and risky behaviors don't happen in isolation—they often grow in silence. One of the most powerful things adults can do is create space for teens to be real, without fear of shame or rejection.

Here are three ways adults can help:

- ◆ **Be approachable, not perfect.**

Teens are more likely to open up to adults who are calm, human, and nonjudgmental. Share your own challenges (age-appropriately) and let them know it's okay to struggle.

- ◆ **Listen to understand, not to fix.**

Avoid jumping into advice mode. Start with, "That sounds really hard—do you want me to just listen, or help you think through it?"

- ◆ **Normalize getting help.**

Whether it's a school counselor, therapist, coach, or trusted adult, remind teens that asking for help is a sign of strength—not weakness.

Creating a culture where young people feel seen and supported starts at home, in schools, and in everyday conversations. BBCC is here to help families, schools, and the broader community respond with empathy, information, and action.

To learn more about BBCC's youth programs, prevention efforts, and how to support teen mental health, visit www.bbcoalition.org.





CITY COMMISSION GOALS

ENGAGED AND CONNECTED COMMUNITY → Birmingham is a community that is connected to one another and engaged in the decision making process

- Bridge the divide that Woodward Avenue creates in the City and transform the Woodward environment
- Offer City services and amenities that enrich the lives of residents of all ages
- Encourage robust resident engagement with their government and community
- Increase connectivity between the Rouge River trail system, downtown, and the neighborhoods

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY → The City of Birmingham positions itself for a changing future by instituting policies and practices that protect the natural environment and reduce extreme weather impacts on the community

- Create a sustainability board to review projects, investigate funding opportunities, and offer public education opportunities
- Maintain and upgrade infrastructure to prepare for future climate conditions
- Modernize City facilities for energy efficiency and sustainability

EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SERVICES → Birmingham will address the needs of the community in a timely and respectful manner

- Incorporate new technologies to improve service delivery for residents including digitization of public records and museum materials
- Build and retain an effective and professional staff who serve the community
- Create community risk reduction policies and programs that emphasize citywide increased safety and security

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- [Birmingham Fire Department](#)
- [The Birmingham Museum](#)
- [Birmingham Shopping District](#)
- [Birmingham Farmers Market](#)

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- [Birmingham Police Department](#)
- [The Birmingham Museum](#)
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