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CITY OFFICES

City Hall, located at 151 Martin Street, is open Monday through Friday from 8a.m.-5 p.m.

The Police Department lobby entrance on the east side of City Hall on Pierce Street is 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](#).

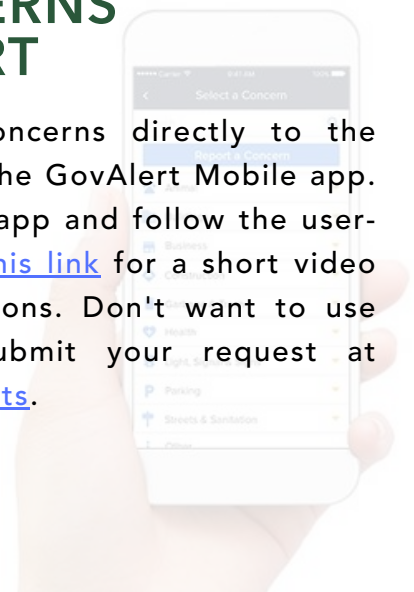
CONTACT US

Visit 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.



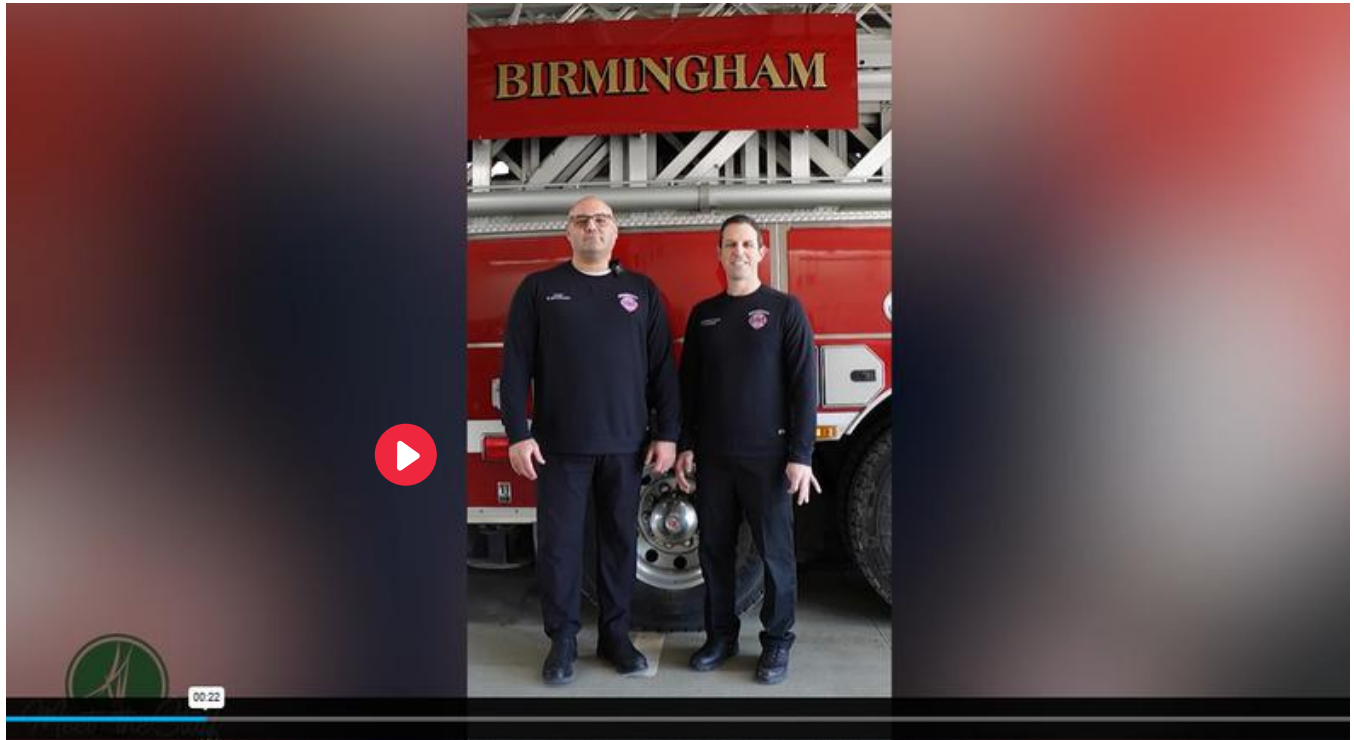
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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.

MEET THE STAFF

FIRE CHIEF MATT BARTALINO AND ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF TOM HUGHES

Meet Birmingham Fire Chief Matt Bartalino and Assistant Fire Chief Tom Hughes! Chief Bartalino and Assistant Chief Hughes reflect on their time with the department, share details about new fire trucks arriving soon, and talk about what they enjoy most about serving with the Birmingham Fire Department. They also discuss important home safety tips that can save lives. Visit bhamgov.org/meetthestaff to learn more.



ENJOY PORTAL FOR VIEWING AND SEARCHING AGENDA PACKETS AND MINUTES

The city's Agenda and Meeting Management portal by [CivicPlus](#) makes it easy to view and search City Commission agenda packets and minutes. Coming soon, all city board and committee meeting materials will be available within the portal. Benefits of the portal include:

- enhanced packet accessibility
- easily find and search within agenda packets
- ability to download only one agenda item rather than the entire packet
- user-friendly digital packets support sustainability and paperless initiatives

Follow [these instructions](#) to navigate meeting materials and search within the portal, and access [City Commission documents within the portal here](#).



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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](#)
- ✓ [Shopping District Board](#)
- ✓ [Board of Review](#)
- ✓ [Parks & Recreation Board](#)
- ✓ [Planning Board](#)
- ✓ [Housing Board of Appeals](#)
- ✓ [Martha Baldwin Park Board](#)

LEARN MORE 

See current openings

bhamgov.org/boardopportunities

See all boards & commissions and apply online

bhamgov.org/boards



The United States of America will celebrate the 250th anniversary of its founding on July 4, 2026. During this special year, communities are highlighting the local history that gives them character within the bigger picture of the American story.

Birmingham is hosting special activities with a local history twist—including a new exhibit at the Birmingham Museum—as we celebrate the people and history behind our parks, our downtown, our neighborhoods, our civic heritage, and what gives Birmingham its unique sense of place. Special events and activities are listed at bhamgov.org/250years.

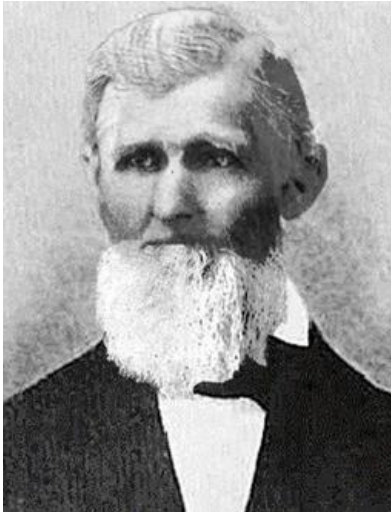


NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM



THEY CHANGED BIRMINGHAM:

Elijah S. Fish (1791-1861) – Birmingham's
Pioneer Abolitionist



Like most early residents of Birmingham, Elijah S. Fish came to the wilderness to build a new life. He was born in Massachusetts. His mother died when he was 7 years old and he was sent to live with his aunt and uncle in Vermont. At age 18, he left home and went to New York. During the War of 1812 Fish got work as a teamster with the New York Militia. Fish met his wife, Fanny Spencer, in New York in 1814 and they were married in 1815. After the war, the Federal government was selling land in Michigan to veterans at a reduced rate of \$2 an acre. Fish purchased 160 acres along the Saginaw Trail (at what is now Woodward Ave. and Lone Pine) and moved there with his family in 1820.

Fish became an active member of the developing Birmingham community. Being Presbyterian, it was important to the Fishes to establish the First Presbyterian Church. They held the first service in their barn in 1834 and Fish served as Deacon. Previously, the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly had adopted a resolution in 1818 that declared slavery a gross violation of the laws of God, which led some in the church to become radical abolitionists. In Michigan, Fish became one of the leading voices fighting to abolish slavery. In 1836 he co-founded the Oakland County Anti-Slavery and Discussion Society and was elected chair. The society worked to get anti-slavery candidates elected to public office. Fish also represented Oakland County at the Michigan State Anti-Slavery Society Convention in 1845. He brought national anti-slavery lecturers to Birmingham to speak, such as Black abolitionists Henry Bibb and William Cooper Nell.

In 1850 Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, which required that all formerly enslaved people be returned to their enslavers even if they were living in a free state. This made it a federal crime to aid freedom seekers, risking six months' imprisonment and a fine up to \$1,000. It also meant that Michigan was no longer safe for freedom seekers. This led to increased activity of the Underground Railroad network, an organized effort to shelter and aid freedom seekers to help them get safely to Canada.

Fish worked with Henry Bibb to found the Refugee Home Society, an organization which bought land for formerly enslaved people to settle in Ontario. Lots were sold on easy terms and the society helped provide funds, tools and materials. Fish was an important contributor who was recognized in several issues of the Voice of the Fugitive, a Canadian newspaper published by Bibb.

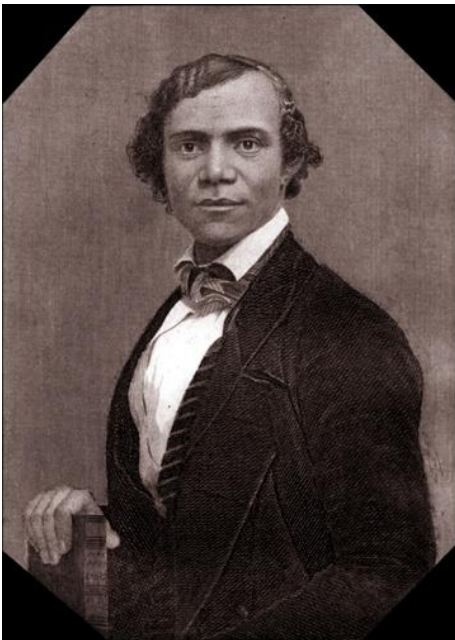
NEWS FROM THE MUSEUM (continued)

Unfortunately, Elijah Fish died in 1861, just before the start of the Civil War. He never got to see the end of chattel slavery in the United States. However, his contributions are still recognized today. After discovering his story, Birmingham Museum staff worked to get his gravesite at Greenwood Cemetery recognized by the National Park Service as part of the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. His grave marker inscription reads:

"A Useful life and peaceful death is the epitome of His History"

Elijah Fish changed Birmingham:

- He co-founded the Oakland County Anti-Slavery and Discussion Society in 1836, one of the first in Michigan. He worked to get abolitionist candidates elected to public office.
- Fish represented Oakland County as a delegate to the Michigan State Anti-Slavery Convention in 1845.
- He was involved directly with the Underground Railroad network. Fish helped freedom seekers escape the country by providing them with funds and supplies.
- Fish is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. His grave is officially recognized by the National Park Service as part of the Underground Railroad Network to Freedom.
- Fish raised funds for the Refugee Home Society, which purchased land for a settlement in Ontario, Canada for formerly enslaved people.
- Fish founded and served as the Deacon of First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham. He and his wife Fanny held the first service in their barn in 1834.



Henry Bibb was an outspoken abolitionist who lectured around the country. He was born enslaved but escaped to Detroit and eventually moved to Canada. He worked closely with Fish to assist freedom seekers on their journey to safety. (Photo, *Narrative of the Life and Adventures of Henry Bibb: An American Slave*. New York, 1850.)



1857 map of Bloomfield Township showing Elijah Fish's property highlighted in orange just south of what is today Lone Pine and Woodward Ave. (Hess Map, Birmingham Museum collection)



First Presbyterian Church, c1890-1920. Built approximately thirty years after Fish's death, it serves as a reminder of the lasting impact he had on the community. (Birmingham Museum Collection)

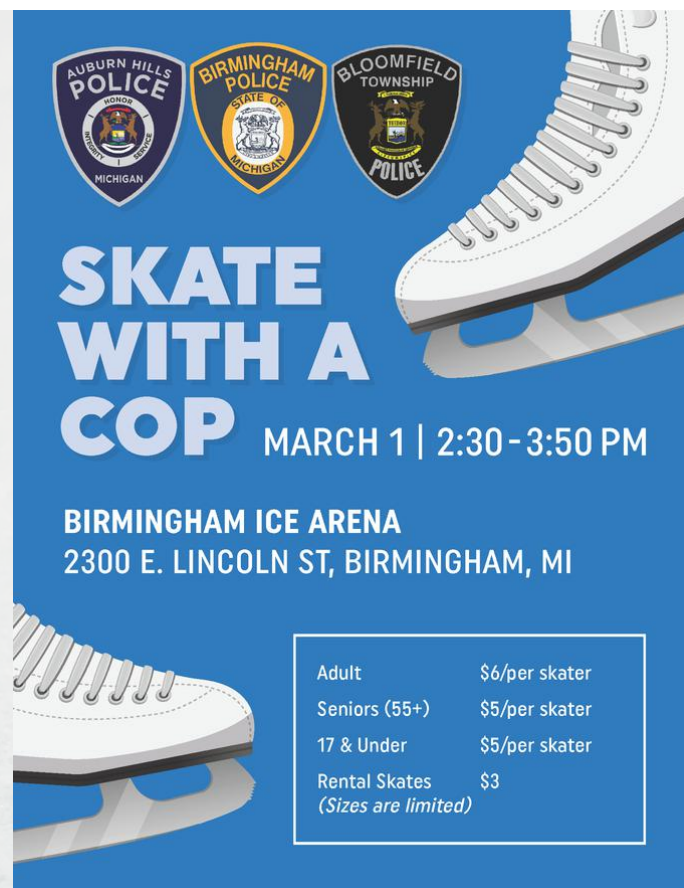
SKATE WITH A COP

Officers from Birmingham, Auburn Hills and Bloomfield Township police departments are trading their badges for blades and taking over the ice at the Birmingham Ice Arena on March 1, 2026.

The event will take place during Open Skate from 2:30 – 3:50 p.m. Skate rental is available for \$3; limited availability. The cost to skate is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors over 55 and children 17 and under.

Will there be skills? Maybe. Will there be wipeouts? Possibly. Will it be fun? ABSOLUTELY!

Don't miss the chance to meet your local first responders and pick up from free swag. We hope to see you there!



Adult	\$6/per skater
Seniors (55+)	\$5/per skater
17 & Under	\$5/per skater
Rental Skates	\$3
<i>(Sizes are limited)</i>	

SEE LOCAL CRIME ONLINE

Know what's happening in your neighborhood – check out the [Birmingham Police Department](https://www.birminghampolice.org/crime) online crime map at bhamgov.org/crime.

Updated weekly, this handy tool shows you the who, what, when and where of recent incidents, plus a brief description of what went down. Whether you prefer to see it in map form (with helpful icons) or as a list, it's an easy way to see what's going on around you!

NEWS FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROGRAMS FOR VULNERABLE AND IMPAIRED INDIVIDUALS

The Birmingham Police Department is committed to strengthening community connections and providing resources that support our residents. To better assist vulnerable and impaired individuals, the department offers two free programs designed to help families and loved ones remain safe and connected.



The VIP Program (Vulnerable or Impaired Person) is hosted by the State of Michigan and helps law enforcement reunite individuals with their families when communication may be difficult. Once enrolled, officers can scan fingerprints to identify a participant and access verified contact information for a parent or guardian.

Enrollment requires a parent or guardian to bring their loved one to the Police Department for fingerprinting and submission into the state database. A completed enrollment form, available at michigan.gov/msp/services/vip, must be provided. The completed form must be sent to the VIP Program within 30 days of fingerprinting. A photograph may also be submitted. Guardians receive email notifications when fingerprints are accepted and when enrollment is complete, along with instructions for updating information in the future, such as address, physical description or photographs.



The Birmingham Police Department also partners with the S.A.V.E.S. Project (Special Needs, Autism, Vulnerable Person, Elderly, Safety), which improves communication between first responders and individuals with cognitive or developmental challenges.

Key components include:

- S.A.V.E.S. Project ID: QR code technology allowing responders to quickly access essential information and emergency contacts provided by the registrant.
- Blue Envelope Program: Provides officers with important information during traffic stops to support safer, more understanding interactions.



Additional information is available at savesproject.com. To participate in either program, please schedule an appointment before visiting the Police Department by emailing Community Resource Officer Moody at gmoody@bhamgov.org.

BIRMINGHAM GREEN

BY NICHOLAS J. DUPUIS, PLANNING DIRECTOR

LEARN ABOUT THE WATERTOWNS INITIATIVE

As we continue to increase our commitment to capturing and infiltrating through the goals of the [Birmingham Green: Healthy Climate Plan](#), we like to think that we can use all the help we can get. As detailed in the plan, Birmingham is split between the Clinton and Rouge River Watersheds. Recently the City Commission passed a resolution to approve the City of Birmingham's participation on the Clinton River Watershed Council's [WaterTowns](#) initiative.

The Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) is an organization that works to protect, enhance, and celebrate the Clinton River, its watershed, and Lake St. Clair through education, stewardship, restoration and community engagement. Through the WaterTowns initiative Birmingham will work with CRWC to recognize its impact on the Clinton River and collaborate with residents, businesses, and stakeholders to promote public interactions within the watershed and develop measures to improve water quality through green infrastructure. Birmingham will also endeavor to engage in placemaking approaches to improve the water's appeal and accessibility, and work to protect the River's quality through ecological features such as rain gardens, permeable pavers, bioretention cells and naturalized shorelines.





Sustainable Habits

checklist

energy

*estimated savings per year**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | SWITCH TO LED BULBS | \$200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | UNPLUG CHARGERS & UNUSED ELECTRONICS | \$20-60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ADJUST THERMOSTAT BY 1-2 DEGREES | \$50-150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | USE PROGRAMMABLE THERMOSTAT | \$100-180 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | USE COLD WATER FOR LAUNDRY | \$50 |

water

savings per year

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|--------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | TAKE SHORT SHOWERS (2-5 MINUTES) | \$30-70 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | FIX LEAKS (TOILET/FAUCET) | \$60-150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | INSTALL HIGH EFFICIENCY SHOWERHEAD | \$20-50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | REDUCE OR ELIMINATE LAWN IRRIGATION | \$50-200 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | INSTALL A RAIN BARREL (BIRMINGHAM STORMWATER CREDIT) | \$15 CREDIT EVERY 2 YEARS + WATER SAVINGS |

waste reduction

savings per year

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|--------------------------|--|-----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | USE REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | USE "FRIDGE FIRST" RULE TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE | \$300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | COMPOST FRUIT & VEGGIE SCRAPS IN YARD WASTE | \$5-10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | USE CLOTH TOWELS INSTEAD OF PAPER | \$50-150 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | RECYCLE USING SOCRRA WASTE WIZARD | \$20-\$50 |

transportation

savings per year

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | WALK/BIKE FOR TRIPS UNDER 1 MILE | \$50-300 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CHECK TIRE PRESSURE MONTHLY | \$25-75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | CARPPOOL TO WORK/SCHOOL/ACTIVITIES | \$200-500 |

*BASED ON NATIONAL RESEARCH AVERAGES



STORMWATER EDUCATION

Earth Day Event

Beneath Linden Park there's an important stormwater system at work.

Celebrate Earth Day with Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner Jim Nash, City of Birmingham Mayor Clinton Baller, and Friends of the Rouge for a hands-on, family-friendly Earth Day event.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18,
NOON TO 3 P.M.

**LINDEN PARK,
BIRMINGHAM**

**Hot dogs grilled by Commissioner Nash
and Mayor Baller for the first 200 guests**

**Go on a bug hunt and explore
nature up close**

**See how stormwater moves through our
community, and why it matters**

Questions? Email wrc@oakgov.com for more information.



TRANSFORM OUR PARKS DONATE NOW



Looking for a way to volunteer your time to improve a city park? Searching for a gift for the person who has everything? Seeking to memorialize a loved one? Consider a donation of time or funds to Birmingham Parks and Recreation!

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)

SHARE FEEDBACK ON ENGAGE BIRMINGHAM

SHARE YOUR FAVORITE RECIPES

History is everywhere, even in your kitchen recipe box! Recipes are still being collected to help [The Birmingham Museum](#) compile a new online cookbook of Birmingham's "family memories" recipes by submitting one or more of your family favorites! The finished cookbook, a project to

celebrate the country's 250th birthday, will include submitted and historic local recipes, and will be available free in a permanent flipbook on the museum's website.



Recipes can be modern, or used for generations. It's easy to contribute; just fill out the form at engage.bhamgov.org, or download it at bhamgov.org/250years.

Share a taste of your family history and help create a community cookbook that's as rich and warm as the memories behind it!

NEWS FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

2026 ELECTION REMINDERS

Birmingham voters have two elections in 2026: a state primary on Aug. 4, 2026, and the general election on Nov. 3, 2026.

Absent voter (AV) ballots for the August primary election will be mailed in late June to voters who have joined the permanent ballot list or who request one for this election. If you're not on the permanent ballot list, you can request an AV ballot online at mi.gov/vote, or [follow this link](#) for a printable PDF absent voter application, which you can complete and return to elections@bhamgov.org or the clerk's office in City Hall.

Voters interested in receiving an AV ballot by mail before every future election can request to join the permanent ballot list at any time online at mi.gov/vote. If you change your mind and want to vote in person, official ballots received by mail can also be voted in person at your assigned Birmingham polling location on Election Day or at the early voting sites during the nine days of [early voting](#).

Most Birmingham voters were assigned new precinct numbers and/or polling places in June 2025, when Birmingham consolidated its election precincts from nine locations to five. If you didn't vote in 2025, please take a moment to confirm your new precinct and polling location assignments before casting a ballot in 2026. Find your information immediately online at mi.gov/vote by clicking the "Am I registered?" option. You can also see a map of the new precinct boundaries and polling places at bhamgov.org/votinglocations.



City Clerk Alex Bingham and the new ballot box at Fire Station 1

NEWS FROM THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

GET INVOLVED WITH THE MAY 17 HOMETOWN PARADE!

The [Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade and Party](#) brings the community together each year and we would love for you to be part of it on Sunday, May 17 from 1 to 4 p.m.! Whether your organization [joins the parade](#), hosts a hands-on activity during the after party or becomes an official sponsor, every contribution helps make this event fun, inclusive and unforgettable for Birmingham families.



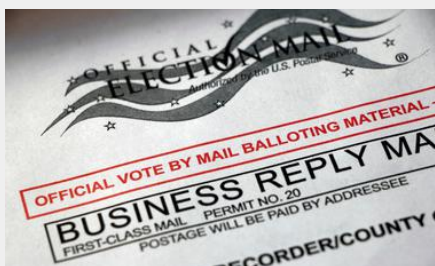
Want to participate in the parade, party or both? Registration for participants is free! Simply provide a child-friendly craft or interactive activity in [Shain Park](#) during the event, or sign up your group to walk in the parade.

[Sponsorship opportunities](#) are also available! Packages range from \$100 to \$3,500 and offer varying levels of recognition, from inclusion on website and printed materials to event-day visibility in Shain Park. Presenting Sponsors enjoy premium recognition plus onsite space and branding opportunities.

Join us in celebrating Birmingham and helping create a hometown tradition our community loves! For more information and registration, head to bhamgov.org/parade.

Questions? Contact the City Clerk's Office at (248) 530-1880 or clerksoffice@bhamgov.org.

SEND MAIL EARLIER UNDER NEW POSTMARK RULES



Under a new U.S. Postal Service (USPS) rule, mail might not be postmarked on the day it is mailed. Previously, the postmark generally indicated the date that USPS received an item. Now, it explicitly means the date that USPS processes an item, which may not happen until it reaches a regional processing facility several days later.

To make sure your election mail, tax payment or other time sensitive documents reach the city on time, residents should send it as early as possible to allow for physical transportation delays and the possibility of a delayed postmark. Even better, use an official city drop box instead, with no postage required. Secure ballot boxes are located behind City Hall and at Fire Station 1 on Adams Street; treasury and community development boxes are behind City Hall.

Domestic military and overseas voters should be especially mindful of this when returning election materials.

NEWS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

READY TO SPRING FORWARD? CHECK BATTERIES WHEN CHANGING CLOCKS!

With daylight savings time on Sunday, March 8, the Fire Department is reminding residents to test the batteries and functionality of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Get in the habit of changing the batteries each time you change your clocks.



The Birmingham Fire Department's Community Risk Reduction program offers free home fire safety inspections for residents. Home safety inspections include:

- Checking for proper placement, quantity, and functionality of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Escape plans for emergency egress
- Cooking safety tips
- Electrical and appliance safety tips
- Tips for using the 9-1-1 emergency activation system
- Housekeeping fire safety tips, etc.
- Interested residents may schedule a home fire safety inspection by calling (248) 530-1923.



SPECIAL SIREN TEST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 AT 1 P.M.

Oakland County's annual special siren test will take place at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. When the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning or a severe thunderstorm with damaging winds at or greater than 70 mph for Oakland County, the sirens are activated. Oakland County has 275 outdoor warning sirens located throughout Oakland County.

View the entire 2026 siren test schedule and learn more about the outdoor warning system on [Oakland County's website](#).





Give hope this spring.

Give blood.



Blood Drive

Birmingham Fire Department

Garage 572 S. Adams Road

Friday, March 13, 2026 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: BFD or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.



Give in March for a \$15 Gift Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing! rcblood.org/March



1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org |

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

PETER COTTON TRAIL EVENT HOPS INTO BOOTH PARK MARCH 28

Join us for a new family-friendly event, [Peter Cotton Trail](#), on Saturday, March 28, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. in [Booth Park](#).

This free celebration will happen rain or shine and features seasonal activities, including:

- Egg trail hunt on a themed path, which children ages 1 to 12 can follow while collecting eggs and treats
- Peter Cottontail meet and greet
- Kid's Zone with crafts, games, face painting and bubbles
- Local food trucks and vendors
- Friendship Factory Build Your Own Furry Best Friend station, where attendees can create a stuffed animal for \$15

Birmingham's Parks and Recreation Department is recruiting additional volunteers ages 14 and up to help during the event, with community service credit available. Learn more and sign up at bhamgov.org/donate or contact Clinise Kirkwood at ckirkwood@bhamgov.org or (248) 530-1651.

Future event updates will be posted on bhamgov.org/petercottontrail and on the city's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts (@bhamgov). Thank you to Peter Cotton Trail's premier sponsor, [Goldfish Swim School Birmingham!](#)



LEARN TO SKATE WITH US THIS SPRING!

Come learn to skate with us at the [Birmingham Ice Sports Arena!](#) Classes for children ages 3 and up and adults of all skill levels meet once a week, with skate rental available. Online enrollment for Session 4 classes starts March 2, and classes begin the week of Monday, March 17. Learn more and enroll in classes at <https://play.bhamgov.org/>.

PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

EXPLORING THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF BIRMINGHAM'S MOST SUSTAINABLE ASSET

Forestry and Environment Foreman Brendan McGaughey presented a [Tree Canopy Report](#) during the city's Long Range Planning meeting on January 24, 2026. During the presentation, he provided an overview of Birmingham's tree inventory, the city's urban forest initiatives, species diversification, approved and prohibited tree species, tree planting, public outreach and more. Follow [this link to watch Brendan's presentation](#), or reach out to him for more information at bmccgaughey@bhamgov.org.



Forestry and Environment
Foreman, Brendan McGaughey

NEW PLAYGROUNDS COMING SOON TO POPPLETON AND PEMBROKE

Brand new playgrounds are coming to [Poppleton Park](#) and Pembroke Park this year, part of a series of playscape improvements planned throughout the city over the next several years.

Construction of Poppleton Park's new "all-abilities" playground will begin in late spring/early summer; crews recently removed the existing playground equipment to make way for preconstruction work. Pembroke Park's new playscape is slated for installation in the summer.

Next in line are Crestview, Kenning, Howarth, St. James and Linden parks. Watch our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts for additional details, installation updates and future input opportunities.

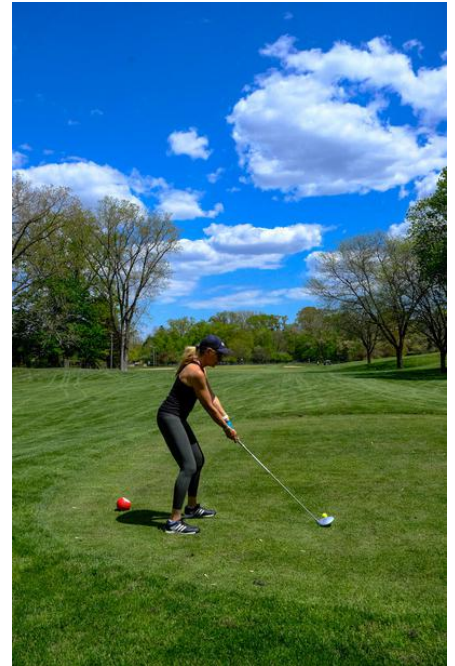


PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

EARLY GOLF SIGNUP BONUS BEGINS MARCH 16

It's a sure sign of spring: the City of Birmingham early golf sign-up bonus starts later this month! Golfers who purchase a 2026 membership between March 16 and March 27 qualify for the incentives. Birmingham residents receive a complimentary round of golf valid through May 31, 2026, while non-residents receive \$25 off the membership fee. Sign up in person at the [Lincoln Hills](#) clubhouse, 2666 West 14 Mile Road, from March 16 through 20 and March 23 through 27 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. For more information, call (248) 530-1670 or [follow this link](#).

Every golfer needs an annual membership pass to play the city's two award-winning nine-hole municipal courses. Residents pay \$25 for a new membership or \$20 for an annual renewal. Non-resident and business memberships are also available. See bhamgov.org/golf for more information, application forms, greens fees and more.



PARKS & RECREATION NEWS

2026 IN THE PARK CONCERT SPONSORS NEEDED



Sponsorships are now available for Birmingham's [In The Park summer concert series](#), which includes weekly shows across a full spectrum of musical genres on Wednesday evenings from June 17 through Aug. 26!

A highlight of Birmingham's summer, the series brings the community together to enjoy live music, warm evenings and the beautiful surroundings of [Shain Park](#). Your sponsorship helps ensure that this cherished event continues to thrive, offering free entertainment for all ages. By supporting the series, you contribute to the vibrancy of our city while gaining meaningful visibility for your business or family!

Select from [four sponsorship levels](#) ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 for the season. Benefits include recognition on event signage, cable broadcasts and more. Sponsors contributing \$1,000 or more also get a display table at each event with an option to pass out promotional materials. Learn more about sponsorship levels and reserve yours at bhamgov.org/donate by May 15!



YARD WASTE COLLECTION STARTS APRIL 1

Curbside yard waste collection will begin the week of April 1. Yard waste must be placed in kraft-style paper bags or trash containers with a "yard waste" decal sticker attached. Plastic bags are not acceptable.

Yard waste stickers are available in a literature rack on the City Clerk counter in City Hall, or from the Department of Public Services at dps@bhamgov.org and (248) 530-1700. For more information, view yard waste guidelines at bhamgov.org/yardwaste.

Until curbside pickup resumes, Birmingham residents can take up to 10 bags of yard waste per day to SOCRRA's recycling drop off site. No appointment is needed, but you must show proof of residency and bring only yard waste. For additional information on how to prepare yard waste and acceptable items, please visit socrra.org/yard-waste.

Find the drop-off center at 995 Coolidge, between Maple and 14 Mile roads, and see socrra.org for information about hours.



SPRING STROLL

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon in Downtown Birmingham as we kick off the season with the Spring Stroll on Saturday, April 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event is free, and all are invited to stroll through downtown to explore local businesses offering special giveaways and promotions, and to see exciting spring merchandise in apparel, home décor, and beauty. Spring Stroll is an event the whole family can enjoy. Register and learn more at downtownbirmingham.com/stroll.



NEW BUSINESS WELCOME

Better Burgers

35075 WOODWARD AVENUE

Better Burgers offers smash burgers, fries, shakes, breakfast sandwiches and more. Visit their location to learn more.



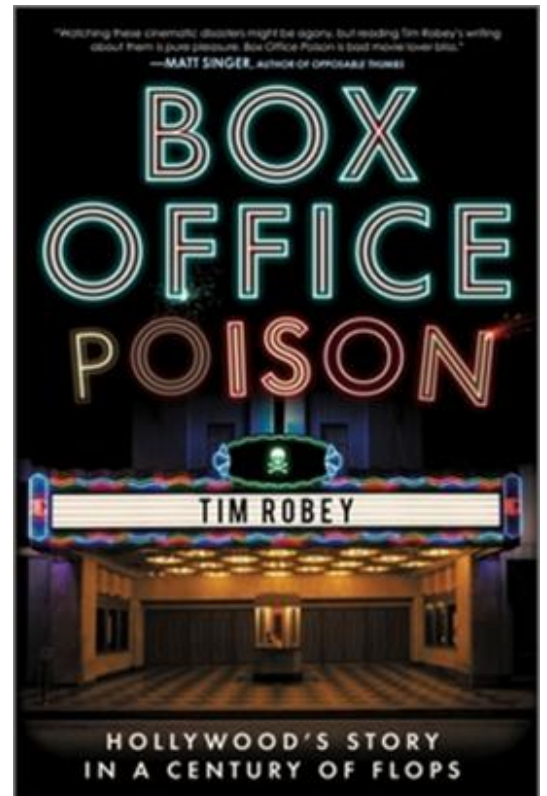
As always, parking is convenient and free for the first two hours in all five municipal garages downtown. For more information, visit www.downtownbirmingham.com, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and subscribe to [Birmingham Shopping District enews](#).



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH NEWS FROM THE BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring into BPL for some fun programs! Teens in grades 7-12 are invited to create [Teeny Tiny Art](#). Adults can stop by for a Friday Matinee each week at 1pm. You can learn more about [Hollywood box office flops](#), the [Museum staff are back](#) with another historical lecture, and we're celebrating the [women who changed Detroit](#)! And during spring break, there's tons of fun for kids, including a [Creature Feature](#), an [Art Studio](#), and [Lunch at the Library](#). Plus we're hosting book clubs, computer classes and Idea Lab events all month long. Check out these and so much more at baldwinlib.org/calendar.



[Save the Date: Community and Resource Engagement \(CaRE\) Fair – April 11, 11am-1pm](#)

If you or someone you know are looking for a way to give back to the community, drop in for this open-house style event to speak with representatives from local organizations seeking volunteers. Learn more about their missions, activities and volunteer opportunities in the library service area and neighboring communities.



Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street in Birmingham. For more information visit www.baldwinlib.org or call (248) 647-1700.



BECOME A PART-TIME PROGRAMMER AT NEXT

Next is hiring! Be part of their dynamic staff and make a difference in your community! They're looking for a part-time programmer who will design and develop opportunities in travel, enrichment and art. Visit birminghamnext.org/get-involved/jobs to learn more.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day and Spring at Next!

Irish Dance Performance and Reception

Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00 pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Next in true, traditional Irish style! The Shannon Irish Dance Academy & Company will be coming to Next to perform an authentic set of Irish dance steps to the tune of Irish music. Whether you are an admirer of Irish dance, or this is your first experience with the art, this performance is sure to delight and entertain. The Shannon Irish Dance Academy is an accredited school of Irish dance, proud to perpetuate the traditions and culture of Ireland in Rochester Hills, Michigan. After the performance we will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Irish tea and cookies!



Irish Immigrants in Michigan

Tuesday, March 17 at 1:00 pm

In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, historians, authors and cousins, Elizabeth Rice and Pat Commins will discuss their book, *Irish Immigrants in Michigan: A History in Stories*. They will share the experiences of individuals and families who immigrated from Ireland to Michigan. And while the book includes stories from each of Michigan's 83 counties, the authors will share just a sampling of those with us. Books will be available for purchase.



Celebrate Spring - Concert

Thursday, March 26 at 11:00 am

Come join the Birmingham Musicale String Ensemble for a program of lighthearted classics and timeless melodies. Mozart, Holst, the whimsy of Leroy Anderson, tunes from Aladdin, and more. Welcome spring with a song in your heart!



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](#).





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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- [Nixle Public Alert System](#) — Alerts from the police & fire departments
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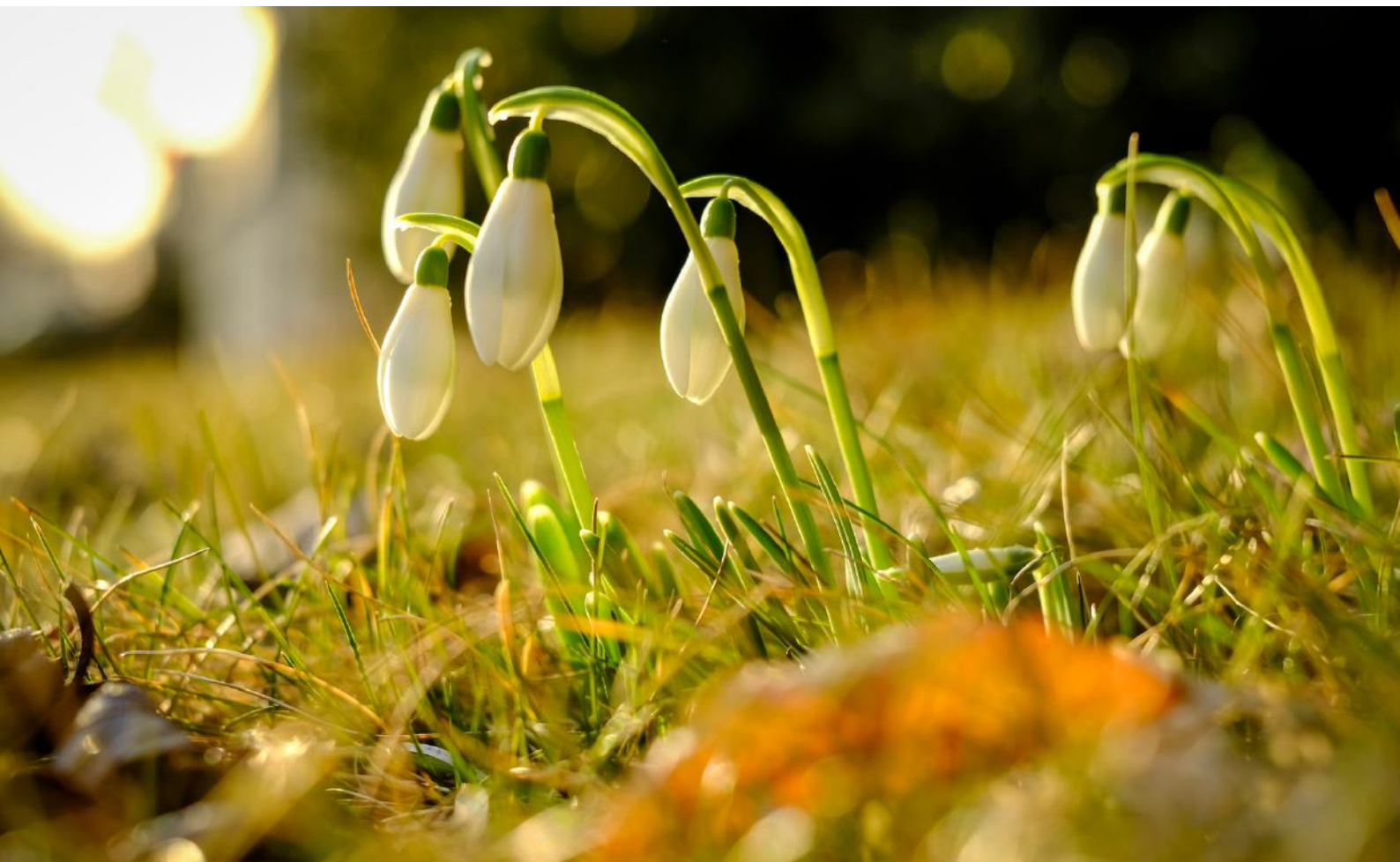
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