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**Two Cherished Community Events Return in Birmingham**

BIRMINGHAM, MI, May 3, 2022 – The City of Birmingham welcomes back two cherished community events this season – the Department of Public Services Open House and the Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade. Guests of all ages are invited to participate in these free, fun and family-friendly community traditions.

***Department of Public Services Open House: Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.***

The Department of Public Services (DPS) will host its annual Open House on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the DPS facility located at 851 South Eton Street. This annual event is a family favorite with DPS trucks and equipment on display, informational exhibits and complimentary grilled hot dogs and other refreshments.

National Public Works Week is May 15 – 21, 2022, themed "Ready and Resilient," highlighting the ability of public works professionals to perform their duties while being ready at a moment's notice to react to emergencies or as first responders during natural disasters. Public Works superheroes help keep communities strong by providing infrastructure services in water, sewer, streets, public buildings and spaces, parks, forestry and grounds, and emergency management.



Join us in celebrating these DPS superheroes and get an up-close, hands-on look at what they do during this great event. Please note: no on-site parking will be available at the DPS, however visitors may park at the Birmingham Ice Sports Arena at 2300 East Lincoln Street or utilize available on-street parking nearby.

***Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade: Sunday, May 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.***

The Celebrate Birmingham Hometown Parade, presented by Bank of Ann Arbor – Birmingham, will march through town on Sunday, May 15 starting at 1:00 p.m.

The parade, featuring local businesses, civic groups and organizations, will begin near Booth Park and travel south along North Old Woodward Avenue, west along Maple Road and finally south along Bates Street before ending in Shain Park. Find a spot along the route to enjoy the parade featuring public safety vehicles including an antique fire engine courtesy of the Bill and Carol Olsen family, unicyclists from the Redford Township Unicycle Club, the Baldwin Public Library, Birmingham Family YMCA, Village Youth Theatre, local businesses and many others.



Join us after the parade for a community celebration in Shain Park with free activities including face painting, mini train rides, a bounce house, crafts and entertainment until 4:00 p.m. A hot dog stand and ice cream truck will have items available for purchase during the event.

The City of Birmingham would like to extend a special thank you to the following sponsors: Parade Sponsor – Bank of Ann Arbor – Birmingham, Grandstand Sponsor – State Representative Mari Manoogian, Parade Master – Beier Howlett, PC, and Supporters DAR Piety Hill Chapter, Michelle Wooddell for State Representative and Michigan United Credit Union.

The parade route map and more information can be found at [www.bhamgov.org/parade](http://www.bhamgov.org/parade). Visitors are encouraged to park free of charge at the following parking structures: North Old Woodward (333 North Old Woodward Avenue), Chester Street (180 South Chester Street) or Pierce Street (333 Pierce Street).

*City of Birmingham – A Walkable Community. Visit the city's web site at [www.bhamgov.org](http://www.bhamgov.org).*

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