

Dearborn Welcomes you!

LIVE . WORK . PLAY

Where We Live

Designated as a “Cool City” by the State of Michigan, Dearborn gives the feeling of a small town with all of the amenities of “big city” living within its 24.5 square miles. Dearborn has been named a “Tree City USA” for 19 consecutive years.

Neighborhoods

Well constructed bungalows, historic homes with authentic craftsmanship, urban townhouses, condominiums, lofts and senior complexes,

as well as million dollar estates are intertwined among Dearborn’s peaceful and well maintained neighborhoods. More than 20 neighborhood associations serve residents across town.

There are 43 neighborhood playgrounds in Dearborn, covering 275 acres.

The City of Dearborn is noteworthy for the number of apartment towers it maintains for seniors to provide affordable living and easy access to a variety of services.

City Services

Dearborn’s history of sound financial management has enabled the City to provide superior City services during even the most challenging economic times.

The City’s operating tax rate has decreased or remained constant every year since 1989.

More than 51 cents of every City tax dollar is spent on public safety, and City law mandates a premium staffing level of police officers and fire fighters, reflecting Dearborn’s steadfast commitment to safety.

A formalized Neighborhood Watch program allows residents to be active partners in

Dearborn offers an inviting, comfortable and historic destination for newcomers and visitors. We are home to 100,000 residents who benefit from exceptional City services that are second-to-none and who live in closely knit neighborhoods with beautiful, tree-lined streets. People of many different backgrounds enjoy the opportunity to live, work, and celebrate in harmony.

Internationally recognized as the birthplace of Henry Ford, Dearborn is where auto and steel manufacturing, green beltways, fields of sunflowers and wildlife dwell side by side. We are a regional center for employment, healthcare services, higher education, shopping and transportation along with outstanding cultural, environmental and visitor attractions.





preventing crimes by making a designated phone number available to report any unusual activity in neighborhoods.

Dearborn's Fire Department has one of the country's best response times (less than four minutes) for fire and EMS emergencies, providing 100% Advance Life Support response to all medical emergencies.

Provided within Dearborn's moderate tax rate is weekly curbside collection of trash, recyclables and yard waste, as well as Public Service Days that deliver concentrated doses of City services to every neighborhood twice a month. Dearborn's well maintained neighborhood streets receive curb-to-curb street sweeping April through October and autumn leaf collection and are regularly cleared of

ice and snow during the winter season. Residents can also take advantage of an annual free household hazardous waste collection event.

Dearborn's Health Department offers citizens a full range of preventive health services, regularly scheduled clinics for general immunizations for school children, well baby clinics and flu and pneumonia clinics.

Dearborn's Public Library system includes the landmark Henry Ford Centennial Library, and three branches located throughout the City, delivering more than 600 programs to patrons of all ages. The libraries now offer "digital download" service, enabling online access to e-books and videos from home computers. Library

items are also delivered to senior housing and homebound residents.

Major Medical Facilities

Dearborn and its surrounding communities are well served by nationally-acclaimed medical facilities including Henry Ford Medical Center-Fairlane and Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center.

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center is the only southeast Michigan hospital to be named as one of the nation's Top 100 Cardiovascular hospitals for seven of the past eight years.



Schools

Approximately 18,000 students attend one of Dearborn's 33 public schools which are accredited by the North Central Commission on Accreditation. Magnet programs are available to students in math and science, technology, culinary arts, medicine, multimedia production and others.

Since 2002 all elementary and middle schools have achieved Adequately Yearly Progress as required by No Child Left Behind and the State of Michigan.

Over a four-year period, students attending Dearborn's three public high schools have been awarded more than \$20 million in scholarships and have gone on to attend the nation's most academically prestigious universities including M.I.T. and Harvard.

Nearly one-in-five Dearborn Public High School juniors and seniors take advantage of the dual enrollment program with Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, earning college credits.

Dearborn has more dual enrolled students than in any other district in Michigan, and it is one of only a few districts to have a middle college program offering students the opportunity to graduate with both a high school diploma and associates degree in five years.

For five years in a row, the district has been named one of the top 100 communities in the nation for music education. Its

athletic programs continue to attain divisional, regional and state recognition including more than 100 athletes being named to All-Academic teams.

The City of Dearborn is also home to eight private and four charter schools.

Institutions of Higher Education

Dearborn is very much a "college" town with a number of satellite schools and two major institutions of higher education:

Henry Ford Community College (HFCC) serves more than 25,000 students annually, offering more than 100 university transfer and associate degree career programs. HFCC is a leader in providing highly-trained health-care professionals, including the largest registered nurse program in Michigan.

University of Michigan-Dearborn has a population of more than 8,500 students enrolled in a variety of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The University of Michigan-Dearborn is ranked in the top 5 best master's level universities in the Midwest (America's Best Colleges 2008, U.S. News & World Report). The campus also includes several acres of prime natural resources and the Henry Ford Estate.



Parks and Recreation

Dearborn has eight outdoor pools, 43 public parks, a two-rink Dearborn Ice Skating Center (DISC), a public golf course, numerous walking and bike paths, picnic shelters, athletic fields and courts, and modern playscapes.

The City's recreational activities draw an increasing number of participants in baseball, softball, ice hockey, swimming and summer camp programs.

Dearborn's Senior Services, which attracts 22,000 participants to its programs, recently introduced a new walking club and book club, and in 2007, gave seniors 9,500 rides for medical appointments and shopping.

The City also owns Camp Dearborn, a family camp which is celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2008. Located on more than 626 acres of rolling hills, trees and lakes in Milford, Michigan, Camp Dearborn has added 65 new RV sites and other improvements to accommodate visitors.



Shopping

Dearborn annually attracts an estimated 10 million regional shoppers to Fairlane Town Center which offers one of the largest indoor shopping experiences in Michigan. In addition, Dearborn has regional outdoor shopping centers and three vibrant downtown business districts with a variety of specialty shops, restaurants and exciting new residential and business developments.

Transportation

Dearborn is ideally located to metropolitan Detroit and surrounding communities with easy access to major freeways (I-94, I-96, I-75, US-12, US-24, M-39, M-153),

AMTRAK passenger rail, SMART bus routes, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport, Willow Run Airport and Detroit City Airport.

Churches and Community Organizations

Within Dearborn are 54 churches, 5 mosques, 13 service clubs and other organizations including the Dearborn Community Arts Council, Dearborn Symphony Orchestra and the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS).

The Dearborn Symphony was awarded "Outstanding Community Orchestra 2007" by the Detroit Music Awards.





Where We Play

Dearborn is home to Michigan's leading tourist attraction The Henry Ford, recognized as the nation's largest indoor-outdoor American history museum entertainment complex. It includes Greenfield Village, the IMAX Theater and the Ford Rouge Factory Tours, attracting nearly 1.6 million visitors each year.

In addition, Dearborn is alive with more than 100 special events, Michigan's largest and oldest Memorial Day parade, Dearborn's Annual Homecoming, which attracts 150,000 people each August, major cultural and recreation centers, a wide variety of gourmet and ethnic restaurants, and trendy nightspots.



Where We Work

Dearborn is a regional employment center. It is the home of Ford Motor Company, which helped put the “world on wheels;” headquarters of AAA Michigan; the international headquarters of Carhartt, known for its premium workwear; Eppinger Manufacturing, the maker of famous Dardevle fishing lures; Dearborn Sausage, a company appreciated for its delicious products; the internationally known Shatila Bakery and 4,000 other small to large businesses, many of which have provided a variety of services and products for more than 50 years.

In addition to major automotive manufacturing, Dearborn is an industrial center for steel processing with recent major investments approaching \$1 billion by Severstal Steel.

Because Dearborn is a major southeastern Michigan employment and educational center, the City’s daytime population swells to more than 150,000 people.

The Dearborn Chamber of Commerce and American Arab Chamber of Commerce serve local and regional businesses with a variety of programs and membership opportunities. Also serving businesses are the East Dearborn Downtown Development Authority, the West Dearborn Downtown Development Authority and the West Dearborn Business Association.

The Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

This is the largest municipally owned facility of its kind with a better-than-Broadway 1,200 seat professional theater, two indoor pools, a fitness area, climbing wall, the Padzieski Art Gallery and more. Host to a variety of prominent events including the Republican Presidential debate, a Fox Sports & World Boxing Federation (WBF) title match, concerts by internationally-recognized music icons and the site of PBS and other network broadcasts, the facility has earned recognition for its versatility.

The Rouge River Gateway Corridor that runs through Dearborn is one of the most important natural and cultural assets of southeast Michigan. Currently underway is the federally-mandated CSO construction project to improve the quality and habitat of this important waterway and to return native trees and vegetation to these areas.

The University of Michigan-Dearborn’s Natural Area, located by the banks of the Rouge River, is noted as a prime birding site for more than 250 species of birds.

The Tournament Players Club, a 212-acre nationally known golf course, was designed as an eco-friendly course and is the world’s first golf course to receive the prestigious John James Audubon Environmental Steward Award in recognition of its ecological restoration.

An existing bicycle and pedestrian greenway connects the west downtown district to the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Henry Ford Community College campuses, in addition to 20 miles of regional trails. Future plans will connect the campus greenway to Ford Field, linking various downtown sites to the system and to the Rouge River Gateway.



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Green & Clean

Dearborn's landscape is a blending of tree-lined neighborhoods with parks, green beltways, fields of sunflowers, bike and nature paths, and a variety of conservation and restoration projects along the Rouge River. Whether you walk or drive around Dearborn, there is a wealth of opportunity to enjoy and benefit from the City's natural resources.



Dating back to its early years, Dearborn has earned a reputation for preserving its beauty and sustaining the environment. While the world is aware of Henry Ford's automotive and manufacturing genius, many are unaware that almost a century

ago he developed plastics made from existing agricultural feedstock and shared his vision for the environment including biofuels and bioplastics.

Ford Motor Company's Rouge Plant has the largest green roof in the world, with 454,000 square feet covered with sedum and other plants.

Through cooperation with business and industry, educational

institutions and environmental organizations and working with County, State and Federal agencies, Dearborn is strongly committed to improving the local environment.





Dearborn City Government

Dearborn was founded in 1786 and incorporated as a city in 1929. It includes an elected mayor, seven member City Council, City Clerk and three District Judges.

Mayor John B. O'Reilly, Jr.

Dearborn City Council

- Thomas P. Tafelski, President
- Nancy Hubbard
- Doug Thomas
- Suzanne Sareini
- Mark Shooshanian
- Robert A. Abraham
- George T. Darany

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Investing in the Future

In recent years, the City has experienced the dramatic revitalization of many of Dearborn's neighborhoods, schools, shopping districts and business centers, along with multi-million dollar investments to industrial and manufacturing facilities. Within a five year span approximately \$2 billion is being invested in Dearborn.

These investments include new retail, restaurants, condominiums, apartments, lofts, parking decks and streetscapes that have been built in or adjacent to Dearborn business districts. At the same time, a number of restaurants and businesses including auto dealerships have planned renovations and expansion of their facilities.

The establishment of the world's only Arab American National Museum, located directly across the street from Dearborn City Hall, highlights the shared experiences of immigrants and ethnic groups that have contributed greatly to the richness and diversity of our region.

The Warren Avenue business corridor is recognized as a tremendous success in the

creation of an authentic Middle Eastern district, drawing tens of thousands of visitors from throughout the region to an annual street fair.

Strengthening where residents live, the City is assembling land to create larger residential parcels for builders of upscale homes. Other City programs will help ensure that all residential properties, including rental, continue to be well maintained.

Commercial investors continue to put millions of dollars into a variety of new projects throughout the City, reinforcing Dearborn's reputation as a great place to do business.

The City is also exploring the creation of student housing, working with government partners on a multi-million dollar intermodal train station and studying the viability of a major conference center.

The future of Dearborn is extremely bright—thanks to a solid infrastructure and the talents of many people working together in a cooperative spirit to help drive innovation and growth in our region.



Proposed Dearborn Town Center

