

## **IMPORTANT! PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS**

To insure that everyone has a pleasurable park experience, we ask that everyone abide by the park rules and regulations:

-  **The park is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (April – September) 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (October – March)**
-  **Vehicles** must be driven on designated roads or parking areas only and not into the general park grounds. The operation of off road vehicles is prohibited.
-  **Catering** firms will not be allowed to drive into the park. Their equipment must stay in the parking lot.
-  **Water** is NOT provided in any shelter.
-  Park users shall not erect temporary structures such as **tents, canopies, screen houses**, etc. in Dodge Park. Up to two 10 x 10 canopies can be used with pavilion rentals at Nelson and Farmstead Parks. Attractions such as **dunk tanks, moonwalks, pony rides**, etc. are not permitted.
-  **Electronic amplification** systems and gas-powered **generators** are not allowed.
-  **Alcoholic beverages** are **prohibited** in all parks **with the exception of Dodge Park and Farmstead Park**. An Alcoholic Beverage Permit must be obtained for a fee from the Records Division of the Sterling Heights Police Department and will be issued only after the Parks and Recreation Office has issued a Park or Pavilion Permit. Alcoholic beverages allowed by permit must be consumed in the area immediately adjacent to the picnic group for which the permit was granted.
-  Park users shall not erect **signs** of any kind nor attach any signs, ropes, chains, or similar items to any pavilion, park structure, trees, shrubs or plant material.
-  Park users are responsible for maintaining the immediate picnic area by extinguishing all fires completely and disposing of all **refuse and trash** into proper receptacles. **The use of confetti, littering and pollution of parks and waterways is prohibited.**
-  Park users shall not build **fires** upon the ground; fires are permitted only in fireboxes provided for such use or in above ground barbeque grills.
-  **Dogs** are allowed in the park; they must be restrained at all times on a leash not greater than 6 feet long; clean-up after the dog is mandatory.
-  Park users shall not swim or wade in any City-owned recreational waters.
-  Park users shall not hunt, trap, or pursue wildlife at any time.
-  Park users shall not use, carry, or possess illegal firearms, air rifles, bow and arrows, slings, etc.
-  The use of fireworks is strictly prohibited in public parks, per state ordinance.
-  No person shall expose or offer for sale any article or service, solicit contributions for any purpose, gamble or participate in any game of chance.
-  Park users are not to disfigure or remove any park property. Park users shall not cut, collect, nor remove trees, shrubs, or plant materials including fallen timber and branches.
-  Park users in possession of a permit shall be bound by all rules and regulations and all applicable ordinances. Any and all permits shall be revoked and park users ordered to vacate the park for violations or non-compliance of these and all park rules.
-  Smoking, vaping and hookah use is prohibited under all pavilions. The use of marijuana is prohibited in all parks per state and local ordinances.
-  **THE PICNIC PERMIT, PARK RULES, AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT (IF APPLICABLE) MUST BE IN YOUR GROUP'S POSSESSION WHILE AT THE PARK.**