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First-ever Fireworks and Flannels event to provide plenty of frosty fun

Enjoy the 1K/5K Flannel Fun Run, live entertainment, horse drawn wagon rides and more

WATERFORD, MI – Jan. 14, 2025 – If you're looking to chill out this winter, mark your calendar for the first-ever Fireworks and Flannels event Feb. 15 at Waterford Oaks County Park. Presented by Oakland County Parks (OCP), participants are welcome to run or walk while wearing their comfiest, coziest flannel during the Flannel Fun Run, an out-and-back race through the park. The 1K Run begins at 3:30 p.m. and the 5K Fun Run/Walk kicks off at 4 p.m. The event will also feature free activities that promise fun for everyone.

"It may be cold outside, but that's no reason to stay indoors," OCP Chief of Recreation Programs and Services Brandy K. Boyd said. "There is lots of fun to be had during winter, so bundle up and join us for activities like horse drawn wagon rides, live animals from Bowers School Farm, an illuminated walking path, The Art Experience, food trucks and beer tent. The whole family is sure to enjoy these free, winter-fun activities."

A highlight of Fireworks and Flannels will be the fireworks. They will light up the wintry skies in spectacular fashion beginning at 8 p.m. Bring a camping chair and warm clothing to view fireworks outdoors or enjoy the view from the comfort of your heated vehicle.

Fireworks and Flannels will be held regardless of snow totals. It's a great opportunity to try a new activity and become familiar with Waterford Oaks County Park, which includes three miles of hiking trails; the universally-accessible Paradise Peninsula Playscape; two platform tennis and year-round outdoor pickleball courts; and a family sledding hill.

"Whether there is snow or not, Fireworks and Flannels promises to be a lot of fun," Recreation Program Coordinator and Race Organizer Riley Hayes said. "Start with the race, stay for the activities and wrap up the day with the fireworks display."

The racecourse will run along a beautiful, wooded trail. Spectators are welcome to cheer on walkers and runners. Cost is \$25 for the 5K and \$15 for the 1K. Each participant will receive a medal and T-shirt while supplies last. Register by scanning the QR code on the [Fireworks and Flannels Flyer](#) posted at OaklandCountyParks.com.

Fireworks and Flannels is sponsored by Great Lakes Trailer Sales and CJ's Upper Deck. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, email SoncrainteE@oakgov.com.

Because of the size of Waterford Oaks County Park and the layout of activities, the use of strollers and walking-assisted devices is advised, as needed. The park is located at 1702 Scott Lake Road in Waterford.

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