

IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY COMMENT

My Wife Lydia and I were riding bikes around our hometown of Ferndale last weekend. Ferndale is very pretty this time of year and it is still warm, as warm as it gets in Ferndale.

A friend pulled up in his truck and asked if we wanted some ling cod he had caught that morning, Well, sure, and he said he would deliver it. Lydia laughed and said "We really do live on Sesame Street."

Ferndale will look a lot like Sesame Street this weekend, with the annual Bargain Lovers Weekend. This is a village wide yard sale with over a hundred separate sites. Many places go all out, like the Ferndale Library and the Museum. Residents who have a good corner or a nice yard often coordinate with their friends and family from the country. Once you find a place to park, it is really easy to roam around and shop.

It starts at 9 a.m. Friday and ends with clean-up at Noon on Sunday. For more info, call 786-4477. If you come, I caution you to drive carefully. Some people are blinded by all of the bargains and I have seen shoppers just walk out into traffic.

If you drive down to Ferndale, you may as well make a day of it and have lunch. One of my favorites is The Ferndale Pizza Company, owned by our friends and neighbors Skip and Laurie. In Ferndale, we call it PizzaCo and they usually feed a lot of people on Bargain Lovers Weekend.

Right across the street used to be Humboldt Sweets, featured on Guy Fieri's Triple D. They closed and moved to Nevada, but the place has reopened with new owners. Cowtown Café has burgers and ice cream, fitting for the Cream City.

Some people can shop yard sales all day but some of the rest of us last an hour or two. If that describes you, let the shoppers go and head up to Fireman's Park and the Lost Coast Beer and Bocce Tournament. This is the 11th annual event organized by the Kiwanis and sponsored by Lost Coast Brewery. It starts at 8 Saturday morning, for registration of four person bocce teams. They have food and sell Lost Coast beers. The Kiwanis call their Bloody Marys "famous". You will have to judge that for yourself. Call Jay at 496-7005 for more info.

There is a new event planned for Ferndale the following weekend. On Saturday, September 22nd, there will be Peoples and Steeples, a Walking Tour of the historic churches of Ferndale. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Children are free and the tour includes 8 historic churches and former churches. The event is from 10 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon and benefits the Ferndale Museum. For info, call 786-4466.

One of the sites is a former church that is now home to the Ferndale Music Company. A tour of The Old Steeple is well worth it because the building has been lovingly restored. The place is now a music venue and we have seen some great musicians and comedians there. The acoustics are outrageous and there is really not a bad seat in the house. The next concert is musician songwriter Molly Tuttle on October 14th.

And, Saturday the 28th is the premier opening of Young Frankenstein at the Ferndale Rep.

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This is Mike Goldsby for Community Comment.