



ANNUAL REPORT 2005



The Farmington Hills City Council. Standing (l-r): Cheryl Oliverio, Barry Brickner, Randy Bruce, Nancy Bates. Seated (l-r): Jerry Ellis, Mayor Vicki Barnett, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Massey.

Message from your Mayor

The annual report provides me with the chance to celebrate the many wonderful accomplishments of the past year in the City of Farmington Hills and to thank the people who helped make them possible.

I feel very fortunate to be a part of this community, both as a mayor and resident of the City. We benefit from remarkable, award-winning services and enjoy a quality of life rarely found in other places. From the day-to-day services that make our lives run smoothly to the long-range projects that will keep Farmington Hills a viable, growing community, we should all feel a well-deserved sense of pride.

In the past year, our Fire and Police Departments have participated in disaster training which has helped make us one of the most prepared cities in the nation. Our Engineering Division has been involved in projects to reduce traffic congestion and improve our roadways. Our Cultural Arts Division has expanded its offerings due to continuously sold-out performances. During challenging financial times, we pride ourselves on our sound fiscal management and our ability to respond to the needs and desires of an involved community.

We are able to accomplish our goals because of the hard-working people who run this City. I offer my heartfelt thanks to the dedicated members of the City Council, the devoted volunteers who serve on our boards and commissions, and the outstanding City administration and employees. We encourage you to become an active participant in this great City and we always welcome your involvement. On behalf of the City Council and City Administration, I wish all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

Vicki Barnett
Mayor

Popular Police Programs Serve the Community



Officer Chris Steuer is a member of the Police Department's Mountain Bike Patrol.

The Farmington Hills Police Department conducts 51 different policing programs which serve the community and have a positive impact on the quality of life enjoyed by our residents. Highlights of the past year include:

- The Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.) program distributed approximately 500 in-home drug testing kits to residents. Added this year was a methamphetamine test kit.
- The Department participated in the Farmington Public School's Call to Action Coalition efforts, which called on citizens to "break the silence" on issues which threaten the health and safety of the community.
- The Kid's Club Detective School was attended by 35 school-aged children and provided an inside look at police operations and procedures.
- The Northwestern University Center for Public Safety's *School of Police Staff and Command* was held at the Farmington Hills Police Department for the fourth time. Attended by six command officers, this is among the most prestigious law enforcement management schools in the country.
- The annual 10K run for muscular dystrophy was again successful. The Department has contributed approximately \$70,000 to this cause.
- The "Click-it-or-Ticket" campaign, aimed at raising awareness and enforcement of state safety belt laws, had its national launch at the Farmington Hills Police Department.
- The Business Watch Program hosted an Identity Theft seminar, which provided valuable information to local business owners regarding protection against identity theft. A second seminar covered the topics of theft and robbery prevention.
- The Farmington Hills Police Benevolent Association's annual golf classic charitable event provided funding for various community needs.
- The Department completed the 11th session of its Civilian Police Academy. Aimed at adult residents, these sessions provide information on police procedures and investigations.

Fire Department Responds to Community Needs



Chief Marinucci swears in four newly confirmed on-call firefighters (l-r) David Aird, Jeff Darby, Michael Olsen, and Nick Belsky.

The Fire Department will close its books on one of the busiest years ever. In 2005, the Department responded to over 6,700 incidents including emergency medical

services, fires, fire alarms, car accidents, and other requests. Service is provided through a combination department, using both career and paid-on-call fire fighters. The Fire Department has hired an additional 30 paid-on-call firefighters to meet current staffing needs at fire stations throughout the City.

The Fire Department has taken the lead in preparing the community to respond to natural and manmade disasters. The main training event, called FARMEX II (Farmington Area Resource Management Exercise), involved over 40 neighboring police and fire departments, the Citizen Corps Council for Emergency Preparedness, and more than 600 volunteers and first responders who participated in a simulated terrorist event.

The Department received two new state-of-the-art rescue vehicles for use in transporting patients to hospitals. Both vehicles contain a Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS), which uses air, foam, and water to extinguish fires instead of water only, as used on standard fire trucks. The City also opened a new combination fire station and community center in December located at Grand River and Middlebelt to replace the old Fire Station 3. A dedication and open house will be scheduled in Spring 2006.

Public education and outreach continue to be a priority for the Department. Fire prevention efforts were promoted throughout the City with participation in the City-wide Open House and Kids Day in the Park. The Fire Department also hosted close to 500 public education programs, tours, and other community events, reaching over 5,000 adults and children.

Farmington Hills earns employee safety award for 12th straight year

The City of Farmington Hills was awarded the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) "Workers' Compensation Loss Control Achievement Award" for 2005. This award marks the 12th consecutive year in which the City's outstanding efforts have been recognized.

The annual award is given to the city with the lowest workers' compensation claims experience. No other municipality of comparable size in the state of Michigan has such an excellent safety record.

Low workers' compensation claims translate into tax dollar savings for Farmington Hills citizens. Our excellent safety record means the City will pay 37% less than the average premium for workers' compensation insurance, a savings of over \$200,000. Over the past decade, the City has saved over \$2.25 million in workers' compensation premiums.

City Manager Steve Brock credits the City's award-winning safety record to conscientious employees, investments in quality equipment, effective training in safe work methods, and the efforts of the City's Safety Committee.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

Senior Division

The Senior Division provides programs and services to adults 50 and better in Farmington Hills and Farmington. In 2005, popular offerings included ballroom and line dancing, Tai Chi, yoga, pool programs, a walking group, and a variety of speakers. New programs include women's softball, specialized computer classes, a digital photography club, the "For Men Only" breakfast club, and support groups for Diabetes and Caregivers. Holiday parties provided socialization and recreation for many residents.

Evening and weekend programs have grown, offering classes for working adults 50 and better. New programs include yoga, "Vital Woman" focusing on women's issues, Stay Strong/Stay Flexible, couples country western dancing, and ballroom dance.

A "Fun Walk" in Heritage Park raised money for Meals on Wheels and "Pies on the Grand" raised money for the Senior Transportation Program through the sale of 430 delicious blueberry pies. The Senior Division Nutrition Program served 85,970 home-delivered meals and 16,558 on-site meals. The Transportation Department provided 29,979 rides for senior and handicapped residents with priority given to medical appointments. Other destinations included grocery shopping, and visits to hospital/nursing homes, banks, and pharmacies.



The City of Farmington Hills Women's 50+ softball team participated in a county-wide league and finished at 5 wins and 5 losses in its first year.

Recreation

In 2005, the Recreation Division offered many programs for children and families.

- A new "Disc Golf Course" opened at Founders Sports Park. A newly-formed league held its 1st annual tournament.
- The Founders Festival Four-mile Run was re-established with 250 entries.
- New middle school basketball camps were held at Founders Sports Park.
- Expanded activities at Club 2nd Floor for high school teens included a Wednesday night study group and local bands on weekend nights.
- A one-day health fair offered demonstrations, blood pressure testing, and health-related vendors.
- Early childhood programs were expanded at the Heritage Park Day Camp.
- Founders Sports Park hosted 12 baseball and 3 soccer tournaments. More than 6,000 participants from 500 local, state, and out-of-state teams participated.
- New sports elementary youth camps were offered.
- New teen cable TV shows were produced with the Mayor's Youth Council.
- Additional skateboarding camps were added.
- Community meetings were held to develop a skate park.
- Hay Day in October drew a record crowd of over 2,500 people!

- The Haunted Hike provided thrills and chills for 1,500 people. New mechanical props added this year received resounding screams of delight.

We are always open to ideas about new programs; please contact us at 248-473-1800.

Cultural Arts Division

In 2005, more than 19,000 people participated in or attended the Cultural Arts Division's events, which were successfully promoted through the Community Cultural Arts Calendar.

Performances were packed throughout the year — in October, soloists from the Michigan Opera Theater thrilled audiences with their *Broadway Revue*, which sold out two months in advance. Detroit Chamber Winds' *Holiday Brass* sells out annually, and a second Blackthorn concert was added this spring. Despite a snowstorm, the *John Bressler Comedy Show* delighted the Costick Center audience; and The Candy Band performed kid-style rock and roll for toddlers at the Erhard BMW Dealership.

Music filled Heritage Park with eight summer concerts at the DaimlerChrysler Stars in the Park series. Highlights included Ray Kamalay and His Red Hot Peppers; Sheila Landis' fiery jazz group Brazilian Love Affair; and the Celtic offerings of Shepard's Folly.

The Farmington Hills Youth Theater performed for over 4,500 people at schools and at the Costick Center. More than 350 children participated in *The Wonderful World of Oz*, *Dear Edwina, Jr.*, and summer camp performances, making the youth theater our most popular program.

A variety of art classes were held at the Stables Studio in Heritage Park, including summer art camps for children. New music and storytelling classes were added and students continue to enjoy Motown Ballroom Dance and Middle Eastern Belly Dance.

Art galleries at the Costick Center and at City Hall offered a first-time exhibit by the Michigan Sculptors Guild, and the multicultural art exhibit featuring Nigerian artists Kenny and Tay Oyedeji. Eva Boicourt's collection of textiles also adorned the City Gallery during the Heritage Festival.

Costick Activities Center

The Costick Activities Center provides residents of all ages with a wide variety of activities, programs, and services. The 70,000 square foot Center has a 25-yard swimming pool, gymnasium with stage, large commercial kitchen, and meeting rooms ranging in size from 500 square feet to over 7,000 square feet. The Center also houses the Special Services Department's administration and registration offices.

Popular events offered each year include the Festival of the Arts in April, Hazardous Materials Drop-off Day in May, and the week-long Heritage Festival in September. Large room rentals alone brought in over 25,000 people in 2005 for special events including bridge tournaments, health expos, trade shows, parties, and concerts. More than 1,300 people enjoyed the new Birthday Party Package and attended events with themes such as Splash Party, Craft N' Fun Party, Sports Party, and Classic Party.

With thousands of customers and hundreds of programs held each year, the Costick Center has quickly established itself as the focal point for entertainment, social, educational, business, and community events in the Farmington Hills area.

Youth & Family Services

Since it began in March 1996, more than 7,500 middle school students have attended the after school and summer youth center program. Currently, there are 2,500 members participating in fun and educational classes, a 10% increase from 2004.

During the school year, a variety of programs are offered including Junior Optimist Club, Mid American Pompon, Farmington Hills Police K-9 Unit demonstration, scrap booking, Community Safety Seminar, the Goodfellows Care & Share, and Club Z!, a professional tutoring service.

This year's eight-week summer program was attended by 181 youths. Over 50 families took advantage of the early drop-off program, tailored to working parents. More than 650 youth members participated in the summer field trip program, which offered opportunities to go horseback riding, bowling, or take a trip to Zap Zone, Ford Field, Great Escapes, and other favorite spots.

The Exchange Club of Farmington/Farmington Hills gave a generous donation to Youth and Family Services with proceeds from its Reverse Raffle and the first Jon Grant Memorial Golf Outing. In July we partnered with the Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation on the Rubber Duck Race held in Shiawassee Park during the Founders Festival. Over 40 businesses got involved and more than 5,000 rubber ducks floated down the river. The lucky winner received a \$100 shopping spree for 52 weeks from Busch's Market.

Parks & Golf



A group of middle school students play pool at the Ice Arena as part of the after school program offered by Youth and Family Services.

The new nine-hole golf course on the northeast side of Eleven Mile and Halsted Roads was opened in June, creating the 18-hole Farmington Hills Golf Club. The course has received very good reviews from players and is well on its way to becoming one of the finest venues of its kind. The multi-purpose property also serves to cleanse storm waters and provides a great home for many indigenous plants and animals. The Farmington Hills Golf Club features a restaurant, pro shop, driving range, and 18 holes of championship golf, all open to the public.

In addition to a beautiful new golf course, the City's 600 acres of parks and athletic fields continue to host thousands of visitors for everything from camps and special family events to cross country skiing and hiking winding trails. The new Nature Center, located in Heritage Park, welcomed nearly 10,000 visitors in 2005 and has become a great resource for all ages.

Ice Arena

Since the Ice Arena opened ten years ago, thousands have enjoyed the many offerings for community youth. There are over 1,000 hockey participants in the Farmington Hills Hockey Association (FHHA) and close to 150 figure skaters in the Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club. Nearly 500 youth and adults take part in Learn to Skate classes and public skating sessions also provide a way for families to enjoy skating together.

The Annual Spring Ice Show gives the opportunity for skaters to entertain family and friends and show off their talent. Non-ice activities include after school programs from the Youth and Family Division, Club 2nd Floor for high school students, and summer day camps for elementary age children.

Finance Department wins international recognition

The Finance Department continues to receive national and international recognition for excellence. For the 20th year in a row, the City received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers' Association. The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004 received the Certificate of Achievement of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada. This is the seventh year in a row that Farmington Hills has received this prestigious honor.

The City is currently implementing new integrated financial software. Core modules are implemented, including the financial, purchasing, payroll and human resource component, and other supporting modules will be implemented by the end of 2005. This has eliminated our reliance on third party vendors and improved the timeliness of financial information. We now offer online access to assessing and tax information. This has resulted in fewer phone calls for information, which will help reduce costs in the future. Farmington Hills property owners can now pay property taxes online or over the telephone using a credit card (a 3% convenience fee is charged by the credit card company.) Information on this feature will be provided with your winter tax bill.

Your 2005 Tax Dollar

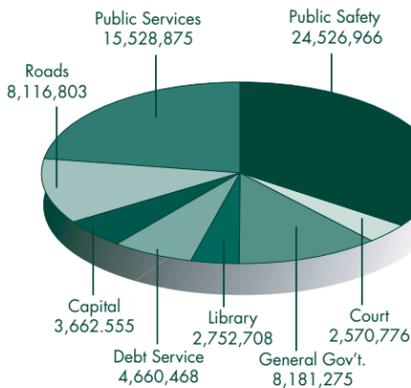
COUNTY	EDUCATION*	CITY
13.83%	59.22%	26.95%



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How Your Tax Dollars Were Spent in 2004/05 \$70,000,426



Planning and Community Development

In 2005, Farmington Hills experienced both substantial growth and extensive reinvestment in existing properties. As a mature City, we are always seeking to improve and maintain the quality of our community to ensure that our City remains desirable.

The Department of Planning and Community Development oversaw the construction of 100 new single-family homes and over 200,000 square feet of new commercial development with a construction value of over \$34 million. Permits for more than \$26 million in improvements and additions to existing homes and commercial buildings were issued. The construction value of all new development and re-development in 2005 totaled more than \$60 million.

As part of the ongoing revitalization of the City, 27 buildings were demolished and 19 structures were removed due to property maintenance violations. Increased efforts from City inspectors meant that 100 additional properties were identified as needing major repairs due to code deficiencies.

The City also invested in maintaining and improving our infrastructure. Community Development staff teamed with Southfield to revitalize Inkster Road from Eight Mile to Shiawassee. The road was widened and resurfaced; sidewalks and greenbelts were added; water and storm drain systems were upgraded; and "Gateway Park," featuring a rain garden and paved walkway, was added at the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Inkster Roads. The \$1 million project was jointly funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds authorized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Community Development Office helped residents maintain their property through the *Rebuilding Together* program. Volunteers from the City, local businesses, and churches performed yard work, painting, and other home repairs. As part of the Eight Mile Road Clean-Up, department volunteers picked up litter, painted fire hydrants, and trimmed and planted trees. The City also used federal funds to supply low and moderate income families with low-interest or deferred loans and grants for home improvement projects.

The 20th Annual Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony honored the beautification efforts of local businesses, apartments, subdivisions, and schools with top awards going to EZ Storage, Kojaian Companies, and DaimlerChrysler. The Planning

Office also undertook beautification efforts. In a joint project with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the City of Southfield, the Northwestern Highway median was landscaped with native grasses and flowers which will grow more beautiful with each season.

The destructive effects of the emerald ash borer have provided an ongoing challenge for our community. Using two state grants, the City planted 380 new trees to replace ash trees along major roads in the City's right-of-way. In an environmentally-friendly approach to storm water management, the Planning Office was involved in installing a rain garden at City Hall to channel roof water into an area landscaped with native perennial plants.

The Zoning Division's diligent enforcement of blight and zoning ordinances helps to keep Farmington Hills a desirable community. Starting this year, all five zoning inspectors are now assigned to field enforcement duties. Annually, about 12,000 zoning inspections are performed based on both residents' complaints and on violations sighted by inspectors. The division educates violators about ordinance requirements and encourages them to voluntarily comply. If this can't be achieved, then court-ordered correction of the violations at the property owner's expense is an option the City can pursue.

The work of the Planning and Community Development Department underscores the City's commitment to reinvestment, new construction, property maintenance, and beautification which form the foundation that sustains our community today and ensures a strong future for tomorrow.



Charmaine Kettler-Schmult, landscape architect, and Andrew Konkle, civil engineer, participated in the rain garden planting event.

47th District Court Honors Former Judges

In 2005, the 47th District Court held two different special ceremonies to celebrate the legacies of former Judge Margaret G. Schaeffer and the late Judge Frederick L. Harris.

In March, a portrait of Judge Schaeffer, who served as a judge from 1975 - 1992, was unveiled at a ceremony in the courthouse. Artist Robert Maniscalco's wonderful portrait shows Judge Schaeffer in her judicial robe during her tenure on the bench. The portrait now graces the courthouse lobby along with those of the late Judge Harris and the late Judge Michael Hand.

In May, current Judges James Brady and Marla Parker formally dedicated the courthouse facility to the memory of Judge Frederick L. Harris, who passed away in July 2004. Judge Harris served on the bench from 1989 - 2002 and was instrumental in garnering the public and political support necessary to have a new courthouse constructed in Farmington Hills. The current judges and political leadership from both Farmington and Farmington Hills therefore felt it fitting that the beautiful new courthouse, opened in July 2003, be dedicated to his memory.



A plaque mounted at the front entrance of the courthouse bearing the likeness of Judge Harris and dedicating the building to his memory was unveiled by Judge Harris' wife, Elaine, and his three sons, Michael, Timothy, and Patrick.

City Clerk's Office

This year, the City Clerk's Office implemented new state legislation on *Consolidated Elections*, which dictates that elections shall be held on only four days during the year in February, May, August, or November. This makes election dates standard throughout the year and eliminates costly special elections.

Due to the new legislation, the Clerk's office adjusted several precincts so that voters now vote in only one place for all elections, including school elections. This involved mailing approximately 59,000 voter registration cards, changing precinct maps, notifying affected voters, and performing new duties associated with school elections. Great cooperation between the City and the Farmington School District made the transition go smoothly. Voters now have four established annual election dates and voting takes place at the same precinct location for ALL elections.

Additional changes occurred with the implementation of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA.) Following problems in Florida during the 2000 Presidential election, the federal government allocated money for new voting equipment and voter education in all states across the country. Farmington Hills received new optical scan voting equipment paid for by the federal and state governments, saving the City approximately \$300,000 in new equipment costs.

The new voting equipment was successfully used for the first time in our November election, where voters re-elected incumbent Mayor Vicki Barnett, incumbent council members Jerry Ellis and Cheryl Oliverio, and elected Nancy Bates - a former Mayor and Council member.

Along with election work, the City Clerk's Office also functions as the City's information center; keeps all City records; files birth and death records; issues passports and all City licenses; keeps voter registration records; develops all meeting agendas; and takes meeting minutes. Please contact the City Clerk's Office if you need help with any City business or issues.

City Directory

- Emergency Calls Only
- Fire Department 9-1-1
- Police Department 9-1-1
- Central Services/Purchasing . . 871-2430
- City Hall 871-2400
- City Manager's Office 871-2500
- Assessing 871-2470
- City Clerk 871-2410
- District Court 871-2900
- Farmington Community Library 553-0300
- Finance Department 871-2440
- Fire Department
- Non emergency 871-2800
- Human Resources 871-2490
- Council Newsline 871-2511
- Police Department
- Non emergency 871-2600
- Public Services Department . . 871-2530
- Public Works 871-2850
- Planning Department
- Planning 871-2540
- Building 871-2450
- Community Development and Housing Rehabilitation . . . 871-2549
- Zoning 871-2520
- Special Services Department
- Costick Activities Center . . 473-1816
- Cultural Arts Division 473-1856
- Ice Arena 478-8800
- Nature Center 477-1135
- Parks & Golf 426-1505
- Recreation 473-1800
- Golf Club 476-5910
- Senior Adult Program 473-1830
- Volunteer Center 473-1813
- Youth and Families 473-1841

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The City management team

Standing (left to right): David Boyer, Special Services Director; Robert Spaman, Finance Director; Teri Arbenowske, Assistant to the City Manager; Dana Whinnery, Assistant City Manager; Mary Moultrup, Human Resources Director; Michael Lasley, Central Services Director; Kathryn Dornan, City Clerk. Seated (left to right): Thomas Biasell, Public Services Director; Dale Countegan, Planning and Community Development Director; Steve Brock, City Manager; Richard Marinucci, Fire Chief; William Dwyer, Police Chief.

Department of Public Services

The Department of Public Services undertook many projects in the past year which will keep life in Farmington Hills running smoothly. This department oversees the functions that are essential to a well-run City such as road maintenance, water and sewer, and refuse collection.

The Engineering Division was involved in planning and implementing several major road projects which included resurfacing Farmington Road from Twelve Mile to Thirteen Mile; Nine Mile Road from Drake to Halsted; Folsom Road from Orchard Lake west to Nine Mile; and Freedom Road from Orchard Lake east to Grand River. New sidewalks are in place on Drake Road from Hampstead to West Lyman and on Nine Mile Road from Polo Club to I-275.

Residents in the East Lincolnshire and Churchill Estates subdivisions experienced "Operation Overflow," a sanitary sewer overflow relief project. This involved the excavation of over 1800 feet of Skye Drive and over 700 feet of Appleton Drive to accommodate the underground installation of sanitary sewer pipes. These pipes will provide temporary storage of sanitary sewer overflow and will eliminate both the threat of wet basements and sewage overflow into the nearby creek.

The Division of Public Works maintained more than 58 miles of major streets and 243 miles of paved and unpaved local streets, which represents the ninth largest municipal street network in the state of Michigan and the largest municipal network in Oakland County. DPW crews are responsible for roadside mowing and forestry, asphalt and concrete repair, storm drain maintenance, and snow plowing. Last winter, southeast Michigan experienced extreme weather with over 60 inches of snowfall; yet major and local streets were plowed and salted in a timely and efficient manner to keep motorists safe.

The DPW also administers the City's refuse and recycling program which includes seasonal collection of yard waste and the annual Household Hazardous

Materials Drop-off Day. Our residents continue to achieve a 31 % recycling rate, higher than average for the State of Michigan. Attendance at HazMat Day increased once again, 1,237 cars came to the 2005 event held at the Costick Center in May.

Environmental awareness also continues to grow through public outreach programs. The City created local cable programs on recycling and rain gardens; hosted a frog and toad workshop and a rain garden seminar; educated residents on West Nile Virus and undertook an aggressive campaign to reduce the mosquito population; and celebrated River Day with a successful Rouge River cleanup.

Farmington Hills complied with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Storm Water permit by promoting the Southeast Michigan Partners for Clean Water public education campaign; by giving presentations at Wayne and Oakland County's Water Festivals; and by putting on a stormwater management workshop attended by over 180 engineers, planners, and landscape architects. The City Council also approved bylaws creating the new Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC) and DPS staff served on ARC Technical and Public Involvement and Education subcommittees.

In a multi-departmental project, employees created a rain garden to beautify City Hall while addressing storm water issues. Run-off from approximately 3,000 square feet of the City Hall roof is directed to the rain garden and soaked up by plants and soil instead of going to the storm drainage system leading to the Rouge River.



As part of "Operation Overflow," sanitary sewer pipes were placed over 30 feet deep in some areas under Appleton and Skye Drives.

City urges residents to update contact numbers

The City of Farmington Hills urges all residents to review and update contact numbers for Police, Fire, and other important departments in the City.

Non - emergency contact numbers:

- Fire Department: 248-871-2800
- City Manager's Office: 248-871-2500
- Div. of Public Works: 248-871-2850
- Police Department: 248-871-2600
- City Clerk's Office: 248-871-2410
- Parks and Recreation: 248-473-1800

In an emergency, you should call 9-1-1 to reach a dispatcher and receive a prompt response from an emergency professional. In a non-emergency situation, however, you should not tie up the 9-1-1 emergency line. Instead, take the time to look up the Fire or Police department non-emergency number, but *please* make sure it's the correct one.

In 2003, the City switched to a new phone system and changed all department phone numbers. The phone company held the numbers for two years before releasing them to the public. Unfortunately, some of these number holders report that they still receive City calls.

For more information on how to contact any department at the City of Farmington Hills, visit www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us, go to the *reference desk* heading and select the *contact information* link.

City Uses Online Auctions for Surplus Property

Farmington Hills is now using an online auction system to dispose of surplus City property. Items sold online include cars, trucks, and office equipment such as outdated computers. Results have been very positive for the new online process which allows a wider range of people to participate. The online system also helps the City dispose of surplus property quickly, rather than storing it until the annual City auction held every summer. If you're interested in using the online auction system, register to participate at <http://www.govbids.com/scripts/MI/TN/public/home1.asp>



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