

SPRING/SUMMER 2008

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CITY-WIDE OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, MAY 18 - NOON TO 4:00 P.M.

Come join the fun at the Free Fourth Annual City-Wide Open House on the City Hall campus at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.



Learn about the Police Department, Fire Department, and other City departments. Highlights include:

- Fire engines, police cars, DPW trucks
- Tours of Police Headquarters, Fire Headquarters, and the 47th District Court
- SWAT, Kasper the Police dog, and fire safety demonstrations
- Moonwalk, games, and prizes
- Musical entertainment, food, free shuttle bus from OCC parking lot

Mark your calendars! For more info, call 248-871-2500.

Fire Department

Outdoor Burning Policy

The City of Farmington Hills does not issue permits, or approve of the burning of yard waste (leaves, branches, grass, etc.) within the City limits. Violators will be asked to extinguish the fire upon the Fire Department's arrival and/or will be issued a court summons for the infraction. Social groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts may apply for a special permit for an event and applications may be obtained at Fire Headquarters. On days with temperatures below 32 degrees, construction crews may be allowed to burn in a barrel to thaw construction materials such as sand for mason work or constructive adhesives. Seasoned wood may be burned under supervision in commercially manufactured outdoor fireplaces or chimineas that have screened sides and a lid.

Address Requirement

The City's property identification ordinance applies to all commercial and residential properties to insure that all properties have numbers permanently mounted and easily visible from the road. For residential properties, numbers (not script or cursive) need to be a minimum of 3 inches in height, a color that contrasts with the color of the background, and mounted so they are easily visible at all times (not behind trees, posts or other obstructions.) Addresses on mailboxes, rocks, or painted on the street do not take the place of numbers on the residence, but may be helpful if the residence is not visible from the street.

On commercial properties, numbers must be a minimum of 6 inches in height, and in many cases need to be even larger because of setbacks from the road. The same requirements for color and contrasting background apply, and numbers should be mounted as high as possible so they are visible over the tops of vehicles. Remember, if responding emergency crews (Fire, Police, and Ambulance) can't locate an address, they'll be delayed in providing needed assistance.

Barbecue Restrictions

If you live in an apartment, condo or townhouse, what you do in your unit affects the safety and well being of all those in your building. The City has an ordinance that prohibits the use or storage of fuel-fired barbecues on balconies or patios. The following information should be contained in all lease agreements. Barbecues may not be used any closer than 8 feet from any multi-residential building, and are not permitted inside any building, unit, balcony or patio. If found in violation, the tenant and property owner(s) can receive a court summons or receive a cost recovery statement for all emergency units that responded to the complex because of the violation.

Any questions or concerns? Contact the Fire Department at 248-871-2800.



Want to learn more about important news in Farmington Hills?

Go to www.fhgov.com and click on the items in the Hills Highlights section on the website's main page. Current in-depth news includes:

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan
- The Master Plan for Future Land Use - Draft
- The Collaboration Study - Final Report
- Understanding Proposal A in a Declining Market - Informational Brochure

Police Department

This spring, make it a point to add a home security tune-up to your "to do" list. Follow these tips to minimize your risk of theft during the upcoming warm weather months:

GARAGE

- If you aren't in the garage, keep it closed and locked.
- If you do occasionally leave the garage door open, remove valuables and store them in the house. Lugging your golf clubs from the basement to the car is easier than replacing them!
- Keep your vehicle locked, even when it's parked in the garage and don't leave personal items inside.
- Lock bicycles that are stored in the garage.
- Secure power tools. When this isn't possible, engrave them with your driver's license number. (Engravers are available, on loan, from the Police Department's Crime Prevention Section.)
- Check your garage pedestrian door lock, if you don't have a deadbolt on this door, consider installing one.

EXTERIOR

- Inspect all your door locks and by the way, use them!
- Ensure that all exterior lights work. Check motion activated security lights that may not go on during the day.
- If you store a ladder outside, make sure it's secured.

LANDSCAPE

- Make sure trees and shrubs planted close to your home are trimmed on the bottom and cut well below windows. This will allow you to see out and prevent would-be thieves from hiding behind them.
- If you plant new shrubs under or around windows, those with thorns provide added security.
- Trim plants that may prevent your exterior lighting from being activated.

Consider having a FREE home security survey conducted. You'll get a written assessment along with recommendations for improvement. Call the Crime Prevention Section at 248-871-2750, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Police Department's "Cops for Kids" Run - June 7

The Farmington Hills Police Department will host its 19th Annual Run/Walk for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) on Saturday, June 7 at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills.

Registration starts at 8 a.m., with juice and bagels available, and the run begins at 9 a.m. The event includes a 10K race, a non-competitive 5K run, and a free one-mile fun run for kids. The \$20 entry fee includes a t-shirt, food, drinks, and a donation to MDA.

Over the past 18 years, the Farmington Hills Police Department has raised more than \$96,000 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Proceeds will be forwarded to the MDA at their Annual Labor Day Telethon. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-871-2620 or e-mail mrichardson@fhgov.com.



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

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Department of Planning & Community Development



The Beautification Commission presented the 2007 Beautification Commissioners' Award to Illuminating Concepts.

The City of Farmington Hills Beautification Commission presents annual awards to businesses, offices, and subdivision or condominium entrances with attractive and well-maintained landscapes. Judges look for landscape variety, imaginative use of color, and overall property maintenance. Nomination forms are available at www.fhgov.com in May, and judging takes place from June through August. Awards will be presented at the Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony on October 30, 2008.

The City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department was the recipient of the Michigan Recreation & Parks Association's (MRPA) Best Brochure Award. The Department's 2006 Fall Brochure was selected to receive this honor over 28 other entries at this year's annual MRPA Conference.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!

The Farmington Hills Zoning Ordinance:

- Requires that grass be cut before it reaches eight inches in height.
- Prohibits the outdoor storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles.
- Requires that pet owners keep all lawns and pet runs free of animal waste and uneaten food.
- Generally limits the amount of firewood stored on a property to two face cords; the firewood must be stored above ground in an orderly manner, and storage in front yards is prohibited.
- Regulates compost piles, addressing such issues as size, location and composition.

These and other regulations help keep Farmington Hills a desirable place to live and protect property values. For more info, visit www.fhgov.com, click on Departments, then Planning and Community Development, then Zoning or call 248-871-2520.

Tree Sale Returns

The cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington have teamed up with Steinkopf Nursery on Farmington Road just north of Eight Mile, to offer deciduous trees to residents or businesses at a reduced price. You can purchase 8 - 10' tall (1 1/2" caliper) trees including Pin Oak, Little Leaf Linden, Red Sunset Maple, New Bradford Pear, Cleveland Select Pear, Tulip Tree, Sweet Gum, Sugar Maple, and Red Oak for \$188 each, including sales tax, delivery, planting, and a one-year guarantee (with proper care.) Tree quantities are limited - don't delay! For more info, call Charmaine Kettler-Schmult at 248-871-2540 or Steinkopf Nursery at 248-474-2925.

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Housing discrimination is prohibited by law. If you have a housing discrimination complaint, contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 313-456-3700.

Spring/Summer 2008 Road Construction

The City of Farmington Hills will be reconstructing or improving the sections of roads listed below. No closures and no detours will be necessary due to the construction.

- Fourteen Mile Road between Drake and Farmington - Asphalt resurfacing and repair of the existing roadway including the addition of a center left turn lane. Work is expected to begin in early June with completion before Labor Day.
- Farmington Road between Thirteen Mile and Fourteen Mile - Asphalt resurfacing and repair of the existing roadway. Work is expected to begin in early June with completion before Labor Day.
- Fourteen Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake Roads - Asphalt resurfacing and repair of the existing roadway including the addition of a center left turn lane. The existing traffic signal at Gate House Lane will also be modernized. Work is expected to begin in early June with completion before Labor Day.
- Fourteen Mile/Farmington Intersection - The Road Commission for Oakland County will convert this intersection to a roundabout. This work is expected to begin in late July or early August with completion in Spring 2009.

GOING GREEN - THINKING GLOBALLY, ACTING LOCALLY

The City is currently participating in the Rebuild Michigan Program, in an effort to increase building efficiency and save on energy costs. As a part of this program, ten of the City's public facilities were toured and had their utility bills analyzed. The results of this Introductory Energy Evaluation (IEE) are expected later this spring.

Mayor Jerry Ellis has also established the Green Efforts Committee that will:

- Examine recommendations in the IEE and consider costs vs. benefits of specific projects
- Inventory the City's renewable energy resources
- Explore ways to implement sustainable building practices
- Consider community-wide promotion of environmental sustainability and energy efficiency

The Green Efforts Committee will present a report of its findings within twelve months to the City Council. In the meantime, check out what you can do to increase the energy efficiency of your home at www.energystar.gov.

The Alliance of Rouge Communities, Working Together, Restoring the River

The Alliance of Rouge Communities is revamping their Watershed Plan* and wants public input. You're invited to a meeting to learn about Rouge River water quality on June 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Costick Center. For more information on the Alliance, please visit www.allianceofrougecommunities.com

*A watershed is the area of land that drains to a river or lake.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

In December 2007, two distinctly separate historic districts were side by side for a brief moment in time! The Coach House Barn, which had called the Botsford Inn (Historic District #15) home for more than 85 years, was physically moved to the Eber Durham House (Historic District #11) on Thirteen Mile Road to make room for a new cancer center at Botsford Hospital. During this journey the Coach House Barn passed by the West Farmington Cemetery (Historic District #910) located on Halsted Road, south of Twelve Mile Road. The Historic District Commission would like to thank Jeff and Sherrie Stewart, owners of the Eber Durham House, for their dedication to historic preservation, extensive restoration efforts, careful planning, and vision.



Don't Lose Your Home to Foreclosure - Help is Available!

It's no secret that a number of Michiganders are facing economic challenges. More and more families are finding it increasingly difficult to make their mortgage payments, resulting in possible foreclosure. The following organizations are available to assist homeowners:

Oakland County Housing Counseling
Housing Counseling and foreclosure-related links
www.oakgov.com/chi/housing

Michigan State Housing Development Authority
"Save the Dream" - Helps connect homeowners with Home Ownership Counselors
www.michigan.gov/mshda

MSHDA Home Ownership Counselor Directory
www.mshds.info/counseling
866-946-7432

National Foundation for Credit Counseling
Homeowner Housing and Credit Counseling
www.nfcc.org
800-388-2227

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
For further information on foreclosures and to locate a Home Ownership Counselor
www.hud.gov/foreclosure

HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies
www.hud.gov/offices
888-995-HOPE

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
"How to Avoid Foreclosure" Publication
www.hudclips.org

Federal Housing Administration
FHASecure - Provides certain sub-prime borrowers refinancing opportunities
1-800-CALL-FHA

Clerk's Corner

2008 ELECTION SCHEDULE:

MAY 6, 2008 – SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
RESIDENTS OF THE CLARENCEVILLE
SCHOOL DISTRICT ONLY (PRECINCT 27)
AUGUST 5, 2008 – PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008 – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

In order to be eligible to vote, you must be registered 30 days prior to Election Day. If you move to a new community, you must re-register under your new address. You may register to vote at the City Clerk's Office, County Office-Elections Division or any Secretary of State's Office.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATIONS NO LONGER AUTOMATICALLY MAILED TO VOTERS 60 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER

By law, the City can no longer automatically mail absent voter ballot applications to persons 60 years of age and older unless they have specifically requested to be placed on the permanent list to receive an application. If you have not already requested to be added to the list (by checking the appropriate box on

the application mailed to you for the January 2008 Presidential Primary or by contacting the Clerk's Office by phone, mail or e-mail) you will no longer automatically receive applications for future Elections. To be placed on the permanent list, call **248-871-2416** or e-mail permlist@fhgov.com.

You are eligible for an absentee ballot if you meet any of the following criteria:

- Are 60 years of age or older
- Are physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another
- Are appointed as a precinct worker in a precinct other than your own
- Expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered on election day
- Cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion
- Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Absent voter ballot applications for the May Election will be mailed automatically by the end of March 2008

to all persons who are eligible and have requested to be placed on the permanent absent voter ballot application list.

For the August and November Elections, absent voter ballot applications will automatically be mailed to all persons who have requested to be placed on the permanent list by mid-June 2008. This will be a DUAL APPLICATION that will provide you the opportunity to request a ballot for both the August Primary and November Presidential Elections. Applications can also be downloaded from www.fhgov.com after June 20, 2008.

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED!

With a big Election Year ahead of us, we are looking for people to work as Election Inspectors for the upcoming Primary and Presidential Elections. Students who are at least 16 years of age are eligible. Teachers – here's a great opportunity to get your students involved in the Election process. With school not in session on these days, students can serve the community and also make a little extra cash.

Department of Public Services

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) DROP-OFF DAYS

Farmington Hills - Saturday, May 3
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Costick Center

Products in your home that are corrosive, toxic, flammable or reactive are considered Household Hazardous Waste. For a list of acceptable items, call RRRASOC at 248-208-2270 or go to www.rrrasoc.org. (These items are not accepted: latex paint, unknowns, commercial waste, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors.)

All containers need to be labeled, not hold more than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds, and should be put in a sturdy box on the floor or in the trunk. Paper shredding is also available at all HHW events with a 100-pound or three-box limit per household.

A drivers' license or other proof of residency is required to participate. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, Southfield, South Lyon, Walled Lake, and Wixom may participate in any of the HHW events listed below:

Farmington Hills	Novi	Southfield
Saturday, May 3	Saturday, September 27	Saturday, October 4
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Costick Center	Novi Civic Center	20000 W. 8 Mile Road,
28600 Eleven Mile Road	45175 W. 10 Mile Road	one block east of Evergreen

Remember. no latex paint! It can be dried and put at the curbside with the lid off for pickup with regular garbage. Add kitty litter or sand to cans to facilitate drying.

Septic Systems

There are over 2,000 septic systems in use in the City of Farmington Hills. When a septic system is properly managed, it's economical, effective, and environmentally safe. Here are some dos and don'ts:

- Do** have your system pumped every 2 to 5 years; frequency depends on the size and age of the system, the number of people living in the home, and the amount of water used.
- Do** learn the location of your septic tank and drain field.
- Do** keep a sketch of it with your maintenance record for service visits.
- Do** periodically check for signs of failure such as pooling water or muddy soil around your septic system. Notice whether a toilet or sink backs up when you flush or do laundry. You might also notice strips of bright green grass over the drain field.
- Don't** put grease, paint, sanitary products, toxic chemicals, paper towels or cat litter into your system.
- Don't** use commercial septic tank additives, they're not necessary and may harm your system.
- Don't** plant trees or shrubs over or near your system; the roots can cause damage.

Questions? Call Tracy Slintak, Environmental Coordinator at **248-871-2555** or call the Oakland County Health Division at **248-926-3305**.

HOLIDAY GARBAGE DELAYS:

Garbage, recycling, and yard waste will not be picked up on the following holidays:
Memorial Day – Monday, May 26. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday's collection on Saturday.
Fourth of July – Friday, July 4. Friday's collection on Saturday. Regular pickups will occur Monday through Thursday.
Labor Day - Monday, September 1. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday's collection on Saturday.

To ensure pickup, have your garbage at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. and limit containers to a 32 gallon and 60 pound capacity. Questions? Call the DPW at **248-871-2850**.

Healthy LAWN CARE

To learn about healthy lawn care and earth-friendly fertilizers or to see a list of endorsed lawn care companies offering the healthy lawn program for watershed protection, visit:
www.socwa.org or
www.healthylandscapes.com

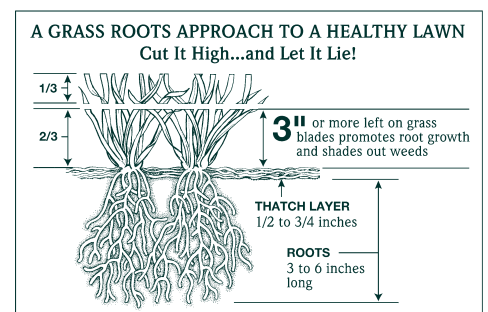
Go Green and Go Native! Introduce native plants to your home landscaping. Attend the FREE Native Plant Workshop on Tuesday, April 29 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. at the Heritage Park Visitors Center. To register, call 248-871-2555.

Yard Waste Pickup

To dispose of leaves, grass, shrub clippings, twigs, and plant materials, follow these options:

- Place yard waste in a 32 gallon trash can with a "Yard Waste" sticker available free from City Hall or the DPW. Oversized containers put out at the curbside will not be emptied.
- Put yard waste in brown paper yard waste bags.
- Use a mulching mower and recycle grass clippings into the lawn.
- Small limbs (six inches in diameter or less) and brush should be tied in bundles that don't exceed four feet in length and don't weigh more than 60 pounds per bundle. Any brush or twigs placed in cans or bags should not stick out above the top of the container. Also, large quantities of dirt or sod are not accepted for pickup.

Remember, don't dump yard waste by a river or stream. The decomposing leaves and grass add excess nutrients to the waterway, which can kill fish.



WEST NILE VIRUS UPDATE

It's West Nile Virus season once again, so protect yourself by following the Three R's:

- ✓ **REDUCE** areas where mosquitoes breed. Eliminate standing water collected in toys, buckets, tires, unused pools, clogged roof gutters, birdbaths, and other containers.
- ✓ **REPEL** against mosquitoes. Use insect repellants (follow manufacturers' guidelines and do not use on children younger than 2 years old.) Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants.
- ✓ **REPORT** the location of a dead bird. Call the Oakland County Health Division at 877-377-3641.

City workers have treated all City-owned storm water catch basins with a slow-release larvicide known to kill mosquitoes. All property owners are also urged to eliminate standing water on their property. Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding and therefore do not need to be treated. However, if water is stagnant, such as in a private storm sewer catch basin located in a driveway, backyard, or open space, it should be treated with a drop-in larvicide tablet available from local retailers. For more info, go to www.oakgov.com/health or www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

CITY DIRECTORY

Emergency Calls Only	
Fire Department	9-1-1
Police Department	9-1-1
Central Services/Purchasing	248-871-2430
City Clerk	248-871-2410
City Hall	248-871-2400
City Manager's Office	248-871-2500
Council Newsline	248-871-2511
District Court	248-871-2900
Farmington Community Library	248-553-0300
Finance Department	248-871-2440
Assessing	248-871-2470
Treasury	248-871-2480
Fire Department	
Non-emergency	248-871-2800
General Information	248-871-2400
Human Resources	248-871-2490
Planning Department	
Building	248-871-2450
Community Development and Housing Rehabilitation	248-871-2549
Planning	248-871-2540
Zoning	248-871-2520
Police Department	
Non-emergency	248-871-2600
Public Services Department	248-871-2530
Public Works	248-871-2850
Special Services Department	
Costick Center	248-473-1800
Cultural Arts Division	248-473-1856
Golf Club	248-476-5910
Ice Arena	248-478-8800
Jon Grant Center	248-871-2849
Longacre House	248-477-8404
Nature Center	248-477-1135
Parks & Golf	248-473-1880
Recreation	248-473-1800
Senior Adult Program	248-473-1830
Youth and Families Services	248-473-1841
Volunteer Center	248-473-1813

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Special Services Department

SENIOR DIVISION

The Center for Active Adult offers a variety of programs, classes, and special events at the Costick Center. Call **248-473-1830** for more information on registration, times, and fees.

EVENING VITAL WOMAN SERIES

Downsizing - June 9
Balcony Gardening - June 23

LIFELONG LEARNING AT LONGACRE

Farmington Hills History and the New Historical Museum - May 28
Farmington: Up Close - June 4
Farmington Hills Biz - June 25

EVENING PROGRAMS

Fernando's Ballroom - Mondays 6-7 p.m.
Ballroom with a Latin flair, Rumba/Merengue, Foxtrot
Back to Ballroom - Tuesdays 7-8 p.m.
Intermediate level, Mambo, West Coast Swing
Let's Dance - Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Beginner level, Mambo, East Coast Swing
Social Dancing - Variety of dances, two 7-week sessions.
Yoga - Tuesday and Thursdays, 7-week sessions
at Longacre House
Women's Softball Season - Starts May 20
Alzheimer's Workshop: Legal & Financial Issues - June 4

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Celebrate mothers, grandmothers, and daughters with a lovely tea on May 9, 2-4 p.m. Enjoy a fun fashion show, custom makeover, sweets, and teas as well as cosmetic tips, prizes, and gifts. Tickets \$10, register by May 5.

SUMMER FUN

The Recreation Division offers many affordable activities for summertime. For more info, refer to the 2008 Summer Activities Brochure mailed to your home, call **248-473-1800** or visit the Department of Special Services at www.fhgov.com and click on the program schedule.

MACKINAC ISLAND-GRAND HOTEL - September 23-26
 Four-day trip includes transportation and accommodations. \$670 per person. Call **248-473-1862** for information and availability.

FARMINGTON HILLS BALLROOM DANCE

All ages and skill levels welcome. Fridays May 16, June 13, August 15, 8-11 pm. DJ, raffles, door prizes, refreshments. Free dance lessons at 7 pm. \$10 per person.

FARMINGTON HILLS FUN WALK

Fifth annual family Fun Walk, May 17, 10 a.m.-noon, Heritage Park. Proceeds to Meals on Wheels and Senior Transportation Services. Refreshments, kids' activities, door prizes. Pre-registration \$10, same day registration \$15. Call **248-473-1830**.

PIES ON THE GRAND

Fifth annual blueberry pie extravaganza. Volunteers needed for baking, packing, and selling. Pies baked at the Costick Center July 16-18 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Enjoy blueberry pie and blueberry cookies at Art on the Grand during the Farmington Area Founders Festival, July 18-20. All proceeds support Senior Division Transportation. For more information, call **248-473-1830**.

TOTAL WELLNESS FAIR: ADULTS 50 & BETTER

Watch for a new free wellness fair presented by the Senior Division on Tuesday, September 23, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Costick Center. This fair features exciting and informative healthy life interactive demonstrations and exhibitors. Exercise, holistic healing, relaxation, financial planning, prizes, healthy cooking demos, health screenings, chair massages, tips on "going green," and more.



Celebrate Father's Day with your kids at the Second Annual Great Farmington Hills Campout on Saturday, June 14 through Sunday, June 15 in Heritage Park. For more info, call **248-473-1800** or visit www.F2H.org



12TH ANNUAL ICE SHOW

The Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club and the Farmington Hills Ice Arena will present the 12th Annual Ice Show, "A Skating Night at the Movies," on Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 10 at 4:00 p.m. The Figure Skaters, Fantasia Synchronized Teams, and Learn-to-Skate students will perform to hit movie tunes. Purchase tickets at the Ice Arena or the Costick Center. Adults (18+) \$8.00, seniors (62+) and students \$6.00, Children 5 and under FREE. For more info, call **248-478-8800**.

Cultural Arts

13th Annual Festival of the Arts - "The Magic of the Arts"

April 23 - 27 - Costick Center

Over 200 pieces of art for exhibit and sale, plus community displays, and more!

Friday, April 25 - **Art After Dark** - 7 to 10 p.m.

Live jazz, fine art, and delicious food from Whole Foods Market.

Saturday, April 26 - **Starry Night Gala - "Magic 8 Ball"** - 6:30 - 11 p.m.

Strolling dinner, live music, "casino-style" gambling, and a silent auction.

Sunday, April 27 - **Free Family Festival** - noon to 5 p.m.

Live performances, hands-on art projects, food, and demonstrations.

DaimlerFinancial Services "Stars in the Park" Free Concert Series

Thursdays - 7:30 p.m. (Rain-out site - Costick Center)

Join us at our brand new amphitheater in Heritage Park!

June 19 - **Farmington Community Band - Amphitheater Grand Opening!**

June 26 - **Barbara Bailey Hutchinson**

Grammy Award Winning folk singer

July 10 - **Motor City Brass Band** - 40-piece Big Band

July 24 - **FCB Jazz Band** - Jazz standards!

July 31 - **Terry Lee Goffee** as "Johnny Cash"

August 7 - **Sun Messengers** - R & B oldies band

August 14 - **Shout** - Beatles tribute band

August 21 - **Farmington Community Chorus**

Art on the Grand

July 18 - 20 - Downtown Farmington on Grand River Avenue

Fine art from around the country, musical performances, kids' activities, "Living Statue," free face painting, and fun for all as part of the Farmington Area Founders Festival.

Call **248-473-1870** for info on Cultural Arts programs.

Youth & Family Services offers great summer activities including: a Lions Bear Lake Camp Trip, the new After School Youth Center and Summer Drop In Program. Call **248-473-1841** for information on how to register.