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Farmington Hills City Manager Names Interim Police Chief

Assistant Chief John Piggott will serve as interim police chief beginning Monday, Dec. 16, as the City searches for a new Department leader

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Dec. 13, 2024) – Farmington Hills City Manager Gary Mekjian announced today that current Assistant Police Chief John Piggott will serve as interim police chief beginning Monday, Dec. 16, upon the retirement of Police Chief Jeff King.

“I am grateful that John has agreed to step into the role during this time of transition,” said City Manager Gary Mekjian. “He is an experienced law enforcement leader who is respected among his peers, and I’m confident that he will uphold the Department’s high standards while we take time to consider who will lead the Department in the future.”

Interim Chief Piggott has been a member of the Farmington Hills Police Department since 1996 when he was hired as a police cadet. Since that time, he has continued to rise through the ranks, gaining experience in administration, investigations, operations and traffic safety, serving as a school liaison officer, and being promoted to assistant chief in July 2021. In his career, Piggott has received 46 citations and awards for exceptional police work.

Piggott has a master’s degree in business administration from Madonna University, a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice from Grand Valley State University and an associate degree from Oakland Community College. He is also a graduate of the Police Executives’ and New Chiefs’ School through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police, as well as the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command.

The City of Farmington Hills seeks qualified candidates with experience in leadership and strategic planning, demonstrated success in community engagement and implementation of diversity, equity and inclusion efforts, and adaptability to modern law enforcement challenges. For the complete job description, visit the [City’s employment page](#). The City intends to select its new chief by spring 2025.

For further information, contact the City of Farmington Hills at 248-871-2500.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest and most diverse communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is known for its extensive amenities, including its 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The

Hawk, an award-winning, 245,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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