

FALL/WINTER 2006

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## Fire Prevention Week - October 8-14 Stand by Your Pan

Have you ever answered the door or been interrupted by your child and forgotten all about the food you left sizzling on the stove? If so, you've run the risk of a deadly house fire. In honor of Fire Prevention Week, the Farmington Hills Fire Department would like to remind you to Stand by Your Pan!

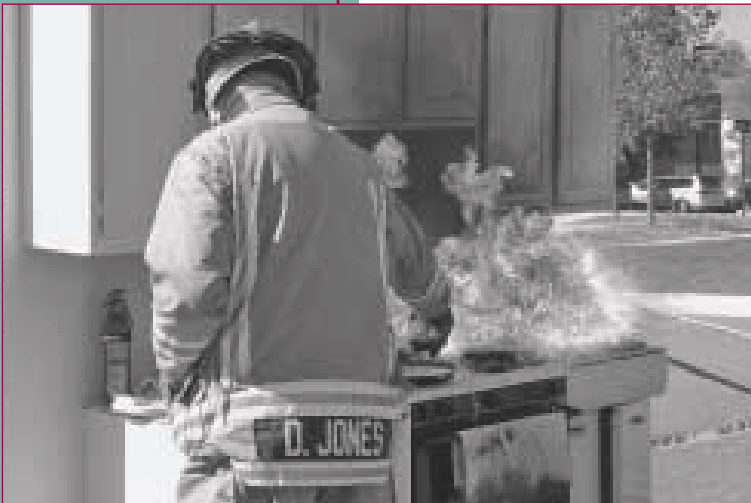
When called to a cooking-related fire, firefighters often hear, "I only left the kitchen for a few minutes." Sadly, that's all it takes for a dangerous fire to start. The bottom line is there's really no safe amount of time for the cook to step away from a hot stove.

Cooking is the number one cause of home fires, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Statistics show that one out of every three home fires started in the kitchen and more than 100,000 fires a year were related to cooking.

Thousands of fire departments across North America are joining together to observe Fire Prevention Week, October 8 -14. This year's theme, Prevent Cooking Fires - Watch What You Heat, reminds us that unsafe cooking practices can be a recipe for disaster.

**When cooking, here are a few key points to remember:**

- Stay in the kitchen when you're frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling food.
- Turn off the stove, even if you leave the room for a short period of time.
- Check simmering, baking, or roasting food regularly, stay in the home, and use a timer to remind you.
- Keep cooking areas clear of combustibles such as potholders, towels, rags, drapes, and food packaging.
- Keep children away from cooking areas by enforcing a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove.



*Inspector Dave Jones demonstrates why you should Stand by Your Pan while cooking.*

- If you have a fire in your microwave, turn it off immediately and keep the door closed. Don't open the door until the fire is completely out. If in doubt, get out of the house and call the fire department.
- Always keep an oven mitt and a lid nearby. If a small grease fire starts in a pan, smother the flames by carefully sliding the lid over the pan while wearing the oven mitt. Turn off the burner and slide the pan off the burner. To keep the fire from restarting, do not remove the lid until it is completely cool. Never pour water on a grease fire. If the fire doesn't go out, get out of the house and call the fire department.
- If an oven fire starts, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flames from burning you or your clothing. If the fire doesn't go out, get out of the house and call the fire department.

A cooking fire can turn deadly very quickly. Many homes have been destroyed and people have been killed or injured by fires that could easily have been avoided. Please heed these simple safety rules and Stand by Your Pan!

### Fire Station Award

The new combined Fire Station No. 3 and Jon Grant Community Center was a winner in the 23rd Annual Michigan Municipal Achievement Awards Competition. The award was presented during the Michigan Municipal League's 108th annual convention on September 29th at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Mayor Vicki Barnett accepted the award on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills. The November/December issue of the Michigan Municipal Review features information about all the winning entries. For more information, go to [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org).

### "Fall back" and change your smoke detector batteries

The Fire Department reminds you to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you turn your clocks back one hour on October 29. A working smoke detector more than doubles the chances of survival in a home fire. Statistics show that while 90% of U.S. homes have smoke detectors, one-third of those have worn out or missing batteries.

## Teamwork is Key to Addressing Drug and Alcohol Problems

The Police Department can't do it alone — facing alcohol and drug problems calls for community involvement. While Farmington Hills saw a significant decrease in alcohol related driving offenses last year, we remain concerned about the more than 200 incidents that did occur. More disturbing are the nearly 100 liquor law violations involving minors and the 350 drug law violations. This problem is approaching crisis proportion and calls for a response not only from the Police Department but from the entire community, parents, families, city government, the Fire Department, courts, and schools.

Consistent enforcement and investigation is critical. The Police Department currently has officers assigned to specialized drug enforcement units, while uniformed officers work under "zero tolerance" mandates for minors involved in alcohol violations. Specially trained officers work with the Farmington Hills Public Schools to provide drug-related education to fifth graders through the Teaching-Helping-Involving-Noticing-Kids (THINK) program. The Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) program puts the power to administer in-home drug testing in the hands of Farmington and Farmington Hills parents.

The Police Department is working with the Farmington/Farmington Hills Call to Action Coalition and participates in the annual October Awareness Breakfast. This event brings the community together to address drug, alcohol, and violence problems by increasing awareness of both the problems and the resources available. Teamwork is the key to winning the battle against drug and alcohol problems. To get involved, call **248-871-2750**.

## Farmington Hills Police Participate in Michigan Community Child Watch

Every fall, the Farmington Hills Police Department hosts a training session for Michigan Community Child Watch. This statewide volunteer program trains participants to observe and report situations involving children that could be dangerous or questionable.

To participate, one adult from the household must attend a one-hour training session and every member of the household 17 years of age and older must pass a criminal history background check. In addition, fingerprints are taken for all interested applicants who have completed the training. Any volunteers who show a history of drug or alcohol abuse, spouse abuse, animal cruelty or any offense deemed to be a threat to children are not accepted into the program.

Successful candidates receive the Michigan Community Child Watch "eye" poster to display in a prominent window in their house. This poster shows children that they can seek help at that location in an emergency. The Police Department has issued over 300 Child Watch posters to trained participants throughout Farmington Hills who have met the training requirements. For more information, call Officer R. Scott Goosen at **248-871-2756**.

## Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission

### Offers FREE First Aid Training



Do you know the symptoms of a heart attack? Can you use a defibrillator? Would you be able to perform rescue breathing until help arrived? Learn how to do all this and more at the FREE First Aid

Training classes hosted by the Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC).

Classes will offer hands-on techniques taught by emergency professionals. You can attend on either Wednesday, October 18 from 6:30-9:00 p.m., Thursday, October 19 from 6:30-9:00 p.m., or Saturday, October 21 from 10-12:30 p.m. (All sessions are the same.) Classes will be held at Nardin Park Church, 29887 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The series is sponsored by Botsford Hospital, Community Emergency Services, the Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission, the Farmington Hills Fire and Police Departments, the Farmington Public Safety Department, and Nardin Park Church. To register, call **248-473-1800**.

*Please note: This is a first aid awareness training program and NOT a certified CPR class.*

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## Drop Box Available

If the weather's bad or you're in a hurry, use the convenient green drop box located on the traffic island just south of Eleven Mile between City Hall and the Police Station. No need to park and enter the building to pay taxes or drop off absentee ballots or applications for absentee ballots. The box is emptied several times a day. **Just a reminder - winter taxes are due by February 14, 2007.**

## Did you know... that tax bills are not forwarded?

Property tax bills are sent to the address of record with the City and are mailed with the designation "address service requested." This means that tax bills will not be forwarded. If you have filed either a forwarding address or a temporary hold with the Post Office, your tax bill will be returned to the Treasurer's Office.

If you wish to receive a bill at a different address for a single season you must inform the Treasurer's office. If you wish to permanently change the mailing address of a tax bill, notice must be sent to the Assessor's Office in writing. Please note: Failure to receive a bill does not waive the tax or any penalty for late payment. For more information, call **248-871-2480**.

## Recycling Reminders

### Recycle your old cell phone

In honor of America Recycles Day, held annually on November 15th, why not donate your old cell phone to the Senior Division? Cell phones must be in working condition and include the car charger or AC/DC recharging unit. They'll be reprogrammed for emergency 911 usage by area senior citizens. Drop off old cell phones at the Costick Center front desk and remember to erase any personal information and make sure your account has been terminated. For more info, call **248-473-1800**.

### Recycle your Christmas tree

Drop off your Christmas tree for recycling at Glen Oaks Golf Course from Dec. 26th through January 14th from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the east end of the clubhouse parking lot at 30500 West Thirteen Mile Road, just east of Orchard Lake. Trees must be free of all decorations, lights, and tinsel. For more info, call **248-858-0906** or go to [www.oakgov.com/parksrec](http://www.oakgov.com/parksrec). Christmas trees placed at the curbside will be collected by the garbage truck and put in with the regular trash.

### Recycle your holiday cards

Toss your old holiday cards loosely in your recycling bin or place them with newspapers in a brown paper bag. All greeting cards are accepted except for those with glitter or metallic paper — these can't be recycled and should go in with your regular trash. You can also put junk mail, office paper, loose leaf paper, manila folders, and even paperback books in your recycling bin. For a copy of the Curbside Recycling Guidelines, call **248-871-2850** or go to [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us).

## Fall HazMat Day

The regional Fall Household HazMat Day will be held on Saturday, October 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in Southfield at RRRASOC (the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County) at 20000 W. 8 Mile Road, just east of Evergreen. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Southfield, Novi, Wixom, Walled Lake, South Lyon, and Lyon Township are all eligible to attend and must show proof of residency.

Along with hazardous materials and computer equipment, up to 100 pounds of personal documents can be taken for shredding and old mercury thermometers can be traded in for free new digital ones. For a complete list of accepted/non-accepted items, go to [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us) or [www.rrrasoc.org](http://www.rrrasoc.org) or call **248-208-2270**. Please note: NO latex paint will be accepted.

## RUBBISH REMINDERS

### Holiday Garbage Pickups

- **Thanksgiving** -- No collection Thursday, November 23rd. Monday through Wednesday - regular collection. Thursday and Friday - collection delayed one day.
- **Christmas and New Year's Day** – No collection Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st. Monday through Friday both weeks - collection delayed one day.
- **Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day** – City offices closed Monday, January 15th and Monday, February 19th. Collection takes place on the regularly scheduled day.
- Garbage is not collected on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. For details, go to [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us).

## Water & Sewer Rates changed July 1, 2006

Each year on July 1st, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department updates the rates for the 125 communities (including Farmington Hills) that use their water and sewer service.

Residents are billed four times annually for the actual amount of water used, which is measured in lots of 1,000 cubic feet of water. As of July 1st, water rates will increase \$0.78 from \$20.11 to \$20.89 per 1,000 cubic feet of water with a minimum bill of \$33.42 per quarter. Sewer rates will increase \$0.34 from \$18.85 to \$19.19 per 1,000 cubic of water with a minimum bill of \$30.70 per quarter. Minimum bills are necessary to share in the cost of operating and maintaining the water and sewer systems. Residents without City water will pay a flat rate of \$95.95 per quarter for sewer services.

Similar to last year, this year's rate change will help fund major improvements in Detroit's century-old water system, which is one of the largest in the world. The improvements are designed to provide residents with safer drinking water and cleaner rivers. For example, a new water works plant will be built that will use a process called Ozonation to kill bacteria instead of using chlorine. Ozonation, as effective as chlorine in killing bacteria, is less harmful to the environment and to consumers. Detroit will also replace and update equipment at its waste water treatment facility and build retention basins to prevent the discharge of raw sewage into the Detroit and Rouge Rivers.

### DUAL METERS

The City's Dual Meter Program allows a property owner to have a second water meter installed to measure water that will not enter a sanitary sewer but will be directed exclusively to an outside connection such as a sprinkler system or swimming pool. (Whether or not you take advantage of the dual meter program, we do ask that lawn watering take place between 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. to avoid peak hours of normal household use.)

If you install a dual meter, the sewage rate will be billed only on the amount of water that enters the sewer system through your home. Sewage fees will not be charged on the water that flows through the second meter exclusively for outside use.

Installation of a second meter costs about \$710. This includes \$410 for the meter and permit charges and approximately \$300 for plumbing costs, which will vary depending on the complexity of the changes required at your home.

For a worksheet to evaluate whether a second meter would be cost effective, call the Department of Public Services at **248-871-2530** or go to [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us). For questions on water and sewer issues, call the Operation and Maintenance Division of the Oakland County Drain Commissioners Office at **248-858-1110**.

## Fall Yard Waste Pickup

If you can't mulch all your leaves when you do your fall cleanup, choose from the following options for yard waste disposal:

- Use brown paper yard waste bags. Leaves in plastic bags or decorative plastic pumpkin bags will not be picked up.
- Put yard waste in garbage cans with yard waste stickers available free at City Hall or the DPW. Cans larger than 32 gallons or weighing more than 60 pounds will not be emptied, due to worker safety issues.

Yard waste pickup ends this year on December 15. After that date, yard waste cannot be picked up in accordance with the City's contract and with Michigan laws governing yard waste disposal. Call **248-871-2850** if you have questions.

## FALL FERTILIZING

Did you know that fall is the most important time to fertilize? Fall fertilizing promotes deep, healthy root systems and minimizes weeds and diseases. Spring applications can actually harm lawns by promoting more blade growth than root growth and by making lawns more susceptible to drought. A single application of slow-release fertilizer in the fall may be sufficient to provide a great foundation for the coming growing season.

## Snow & Ice Control Policies

Farmington Hills DPW employees provide snow and ice control services for a 300-mile network of major roads, school bus routes, and subdivision streets. Major roads and school bus routes receive the highest priority and are plowed and salted following any accumulation of snow or ice. Local streets, however, are plowed only if the accumulation reaches four or more inches. If the accumulation is less than four inches, subdivision streets are spot salted on hills, curves, and intersections.

To supplement the City's plowing, individual homeowners or associations can request that the City place 55-gallon drums filled with a mixture of sand and salt at intersections and hills. For information on requesting sand and salt barrels, call **248-871-2850**.

## E-MAILED UPDATES FROM CITY HALL

Be in the know about the City of Farmington Hills! Receive e-mailed updates on road construction, cultural arts or ice arena activities. Go to [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us), click on Reference Desk, then Mailing List to subscribe. For more information, call **248-871-2430**.

## Clerk's Corner

### ☆ VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2006 ☆

#### GENERAL GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

**OFFICES:** Governor/Lt. Governor  
 Unites States Senator  
 Representative in Congress - 9th District  
 State Senator - 14th District  
 State Representative - 37th District  
 State Boards  
 County Commissioner - 14th and 15th Districts

**PROPOSALS:** To view statewide proposals, go to [www.Michigan.gov](http://www.Michigan.gov).

#### NEW EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST DISABLED VOTERS

Each precinct has one new Automark unit designed to assist disabled voters. It's equipped with a Braille keypad, audio instructions, magnification, and is designed for "touch screen" voting. A blank ballot (identical to all other ballots) is issued to the voter and inserted into the machine, which then scans the ballot and prompts the voter on how to proceed. Once the voter has prompted the machine to mark the ballot, it will be ejected. The Automark ONLY marks the ballot, the same M-100 tabulator used for all other ballots actually counts the votes cast. To view this new equipment, please visit the Clerk's Office.

#### ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

You must be registered 30 days prior to Election Day in order to be eligible to vote. If you move to a new community, you must re-register under your new address. The deadline to register for the November 7th Gubernatorial Election is Tuesday, October 10, 2006.

#### ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOTS

You are eligible for an absentee ballot if you:

- 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

#### Attention students away at college or residents temporarily out-of-state:

If you register to vote by mail, you are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in your first election and must vote in person. This does not apply to anyone 60 years of age or older. If you have questions concerning your eligibility for an absentee ballot, call **248-871-2418**.

Dual applications for absentee ballots covering both the August Primary and November Gubernatorial Elections were automatically mailed to ALL persons 60 years of age or older and to disabled persons who requested an application in early June. All other eligible persons who want an absentee ballot can call **248-871-2410** for an application or download the application from [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us) (Quick Link - Election Information.)

#### PASSPORTS

New legislation takes effect at the end of December 2006 that requires passports for all air and sea travel anywhere outside the U.S., including Canada. By December 31, 2007, the requirement will be extended to all land border crossings as well. The City Clerk's office now processes passport paperwork then sends it to the federal government for issuance. Complete details on what's required to obtain a passport can be found at [www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](http://www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us) or by calling **248-871-2410**. Please note that the City Clerk's Office will not be processing any passport applications on Election Day - November 7, 2006.

#### ELECTION INSPECTORS WANTED

The City of Farmington Hills is looking for help at the polls for upcoming elections. You must be a registered voter in Oakland County or a student at least 16 years of age who is a resident of Oakland County and eligible to work. The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All election inspectors are required to be at their assigned precinct by 6:00 a.m. on Election Day. Election Inspectors are paid \$125 for the day and Chairpersons are paid \$160 for the day. For further information, call **248-871-2413**.



Senior Buyer Kelly Monico shows some of the bikes available through the MITN online auction service.

## Deals, Deals and More Deals

Let your "mouse" do your bidding — your keyboard mouse, that is. The City of Farmington Hills, in conjunction with 20 other local communities, is now participating in the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN). This regional online auction service offers surplus goods and police property to the highest bidder. Items for sale include anything from tools and televisions to bicycles and boats. The online auction enables the City to save costs associated with having an annual auction and also produces revenue from items that are sold. For more information or to view items for sale, go to [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info) and click on Surplus Auctions.

## Recreation Programs *To register, call 248-473-1800.*

### Boo Bash

Enjoy Halloween fun at the Heritage Park Day Camp Building on Saturday, October 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. Activities include face painting, hayrides, s'mores, Nature Center tours, "candy free" trick or treat stations, and pizza served from 4 to 5 p.m. Special shows of Basically Bats feature LIVE fruit and insect-eating bats from the Bat Zone at 5:30 and 6 p.m. Wear your favorite costume! Ages preschool through third grade with parents. Fee is \$9 resident/\$14 non-resident per child and per adult. Registration deadline is October 12.

### 14th Annual Holiday Lights Ceremony

Join the festivities at the 14th Annual Holiday Lights Ceremony on Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall fountain on the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. Trees at City Hall will be illuminated, Santa will be on hand, and refreshments will be served at the Fire Station after the ceremony.

### Daddy Daughter Dance

Dads, treat your daughter(s) to a special evening out at the Shannon Hall/Dublin Gym in the Costick Center on Friday, February 9 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. or Saturday, February 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Entertainment, dancing, a corsage for daughter(s), a boutonniere for dad, refreshments, and a memorable picture are all included. Space is limited to the first 500 participants per evening. Fee is \$9 resident/\$14 non-resident per child and per adult. Registration deadline is February 1.

### Riley Skate Park

In July 2006, George Riley and the Riley Foundation donated \$500,000 to the Farmington Hills Skate Park Project. The 29,000 square foot Riley Skate Park will provide community youth with a premier concrete skate park where they can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering people or damaging property.



Riley Skate Park is being funded by corporate donations, fund-raisers, and support from small businesses and individuals. The goal is to raise \$850,000 by December of 2006 in order to build Riley Skate Park in 2007.

You can be a part of the fund-raising! Attend the F2H Community Investment Fun(d) Night on Thursday, October 19 at 6 p.m. at the Costick Center. Activities include Vegas games, a Reverse Raffle, a Texas Holdem' Tournament, roaming dinner, and entertainment. Kids can eat dinner, watch movies, and play games. Tickets are \$40 per adult (additional \$40 for the Texas Holdem' Tournament or \$75 for everything) and \$5 per child (ages 5 and up). Tickets available at the Costick Center.

For more information or to donate to Riley Skate Park, contact Bryan Farmer at **248-473-1805** or [bfarmer@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us](mailto:bfarmer@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us). To see a rendering or to find out how you can buy an engraved brick to be placed at the Skate Park entrance, go to [www.F2H.org](http://www.F2H.org).

## Prepare to be scared at the Heritage Park Haunted Hike!

*Heritage Park will come alive with creatures of the night at the annual Haunted Hike!*

- **Thursday, October 26, 7:30-9 pm - \$5 per person**
- **Friday, October 27, 7:30-9:30 pm - \$7 per person**
- **Saturday, October 28, 7:30-9:30 pm - \$7 per person**

*(Please note: The event is recommended for individuals 7 years old and up.)*

If you'd prefer to scare others, get a ghoulish group together and create a scary station! Each group is provided with \$200 for the three evenings to help offset any expenses. Call Andy Lang at **248-473-1803** to receive an information packet. You'll need to submit a proposal about your "haunting experience." A minimum of five participants are required for each station.

## CITY DIRECTORY

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

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For the latest info on Farmington Hills, tune into cable Channel 8.

## Activities for Adults 50 & Better

Stop by the Costick Center, Conway Hall or call **248-473-1830** for more information. Advance registration is required for all programs. All classes held at the Costick Center unless otherwise noted.

### EVENING ACTIVITIES

- **Healthy Cooking** – Fall's Bounty Oct. 3, Slow-Cooked Meals Nov. 7, and Healthy Holiday Favorites Dec. 5, 6:30-7:30 pm. \$5 per class
- **The Philosophy of Investing and Marriage vs. Cohabitation** – Oct. 12, 7-8:30 pm. \$5
- **Back to Ballroom** – No partner necessary. Tuesdays, Oct. 24 - Dec. 12, 7:30-8:30 pm. \$40 per series resident/\$45 non-resident
- **Safe Self Defense** – Oct. 26, 7-8:30 pm. \$25 resident/\$30 non-resident
- **New! Cardio-Boxing 101** – Wednesdays, Nov. 1 - Dec. 20, 6:30-7:15 pm. \$40 per series resident/\$45 non-resident
- **Stretch, Flex & Tone** - Thursdays, Nov. 2 - Dec. 21, 5:30-6:20 pm. \$35 per series resident/\$42 non-resident
- **Yoga** – Costick Center, Tuesdays, Nov. 7 - Dec. 19, 5:30-6:30 pm; Jon Grant Community Center, Thursdays, Nov. 9 - Dec. 28, 5:45 - 6:45 pm. \$35 per series resident/\$42 non-resident

### VITAL WOMAN

- **Five Things Every Woman Should Know About Her Finances** – Oct. 9, 6-7 pm. \$5
- **How to Age Successfully** – Oct. 23, 6-7 pm. \$5
- **Love the Skin You're In** – Nov. 6, 6-7 pm. \$5
- **Holiday Shine** – Nov. 13, 6-7 pm. \$5

### COMPUTER CLASSES

- **Basic Windows XP** – Thursdays, Oct. 26 - Nov. 9, 1-2 pm. \$15 for series.
- **Introduction to Microsoft Word** – Thursdays, Oct. 26 - Dec. 14, 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Jon Grant Community Center. \$35 for series.

## FLU SHOTS

The Oakland County Health Department offers flu shots on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 9 am - 12 pm. Recommended for those who are 65 or older, have medical problems, and live or work with high-risk individuals. Cost covered by Medicare/Medicaid. Bring a picture ID with your current address and your Medicare/Medicaid card. Cash fee (to be determined) for those without Medicare/Medicaid.

## SPECIAL EVENTS & PARTIES

Purchase tickets in Conway at least one week prior to event, \$7 per person.

- **Halloween Party** – Friday, Oct. 27
- **Stars & Stripes Forever Veterans Celebration** – Friday, Nov. 10
- **Thanksgiving Party** – Thursday, Nov. 1
- **Holiday Party** – Friday, Dec. 15
- **Winter Dance** – Friday, Jan. 12
- **Valentine's Day Party** – Friday, Feb. 9
- **St Paddy's Day Party** – Friday, Mar. 9

## SPEAKER SERIES

- **Breakfast with the DIA** – Oct. 6, 9:30 am. Continental breakfast. \$5
- **Achieving Optimal Health** – Oct. 10, 10 am. \$5
- **Mental Wellness** – Oct. 24, 10:30 am.
- **55 Alive/Mature Driving Class** – Nov. 1 and 2, 10 am. Must attend both days. \$12
- **Understanding Other Cultures** – Nov. 7, 10:30 am. \$5
- **Managing Chronic Pain** – Nov. 21, 10:30 am. \$5
- **Memory Changes** – Dec. 5, 10:30 am. \$5
- **Newcomer Welcome Tour** – Jan. 18, 10:30 am.
- **Spelling Bee** – Feb. 7. Lunch at noon, event 12:30 - 3 pm.

## NEW - FRIDAY EVENING

### BALLROOM LESSON AND DANCE

Lesson at 7 pm followed by dance from 8-11 pm in Dublin Hall, Costick Center. Oct. 20, Dec. 15, Jan. 19, Feb. 16 and Mar. 9. Refreshments, 50/50 raffle. Men's and women's Latin and ballroom dance shoes on sale. \$10 per person.

## Cultural Arts Division Offers More Live Performances!



Tickets for all performances may be purchased at the Costick Center or by calling **248-473-1857**. Limited availability at the door on the nights of the performances.

### Michigan Opera Theatre

Broadway Revue II  
 October 13 and 14 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Farmington Players Barn  
 Tickets \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students

### Detroit Chamber Winds

Holiday Brass  
 December 12 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Farmington Players Barn  
 Tickets \$19 adults, \$16 seniors/students

### Farmington Community Chorus

Holiday Concert  
 December 15 and 16 - 8 p.m.  
 Mercy High School  
 Tickets available in November from Chorus members, at the Costick Center or through the FCC ticket line at **810-632-4067**. Advance tickets \$12, at event \$15

### Tony and Tina's Wedding

January 20 - Cash bar opens 6 p.m., show starts 7 p.m.  
 Costick Center  
 Ticket includes show, table seating, and a buffet dinner, \$62 per person, \$600 for a reserved table of ten

### Blackthorn

Rollicking Irish Music  
 March 2 and 3 - 7:30 p.m. March 4 - 6:30 p.m.  
 Farmington Players Barn  
 Tickets \$16 adults, \$14 seniors/students

## ART EXHIBITS

**City Gallery:** Costick Center lobby, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays and during special events.  
**Michigan Weavers Guild,** Sept. 6 - Oct. 24  
**Sculptors' Guild of Michigan,** Oct. 30 - Dec. 15

### Art in the Corridor:

Farmington Hills City Hall (Eleven Mile at Orchard Lake) and Farmington City Hall (Liberty at Grand River), during business hours.  
**Don McKercher** (photography), Sept. 5 - Oct. 20  
**Donna Vogelheim** (student exhibit), Oct. 30 - Dec. 1  
**Ann Hofman** (photography), Dec. 4 - Jan. 27

### Schoolhouse Rock Live! Jr.

Youth Theatre Performs November 16 - 19  
 Costick Center Tickets \$8, \$5 seniors  
 Auditions for the spring Youth Theatre performance class - January 14. For more information, call **248-473-1857**.

### New Classes for Kids, Adults, and Teens

Call **248-473-1857/59** for a brochure or to register.



Detroit Chamber Winds