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Register online for classes and programs at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. Or go to www.fhgov.com, click on Quick Links, then Recreation Online Registration.

If you have an account, follow the prompts to register. If you're new, create an account by registering online or in person at the Costick Center, Monday thru Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

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Don't make it easy for criminals during the warm weather months. Criminals love it when garage doors are left open or parked cars have the windows down. They love it when no one is home and a screen can be easily pushed in through an open window. But what a criminal really loves is an empty house with an unlocked door - burglars found unlocked doors at 62 Farmington Hills homes last year.

Residents who practice crime prevention and act as eyes and ears to report suspicious events are the key ingredients to keeping the community safe. Serious crime in Farmington Hills decreased 6.2% last year and 21% during the past three years. Last year, 15 of the 20 most serious crime categories decreased or stayed the same. In 2011, serious Group A Crime was the lowest number recorded in the past 17 years. Farmington Hills earned recognition as Michigan's third safest city with a population of more than 75,000 people. (According to the 2010 census, the population of Farmington Hills is 79,740.)

Help eliminate crime this summer. Don't leave bicycles, tools, golf clubs, and other valuables unattended. Keep garage doors shut and home and car doors locked. Report suspicious events by calling the Police Department at 248-871-2700 and help us take another bite out of crime in 2012.

Fire Department - Tornado Safety - Planning Ahead is Vital!

Spring is a great time to brush up on your knowledge of tornadoes and severe weather and know what to do if a warning is issued.

Know the difference between a **tornado watch** and a **tornado warning**:

- A tornado watch is issued to alert people that weather conditions indicate that a tornado could develop in your area.
- A tornado warning is issued when a tornado has actually been sighted or is indicated by radar.



A funnel cloud is a column of violently rotating winds extending down from a thunderstorm-like cloud that does not touch the ground. Michigan averages about 16 tornadoes per year, and since 1950 tornadoes have caused 239 deaths. Most tornadoes occur in April, May, June, and July most often between the hours of 3-7pm. They travel about five miles and are grounded for about 10 minutes. In extreme cases, they have been known to travel in excess of 100 miles. A typical tornado sustains winds between 71 and 125 miles per hour.

Clues a tornado may be forming – Watch for dark, often greenish skies. Look for what appears to be a dark wall cloud. Just before a tornado forms, there is a downpour of large hail. Also, listen for a loud roar, often referred to as the sound of a freight train. Remember, a tornado can strike anytime, anyplace, and more than once.

Where to take shelter – Head for the designated shelter area or a central area on the lowest level of your home or business. A basement offers the greatest safety. Seek shelter under sturdy furniture if possible. In homes without basements, take cover in the center part of your house, on the lowest floor in a small room such as a closet or bathroom. Stay away from all windows.

Mobile homes – Leave this home immediately and take shelter in a prearranged substantial shelter area. If there is no shelter nearby, leave your trailer and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. Do not seek shelter under your mobile home.

While driving – Get out of your vehicle and take shelter in a nearby ditch or ravine. Do not continue driving and do not take shelter under your vehicle once you've stopped.

At work or school – Follow advanced plans to move to interior hallways or small rooms on the lowest floors of the building. Avoid areas with glass and wide, free-span roofs.

Open country – Lie in a gully, ditch or low spot in the ground and hold onto something on the ground if possible. Do not seek shelter in a damaged building as it may collapse. Every tornado season, take time with your family to review your primary shelter area. Practice this by having everyone in the family go there in response to a tornado threat.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC) urges residents and businesses to have a 72-hour disaster "Go Kit" which should contain items such as: **Flashlights • Extra batteries • Battery operated radio (AM 1650 for updates) • First aid kit • Can opener • Canned food • Bottled water • Extra clothing**

After a tornado – Turn on the radio or television for the latest emergency information. Stay out of damaged buildings. Return home only if authorities say it's safe. Use the telephone only for emergency calls. Leave a building if you smell gas or chemical fumes. Clean up all spills involving medicines, bleaches, gasoline or other flammable liquids. Document the damage. Take pictures of damage to the house and its contents for insurance purposes. Watch out for debris, especially broken glass, and downed power lines and gas line breaks. Cooperate with local officials.

It's not a matter of if a disaster happens; it's a matter of when. Being prepared can greatly reduce the danger and distress you and your family may face.

Go to www.fhready.com for more info.

Clerk's Office

Are you registered to vote? Don't wait until Election Day to find out – call the Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410. Election Law states that you must be registered to vote 30 days prior to Election Day in order to be eligible to cast a ballot.

Registered Voter Requirements: Citizen of the United States • Resident of the State of Michigan and will be at least a 30-day resident of your city or township by Election Day • At least 18 years of age by Election Day.

If you move to a new community, you must re-register under your new address in order to vote. You may register at the City Clerk's Office, County Office – Elections Division or any Secretary of State's Office. Forms are also available online.

Note: If you are under 60 years of age and register to vote by mail rather than at one of the offices listed, you are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot for your first Election and must vote in person at the polls. This is important information for students attending college outside their jurisdiction or out of state who need to vote by absentee ballot.

Absentee Voter Ballot Requirements: 60 years of age or older • Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another • 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.

Michigan Election Law does not permit a ballot to be issued to anyone other than the person named on the application. Therefore, a ballot cannot be given to anyone for delivery to another, including husband/wife, member of the same family, etc.

Absentee Voter Ballot Applications: If you are on the City Clerk's permanent absentee voter ballot list, you will automatically receive a dual absentee voter ballot application by the first week of June 2012. This application will be used for both the August 7 election and the November 6 election. If you would like to be placed on the permanent list, e-mail permlist@fhgov.com or call 248-871-2410. Absentee voter

ballot applications will be available to all residents on the City website, www.fhgov.com, as of June 1, 2012.

Understanding Your August Primary Ballot: There are three sections on the ballot – Partisan Section, Nonpartisan Section, and Proposal Section. Within the Partisan Section there are two party sections on the ballot – Republican Party and Democratic Party. Select the party section of your choice. You may vote in one party section only, you cannot "split your ticket." If you vote in more than one party section, the partisan portion of your ballot will be rejected. Remember to vote for your choices in the Non-Partisan and Proposal sections of your ballot.

Election Inspectors Needed: Here's your chance to serve your community and earn extra money at the same time! If you, or someone you know, may be interested in working on Election Day, please call Diane Behrend in the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2413 for an application. Training is provided. You must be a registered voter of Oakland County to work as an election inspector in Farmington Hills.

The City's website, www.fhgov.com, has detailed election information, precinct maps, and more.

Door-to-Door Soliciting/Peddling: Soliciting is defined as door-to-door requests for contributions/services for charitable, religious or political organizations. Each person or group must be registered with the City and each person soliciting must have appropriate paperwork with them at all times. Peddling is defined as door-to-door requests/sales for profit. Each person must be licensed with the City and have a license that includes photo ID on their person at all times.

Soliciting/peddling may occur only from 10am-8pm or sunset, whichever is earlier. Solicitors/peddlers are not permitted to solicit on property signed "No Soliciting or No Peddling." State Law dictates that soliciting/peddling cannot be prohibited in Farmington Hills, but licensed parties must adhere to City ordinance requirements.

Call the Police Department at 248-871-2600 with concerns about a solicitor/peddler.

Department of Planning and Community Development

Beautification Commission Awards

The Beautification Commission presents annual awards to businesses, offices, and subdivision or condominium entrances with attractive and well-maintained landscapes. Judges visit nominated sites to look for landscape variety, imaginative use of color, and overall property maintenance. Nomination forms are available after May 14 at www.fhgov.com or call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543 to have a form mailed. Judging takes place from July through August. Awards will be presented at the 2012 Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony in late fall.

Historic District Commission

The Historic District Commission (HDC) has worked to protect and preserve the architectural and cultural heritage of Farmington Hills since 1981. The HDC currently has 73 buildings and three cemeteries designated as historic districts; 28 of the local historic districts are registered with the State Historic Preservation Office and two others, The Royal Aldrich House and The Orville Bostford House, are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

At the 2011 Beautification Awards Ceremony, the HDC presented Preservationist Awards to the owners of the Drake House and the Eli Stodgell House in recognition of their exemplary dedication to the preservation of their historic homes and properties. The HDC is now on the lookout for historic homes to honor at the 2012 awards ceremony.

The HDC holds regular meetings at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month at City Hall, the Longacre House or the Spicer House.

Check www.fhgov.com/Community/HistoricDistric.asp for meeting locations, agendas, and past meeting minutes.



Drake House



Eli Stodgell House

City Offers Zero Interest Home Repair Loans to Qualified Homeowners

The City offers help to qualified homeowners who need to repair or improve their houses. Loans may be used for any repair that brings the home up to code. Eligible repairs include roofs, windows, furnaces, hot water tanks or insulation.

Funding for this program is provided by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Office through the Community Development Block Grant. To qualify for the loan, applicants must have owned and occupied a home in Farmington Hills for at least one year. The family must also meet income guidelines set by the Federal government. The updated income guidelines go into effect June 1, 2012. Income guidelines, applications, and details of the program are available at www.fhgov.com. Click on quick Links, then Housing Rehabilitation Program or call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543.

Zoning Division

Help Keep our City a Great Place to Live!

- Property owners are responsible for cutting grass, weeds, and noxious growth as often as necessary before it reaches eight inches in height.
- Outdoor storage of improperly licensed vehicles is prohibited.
- Pet owners must keep all outdoor areas free of animal waste.
- Trash containers are required to be watertight with handles and tight fitting lids. Trash must be put at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. on the day before pickup. Empty trash containers must be removed from the curb within 12 hours after pickup.
- Trash and rubbish must be removed from the premises to prevent health and safety hazards.
- Shrubbery, trees or other vegetation cannot block a driver's view at intersections.
- Compost piles are regulated by size, location, and composition. No readily apparent odors may emanate to adjacent properties.
- No garage sale signs may be placed on poles or located on public property.
- Three inch high (or larger) property identification numbers must be posted on your house.

Call the Zoning Division at 248-871-2520 with any concerns about property maintenance, grass cutting or trespassing.

Building Division

Spring Maintenance Tips

- Even if home renovations aren't in your immediate future, routine maintenance will help your home function properly so that you can make the most out of your investment.
- Clean accumulated dust and dirt before it harms finishes on blinds, cabinets, countertops, floors, sinks, tubs, toilets, walls, tiles, and other items. Be sure to use a cleaning product that doesn't scratch or damage the finish.
- Change the filter on your heating and air conditioning system. A clean filter will help the system run more efficiently and remove more dirt and dust from the air.
- Clear out gutters and downspouts before they get clogged with leaves or other debris.
- The exterior of your house is built to withstand exposure to the elements, but regular cleanings will improve the appearance and prolong the life of siding and other exterior products.

If you do home improvement projects yourself, you are responsible for obtaining the required building permits. Not all home improvement projects require permits, but many do. A permit ensures minimum safety standards and allows code officials to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections, so the value of the property could be affected and problems may arise when the property is sold.

Check with the City's Building Division at 248-871-2450 before you start any home improvement projects.

Housing Discrimination Notice

Housing discrimination is prohibited by law. For more information on housing discrimination, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing. If you have a housing discrimination complaint, contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 313-456-3700 or the HUD hotline at 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

Treasurer's Office Reminders

Summer property tax bills are mailed around July 1 and may be paid without penalty through August 31 • Tax bills are mailed to the address of record and not forwarded by the post office • Changes of mailing address should be filed with the Assessor's Office • By law, failure to receive a property tax bill does not waive the bill or any charges for late payment • Every property should receive a bill, even if the bill is to be paid via an escrow account • If you have questions about your taxes, call 248-871-2480.

Save the Date! EcoFest 2012! Saturday, June 16 from 12-3pm

This FREE event, located at the Farmington Hills City Hall campus, will feature "ecologically-friendly" family fun with hands-on activities for kids including recycled craft projects, "Little Creatures" shows, and live performances. Learn how to reduce energy and save money in your own home through displays about technologies implemented at City Hall including solar panels, geothermal heating, and LED lighting. EcoFest 2012 is presented by The Commission for Energy and Environmental Sustainability (CEES).



Senior Division

Senior Prom | June 9, 5:30-10:30pm: Buffet dinner, complimentary dance lesson, and dancing. Couples and singles welcome. Tickets \$40, after June 1, \$50.

Father's Day Cooking Show Grillin' and Chillin' | June 14, 11:30am-1pm: Chef Anne-Marie demonstrates how to grill ribs and fixings at the Longacre House – \$25, resident discount fee \$20.

Shredding for Safety | June 12, 10am-12pm: Bring up to four paper grocery bags of sensitive documents to the Costick Center parking lot.

Pies on the Grand | Baking: July 17 – 19, 1:30-4:30pm | Selling: July 19 – 21, times vary until pies sell out: Pies and blueberry oatmeal cookies will be baked at the Costick Center and sold at the Founders Festival. Proceeds support Senior Division Transportation. To pre-order, call 248-473-1830.

Newcomer Welcome Tour | August 9, 10:30-11:30am: Adults 50 & better, from Farmington Hills and Farmington, tour the facility and learn about services, trips, classes, and activities. Welcome packet includes a coupon for a complimentary lunch, fitness, line dance or speaker series class.

Fifth Annual FREE Total Wellness Fair | September 18, 10am-1pm: Exhibits on exercise, holistic healing, financial planning, and healthy cooking. Screenings, chair massages, and more. Give-a-ways, hourly door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle.

The Center for Active Adults offers programs, classes, and special events at the Costick Center. For more info, call 248-473-1830 or visit www.fhgov.com and click on Departments/Adults 50 & Better to view "The Messenger" monthly newsletter.

Public Services Department

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions

The City is strongly encouraging all property owners with automated sprinkler systems to adhere to Voluntary Water Use Restrictions in an effort to control future water rate increases. Compliance with the new Voluntary Water Use Restrictions will result in less water usage during peak times and help hold down costs by increasing the efficiency of the water system.

Under the voluntary demand management system, water users are asked to:

- Water residential and commercial lawns/landscaping and subdivision common areas between the hours of midnight and 6am. Experts recommend that lawns be watered closer to the morning hours so the lawn will have moisture during the heat of the day. Restrictions are for automatic sprinkler systems, not hoses or sprinklers connected to hoses. Please adjust automatic sprinkler timers so that irrigation is completed by 6am.
- Water lawns and landscaping for properties with even-numbered addresses on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday.
- Water lawns and landscaping for properties with odd-numbered addresses on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday.

The City complies with these regulations and waters public areas in accordance with these restrictions. The Farmington Hills Golf Course and Founders Sports Park, however, are exempt from following these guidelines because they irrigate using water from drainage ponds that are not part of the City's water system.

Farmington Hills is a customer of the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), which determines rates to suburban communities based on various significant factors that include maximum day demand and peak hour demand. By shifting usage to non-peak hours and reducing spikes in the daily demand, water cost increases can be reduced.

If you have any questions, call the Department of Public Services at 248-871-2530.

Water System Improvements

The City is proposing water system improvements that will include the construction of a three million gallon elevated water storage tank. These improvements will minimize future water rate increases, improve system pressure distribution, increase fire flow capacity, and provide system pressure during power outages. The water storage tank will be located at the Division of Public Works on Halsted Road, just south of Twelve Mile. The project will include the design and construction of the water storage tank and the installation of new transmission water mains and pressure reducing valves. Construction of the foundation will begin this fall and the water tower is scheduled to be completed and in service by June 2014.

Fertilizer Education - Tips to maintain a more sustainable lawn:

- Mulch nitrogen-rich grass clippings when mowing to reduce fertilizer use.
- Rake in compost and increase the organic matter of the soil.
- Select pesticide-free, earth-friendly fertilizers with no phosphorus, and 50% or more of the nitrogen in slow-release form. Look for the "Earth Friendly Fertilizer" label at participating retailers.
- Sweep up fertilizer on sidewalks and driveways. Put it back into the lawn to keep it from washing into storm drains.
- Request the Healthy Lawn Care Option if you use a lawn care company. For a list of companies endorsed through the Michigan Green Industry Association, visit www.landscape.org or call 248-646-4992.
- If you live on a lake or river, leave a "no fertilizer" 25-foot buffer zone planted with native grasses, shrubs or tall wildflowers to help trap pollutants and keep out geese.

Important Information for Rental Property Owners

If you are a landlord, it is your responsibility to verify that tenants are paying their quarterly water bills. Water service invoices are always sent to the address of the property that is receiving the service. Delinquent water invoices are then rolled onto property taxes if unpaid. If you own the property, you may request in writing that a duplicate bill be sent to your address as well as to the service address.

Wheeled Recycling Carts Coming Soon!

The City is switching to new recycling carts that will offer many benefits to residents. The carts will be easier and more convenient to take to the curb, which will encourage more recycling. The carts will also be more efficient to pick up and more cost effective.

New 64-gallon carts will be delivered to homes this summer, with specific delivery dates to be determined. The City is making two alternative sizes available free to residents.

You can pre-order a smaller 35-gallon cart or a larger 96-gallon cart by calling the DPW at 248-871-2850. If you decide that you need a smaller or larger size, you will have until October 1 to switch sizes at no charge.

The carts will be for recycling only, with no need for sorting. Trash items should continue to go into garbage cans and yard waste should continue to be placed in yard waste containers. Existing recycling bins will no longer be accepted. You can keep the old bin for storage or place it in the new cart to be recycled.

Recycling collection will remain on the same day as your trash pickup. You may set the cart out every week or only when it is full. All recycling must go in the cart; bulky items set next to the cart will not be picked up.

If you have questions, visit www.rrrasoc.org, call 248-208-2270 or "like" the Recycling Authority on Facebook.



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West Nile Virus – Follow the Three R's

REDUCE areas where mosquitoes breed. Eliminate standing water on your property. This includes water in gutters, toys, buckets, tires, unused pools, birdbaths, and other containers. Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding.

REPEL against mosquitoes. Use insect repellants. Follow manufacturers' guidelines and don't use on children younger than two. Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants.

REPORT the location of any dead bird. Call the Oakland County Health Division at 877-377-3641.

For more info, go to www.oakgov.com/health or www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

Holiday Delays for Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Pickup

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2012

No collection scheduled. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday's collection on Saturday.

Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2012

No collection scheduled. Regular pickups Monday and Tuesday. Pickups delayed by one day Thursday and Friday, with Friday's collection on Saturday.

Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 2012

No collection scheduled. 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 7am and limit containers to a 32 gallon, 60 pound capacity.



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2012 Road Construction

14 Mile Rd from east of Haggerty Rd to Drake Rd – This section of roadway will be rehabilitated from June through September. The work includes the addition of a center turn lane, reconstruction, resurfacing, and sidewalk installation. 14 Mile Rd will remain open to traffic for the majority of the project.

Orchard Lake Rd from 13 Mile Rd to 14 Mile Rd – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is responsible for all of Orchard Lake Road, including this section which will be resurfaced this summer. For questions or concerns, call RCOC Citizen Services at 248-858-4804.

Northwestern Hwy (M-10) from Orchard Lake Rd to Beck Rd (City of Southfield) – MDOT will be resurfacing this section of roadway this summer. MDOT's intent is to minimize road traffic delays and to focus most of the resurfacing work during night hours.

8 Mile Rd from Grand River Ave to Telegraph Rd – MDOT will be resurfacing this section of roadway starting this summer. 8 Mile Rd will remain open to traffic during construction; however there will be lane closures. Some night work may occur.

Independence Ave from Middlebelt Rd to Waldron – This capital improvement project consists of water main replacement, road rehabilitation, and installation of sidewalk. Construction will start in July.

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Special Services Department

Youth & Family Services

This season marks the 17th year of offering a fun and safe place for youth to spend the summer or after school time. Nearly 800 members took part in the program this past year.

Youth Center Tour and Pizza Party | Thursday, May 17 | 4:30-7:30pm | All incoming 5th Graders | \$5 per person
Tour starts at the Costick Center, heads by bus to the POP Center, then the Ice Arena 2nd Floor Youth Center, and Jon Grant Center.

Summer Drop-In Center | June 25 to August 17 | All incoming 5th graders and current 5th through 8th graders
\$275/8-week program (+\$40 Youth Membership Fee) | 10am-5:30pm | Mon – Thurs | Fridays are water park field trip days
Located at the Ice Arena 2nd Floor. Please register at the Costick Center. For a nominal fee, Summer Drop-In Youth Members can go on one of 27 field trips and enjoy horseback riding, bowling, a Tigers game, Motown tour, canoeing, and more.

When school starts on Tuesday, September 4, all upper elementary and middle school students are once again welcome at one of their favorite Youth Centers at the end of the school day. The Youth Centers are open immediately after school until 5:30pm. The cost for the program for the 2012/13 school year is a one-time membership fee of \$40.

Questions? Call Youth & Family Services at 248-473-1841.

Recreation Division

Nature Center | Free, Open to Public | Mon-Sat 10am - 5pm | Sun 12-5pm – Sign up for a program or stop by to check out the live bee display and more! For information on Scout Badge Programs, Birthday Parties, Nature Camps or Nature Classes, call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135.

Riley Skate Park | Open 8am - Dusk | Mon-Sun – Skate Camps for both skilled and unskilled skateboarders, competitions, and more. Visit www.rileyskatepark.com.

Summer Camps – Over 3,000 kids each year attend licensed day camps and specialty camps at locations including Heritage Park, the Costick Center, and the Jon Grant Center. A variety of camps include sports, nature, travel, safety, and more. Campers make new friends, create memories, explore new places, and gain self confidence!

Great Farmington Hills Campout | June 9-10 – Camp out in your own backyard or at Heritage Park. Visit www.F2H.org.

Daily Summer Fun at the Nature Center | June 19 – August 24 – Tuesdays: Story and a Craft, 2pm • Wednesdays: Scavenger Hunt, 2pm • Thursdays: Nature Film, 2pm • Fridays: Campfires, 7-9pm

Fitness Classes – Summer sessions begin the week of June 18

Youth Soccer League – Fall Youth Soccer for grades K-1, 2-3, and 4-5 is open for registration until July 27. Check the Summer Brochure for info on adult and youth sports leagues at www.fhgov.com.

Marshmallow Fly & Fry | August 21, 5-8pm – Watch 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky, roast marshmallows, and make s'mores. Sponsored by Busch's and LOC Federal Credit Union. **FREE.**

Splash Bash | August 27, 6-10pm – Play in the splash pad, jump on bouncers, do crafts, and play games. The evening ends with a movie in the park. **FREE.**

City Directory

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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
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Cultural Arts Division

Art on the Grand

Saturday & Sunday, June 2-3 | Grand River Ave in Downtown Farmington
Over 100 booths of artwork for sale from artists around the country, including paintings, glass, pottery, jewelry, and photography; plus children's activities, beer/wine tent, food, dancing, and strolling entertainment.
For more info on Cultural Arts programs, call 248-473-1870/1859.

Mercedes Benz Financial Services Free "Stars in the Park" Concert Series

Thursdays at 7pm – Heritage Park Amphitheater
(Rain-out site – Costick Center) *For information, call 248-473-1848*

- June 21: FCB Concert Band – Pop, swing, jazz, and more
- June 28: Lookin' Back – Tribute to Bob Seger, plus more Rock & Roll
- July 12: Shout – All-time favorite Beatles Tribute band
- July 26: FCB Big Band – Vocals and big band selections
- August 2: Delta Twins – Blues/Americana/Rock
- August 9: Devin Scillian and Arizona Son – Country greats featuring Devin Scillian, Detroit Music Awards "Best Country Performer"
- August 16: Mass Transit – Motown, Chicago, and rock
- August 23: Farmington Community Chorus – Pop, jazz, and more

See art Inside/Out with the DIA! Look around Farmington Hills to discover reproductions of masterpieces from the DIA. Bus tours, lectures, and other events will be centered around this touring exhibit from April to June. **Bring your dad, neighbors, and friends for "D-Day" at the DIA on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17;** each resident of Farmington Hills will receive four free admissions to visit "our" art pieces in person, and enjoy some fun-filled activities.

*"Allegory of Hope" (1617-18) by Italian Artist
Allesandro Turchi is located at City Hall just outside the main entrance.*



Farmington Hills Golf Club

This beautiful course, located at 11 Mile Court and Halsted Road, boasts 18 challenging holes (measuring 6,413 yards) with manicured bent grass tees, fairways, and greens surrounded by trees, ponds, and gently rolling hills. The Clubhouse includes the new and totally remodeled Greek Isles Restaurant, a full-service bar and grill, plus a pro shop and a huge outdoor patio with great views of the course. The Driving Range is open daily from 7am-10pm, weather permitting, from early spring until late fall. It features 32 stations and two practice greens. Golf lessons are available for all skill levels with qualified instructors to help improve your game. *For tee times and lesson schedule, call 248-476-5910 or visit www.fhgolfclub.org.*

Longacre House Events

Longacre Porch Parties –

The World Traveler Experience: Food, drinks, and entertainment from around the globe. (21+ only)
May 18 • 6:30-8:30pm • MEXICO • \$15; \$20 at door
June 15 • 6:30-8:30pm • THAILAND • \$15; \$20 at door
July 13 • 6:30-8:30pm • ITALY • \$16; \$21 at door
August 17 • 6:30-8:30pm • GREECE • \$16; \$21 at door
Sept 21 • 6:30-8:30pm • SPAIN • \$17; \$22 at door
Need a special venue for an upcoming wedding, shower or birthday party? The historic Longacre House, located on Farmington Rd between 10 and 11 Mile Rds, is open to all social gatherings and offers a unique, private, and charming atmosphere. *Call 248-477-8404 for a tour or visit www.longacrehouse.org.*

Ice Arena

Learn-to-Skate – Group instruction for students three to adult. **Summer Session I** begins June 18 with registration beginning May 28, and **Summer Session II** begins July 31 with registration beginning July 9.
Hockey Schools – Future Pro Goalie, Mannino Hockey, Elite Hockey Defenseman, Turcotte Stickhandling, Next Level Player Development, and Pro Ambitions Hockey Schools are all available throughout the summer.
Public Skating – Skating times are offered just about every day of the week for all ages. Visit www.fhice.com or call 248-478-8800 for the monthly public skating schedule or for program information.

Parks

The City of Farmington Hills operates and maintains over 600 acres of parkland, numerous baseball diamonds, soccer fields, and over six miles of nature trails. The newest additions to the park system are the Splash Pad at Heritage Park and the Riley Skate Park at Founders Park. Get up, get out, and play at one of the City's beautiful parks! *For a map of area parks, go to www.fhgov.com or call 248-473-1800.*



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