



Clerk's Office

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 between 10am and 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 if you have problems with a solicitor/peddler or if they come to your door before 10 am or after 8 pm or sunset or are not licensed. Please be ready to identify the solicitor by name or associated group for follow-up contact.

Attention Homeowner Associations: City ordinance allows subdivisions to sign and post their entrances "No Soliciting/No Peddling," which covers door-to-door sales for the entire subdivision, thus not allowing these types of sales. All signs must meet ordinance requirements. Review the ordinance at www.fhgov.com - click on Quick Links, then Code of Ordinances.

FYI – Did your subdivision board just elect new officers? Contact the Clerk's Office at 248-871-2414 or email dallen@fhgov.com to update the City's contact list.

2011 Election Schedule - November 8, 2011 – City General Election

You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to Election Day in order to be eligible to cast a ballot. 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 of their jurisdiction or out of state who would need to vote by absentee ballot.

If you are on the City Clerk's permanent absent voter ballot list, you will automatically receive an absent voter ballot application by the first week of September 2011. If you would like to be placed on the permanent list, e-mail permlist@fhgov.com or call 248-871-2410. Absent voter ballot applications will be available to all residents on the City website, www.fhgov.com, as of September 1, 2011.

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

Farmington Hills Golf Club

Spring/Summer 2011

City Council

Mayor - Jerry Ellis

Mayor Pro Tem - Michael Bridges

- Nancy Bates
- Barry Brickner
- Randy Bruce
- Ken Massey
- Cheryl Oliverio

City Manager - Steve Brock

Each issue of the Focus newsletter can also be found on the City website at www.fhgov.com. Go to Quick Links on the home page and click on Newsletter.



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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Fire Department

Most tornadoes occur April through July, usually between 3 and 7 p.m. 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 70 and 125 miles per hour.

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 on radar.

Watch for dark, often greenish skies and 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, similar to the sound of a freight train. Remember, a tornado can strike anytime, anyplace and more than once.

Where to take shelter – Head for a 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 central 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 a mobile 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.

At work or school - Follow advance plans and 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 and hold onto something on the ground if possible. Do not seek shelter in a damaged building as it may collapse.

Each tornado season, take time with your family to review the area you've designated as your primary shelter. Practice going to the shelter in response to a tornado threat. Check to see if your 72-hour disaster kit contains items such as:

- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Battery-operated radio (Tune in to 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.
- Take pictures of the damage to the house and contents for insurance purposes.
- Watch out for debris, especially broken glass and downed power lines.

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.

FYI - Michigan averages about 18 tornadoes per year, and since 1950 they have caused 239 deaths.

Police Department

The Police Department is proud to share the news that serious crime in Farmington Hills has decreased 16% during the past two years. This drastic reduction would not be possible without the successful police and community partnership in our City. Farmington Hills police officers thank local residents for their trust and confidence, and for their willingness to act as "extra eyes and ears" in the fight against crime.

Practicing crime prevention worked for Farmington Hills in 2010:

- 141 fewer larcenies from auto
- Third lowest number of burglaries in 25 years
- 15 of the 20 most serious crimes dropped or showed no increases

Now that warmer weather is here, help keep crime statistics low by following these tips:

- Keep garage doors down and store unattended lawn mowers, bicycles, golf clubs and tools out of sight.
- Don't let piled up newspapers and uncut lawns signal that you're away on vacation.
- Close and lock windows while you're out, especially ones on the first floor.
- Never feel pressured or obligated to unlock or open your door to strangers.
- Keep cars locked and windows rolled up.

FYI – Farmington Hills received the Second Safest Michigan City Award according to C.Q. Press Annual Safe City Awards.

Spring/Summer 2011 Road Construction

All project dates are tentative pending weather conditions and contractor schedules.

14 Mile Road from Northwestern to Middlebelt – This section of roadway will be rehabilitated from mid-June through late August. 14 Mile Road will be open to local traffic only. Through traffic will be detoured around the project.

Grand River Avenue from Middlebelt to Inkster – The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will widen the existing lanes and resurface this section of roadway from April through late August. Grand River will remain open to traffic during construction, but one or more lanes will be closed at most times.

Orchard Lake Road from 13 Mile through the 14 Mile intersection – The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is responsible for all of Orchard Lake Road, including this section where road conditions have greatly deteriorated. Funding has been available for several years to improve the pavement on this stretch of roadway and to build a roundabout at Orchard Lake Road and 14 Mile Road. Unfortunately, the RCOC has not yet approved the work or allocated funds for improvements. For more information or to voice your concern, call the RCOC at 248-645-2000 or email Craig Bryson, RCOC Public Information Officer, at cbryson@rcoc.org.

FYI - To receive road construction updates, go to www.fhgov.com, click on Quick Links, Mailing Lists/ListServ, then General Construction News Mailing List and enter your e-mail address. For more info about ongoing MDOT projects, go to www.michigan.gov/mdot and click on Major Projects under Construction.

The Farmington Hills Transportation and Energy Vision 2020 Committee wants your input! Please take a few minutes to complete a short survey about local and regional transportation. The survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/s/2020T

Planning and Community Development Department

Beautification Commission Awards

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 visit nominated sites to look for landscape variety, imaginative use of color and overall property maintenance. Nomination forms are available after May 6 at www.fhgov.com or call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543 to have a form mailed. Awards will be presented at the 2011 Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony in late fall.

FYI – Judging takes place July-August, so prepare your landscapes for a good showing!



The Beautification Commission presented the 2010 Beautification Commissioners' Award to the North Farmington Garden Club for the O.E. Dunkel Middle School Circle Garden.

New Garden Pest in Michigan

Ever heard of a "Brown Marmorated Stink Bug"? Well, this pest has quickly spread from the eastern U.S. into Michigan. It causes damage to crops by puncturing fruit, bark or leaves and sucking out the nutrients. It feeds on a variety of plants, and especially likes tomatoes and peppers!

The adult Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is about 17 millimeters long and has a shield shape. It either flies or hitchhikes to new areas on vehicles or firewood. It doesn't harm people, pets or building materials, but can become a nuisance when it moves indoors in the fall.

The best way to tell it to "bug off" is to caulk or block entrances into your home. If bugs do get in, they can be removed by hand or vacuumed (discard the bag afterwards.) Don't use pesticides, they won't prevent invasions and could harm people or pets.

FYI - Think you have Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs? Contact the Oakland County M.S.U. Extension Office at 248-858-0880 or go to the Michigan State Agriculture Department web site at www.Michigan.gov/mda or to www.northeastipm.org for more information.



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

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.



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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.

FYI – If you have questions about your taxes, call 248-871-2480.

Save the Date!

Come to the Farmington Hills "Green" Open House at the City Hall Campus | Saturday, June 18 | 11am to 3pm

Have some eco-friendly family fun with a focus on environmental awareness and sustainability. Enjoy vendor booths, tours of City Hall, food, crafts, and more!

Senior Division

The Center for Active Adults offers programs, classes and special events at the Costick Center.

Mother's Day Tea and Fashion Show - May 6, 12–1:30pm Celebrate grandmothers, mothers and daughters with a lovely tea and luncheon. Enjoy beauty tips, prizes, and gifts. Fee \$15 by May 2, \$18 after.

Newcomer Welcome Tour - May 19, 10:30–11:30am Adults 50 & better, from Farmington Hills and Farmington, are welcomed for a tour of the facility to learn about services, trips, classes, and activities. Includes a welcome packet with a coupon for a complimentary lunch, fitness, line dance or speaker series class.

Shredding for Safety – June 14, 10am–12pm Bring up to four paper grocery bags of sensitive documents to the Costick Center parking lot.

Pies on the Grand – Baking July 13 – 15, 1:30–4:30pm. Selling July 15 – 17, times vary until pies sell out! Pies and blueberry oatmeal cookies will be baked at the Costick Center and available for sale during the Farmington Area Founders Festival. Proceeds support Senior Division Transportation. To pre-order, call 248-473-1830.

Fourth Annual FREE Wellness Expo – September 20, 10am–1pm Exhibits on exercise, holistic healing, financial planning, and healthy cooking. Screenings, chair massage and more. Give-a-ways, hourly door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Ballroom Dance - Dancing in the Park, August 13 Outdoor picnic & dance party at the Heritage Park Amphitheatre. Join Fernando Carducio for complimentary Swing lesson 5–6pm, picnic and dance, 7pm–dusk. Advanced tickets available at Costick Center, \$10 by August 6, \$12 same day at Heritage Park. Call 248-473-1821. Lessons available to adults 18+ from beginner to advanced at Costick Center. Featuring a variety of dances.

FYI – For more info, call 248-473-1830 or go to www.fhgov.com, then click on Departments/Adults 50 & Better to view "The Messenger" monthly newsletter.

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 6pm 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 be located on public property.

FYI – Help the City by keeping an eye on vacant properties. Call the Zoning Division at 248-871-2520 if there are concerns about property maintenance, grass cutting or trespassing.

Building Division

Hiring a Contractor? Read These Tips First!

- Licensed contractors and salesmen are required to carry a "pocket card" issued by the State of Michigan -- ask to see it.
- Licensed contractors are required to establish a physical place of business and prominently display their licenses.
- Don't pay the entire contract price in advance. Withhold the final payment until all work has been completed and you receive a final approval from the City's Building Division.
- Beware of prices that are good "today only."
- If the contract price includes the cost of a permit, ask for a copy and make sure it's posted on site.
- If you hire an individual on a per hour basis, that person is your employee and is not required to be licensed; however, you assume responsibility for the work performed and may be liable for injuries or property damage.
- Contact the Building Division at 248-871-2450 to confirm that all inspections have been approved.

FYI - You are welcome to bring your proposal from the contractor to the Building Division (located in City Hall) for review and comment.

City Offers Zero Interest Home Repair Loans to Qualified Homeowners

The City is now offering help to qualified homeowners who need to repair or improve their houses. Loans may be used for any eligible repair that brings the home up to code such as 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. A family of four, for example, must have a gross income of less than \$56,800.

FYI - Income guidelines, applications and program details are available on the City website at www.fhgov.com. Go to Quick Links and click on Housing Rehabilitation Program or call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543.

Public Services Department

Yard Waste Pickup

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

- Place yard waste in a trash can with a "Yard Waste" sticker, available free from City Hall or DPW. The City of Farmington Hills limits trash can size to 32 gallons. 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. Use grass and leaves as a natural mulch to fertilize plants or create your own backyard compost pile.
- Small limbs (6" in diameter or less) and brush should be tied in bundles that don't exceed 4ft in length and don't weigh more than 60lbs 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.

FYI - For guidelines on home composting, call the DPW at 248-871-2850.

Open Burning of Yard Waste Not Allowed

The Fire Department reminds residents that they cannot dispose of yard waste by burning it in outdoor fire pits. This is considered "open burning" and is not permitted by City ordinance. Embers can fly through the air and land on houses, cars or dry brush, plus the smoke can create a nuisance for neighbors. Violators of the City's "open burning" ordinance may be ticketed or sent a "cost recovery" for a fire truck and firefighters showing up to extinguish a fire.

FYI - When it comes to yard waste, "Bag it, Don't Burn it!"

Voluntary Water Use Restrictions

The City is asking all property owners with automated sprinkler systems to follow 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 will be complying with these regulations and watering 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). DWSD 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. The City is also analyzing the use of storage tanks to assist in moderating rate increases.

FYI - Following these guidelines will help to regulate water usage and control water rates. If you have any questions, call the Department of Public Services at 248-871-2530.

Holiday Delays for Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Pickup

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30, 2011 | Independence Day – Monday, July 4, 2011 | Labor Day – Monday, September 5, 2011

All pickups delayed by one day during each holiday week with Friday's collection on Saturday.

FYI - To ensure pickup, have your garbage at the curbside by 7am and limit containers to a 32 gallon, 60 pound capacity.

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.

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.

FYI - Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding.

Fertilizer Education

Michigan now joins Illinois, Minnesota, New York and Wisconsin in restricting the use of phosphate-based turf lawn fertilizers. High phosphorus levels contribute to excess aquatic plant growth and dangerous algae blooms in aquatic ecosystems. Consider these 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 to greater than 5%.
- 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.

FYI - 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 pesky Canadian geese.

Farmington Hills Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day



Saturday, May 7, 9am to 2pm

Oakland Community College - Orchard Ridge Campus, 26055 Orchard Lake Road

Corrosive, toxic, flammable or reactive products in your home are considered Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Containers must be labeled, not hold more than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds, and be in a sturdy box on the floor or in the trunk.

A variety of common household items will be accepted including oil-based paints, batteries, automotive fluids, expired medications, CFL bulbs, propane and more. Also accepted at Hazmat Day are televisions and all computers and peripheral devices. Residents may also bring up to 100 pounds of sensitive documents for shredding on site.

For a complete list of items accepted at the Drop-Off, call RRRASOC at 248-208-2270 or go to www.rrrasoc.org.

A drivers' license or other proof of residency is required to participate. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, Southfield, South Lyon, Lyon Township, Walled Lake and Wixom may participate in Farmington Hills on May 7 or attend these additional HazMat events:

Novi - Saturday, October 8 • 9am - 2pm

Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Southfield - Saturday, October 15 • 9am - 2pm

Behind RRRASOC Recycling Center, 20000 W. Eight Mile Road, one block east of Evergreen

FYI - Latex paint is NOT accepted at Hazmat Day. Add kitty litter or sand to dry out the paint left in the can, then put it at the curbside with the lid off for pickup with regular garbage.

Special Assessment Districts (SADs) for Street Improvement

When spring arrives, winter's toll on City streets is evident in the form of potholes, cracks and general wear and tear on the pavement. Even with regular maintenance, it becomes obvious that all streets have a life span and may be in need of reconstruction.

In order to keep property taxes as low as possible, the City does not collect a millage for the reconstruction of local streets. Instead, a resident-initiated Special Assessment District (SAD) process is used to equitably spread the majority of reconstruction costs among property owners who abut the street and will benefit from the project.

The City participates in the program by paying up to 20% of reconstruction costs. City engineers prepare a detailed packet with information about cost estimates, district boundaries, procedures and how costs will be apportioned among property owners. After this, an informational meeting is held for all property owners in the improvement area.

Following the meeting, there is a 60-day period in which interested residents can collect petitions in support of the project. To go forward, a majority of property owners within the improvement area must sign petitions in favor of the project. If more than 50% of residents sign petitions, then public hearings will be held and the project will be designed and put out for public bid. The project would then start during the next available construction season.

If your subdivision is interested in initiating the pavement reconstruction process, please contact the Engineering Division at 248-871-2560.

FYI - The Department of Public Services (DPS) is responsible for maintaining the City's street system which consists of 58 miles of major streets and 245 miles of neighborhood streets.

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Special Services Department

Parks

Get up, get out and play at one of the beautiful parks in Farmington Hills! The City operates and maintains over 600 acres of parkland with over six miles of nature trails, plus numerous baseball diamonds and soccer fields. This summer, visit the newest additions to the parks system - the Splash Pad at Heritage Park and the Riley Skate Park at Founders Park.

FYI - For a map of area parks, go to www.fhgov.com or call 248-473-1800.

Farmington Hills Golf Club

Enjoy a round of golf at the beautiful Farmington Hills Golf Club, located at Eleven Mile Court and Halsted Road. The course boasts 18 challenging holes (measuring 6,413 yards) with manicured bent grass tees, fairways and greens surrounded by trees, ponds and gently rolling hills. Afterward, head to the Clubhouse where a full-service restaurant, pro shop and huge outdoor patio provide great views of the course. The Driving Range is open daily 7am until 10pm, weather permitting, from early spring until late fall. It features 32 stations, grass tees and two practice greens. Golf lessons are available for all skill levels.

FYI - For tee times and lesson schedules, call 248-476-5910 or visit www.fhgolfclub.org.

Ice Arena

15th Annual Ice Show - Friday, May 6, 7pm and Saturday, May 7, 4pm "Skating with the Stars" showcases Skating Club members, Fantasia Synchronized Teams and Learn to Skate students. Tickets at the Ice Arena or Costick Center. Adults (19 & up) - \$8; seniors (60+) and Youth (K - 12th) - \$6; Children five and under - Free.

Learn-to-Skate Program - Group instruction for ages three to adult. Summer Session I starts June 18 with registration beginning May 28. Summer Session II starts August 2 with registration beginning July 12.

Hockey Schools - Summer programs include Future Pro Goalie, Mannino Hockey, Turcotte Stickhandling and Pro Ambitions Hockey Schools.

Public Skating - Go to www.fhice.com or call 248-478-8800 for the monthly public skating schedule.

Camp There-You-Wonna - Runs weekly for ages 6 - 10 at the Ice Arena from 9am-3pm, June 20 - August 12. Extended care can be added 7:30-9am or 3-6pm

Youth Center at the Ice Arena - Open Mon - Fri, 2:15-5:30pm for grades 5 - 8 during the school year. Mon - Fri, 10am-5:30pm, June 27 - August 19 (extended care available 7:30-10am). Call 248-473-1841 or 248-426-1549 for more information.

FYI - Visit www.fhice.com or call 248-478-8800 for Ice Arena program info.

Youth & Family - After School Program

Heavner Nature Center Trip (Half Day) | Friday, May 13 | Canoe and hike through the beautiful Proud Lake area. Call for details.

Youth Center Tours & Pizza Party (For All Incoming 5th Graders) | Thursday, May 19 | 4:30-7:30pm

Starts at the Costick Center, \$5 per person. A preview of the fun you'll have as a member of the After School Program!

Summer Drop-In Center | Ice Arena 2nd Floor | June 27 - August 19 | 10am-5:30pm

\$275 for the eight-week program, Monday - Thursday (Fridays - Optional water park field trips. Summer Drop-In Center closed at that time.)

All incoming 5th graders and current 6th - 8th graders welcome. Register at the Costick Center to be a Youth Member of the After School Program (\$35 per year) first before signing up for the Summer Drop-In Center. Summer membership fee includes all indoor and outdoor activities. Monday through Wednesday, for a nominal fee, your child can choose to attend one of 27 field trips and enjoy horseback riding, bowling, a Tiger game and more. Questions? Call Youth & Family Services at 248-473-1841.

FYI - The After School Program just celebrated its 15th year. Over 9,000 youth have participated in the program since it opened in March 1996.

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

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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 Maintenance 248-473-1890

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Recreation Division

Nature Center in Heritage Park - Free and open to the public

10am-5pm, Monday - Friday | 12 - 5pm, Saturday and Sunday Sign up for a program or stop by and check out the live bee display and more! For info on Scout badge programs, birthday parties or nature camps, call 248-477-1135.

Riley Skate Park - Open 8am - dusk, Monday - Sunday

Skate Camps for both skilled and unskilled skateboarders, competitions and visits from special guests. Go to www.rileyskatepark.com.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cinco de Mayo Dinner & Magic Show - May 5, Costick Center | \$8

Great Farmington Hills Campout - June 11 - 12.
Camp out in your backyard or at Heritage Park. Visit www.F2H.org.

Splash Bash in Heritage Park - June 24, 6 - 10pm | Free
Play in the splash pad, jump on bouncers, play games, and end the evening watching How to Train Your Dragon.

Marshmallow Fly & Fry - August 23, 5-8pm
Watch 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky, roast marshmallows, and make s'mores!

FYI - Over 3,000 kids annually attend licensed day camps and specialty camps weekly at Heritage Park, the Costick Center and the Ice Arena.



Longacre House Events

Mother's Day Brunch: Sunday, May 8, 1pm | \$30 | children under 12 - \$20 | ages 3 and under - Free

Longacre Porch Parties - Join neighbors and friends for food, games and prizes.

Ice Cream Social: May 20, 6-8pm | \$5 per person

Backyard Barbecue: June 17, 6-8pm | \$8 per person

Michigan Made: July 22, 6-8pm | \$13 per person (ages 21+ only)

Hawaiian Luau: August 19, 6-8pm | \$10 per person

Clam Bake: September 16, 6-8pm | \$22 per person

First Annual Longacre Pie Competition:

Sunday, June 12, 10am-1pm | Enter your best recipe!

Cooking Classes, Lunch Shows and Dining & Wine Events - Enjoy freshly prepared meals and take home delicious recipes. Tickets are limited! Call 248 477-8404.

FYI - The Longacre House is located on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Call 248-477-8404 for information and reservations.

Cultural Arts

Derby in the Hills
Saturday, May 7, 3-7pm
Costick Center

Tickets: \$45; VIP: \$90; Derby Kids: \$12

Enjoy the races on big screen TVs, a strolling dinner, racing games, mint juleps, cash bar, raffles, hats and more with host famed hat designer Mr. Luke Song. Special VIP Reception, 2-3pm; Derby Kids Clubhouse - Pony rides, crafts, play in the bouncer. (Open throughout the event, adult-supervised.)

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FREE "Stars in the Park" Concert Series
Thursdays at 7pm | Heritage Park Amphitheater
(Rain-out site - Costick Center; information - 248-473-1848)

June 23: FCB CONCERT BAND

Pop, swing, jazz & more

July 7: ROCK AND SOUL

R & B, pop, oldies

July 21: FCB BIG BAND

Vocals & Big Band selections

July 28: METRO JAZZ VOICES

Beyond jazz, Manhattan Transfer-style

August 4: FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE

Fast-paced rock, blues & jazz

August 11: STEWART FRANCKE

Rock and blue-eyed soul in Motown tradition.

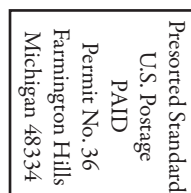
August 18: ARIZONA SON WITH DEVIN SCILLIAN

Country heaven with the renowned WDIV-TV anchorman

Art on the Grand
Saturday & Sunday, June 4 & 5

Located right on Grand River Avenue in Downtown Farmington featuring over 100 booths of artwork for sale including paintings, glass, pottery, jewelry and photography, plus children's activities, beer/wine tent, dancing, food and strolling entertainment.

FYI - For info on Cultural Arts programs, summer camps, classes and events, call 248-473-1870/1859. Order tickets to all events at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>.



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