



**FARMINGTON COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES
MARCH 2018**

WATER'S EXTREME JOURNEY - now through Sunday, April 29.

Explore the science behind the water cycle and learn how daily decisions can improve the watershed in one's own backyard, experience being a drop of water entering a watershed moving into a reservoir in a neighborhood or gigantic as the Rocky Mountain region, Grand Rapids Public Museum, 272 Pearl Street NW, Grand Rapids, Info: click on **reservation**

WEST BLOOMFIELD LIBRARY: FROM HASTINGS TO HOME - Sunday, March 25, 2:00 to 3:00 pm.

This is an introduction to Detroit's early Jewish history beginning in the 1760s through the 1950s, the presentation uses slides and film with a narration to explore the opportunities and obstacles the Jewish Community faced and overcame. West Bloomfield Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield, MI 48323, Info: 248.682.2120 Or <http://www.westbloomfieldlibrary.org>

BELLE ISLE PARK: STEWARDSHIP - Saturday, March 17, 9 am - 12 Noon

This winter project will focus on cutting invasive shrubs, especially glossy and common buckthorn and honeysuckle to help restore the wet mesic flatwoods on the island, meet on Vista Drive at the parking area across from the athletic fields and building. (Map/GPS coordinates: 42.340013, -82.979474) all volunteers are asked to register either by using the volunteer registration form or via email at malvitzl@michigan.gov or 517-719-2285 **Note:** The full Calendar of Volunteer Stewardship Workdays (which includes workday details, maps and directions, as well as the stewardship volunteer registration form) is available via the DNR website www.michigan.gov/dnrvolunteers

ORCHARD LAKE MUSEUM: The F4 Tornado - Sunday, March 11, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

Learn about the F4 tornado that damaged dozens of West Bloomfield homes and businesses on March 20, 1976 the permanent exhibits will be featured which interpret local area history and culture plus hands-on activities, a free program, 3951 Orchard Lake Road, Orchard Lake, Info: click on **WEBSITE**

HOOP FEST - Thursday, March 22 thru Saturday, March 24

The March Magic Hoopfest includes a variety of games, basketball skill venues, historical displays and educational activities and is open to all basketball fans, admission to the March Magic Hoopfest is free for persons who hold a ticket to the MHSAA Boys or Girls Basketball Semi-Finals or Finals others the price is \$2.00, tickets to all sessions of the MHSAA Semi-Finals and Finals may be purchased at the entrance to Jenison Field House on the campus of Michigan State, Info: www.marchmagichoopfest.com/

GRAND RAPIDS MUSEUM OF ART/GREAT LAKES CYCLE - now to April 29, 2018

The Great Lakes Cycle explores the past, present, and future of North America's Great Lakes which is one of the world's most emblematic and ecologically significant ecosystems, 101 Monroe Center St NW, Grand Rapids, Info: <http://www.artmuseumgr.org>

FARMINGTON HILLS ACTIVITIES -

- **ONE STARRY NIGHT - Saturday, March 24, 7:30 - 9:30 pm**

The kids can make a star craft, watch a presentation at the nature center, and then go outside with local astronomers who will have telescopes to help participants study the stars, also learn ways to save energy for earth hour at www.earthhour.org

- **PIZZA AND EGGS - Saturday, March 24, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

Children start with a pizza lunch then head out to the "egg patch" with a bag to search for eggs, and each child receives a goody bag too, fees are \$8 resident and non resident register by February 16. (Note: Children must be accompanied by a parent or adult)

Info for both: 248.473.1800 or <https://recreg.fhgov.com>

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER -

The Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) gives you a taste of Michigan's great outdoors in the city, with hands-on activities, exhibits and simulators, Info: go to www.michigan.gov/oac/ or 844.622.6367, for general information and/or a comprehensive calendar of events for March 2018, click on the following link.

http://www.michigan.gov/oac/0,5736,7-329-68731_72548---M_2018_02,00.html

KELLOGG BIRD SANCTUARY: BIRDS OF PREY - Saturday, March 31, 1:30 - 3:00 pm.

Come join the Sanctuary staff and see our resident Red-tailed Hawk, Barred Owl and Great Horned Owl up close, our birds of prey have permanent injuries and live at the Sanctuary, you will learn about raptor characteristics that make them unique hunting and flying machines, there is a limit of 75 guests and no registration required, Kellogg Bird Sanctuary, 12685 East C. Ave, Augusta MI, Info: 269.671.2510 or <http://www.kbs.msu.edu/locations/w-k-kellogg-bird-sanctuary/>

OK2SAY (855-565-2729) Text: 652729 (OK2SAY) * Email: OK2SAY@mi.gov

Ways to send a tip: <http://www.michigan.gov/ok2say/0,5413,7-309-67286---,00.html>

FARMINGTON ACTIVITIES -

- **GREATER FARMINGTON FILM FESTIVAL - Thursday, March 1 to Sunday, March 4.**

Films shown at the OCC Smith Theater and the Farmington Civic Theater, Info: gffilmfestival.com

- **RILEY PARK SKATING RINK - Open daily, weather permitting, for outdoor ice skating, Sunday to Thursday 8:30 am - 10 pm and Friday and Saturday 8:30 am to 11 pm for free ice skating, Riley Park Ice Rink information: <http://www.downtownfarmington.org/Downtown-Events/Riley-Park-Ice-Rink>**

- **FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT**, Friday, March 9, 7:30 pm. Farmington Civic Theater, admission \$12 cash only.

- **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATIONS - March 17**

Visit various business in the downtown area for activities, Info: see Downtown Farmington on facebook, for details.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION

- **COMMUNITY DIALOGUES ON DIVERSITY - Wednesday, March, 14 and 28, 6:30 - 9:00 pm.** Maxfield Education Center, 32789 W. Ten Mile Road, Farmington, Farmington Public Schools
- **BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETINGS - Tuesday, March 13 and 27, 6:30 - 9:30 pm.** Lewis Schulman Administration Building, 32500 Shiawassee, Farmington.

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES -

- **HARRY POTTER HOUSE PRIDE PARTY - Friday, March 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

It's House Pride Week, whether you're a Hufflepuff or a Slytherin, a Ravenclaw or a Gryffindor, you're sure to have a magical evening at this after-hours party with crafts, games, food, trivia - something for everyone appropriate for ages 13 - 18, registration is required as space is limited, NOTE: this is an after-hours lock-in so arrive no later than 6:30 and parents, please pick up teens at the door at 8:30 pm. Main Library on 12 Mile in the Auditorium, Info: Jennie Willard at 248.553.0321 Ext. 250

Jennifer.Willard@farmlib.org

- **FRESH THYME STORY TIME - ALL AGES - Friday, March 16, 10:30 - 11:00 am.** Come join us for stories, songs, and finger plays appropriate for babies, toddlers and pre-K children, at Fresh Thyme Market, 23300 Farmington Rd. Downtown Farmington, Info: Maria Showich-Gallup at 248.553.0321 ext. 220 or ms.gallup@farmlib.org

INFORMATION RESOURCES

These sites are for information only and are not evaluated or recommended by the Farmington Hills/Farmington Commission on Children, Youth and Families.

INFO ON THE SEASONS AND WEATHER - <http://www.weather.gov/media/btv/Newsletter/The%20Four%20Seasons%20Spring%202016.pdf>

WATER CYCLES - <https://water.usgs.gov/edu/watercyclesprings.html>

INFORMATION ON YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - <https://www.nps.gov/yose/planyourvisit/spring.htm>

INFORMATION ON SEASON OF SPRING - <https://www.climate.gov>.

SOME DATES MARCH

**SUNDAY, MARCH 11
SATURDAY, MARCH 17
SUNDAY, MARCH 25
FRIDAY, MARCH 30
SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS
ST. PATRICKS DAY
PALM SUNDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
PASSOVER**