



**FARMINGTON COMMISSION ON CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES  
DECEMBER 2017**

**FORD HOUSE - MERRY & BRIGHT NIGHTS - Thursday, December 7 to Saturday, December 23, 2017, on every Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 5 - 8 pm.**

Walk through Eleanor and Edsel Ford's historic home, decorated for the holidays, outside, warm up with cocoa and s'mores (available for purchase), and see the estate aglow with holiday cheer, kids can visit with Santa, and everyone may take part in a scavenger hunt to earn a holiday treat, tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children 2-12 and children under 2 are free and include a tour of the Main House, please arrive at the time on your ticket, there are no refunds or exchanges and Merry & Bright Nights are held rain or shine. Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Road, Grosse Pointe Shores, Info: [fordhouse.org](http://fordhouse.org) or 313,884.4222.

**FARMINGTON HILLS ACTIVITIES -**

- 25th Annual Holiday Lights - Tuesday, December 5, 6:30 pm.

See the spectacular lighting of the trees around City Hall as well as the 20 Ft. Peace and Unity Candle, Santa will be on hand and refreshments will be available at the Fire Station, Farmington Hills City Hall Complex, corner of Orchard Lake and 11 Mile Road.

- Car Seat Safety Inspections, nationally certified technicians inspect all types of car seats and apprise parents of recalls, inspections are by appointment and are held on designated Sundays at Fire Station #4 on 28711 Drake Road, the service is open to the public and is free, for details on upcoming inspections at [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com)

**BRAIN: THE WORLD INSIDE YOUR HEAD - now through Sunday, January 7.**

"Brain" literally takes you inside the head to probe the geography of a giant brain and stand in the midst of the brain's constant electrical brainstorm as thoughts and sensations are generated, see comparisons between the human brain and animal brains, learn about brain development, sleep, and the reality of brain differences, explore the relationship between depression and creativity, how drugs work in the brain, and the nature of pain, learn about the future of brain treatments in our new era of genome mapping and molecular medicine, and finally, visitors will explore the most mysterious aspect of brain investigations, the mind and the nature of consciousness, and much more, Grand Rapids Public Museum, 272 Pearl St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504, Info: 616.929.1700 or <http://www.grpm.org/brain/>

## **HENRY FORD MUSEUM -**

- **The Science Behind Pixar Exhibition - now to March 18, 2018.**

Enjoy more than 40 interactive elements and the 8 steps that focus on the process of film making.

- **Holiday Nights - Friday, December 1 to Saturday, December 30. 6:30 - 10 pm.**

Take a lantern-lit journey through a landscape filled with live music, skating, fireworks during. Holiday Nights in Greenfield Village, there are lantern-lit paths, costumed presenters, horse-drawn wagons and Model T rides, Santa and his live reindeer are present and there are fireworks each night,

Info: <https://www.thehenryford.org/visit/greenfield-village/>

## **ROCHESTER'S BIG BRIGHT LIGHT SHOW - now through Sunday, January 7, 5 pm to midnight.**

Come and brighten your holidays in Rochester where the buildings in the downtown are covered with more than 1 million points of glimmering holiday lights and most stores are open Monday - Saturday, until 9 pm, Downtown Rochester, info: <https://www.downtownrochestermi.com/the-big-bright-light-show/>

or 248.656.0060.

## **OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER**

- **Archery Try-It - Sunday, December 10, four choices of time; 1, 1:30, 2:30, or 3 pm.**

Learn more about archery, for ages 8 and above, sessions limited to 10 guests each half-hour, you must sign up on-site and present a ticket to access the range and minors must have a parent or guardian sign a waiver before they participate, activity is included with the price of Outdoor Adventure Center admission,

1801 Atwater Street, Detroit, MI 48207. Info: go to <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,,7-153--447780--evt,00.html>

- **WOW The last Wednesday of each month, we offer free admission from 6 to 8 p.m.**

Our visitors can enjoy special programs, fun and games around a specific topic each month, plus all the exhibits at the Outdoor Adventure Center, with the opportunity for young guests to have a story time, hands-on activities and, games, and for interested visitors informational sessions, 1801 Atwater St. Detroit, Info: at [www.michigan.gov/oac/](http://www.michigan.gov/oac/) or 844.622.6367.

## **NOEL NIGHT - Saturday, December 2, times TBA**

Over 100 participating venues, including the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Michigan Science Center, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, the Detroit Historical Museum, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and the the Detroit Public Library, will open their doors to the public free of charge during this Cultural Center-wide holiday open house, enjoy horse-drawn carriage rides, holiday shopping, family craft activities and performances by over 200 area music, theater, and dance groups as well as other special performances, the evening ends with a community sing-along on Woodward

Avenue led by the Salvation Army Band, activities take place in Midtown Detroit, and free, shuttle service is offered between participating venues, convenient parking is available in area lots, Info: 313.420.6000 or <https://visitdetroit.com/event/noel-night/>

**OWL PROWL** - Saturday, December 2, 6 - 8 pm.

Walk through the woods in the dark listening for owls to return your calls, maybe even see one in the distance, if no owls show or tell it still promises to be a magical night for all who attend, Maybury State Park, 20145 Beck Road, Northville, Info: go to <http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,,7-153--401475--evt,00.html>

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

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

### **FARMINGTON ACTIVITIES -**

**HOLLY DAYS** - Saturday, December 2, 11 am - 8 pm.

There are numerous fun activities for the entire family:

- A Farmer's greenery market
- Train rides
- Downtown stores open for shopping
- Free movies at the Civic theater - with a donation of non-perishable food, or a toy, book, batteries or other non-perishable items
- Meet and greet Santa
- See Mrs. Claus and the elves in their workshop
- Cookie decorating and crafts activities
- Illuminated nighttime parade

<https://farmingtonhollydays.weebly.com>

### **FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL INFORMATION -**

- **Battle of the Middles** - Friday, December 8, 6:30 - 9 pm.

The annual middle school personnel have a basketball battle at Harrison High, 29995 12 Mile Road

- **The Music Man** - Friday and Saturday, December 15 and 16, 7 - 9 and Sunday, December 17, 2 - 4 pm, Warner Middle School 30303 14 Mile Road.

### **FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY -**

- **Holiday Community Sings**, lead by Matt Watroba - Tuesday, December 19, 2 pm. Matt Watroba will present a compilation of holiday songs, project them on a screen while he accompanies the group on his guitar, Main Library Auditorium, on 12 Mile Road.
- **Shamrock Shore** - Saturday, December 2, 2 pm.

Stop at the library while participating in Farmington's Holly Days to enjoy music from Ireland and then head to one of the many Downtown Restaurants for a late lunch or dinner, Farmington Library, 23500 Liberty Street in Downtown Farmington.

#### **INFORMATION WEBSITES**

These sites are not endorsed or recommended by the Farmington Hills/Farmington Commission on Children, Youth and Families

**HOW TO ASSESS A HEALTHY WEIGHT - <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/index.html>**

**INFORMATION ON WEIGHT ISSUES - [https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/losing\\_weight/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/losing_weight/index.html)**

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE BODY WEIGHT INDEX - [https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/adult\\_bmi/english\\_bmi\\_calculator/bmi\\_calculator.html](https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/adult_bmi/english_bmi_calculator/bmi_calculator.html)**

**DEFINING OBESITY - <https://www.cdc.gov/obesity/adult/defining.html>**

**MAINTAINING A HEALTHY WEIGHT - <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/effects/index.html>**

#### **DECEMBER DATES**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 TO 20**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31**

**HANUKKAH OBSERVED**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**NEW YEARS EVE**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY HANUKKAH, HAPPY KWANZA, AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS**