FARMINGTON HILLS
Michigan

CITY HALL REVITALIZATION—PARDON OUR DUST!

Work on the City Hall Revitalization Project is scheduled to begin in July. We apologize for any inconvenience you may experience when you visit City Hall over the next year and a half. We appreciate your understanding and thank you in advance for your patience while the project is underway.

Available parking at City Hall will be decreased throughout the summer months due to construction, so please allow extra time to find a space. All departments will remain at the City Hall campus to serve residents. To receive construction project updates, go to www.fhgov.com and sign up for the General News Listserv. Go to the Quick Links dropdown menu, click on Mailing Lists/Listserv, and follow instructions on how to enroll.

City Hall Revitalization Project - Top Ten Benefits to the Taxpayer

1. Great value during this current competitive construction market.
2. Due to prudent financial planning, there will be no interest expense, which typically doubles the cost of a project over 20 years.
3. Reduced operational costs.
4. More and better public space.
5. Full ADA accessibility.
6. Greater ease of use inside and out.
7. Structurally sound and energy efficient building.
8. Stronger community image.
9. Increased productivity of City Hall staff.
10. Environmentally sustainable project.

Each issue of the Focus newsletter can also be found on the City website at www.fhgov.com.

Join the City Listserv

To go to Quick Links on the home page and click on Newsletter.

Go to www.fhgov.com, click on Quick Links, then Mailing Lists/Listserv and select the lists you’d like to join. For more info, call 248-871-2430.

Fire Department

HOME FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

The Farmington Hills Fire Department recommends that you take a few minutes to go through the tips on this Fire Safety Checklist.

COOKING SAFETY

✓ Do you always stay in the kitchen when food is cooking on the stove?
✓ Are stove tops and counters clean and uncluttered?
✓ Are pot holders within easy reach of the stove?
✓ Are pot handles turned inward so they can’t be bumped?
✓ Are curtains and other flammable items away from the stove?
✓ Is your stove, including the oven and the broiler, kept clean of grease?
✓ Is there a “kid-free” zone of three feet around the stove when a grown-up is cooking?

HOUSEHOLD SAFETY

✓ Do you extinguish candles when you leave the room?
✓ Do you clean the lint filter after every use of the dryer?
✓ Are lighters and matches kept out of the reach of children?
✓ If you smoke, is “No Smoking in Bed” a rule in your home?
✓ If you keep gasoline for use in a power mower, is it stored in a clearly labeled red gasoline safety-type can?
✓ When you employ babysitters, do you instruct them carefully on what to do in case of a fire?

HEATING SAFETY

✓ Are propane tanks and other fuels stored outside your home?
✓ Has your chimney been inspected and cleaned in the past year?
✓ Has your furnace been serviced by a professional in the past year?

ELECTRICAL SAFETY

✓ Are extension cords used safely and not placed under carpets or across doorways?
✓ Are electrical cords in good condition, without cracks or frayed areas?
✓ Are there enough electrical outlets in every room to avoid the need for multiple-attachment plugs and long extension cords?
✓ Are kitchen appliances, such as the coffee maker, toaster oven, and microwave plugged into separate outlets?

SMOKE ALARMS/HOME ESCAPE

✓ Do your children know how to use the 9-1-1 system and do they know their address?
✓ Does your home have smoke alarms on every level including the basement, and outside each sleeping area?
✓ Have your replaced your smoke detector if it is 10 years old or older?
✓ Do you push the test button monthly to make sure batteries are working in all of your smoke alarms?
✓ Are all of the exits in your home clear of furniture, toys, and other clutter?
✓ Does your family have a home fire escape plan that includes two exits, usually a door and a window, from each room?
✓ Has your family picked a safe place to meet outside after you exit your home?
✓ Have you and your family practiced a home fire drill within the last six months? (Try one tonight!)

Some information used courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association.

Police Department

The Farmington Hills Police Department encourages parents to educate themselves about the Internet and technology in order to better monitor their children and teach them how to make wise, safe choices. The Internet continues to create new concerns for law enforcement. One such concern is the creation, sharing, and online posting of sexually explicit personal photos.

The Police Department has recently investigated cases involving children, some as young as 12, taking digital photos of themselves with cameras, cell phones or webcams. With the click of a button, they share photos instantly via email or by posting them to Facebook or MySpace. Once photos are sent, the sender loses control over where they appear and recipients can use them or share them inappropriately. The result can be an extremely public embarrassment for the person in the photos.

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To report a crime, call the Farmington Hills Police Department at 248-871-2700.

Internet Safety

With warmer weather, people often leave car windows or sun roofs open, but unfortunately this is an invitation to would-be thieves. Leaving valuables in plain sight or keys in unlocked cars can be costly. Here are a few reminders about vehicle security:

• Always roll up your windows and lock your car.
• Lock your valuables in the trunk, store them out of sight, or take them with you.
• Before leaving your workplace, lock your laptop or valuables in your trunk in case you have to make a stop. You don’t want thieves to see you put valuables in the trunk.
• When possible, park your car in a closed and secured garage.
• Make sure all windows are closed when the vehicle is unoccupied.
• Alter dark, park in a well-lighted area.
• If you have a car alarm, be sure to set it.
• Don’t leave your vehicle registration, proof of insurance or other personal identification in your vehicle. Thieves nemes should be carried on your person.
• Do not hide spare keys in or under the vehicle.
• Avoid leaving your vehicle in public parking lots for extended periods of time.

For more information, call the Crime Prevention Section at 248-871-2750.

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Police Department’s “Cops for Kids” Run - June 6

The Farmington Hills Police Department will host its 20th Annual Run/Walk for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) on Saturday, June 6 at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the run begins at 9 a.m. The event includes a 10K race, a non-competitive 5K run, and a free one-mile fun run for kids. The $20 entry fee includes a t-shirt, food, drinks, and a donation to MDA. Over the past 19 years, the Police Department has raised more than $106,000 to benefit MDA. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-871-2703 or e-mail mrichardson@fhgov.com.
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 at www fhgov com or call the Planning Office at 248-871-2543 to have a form mailed. Judging takes place from June through August. Awards will be presented at the 2009 Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony on October 22.

It’s Tree Planting Time!

To ensure the long-term success of a new tree, consider these guidelines before making a purchase:

- Location
- Adequate space for the tree to grow above and below the ground
- Available light
- Soil conditions (Soil tests available through MSU Extension Service can be found at local hardware stores and garden centers)
- Readily accessible water source

A number of local nurseries have hardy trees available, including Steinkopf Nursery on Farmington Road, which has set aside a number of deciduous trees available to Farmington Hills residents for $198 each. The trees are 8-10’ tall (1 ½” caliper) and varieties include Pin Oak, Little Leaf Linden, Red Sunset Maple, Cleveland Select Pear, Tulip Tree, Sweet Gum, Sugar Maple, and Red Oak. The price includes sales tax, delivery, planting, and a one-year guarantee. For more info, call Steinkopf Nursery directly at 248-474-2925.

Remember, your work is not done when you’ve planted the new tree. Watering is the most essential element to success. Trees need at least 1” of water per week if there is no rain and more frequent waterings in hot, windy weather. Lawn sprinklers may not direct water to the root ball, so check the soil under the mulch—if the soil is dry, it’s time to water. Keep watering through the fall and taper off when cool temperatures persist. Questions? Call Charmaine Kettler-Schmult in the Planning Office at 248-871-2540.

FYI – Trees produce as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year. Trees also act as giant filters and clean the air by intercepting airborne particles, reducing heat, and absorbing such pollutants as carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide.

Special Services Department Wins MRPA Awards

The Department of Special Services was the recipient of three awards at the 2009 Michigan Recreation & Park Association’s Annual Conference. The Great Farmington Hills Camporee received the Innovative Recreation Programming Award; the Riley Skate Park website received the Marketing Showcase Award for Website; and the Cultural Arts Division was awarded the Marketing Showcase Award for Special Brochure/Flyer for the poster created to promote the annual Festival of the Arts.

Department of Planning & Community Development

BUILDING DIVISION

Tips for Hiring a Contractor for Home Improvements or Repairs:

- A licensed contractor should have a pocket card issued by the State of Michigan. Ask to see it.
- Salesmen are also required to be licensed and carry a pocket card.
- A licensed contractor is required to establish a physical place of business and prominently display their license.
- Don’t pay the entire contract price in advance. Withhold the final payment until work is completed and approved by the 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, they are your employee and aren’t required to be licensed. Be aware that you assume responsibility for the work performed and may be liable for injuries or property damage.
- You may bring the contractor’s proposal to the Building Division for review.

FYI – Bricks are the oldest manufactured building material still in use. Egyptians used bricks over 7,000 years ago.

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.

ZONING DIVISION

Fellow City of Farmington Hills regulations to keep neighborhoods looking good:

- Grass must be cut before it reaches eight inches in height.
- Outdoor storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles is prohibited.
- Pet owners must keep all lawns and pet runs free of animal waste and unclean food.
- Firewood storage is generally limited to two face cords, stored above ground in an orderly manner. Firewood storage in front yards is prohibited.
- Trash containers are required to be watertight with handles and tight-fitting lids. Trash should be put at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the day prior to pickup; empty trash containers should be removed from the curb within twelve hours after pickup.


Spring/Summer 2009 Road Construction

The following roads will be under construction during the spring and summer in Farmington Hills:

- Halsted Road south of Fourteen Mile Road - Asphalt resurfacing for 1,500 feet immediately south of Fourteen Mile. Work scheduled for May.
- Grand River from Farmington Road to Grove - The City of Farmington will undertake a streetscape project. Work scheduled from May to early July, then August to September. Work will be halted for the Founders Festival in mid-July.
- Halsted Road between Eleven Mile and 14 Mile - Asphalt resurfacing of the existing pavement while the 1/6% Bridge is closed for replacement. Work scheduled for June or July.
- Nine Mile Road between Gill and Folsom - Concrete patching and then surface diamond grinding to smooth road and improve rideability. Work scheduled for June or July.
- Orchard Lake Road from Eight Mile to Grand River - The Road Commission for Oakland County will resurface the pavement. Work scheduled for July.
- Drake Road from Nine Mile north to Lytle Road - Concrete repair and asphalt resurfacing. Work scheduled for July.
- Halsted Road from Twelve Mile to south of Fourteen Mile - Concrete patching and then surface diamond grinding to smooth road and improve rideability. Work scheduled for late summer or fall.
- In addition, the Michigan Department of Transportation will undertake several projects on I-696 and will repair several bridges this summer. For more info, visit www.michigan.gov/mdot then click on Major Projects Under Construction.

To receive emails from the City regarding road construction projects, go to www fhgov com. Click on Quick Links and choose Mailing Lists/ListServ, then click on General Construction News Mailing List and enter your email address. All project dates are tentative pending weather conditions and contractor schedules.

GREEN EFFORTS COMMITTEE – ONE YEAR LATER

During the past year, the Farmington Hills Green Efforts Committee has successfully focused its efforts on energy efficiency and recycling for many of the City’s facilities. A performance contracting firm was also chosen to make energy efficient improvements in City buildings, which will be paid for through the resulting energy cost savings.

The Green Committee also wants to help local businesses and residents save energy, resources, and the best kind of “green” – MONEY – so watch for suggestions in upcoming monthly tips, publications, and special events. If you have ideas for the City’s Green Efforts Committee, contact Nate Geimzer at ngeimzer fhgov com.

FYI - If every American home replaced just one light bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified bulb, it would save enough energy to light more than three million homes for a year, save more than $600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars. ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent lights use about 75% less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer. They also save about $30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb’s lifetime.

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**FERTILIZER EDUCATION**

- Mow regularly and mulch your grass clippings, which are a good source of nitrogen to fertilize your lawn can be reduced.
- Increase the organic matter of the soil to greater than 5% by raking in compost.
- Select earth-friendly fertilizers with low or no phosphorus, 50% or more of the nitrogen in slow-release form, and pesticide free. Look for the bright green “Earth Friendly Fertilizer” label at participating retailers.
- Sweep up fertilizer from paved surfaces and put it into the lawn. Fertilizer left on sidewalks and driveways can easily wash into storm drains and head to rivers and lakes.
- Leave a “no fertilizer” 25 buffer zone near lakes and rivers. Instead of turf grass, plant native grasses, tall wildflowers or shrubs to trap pollutants and discourage Canadian geese.
- Use light, frequent lawn watering to reach the roots of the grass.
- Request the Healthy Lawn Care Option if you use a lawn care company.

**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 the 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 back-yard compost pile. For guidelines on home composting, call the DPW at 248-871-2850.

**Holiday Garbage Delays**

Garbage, recycling, and yard waste will not be picked up on the following holidays:

**Memorial Day** – Monday, May 25. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday’s collection on Saturday.

**Independence Day** – Saturday, July 4. PLEASE NOTE: SINCE THE FOURTH OF JULY FALLS ON A SATURDAY, THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE PICKUP SCHEDULE. Collection will be on a regular schedule Monday through Friday.

**Labor Day** - Monday, September 7. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday’s collection on Saturday. Please have your garbage at the curb by 7:00 a.m. and limit containers to a 32 gallon and 60 pound capacity. Questions? Call the DPW at 248-871-2850.

**FARMINGTON HILLS RECYCLES A RECORD AMOUNT**

Farmington Hills and other member communities of the Resource, Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County (RRRASOC) recycled or composted a record 37.5% of solid waste in 2008.

The total amount of waste sent to landfills declined more than 7% from 2007 to 2008, while waste that was recycled or composted rose by more than 4%.

New curbside guidelines that took effect October 1, 2008 allowed more items to be recycled, including all plastic bottles, pizza boxes, and drink boxes. To learn more about Farmington Hills’ curbside recycling program, visit www.rrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270.

FYI - According to the Environmental Protection Agency’s WARM (Waste Reduction Model), the recycling that occurred in RRRASOC communities last year equaled the conservation of 807,501 gallons of gasoline, 16,644 barrels of oil, and one year’s worth of electricity for 942 households, plus the preservation of 49 acres of forest.

**West Nile Virus Update**

West Nile Virus season is here once again, so protect yourself and your family by following the Three R’s:

- **REDUCE** areas where mosquitoes breed. Eliminate standing water collected in toys, buckets, tins, unused pools, clogged roof gutters, bird baths, and other containers.
- **REPEL** against mosquitoes. Use insect repellants - follow manufacturers’ guidelines and do not use on children younger than two years old. Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants.

**REPORT** the location of a dead bird. Call the Oakland County Health Division at 877-377-5641.

All property owners are also urged to eliminate standing water on their property. Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding. For more info, go to www.oakgov.com/health or www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

FYI - There are approximately 5,000 species of mosquitoes worldwide. About 300 of these species can be found in the United States.

**Reminders from the Treasurer’s Office**

- Summer property tax bills are mailed around July 1 and may be paid without penalty by 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 owner should receive a bill, even if the bill is to be paid via an escrow account.

**Questions? Call 248-871-2480.**

**FARMINGTON HILLS AFFIDAVITS AND NOMINATING PETITIONS**

For the November 3, 2009 City General Election, Affidavits and Nominating Petitions for the November 3, 2009 City General Election are available at the Clerk’s Office for the following offices:

- Mayor - One (1) to be elected for two (2) year term.
- Council Member - Three (3) to be elected for four (4) year terms.

The deadline for filing Affidavits and Nominating Petitions for Mayor or City Council is Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Farmington Hills City Clerk’s Office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road. Pursuant to law, no filings may be accepted after 4 pm on that day.

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Two (2) Members of the Board of Education – 4 year terms through 11/2013
- Two (2) Members of the Board of Education – 6 year terms through 11/2015

The deadline for filing Affidavits and Nominating Petitions for the Farmington Public School Board of Education is Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 4:00 pm at the Oakland County Elections Division, 1200 N Telegraph Road, Pontiac, 248-858-0544. Pursuant to law, no filings may be accepted after 4:00 pm on that day. A $100 nonrefundable fee may be filed by the candidate in lieu of petitions.

**For a list of companies endorsed through the Michigan Green Industry Association, visit www.landscape.org or call 248-646-4992.**

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) DROP-OFF DAYS**

Farmington Hills – Saturday, May 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. – Costick Center

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9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Costick Center
28600 Eleven Mile Road

Southfield

Week of April 18
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Novi Civic Center
45175 W. 10 Mile Road

Wixom

Saturday, April 11
9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Department of Public Works
2041 Charms Road

Southfield

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FYI - To get rid of latex paint, add kitty litter or sand to paint left in the can. When the paint is dry, put the can at the curbside with the lid off for pickup with regular garbage.

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Senior Division

The Center for Active Adults offers a variety of programs, classes, and special events at the Costick Center. Call 248-473-1830 for more information on registration, times, and fees.

**EVENING VITAL WOMAN SERIES**
Monday evenings 6 p.m.
- Facing Financial Challenges – June 8
- Sew Beautiful – June 29
- Menopause: Symptom Relief – August 3

**LIFELONG LEARNING AT LONGACRE**
Wednesday 1 p.m.
- Ecology of the Rouge – June 17
- Creative Ageing – July 1
- Parenting Grandchildren – August 5

**EVENING PROGRAMS**
- **Fernando’s Ballroom** – Mondays, May 11 – June 29, 6-7 p.m.
- **Fox Trot & Salsa** – July 15 – August 24, 6-7 p.m.
- **Tango & Salsa** – July 8, 7-8 p.m.
- **Cha Cha I & II**

- **Back to Ballroom** – Tuesdays, May 5 – June 23, 7-8 p.m.
- **Beginning Hustle** – June 14 – Aug 7-8, 8 p.m.
- **Intermediate Hustle** – July 14 – Aug 7-8, 8 p.m.
- **Beginning Waltz** – August 8-9, 15-15 p.m.
- **Silver Waltz**

- **Yoga** – Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. & Thursdays, 5:45 p.m.
- **Seven-week sessions at Longacre House**

- **Women’s Softball Season** – Starts May 3

- **Men’s Softball Season** – Starts May 3

- **Partnering with Your Doctor** – June 3: Educational program for caregivers of dementia patients

- **Play Date** – June 11, 6-10 p.m.
- **Brain games**: exercise your brain with Wii and board games.

- **Referees included**

- **Roel Talk** – June 17, 4 p.m.
- **Film discussion group**

- **American Comedians** – Rolling with the Punchlines

- **MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON & FASHION SHOW**
- Celebrate mothers, grandmothers, and daughters at a spring luncheon and fashion show on May 7, noon–1:30 p.m.
- Enjoy a selection of teas and sweets as well as cosmetic tips, prizes, and gifts
- Tickets $12, register by May 4

**PIES ON THE GRAND**
Sixth annual blueberry pie extravaganza. Volunteers needed for baking, packing, and selling. Pies baked at the Costick Center, July 15–17, from 1:30–4:30 p.m.
- Enjoy blueberry pie and blueberry cookies at the Grand on the Grand during the Farmington Arts Founders Festival, July 17–19.
- All proceeds support Senior Division Transportation.
- For more information, call 248-473-1830.

**FREE TOTAL WELLNESS FAIR**
ADULTS 50 & BETTER
The Second Annual FREE Wellness Expo will be presented by the Senior Division on Tuesday, September 22, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Costick Center. See healthy life interactive demonstrations and exhibits, plus exercise, holistic healing, relaxation, financial planning, healthy cooking demos, health screenings, chair massages, and tips on “going green.” Enjoy vendor give-aways and hourly door prizes.

**Recreation Division Events**
Thrive Music Festival and Carnival – August 20–23
The Farmington Hills Thrive Music Festival and Carnival at Founders Sports Park features music, food, and fun for all ages. Over 50 musicians, bands and entertainers perform throughout the weekend with activities, games, and carnival rides for the entire family. For more info, visit www.thrivedesi.com.

Great Farmington Hills Campout – June 6-7
Get your family outdoors during the Third Annual Great Farmington Hills Campout. Camp out in your own backyard! Enjoy a night of fun at Heritage Park! For more info, visit www.F2H.org.

Riley Skate Park opens in Summer 2009 at Founders Sports Park! Both skilled and unskilled skateboarders can sign up for Skateboard Camp. Competitions and visits from special guest will happen throughout the summer. For more info, visit www.ifyeskipark.com.

**FYI**
- As early as the 1970s, kids attached roller skates onto two-by-fours, but it wasn’t until 1958 that the modern skateboard was developed.

**Cultural Arts Division**

14th Annual Festival of the Arts – “Passport to the Arts”
April 23–26 – Costick Center
- Over 200 pieces of art for exhibits and sales, community displays, and more. Events include:

- **Friday, April 24 – Art After Dark** – 7–10 p.m.
- Wine tasting, delicious food from Whole Foods Market, live jazz, and fine art. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 at the door.

- **Saturday, April 25 – Motor City Brass Band** – 7–7 p.m.

- **Sunday, April 26 – Free Family Festival** – noon to 5 p.m.
- Live performances, hands-on art projects, food, and demonstrations

**Farmington Hills Youth Theatre**
- “Annie, Jr.” at the Costick Center
- Thursday and Friday, May 7–8 at 7 p.m.

**Farmington Hills Skating Club**
- Opens in Summer 2009 at Heritage Park. For more info, visit www.F2H.org.

**Ice Arena**
- The Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club presents the 13th Annual Ice Show, “Shaping through the Seasons” on Friday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 9 at 4 p.m.
- This event showcases Skate Club members, Fantasy Synchroed Teams, and Learn to Skate students. Tickets are available at the Ice Arena or the Costick Center.

**FARMINGTON HILLS BALLET DANCE ROOM**
Experience the romance, passion, and excitement of ballet dancing. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Fridays May 15 – June 19, August 21, 8–10:30 p.m. DJ, raffles, door prizes, refreshments. $10 per person. Free dance lessons at 7 p.m.

**FOCUS**
Farmington Hills Postal Patron

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Farmington Hills, MI 48336

**SPRING/SUMMER 2009**