

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2024 – 6:00PM**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**COSTICK CENTER – SHANNON HALL**  
**28600 W ELEVEN MILE ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**  
**Telephone: 248-871-2410 Website: [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com)**

1. Call Study Session to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Discussion on ideas for potential joint meeting with Farmington Public Schools and the City of Farmington
4. Discussion on application for [A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program](#)
5. Review of [Senior Services](#) and tour of the Costick Center
6. Adjourn Study Session

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Gary Mekjian, City Manager

NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting, wherein necessary arrangements/accommodations will be made. Thank you.



OFFICE OF CITY  
CLERK

**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Carly Lindahl, City Clerk  
**DATE:** October 14, 2024  
**SUBJECT:** Institute for Responsive Government -  
A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program

In the past, Clerks have only been allowed to accept state and federal funding to be used for the administration of elections. With the new changes in legislation and in accordance with Michigan Constitution Article II, Section IV, counties, cities and townships conducting elections may accept and use publicly disclosed charitable donations and in-kind contributions to conduct and administer elections.

In September 2024, the Bureau of Elections informed Clerks statewide of possible grant opportunities, and upon research I found that Farmington Hills would be eligible for a nonpartisan grant program from the Institute for Responsive Government, the More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program. This grant program is only open to election offices in the following states and district: Colorado, Delaware, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, Nevada, and Washington D.C. These were selected because of significant revisions made to election laws by their legislatures in the past three years that made elections "...more responsive and user-friendly for voters and election administrators."

Award amounts are based upon the 2022 Citizen Voting Age Population of the local election office's jurisdiction, as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau. Since Farmington Hills' population falls within the 50,000-99,000 range, the city has been awarded \$60,000.

In the grant application, I described some of the anticipated use of the grant funding which included:

- Replacement of current polling location/precinct signage for easier identification by voters
- Security upgrades to the absent voter counting board facility
- Upgrades to the help desk stations for each of the 27 precincts
- Purchase of replacement batteries for tabulators
- Purchase of storage cart for electronic pollbooks
- Purchase of extra ballot containers

The grant agreement has been reviewed by the City Attorney's office and the Director of Finance.

# The Messenger

Programs for Active Adults 50 & Better

## **COSTICK CENTER - CENTER FOR ACTIVE ADULTS**

City of Farmington Hills, 28600 Eleven Mile Road,  
Farmington Hills, MI 48336  
General Information: 248-473-1830  
Front Desk Hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday



October 2024

The Fall season is upon us! The days are getting shorter and the temperature is cooling down. There is a lot to love about fall, make sure you get out and enjoy it. We have plenty of fun activities planned for you. Don't miss out! Embark on a journey of enrichment and well-being at the Costick Activities Center, tailored for residents and community members ages 50 & Better in the vibrant City of Farmington Hills.

Our service desk is located at the desk by door A and is open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Please enter the Costick Center through door A in the front of the building facing 11 Mile Road. Everyone needs an Adult 50 & Better membership card. Scan your card and check off your name on the roster or sign-in on the activity form. If you do not have a membership card, we have a form for you to fill out. There is no charge for Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, however, non-residents must pay a yearly membership fee of \$20.00.

The Nutrition program is serving lunch in the Costick Café, however you must call one day in advance by 11 am to order Monday - Friday. 248-473-1830. The suggested donation age 60+ \$3.50, under 60 \$6.00. We hope you come and dine with us.

Medical appointments are still our top priority for the Farmington Hills Senior Transportation. We provide Kroger grocery shopping service on Tuesdays along with Walmart and Meijer shopping on alternating Thursdays. Please call 248-473-1864 to sign up for an appointment.

### **CANCELLATIONS DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES**

On occasion, the City of Farmington Hills may need to cancel an individual class or event due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control such as, but not limited to, inclement weather, power outages, instructor illness, etc. The City will make true effort to contact all registered participants. Prorated refunds will not be issued, but every effort will be made to reschedule.



## **DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES ADULTS 50 & BETTER**

**General Information - 248-473-1830**

**Program Supervisor - Marsha Koet 248-473-1821    Nutrition Coordinator - Teresa Bryant 248-473-1825**

**Programmer/Planning - Anna Durham 248-473-1822    Programmer/Planning - Stephen Dowhan 248-473-1823**

**Nutrition/Center - 248-473-1867    Meals-On-Wheels Assessor - Andrea Ali 248-473-1827**

**Outreach - Teresa Jergovich 248-473-1826    Focus Hope - 248-473-1826**

**Farmington Hills Adult Day Program - Julie Altschul- 248-473-1872**

**Transportation Appointments - 248-473-1864**

9/30/24

## OPEN MIC MONDAY

**Monday | October 14 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm | No Fee**

Come shake off the Monday Blues, the second Monday of the month, at our Open Mic Monday. Sit back and relax to American Standards, Folk Blues, and Jazz favorites. John Telford will be your host. Bring your instrument if you want to join in, no charge to enjoy the music. Beverages will be available for purchase. Order lunch from Costick Café by 11:00 am October 4 and eat in Shannon while you enjoy the music.

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## KARAOKE

**Friday | October 25 | 11:30 am - 2:00 pm | #CS1100-02**

Come join us for Karaoke and some singing fun with Zack Entertainment! Sing your favorite classics of the past or today's newest hits. Or just come for the entertainment!

Light refreshments will be served.

**R/NR Fee: \$3/\$5**

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## Friday Film

**Enjoy a recently released film on select Fridays.  
Must register by 11:00 am Friday the week before.  
Call 248-473-1830 or register at the  
Costick Center front desk.  
Space is Limited.**

**October 18 - Twisters**

**#CS4001-10**

**Register by October 11 by 11:00 am**

**12:00 - 3:00 pm**

**R/NR Fee: \$7/\$9 includes lunch**

Haunted by a devastating encounter with a tornado, Kate Cooper gets lured back to the open plains by her friend, Javi, to test a groundbreaking new tracking system. She soon crosses paths with Tyler Owens, a charming but reckless social-media superstar who thrives on posting his storm-chasing adventures. As storm season intensifies, Kate, Tyler and their competing teams find themselves in a fight for their lives as multiple systems converge over central Oklahoma.



# Continental Club

You won't want to miss this *NEW SERIES* to get your day off to a great start! Enjoy a continental breakfast while you mingle with friends in one of our new spaces at the Costick Center from 10:00 – 10:30 am Then make your way into the chapel for an hour of enlightening experiences.

**Walk in's welcome, please stop at the Costick front desk to register.**

## The Witch of Delray

Detroit was full of stark contrasts in 1931. Political scandals, rumrunners and mobs lurked in the shadows of the city's soaring architecture and industrious population. As the Great Depression began to take hold, tensions grew, spilling over into the investigation of a mysterious murder at the boardinghouse of Hungarian immigrant Rose Veres. Amid accusations of witchcraft, Rose and her son Bill were convicted of the brutal killing and suspected in a dozen more. Their cries of innocence went unheeded--until one lawyer, determined to seek justice, took on the case. Hear author Karen Dybis tell Rose's story and learn about how this infamous case still impacts us today.

Presenter: Karen Dybis

**Wednesday | 10/16 | 10:00 - 11:30 am CS1003-01 | R/NR \$8/\$10**

## Encounters With Remarkable Men - A Photo Retrospective

Photographer Doug Elbinger was still in high school when he photographed the Beatles on stage during their August 1966, concert in Detroit. From that point forward, Doug has traveled the world seeking interesting people and places to photograph. He'll take you back in time with a photo retrospective and conversation of his career in media, featuring rare photos of the Beatles, Rolling Stones, and many others you may recognize.

Presenter: Doug Elbinger

**Friday | 11/8 | 10:00 - 11:30 am CS1004-01 | R/NR \$8/\$10**

**Location: Costick Activities Center**

**28600 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336**



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# Dine & Discover

*Join our Dine and Discover series as we learn about some new, local and interesting topics while enjoying a delicious lunch! All participants must register in advance either online or at the Costick Center front desk. Limited Space available.*

## Becoming the Motor City: A Timeline of Detroit's Auto Industry

Well over a century ago a cadre of self-trained mechanics, machinists, and other tradesmen started tinkering in the small, cramped machine shops near downtown Detroit. Despite their varied technical ideas, professional ambitions, and personal temperaments, they worked towards a common goal: to revolutionize personal transportation by capitalizing on the recently developed internal combustion engine. Today, Detroit continues to lead the world in charting the future of mobility. This presentation shares these and other highlights contained in Paul Vachon's book, which is a chronological timeline of the industry's Detroit story.

**Presenter: Paul Vachon**

**Wednesday | 10/23 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm CS1301-01 | R/NR \$12/\$15**

Register by October 15, space is limited.

## Detroit-Area Catholic History

The architectural landscape of Detroit and southeastern Michigan was shaped, in many ways, by the Catholic Church. You don't have to go to Europe to see examples of grand, ecclesiastical architecture. With in-laws who designed multiple historic downtown churches, Patricia will present a slideshow about the area's Catholic history and its architectural landmarks.

**Presenter: Patricia Montemurri**

**Wednesday | 12/11 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm CS1302-01 | R/NR \$12/\$15**

Register by December 3, space is limited.

**Costick Activities Center 28600 Eleven Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

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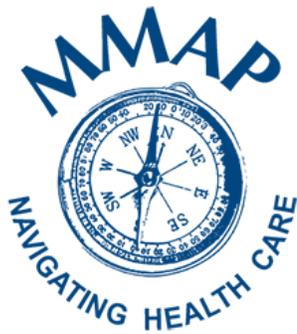


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# NOW IS THE TIME TO SHOP FOR YOUR MEDICARE 2024 PRESCRIPTION PLAN

Save money and get the best coverage!



If you have a Medicare drug plan, you can choose a new plan during open enrollment. Coverage begins January 1.

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR MEDICARE PART D PLANS**

**OCTOBER 15 - DECEMBER 7**

**It's worth it to take the time to compare!**

- During this 6 week time you can review and /or change your Medicare Part D plan.
- Limited appointments are available Monday thru Friday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm with Teresa Jergovich a certified MMAP counselor.
- You must bring your prescription medications in their original pill bottles, your Medicare card, and picture ID.

**To schedule an appointment, please call 248-473-1843 or 248-473-1826**

This is a free service. MMAP, Inc. is funded by grants from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services - the Administration for Community Living, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Michigan Aging

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## **Local Senior Adults are invited to Farmington Public Schools' Annual Senior Adult Breakfast on Thursday, October 17, 2024**

Our local senior adults, friends, and neighbors are invited to come together and celebrate Farmington Public Schools (FPS) at the District's Annual Senior Adult Breakfast on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at the Costick Center. The event will begin at 9 a.m.

The Breakfast brings together hundreds of local senior adults, aged 60 and up, who will have the opportunity to speak with District representatives about current educational practices happening within the schools. This event also provides our adult seniors with a chance to meet and visit with Farmington Public Schools' Interim Superintendent Dr. Kelly Coffin. Guests will get the chance to mingle with students from each school while looking at school projects on display. Attendees will also get to see all the recent awards, achievements, and updates that are happening throughout the District.

Additionally, the Senior Adult Breakfast is where the District will announce the 2024/2025 Senior Adult Extraordinary award winner. This award is designed to recognize, promote, and encourage the volunteer efforts of senior citizens within Farmington Public Schools. The honored senior adult (aged 60 and above) must volunteer in the District and contribute to the overall education process.

Reservations for this event are required and will be limited to the first 300 people. The Senior Adult Breakfast will be held at the Costick Center located at 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills. To make a reservation, please contact the District's School/Community Relations Department at 248-489-3349.

## The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services invites you to participate and share your experiences and preferences regarding the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.

Please call or email Erica Lammers at 248-789-7825, or [elammers@publicsectorconsultants.com](mailto:elammers@publicsectorconsultants.com)

Your perspective is invaluable as we work towards tailoring our services to meet the unique needs of adults aged 60 and older in Michigan. Similar to 911 for emergencies, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides immediate access to trained crisis specialists who offer confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Our goal is to hear from you about your experiences, recommendations, and concerns so that we can help improve 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline crisis line call center procedures to better support older adults. If you have called the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline, we want to hear about your experience. If you haven't called, we want to hear what you would want your interaction with the crisis line to look like.

Whether or not you've experienced a crisis, this can be a sensitive and challenging topic. If you need support after participating in this discussion, please call the crisis line by dialing the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline. This service is free to everyone and is still accessible to you if you choose not to participate in this research.

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## [Nature Education Series for Adults located at the Farmington Hills Nature Center](#)

To register go to: <https://mifarmingtonhillsweb.myvscloud.com/>

**No need to register. Just show up!**

**October 2 - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm - Coffee & Stroll** - Join this active social group every other Wednesday for a naturalist-guided stroll among the trails of Heritage Park. Discover new things each season! Afterwards, relax with a cup of coffee, snacks and share nature stories with friends. No need to register. Free activity, but donations are encouraged.

**October 8 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm - ART WITH NATURE** - Join us for an in-person workshop to broaden your horizons and enhance your nature knowledge! We will cover the basics during a **FREE, VIRTUAL** presentation. Then join us for an in-depth, **IN-PERSON** program diving deeper into the topic.

**October 13 - 1:00 - 2:00 pm –Fall Color Walk** Experience the magic of the season! Take a guided hike under a canopy of color through Heritage Park. Discover why and how leaves change color in the fall, and search for animals preparing for winter. Please dress for the weather.

**October 19 - 8:00 - 9:30 pm - Volunteer Day** Volunteer to make Heritage Park an even better place! Participate in activities like removing invasive species, trail maintenance, and more! All ages and skill levels welcomed.

**October 18 - 8:00 - 9:00 pm - Full Moon Friday Hike** - After the sun goes down, Heritage Park comes alive! Join us on a night hike to listen for Nocturnal animals, observe the sky and heighten your senses along the way. **#PN1219 Fee: \$3.00**

*The Nature Center is located inside Heritage Park, 24915 Farmington Road.*

# Oktoberfest Luncheon

*Ich bin so aufgeregt!*

Let's travel to Germany to dine in the traditional Bavarian style while celebrating Oktoberfest. You won't want to miss this afternoon of music and a delicious lunch.

**Friday | 10/11 | 11:30 am - 1:30 pm | #CS1206-01 R/NR Fee: \$12/\$15**

**Register by October 3rd.**

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## Friendsgiving

Join your friends at the Costick Center for our special celebration of Friendsgiving. We will be serving up a delicious traditional Thanksgiving meal complete with pumpkin pie! There will be entertainment by FrankyG & Friends and door prizes too.

**Thursday 11/21 | 11:30 pm - 1:30 pm #CS1204-01 | R/NR Fee: \$12/\$15**

**Register by November 13th**

*Thank you to our sponsor:*



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## Holiday Extravaganza

Come celebrate the holidays at our Holiday Extravaganza! Dress in your holiday best and enjoy entertainment, a scrumptious meal, prizes, and a live music and dancing!

**Friday | 12/6 | 11:00 am - 2:00 pm #CS1202-01 | R/NR Fee: \$12/\$15**

**Register by December 6th**



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## Farmington Area Commission on Aging on Aging on Romance Scams

The Farmington Area Commission on Aging continues their monthly series on Scams, Fraud, and Financial Exploitation. This is part of a greater effort to ensure that adults 50 years and older, in our community, can learn to recognize scams and financial fraud before it happens and have resources to help should they become victims. As Sweetest Day is in October, the Commission calls your attention to romance scams.

### ROMANCE SCAMS

- A Romance Scam is when a new love interest says they love you—but they want your money.
- Can be online or in person
- Scammers often get information from the Internet or Facebook
- The key is that they will ask for money for a car repair, to travel to see you, or for a “sure-fire” investment. Their money is inexplicably tied up. “All I need...”



*Sources: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau & FDIC*

AARP notes that romance scams may unfold as follows. Scammers create fake profiles on dating websites or reach out on social media. Soon they push to move the relationship off the dating or social platform to a private channel like email or instant messaging. They lavish the person with attention; then create a story to ask for money. To protect against this scam, take it slowly. Limit the amount of information shared. Be wary of excessive or overly complimentary emails. If you suspect a romance scam, cut off contact immediately. Do not send cash, cryptocurrency, or gift cards to someone you haven't met in person. “Cyberspace is full of scammers eager to take advantage of lonely hearts.”—AARP.

Take time to learn about scams and fraud. The Commission would welcome the opportunity to present their program on this topic to Farmington area groups, clubs, and organizations. For more information or to request a presentation, please call 248-473-1821.

The address of the new FACOA website is: <https://www.facoa.org>

# Farmington Hills

# Adult Day Program

**A Day Program for Older Adults with Memory Loss**

**Enriching participants' lives through:**

- ◆ **Mind and Group Activities**
- ◆ **Physical Exercise**
- ◆ **Current Events**
- ◆ **Social and Recreational Activities**
- ◆ **Discussion/Reminiscence**
- ◆ **Music, Singing & Arts**
- ◆ **Holiday Parties**

**Includes: Door-to-door transportation, nutritionally balanced breakfast, lunch and snack as well as caregiver support .**

**For more information or to schedule a visit,  
call (248)473-1872 or email [jaltschul@fhgov.com](mailto:jaltschul@fhgov.com)**

**Location: Center for Active Adults at the Costick Center**

**28600 W. 11 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336**



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## GOOD DENTAL HEALTH TIPS

More than half of Americans over the age 65 don't visit their dentist unless there is a painful problem. Poorly fitting dentures, gum disease, cavities, sores in the mouth or dry mouth all can make eating difficult.

Maintaining a healthy mouth promotes overall health. A healthy mouth has:

- \*fresh breath
- \*pink gums
- \*cavity-free teeth
- \*missing teeth replaced

If you have missing teeth, painful or broken teeth, loose or shifting teeth, red swollen tender gums or sores, the mouth cannot function properly and dental disease may develop. As a result, the body's general health also suffers. Before the development of today's good dental care practices and the use of fluoride toothpastes, many older people had their teeth removed.

As we get older we may experience some problems with the mouth and teeth due to:

- \*age-related decrease in taste and smell causing loss of appetite and poor eating habits
- \*the aging process and less saliva causing dry mouth
- \*certain illnesses
- \*many medications
- \*dentures that don't fit properly

A commonly encountered problem is due to plaque. Plaque is a thin, colorless, sticky film of harmful germs that live in the mouth and form on the teeth. Frequently eating sugars and starches produces an acid that attacks the enamel of the teeth and causes cavities.

Warning signs of tooth decay are:

- \*pain during chewing
- \*a dark spot on a tooth
- \*persistent pain in the mouth or sinus

Keep your mouth healthy by:

- \*daily brushing, flossing and rinse your teeth and mouth
- \*eat a balanced diet with a variety of foods. Include grains, fruits, vegetables, dairy products, meats, eggs, dried beans.
- \*protein, vitamin A and vitamin C promote healthy gums. Calcium and Vitamin D are needed for strong teeth.
- \*limit sugar
- \*milk, cheese, peanuts and sugarless gum help slow down the acid production that causes decay

## COSTICK CAFE DINE-IN MEAL PROGRAM

Our Congregate Dining program is located in Shannon Hall with full-service dining in returning (all meals must be eaten on the premises). Some key points:

You need to preregister by 11 a.m. the day before to reserve your meal. No walk ins.

Service will be from 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Meals must be reserved at least one day in advance by 11 a.m. (ex. If you would like a meal on Monday October 7 you need to reserve by Friday, October 4 at 11 a.m.)

Save a phone call. Order all your meals for several days or the month in advance.

**All meals must be reserved in advance.**

### Reserve your meal by calling 248-473-1830.

- Meals are available **only from 12 – 12:30 p.m. in Shannon Hall**
- No exceptions to posted meal.
- Donation age 60+ \$3.50, under 60 \$6.00.

#### **Procedure upon arriving at the Costick Center:**

- Enter the Costick Center at door A.
- Swipe i.d. card at registration desk, proceed to Shannon Hall.
- Sign in for lunch and pick up envelope for donation.
- Place donation envelope in box and pick up lunch.
- **The congregate meal is plated for you to eat in Shannon Hall. No carry-out.**
- **No lunch service October 1 & 11.**
- **Lunch will be served in Casey on October 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31.**

Nutrition services are funded through Title III, Older Americans Act Funds & distributed through the AgeWay Nonprofit Senior Services and the Office of Aging and Adult Services Agency. Complies with terms and regulations of Title V of Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended in Section 504 of the Social Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Equal opportunity employee program.



We have some interest in putting together a Costick Choir group that would meet once or twice a week to learn songs, practice and perform at various Adult 50 & Better events. Day and time is still under consideration.

Anyone interested in joining this choir group, please stop by the Costick front desk to pick up a form. The group is also looking for someone that plays piano & could volunteer their time.

## COSTICK CAFE DINE-IN MEAL PROGRAM

# October 2024 Menu

	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
Lunch will be served in Shannon Hall.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">TOTAL WELLNESS FAIR 10 AM - 12:30 PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Lunch Service</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2</b></p> <p>Swedish Meatballs with Pasta, Scandinavian Blend Vegetables, Mandarin Orange</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3</b></p> <p>Spanish Cheese Omelet, Malibu Blend Vegetables, Hash Brown Potatoes, Peach Salsa</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4</b></p> <p>Country Fried Steak, Whipped Potatoes, Spinach, Pear</p>	<b>5</b>	
Highlighted dates, lunch will be served in Casey.						
<b>6</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7</b></p> <p>Shredded Beef Barbeque, Au Gratin Potatoes, Nantucket Vegetable Blend, Tropical Fruit</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>8</b></p> <p>Lemon Pepper Tilapia, Wild &amp; Brown Rice, European Vegetable Blend, Orange</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>9</b></p> <p>Chicken Cacciatore, Roasted Potatoes, Italian Blend Vegetables, Caesar Salad, Pear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10</b></p> <p>Stuffed Pepper, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Blend, Apple</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">No Lunch Service</p>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>14</b></p> <p>Italian Cheese Manicotti, 2 Chicken Meatballs, Sicilian Blend Vegetables, Garden Salad, Honey Crisp Apple</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>15</b></p> <p>Beef Stroganoff, Mashed Potatoes, Capri Blend Vegetables, Applesauce</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>16</b></p> <p>Whitefish with Pesto, Basmati Rice, Venetian Blend Vegetables, Banana</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>17</b></p> <p>Beef Frank, California Vegetable Blend, Hot Cinnamon Apples, Potato Salad</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>18</b></p> <p>Chicken Leg, Mac N Cheese, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Tangerine</p>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>21</b></p> <p>Chili Lime Tilapia Vegetable Rice Pilaf, Northwest Vegetable Blend, Apple</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>22</b></p> <p>Beef Pepper Steak, Vegetable Fried Rice, Oriental Vegetable Blend, Mandarin Orange</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>23</b></p> <p>Penne with Meat Balls, Riviera Vegetable Blend, Garden Salad, Apple</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>24</b></p> <p>Chicken Enchilada, Fiesta Black Beans, Spanish Rice, Pear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>25</b> Turkey</p> <p>Burger w/Swiss Cheese, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Pineapple</p>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>28</b></p> <p>Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potato, Scandinavian Vegetables, Fresh Pear</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>29</b></p> <p>Chicken Marsala, Cavatappi Pasta, Broccoli, Banana</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>30</b></p> <p>Salisbury Steak, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31</b></p> <p>Beer Battered Cod, Sweet Potato Mash, Key West Vegetable Blend, Tropical Fruit Cup</p>		

**Meals must be reserved at least one day in advance by 11 a.m.**

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## ***Join one of our support groups for a meeting:***

### **Living On**

This support group meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday each month at 1:30 pm. The focus of the Living On support group is to express feelings and experiences related to the loss of a loved one in a supportive, caring, and non-judgmental environment. Grief and loss topics are addressed as they arise, depending on the interests of those attending the group. Facilitated by Cindy Palmer, Grief Counselor with Hospice of Michigan. Contact Cindy Palmer to register at 248-334-1323 or email [cpalmer@hom.org](mailto:cpalmer@hom.org)

### **Farmington Hills Parkinson's Support Group**

Join us the 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 2:00 pm. The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is dedicated to offering valuable support and encouraging connections among individuals affected by Parkinson's disease, and their caregivers. By nurturing social connections and fostering a sense of community, we can create a supportive network that empowers individuals and caregivers on their Parkinson's journey.

### **Navigating Change and Loss Coffee Hour**

Group currently full. Contact Lisa Gardner, Bereavement Coordinator at [ligardner@interimhealthcare.com](mailto:ligardner@interimhealthcare.com) to be added to the waitlist, or for alternative grief resources. Join us the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Next meeting is October 9 from 10:30 - 11:30 am for a social hour as we discuss transitions of aging and loss participants have experienced in the recent past, whether it be loss of a loved one, home, friendships, job, etc. Come and join us as we support each other, foster connections, and enjoy coffee and light refreshments. Facilitated by Lisa Gardner, Interim Hospice of Oakland County Bereavement and Volunteer Coordinator.

### **Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group**

Support group for anyone who is caring for someone with dementia. Open discussion format provides education, support & understanding. Meets every Monday by zoom except holidays and in person at the Costick Center every 2nd Monday of the month 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Group Leader: John Robertson, Call or email Treena Horton: [thorton@alz.org](mailto:thorton@alz.org) 248-996-1058 to register and the zoom link will be sent to you by email.

### **Brain Injury Support Group**

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan aims to provide information, resources, and support for all brain injury survivors and families with a new support group offered 2nd Thursday of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 pm at the Costick Center. Call 248-974-2554 for more information. Hosted by Steve Copley.

### **Caregivers**

Share encouragement, support and learn with others who are caring for someone the 1st & 3rd Wednesday each month at 1 pm. Topics of discussion cover financial and legal considerations, emotional needs, and practical solutions.

### **First Step Stroke**

All stroke survivors, their caregivers, and family members are invited the second Tuesday of the month from 1-3 pm, for socialization, activities, encouragement, and support. Most 1st Tuesdays each month the group meets at a local restaurant for lunch. Please call 248-473-1822 to verify the group is meeting each month.

### **Vision Support Group**

This group meets the 1st Wednesday each month at 12:30pm to provide information, socialization, speakers, and support to those with low vision. New facilitator, Ashley Livshiz, Coordinator Support Groups with Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology and Henry Ford Health.

**Join one of the following clubs or groups. Please sign in at the table in the main lobby.**

## **BINGO**

Do you love to meet new friends and play BINGO? You are in luck, the BINGO group meets each Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 pm. 10 cents per card.

## **Book Discussion**

Join an informal book discussion group in cooperation with the Farmington Community Library on the 1st Thursday each month at 1 pm at Costick Center. Greg Harrison will lead the discussion.

Registration will be required to attend book discussion at Costick, people will need to register through the library calendar on the Farmington Library website for each meeting. The website is easy to use - go to [www.Farmlib.org](http://www.Farmlib.org), then select Events, then the Event Calendar. Once you locate the program you are looking for, it will allow you to register. If participants want to receive a reminder email about the book discussion, you will need to sign up through the library event calendar and choose the email reminder option.

**October:** *Nobody's Fool*, by Richard Russo.

**November:** *All the Kings Men*, by Robert Penn Warren.

## **Euchre**

Drop-in and play euchre every Monday with old friends and new, 1:00 - 3:00 pm. 50 cents.

## **Duplicate Bridge**

The group meets every Monday at 12:00 pm and play is from 12:30 - 4:00 pm. You must bring your own partner and have a current membership card. \$2.00 per person.

## **CFAA (Cycling for Active Adults)**

The goals of the club are to promote bicycle safety, enjoy fellow riders and a healthy lifestyle. \$20.00 for a year membership/volunteer ride leaders membership fee is waived. You can register online with program #CS4613. For more information call 248-473-1822.

## **Computer Forum**

Meeting at the Costick Center each Thursday at 10 am. Hybrid format (live from Costick with members joining from home via zoom). Members share computer skills and information. Each session is a little different, covering operating systems, software applications, or new and favorite websites. If you would like to be added to the zoom invitation list please call 248-473-1830.

## **Farmington Piecemakers**

Quilters for a cause meets the 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Bring your own sewing machine or sit & sew projects. All skill levels welcome.

## **Fiber Artists**

The Fiber Artists is a social club for artists whose material consists of natural or synthetic fibers. They meet at the Center for Active Adults at the Costick Center the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month, 5:30 – 8:30 pm in Shannon Hall. All techniques that involve using your hands with fiber or fiber techniques are welcome including: **Basketry, Beading, Bead Embroidery, Bead Weaving, Kumihimo, Crochet, Doll Making, Embroidery, Felting, Handmade Paper and Book Art, Knitting, Knotting, and Spinning**. The City of Farmington Hills, Adults 50 & Better Division welcomes fiber artists to meet and exchange ideas, encourage each other, inspire, and educate.

***Join one of our clubs or groups:***

### **Mahjong Group**

Mahjong Group is looking for people to join them! The group meets Wednesday mornings, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. If you have a Mahjong set please bring it with you. .50 cents  
Plus, a new group meeting Friday afternoon, 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

### **New Friends Social Club**

Meets 2nd Wed. of each month at 1:00 pm. You're invited to join us to meet fellow seniors and make new friends. Enjoy light snacks, develop meaningful relationships and fellowship with lighthearted conversations. Learn from interesting speakers, share any current challenges that you would like advice from the group.

### **Pinochle Group**

What a great way to spend Monday morning. Play pinochle with some friendly chatter and companionship, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. 50 cents.

### **Quilters**

Each Friday at 10 am, this informal group gets together to share ideas and techniques about their quilting, knitting, sewing, needlepoint and other fiber projects. Newcomers are always welcome.

### **Red Hat Society Group**

Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.

### **Sojourn Bears (No Meeting November & December)**

The Adults 50 & Better Program sponsors this local chapter of the national program that makes teddy bears for distribution to adult cancer patients and survivors for support and comfort. This group meets to sew, stuff, cut out, and create the bears the 4th Monday each month at 1 pm. Many if the tasks can be taken home to complete. Patterns and instructions provided.

### **Tai Chi 50 cents**

Tai Chi helps reduce stress and increases balance and flexibility. Meet at the Costick Center Tuesday 9 - 10 am, and Thursday 8:30 - 9:30 am. Tai Chi Video, 50 cents each session.

### **The Next Chapter Library Program**

Join the Farmington Library's Outreach Specialist on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 10:00 – 11:00 am here at the Costick Center to learn about the library and the programs they offer. Large print books will be available to check out. Topics and/or activities vary monthly. Sign up in the Costick Library.

Drop-In Welcome! **October 22nd: Pumpkin Painting:** In celebration of Halloween, come paint a small pumpkin and take it home with you! Pumpkins and paint supplies will be provided.

### **Wednesday Afternoon Creative Art Group (Painters Group )**

Sponsored by the Farmington Art Foundation, meets every Wednesday form 1-3 pm. No formal instructions are provided. Bring your supplies, no community supplies are provided.

### **Wii Sports**

Join friends most Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm to play Wii Sports.

## **ADULTS 50 & BETTER SERVICES**

### **Outreach Services**

The Outreach Program provides information and access to services and programs available to older adults in the community. Call 248-473-1826 for more information .

### **Home Chore Program**

This program helps Farmington and Farmington Hills residents live independently by providing qualified volunteers to assist with chores around the home. Call 248-473-1851 for more information.

### **Telephone Reassurance**

Do you know anyone living alone and home-bound who would benefit from a daily phone call? The telephone reassurance Program provides daily contact with Farmington area seniors between the hours of 9 am and 10:30 am, Monday through Friday. Call 248-473-1851 for details.

### **Nutrition**

The Home Delivered Meals Program services adults 60 years and better, home bound, and unable to prepare meals. For more information, call 248-473-1825. The Senior Adult Nutrition Program is funded through Age Ways Nonprofit Senior Services.

The Farmington Hills Senior Nutrition Program is funded Nutrition services are funded through Title III, Older Americans Act Funds & distributed through the AgeWay Nonprofit Senior Services and the Office of Aging and Adult Services Agency. Complies with terms and regulations of Title V of Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended in Section 504 of the Social Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Equal opportunity employee program. Reasonable accommodation will be provided upon notification or request.

### **Knox Box**

The Knox Box Safety Program gives emergency responders quick access to a home in an emergency when a homeowner is unable to answer the door. It eliminates the need to forced entry for residents who live alone, are disabled or who care for someone unable to open a door. Call 248-473-1826.

### **Transportation Program**

The Transportation Program is available to Farmington and Farmington Hills 55 & Better or with a disability, Monday-Friday, 9:00 am 3:30 pm. Farmington Hills Senior Transportation provides Kroger grocery shopping service on Tuesdays along with Walmart and Meijer shopping service on alternating Thursdays. Please call 248/473-1864 to sign up. A donation of \$2 each way is suggested.

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## **YVONNE TREASURES GIFT SHOP IS OPEN AND STOCKED WITH TREASURES!**

**Most weekdays, Monday - Friday**

**9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**Located inside the Costick Center**

**28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336**

***We are now accepting your collectables, trinkets, & treasures to keep our shelves stocked.***

**Proceeds benefit seniors in need in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area.**

*The Farmington Hills Adults 50 & Better Division of Special Services is looking for a volunteer to help in the Gift Shop. If you are interested please stop at the front desk or call 248-473-1822.*



## SENIOR AQUATICS PROGRAMS

Everyone needs an Adult 50 & Better membership card. Please scan your card at the table in the main lobby by door A. If you do not have a membership card, we have a form for you to fill out. There is no charge for Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, however, non-residents must pay a yearly membership fee of \$20.00.

Punch Cards can be purchased from the Costick Center front desk. (Not at the pool)

### SENIOR OPEN SWIM

**PUNCH CARDS ONLY:** 10 Visit Pass: (R/NR) \$15.75/\$24.75 20 Visit Pass: (R/NR) \$31.50/\$49.50

**SCHEDULE:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 11:00 am - 11:55 am & 2:00 pm - 2:55 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday 11:00 am - 11:55 am

### SENIOR WATER EXERCISE

**PUNCH CARDS ONLY:** 10 Visit Pass: (R/NR) \$20.25/\$31.50

**SCHEDULE:** Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 10:55 am  
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 - 1:55 pm

### SENIOR ARTHRITIS EXERCISE

**PUNCH CARDS ONLY:** 10 Visit Pass: (R/NR) \$20.25/\$31.50

**SCHEDULE:** Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 pm - 2:55 pm

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## Resealable Card Holders & Lanyards

Keep your punch cards nice and dry with plastic zippered card holders!

### Card Holder or Lanyard

**.50 each**

Available to purchase at Costick Front Desk



# Adults 50 & Better Fitness Classes

You can sign up online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or at the front desk at the Costick Center.  
Call 248-473-1830 for help with online registration.

Our service desk is located at the front desk by door A and opened 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday - Friday. Please enter the Costick Center through door A in the front of the building facing 11 Mile Road. Everyone needs an Adult 50 & Better membership card. Scan your card and check off your name on the roster, sign in on the punch pass sheet and have your card punched or sign-in on the activity form. If you do not have a membership card, we have a form for you to fill out. There is no charge for Farmington/Farmington Hills residents, however, non-residents must pay a yearly membership fee of \$20.00.

## Pickleball - Drop-in Play at the Costick Center

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday | 9:00 - 11:00 am**

All skill levels welcome.

**Monday | 12:00 - 2:00 pm**

All skill levels welcome.

**Tuesday | 12:30 - 3:30 pm**

All skill levels welcome.

 **NEW Wednesday 9/4 - 10/16 for Beginners | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Punch Pass Only**  
Beginner courts available with experienced volunteers to help.

**Thursday for Beginners | 12:30 - 3:30 pm**

All courts will be beginner courts with experienced volunteers to help.

**Tuesday Evening Pickleball | 6:00 - 8:00 pm | Punch Pass Only**

All skill levels welcome.

**Saturday Morning Pickleball | 9:00 am - 12:00 pm | Punch Pass Only**

All skill levels welcome.

**Drop-in R/NR Fee: \$4.50/\$5.50**

**10 session punch card R/NR Fee: \$30/\$40**

The best way to have fun with a racket, Pickleball is a combination of tennis and ping pong, played on a badminton court. Come see why it's the fastest growing court sport of active adults!

## FITNESS CLASSES

10 Multi-Class Fitness Pass R/NR \$75/\$85

### **HORSE Basketball**

**Wednesday | 11/6 - 12/18 | 6:00 - 7:30 pm #CS1514-01**

6 week session **No class 11/27**

**R/NR Fee: \$18/\$24**

Remember the game of HORSE you played as a kid? Join this league and see if you still got what it takes to sink a shot! We will also play AROUND THE WORLD, CRAZY PIG, and KNOCK OUT. You'll have fun while getting some exercise.

## Beginners Yoga

**Instructor:** Katielynn Marie

**Wednesday | 9/11 - 10/23 | 11:00am - 12:00pm #CS1505-01** *Next session: 11/6 - 12/18 #CS1505-02*

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49**

The benefits of yoga are almost endless! Practicing yoga helps build healthy virtues and good values. Yoga empowers you to make conscious choices toward living a more healthy and fulfilling life. If you have a medical condition or a recent injury, usually, there are alternatives or modifications that can allow you to practice safely. This class can be seated yoga or floor yoga. When you're brand new to yoga, it can feel intimidating and be difficult to know exactly where and how to.

**The best way to know if yoga is for you is to give it a try.**

## Yoga

**Tuesday | 9/10 - 10/22 | 9:45 - 10:45am #CS1500-02** *Next session: 11/5 - 12/17 #CS1500-05*

**Instructor:** Linda Hawkins

**Wednesday | 9/11 - 10/23 | 9:45 - 10:45am #CS1500-03** *Next session: 11/6 - 12/18 #CS1500-06*

**Instructor:** Katielynn Marie

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49**

Focus on inner awareness along with the external alignment of the body in this yoga class designed to aid balance, flexibility, and enhance serenity. Wear loose clothing and bring a mat.

## Chair Yoga

**Monday | 9/9 - 10/21 | 11:00am - 12:00pm #CS1504-01** *Next session: 11/4 - 12/16 #CS1504-02*

**Instructor:** Bharti Shah

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49**

Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a chair, or standing for support. It is a great practice for everyone, as it deepens flexibility and strengthens personal body awareness. All levels are welcome, wear loose clothing.

## Therapeutic Yoga

**Thursday | 9/12 - 10/24 | 9:45 - 10:45am #CS1501-01** *Next session: 11/7 - 12/19 #CS1501-02*

**Instructor:** Bharti Shah

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49**

This practice is for everyone! Do you want to strengthen and balance your body and quiet your mind? Do you suffer from aches and pains? Are you recovering from an illness, injury or accident? Are you feeling great and want to stay that way? Then this class is for you! Wear loose clothing and bring a mat.

## Yoga Plus

**Tuesday | 9/10 - 10/22 | 11:00am - 12:00pm #CS1503-01** *Next session: 11/5 - 12/17 #CS1503-02*

**Instructor:** Linda Hawkins

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49**

Elevate your yoga practice and explore diverse postures and unlock your potential. Improve core strength while increasing flexibility and balance. Wear loose clothing and bring a mat.

## Yoga Evening

**Thursday | 9/12 - 10/24 | 5:30 - 6:30pm #CS1502-02** *Next session: 11/6 - 12/18 #CS1502-02*

**Instructor:** Bharti Shah

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49**

Focus on inner awareness along with the external alignment of the body in this yoga class designed to aid in balance, flexibility, and enhance serenity. Wear loose clothing and bring a mat.

**10 Multi-Class Fitness Pass R/NR \$75/\$85**

## Balance, Strength & Stretch

**Wednesday | 9/18 - 10/23 | 4:15 - 5:00 pm #CS1513-01**

*Next session: 11/6 - 12/18 #CS1513-02*

6 week session **No class 11/27**

**R/NR Fee: \$36/\$42**

**10 Class Pass R/NR \$75/\$85**

**Instructor:** Christine Applebaum

Learn proper form & techniques for various strength training exercises using hand weights & bands. This class will focus mainly on balance & strength. It will be a full body routine with something different each time. Bring a mat, hand weights, resistance bands, sweat towel and water.

## Feldenkrais: Awareness Through Movement

**Wednesday | 9/11 - 10/23 | 9:30 - 10:30am #CS1511-01**

*Next session: 11/6 - 12/18 #CS1511-02*

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$35/\$42**

**10 Class Pass R/NR \$65/\$75**

**Instructor:** Susan Patton

A different lesson each week, verbally directed, relating to every aspect of human movement. Done in lying, sitting, standing and on hands and knees. They are designed to break old habits and instill new ways of thinking, feeling and moving. The exercises are non-judgmental, non-competitive and self-directed so that each person progresses at their own pace. They improve postures, flexibility, breathing, coordination and movement efficiency, and reduce and eliminate pain and discomfort. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring a mat and a bath towel.

## Gym Exercise

**Tuesday | 9/10 - 10/22 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm #CS1509-01**

*Next session: 11/5 - 12/17 #CS1509-03*

7 week session

**R/NR Fee: \$17.50/\$21.00**

**Thursday | 9/12 - 10/24 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm #CS1509-02**

*Next session: 11/7 - 12/19 #CS1509-04*

6 week session **No class 11/28**

**R/NR Fee: \$15.00/\$18.00**

**10 Class Pass R/NR \$35/\$40**

**Instructor:** Lisa Chow

Get up and Go with a great workout! Gym exercise will include low-impact floor and chair workout to improve cardiovascular and muscle endurance. Bring along hand weights and resistance bands. All fitness levels welcome!

## Tai Chi for Movement & Balance

**Thursday | 9/12 - 10/24 | 1:00 - 2:00pm #CS1508-01**

*Next session: 11/7 - 12/19 #CS1508-02*

7 week session **No class 11/28**

**R/NR Fee: \$36/\$42**

**Instructor:** Bill Harper

This class is designed to help improve movement, balance and decrease pain and falls through the use of Wu style Tai Chi Chuan.

**10 Multi-Class Fitness Pass R/NR \$75/\$85**

## Tai Chi

**Wednesday | 9/11 - 10/23 | 6:00 - 7:00pm #CS1506-01** *Next session: 11/6 - 12/18 #CS1506-03*

**Friday | 9/13 - 10/25 | 10:00 - 11:00am #CS1506-02** *Next session: 11/8 - 12/20 #CS1506-04*

6 week session **No class 11/27, 11/29**

R/NR Fee: \$36/\$42

**Instructor:** Bill Harper

This class will consist of an organized routine to help with overall physical health and stress management; it will include many aspects of the Wu Style syllabus with a combination of chair and standing exercises.

## Advanced Tai Chi

**Wednesday | 9/11 - 10/23 | 7:00 - 8:00pm #CS1507-01** *Next session: 11/6 - 12/18 #CS1507-03*

**Thursday | 9/12 - 10/24 | 2:00 - 3:00pm #CS1507-02** *Next session: 11/7 - 12/19 #CS1507-04*

**Friday | 9/13 - 10/25 | 11:00am - 12:00pm #CS1507-05** *Next session: 11/8 - 12/20 #CS1507-06*

7 week session **No class 11/27, 11/28, 11/29**

R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49

**Instructor:** Bill Harper

**Instructor:** Bill Harper

This class will offer Wu Style Tai Chi Chuan hand forms

## Fit 5000

**Tuesday | 9/10 - 10/22 | 9:45 - 10:45am #CS1510-01** *Next session: 11/5 - 12/17 #CS1510-03*

7 week session

R/NR Fee: \$42/\$49

**Thursday | 9/12 - 10/24 | 9:45 - 10:45am #CS1510-02** *Next session: 11/7 - 12/19 #CS1510-04*

6 week session **No class 11/28**

R/NR Fee: \$36/\$42

**Instructor:** Deborah Koss

Low impact workouts are based on popular dance and fitness steps to achieve 5000 steps per class. You will burn fat and calories, improve muscle strength all while having fun listening to a variety of new and classic music. Alternative steps are demonstrated so everyone can choose their own level of desired intensity. Bring hand weights, water and your Fitbit, Pedometer, or Apple Watch.

## EZ Beginner Hustle **NEW DAY & TIME**

**Tuesday | 9/10 - 10/22 | 1:15 - 2:00pm #CC1516-01** *Next session: 11/12 - 12/17 #CS1516-02*

6 week session

R/NR Fee: \$36/\$42

**Instructor:** Debra Koss

Have fun, learn favorite party hustles and keep fit with low impact, easy to learn line dance moves. Hustles are simple and short, no experience is required. Recommended attire: comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes or sneakers. Bring water and a sweat towel.

## Intermediate Hustle

**Thursday | 9/12 - 10/24 | 6:00 - 7:00PM #CC1512-01** *Next session: 11/7 - 12/19 #CS1512-02*

7 week session

R/NR Fee: \$36/\$42 **No class 11/28**

**Instructor:** Debra Koss

Have fun, learn favorite party hustles and keep fit with low impact, easy to learn line dance steps. Geared for line dancers who have some experience with the basics; hustle patterns will generally be longer and more complex. Experience is encouraged but not required. Routines are a mix of current and classic hustles. Recommended attire: comfortable clothing and smooth-soled shoes or sneakers. Bring water and a sweat towel.

**10 Multi-Class Fitness Pass R/NR \$75/\$85**

## Absolute Beginner Line Dance

Friday | 10/4 - 10/25 | 11:30am - 12:00 pm #CC1507-02

R/NR Fee: \$16/\$16 4 week session

This class is for those who are just starting out with no previous experience. Learn the basic steps to have fun at this popular line dance class.

## Beginner Line Dance

Wednesday | 10/2 - 10/23 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm #CC1500-03

R/NR Fee: \$24/\$24 4 week session

Friday | 10/4 - 10/25 | 12:00 - 1:00 pm #CC1500-04

R/NR Fee: \$24/\$24 4 week session

## Beginner Plus Line Dance

Friday | 10/4 - 10/25 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm #CC1505-02

R/NR Fee: \$24/\$24 4 week session

## Intermediate Line Dance

Wednesday | 10/2 - 10/23 | 1:00 - 2:00 pm #CC1506-02

R/NR Fee: \$24/\$24 4 week session

Instructor: Christine Stewart

10 Class Pass R/NR \$75/\$75

Kick up your heels at our popular line dance classes that are fun and good exercise, too!

## Beginners Ballroom

Hustle | Wednesday | 11/6 - 12/18 | 6:30 - 7:20 pm #CC1501-03

Foxtrot | Wednesday | 11/6 - 12/18 | 7:30 - 8:20 pm #CC1501-04

6 week session No class 11/27

R/NR Fee: \$48/\$54

Instructor: Fernando Caducio

This class is for the dancers-to-be, those with no ballroom experience. Learn the basics with high-energy, but easy to follow instructions.

Class open to students 18+

## Beginner/Intermediate Ballroom

Cha Cha | Tuesday | 11/5 - 12/17 | 6:30 - 7:20 pm #CC1502-03

Tango | Tuesday | 11/5 - 12/17 | 7:30 - 8:20 pm #CC1502-04

7 week session

R/NR Fee: \$56/\$63

Instructor: Fernando Caducio

Must have beginner level class to participate. Take the next step in high excitement ballroom lessons. Class open to students 18+

## Intermediate/Advanced Ballroom

Waltz | Monday | 11/4 - 12/16 | 6:30 - 7:20 pm #CC1503-03

Rumba | Monday | 11/4 - 12/16 | 7:30 - 8:20 pm #CC1503-04

7 week session

R/NR Fee: \$56/\$63

Instructor: Fernando Caducio

Advanced Ballroom High intensity and high excitement ballroom lessons with a Latin flair. Fast pace, prior experience required. Class open to students 18+

# Adults 50 & Better Life Long Learning

Classes are available online or Costick Center front desk. [fhgov.com/activitiesguide](http://fhgov.com/activitiesguide)

## EUCHRE 101 - New Session Each Month

**Monday | 10/7 - 10/21 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | #CS1423-02 | R/NR Fee: \$15/\$18**

**3 week session**

**R/NR Fee: \$15/\$18**

**Instructor: Cindy Rose**

One-hour sessions at 11 a.m., three Mondays of the month. Euchre is a fun, social card game that's frequently played around town -- and here at Costick Center on Mondays at 1 p.m.

Come and learn the basics in a relaxed, hands-on setting. Then let the games begin!

## Learn to Play Mahjong

**Wednesday | 10/9 - 10/23 | 9:00 am - 10:00 am | #CS1411-02 | R/NR Fee: \$15/\$18**

**3 week session**

**R/NR Fee: \$15/\$18**

**Instructor: Donna Mandell**

The game of Mahjong is fairly easy to learn, though mastering the game is said to take a lifetime! Join this 3 week class and you will learn the basis. Students can purchase the Mahjong cards directly from the instructor for \$15.00. You can register online, at the Costick front desk or by calling 248-473-1830.

## Beginning Knitting 2

**Tuesday | 10/8 - 10/29 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | #CS1404-01**

**4 week session**

**R/NR Fee: \$55/\$60**

**Instructor: Naomi Frenkel**

This class is a continuation of the beginning knitting class. Continue to knit your scarf or learn how to knit a hat!

## Spanish Beginner

**Wednesday | 11/6 - 12/18 | 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | #CS1401-02**

**7 week session**

**R/NR Fee: \$60/\$65**

**Instructor: Manuela Thompson**

Learning a new Language is a great way to keep the mind sharp. This fun class will teach Spanish through games and activities. First day of class a Book fee of \$12.00 to be paid to instructor.

## Spanish Advanced Beginner

**Wednesday | 11/6 - 12/18 | 12:30 - 1:30 pm | #CS1402-02**

**7 week session**

**R/NR Fee: \$60/\$65**

**Instructor: Manuela Thompson**

Learning a new language is a great way to keep the mind sharp. This fun class will teach Spanish through games and activities. First day of class a Book fee of \$12.00 to be paid to instructor.

## Hospice: An Introduction to Comfort Care

Tuesday | 10/8 | 10:00 - 11:00 am | #CS1416-01 | No Fee  
Instructor: Julie Capra

Participants will learn: What qualifies a person for Hospice, What the Benefit includes, The difference between Palliative Care & Hospice. Presented by Julie Capra, Lead Advisor-Hospice of Michigan & NorthStar Palliative Care. Register for this free program online, at Costick center front desk or by calling 248-473-1830.

## Hands-Only CPR

Wednesday | 10/9 | 10:30 - 11:30 am | #CS1413-01 | No Fee

When it comes time to save a life, will you be ready? It's easy to learn, and you can increase the chance of someone surviving a cardiac emergency by taking this FREE class. Please note that this is not a certification class.

## Steps to Safety

Tuesday | 10/22 | 10:00 - 11:00 am | #CS1412-01 | No Fee

Instructor: Michelle Soho, BSN, RN Injury Prevention Coordinator Corewell Health-Farmington Hills

Steps to Safety™ is a fire and fall prevention program for centered around key messages developed by safety experts from organizations throughout the US and Canada. Our local Steps to Safety program partners Farmington Hills Fire Dept, Farmington Hills Special Services, and Corewell Health Farmington Hills Injury Prevention to reduce incidence and injury from home fires and falls by promoting independence and empowerment for older adults through fire and fall prevention education. Register for this free program online, at the Costick Center front desk or call 248-473-1830.



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No refunds for any trips within 24 hours of trip departure. Some trips are 48 hours.

Credit card payments are accepted for all trips.

**COVID-19 Vaccine Policy:** "\*\*\*Reminder- Be sure to bring your proof of vaccination with you on tour in case it is required at any venues we will be attending." (Some overnights do state proof of vaccination is required on the flyer, some venues do require this and Rybicki will follow through.)

## ***RYBICKI TOURS***

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### **Zehnder's Legends of Classic Country – the Music of Johnny Cash and Friends, October 16 (Wednesday), \$129**

Experience a musical journey like no other! This isn't just any show; it's a heartfelt tribute to the iconic sounds of country music's golden era. Come join this award-winning ensemble of stellar musicians as they delve deep into the soul-stirring classic country catalogs of legends like Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson and many more. As the notes of timeless classics fill the air, immerse yourself in an ambiance reminiscent of Nashville's grand ole times. From the poignant ballads to the foot-tapping numbers, the show promises an enthralling blend of music that tells stories of love, hardship and the American dream. In addition to the show, enjoy Zehnder's Chicken Luncheon in their beautiful main dining room and some free time on Main Street of downtown Frankenmuth for shopping and exploring.

### **DSO Pop Series: Music of the Knights, October 25 (Friday), \$140**

They are music's royalty - Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Sir Elton John, and Sir Paul McCartney. Experience the crown jewels of Broadway and pop at Orchestra Hall, featuring "Can You Feel the Love Tonight," "Circle of Life," "Phantom of the Opera," "Yesterday," "Memory," "Hey Jude," and more. Following the show, enjoy a full, sit-down meal at Sinbad's Restaurant.

### **Firekeepers Casino, October 29 (Tuesday), \$59**

Get your Vegas on at Firekeeper's Senior Days (for 55+ Red Hot Rewards Club Members)! Enjoy your 4.5 hour casino visit! Having over 2,900 of the latest slot and video poker games, plus hand dealt table games including all your favorites like blackjack, craps, roulette, live bingo and more... Great restaurants, bars and lounges, Firekeepers is your dining and gambling destination. From the classic to the contemporary, there's something for everyone! The trip includes a \$25 Casino Incentive! Receive \$20 free slot play and \$5 in points (to be used for food, drink, merchandise or more additional free slot play). Plus, the SENIOR TUESDAY INCENTIVE (Earn 55 points and receive one drawing entry plus \$10 in BONUS Red Hot Credits). If you already have a Rewards Card, don't forget to bring it.

### **Winter Wonderettes at Cornwell's Dinner Theatre, November 7, 2024 (Thursday), \$119 -**

Written and Created by Roger Bean, this energetic seasonal celebration finds the all-girl singing group, The Wonderettes, entertaining at the annual Harper's Hardware Holiday Party. When Santa turns up missing, the girls use their talent and ingenuity to save the party! Featuring great '60s versions of holiday classics such as "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town," "Jingle Bell Rock," and "Winter Wonderland," the result is, of course, marvelous! Includes Cornwell's own delicious carved turkey luncheon and free time for shopping at the Gift Shop & Bakery.

**Zehnder's of Frankenmuth – A Motown Christmas Featuring The Prolifics! December 3 (Tuesday), \$129** - For more than 30 years, the Prolifics have delighted audiences with their outstanding tribute to the Motown legends. The music, the moves and the audience interaction make for a memorable entertaining experience. Their Motown Christmas Tribute combines all the Motown hits we've grown to love along with all the holiday classics that were performed by The Temptations, The Jackson 5, Four Tops and many more. This holiday season, start a new tradition that will have you saying you 'Ain't too Proud to Beg' for more! The trip also includes Zehnder's Chicken Luncheon in their beautiful main dining room and free time on Main Street of downtown Frankenmuth for shopping and exploring.

**Biltmore Candlelight & Dolly, December 1 - 6 (Sunday - Friday), \$1,699 pp/dbl, \$2,199 pp/sgl** Five nights accommodations: One night in Lexington, KY, One night in Asheville, NC, Two nights in Pigeon Forge, TN, One night in Dayton, OH. Eight meals: five breakfasts and three dinners. Enjoy the Biltmore Candlelight Christmas Dinner, a historic setting that was once the estate's horse stable; a Candlelight Evening Tour including extravagant holiday decor, live music & entertainment; the Estate Tour & Gardens at America's largest privately owned home, wine tasting at the winery. This is followed by dining, shopping and exhibits at Antler Hill Village and a four course feast and holiday festivities at Dolly Parton's Stampede Christmas Dinner Show and Pirates Voyage Christmas Dinner Show. Enjoy a self guided tour in this one-of-a-kind "passenger" experience at the Titanic Museum, followed by the Custard & Chocolate Shop. Wrap up the trip at The Island at Pigeon Forge with over 80 shops, restaurants and attractions and The National Museum of the US Air Force, the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world.

**A Christmas Carol at Meadowbrook Theatre and Afternoon Tea at The Townsend, December 15 (Sunday), \$225** Beautifully set up in your own private room, join us for an afternoon tea experience that promises to be an unforgettable delight. Indulge in a selection of exquisite teas, delectable scones and pastries, and savory sandwiches, all set in an elegant, holiday atmosphere. This high-end event is perfect for treating yourself to a taste of sophistication and refinement, leaving you feeling both pampered and thoroughly satisfied! Following the tea, enjoy the 2:00 pm matinee performance and experience the continued magic of the holiday season. Now in its 42nd season, this beloved production brings Charles Dickens' classic tale to life with stunning performances, beautiful sets, and captivating music. Join us for a heartwarming and festive afternoon that has become a cherished tradition for audiences of all ages.

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### [Timeless Memories Day Trips](#)

**DSO Under The Street Lamp, Sunday, November 17, \$112/pp** - Former cast members from the hit musical *Jersey Boys* match tight harmonies and slick dance moves with old-school hits by The Drifters, Roy Orbison, Nat King Cole, The Beach Boys, and The Beatles, plus a showstopping celebration of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

**DSO Home For The Holidays, Friday, December 13, \$124/pp** - Gather for one of the best holiday traditions in Detroit! The DSO and special guests play all your favorites inside warm and wonderful Orchestra Hall. Make the season bright and create memories of a lifetime everyone can share.

**See our travel display in the Costick Center lobby for detailed information about these trips!**



These trips include round trip transportation, some meals (See specific trip info), hotel accommodations, motorcoach transportation, transfers & baggage handling, admissions & sightseeing per itinerary and Professional Tour Director.

### **Colorful Costa Rica, November 6 – 14, 2024.**

This trip is a 9 day tour with ability to add on an extra 4 day extension to Tortuguero National Park. This trip leaves on November 6, 2024 and the booking discount rate is \$3775 per person for double occupancy. Tortuguero extension rate is an additional \$725 per person. Trip Includes: San Jose, Poas Volcano National Park, Coffee Plantation visit, Arenal Volcano National Park, Sarchi Artisan Village, Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, Selvatura Park & Hanging Bridges, Butterfly Garden & Hummingbird Gallery, Manuel Antonio National Park, Carara National Park, Orchid Garden Tour, and Jungle Crocodile Safari Cruise. It includes 8 breakfast and 6 dinners, Professional Naturalist Tour Director, roundtrip air. Deposit of \$600 at time of reservation.

### **Shipshewana Trip with the Lights of Joy Tour, November 22 - 23 (Sat - Sun), \$450 pp dbl, \$550 pp sgl**

You'll be staying at the Blue Gate Hotel in Shipshewana with time to shop for the holidays in the downtown district that looks like it's straight out of a Hallmark Christmas Movie! Enjoy a buffet dinner at the Blue Gate restaurant & bakery and the Lights of Joy Bus Tour. The second day will be filled with a guided backroad Tour of Amish Country. Highlights of the tour include Dutch Country Market and Katie's Noodles; Rag Rug Weaver or Horseshoeing; Heart of Amish Country at Teaberry Wood Products - Make a Wooden Heart included; "B" Honey - hear the stories of the honey bee; Haystack Lunch at Yoder's Homestyle Cooking, and a Demo and shop at Silver Star Leather. You'll end the day with time to shop at the Yoder Red Barn Shops and Meat & Cheese.

### **Washington DC - A Capital Christmas, December 12 - 16, 2024.**

We will be stopping first in Cambridge, OH for a night to tour Dickens Victorian Village and 1881 Courthouse Light Show. Then we will continue to Washington DC for shows at the Ford's theatre and the Kennedy Center. We will have a step on guide from Washington to take us on a tour of the monuments then a luminated tour of Christmas in Washington! Trip includes: Modern Motorcoach Transportation, 3 Nights Washington DC Downtown, 1 Night Cambridge, OH 4 Breakfast, 3 Dinners. \$1,899/dbl, deposit: \$150 at registration. Final balance due October 12, 2024.

### **Puerto Vallarta All-Inclusive Getaway, February 16-22, 2025, \$3199/pp double occupancy**

Discover your paradise, the sea, the beach resort of your dreams, all set against a spectacular tropical backdrop. Trip includes six nights at the amazing All-Inclusive Paradise Village Nuevo Vallarta Resort. With architecture and traces of Mayan decor throughout the resort property, you'll capture the unique richness of Mexico and the sophistication of today's most modern amenities. Enjoy a welcome drink, themed nightly dinners, a lobby bar, two beach front snack bars, pool wait service, and a shopping plaza with a variety of shops. The exclusive location on a private peninsula surrounded by shimmering waters and the all-suite accommodations make this an extraordinary destination and a unique experience you won't forget!

### **Hawaii 3 Island Adventure - February 18 – 26, 2025, \$6275 pp double**

Get out of the Michigan Winter and head to Hawaii on February 18, 2025. You will tour the islands of Oahu, Hawaii (the Big Island) and Maui. These include Peal Harbor, Volcanos National Parks, Black Sand Volcanic Beach, and much more. The trip includes: 3 nights in Honolulu, Oahu, 2 nights on the Big Island, and 3 nights on Maui. Enjoy 3 Islands tours, Two National Parks, a Honolulu City Tour, the USS Arizona Memoria, Kailua Kona, a Maui Tropical Plantation, Iao Needle, Whalers Village, and Hawaiian Luau on Maui. Price includes: Roundtrip Airfare, 11 Meals: 8-Breakfasts & 3-Dinners

### **Great Trains & Grand Canyons, April 6-12, 2025, \$3599/pp double occupancy**

This trip includes the Grand Canyon Railway and Verde Canyon Railroad. Spend time in Sedona and visit the Chapel of the Holy Cross, and visit Old Town Scottsdale. This trip you unpack once and stay at same hotel! After flying to Phoenix, you'll travel by bus to beautiful Sedona and stay at an upscale resort set amongst the red-hued rocks of Oak Creek Canyon. Your time in Sedona includes a Sedona Trolley Tour with spectacular views of the area followed by a visit to Uptown Sedona for shopping and restaurant opportunities. Next, you'll hop on the Grand Canyon Railway for a nostalgic two-hour train journey through the South Rim. The next day includes a trip to the Montezuma Castle National Monument and a visit to the old mining town of Jerome, followed by a picturesque four-hour train ride on the Wilderness Train. Finally, enjoy a day in Sedona on your own before heading back for your flight home filled with unforgettable memories.

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## **City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services**

### **Adults 50 & Better Code of Conduct**

The City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Adults 50 & Better Division provides adults with recreation, education, socialization, volunteer opportunities, referrals, and services. As a participant in our programs at the Costick Center or any other City facility, you can help provide a warm, welcoming, and safe environment by treating others with respect and follow the Codes of Conduct and General Facility Rules listed below. Any participant who violates the Code of Conduct is subject to discipline, up to and including removal from the program and/or facility.

- Treat members of the community, participants, instructors, volunteers, and staff with dignity, courtesy, and respect. Gossip, insulting, inappropriate and/or threatening language, bullying or disruptive behavior is not allowed.
- Racial, religious, or sexual harassment of participants, volunteers, instructors, or staff is strictly forbidden.
- Participants must show proper care and regard for the City's and Costick Center's property, equipment, and the property of others. Stealing is strictly prohibited.
- Participants are not allowed in storage areas, offices, closets, or kitchen including the refrigerators unless authorized by staff.
- As a courtesy to other participants and staff please do not enter an activity room or gym until the assigned time. In turn, please promptly leave the activity room or gym at the assigned ending time.
- Report all injuries to staff immediately.
- Comply with all applicable Federal, State, Municipal laws, and Health Department policies.

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# OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

## Great Parks Build Strong Communities

### Oakland County Parks and Recreation 2024 Millage Proposal



#### WHY

Estimated \$100M needed to modernize outdated, costly and underutilized parks for today's residents

#### HOW

Increase from .35 to .65 and extend from 10 to 20 years; replaces existing authorized millage, will increase revenue by \$24 million in the first year, and offers long-term cost savings through bonding

#### WHEN

November 5, 2024 general election

**.30** increase from current millage      **\$40** net annual impact of increase for average taxable value home      **20** year duration

#### Oakland County residents will benefit from this millage with:



**FREE entry** and enjoyment of Oakland County parks and dog parks (excluding pay to play attractions such as golf courses, waterpark, campground, off-road vehicle activities)



Investment in equipment and facilities designed to be **accessible for all, regardless of age and ability.**



**\$100 million investment** in major capital improvements to improve your enjoyment of our parks, trails, recreational attractions and the Oakland County Farmers Market.



An **expanded park system** with additional locations near our population centers through **partnerships with local government.**



New and expanded **regional trailways** and improved maintenance of existing trails.



Support for greater participation in **school field trips to nature and farm education centers** and expanded enrichment programs for people of all ages.



More opportunities for **recreational enjoyment of our major rivers**



**Preservation and protection** of sensitive natural habitats, wetlands, and green spaces.

**AGENDA**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 14, 2024 – 7:30PM**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**31555 W ELEVEN MILE ROAD**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**  
Telephone: 248-871-2410 Website: [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com)  
Cable TV: Spectrum – Channel 203; AT&T – Channel 99  
YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FHChannel8>

**REQUESTS TO SPEAK:** Anyone requesting to speak before Council must complete and turn in to the City Clerk a blue Public Participation Registration Form.

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING BEGINS AT 7:30P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**STUDY SESSION (6:00P.M. Costick Center – See Separate Agenda)**

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**CALL REGULAR SESSION MEETING TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

1. Approval of regular session meeting agenda
2. Proclamation recognizing [November 2024 as Family Court Awareness Month](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

3. Presentation on the Farmington Public Schools Millage Renewal
4. Presentation on the City of Farmington Hills 2024 Road Millage Renewal
5. Presentation on the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Millage
6. Presentation of the [2024 Farmington Area Arts Awards](#)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**CONSENT AGENDA** - (See Items No. 9-20)

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine, administrative, or non-controversial by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items, unless a Council Member or citizen so requests, in which event the items may be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

7. Public hearing and consideration of adoption of a Resolution to vacate right-of-way on Rexwood Street from Greening Street to Highview Avenue, and the portion of Fordson Road, east of Greening Street, in Section 2. [CMR 10-24-99](#)

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

8. Consideration of approval of the of the ENACTMENT of Ordinance C-8-2024 to amend the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances to amend Chapter 19, "Parks and Recreation," Article III "Rules and Regulations," Section 19-51, "Animals Prohibited," for purposes of allowing dogs in Pioneer Park and the City's Dog Park, and adding an exception for service animals; and approval of summary for publication. [CMR 10-24-100](#)

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

9. Recommended approval of acceptance of grant funding from the Institute for Responsive Government's nonpartisan "[A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program](#)" in the amount of \$60,000, and authorization of the City Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the City.
10. Recommended approval of a [Resolution](#) recognizing NFBASKETBALL as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a charitable gaming license.
11. Recommended approval of a [Special Event Permit](#) for the North Farmington High School Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, October 25, 2024.
12. Recommended approval of a request for employment under Section 10.01A of the City Charter for a Youth Center Site Supervisor. [CMR 10-24-101](#)
13. Recommended approval of purchase of a 2024 Gradall XL3100 Series V Rubber Tire Excavator with attachments to AIS Construction Equipment in the amount of \$514,542.12. [CMR 10-24-102](#)
14. Recommended approval of award of bid for printing and mailing of the Special Services Activities Guide to Indiana Printing & Publishing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$83,906.52 annually for a two-year term with optional renewals. [CMR 10-24-103](#)
15. Recommended approval of award of bid for The Hawk Golf Simulator project for two simulators with service warranty to Soundcheck Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$114,400. [CMR 10-24-104](#)
16. Recommended approval of award of bid for the purchase and installation of water heaters, pumps and plumbing materials for the Ice Arena and Fire Station Headquarters to Thomas Lane Plumbing in the amount of \$52,184. [CMR 10-24-105](#)
17. Recommended approval of purchase of two replacement vehicles for the Police Department to Lunghamer Ford in the amount of \$103,136. [CMR 10-24-106](#)
18. Recommended approval of City Council and Planning Commission [special joint study session meeting minutes](#) of September 16, 2024.

19. Recommended approval of City Council [study session meeting minutes](#) of September 23, 2024.

20. Recommended approval of City Council [regular session meeting minutes](#) of September 23, 2024.

#### **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Limited to three (3) minutes for any item of City business not on the agenda.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

21. Consideration of approval to enter into a closed session to consider and discuss attorney client written communications from the City Attorney under Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act and settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation under Section 8(1)(e) of the Open Meetings Act and relating to the case of *Olson v Farmington Hills Golf club, et al.* (Oakland County Circuit Court; Case No. 2023-202377-NO). (Note: Council will return to open session immediately following the closed session to take action if needed and to close the meeting).

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

Reviewed by:

Gary Mekjian, City Manager

**NOTE: Anyone planning to attend the meeting who has need of special assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is asked to contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting, wherein necessary arrangements/ accommodations will be made.**



**PROCLAMATION**  
**Family Court Awareness Month**  
**November 2024**

- WHEREAS,** the mission of the Family Court Awareness Month Committee (FCAMC) is to increase awareness of the importance of a family court system that prioritizes child safety and acts in the best interest of children, and;
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the FCAMC is fueled by the desire to create awareness and change in the family court system for the estimated 58,000 children ordered into unsupervised contact with physically or sexually abusive parents each year, while honoring the hundreds of children who have been reported as murdered during visitation with a dangerous parent, and;
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness of the importance of empirically based education and training on domestic violence, child emotional and psychological abuse, childhood trauma, child sexual abuse, coercive control, and post-separation abuse for all professionals working on cases within the family court system, and;
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the FCAMC is to increase awareness of the importance of using scientifically valid, evidence-based, treatment programs and services that are proven in terms of safety, effectiveness and therapeutic value, and;
- WHEREAS,** the mission of the FCAMC is to educate judges and other family court professionals on evidence-based, peer-reviewed research, that is a critical component to making decisions that are truly in the best interest of children.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Theresa Rich, Mayor of the City of Farmington Hills, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim November 2024 to be **Family Court Awareness Month**. I encourage all residents to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the harm to children in the hands of family members, and to honor and value the lives of children.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Theresa Rich".

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Theresa Rich, Mayor



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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DATE: 10/14/24

DEPT: SPECIAL SERVICES

RE: 2024 FARMINGTON AREA ARTS AWARDS

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- The City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Cultural Arts Division and the Farmington Area Arts Commission were proud to announce the winners of the annual Farmington Area Arts Awards on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at The Hawk Blackbox Theatre. The awards honor contributions of local artists, arts organizations, businesses and volunteers that encourage creativity in the community.
- The Farmington Hills and Farmington community is home to many accomplished artists, cultural organizations, events and successful cultural programs. Through this awards program, the community recognizes talented individuals in visual art, drama, dance, literature, music, photography, film, music and more. In 2024, the awards program included new categories to recognize contributions of community organizations, businesses, volunteers and youth to the arts. Awardees were nominated by community members to receive recognition.
- Winners of the 2024 Farmington Area Arts Awards include:
  - **Debbie Lim**, a multi-disciplinary artist, who was selected as the **2024-2025 Farmington Area Artist-in-Residence** (this award dates back to 1976). As the Artist-in-Residence, Lim will work with the City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division to showcase work throughout the year.
  - **Craig Nowak**, who was selected as the recipient of the **Nancy Coumoundouros Distinguished Service to the Arts Award**. As the manager of Gesher Human Services' Creative Expressions Program, Nowak provides meaningful arts experiences to community members with developmental disabilities and mental illness.
  - **Peter Brandal**, a senior at Farmington High School, who was recognized as the winner of the new **Youth Art Award**. Brandal has been painting since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and has been a featured artist in Kids Art Alley at ART on the GRAND for the past four years.
  - **Richard Adams**, who was selected as **Arts Volunteer of the Year** for generously donating his time and creativity to the community, as a member of the Farmington Art Foundation and a dedicated supporter of arts programming in Farmington Public Schools.
- A number of local organizations and businesses were also recognized for their efforts to encourage creativity in the community, including KickstArt Farmington, Artpack Services, Skep Space, and Apothecary Espresso and Coffee.

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Prepared by:  
Department Approval:  
Executive Approval:

Rachel Timlin, Cultural Arts Supervisor  
Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services  
Gary Mekjian, City Manager



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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**DATE:** 10/14/2024

**DEPT:** Public Services

**RE:** Right-of-Way Vacation for Portions of Rexwood, Mulfordton and Fordson, in Section 2

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- The City has received a request to vacate Rexwood Street from Greening Street to Highview Avenue, Mulfordton Street from Greening Street to Highview Avenue, and a portion of Fordson Road, east of Greening Street, in Section 2.
- On February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 City Council approved the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement for The Emerson. As part of this Agreement, the property owner is required to vacate portions of the platted rights-of-way which will be impacted by the development.
- The property owner of the development owns all parcels abutting the rights-of-way which are being requested to be vacated.
- City code requires a public hearing be held prior to the abandonment of any City alley or roadway.
- City staff has reviewed the request and will be recommending the vacation of these rights-of-ways at the public hearing, subject to dedication of a utility easement over the entire width of the rights-of-way.

### RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RESOLVED, that the Farmington Hills City Council hereby approve the attached resolution to vacate right-of-way on Rexwood Street from Greening Street to Highview Avenue, Mulfordton Street from Greening Street to Highview Avenue, and the portion of Fordson Road, east of Greening Street, in Section 2, subject to a full width utility easement being retained over the vacated areas.



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

### SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

City Council approved the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Agreement for the Farmington Hills Lofts, a.k.a. The Emerson, on February 12, 2024. As part of this Agreement, the property owner is required to vacate those portions of the platted roadways which will be impacted by the development. The City received a vacation request for the sections of Rexwood, Mulfordton and Fordson located within the proposed development limits. The property owner of the PUD currently owns all parcels directly abutting the roadways proposed to be vacated.

Property owners within 300' of the proposed vacations have been mailed a notification letter advising them of the public hearing. Prior to any vacation recommendation, staff also contacted multiple private and public agencies that may have an interest in the rights-of-way, to obtain their comments. Although several agencies have existing utilities within the rights-of-way, all indicated they had no objection to the vacations provided a full width utility easement was maintained. Based on our review and input from the contacted agencies, we are recommending the rights-of-way be vacated. Consistent with our policy, we also recommend a full width easement for utilities be retained over the vacated areas.

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Prepared by: Tammy Gushard, P.E., Senior Engineer  
Reviewed by: Jacob Rushlow, P.E., Director of Public Services  
Approved by: Gary Mekjian, P.E., City Manager



## EXHIBIT A

### **FORDSON ROAD**

A 40 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 2, T1N, R9E, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING ALL THAT PART OF FORDSON ROAD (PLATTED AS FORD AVENUE) LYING BETWEEN LOTS 21-24, INCLUSIVE, BLOCK L IN FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 26, PAGE 32 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS AND LOTS 146-147, INCLUSIVE, AND PART OF LOT 148, SUPERVISOR'S SUBDIVISION NO. 7, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 53 OF PLATS, PAGE 15, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 21, BLOCK L, FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 26, PAGE 32 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE N87°10'50"E 4.96 FEET FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE N37°58'48"E 45.17 FEET; THENCE N33°28'02"E 7.20 FEET; THENCE N87°10'50"E 51.26 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOTS 146 THROUGH 148 OF SUPERVISOR'S SUBDIVISION NO. 7, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 53 OF PLATS, PAGE 15, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 146; THENCE S02°49'10"E 40.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 24 OF SAID FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; THENCE S87°10'50"W 85.04 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF LOTS 21 THROUGH 24 OF SAID FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.06 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

### **REXWOOD STREET**

A 40 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 2, T1N, R9E, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING ALL THAT PART OF REXWOOD STREET (PLATTED AS ROOSEVELT AVENUE) LYING BETWEEN BLOCK M AND BLOCK L IN FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 26, PAGE 32 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 21, BLOCK M, FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 26, PAGE 32 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE N02°49'10"W 40.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK L OF SAID FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; THENCE N87°10'50"E 412.17 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK L TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 20 OF SAID BLOCK L; THENCE S03°02'40"E 40.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 40 OF SAID BLOCK M; THENCE S87°10'50"W 412.33 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK M TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.38 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

### **MULFORDTON STREET**

A 60 FOOT WIDE STRIP OF LAND LOCATED IN SECTION 2, T1N, R9E, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, BEING ALL THAT PART OF MULFORDTON STREET (PLATTED AS MAIN BOULEVARD) LYING BETWEEN BLOCK N AND BLOCK M IN FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 26, PAGE 32 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 22, BLOCK N, FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 26, PAGE 32 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS; THENCE N02°49'10"W 60.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, BLOCK M OF SAID FARMINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; THENCE N87°10'50"E 413.23 FEET ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK M TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 20 OF SAID BLOCK M; THENCE S02°07'23"E 60.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 41, OF SAID BLOCK N; THENCE S87°10'50"W 412.50 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK N TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.57 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

FORDSON ROAD  
(40' WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF  
WAY TO BE VACATED)

NORTHWESTERN HIGHWAY (M-10)  
(204' WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY)



SCALE: 1" = 150'

GREENING STREET (PLATTED AS PLEASANT AVENUE)  
(40' WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY)

REXWOOD STREET (PLATTED AS ROOSEVELT AVENUE)  
(40' WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY TO BE VACATED)

MULFORDTON STREET (PLATTED AS MAIN BOULEVARD)  
(60' WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY TO BE VACATED)

HIGHMEW AVENUE  
(40' WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY)

LUDDEN STREET (PLATTED AS LINCOLN AVENUE)  
(40' WIDE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY)

PROJECT NO.: 19002962  
DATE: 2024-10-04

DR: M. MYERS  
CAD FILE: 19002962EX-02-VACATED STREETS.DWG



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**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**DATE: 10/14/24**

**DEPT: SPECIAL SERVICES**

**RE: CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OR ORDINANCES  
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT - SECTION 19**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

- City Council first discussed this item with City Staff at the April 22, 2024, Study Session. Topics included current status, why dogs are restricted in specific parks and other communities' policies.
- The City Attorney worked with staff to develop the draft changes required to the *City of Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances* and presented those at the September 9, 2024, City Council Study Session.
- The amendments are located in **Sec.19-51. Animals prohibited.** In summary they:
  - ◆ Define a "service animal" in accordance with Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
  - ◆ Define use of the William Grace Dog Park, subject to compliance of the established rules and regulations.
  - ◆ Allows dogs in Pioneer Park, with restrictions.
- The proposed ordinance as provided at the September 9, 2024, City Council Study Session is attached, with two (2) minor, highlighted numbering edits.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- In view of the above, it is recommended that City Council approve and adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 19, Section 19-51, of the City Code, as presented.

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Prepared by: Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services  
Department Approval: Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services  
Executive Approval: Gary Mekjian, City Manager

**ORDINANCE NO. C-8-2024**  
**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, "PARKS AND RECREATION," ARTICLE III "RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTION 19-51, "ANIMALS PROHIBITED," FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOWING DOGS IN PIONEER PARK AND THE CITY'S DOG PARK, AND ADDING AN EXCEPTION FOR SERVICE ANIMALS.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:

**Section 1 of Ordinance. Ordinance Amendment.**

The Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 19, "Parks and Recreation," Article III, "Rules and Regulations," Section 19-51 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 19-51. Animals prohibited.**

No person shall take any animal into any city park, except as follows:

(1) For city authorized activities;

(2) A service animal, as defined by Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, subject to the requirements of subsection (4)a. – d. of this section unless excepted from such compliance by law;

(3) A person may bring a dog into the William Grace City Dog Park, subject to compliance with all established rules and regulations applicable to the William Grace City Dog Park; or

**(4)** A person may bring a dog into the Founders Sports Park or Pioneer Park, provided:

a. The dog is licensed and vaccinated;

b. The dog is attached to a leash that is no more than fifteen (15) feet in length and of such material that the leash is capable of restraining, and does restrain the type and size of dog to which it is attached;

c. That such leash is continuously held by a person who is reasonably able to and does restrain and prohibit the dog from being out of that person's physical control; and

d. That the person in control of the dog complies with section 6-37 of this Code.

**Section 2 of Ordinance. Repealer.**

All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or sections of the City Code in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect, and the Farmington Hills Ordinance Code shall remain in full force and effect, amended only as specified above.

**Section 3 of Ordinance. Savings.**

The amendments of the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances set forth in this ordinance do not affect or impair any act done, offense committed, or right accruing, accrued, or acquired or liability, penalty, forfeiture or punishment, pending or incurred prior to the amendments of the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances set forth in this ordinance.

**Section 4 of Ordinance. Severability.**

If any section, clause or provision of this ordinance shall be declared to be unconstitutional, void, illegal or ineffective by any court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated, and such section, clause or provision declared to be unconstitutional, void or illegal shall thereby cease to be a part of this Ordinance, but the remainder of this ordinance shall stand and be in full force and effect.

**Section 5 of Ordinance. Effective Date.**

The provisions of this ordinance are ordered to take effect twenty-one (21) days after enactment.

**Section 6 of Ordinance. Date and Publication.**

This ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a meeting called and held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

Ayes:

Nays:

Abstentions:

Absent:

STATE OF MICHIGAN     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND    )

I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, the original of which is on file in my office.

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Carly Lindahl, City Clerk  
City of Farmington Hills

SUMMARY  
ORDINANCE NO. C-8-2024  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE of an Ordinance amending the City Code of the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances to amend Chapter 19, "Parks and Recreation," Article III "Rules and Regulations," Section 19-51, "Animals Prohibited," for purposes of allowing dogs in Pioneer Park and the City's Dog Park, and adding an exception for service animals

A full copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's Office for public review between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Section 1, Ordinance Amendment

Section 2, Repealer

Section 3, Savings

Section 4, Severability

Section 5, Effective Date           The provisions of this Ordinance are ordered to take effect twenty-one (21) days after enactment.

Section 6, Date and Publication

CARLY LINDAHL, City Clerk

Publish: Oakland Press 10/20/2024



## CITY CLERK'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: 10/14/24

DEPT: City Clerk

RE: Request for Authorization to Accept Grant Funding and Sign Grant Agreement from the Institute for Responsive Government - A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- In August of this year, the Institute for Responsive Government announced a nonpartisan grant program titled, "A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program." This grant program is only open to election offices in the following states and district: Colorado, Delaware, **Michigan**, Minnesota, New Mexico, Nevada, and Washington D.C. These states/district were selected because of significant revisions made to election laws by their legislatures in the past three years that made elections "...more responsive and user-friendly for voters and election administrators."
- This grant comes at a time when elections offices all over Michigan are feeling the financial pressure caused by revisions to Michigan Election Law such as the addition of 9 days of early voting, early tabulation, and the permanent (absent voter) ballot list. These revisions to law have brought with them increases in training time, supplies, overtime for full-time employees, and postage. While the City of Farmington Hills fully funds and supports elections every year, the City Clerk's Office has extra needs that would make a big difference to our operation.
- Grant award amounts are based exclusively upon the 2022 Citizen Voting Age Population of the local election office's jurisdiction, as measured by the U.S. Census Bureau. Since Farmington Hills' population falls within the 50,000-99,000 range, the City is eligible for grant funding of \$60,000. While the grant application process was minimal, the guidelines for spending the grant funding are broad:
  - Expenditures must be incurred June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025
  - Expenditures must be "...for the nonpartisan public purpose of planning and operationalizing secure, efficient, and accessible election administration."



## CITY CLERK'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

- Examples of eligible expenditures include, but are not limited to, additional voting equipment; improvements to polling locations to increase accessibility; electronic poll book laptops; wages for temporary election personnel; wages for security personnel; wayfinding and signage to assist voters at polling locations
- After the grant period ends, the City Clerk will provide a report to the Institute for Responsive Government itemizing the expenditures
- In the grant application, I described some of the anticipated use of the grant funding. This list, although not exhaustive, includes:
  - Security upgrades to the absent voter counting board facility
  - Upgrades to the help desk stations for each of the 27 precincts
  - Replacement of current polling location/precinct signage for easier identification by voters
  - Purchase of replacement batteries for tabulators
  - Purchase of storage cart for electronic pollbooks
  - Purchase of extra ballot containers
- The addition of \$60,000 in grant funding to the Elections budget will enable the City Clerk's Office to purchase additional items that will assist and enhance election services provided to all voters.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

IT IS RESOLVED, that City Council hereby approves the grant from the nonpartisan A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program and authorizes the City Clerk to sign the agreement and accept the grant funding in the amount of \$60,000 on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills.

Respectfully submitted

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

IRG-02484

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

City of Farmington Hills, Michigan

Dear City Clerk Carly Lindahl,

I'm pleased to inform you that the Institute for Responsive Government ("Responsive Gov"), a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") section 501(c)(3), has decided to award the **City of Farmington Hills** ("Grantee") a grant to support its nonpartisan work planning and operationalizing secure, efficient, and accessible election administration. We based this decision on the information and materials provided in the **Farmington Hills City Clerk's Office** Grant Application ("Application"), which is incorporated into this Grant Agreement as an Appendix. A copy of the Application has been provided simultaneously with this Grant Agreement for your records.

The following is a description of the grant:

- **Amount of Grant: \$60,000**
- **Public Purpose:** The grant funds must be used exclusively for the nonpartisan public purpose of planning and operationalizing secure, efficient, and accessible election administration in the **City of Farmington Hills, Michigan**. Examples of uses that fall within this public purpose include expenditures for the key human, physical, and technological assets that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has identified as necessary to conduct elections.\*

Before Responsive Gov transmits these grant funds, an authorized representative of the **City of Farmington Hills** must sign this agreement ("Grant Agreement"). By signing the Grant Agreement, the **City of Farmington Hills** agrees to comply with all **United States, Michigan, and City of Farmington Hills** laws and regulations, including but not limited to those relating to taxes, gifts, and private funding of elections ("Applicable Laws"), when accepting and using the grant funds. Grantee also agrees to accept and use the funds subject to the terms and conditions below.

By signing this Grant Agreement, you agree and certify the following:

1. The **City of Farmington Hills** is a U.S., state, or local government unit or political subdivision within the meaning of IRC section 170(c)(1). This grant shall be used only for the Public Purpose described above and for no other purposes.
2. The **City of Farmington Hills** is authorized to receive this grant from Responsive Gov, receipt of the grant does not violate any Applicable Laws, and Grantee represents that it has taken all steps, including necessary approvals, required to apply for, accept, and utilize the grant for the Public Purpose set forth above and in the Proposal.
3. Grantee has submitted an Application, which (among other things) sets forth the intended use of grant funds. That Application is incorporated into this Grant Agreement as an Appendix. Grantee shall commence expending this grant for the purposes identified in its Application upon receipt and may use the grant funds for such purposes until May 31, 2025. If Grantee needs to reallocate grant funds between the purposes identified in the Application, Grantee is permitted to do so without any notice to Responsive Gov so long as those purposes are consistent with the Public Purpose described above.

4. If Grantee uses any part of this grant to fund another organization, it will take reasonable steps to ensure that any grant funds are used consistently with the Public Purpose of this grant and all of the terms and conditions of this Grant Agreement. Grantee further agrees that the grant funds may not be used: (1) to participate in, intervene in, or carry on, directly or indirectly (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office or public referendum; (2) to engage in any effort to induce or encourage violations of law or public policy; (3) to cause any private inurement or improper private benefit to occur; or (4) for any purpose inconsistent with IRC Section 170(c)(2)(B), which relates to charitable, educational, scientific, religious, or literary purposes.
5. The **City of Farmington Hills** shall not share with Responsive Gov—and Responsive Gov will never ask for—non-public or confidential information about your jurisdiction’s voters or voting systems.
6. Grantee shall produce a report documenting how this grant has been expended to support its public purpose described above. This report shall be provided to Responsive Gov by June 30, 2025.
7. The purpose of the grant is to supplement the funds available to the **Farmington Hills City Clerk’s Office** and not to substitute for previously budgeted funds that would otherwise be provided to Grantee by the **City of Farmington Hills, Michigan** but for the grant. You represent and warrant to the best of your knowledge that the **City of Farmington Hills, Michigan** does not intend to reduce the **Farmington Hills City Clerk’s** budget or fail to appropriate or provide previously budgeted funds to the **Farmington Hills City Clerk’s Office** because it has received this grant.
8. Responsive Gov may discontinue, modify, withhold part of, or ask for the return of all or part of the grant funds if it determines, in its sole judgment, that (a) any of the above conditions have not been met, (b) any of the representations or certifications by Grantee are inaccurate, or (c) Responsive Gov must do so to comply with Applicable Laws.
9. The grant term shall be June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025, and is the period during which covered costs may be applied to this Grant. To request an extension of the grant term, Grantee must provide a written request, including a new requested end date, to Responsive Gov before the end date of the grant term. Grantee must receive an amendment to the Grant Agreement to expend funds beyond the grant term.
10. Beyond the rights and obligations specifically set forth in the Grant Application and this Grant Agreement, Responsive Gov claims no legal right to control or otherwise influence the Grantee’s use of any funds provided pursuant to this Grant Agreement. Responsive Gov has no role or involvement in the operation or administration of elections conducted by the **City of Farmington Hills** as a result of this Grant Agreement, independent of the provision of the grant itself. Furthermore, it is expressly understood that by making this grant, Responsive Gov neither has or incurs any obligation to provide additional funding to the Grantee.

Please indicate that you accept and agree to these terms and conditions by having an authorized representative of your election jurisdiction sign and certify below. Please return a scanned copy of the signed letter via the link in your email at your earliest convenience. If needed, you may also return it via email at [grants@responsivegov.org](mailto:grants@responsivegov.org).

Sincerely,



Sam Oliker-Friedland  
Executive Director  
Institute for Responsive Government

By signing this Grant Agreement, I certify that I am authorized to bind the City of Farmington Hills to the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and that the City of Farmington Hills shall fully comply with the Grant Agreement including all restrictions on the use of funds.

Accepted on behalf of the City of Farmington Hills

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPENDIX: Farmington Hills City, Michigan *A More Responsive Government 2024 Grant Program* Grant Application Submitted to the Institute for Responsive Government

\* See U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, 2020 Election Infrastructure Subsector-Specific Plan, at 3-4 (2020), *available at* [https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/election\\_infrastructure\\_subsector\\_specific\\_plan.pdf](https://www.cisa.gov/sites/default/files/publications/election_infrastructure_subsector_specific_plan.pdf)



## CITY CLERK'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: 10/14/24

DEPT: City Clerk

RE: Adoption of Resolution Recognizing NFBASKETBALL As a Non-Profit Organization for the Purpose of Obtaining a Charitable Gaming License Through the State of Michigan.

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- The City has received a request from Todd Negoshian, North Farmington High School Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, requesting City Council to adopt a formal resolution recognizing the North Farmington Boys Basketball Booster Club (NFBASKETBALL) as a non-profit organization operating in the community. The organization is located at 32900 West 13 Mile Road.
- NFBASKETBALL raises funds to support the boys' basketball program, specifically by covering expenses such as transportation for away events, uniforms, travel bags, film and video equipment, and other items that directly benefit the team.
- The organization wishes to conduct 50/50 raffles at all the home boys' basketball games during the 2024-2025 season.
- To be eligible for such a license, the organization must be recognized as a non-profit organization by the community in which they are located.
- The organization has provided verification of their status as a tax-exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and has been classified as a public charity.

### RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RESOLVED, that City Council hereby approves the Local Governing Body Resolution for Gaming Licenses Issued by the Bureau of State Lottery, recognizing NFBASKETBALL as a non-profit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining a Charitable Gaming License.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk



Charitable Gaming Division  
 Box 30023, Lansing, MI 48909  
 OVERNIGHT DELIVERY:  
 101 E. Hillsdale, Lansing MI 48933  
 (517) 335-5780  
 www.michigan.gov/cg

## LOCAL GOVERNING BODY RESOLUTION FOR CHARITABLE GAMING LICENSES

(Required by MCL.432.103(K)(ii))

At a \_\_\_\_\_ meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_  
REGULAR OR SPECIAL TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD

called to order by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m. the following resolution was offered:  
TIME

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_

that the request from \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_,  
NAME OF ORGANIZATION CITY

county of \_\_\_\_\_, asking that they be recognized as a  
COUNTY NAME

nonprofit organization operating in the community for the purpose of obtaining charitable

gaming licenses, be considered for \_\_\_\_\_.  
APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL

**APPROVAL**

**DISAPPROVAL**

Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_

Yeas: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Nays: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and  
 adopted by the \_\_\_\_\_ at a \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE COUNCIL/BOARD REGULAR OR SPECIAL

meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_.  
DATE

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
TOWNSHIP, CITY, OR VILLAGE CLERK

\_\_\_\_\_  
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

COMPLETION: Required.  
 PENALTY: Possible denial of application.  
 BSL-CG-1153(R6/09)



**North Farmington High School  
Men's Basketball  
32900 West 13 Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48334  
P: (248) 785-2005  
E: [boosters@nfbasketball.com](mailto:boosters@nfbasketball.com)**

September 24, 2024

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the North Farmington Boys Basketball Booster Club (NFBASKETBALL) to request local approval from the City of Farmington Hills for a State Gaming License. This license will allow us to conduct 50/50 raffles at all our home boys' basketball games during the 2024-2025 season.

The funds raised from these raffles will be essential in supporting the boys' basketball program, specifically by covering expenses such as transportation for away events, uniforms, travel bags, film and video equipment, and other items that directly benefit the team.

Please find attached our 501(c)(3) certificate, as well as the Local Governing Body Resolution required by the state.

If you have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Todd Negoshian  
North Farmington High School  
Varsity Boys Basketball Coach



## CITY CLERK'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: 10/14/24

DEPT: City Clerk

RE: Consideration of approval of a Special Event Permit for the North Farmington High School Homecoming Parade to be held October 25, 2024

### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- The City received an application from Farmington Hills Police Detective Kevin Clark, representing North Farmington High School, for a Special Event Permit to hold the North Farmington High School Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 25, 2024, from 5:30pm to 6:50pm.
- The parade route will begin at Forest Elementary School located at 34545 Old Timber Road and end at North Farmington High School located at 32900 West 13 Mile Road. The route map is attached.
- The application was reviewed by all appropriate Departments. There were no objections to the event, subject to the following conditions and details as verified by the applicant:
  - Police Department assistance will be needed for the Farmington Road route
  - The parade will begin at Forest Elementary and proceed through the subdivision
  - Once the parade reaches Walnut Lane and Farmington Road, it will pause briefly until all participants have reached Farmington Road. Farmington Road will be closed just north of Walnut Lane and just north of 13 Mile Road
  - The applicant has requested six police officers to help with the road closure and has requested this be done via an overtime posting that will be paid for by the school

### RECOMMENDATION

IT IS RESOLVED, that City Council hereby approves a Special Event Permit for the North Farmington High School Homecoming Parade to be held on October 25, 2024, from 5:30pm to 6:50pm, subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the City Clerk report dated October 14, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

# APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL EVENT/TEMPORARY OUTDOOR SALES

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS MI 48336  
(248) 871-2410 FAX (248) 871-2411

## ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE

Fees: \$50 Application Review Fee (fee is waived for non profit companies) Carnivals are \$150

A Clean Up Deposit of \$300 is required for special events and temporary outdoor sales (involving the use of any temporary outdoor structures or equipment – tents, tables, etc.). This deposit is refundable when the site is cleared.

An Indemnification Agreement signed by the applicant, in which the applicant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all damages, injuries, liability, claims, actions, losses, demands and/or law suits, including attorney fees and costs, that arise out of or relate to the event is required.

Temporary Outdoor Sales: (Sales event held on the same property as the business and accessory to the use of the business)  
Temporary Outdoor Sales are limited to 14 consecutive days and a total of 28 days in any 12 month period.

NOTE: A COMPLETE AND DETAILED SITE PLAN/SITE MAP OF THE PROPERTY SHOWING THE EVENT AREA IS REQUIRED. PLAN MUST SHOW LOCATIONS OF SIGNS, TENTS OR ANY STRUCTURES, AMUSEMENT RIDES, FOOD SERVICES, PARKING AREA, THE LOCATION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS, ETC. REQUEST WILL NOT BE REVIEWED UNTIL THIS PLAN IS RECEIVED. IF A TENT IS TO BE ERECTED, SPECIFICATIONS ARE REQUIRED - SEE page 2)

APPLICANT'S NAME: (If partnership or corporation, please include all names & residential address of officers on separate sheet)

North Farmington High School - Detective Kevin Clark FHPD  
(NHFHS)

APPLICANT'S RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS:

32900 W. 13 Mile F.H. MI 48334  
CITY ST ZIP

APPLICANT'S PHONE: Office: 248.871.2788 Cell: [REDACTED]

RELATION OF APPLICANT TO BUSINESS/EVENT:  Owner  Manager  Representative  Other

IS ORGANIZATION A FOR PROFIT OR NON PROFIT BUSINESS:  PROFIT  NON-PROFIT

ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY AT WHICH THE EVENT WILL BE CONDUCTED:

34545 Old Timber Forest Elementary - 32900 W. 13 Mile (NHFHS)

DOES APPLICANT OWN OR OCCUPY THE PROPERTY AT WHICH THE EVENT IS TO BE HELD?

YES  NO IF NO, WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE PROPERTY OWNER FOR THE EVENT IS REQUIRED WITHIN SEVEN (7) DAYS OF THE DATE OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE CITY AND TO ALL OTHER TENANTS ON THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPOSED EVENT. PLEASE ATTACH.

GIVE A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT PROPOSED:

NHFHS Homecoming Parade from Forest Elementary to  
North Farmington High School

DATE OF THE EVENT: 10/25/2024 TIME OF YOUR EVENT: 5:30 - 6:50 pm

NOTE: Special events/temporary outdoor sales are permitted by ordinance ONLY between 9am and 10pm

IS THE EVENT OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC?  YES  NO

WILL ANY GOODS OR MERCHANDISE BE OFFERED FOR SALE TO THOSE ATTENDING?  
 YES  NO

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE PROPOSED TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE EACH DAY: 400 - 500

HAS THE APPLICANT, PARTNERS, OFFICERS OR DIRECTORS EVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY?

\_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO IF YES, ON SEPARATE SHEET PROVIDE DESCRIPTION OF CONVICTION – INCLUDING WHAT FOR, DATE OF INCIDENT, DATE OF CONVICTION, ETC.

PERMANENT STRUCTURES ARE **NOT ALLOWED** TO BE ERECTED. DO YOU PLAN ANY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES (TENT, TRAILER, STAGE, ETC)? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO IF YES, PLEASE DESCRIBE WHAT THOSE ARE AND INCLUDE ON MAP: \_\_\_\_\_

IF A TENT IS PROPOSED, INDICATE THE SIZE AND NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE COMPANY PROVIDING THE TENT: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: A certificate of Flame Resistance for the Tent must be provided 10 days prior to the date of event/sales.**

IF THE REQUEST IS TO HOLD A BLOCK PARTY, ARE YOU REQUESTING TO CLOSE ANY ROADS FOR THE EVENT? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO (If yes, please submit signatures of abutting property owners who would be directly affected by the road closure indicating that they have no objections-form attached).

WILL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT BE USED FOR THIS EVENT? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO IF YES, DESCRIBE IN DETAIL WHAT TYPE OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE USED. CONTACT BUILDING DEPARTMENT at 248.871-2450 TO DETERMINE IF A PERMIT IS REQUIRED.

IS ANY SIGNAGE PROPOSED? \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO IF YES, NOTE SIZE AND LOCATIONS OF ANY SIGNS PROPOSED ON THE PLAN PROVIDED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

IS THE EVENT FOR PROFIT? \_\_\_\_\_ NON- PROFIT

IS THIS EVENT TO TAKE PLACE IN A CITY OWNED PARK \_\_\_\_\_ YES  NO

IF YES, DO YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATION RULES AND REGULATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO ANY DEVIATIONS REQUESTED? \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature

DATE: 09/25/2024

Kevin Clark

Printed Name of Applicant

Note: Section 22-119 of the City Code stipulates that other permits and/or inspections **MAY** be required along with permission to conduct the special event. This could be for health facilities (food), electric services, fire issues, or a certificate of use from the city's Building Department

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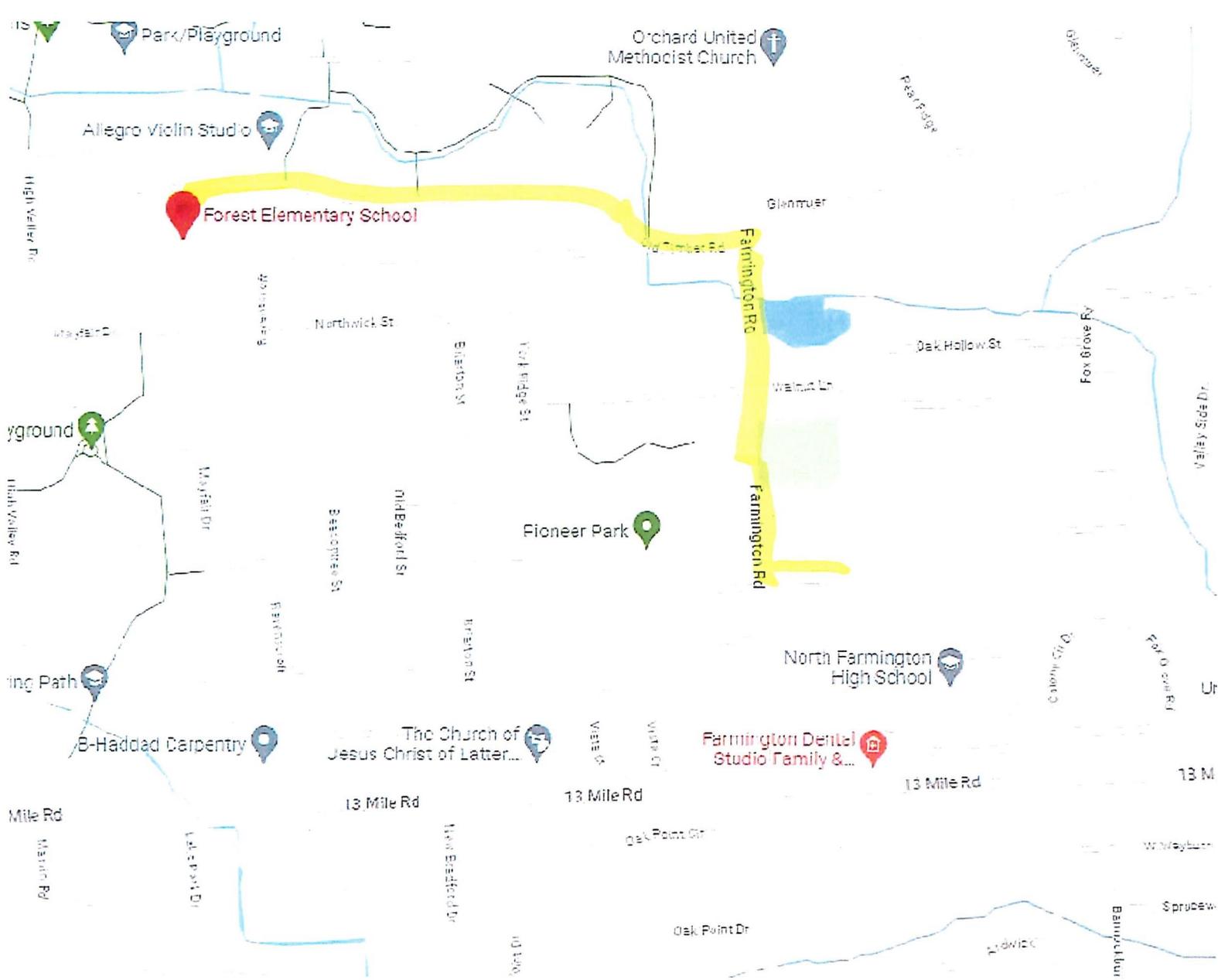
- Application and fee
- Complete Site Plan/Map

**APPROVALS:**

- Police
- Fire
- Planning/Bld/Zoning
- Engineering

**IF APPLICABLE:**

- N/A Indemnification Agreement
- N/A Clean Up Deposit (if required by city)
- N/A Tent Certificate of Flame Resistance-not required for tents smaller than 12' X 12'
- N/A Tent Co. Information (see above)
- Names/Addresses of Corporation
- N/A Property owner letter if applicable
- N/A Neighborhood Signatures (block parties closing a road)
- N/A Carnivals Only (State of MI Certificate)



Park/Playground

Orchard United Methodist Church

Allegro Violin Studio

Forest Elementary School

Glenmuir

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Farmington Rd

North Farmington High School

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**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**DATE: 10/14/24**

**DEPT: Special Services**

**RE: Consideration of Employment for Mia Gonzales**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

- The Department of Special Services has followed all City policies and procedures in establishing an eligibility list of qualified candidates. This includes advertising in the local newspapers, posting on websites and on social media, distribution of job announcements at Farmington Public Schools and Oakland County Community College. A thorough investigation of the applicant's credentials and a personal interview were conducted. Providing applicants are equally qualified, residents receive preference for employment opportunities.
- Occasionally we have some difficulty finding qualified applicants for part-time positions because they may require certain qualifications or specialized training/certification, and the work hours typically include nights and/or weekends. Therefore, in view of meeting the established criteria and being the most qualified applicant, the Department of Special Services respectfully requests the City Council's approval of Mia Gonzales.

Name: Mia Gonzales

Position Applied For: Youth Center Site Supervisor

Number of Employees Needed in this Position: 2

Date Position Posted: 07/26/24 Open Until: Filled

Number of Applicants for this position: 2

Number of Applicants Interviewed: 2

Salary: \$13.50/hr.

Relationship: Mia Gonzales is the sister of Emily Gonzales who is employed in the Recreation Division of Special Services

Justification: Mia Gonzales is the most qualified applicant and is available to begin work immediately.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- "IT IS RESOLVED, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves an employment request per Section 10.01A of the City Charter for Mia Gonzales, who is related to an employee of the City, Emily Gonzales, who is a Youth Center Site Supervisor for Special Services."

Prepared by: Liesl Blakenship, Recreational Supervisor

Department Approval: Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services

Executive Approval: Gary Mekjian, City Manager



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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DATE: 10/14/2024

DEPT: DPW

RE: AWARD OF A RUBBER TIRE EXCAVATOR

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- Sealed bids were solicited by the State of Michigan Purchasing Department for agricultural grounds, turf, earth moving, and roadside maintenance equipment (including Rubber Tire Excavators). A contract was awarded to AIS Construction Equipment (Contract No. 240000000158 expiring 1/16/29). The awarded contract is offered to the City as a cooperative bid under the State's MiDEAL Program. Participating in a cooperative purchase provides cost savings for the City due to the quantity buying power of a cooperative (4% discount).
- Funding for this equipment purchase is provided in the FY 24-25 Capital Improvements Program - Equipment Account. This piece of equipment will replace #246, a 2014 Gradall excavator which is planned to be placed in a public auction.
- Staff evaluated the MiDEAL bid for product offering, price and vendor experience. The pricing for the unit and attachments has been confirmed and is within budget.
- The recommended vendor is providing a new, current production year model with a 2-year 3,000-hour standard warranty.
- The recommended vendor is AIS Construction Equipment of New Hudson, Michigan. AIS has provided equipment and repair services to the City in the past, proving to be reliable and knowledgeable with this type of equipment.

### RECOMMENDATION

- IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council of Farmington Hills authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to AIS Construction Equipment located in New Hudson, Michigan in the amount of \$514,542.12 for the purchase of a 2024 Gradall XL3100 Series V Rubber Tire Excavator with attachments.



**SUPPORTING DUCUMENTATION**

The DPW currently has two Gradall excavators that are the workhorses of the road maintenance fleet. These vehicles are used nearly every day for excavation, ditching, tree removal, truck loading, pipe lifting/installation, and concrete removal. They are very specialized pieces of equipment, designed for easy mobility within an urban environment.

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Prepared by: Derrick Schueller, DPW Superintendent  
Reviewed by: Jacob Rushlow, P.E., Director, Department of Public Services  
Reviewed by: Michelle Aranowski, Director, Department of Central Services  
Approved by: Gary Mekjian, P.E., City Manager



**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT TO  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**DATE: 10/14/24**

**DEPT: SPECIAL SERVICES**

**RE: AWARD OF BID FOR PRINTING & MAILING OF THE SPECIAL SERVICES  
ACTIVITIES GUIDE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

- Invitations to bid were advertised, posted on the MITN e-procurement site, publicly opened and read aloud on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, after a one-week postponement to obtain additional bidding interest. Bid notification was sent to two hundred one (201) vendors (including sixty-five (65) vendors that hold the classification of minority owned, woman owned, veteran owned, disabled, disadvantaged or service disabled) with one (1) responding. We received zero “No-Bids.”
- The specifications require vendors to print and prepare for mailing the Special Services guide, printed three (3) times per year. The activities guide is delivered to each Farmington/Farmington Hills residence and publishes the various programs offered by the Special Services Department.
- Indiana Printing & Publishing Co., Inc. was awarded the previous bid in 2019 and understands the scope of work. They have provided a quality product and good customer service for the last five (5) years.
- Funding is provided in the Special Services Printing budget.

**BID TABULATION**

Company Name	City/State	Total Annual Cost for Design, Printing & Mail Prep
Indiana Printing & Publishing Co., Inc.	Indiana, PA	\$83,906.52

**RECOMMENDATION**

In view of the above, it is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to award the bid for the Printing & Mailing of the Special Services Activities Guide to Indiana Printing & Publishing Co., Inc. for a two (2) year term in the amount of \$83,906.52 annually with three (3) additional one (1) year renewal options at a 4% increase per year, beginning in year three (3), upon mutual consent of the City and vendor.

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Prepared by: Brian Moran, Deputy Director of Special Services  
 Department Approval: Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services  
 Executive Approval: Gary Mekjian, City Manager



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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DATE: 10/14/24

DEPT: SPECIAL SERVICES

RE: AWARD OF BID FOR THE HAWK GOLF SIMULATOR PROJECT

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

- Invitations to bid were advertised, posted on the MITN e-procurement system, and after one postponement publicly opened and read aloud on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, for The Hawk Golf Simulator Project. Bid notification was sent to one hundred twenty-two (122) contractors (including thirty-two (32) vendors that hold the classification of minority owned, woman owned, veteran owned, disabled, disadvantaged or service disabled) with two (2) responding. We received zero "No-Bids."
- A golf simulator is a system that allows golfers to practice and play golf indoors or outdoors without the need for a real golf course or driving range. The multi-sport simulators will be located at The Hawk on the second floor in Room 228. The simulators will be utilized year-round. It will be open to passholders, residents and guests of all ages. The simulator will also be used for birthday parties, private events, and youth programming.
- Each Full Swing Golf and Sports Simulator includes 50 different golf courses. This is the world's only fully interactive golf simulator that also lets you play baseball, soccer, hockey, football, and basketball all on the same simulator.
- The recommended vendor, Soundcheck Inc., of Southfield, is the lowest and most qualified bidder. Soundcheck Inc. has been in business for over 16 years, with experience in commercial sports simulators, automation, audio visual, security and design.
- The total project estimate is \$104,000.00 for two (2) simulators with a five (5) year service warranty. Staff is recommending authorization for 10% contingency (\$10,400) to address unexpected and unforeseen repairs that might be found once work begins.
- Funding is provided in the Special Services Fitness budget.



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**BID TABULATION**

<b>Company Name</b>	<b>City/State</b>	<b>Total Annual Cost for Hawk Golf Simulator</b>
Sports Entertainment Specialists, Inc.	Broomfield, CO	\$152,000.00
Soundcheck Inc.	Southfield, MI	\$104,000.00

**RECOMMENDATION**

In view of the above, it is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to award the bid for The Hawk Golf Simulators to Soundcheck Inc. for two (2) simulators with a five (5) year service warranty in an amount not to exceed \$114,400 (\$104,000.00 + \$10,400 contingency).

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Prepared by: Brian Moran, Deputy Director of Special Services  
Department Approval: Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services  
Executive Approval: Gary Mekjian, City Manager





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**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO  
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

**DATE: 10/14/2024**

**DEPT: FIRE AND SPECIAL SERVICES**

**RE: AWARD OF BID FOR HOT WATER HEATERS**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

- The removal and replacement of water heaters at the Ice Arena and Fire Station Headquarters was publicly advertised and competitively bid on the Michigan Inter-governmental Trade Network (MITN) e-procurement system and opened on August 27, 2024. Notification was sent to over three hundred fifty (350+) vendors, (including two hundred forty-seven (247) that hold the classification of minority owned, woman owned, veteran owned, disabled, disadvantaged or service disabled).
- The water heaters at the Ice Arena and Fire Station Headquarters; including the condensate neutralizer kit and pumps have reached their end of life and require replacement.
- The recommended vendor is Thomas Lane Plumbing. Thomas Lane Plumbing is the lowest qualified vendor and currently holds the contract for as needed plumbing services. They have consistently demonstrated success in timely completion of projects, repairs, and strong communication with City personnel.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- IT IS RESOLVED that the City Council of Farmington Hills authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order with Thomas Lane Plumbing, Livonia, MI in the amount of \$52,184.00 (\$47,440.00 bid + 10% contingency for unforeseen change orders) for the purchase and installation of water heaters, pumps and plumbing materials for the Ice Arena and Fire Station Headquarters.

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Prepared by: Jason Olszewski, Deputy Fire Chief and Brian Moran, Deputy Director of Special Services  
Reviewed by: Jon Unruh, Fire Chief  
Reviewed by: Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services  
Approval by: Gary Mekjian, City Manager



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		<b>Detroit Boiler Company, Detroit, MI</b>	<b>Thomas Lane Plumbing, Livonia, MI</b>	<b>Allied Building Services, Detroit, MI*</b>
<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total Cost with Installation</b>	<b>Total Cost with Installation</b>	<b>Total Cost with Installation</b>
<b>Fire Station 5 - 31455 Eleven Mile Road - (apparatus/decontamination area)</b>				
Navien tankless NPE-240A2(NG) (on demand) water heaters	2	\$22,948.00	\$9,550.00	\$10,400.00
<b>Total Cost for Fire Station 5</b>		<b>\$22,948.00</b>	<b>\$9,550.00</b>	<b>\$10,400.00</b>
<b>Ice Arena - 35500 Eight Mile Rd. - (Services front of building &amp; showers in locker room)</b>				
Laars 199 MBH NeoTherm Volume Water Heater, 97% Model NVTV199NXX3	2	\$38,582.00	\$37,890.00	\$29,890.00
Condensate Neutralizer Kit Up To 220 MBH, model CN2-220C	2	included	included	\$2,330.00
Taco 1/6 HP 3 Speed SS Pump (model 0013- MSSF@-IFC	2	included	included	\$3,950.00
<b>Total for ICE ARENA</b>		<b>\$38,582.00</b>	<b>\$37,890.00</b>	<b>\$36,170.00</b>
<b>Grand Total for Ice Arena and Fire 5</b>		<b>\$61,530.00</b>	<b>\$47,440.00</b>	<b>\$46,570.00</b>
<b>Additional Charges</b>				
Labor per hour straight		\$112/hr	\$105/hr	\$105/hr
Materials - Contractor + Cost		10%	30%	20%

*\*Recent concerns regarding city projects and repairs not completed in a timely manner and lack of communication with staff regarding progress and delays.*



## CITY MANAGER'S REPORT TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL

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DATE: 10/07/2024

DEPT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

RE: PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES

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### **ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY**

- On August 11, 2024, a marked police vehicle (828) was struck by a citizen's vehicle, which caused extensive damage to the vehicle. The insurance company determined that the damage was extensive enough to declare the vehicle "totaled."
- On August 17, 2024, a marked police vehicle (866) was involved in a crash, which caused extensive damage to the vehicle. The insurance company determined that the damage was extensive enough to declare the vehicle "totaled".
- On August 21, 2024, a marked police vehicle (884) was struck by a citizen's vehicle, which caused extensive damage to the vehicle. The insurance company determined that the damage was extensive enough to declare the vehicle "totaled." *It should be noted that 828 was already scheduled to be replaced during the current fiscal year budget.*
- Each year the City of Farmington Hills participates in cooperative or extendable bids with various agencies including the State of MI, Oakland County & Macomb County who are members of the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN Cooperative). Cooperative or extendable bids have proven to be cost effective for the City due to the volume created by the cooperative process.
- The Police Department obtained a quote for the replacement vehicles based on the contract and determined that a 2024 Ford Police Responder purchased from Lunghamer Ford, utilizing the Macomb County Contract Bid #21-18 program was the lowest priced vehicles which best met their needs.
- The vehicles purchased includes a minimum three-year or 36,000-mile bumper to bumper warranty and a 100,000 miles or 60 months powertrain warranty.
- Funding for the vehicle will be provided partially from MMRMA, who has placed an actual cash value at \$52,804.04. for the three "totaled" vehicles. MMRMA will also



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cover the costs to replace any additional police equipment that was damaged during the accident. That cost has not been estimated yet due to the third vehicle currently being de-commissioned. The cost of the new vehicles under Macomb County Contract Bid # 21-18 is \$51,568.00 each. The Police Department would pay the remaining \$50,331.96 out of the current Vehicle Maintenance Account.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based on the above information, it is recommended that City Council authorize the City Manager to issue a purchase order to Lunghamer Ford for two 2024 Ford Police Responders in the amount of \$103,136.00.

**Prepared by:** Mark Kelley, Support Services Sergeant

**Reviewed by:** Jeff King, Chief of Police

**Reviewed by:** Michelle Aranowski, Director of Central Services

**Reviewed by:** Thomas Skrobola, Finance Director

**Approved by:** Gary Mekjian, City Manager

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL JOINT STUDY SESSION MEETING  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

The Special Joint Study Session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS**

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol, and Rich  
Council Members Absent: None

Planning Commissioners Present: Aspinall, Brickner, Countegan, Mantey, Stimson, Varga, Ware, and Trafelet

Planning Commissioners Absent: Grant

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Lindahl, City Planner Perdonik, Planning Consultant Bahm (Giffels Webster), City Attorney Joppich

**MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

- a. **Background**
- b. **Priorities/Goals**
- c. **Next Steps**

**Background/Introduction**

City Manager Mekjian explained that the objective of this meeting was to have a shared discussion with City Council and Planning Commission regarding implementation of the newly adopted Master Plan, including prioritizing zoning text amendments that will be necessary to implement the plan.

City Planner Perdonik led an opening discussion of the relationship between the Master Plan and the Zoning Ordinance.

- Without corresponding zoning regulations, the Master Plan remains largely unactionable.
- The current Zoning Ordinance is outdated and does not reflect the modern vision established in the Master Plan. Updating the zoning ordinance will bring the Master Plan to life.
- Tonight everyone will be asked to help define the highest priorities in terms of moving the Master Plan’s vision forward, and to envision the regulatory framework that will accomplish this.

**Draft amendments regarding five land uses**

As a starting point, draft amendments have been provided regarding five specific land uses in the B-3 District, the City’s prime commercial district. These uses impact the overall character of the City. They include:

1. Automobile repair
2. Drive-thru restaurants

3. Gasoline service stations
4. New and used vehicle sales
5. Vehicle washes

The draft amendments move these uses into the special land use category, allowing the City to have more control over dimensional and architectural standards, locations, and impact mitigation. All projects – including these uses, need to be quality projects.

#### **Discussion: Flexibility vs. Restriction**

While there appeared to be general agreement that the City was experiencing over-saturation of these automobile-based uses, concerns were raised about changing the ordinance to be too restrictive relative to market-driven business uses. Perhaps the focus should be on creating opportunities rather than limiting specific businesses.

It came out in discussion that major retailer Shell had announced it was closing 1,000 gas stations, shifting its focus and resources to expand services for EVs.

It was pointed out that gas stations were not actually mentioned in the Master Plan. Planning Consultant Bahm explained that addressing auto-related uses is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan, which emphasizes walkability as a key priority. By reviewing and adjusting the regulations around these uses, the City can ensure that the growth of such businesses does not conflict with the long-term vision for a walkable, pedestrian-friendly environment.

#### **Consensus**

After discussion, Mayor Rich summarized that there appeared to be majority – though not unanimous – support that the City did have enough of these uses, and in the case of gas stations, unless property already had a gas station on it at some point, the City should consider an ordinance that limited new authorizations. City Attorney Joppich pointed out that a developer could always request a PUD. The draft amendments were not creating a prohibition or a moratorium, but a different classification.

#### **Focus on what the community desires**

A common complaint among residents is the lack of full-service restaurants and gathering spaces in the City. Suggestions included:

- Grand River Corridor: Incorporate murals and public art to make the area more vibrant and walkable.
- Orchard Lake and 14 Mile Area: Pursue the creation of a social district. Provide walkable areas, especially as upscale apartments are being developed in the area.
- 12 Mile Corridor: Focus on reducing the amount of unused parking lots and consider mixed-use development. Potentially reduce the parking requirement for office use.
- The Zoning Ordinance can help drive market demand by creating an attractive environment for businesses, rather than simply reacting to market trends.
- Take advantage of place-making opportunities in conjunction with the County-sponsored Nine Mile Road walkability project.
- Create special business districts at intersections, focusing on landscaping and quality architectural design and materials.

### **Mixed-use zoning**

Mixed-use zoning promotes the ideas just discussed, especially including walkability and placemaking. The Master Plan recommends mixed-use zoning in several locations, but the City does not have a mixed-use ordinance. Such an ordinance needs to be constructed in order to implement the vision of the Master Plan, especially along the 12-Mile Road corridor, where there is an opportunity to convert existing office space into residential units or mixed-use developments.

City Planner Perdonik agreed that the 12 Mile Corridor is well-positioned for mixed-use development, including multifamily developments along with the flexibility to permit restaurants and other uses to increase diversity in land use. Noting that there is a broader corridor study in process, an incremental step of allowing more uses in the OS-4 district via a text amendment, such as permitting higher density residential uses, would allow multifamily housing conversions from office spaces as “by right” without needing an immediate zoning change. Developers may also want to add more density to sites by building additional structures in addition to converting existing ones.

### **Architectural standards**

It was important to maintain high-quality architectural standards for any new developments or conversions. Conversions from office to residential must look intentional and not appear like a cheaply done project.

### **Affordable and workforce housing**

The need for affordable and workforce housing was acknowledged, with a need to encourage middle-housing types (duplex/triplex/quadplex/cottage courts) as part of mixed-use development.

### **Year Round Walkability**

Year-round walkability requires that snow be cleared in the winter, and sidewalks be cleared of overgrowth during the rest of the year. City Attorney Joppich will provide information as to City liability and the best way to achieve clear sidewalks year-round.

### **Summary of consensus items:**

- There was broad consensus that mixed-use zoning is a top priority, and Council directed the Planning Commission to work with the City Attorney to begin to draft a mixed-use ordinance, with special attention paid to its applicability on the 12 Mile Corridor and within the Orchard Lake/14 Mile area.
- There also appeared to be support for an ordinance amendment to permit uses by right in the OS-4 District such as multifamily, higher density development.
- While there was not complete unanimity, with Planning Commissioners Brickner and Countegan cautioning against adopting too restrictive ordinances, most participants appeared to agree that the City has reached saturation with gas stations and car washes, and certain other uses, and continued work on draft amendments to address this issue was supported.
- There was general agreement on the importance of requiring high-quality architectural standards for new developments and redevelopments, especially when converting office spaces to residential.

**Prioritization Exercise:**

Planning Consultant Bahm led participants in an interactive exercise where participants prioritized the areas within the 9 building blocks called out in the Master Plan that they believed were most important. These priorities will help guide future efforts and strategies for the City's development.

The suggestion was made to annually review progress, similar to the Council's goal-setting meetings. This would help ensure alignment between the Planning Commission and the City Council and allow them to assess whether resources and attention were being effectively allocated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Pamela Gerard made comments regarding the importance of the Master Plan.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

**MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL  
CITY HALL – COMMUNITY ROOM  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 – 6:00PM**

The study session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 6:00pm.

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware (arrived at 6:07pm), Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol, and Rich

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian, City Clerk Lindahl, Directors Rushlow and Schnackel, Police Chief King, and City Attorney Joppich

**PRESENTATION OF COURTS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (CLEMIS)**

**New data analyst position**

Mayor Rich addressed the importance of ensuring equitable policing in Farmington Hills, in practice and in data. The City is committed to understanding and addressing any disparities reflected in policing data. To enhance data-driven decision-making, a crime data analyst position was authorized in the 2024-25 budget to help the City better interpret and utilize data.

Police Chief King gave an update on filling the data analyst position, which is a non-union position created to support the Department’s community outreach, administration, and investigative efforts. The job posting went live on September 3, and since then over 67 applications have been received. The pool was narrowed down to 10 highly qualified candidates, and interviews are scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week.

**Perceptions of inequitable policing**

Councilmember Bridges expressed continued support for the Police Department but raised concerns about the high percentage of traffic tickets issued to African Americans. Over the past four years, African Americans – who make up approximately 18% of the City's population – accounted for 40% of traffic citations. Councilmember Bridges questioned whether the Police Department was doing enough to address perceived racial biases. He asked whether the new data analyst would focus solely on data analysis or have other duties as well. He noted the concentration of tickets in certain areas, suggesting a need to reassess policing strategies based on actual crime data rather than socio-economic factors.

Chief King confirmed the data analyst would focus on analytics while also assisting the investigative division with crime prevention and investigations. Chief King pointed out that 12 Mile and Orchard Lake was one of the busiest intersections in the state and remained a focus for data-driven traffic enforcement. He acknowledged room for improvement but stated the Department follows a behavior-based policing strategy, not one influenced by demographics of race, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic abilities or disabilities. The Department focuses on fair, impartial, constitutional policing.

### **Clemis presentation and discussion**

Jim Manning, Past Director and current Business Relationship Manager for the County's CLEMIS operations, explained CLEMIS' role in data collection and its history as the largest consortium of law enforcement agencies in the U.S. Mr. Manning emphasized CLEMIS' commitment to data transparency, noting that CLEMIS collects mandatory fields based on state and federal requirements, with individual agencies deciding what additional information to collect. CLEMIS uses BusinessObjects software to facilitate data mining and report generation.

Mr. Manning highlighted issues identified in the Winbourne report, including data inconsistencies and the use of non-retrievable fields such as narrative sections. He explained that while CLEMIS can generate reports based on various data points, agencies must ensure that data is correctly entered into searchable fields. Farmington Hills has made recent improvements, making more data fields mandatory, which positions the City among the top tier of agencies in terms of data collection, particularly regarding traffic stops and activity logs.

### **Police Department Comments**

Chief King reiterated that Farmington Hills officers do not police based on race, gender, or socioeconomic factors but rather focus on behaviors that warrant enforcement. He outlined several measures already in place to address potential biases:

- Complaint Handling: The Department has increased the accessibility of its complaint process. Complaints can now be submitted through various channels, including email and phone, leading to a significant rise in reported incidents. The increase reflects the Department's commitment to investigating all allegations rather than an actual increase in misconduct.
- Tracking Officer Behavior: The Department uses an early intervention system to monitor officers' actions, including use of force, traffic stops, and arrests. If an officer's actions fall outside a normal deviation (10% higher or lower than average), the Department investigates to determine if bias is influencing behavior.
- Data Monitoring and Internal Analysis: The Department regularly analyzes data related to use of force, pursuits, and other high-liability activities.
- Training: The Department continuously trains officers on fair and constitutional policing practices.

### **Discussion on Data Collection and Potential Changes**

Councilmember Bridges questioned whether the data collected was sufficient to understand policing trends and reduce perceived racial disparities. Councilmember Bruce suggested tracking the race of officers issuing citations and comparing ticket patterns by officer demographics. Chief King agreed to explore this and emphasized that the new data analyst would help the Department better utilize existing data.

Noting that he had previously been Police Chief of Farmington Hills for 23 years, Councilmember Dwyer stated there had never been any allegations of racial profiling reported in the media during that time. The City had longstanding procedures to train officers on racial profiling and while there had been some problem officers in the past, appropriate disciplinary actions were taken.

Councilmember Boleware provided background on the City's efforts to address concerns about the perception of racial profiling, referencing a Miller Canfield study that found no direct evidence of racial profiling but underscored the importance of addressing public perceptions. She shared personal

experiences and reports from the community about African American men being stopped without clear justification, stressing that, regardless of data supporting such claims, the perception of racial profiling persists and needs to be addressed to improve community relations. Boleware also highlighted the City's collaboration with Lifeway for diversity, equity, and inclusion training as a proactive measure to tackle these concerns.

Mayor Rich pointed out that perceptions are reality for many residents, and the City needs reliable data to respond effectively.

Councilmember Bruce reiterated that examining citation data by officer race could help determine if racial profiling was occurring. He noted that if Black officers issued citations at similar rates to their White counterparts, it would challenge allegations of profiling. Police Chief King said this data could be provided.

Councilmember Knol emphasized the importance of considering regional traffic patterns, such as the high volume of travelers using 696 and exiting at Orchard Lake. She opposed implementing any form of a quota system in policing.

Councilmember Aldred supported hiring a data analyst and emphasized the need for accurate data collection.

Councilmember Bridges asked Chief King to provide a list of the changes made in data analytics since the Winbourne report was completed.

Chief King shared that Farmington Hills Police Department recently achieved its third reaccreditation, making it one of only 10 cities in Michigan to reach this milestone.

#### **Updates on CLEMIS and Future Plans**

Mr. Manning explained that CLEMIS is undergoing a transition to become a quasi-public authority, independent of Oakland County government. This move should increase CLEMIS' ability to attract more funding. A planned \$25 million investment will upgrade CLEMIS's technology, making its applications more user-friendly and accessible on mobile devices. The transition will officially begin in late 2024, with full implementation expected in 2025.

#### **Conclusion**

Key takeaways of tonight's discussion centered on addressing the perception of racial disparities in policing in Farmington Hills and maintaining community trust by enhancing data transparency. The hiring of a data analyst was viewed as a significant step toward more comprehensive data-driven policing. As CLEMIS undergoes its transition, Council expressed optimism about leveraging enhanced data capabilities to address public concerns and ensure fair policing for all residents.

#### **DISCUSSION ON THE OAKLAND COUNTY NINE MILE PATHWAY TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Special Services Director Schnackel explained that the Nine Mile Corridor project first came to City Council in October 2022, when a resolution was approved to support and participate in the Regional Nine Mile Corridor Study. The study was funded by Oakland County Parks and Recreation and conducted

by OHM, covering 2022 and 2023. It included Farmington Hills and six other Oakland County communities working together to explore the feasibility of an urban trail stretching from Hazel Park to the I-275 trailhead, prioritizing a corridor for non-motorized transportation with sidewalks that are 8 to 10 feet wide in some sections. Around 11 of the 18 miles already have such pathways.

#### **Next Steps and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)**

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners is expected to present the Memorandum of Understanding at their September meeting. This MOU is a non-binding agreement that aims to formalize collaboration among the participating communities. The goal is to strengthen future grant applications that could help fund sections of the pathway, but at this time, there is no funding secured for construction.

The MOU has been reviewed by the City attorney's office for approval of form and content. The MOU had been included in a recent Council update and would appear on a consent agenda.

#### **Funding and Support**

There is currently no funding for the actual construction work; the county's financial support is limited to organizing the group and continuing the planning efforts.

Councilmember Aldred expressed support for the project, noting the detailed information in the MOU and the list of potential grant sources. He emphasized the importance of pursuing grant funding to achieve project goals.

#### **UPDATE ON CANNABIS PETITIONS**

City Attorney Joppich updated Council on a petition to allow marijuana facilities in Farmington Hills, which was found insufficient due to problems with signatures and legal compliance, leading to its rejection by the Clerk. The petitioners sued the City; the Oakland County Circuit Court ruled in favor of the City on September 5<sup>th</sup>, keeping the proposal off the ballot, which has since been printed and distributed.

Similar petitions in a "four cities" case were also rejected, with the Court of Appeals ruling that the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA) allows ballot initiatives to change only the number of cannabis facilities, not regulatory details like zoning or licensing. The case is now before the Michigan Supreme Court, but no decision has been made. The City will monitor developments, although any Supreme Court changes are unlikely to affect the current election cycle.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The study session meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk

MINUTES  
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBER  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024 – 7:30 PM

The regular session meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council was called to order by Mayor Rich at 7:30PM.

Council Members Present: Aldred, Boleware, Bridges, Bruce, Dwyer, Knol and Rich

Council Members Absent: None

Others Present: City Manager Mekjian; City Clerk Lindahl; Directors Aranowski, Kettler-Schmult, Rushlow and Schnackel, Police Chief King, and City Attorney Joppich

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Cassandra Williams, Emergency Preparedness Commission, led the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR SESSION MEETING AGENDA**

MOTION by Knol, support by Bruce, to approve the agenda as published.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS FROM CITY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS**

**Emergency Preparedness Commission Tip of the Month**

Cassandra Williams, Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission, presented the tip of the month. September is National Preparedness Month, and the Commission was focusing on personal emergency preparedness, including essential items for a 72-hour self-sufficiency kit in the case of an area-wide emergency. The 72-hour kit will be useful for both evacuation and sheltering in place in the event of a large-scale emergency. Websites with more information about 72-hour kits include [www.Michigan.gov/miready](http://www.Michigan.gov/miready) and <https://www.oakgov.com/community/health/public-health-services/emergency-preparedness>

**PRESENTATION ON THE FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL**

Postponed until the City Council meeting of October 14, 2024.

**PRESENTATION ON THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY 2024 MILLAGE**

President of the Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees Ernie McClellan and Library Director Kelly Segrist presented information related to the November 2024 millage proposal. Board Member Kathie Brown was also present.

The ballot initiative requests a renewal of the current summer millage rate of 0.9264 mills for a 20-year term.

**Revenue and Funding Sources.**

Mr. McClellan discussed the importance of the millage, which funds 55% of the library's operations, including capital improvements, staffing, and maintenance. Other sources of income include:

- Intergovernmental revenues: Funding from other governmental entities.
- Memorials and gifts: Donations and gifts provided by community members.
- Fees and other income, such as occasional grants.

It is essential to maintain a stable revenue stream to continue providing high-quality services to the community.

### **Expenditures and Cost Management**

The primary expenditure of the library is salaries, as people are the library's greatest resource. McClellan noted that despite the library's growth, spending on salaries has been lower than 2019 levels. The library has carefully evaluated staffing levels to ensure that the right people are in the right roles, allowing for efficient service delivery. A focus on digital resources and programming has helped the library modernize and meet community needs while keeping costs manageable.

### **Capital Improvements and Future Plans**

Mr. McClellan pointed out that the library has been able to fund most of its capital improvements out of the general fund, demonstrating the library's commitment to responsible budgeting. Several significant improvements have been made at both the Farmington and Farmington Hills locations, including:

- New air conditioning units and chillers.
- New entry doors at the Farmington location.
- Wi-Fi technology upgrades.
- Carpet, paint, and general maintenance in both buildings.
- A new automated material handling system to improve operational efficiency.
- The installation of new 24/7 pickup lockers, allowing residents to access library materials at any time (launching soon).

Mr. McClellan shared plans for roof replacements at both library buildings in the coming year, which will also be funded through general fund revenue.

### **Library Services and Usage**

- The Farmington Community Library provides a wide variety of services to residents, including:
  - Access to print, digital materials, tools, and electronic devices.
  - Research databases and access to publications like The New York Times and The Washington Post.
  - Interlibrary loan services.
  - Fine-free policy: The library does not charge fines for late returns, fostering a more accessible environment for all patrons.
  - Free meeting rooms: Per a recent board decision, residents can use library meeting rooms at no cost.
- **Usage Statistics:**
  - The library is open for 68 hours each week, offering access to approximately 280,000 items.
  - Between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2024, the library has averaged:
    - 948,000 items checked out per year.
    - 41,401 active borrowers.

- 427,710 library visits annually.
- 1,363 events with 42,904 attendees per year.
- 78,714 public computer sessions each year.

- **Summary**

The upcoming 2024 Library Millage Proposal asks residents to approve a 20-year renewal of the summer operating millage at the current rate of 0.9264 mills.

- This millage is crucial to the library's operations, funding 55% of its total revenue.
- The millage does not involve any tax increase—it simply renews the existing rate.
- The funds raised will continue to support normal library operations, as well as capital improvements and building maintenance.

**Council Discussion**

Several council members expressed strong support for the millage renewal and praised the library's role in the community.

Council asked that year-over-year usage data to be included in future reports.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence received.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, to approve consent agenda as read.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items removed for discussion.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Councilmember comments or announcements.

**CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

City Manager Mekjian provided the following update:

- **Upcoming Ballot Initiatives:**

In addition to the Farmington Public Schools millage and the Farmington Community Library millage renewals, there will be two city ballot initiatives on the November 2024 ballot for residents to consider:

- 2014 Road Millage Renewal: This millage renewal will continue funding road repairs and maintenance across the city.

- Charter Amendment: The amendment will adjust the timeline for when newly elected city officials take office, aligning with changes made at the state level to election laws.
- **Election Day Preparations:**  
City Hall will be closed to the public for regular business on November 4th and 5th, 2024, due to expected high voter turnout. The building will remain open for election-related activities. City staff will be at work, and available by phone.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL OF A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST DATED AUGUST 21, 2024.**

Council discussed the Consideration of Appeal of a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request submitted on August 21, 2024, regarding a traffic accident. The request had initially been denied by the Police Department.

#### **Overview of the Appeal:**

City Attorney Joppich explained that a FOIA request submitted by Jessica Coleman sought records related to a traffic accident in Novi involving her husband. Records were provided, but Coleman believed that an additional statement made by her husband at the scene was missing.

The Police Department had certified that no written record of such a statement existed. The accident took place in Novi, and the Novi Police Department was in charge of the scene, making it likely that any additional records Coleman sought would be held by Novi.

City Attorney Joppich noted that Ms. Coleman was not present at tonight's meeting to provide additional context for her appeal. In her August 21, 2024 email, Coleman indicated her belief that a verbal statement made by her husband should have been documented, but Joppich reiterated that the Farmington Hills Police Department had no record of such a statement and had advised Ms. Coleman to contact the Novi Police Department for further details.

MOTION by Bruce, support by Bridges, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby affirms the Police Department's August 6, 2024, response to Ms. Coleman's May 21, 2024, FOIA request for the following reasons:

1. The Police Department's responsive records in its August 6<sup>th</sup> response constitute all of its public records regarding the incident.
2. The Police Department further certifies pursuant to MCL 15.235(5)(b) that a written statement referenced in Ms. Coleman's appeal does not exist.

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

### **CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON HILLS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, "PARKS AND RECREATION," ARTICLE III "RULES AND REGULATIONS," SECTION 19-51, "ANIMALS PROHIBITED," FOR PURPOSES OF ALLOWING DOGS IN PIONEER PARK AND THE CITY'S DOG PARK, AND ADDING AN EXCEPTION FOR SERVICE ANIMALS. CMR 9-24-90**

**Overview of Ordinance Changes:**

Ellen Schnackel, Director of Special Services Schnackel presented the proposed ordinance amendment to the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances. The amendment relates to Chapter 19, "Parks and Recreation," specifically Section 19-51, which deals with rules about animals in parks. Key changes include:

- Service Animals: The ordinance now clearly defines service animals in accordance with Title II and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), ensuring their legal allowance in all parks.
- William Grace Dog Park: The use of the William Grace Dog Park will be subject to compliance with existing rules and regulations, which are already established.
- Pioneer Park: The proposed ordinance will allow dogs on leashes in Pioneer Park, with some restrictions in place to ensure safety and harmony within the park.

**Council discussion:**

Signage at the parks will be posted as soon as the ordinance becomes effective.

Councilman Aldred, as Liaison to the Parks and Recreation department, supported the proposal, mentioning that it had been thoroughly discussed and was a good fit for the city's dog-loving community.

MOTION by Bridges, support by Aldred, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the INTRODUCTION of an Ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills Code of Ordinances to amend Chapter 19, "Parks and Recreation," Article III "Rules and Regulations," Section 19-51, "Animals Prohibited," for purposes of allowing dogs in Pioneer Park and the City's Dog Park, and adding an exception for service animals.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES POLICY TO ALLOW DOGS IN PIONEER PARK AND OTHER UPDATES REGARDING ANIMALS IN CITY FACILITIES. CMR 9-24-91**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the amendments to Section IV.M. of the Use of City Facilities Policy to allow dogs in Pioneer Park and other updates regarding animals in City facilities, subject to and only effective upon the approval and effective date of the concurrently proposed amendments to Section 19-51 of the City Code addressing the same subject matter.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF THE OAKLAND COUNTY NINE MILE PATHWAY TASK FORCE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. CMR 9-24-92**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute the Oakland County Nine Mile Pathway Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE TRUNKLINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT). CMR 9-24-93**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to designate the Department of Public Works Superintendent as well as the Department of Public Services Director as the authorized City representatives with regard to the Michigan Department of Transportation's State Trunkline Maintenance Contract #2024-0311.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT FOR RESURFACING OF THE FARMINGTON HILLS GOLF CLUB CART PATH REPAIRS WITH BSI PAVING IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT, NOT TO EXCEED, \$200,000. CMR 9-24-94**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the extension of the agreement with BSI Paving for the resurfacing of the Farmington Hills Golf Course Cart Path in the estimated amount, not to exceed, \$200,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AS NEEDED CONTRACTOR FOR MAINTENANCE, REPAIR AND EMERGENCY POOL SERVICES TO BARUZZINI AQUATICS, A DIVISION OF BARUZZINI CONTRACTING LLC, IN THE ESTIMATED ANNUAL AMOUNT OF \$20,000. CMR 9-24-95**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for as needed contractor for maintenance, repair and emergency pool services to Baruzzini Aquatics, a division of Baruzzini Contracting LLC, in the estimated annual amount of \$20,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID FOR TACTICAL VESTS AND PLATES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY TO PRINCIP DEFENSE LLC. IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$71,000.00 WITH APPROVED EXTENSIONS. CMR 9-24-96**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for Tactical Vests and Plates for Public Safety to the lowest, most qualified bidder, Princip Defense LLC. in the estimated amount of \$71,000 (\$31,000 for the Police Department and \$40,000 for the Fire Department) with one or more administration approved extension not-to-exceed a total of five (5) additional years.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE  
Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF BALLISTIC HELMETS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ALLIE BROTHERS IN THE ESTIMATED BUDGETED AMOUNT \$20,000. CMR 9-24-97**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the extension of the agreement with Allie Brothers for the purchase of ballistic helmets for the Fire Department in the estimated budgeted amount of \$20,000.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH  
Nays: NONE  
Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF EXTENSION OF PURCHASE FOR E-PLANREVIEW SOFTWARE FOR BUILDING CONSTRUCTION PLAN REVIEW TO E-PLANSOFT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,250. CMR 9-24-98**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby authorizes the City Manager to issue a purchase order for the purchase of software, e-PlanREVIEW for building construction plan review from e-PlanSoft in the amount of \$25,250.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approves the city council special study session meeting minutes of September 9, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2024.**

MOTION by Boleware, support by Dwyer, that the City Council of Farmington Hills hereby approve the city council regular meeting minutes of September 9, 2024.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: ALDRED, BOLEWARE, BRIDGES, BRUCE, DWYER, KNOL AND RICH

Nays: NONE

Absent: NONE

Abstentions: NONE

MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

There were no additions to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Rich reviewed the process and rules relative to public comment.

Pam Gerald offered comments about a council member's interaction with the Police Chief at tonight's study session.

Frank and Sandy Frederick shared their frustrations relative to ongoing issues with Fiber City's installation of a cabinet on their lawn and related how their lawn had been repeatedly damaged during the installation process. Calls to City Hall had gone answered. They asserted that the installation by Fiber City has had a negative impact on their home, including their property value.

Mayor Rich asked City Manager Mekjian to meet with the Fredericks in the hallway just outside Council Chambers.

Angie Smith thanked the Council for their ongoing support in building a stronger relationship between the city and the school board. Smith emphasized the importance of collaboration between the schools and the city to ensure the success of the community.

Erit Gill shared frustrations with poor cell phone coverage in her neighborhood, most noticeable in the 9 Mile/Middlebelt area. The lack of cell coverage has cost her job opportunities and caused significant disruptions.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The regular session of City Council meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carly Lindahl, City Clerk