



Police Department



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Fall/Winter 2012

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Each issue of the Focus newsletter can also be found on the City website at www.fhgov.com. Go to Quick Links on the home page and click on Newsletter. Click on the "+" button on the toolbar to increase the magnification of the entire page.



Register online for classes and programs at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. Or go to www.fhgov.com, click on Quick Links, then Recreation Online Registration.

If you have an account, follow the prompts to register. If you're new, create an account by registering online or in person at the Costick Center, Monday thru Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm.

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In 2011, voters overwhelmingly approved the Farmington Hills Public Safety Millage. In light of this community support, the Police Department was able to revitalize several of its crime prevention programs. The Crime Prevention Section has reestablished the Neighborhood Watch program, receiving a tremendous response from the community. The Crime Prevention Section is now actively seeking coordinators for the participating subdivisions. Citizens interested in becoming actively involved in the Neighborhood Watch are encouraged to contact the Crime Prevention Section for information about how to enroll.

In May 2012, the Police Department launched NIXLE, a community information sharing system. This service enables the Police Department to deliver trustworthy, important neighborhood-level public safety notifications to citizens by email and text message. As a crime fighting tool, the Police Department can identify crime trends, send out crime data, and use Nixle to deliver important information to registered Nixle users. As a public safety tool, Nixle can be used to deliver important information regarding missing persons or major road closures, for example. Information disseminated through Nixle can be sent in one of two ways - the Police Department can send the information City wide or to only a specific area within the City. The Police Department encourages all City residents to register for this free service. A link for NIXLE can be found on the City's website or by visiting www.nixle.com.

If you wish to obtain further information about these programs, contact the Farmington Hills Police Crime Prevention Section at 248-871-2750.

Fire Department – Holiday Safety Tips

The Farmington Hills Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) encourage you to follow these important tips to keep this holiday season safe.

Smoke Alarm Safety at Home – Smoke alarms are an important part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Larger homes may need additional smoke alarms to provide enough protection.
- For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms so when one sounds they all sound.
- An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires; for the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization and photoelectric alarms (also known as dual sensor alarms) are recommended.
- Smoke alarms should be installed away from the kitchen to prevent false alarms; generally, they should be at least 10 feet from a cooking appliance.
- Smoke alarms have a maximum service life of 10 years when properly maintained; replace all smoke alarms before they are 10 years old.
- Test all smoke alarms monthly.

"Change your clock; change your smoke alarm battery." This year, remember to change your battery when you change your clock back to standard time on Sunday, November 4.

Heating Safety – Be Warm and Safe this Winter

Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heaters • Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters • Never use your oven to heat your home • Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating or central heating equipment and water heaters according to local codes and manufacturer's instructions • Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional • Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed • Install and maintain carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning • Always use the right kind of fuel, as specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters • Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room • Ashes should be cool before putting them into a metal container; keep the container a safe distance away from your home.

Christmas Tree Safety

Picking the Tree: Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched. Only purchase an artificial tree which is labeled "flame-resistant" by a nationally recognized testing laboratory. **Placing the Tree:** Before placing the tree in the stand cut one to two inches from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source such as fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add more water daily. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. **Lighting the Tree:** Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of LED strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed. Check natural trees daily for dryness (needles that fall off when touched). Remove any tree showing signs of unusual dryness.

For additional information, go to www.nfpa.org/education or call the Fire Department at 248-871-2820.

Fast Facts About Your Property Taxes

After tax bills are mailed, tax information will be available at www.fhgov.com. Go to quick links, property inquiry, current taxes. Enter property address or parcel ID number.

If you use online bank payments (not recommended), mail the payment to: **Treasurer's Office, 31555 W. Eleven Mile, Farmington Hills MI 48336**. The remittance portion of the tax bill is not included with online payments. If we can't identify the property involved, the check will be returned and the unpaid tax will be subject to all penalties and interest for late payment.

The original copy of the tax bill is mailed to the owner of record. If property taxes are paid through an escrow account, the paying agent receives a separate notification. Original copies of the tax bill should be retained for income tax purposes.

Property tax bills are mailed to the address of record. Changes of address must be filed with the City in writing, tax bills are not forwarded to new addresses on file with the Post Office. Temporary seasonal changes may be filed with the Treasurer's Office, but permanent changes must be filed with the City Assessor. Failure to receive a tax bill does not waive the tax or any penalties for late payment.

2013 Property Tax Calendar

- February 14 – Last day to pay winter property taxes without penalty.
- February 20 – Personal property statements due to assessor (business only).
- Late February – Change of assessment notices mailed.
- Last day of February – Last day to pay summer or winter property taxes at City Hall.
- Mid March – Board of Review meets.
- June 1 – Last day to file Primary Residence Exemption affidavit, for the entire tax year.
- Early June – Budget public hearing where City Council sets City tax rate.
- June 28 - 30 – Summer tax bills mailed.
- September 3 – Last day to pay summer property taxes without penalty. The due date is extended beyond August 31 due to the weekend and holiday.
- September 15 – Last day for eligible persons to file for summer tax deferral.
- November 1 – Last day to file Primary Residence Exemption affidavit (winter taxes only).
- November 28 - 30 – Winter tax bills mailed.
- December 31 – Taxable status set for coming year's bill.

Recreation Division

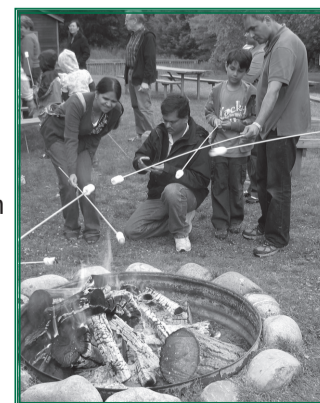
Experience the fun in Farmington Hills! Discover a new program or try one of the many popular classes including dance, tennis, gymnastics, adult fitness (Zumba, yoga, bootcamp, cardio-tone, cardio boxing, forest fitness, and more), martial arts, archery, dog training, babysitter training, youth basketball leagues, flag football leagues, and soccer leagues. Some of the newer fall Recreation programs include Lego Fun-gineering, Pre-School Young Explorers, and SNAG (Starting New At Golf) for ages 4-9.

Be sure to visit the Farmington Hills Nature Center in Heritage Park and explore exhibits, photo displays, hands-on activities, and programs including nature pre-school classes, Junior Naturalist Club, outdoor yoga, labyrinth walks, Walk with a Doc (the first program of its kind in Michigan), night hikes, scout programs, and more.

Mark your calendar for more Farmington Hills events:

- Oct 20 – Boo Bash in Heritage Park
- Nov 17 – Thanksgiving for Nature in Heritage Park
- Nov 19 – The Annual Turkey Shoot at the Costick Center
- Dec 1 – Live & Local at the Costick Center
- Dec 7 & 8 – Holiday Shopping Expo at the Costick Center (with Santa)
- Jan 25 – Inside Out at the Costick Center
- Feb 1 & 2 – Daddy/Daughter Dance at the Costick Center
- Feb 2 – Chili Golf Open at Farmington Hills Golf Club

Some programs and events require advance registration, call 248-473-1800 for more information or click on the 2012 Fall Special Services brochure at www.fhgov.com.



Clerk's Office – Election & Voter Registration Information

ELECTION DATE - Tuesday, November 6, 2012 | General Presidential Election

OFFICES ON THE BALLOT

PRESIDENTIAL: President/Vice President

CONGRESSIONAL: United State Senator, Representative in Congress - 14th District

LEGISLATIVE: Representative in State Legislature - 37th District

STATE BOARDS: State Board of Education, University of Michigan Regents, Michigan State University Trustees, Governors of Wayne State University

COUNTY: County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, County Clerk/Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner and County Commissioners - 13th, 14th and 21st Districts

JUDICIAL: Justice of the Supreme Court – Incumbent Position, Justice of the Supreme Court – Incumbent Position - Partial Term ending 1/1/15, Judge of the Court of Appeals – 2nd District – Incumbent Position, Judge of the 6th Circuit Court – Incumbent Position, Judge of the 6th Circuit Court – Non-Incumbent Position, Judge of Probate – Incumbent Position

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: Clarenceville Schools and Walled Lake Consolidated Schools

COMMUNITY COLLEGES: Oakland Community College Board of Trustees and Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees (Six Year Term and Partial Term ending 12/31/14)

STATE PROPOSALS AS APPROVED TO BE ON THE BALLOT

UNDERSTANDING YOUR BALLOT

Sample ballots are available on the City website at www.fhgov.com

PARTISAN SECTION: To vote the partisan section of the ballot, you may cast a "straight ticket," a "split ticket" or a "mixed ticket."

STRAIGHT TICKET: Vote for the party of your choice. Nothing further need be done in the partisan section.

SPLIT TICKET: You may vote a straight party ticket AND vote for individual candidates of your choice.

MIXED TICKET: Vote for the individual candidates of your choice in each office.

NON-PARTISAN and PROPOSAL SECTIONS must be voted separately. They are not a part of the straight party ticket.

CHECK BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT: This ballot will have two sides. Be certain to check the reverse side of the ballot.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? Don't wait until Election Day to find out – call the Clerk's Office today! Voters must be registered 30 days prior to Election Day in order to be eligible to vote. If you move to a new community, you must re-register under your new address in order to vote. **You must also be: A citizen of the United States • A resident of the State of Michigan and will be at least a 30-day resident of your city or township by Election Day • At least 18 years of age by Election Day**

IF YOU REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAIL: Be aware that if you have never voted in Michigan and you register to vote by mail, you are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in your first election; you must vote in person. This does not apply to anyone 60 years of age or older, disabled persons or persons eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act. If you have any questions concerning your eligibility for an absent voter ballot, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

REMINDER: Michigan Election Law does not permit the City Clerk's Office to issue a ballot in person to anyone other than the person named on the application, including immediate family members.

KNOW YOUR VOTING LOCATION: Due to redistricting throughout Michigan, all Farmington Hills voters were mailed a new Voter I.D. Card that included their voting location. You must vote in the Precinct in which you are registered. Precinct location maps are available on the City's website or you may contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR VOTING LOCATION PRIOR TO ELECTION DAY.

VOTING BY ABSENT VOTER BALLOT: In June 2012, applications for absent voter ballots covering both the August 7, 2012 Primary and November 6, 2012 Presidential Elections were automatically mailed to ALL persons who had requested to be placed on the permanent absent voter list. YOU WILL NOT BE MAILED A NEW APPLICATION FOR NOVEMBER. IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE AND WISH TO BE PLACED ON THE PERMANENT ABSENT VOTER LIST, please call 248-871-2416 or e-mail permlist@fhgov.com.

Anyone needing an application for the November Presidential Election can contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 or download an application from the City website at www.fhgov.com.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS: You are eligible for an absent voter ballot if you meet any of the following criteria: 60 years of age or older • Physically unable to attend the polls without assistance of another • Appointed as a precinct worker in a precinct other than your own • Expect to be absent from the community in which you are registered on Election Day • Cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of your religion • Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

CONVENIENT DROP BOX: A drive-up drop box for all election materials is located near the federal mail box on the Eleven Mile Road side of the Police Station. Avoid parking, walking and inclement weather by utilizing this drop box. There is also a walk-up drop box on the south side of City Hall that is directly connected to the City Clerk's Office.

ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED: The Presidential Election generates the greatest voter turnout and we always need energetic and enthusiastic people looking for opportunities to serve their community! If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in working for the City on Election Day, please contact Diane Behrend in the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2413 for more information.

Department of Planning and Community Development

Zero Interest Winterization Loans for Qualified Homeowners

Fall is a great time to think about preparing your home for the cold winter months ahead. New windows, a new roof, furnace repairs or replacement, and added attic insulation can save energy dollars and keep you safe and warm. The City of Farmington Hills has a program that offers zero interest loans to qualified homeowners in need of such repairs.

Funding for this program is provided by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Office through the Community Development Block Grant. To qualify for the loan, applicants must have owned and occupied a home in Farmington Hills for at least one year. The family must also meet income and other guidelines set by the Federal government.

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

Housing Discrimination Notice

Housing discrimination is prohibited by law. For more information on housing discrimination, go to www.hud.gov/fairhousing. If you have a housing discrimination complaint, contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 313-456-3700 or the HUD hotline 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

Updated Planning Atlas

The Department of Planning and Community Development, in cooperation with the City's GIS Coordinator, has updated its online Planning Atlas. The Planning Atlas is a collection of maps providing a wide range of detailed information beneficial to developers, businesses, engineers, and residents. Data provided in the atlas includes maps showing topographic contours, aerial photos, zoning designations, and future land use goals from the Master Plan. The most recent atlas updates feature maps showing average daily traffic counts, speed limits, and roadway jurisdictions. The atlas can be accessed via the Quick Links drop-down menu on the City website or directly at <http://www.fhgov.com/Services/PlanningAndCommDev/PlanningAtlas.asp>.

Aerial view of the City Hall campus



Public Services Department



Holiday Recycling

Recycle holiday cards and wrapping paper with newspapers and junk mail in a brown paper bag in your recycling cart. But please put cards and wrapping paper with glitter or metallics in with your regular trash.

Recycle Christmas trees at Glen Oaks Golf Course from December 26, 2012 through January 18, 2013, seven days a week, 9am–4pm at the east end of the clubhouse parking lot at 30500 West Thirteen Mile Road, just east of Orchard Lake. Trees must be free of all decorations, lights, and tinsel. There is no charge for the self-serve recycling tree drop off. Large quantities from commercial lots will not be accepted.

Removal of Items from Recycling Carts

Did you know that taking items from a recycling cart is unlawful according to City Codes? The new larger recycling carts have caused interest from scrap dealers and others who are taking items such as metals and newspapers from recycling carts placed at the curbside. When these items are removed, they take away recycling revenue that helps to offset the costs of collection. According to the service agreement, the City is obligated to deliver all residential recyclable materials from the recycling carts to the Materials Recovery Facility. Scavenging violates that provision, and has the potential to lower the volume of materials on which the City receives revenue sharing.

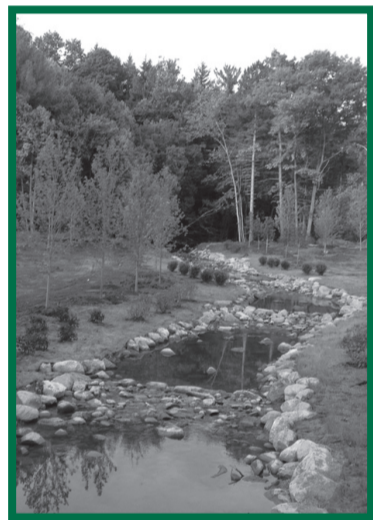


Important Information for Rental Property Owners

If you are a landlord, it is your responsibility to verify that tenants are paying their quarterly water bills. Water service invoices are always sent to the address of the property that is receiving the service. Delinquent water invoices are then rolled onto property taxes if unpaid. If you own the property, you may request in writing that a duplicate bill be sent to your address as well as to the service address.

Water Tower Construction

This fall, the City will begin construction of a three-million gallon elevated water storage tank to be located on the grounds of the City's Division of Public Works at 27245 Halsted Road near Hills Tech Drive, south of Twelve Mile Road. Construction is expected to continue through the summer of 2014 when the water tower will be put into service. The water tower is expected to save Farmington Hills water customers \$3.5 million annually. The annual cost savings for a typical residential water customer is projected to average approximately \$185 over the next 20 years. The storage tank will be approximately 200 feet tall, 60 feet in diameter around the base, and 100 feet in diameter around the top tank portion.



Danvers Pond Dam Removal and Stream Restoration Project

In cooperation with the Alliance of Rouge Communities, the City removed the dam at Danvers Pond this summer and restored the natural stream channel and adjacent floodplain. The project is located along the Pebble Creek on City-owned property in the Woodcreek Subdivision north of Twelve Mile Road. Construction of the project was funded entirely by a grant through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. This grant allowed the City to remove the failing dam, restore 6.5 miles of upstream fish passage, and restore two acres of woodlands and wetlands, which resulted in 300 feet of stream enhancement.

WINTER REMINDERS

Division of Public Works 248-871-2850

Snow Plowing Operations

Major roads and school bus routes receive the highest priority; they are plowed and salted following any accumulation of snow or ice. Local (subdivision) streets are plowed following accumulation of four inches or more of snow. The City makes a practice of rotating which neighborhoods are plowed first after each snow event.

Snow Buildup at the End of Driveways

Snow plows are angled to the right for plowing from the centerline of the street to the curb, making the deposit of snow at the end of driveways a natural byproduct of plowing operations. You may help alleviate some of this accumulation if you clear the area to the right of your driveway (while facing your home) before a snow plow comes down your street. The City is unable to return to clear this deposit at the end of your driveway and is unable to prevent this from occurring at over 23,000 driveways City-wide.

Mailboxes

Curbside mailboxes may become blocked by plowed snow. The U.S. Post Office has a policy regarding access to mailboxes, which requires snow to be removed enough to allow the mail trucks to drive up to the mailbox for delivery. This is the responsibility of the postal customer.

During snow plowing operations, weak or damaged mailboxes are sometimes knocked down by the weight of snow thrown by snow plows. To ensure that your mailbox is sturdy enough to survive the winter season, it is a good idea to shake your mailbox to check for stability and to see if it needs to be repaired.

Fire Hydrants

Removing snow around fire hydrants greatly assists the Fire Department. It is important that fire hydrants be visible and accessible at all times. Homeowners and business owners are asked to shovel a clear path to the hydrant from the road, clear all snow from at least a three foot area around the hydrant, and to sweep off snow that may build up on the hydrant itself. Landscaping around the hydrant also needs to be cleared.

Safety Reminders

In addition to driving defensively and carefully in inclement weather, there are several important safety reminders to remember:

- Discourage children from playing on snow banks near the road.
- When following a snow plow truck, please stay a safe distance behind the truck.
- Snow should not be plowed or shoveled into the roadway.

Salt/Sand Barrels

The City places 55-gallon drums filled with a mixture of sand and salt at intersections and hills upon written request from homeowner groups. If your association is interested in having barrels placed within your subdivision, please send a letter, along with a clear description or sketch of the location, to the Division of Public Works at 27245 Halsted, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331. It is important to obtain the approval of the property owner adjacent to the selected location, given that spilled salt may burn the grass.

Be a Good Neighbor

Many people require assistance after a snowstorm. The elderly and disabled often need help removing snow from their driveways. If you know of a neighbor that needs help, please give them a hand.



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Holiday Garbage/Recycling/Yard Waste Pickups

Thanksgiving – No collection Thursday, November 22. Monday through Wednesday – regular collection. Thursday and Friday – collection delayed one day, with Friday's collection occurring on Saturday.

Please note: The last yard waste pickup will occur on your regularly scheduled garbage day during the week ending on Friday, November 30. Starting the week of December 3, yard waste will not be picked up until the program resumes in April 2013.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day – No collection on Tuesday, December 25, or Tuesday, January 1. Collection will be delayed one day for Tuesday through Friday pick-ups, with Friday's collection occurring on Saturday.

Martin Luther King Day and Presidents' Day – Collection takes place on the regularly scheduled day. City offices closed Monday, January 21 and Monday, February 18.

Youth & Family Services – After School Program

The **After School Program** serves over 300 middle school youth per day in a safe and fun atmosphere. Youth Centers offer indoor and outdoor activities, arts and crafts, concessions, tutoring, video games, and many other activities.

The new **Outdoor Education Program** offers fun experiences in the outdoors. The summer group kept a solar and lunar journal, enjoyed fishing, most for the first time, and learned how to navigate the outdoors with basic compass skills and more.

The **Youth Center** offers both "Girl Power" and "Guy Time," designed to give young girls and boys a forum where they can ask questions, have discussions with their peers, participate in community service projects, and more with a trained group facilitator. There are separate sessions for 5th/6th grade and 7th/8th grade Youth Members.

Be sure to visit the **Discovery Trail** outside the Nature Center at Heritage Park to see the beautiful Iroquois Longhouse that was built by the Lewis & Clark Adventure Team during the Summer Drop-In Program.

The After School Program is free to Farmington/Farmington Hills residents after the purchase of a photo ID for \$40.

For more information, call 248-473-1841.



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Special Services Department

Adults 50 & Better

The Center for Active Adults offers a variety of speakers, fitness programs, classes, and special events at the Costick Center. For a schedule of activities, see the monthly newsletter "The Messenger" on the City website at www.fhgov.com or call 248-473-1830 for information, dates, and times.

Friday Films: Enjoy a delicious lunch, recently released film, popcorn and beverage on most third Fridays. Advance tickets prior to the day \$5/\$7 after.

First Friday Ballroom & Buffet: Enjoy ballroom dancing, a delicious buffet, and music by the Mike Wolverton Band most first Fridays each month, 3–6 pm. All levels of dance, couples and singles welcome. Scheduled dates: Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Jan. 4, Feb. 1, and Mar. 1. Purchase tickets by Monday before the event for \$9/\$10 after. Resident member discount \$8.

A Celebration of Veterans: The Senior Division will honor our local veterans at the Stars & Stripes Forever Veterans Recognition Celebration on Friday, Nov. 9, from 11am–3pm. The event features an honor guard ceremony, keynote address, recitation of veterans' names, special luncheon, and an afternoon of dancing to the Mike Wolverton Band. Stars & Stripes Forever is sponsored by American House. Tickets \$8 by Nov. 5/\$10 after. Complimentary admission for veterans that reside in Farmington and Farmington Hills. You must register by Nov. 1.

Holiday Events & Parties: Enjoy meals, entertainment, dancing, prizes, and more. Purchase tickets at least one week prior to each event for \$8 per person/\$10 after. **Monster Mash - October 26 | Turkey, Pumpkins, and Bingo, Oh My! - November 15**
Snowflake Ball - December 14 | Hearts on Fire Valentine Dance - February 8 | Leprechaun Ball - March 8

Shredding for Safety: Protect your identity, de-clutter your files, and recycle! Bring up to four paper grocery bags of documents to be shredded in the Costick Center parking lot. Drive up only, enter Gate 3. No magazines, junk mail or trash. Event for adults over 50 in the community. Dec. 11, 10am–12pm.

Memory Screening Day: Join the Senior Division for the First Annual Memory Screening Day on Nov. 13. Speakers, free memory screening, healthy lunch, and more. Call 248-473-1830 for details.

Golf Leagues: Registration for the men's, women's and couples' golf leagues begins in February at the Costick Center. League play begins the first week in May at the Farmington Hills Golf Club.

Ice Arena

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena offers activities for the whole family including Learn-to-Skate, Open Skate, Drop-In Hockey, Mid-Day Skate, Adult Skate, Figure Skating, and Youth and Adult Hockey.

The Ice Arena is also home to the Farmington Hills Hockey Association (FHHA), which serves 500 players at all skating levels and offers house and travel teams, plus the international TimBits development program. The Ice Arena is also home to the Farmington Falcons, Farmington Flyers, and the Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club.

This year, the Farmington Hills Ice Arena was proud to receive membership recognition from the United States Figure Skating Association due to having 400 members in its Basic Skills Program! The City looks forward to another successful year and continued growth at the Ice Arena.

Mark your calendar: Learn to Skate – Session IV begins Oct. 29 | Learn to Skate – Session V begins Jan. 5

City Directory

Emergency Calls Only	
Fire Department	9-1-1
Police Department	9-1-1
Central Services/Purchasing	248-871-2430
City Clerk	248-871-2410
City Hall	248-871-2400
City Manager's Office	248-871-2500
Council Newsline	248-871-2511
District Court	248-871-2900
Farmington Community Library	248-553-0300
Finance Department	248-871-2440
Assessing	248-871-2470
Treasury	248-871-2480
Fire Department	
Non-emergency	248-871-2800
General Information	248-871-2400
Human Resources	248-871-2490
Planning Department	
Building	248-871-2450
Community Development and Housing Rehabilitation	248-871-2549
Planning	248-871-2540
Zoning	248-871-2520
Police Department	
Non-emergency	248-871-2600
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Engineering Division.....	248-871-2560
Public Works	248-871-2850
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Costick Center	248-473-1800
Cultural Arts Division	248-473-1856
Golf Club	248-476-5910
Ice Arena	248-478-8800
Jon Grant Center	248-871-2849
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Cultural Arts Division

Cultural Arts Concert Series

Discover high-quality, affordable entertainment offered right here in Farmington Hills! Concerts take place in the beautiful Farmington Players Barn Theatre. Tickets are \$17 for seniors and students and \$19 for adults, and may be purchased online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>.

Upcoming concerts include:

November 2: Magic Bus – A trip back to the Woodstock era of Rock & Roll
January 12: Peter Oprisko Presents "Fabulous Frank" – Frank Sinatra tribute
February 8: Metro Jazz Voices – "Songs to Celebrate Love"
March 8 & 9: Blackthorn in Concert – Traditional and hilarious Irish music

Farmington Hills Youth Theatre – "Peter Pan"

Come see the magic when over 150 youth in two casts bring the classic favorite "Peter Pan" to the Costick Center stage November 15–18. Tickets are \$10 each, ages three and under are free; purchase tickets online or at the door.

Art Exhibits and Events

The City Gallery will feature exhibits by The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild through November 11, and The Michigan Weavers Guild November 17 through January 3.

The Weavers Guild will again host their Winter Market at the Costick Center on November 17 from 10am–5pm with fine hand-made gifts and items for the home.

Arts Classes

A range of classes for children and adults this fall and winter include pottery, art for homeschoolers, drawing, ceramics, mixed media, sculpture, pastels, oil and watercolor painting, wool felting, and a variety of photography classes including a new Model Shoot and Mamarazzi, a special session on photographing children.

Farmington Hills Youth Choir

Enjoy hearing the wonderful voices of the Youth Choir as they perform at Farmington Hills City Hall on Tuesday, December 18 at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the door.



FARMINGTON HILLS YOUTH CHOIR

Longacre House Events

Pirate Plunder

Friday, October 26 | 7–10pm

Join in the fun as we plunder for treasure and indulge in Caribbean food and drink. Come dressed in your pirate best! 21 & over. \$20 per person/\$25 at the door.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 8 | 9am

\$10 pp resident/\$15 pp non-resident

Saturday, December 15 | 9am

\$10 pp resident/\$15 pp non-resident

****Pre-registration is required for all events.****

Reserve the date for your upcoming wedding, theme party, reception, business meeting, banquet or special event at the Longacre House, located at 24705 Farmington Road, just north of Ten Mile.

Call 248-477-8404 or visit www.longacrehouse.org for further information.

Do you know about the Jon Grant Community Center?

Located on Grand River, just east of Middlebelt Road, the Jon Grant Community Center is a great location for small family gatherings, birthday parties, private business meetings and seminars, and bridal or baby showers. Call 248-473-1800 or visit www.fhgov.com for more information.

Stay in shape this winter at the Costick Center pool!

The Costick Center's 25-yard pool, at 87 degrees, is the perfect spot to take a dip during open swim hours, join a water fitness class or train to become a lifeguard or a scuba diver. Annually, 5,000 adults and children learn to swim at the Costick Center's swim lessons. Pool rentals and birthday party programs are also available. Call 248-473-1800 or visit www.fhgov.com for further information.

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