



Biographies and photos submitted by candidates.

Election Issue 2023

Current City Council

Mayor
Vicki Barnett

Mayor Pro Tem
Randy Bruce

Council Members

Jackie Boleware
Michael Bridges
Valerie Knol
Ken Massey
Mary Newlin

City Manager
Gary Mekjian

Drop Boxes

For the purpose of depositing election materials for the City of Farmington Hills, the City will install ballot drop boxes by the end of September at the following locations:

- City Hall (in front of the Police Station): 31555 West 11 Mile Road
- Costick Center: 28600 11 Mile Road
- Department of Public Works: 27245 Halsted Road
- Fire Station #1: 35725 9 Mile Road
- Fire Station #3: 29260 Grand River Ave.

Election Polling Locations Map

For those going to the polls on Election Day, don't forget Farmington Hills has an interactive digital mapping application that allows residents to find their precinct location quickly and easily. To download the map please visit <http://tinyurl.com/FHElectionApp>.

Residents will be directed to the election polling locations map where they can enter their address. The map will zoom in on a specific polling location providing the name of the facility, precinct number, and address. The app also provides directions to polling locations, which are open on **Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

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Jon Aldred Candidate for Election to City Council



Jon will enthusiastically work to preserve what residents love about Farmington Hills, such as available green spaces, amenities for all our diverse community, and the variety of services for our seniors. Jon will strongly support our excellent public safety and encourage increased collaboration and communication between City and residents.

Jon is running to provide a perspective on council that will activate a vision for the future. Parts of the City are underutilized with vacant office space. Residents are asking for better destinations for shopping and dining. And, for example, we need more trails, places to exercise dogs and walkable developments. Reversing the trend, more young people and families will choose Farmington Hills.

An engineer and product management director by profession, Jon is a pragmatic leader who gets the job done. He has spent his career leading teams to work together to solve challenging problems and create effective solutions. Jon and his wife Heather have been residents for 23 years and raised their two children in Farmington Hills. Involved in the community, Jon was appointed to the Innovation, Energy and Environmental Sustainability committee for the City of Farmington Hills in 2022. He is familiar with City business through regular attendance at council meetings and study sessions. Jon is also on the pastoral leadership team and the board of a local church.

As a council member, Jon will apply a data-driven, people-centric approach to move Farmington Hills forward as a safe and enjoyable place to live, work and raise a family.

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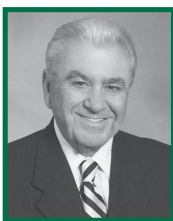
Jackie Boleware Candidate for Election to City Council



Jackie Boleware is completing her first term on Farmington Hills City Council and is seeking re-election to continue to improve the quality of life in Farmington Hills. A 27-year resident, Jackie is a thoughtful and collaborative leader with demonstrated success in assisting residents in navigating municipal services, increasing transparency and inclusion in appointments to Boards and Commissions, supporting community broadband access, championing adaptive playground equipment in city parks, improving communications through upgrades to City's website, and maintaining Safe City designation and AAA bond rating.

She is proud of her first term and all that she has accomplished including a term as mayor pro tem and appointment to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, delegate to Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and designated city council liaison to the Committee to Increase Voter Participation and the Arts Commission. She is also a member of Michigan Municipal League, where she serves on the Women in Municipal Government and Michigan Black Caucus as a board member. She is also a member of the League of National Cities. A retiree from BCBSM after 37 years, Jackie has a Master's Degree in Instructional Technology, and is pursuing a Masters in Fine Arts from Colgate University. She is an arts lover and enjoys traveling to immerse in cultural experiences. You may contact her at boleware4citycouncil@gmail.com or Jackie Boleware for Farmington Hills on Facebook. She's asking for your vote on November 7 to continue to be a voice for the community as a Farmington Hills City Council member.

Bill Dwyer Candidate for Election to City Council



Bill Dwyer is seeking a position on the Farmington Hills City Council. He has been a resident of Farmington Hills for 38 years and proudly served as the City's Police Chief for 23 years. He is currently the Police Commissioner at the Warren Police Department where he oversees nearly 300 employees and administers a \$50 million plus budget. Dwyer began his career in Detroit and retired as a commander to become chief of police in Farmington Hills. Dwyer has also served as an Oakland County Commissioner for 8 years and worked with all sides to get the best for Farmington Hills residents. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mercy College and a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University.

Always community focused, Dwyer has been a member of numerous groups including the Rotary Club, Optimist Club, a member of the Multi-Cultural/Multi-Racial Council, a member of the Commission on Children, Youth, and Family along with many others. Establishing the Farmington Hills Police & Fire Benevolent Association has been a high point in Dwyer's service-oriented career. Winning the National Community Policing Award in Farmington Hills and expanding diversity in the Warren and Farmington Hills Police Departments are other memorable accomplishments. His main reason for running for office is to ensure the City of Farmington Hills remains focused on maintaining public safety in a fiscally responsible manner while ensuring accountability and transparency in government. Dwyer pledges to put residents first and work daily to make Farmington Hills a destination community.

REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Asim Khan Candidate for Election to City Council



Asim is an Indian American engineer who works for Ford Motor Company and has been a resident of Farmington Hills for the last 30 years. He is married to Afroz and they have three kids who all went to Farmington Public Schools. Asim has a BSEE (1988) from Osmania University, Hyderabad, India, and an MSEE (1990) and an MBA (2000) from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Asim's is a true American success story. He comes from a humble background and has a great career in the automotive industry so far.

Asim was one of the founding trustees of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Education Foundation. He currently serves on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Farmington Hills. He is a community leader and has been involved in Inter-Faith and Inter-Community related activities.

Asim is a moderate and a centrist. Asim is planning to bring his technical and cost-saving skills to improve the city's financial health and improve the safety and security of the residents of Farmington Hills. He is a big proponent of diversity, equity and inclusion and would like to make Farmington Hills the city of choice for all irrespective of their age, sex, race, religion, language or ethnicity.

RSVP to ElectAsimKhan@gmail.com

Valentina Lucaj Candidate for Election to City Council



Mrs. Lucaj is a long-time resident of Farmington Hills, a mother, attorney, local business owner, and active board member of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families. She is passionate about making a positive impact in our community. As an attorney, Valentina has spent years in the public service sector, helping indigent with legal issues. She will be an effective advocate for the residents of Farmington Hills. As a local business owner, Valentina understands the significance of promoting economic development to ensure Farmington Hills continues to grow and thrive. She will enhance public safety and promote sustainable initiatives. Valentina has the financial acumen that is needed to understand the City's finances and allocate City funds properly.

Valentina Lucaj has been endorsed by the Farmington Hills Police Officers Association, Farmington Hills Firefighters Association, and the Farmington Hills Command Officers Association. She is ready to work tirelessly to make Farmington Hills an even better place to live, work and raise our families.

www.voteforvalentina.com

Alex Meyers Candidate for Election to City Council



Alex Meyers is a candidate for Farmington Hills City Council. A graduate of Central Michigan University (B.S. Theatre) and then Detroit Mercy Law (J.D.), Alex currently works as staff attorney for the United Community Housing Coalition, a nonprofit based out of Detroit, advocating for tenants' rights in court. He is running for council on a platform of sustainability and environmental stewardship; once elected, he hopes to promote investment in resilient infrastructure, expand walkable and bikeable paths throughout the City, and increase community engagement with the political process.

As a law student, Alex interned as a public policy advisor at the Sugar Law Center and assisted in environmental justice projects such as Detroit Will Breathe and the Community Benefits 2.0 Conference. He has gained valuable experience in the offices of U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib and State Senator Jeremy Moss.

Alex has previously served as treasurer for the Detroit/MI chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, where he still volunteers as a legal observer. He was elected precinct delegate in 2020 and 2022 and currently sits on the Executive Committee for the Farmington/Farmington Hills Democratic Club. He and his husband enjoy gardening, biking, and taking their dogs on walks.

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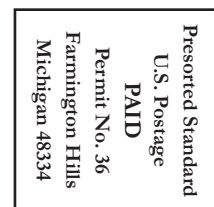
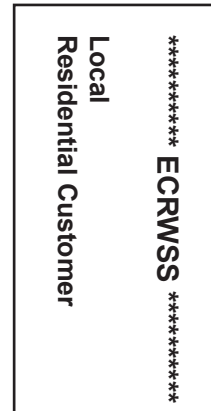
Mary Newlin Candidate for Election to City Council



Mary Newlin is a Farmington Hills Council Member incumbent who knows the key to a strong community is for every resident to have a voice. She has maintained this viewpoint during her term and wants to continue the commitment to representing you. As a resident of Farmington Hills for over 35 years, she understands this community and is focused on the future. She knows what homes, businesses and services will encourage people to choose our community as their home. As a registered nurse working on the floor or leading teams, Mary understands the importance of identifying priorities, goal setting and teamwork. She will continue to advocate for cost efficiency to maintain what has made you call this City home. She wants smart economic growth and the infrastructure that is needed to propel our City into the future. Mary will promote new programs and services that ensure quality of life for everyone.

Mary is liaison to the Commissions on Children, Youth and Families and Community Health. She is endorsed by the Police Officers Association and has received a letter of support from the Firefighters Association acknowledging her passion for protecting and improving our City. Full transparency and an open honest conversation are what you can expect when you speak with Mary. She has asked the community to contact her at yourvoicemarynewlin@gmail.com or Mary Newlin for Farmington Hills City Council 2023 on Facebook. Mary is making it a priority to continue to meet as many residents as she can face-to-face-so expect a knock on your door!

VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023



City Clerk's Office

ELECTION REMINDERS

Don't forget to get out and vote in the upcoming City general election scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

The ballot will include the following offices:

- Mayor** - Vote for One (2-year term)
- City Council Member** - Vote for Three (4-year term)

Residents will have the option to vote by absent voter ballot, or early vote at the Costick Activities Center, located at 28600 West Eleven Mile Road, beginning Saturday, October 28 through Sunday, November 5, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, except Thursdays hours of 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. or at their assigned precinct on Election Day from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Watch for more information on early voting and additional drop box locations on the City's website. To subscribe to the City e-News, visit fhgov.com/government-business/news-information/enevs-list-serv

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- **Thursday, September 28** – Absent voter ballots available in-person at the Clerk's Office. First mailing of absent voter ballots will be provided to voters who have previously submitted an absent voter ballot application to the Clerk's Office.
- **Monday, October 23** - Last day to register to vote in any matter other than in-person at your local Clerk's Office.
- **Tuesday, October 24 through Tuesday, November 7, until 8:00 p.m.** - A person may register to vote in-person at their local Clerk's Office with proof of residency.
- **Friday, November 3, 5:00 p.m.** - Deadline for voters to request an absent voter ballot to be mailed via first class mail.
- **Monday, November 6, 4:00 p.m.** - Deadline for registered voters to request an absent voter ballot in-person. Ballots must be voted in-person at the Clerk's Office.

- **Tuesday, November 7, until 8:00 p.m.** – A person registering to vote in-person at the Clerk's Office may obtain and vote an absent voter ballot with proof of residency or vote in-person at their assigned precinct.

***Residency verification documents within 14 days of an election:** During the 14 days prior to each election, until 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, voters will need to register to vote in-person with the City Clerk's Office and provide proof of residency to be eligible to vote in that election. Proof of residency documents must include your name and current address.

Acceptable documents (paper or electronic) include:

- Michigan driver's license or state ID card
- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

Visit the City's website at fhgov.com to download an absent voter ballot application or call the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410. Sample ballots can also be found on the City's website at the end of September.

PERMANENT BALLOT LIST

If you wish to be added to the City's permanent ballot list to automatically receive an absent voter ballot for every election, please submit a signed absent voter ballot application (available on the City's website at fhgov.com) and make sure to **check the box** indicating that you wish to be added to the permanent ballot list. Include your name, registered address, and contact information.

Voters may return their application by mail, email it to FHClerk@fhgov.com, use the ballot drop box, or drop off in-person to the City Clerk's Office located inside City Hall at 31555 West Eleven Mile Road.

Ballots are mailed to the voter's registered address for every election, unless otherwise directed by the voter.

Ken Massey

Candidate for Election as Mayor

Ken Massey, a life-long City resident, has served our community since 2003. He is asking for your support to be our next Mayor. He would like to continue service to the community with your vote on Nov. 7. His record of service includes mayor, city council, and president of both his own homeowners' association and Council of Homeowner Assoc.

Professionally, he is a biomedical scientist and businessperson. Additionally, he is a member of the Greater Farmington Area Chamber and Board of Farmington Youth Assistance, Michigan Municipal League, a founding member of the Emergency Preparedness Commission, and past chair of the National League of Cities Public Safety Committee. He co-founded the City's Mental Health Committee, Farmington SAFE, and served as chair of the board of Beaumont FH. He is a co-founder of CARES in Farmington Hills.

Council has achieved much with his leadership, eliminated Special Assessment Districts for local roads; lowest crime in 45 years; safest City in Michigan; financially stable (AAA bond rating); renewal of the Parks millage, and more. Looking forward our city has momentum, new inclusive activities center, infrastructure improvement, a community business incubator for long-term economic growth, etc.

While every community has challenges, his experience and leadership allow your government to address those and keep Farmington Hills as a premier place to live. Ken and his wife Katherine are proud to call Farmington Hills home and know that you are as well.

For more: Ken-massey.org



Theresa Rich

Candidate for Election as Mayor

Theresa Rich is a proven advocate and problem solver who has dedicated her life to service above self. In grade school, Theresa and her siblings relied on free and reduced lunch programs following her mom's cancer diagnosis and dad's job loss. This formative experience led Theresa to a life of advocacy for the voiceless, including Michigan's food insecure school children.

For over two decades, Theresa drove results locally through her work on Farmington Hills City Council, Oakland Schools Board of Education, and leading the Oakland County elder abuse task force. Now, Theresa is running for Mayor to establish Farmington Hills as a destination city and continue building an inclusive community that works for everyone, from those who grew up here to those aging in place.

Theresa was an attorney at General Motors for over 30 years, leading diversity and employee development efforts, before starting private practice seven years ago to assist families with will and guardianship matters. She also serves on the faculty of the Wayne State University Ilitch School of Business and is an American Federation of Teachers member.

For over 25 years, Theresa and her husband, Brian, have proudly called Farmington Hills home and raised their children here. In her free time, Theresa enjoys taking classes at the Y, cheering on the Detroit City Football Club, and volunteering with the Willow Run chapter of the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA), helping preserve the legacy of working women during World War II.

Learn more at ElectTheresaRich.com

