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Gather, Gift & Give Back: Experience the Holiday Season in Farmington Hills

*From events to charitable giving, and holiday gifting, the
City of Farmington Hills has everything on your holiday list handled*

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Nov. 17, 2025) – The City of Farmington Hills is welcoming the holiday season with something for everyone. Whether your holiday list includes gathering with family, giving back to neighbors in need, or giving gifts to loved ones, the City of Farmington Hills has it handled.

GATHER

Spend time with family, friends and Santa in Farmington Hills, while enjoying the sights and sounds of the season.

Sights

Keep the family fun going the day after Thanksgiving while seeing the sights of Heritage Park during [HIKE and SEEK](#). Staff from the Farmington Hills Nature Center will take families through the trails to seek out nature's treasures and discover the reasons to be thankful for them. There are two kid-friendly hikes at 1 and 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 28.

Join the Mayor and Mr. Claus for carols, cocoa and community on Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the City's [33rd annual holiday lights celebration](#). This event is free, so bring the family to City Hall at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Roads to join in the fun. Santa leaves the sleigh at the North Pole because he rides in style in Farmington Hills on a fire truck.

Sounds

Bring the whole family to The Hawk Theatre for special holiday programs throughout the month of December. The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre presents "**Scrooge**," a musical adaptation of "A Christmas Carol," Friday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 7 with evening and matinee performances. Then, "**Once Upon a December Eve**," a beloved metro Detroit holiday tradition returns to The Hawk Theatre Mainstage at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14! Tickets are available at [TheHawkTheatre.com](#).

Santa

Once Santa arrives in Farmington Hills, he will be sticking around for a few special stops. First he'll head to the historical Longacre House for [Cookies with Santa](#) on the evenings of Monday, Dec. 8 and Tuesday, Dec. 9.

Santa will also be visiting the iconic red barn in Heritage Park on Wednesday, Dec. 10 and Thursday, Dec. 11 from 5-7:30 p.m. for [Oh Deer, Santa's Here!](#) Families can spend time with

Santa and take pictures before cozying up around a campfire for cocoa and activities that celebrate Rudolph's deer cousins who live in Heritage Park.

GIFT

Holiday shopping can be stressful, but Farmington Hills is a one-stop shop for everyone on your list. From handmade works of art to concert tickets or a round of golf at The Hawk's Multisport Simulator, there's something you can give to everyone.

Handmade Gift

Nothing is more heartfelt than a handmade gift for the one you love. Make something unique to give in workshops at The Hawk Makerspace. Make a [Handcrafted Cutting Board](#) in the woodshop or sign up for a class in the craft lab. Make [fuzzy & fabulous hand-felted soap](#) or customized holiday decor in the "[Sew Festive: Seasonal Holiday Bunting](#)" workshop. You could even learn to make your own gift wrap for your one-of-a-kind present in the "[Gifting Reimagined: Reusable Gift Bags](#)" workshop.

Event Gift

Give the gift of music, dance and more – The Hawk Theatre has it all, whether you're looking for a night out with the family or a date night with your other half. Get tickets for a big production at the Mainstage or opt for a more intimate performance in the Black Box. Either way, beer and wine are available for guests 21 and up. Tickets make a memorable gift; find them at thehawktheatre.com.

DIY Gift

Give the gift of creativity and sign your special someone up for ceramics, painting, drawing and more. From one day workshops that give your giftee a sampling of a new craft to multi-week classes that spark long-term creativity, it's the gift that keeps on giving. There are classes and workshops for people of all ages, interests and abilities. [Find something special here](#).

Gift of Choice

Give the gift of endless possibilities with a City of Farmington Hills Special Services gift card. This will open the doors to fun in Farmington Hills and can be used for so many things, including a round of golf in The Hawk's new Multisport Simulator or at the award-winning Farmington Hills Golf Club, time on the rink at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, Nature Center programs, fitness classes and more! Buy a gift card in person at The Hawk at 29995 W. 12 Mile Road or call 248-699-6700.

GIVE BACK

Some neighbors need a little extra help around the holidays. If you're looking to give back to the community this holiday season, the City of Farmington Hills can help you help folks of all ages.

Give Back to Older Adults

There are two big ways to support older adults in need this holiday season in Farmington Hills.

The Hawk Makerspace is hosting "[Crafted in Kindness](#)," a handmade hat and mitten drive, to make a difference this winter. Knitters, crocheters, weavers, sewists, and other crafters can donate their cozy garments from Saturday, Nov. 29 through Saturday, Dec. 20, which will then be distributed to older adults in need through the City's Adults 50 & Better Division. For every pair of donated hats and mittens, the crafter will be entered for a chance to win prizes from The Hawk Makerspace. Don't know how to sew? The Hawk Makerspace is hosting workshops to teach aspiring makers to sew fleece hats and mittens on Saturday, Nov. 29.

Did you know one of Santa's helpers works at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills? Senior adult supervisor Teresa Jergovich spearheads the **Senior Secret Santa program**, which provides gifts to nearly 600 older adults each December. Fulfill a holiday wish list to lift the spirits of an older adult who may feel alone or isolated this holiday season. Contact Teresa at 248-473-1826 or tjergovich@fhgov.com for more information. Wrapped gifts must be dropped off at the Costick Activities Center at 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills by Friday, Dec. 5.

Give Back to Kids

The Farmington Hills Fire and Police Departments make a difference in the community every day, and it's their mission each December to make sure no kid goes without a gift. Farmington Hills police and firefighter/paramedics are teaming up with Toys for Tots, and you can help them grant wishes. Now through Thursday, Dec. 16, you can donate unwrapped toys in the lobby of the Farmington Hills Fire and Police Departments on the campus of City Hall at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

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About the City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.

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