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City of Farmington Hills, Commission on Aging Seek Nominations to Recognize Outstanding Volunteers

Nominations are open through Feb. 23, and winners will be recognized in the spring

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Jan. 7, 2026) — The City of Farmington Hills and the Farmington Area Commission on Aging are seeking nominations for the 2026 Volunteer Recognition Program that honors outstanding volunteers in the community. Nominations are open through Feb. 23, and awards will be presented at a recognition breakfast this spring.

“We’re looking for inspiring individuals who make a difference in every corner of the community, and anyone can submit a nomination,” said Marsha Koet, supervisor of the Farmington Hills Special Services Department Adults 50 & Better Division. “There are so many exceptional volunteers who graciously give their time and talent to better the community. This awards program allows us to properly thank them for their contributions.”

Awards include the Commission on Aging **Margaret Loridas Diamond Award** for volunteers 75 & better and the **Gold Award** for volunteers 50 & better. Candidates for these awards must be active volunteers providing community service in the Farmington Hills/Farmington area. The Commission will also be recognizing a community-based organization or business that goes above and beyond to serve the older adults of Farmington Hills and Farmington with the **Community Commitment Award**. The City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department Adults 50 & Better Division and the Commission on Aging are also seeking nominations for the **Volunteer of the Year Awards**. Nominees for these awards must be active volunteers in programs offered through the Adults 50 & Better Division.

Nomination forms are available at the Costick Activities Center, located at 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, and online at www.fhgov.com/coawards. Anyone may submit nominations through Feb. 23 to be considered for these awards. Awards will be presented at the volunteer recognition breakfast in April, which is attended by more than 250 volunteers and honored guests annually.

Formed in 1977, the Farmington Area Commission on Aging works to support the betterment of daily living for older adults in Farmington Hills and Farmington, with the mission of promoting their well-being and dignity through education and advocacy. The Commission examines social attitudes, creates awareness, establishes a climate for living independently and encourages recognition for community contributions.

The Farmington Hills Adults 50 & Better program began in 1974 and has steadily grown over the years. The Adults 50 & Better Division, part of the City's Special Services Department, now provides recreation, travel, education, social events, fitness, volunteer opportunities, nutrition, transportation and outreach services. Daily events are held at the Costick Activities Center, located at 28600 West Eleven Mile Road, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with scheduled evening and weekend programs. Please see the Adults 50 & Better Division monthly newsletter, [The Messenger](#), and the City's [Activities Guide](#) for updated information on all available programs and services.

For more information, contact the Costick Activities Center at 248-473-1830.

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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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