



Our Community Newsletter

Summer 2004



Ben Marks
July 15, 1923-March 15, 2004

Dedicated and vibrant community leader will be missed

Ben Marks, a distinguished member of the Farmington Hills community for 35 years, died in March at the age of 80.

Ben served as a member of City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem and Mayor, and provided leadership on several boards and commissions, including the Building Board of Appeals, the Council of Homeowners Association, the Housing Commission, Building Authority, Planning Commission, the original Charter Commission and the Longacre House.

In addition to his outstanding work locally, Ben also served as President of the Michigan Municipal League, traveling throughout the state visiting municipalities; he was also involved with the National League of Cities, ensuring that local concerns were brought to the attention of national leaders.

Ben earned the respect and admiration of friends, family, citizens, and leaders throughout the city, state, and country for his contributions to the betterment of his community. We will miss our dear friend.

Fireworks *cancelled this year*

The City's annual fireworks display has been cancelled this year due to parking and budget concerns.

In previous years, those attending the fireworks were allowed to park on the cemetery lot across the street from Founder's Sports Park, which accommodated up to 2,000 vehicles for the fireworks. The property was sold last year and the City was told it could no longer use it for parking.

"Parking is the primary reason for canceling the fireworks," explained City Manager Steve Brock. "We don't currently have another venue in the City that can accommodate the parking we need for the 5,000-plus people who come to our fireworks display. The other reason is financial. With the City facing additional cuts in state shared revenue, the savings from the fireworks will help us maintain essential City services."

Attention young teens: Join in the fun at the Summer Youth Center

If you are between the ages of 11 and 15, or have just graduated from the 5th grade, we invite you to join us this summer for the Youth Center Summer Program.

The fun begins on Monday, June 21 and runs through Friday, August 13.

Lots of great activities have been planned for the Youth Center Summer Program, which will be held from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 W. Eight Mile Road. The fee for the 8-week drop-in program is \$100. An early drop-off program will be available for working parents. There will also be a free shuttle bus that will pick up kids at five sites throughout the City and transport them to the Ice Arena.

In addition to the drop-in program, there are 39 field trips planned, including horseback riding, Cedar Point, rock climbing, a Detroit Tigers game, and a trip to a water park every Friday. Stop in at the Ice Arena or the Costick Center for field trip information and a price list or call our office at (248) 473-1841.

Camps, classes, and more for younger kids, too

The City of Farmington Hills offers a wide variety of camps that allow kids to enjoy swimming, sports, nature and even one that gives kids a chance to camp out in Heritage Park.

Safety Town is a great place for youngsters to learn everyday safety tips and this year, Safety Town 2 has been added for Safety Town 1 graduates. Summer Fun Centers give kids ages 6-12 a chance to "stop by" a local site near their home and participate in fun activities.

These are just a few of the many opportunities awaiting your child. For more information please refer to the recently delivered summer brochure or call (248) 473-1800.

Summer construction update

If orange isn't one of your favorite colors, you might want to avoid certain routes through the City this summer. Orange barrels will be a common sight in the following areas as construction projects get underway:

- Eleven Mile Road from Orchard Lake Road to Farmington Road – resurfacing and a new sidewalk. The section of Eleven Mile Road between Power and Farmington Road will remain closed through mid-June.
- Drake Road from Twelve Mile Road to Thirteen Mile Road – resurfacing.
- Inkster Road from Northwestern Highway to Thirteen Mile Road – resurfacing. The road will be closed from mid-July to mid-August.
- Inkster Road from Eight Mile Road to Shiawassee Road – resurfacing, new curbs and gutters, storm drainage, the addition of a left turn lane, and a new sidewalk.
- Twelve Mile Road from Orchard Lake Road to Middlebelt Road – resurfacing and widening.
- Twelve Mile Road from Haggerty Road to Inkster Road – traffic signal upgrades.
- Eight Mile Road from Haggerty Road to east of I-275 – resurfacing and widening, and the installation of a new traffic signal.

Thank you for your patience as we improve your roads. If you have any questions about summer construction projects, please call the Engineering Division at (248) 871-2560.

Cities join with local nursery to help replace ash trees

The cities of Farmington Hills and Farmington have teamed up with Steinkopf Nursery, located at 20815 Farmington Road just north of Eight Mile, to offer deciduous trees to local residents at a reduced price.

"With the onset of Emerald Ash Borer and the loss of so many ash trees, the need to plant new trees in our community has never been greater," said Marie Donigan of the City of Farmington Hills Planning Office.

Residents who go to Steinkopf Nursery and mention this article will be able to purchase new 1-1/2 caliper trees from among eight different varieties for \$162 each. The price includes delivery, planting, and a one-year guarantee. The trees available are Pin Oak, Red Maple, Bradford Pear, Cleveland Select Pear, Little Leaf Linden, Bald Cypress, Tulip Tree, and Sweet Gum.

For questions about the program, call Marie Donigan, City of Farmington Hills Planning Office at (248) 871-2540, or Steinkopf Nursery at (248) 474-2925.

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Summer cultural arts events and programs

Motor City Brass Concert June 6th

The Cultural Arts Division invites you to enjoy the warm sounds of one of metro Detroit's most well-known brass bands on Sunday, June 6 at the Costick Center, beginning at 3 p.m. Under the direction of Craig Strain, the Motor City Brass has delighted audiences around the country with their British brass band repertoire. There will be a "meet the musicians" reception following the concert. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and a special group rate ticket of \$5 each for eight or more tickets purchased together. Tickets are available at the Costick Center and may also be charged on VISA or MC by calling the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1857.

Cirque Amongus!

"The Greatest Show on Earth" comes to the Costick

Bring the whole family to this day-long class/event on Saturday, June 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Designed to introduce kids ages 5-13 to the world of circus arts, Cirque Amongus explores juggling, balancing and movement in a safe, fun-filled environment. At the end of the day, the kids put on a circus performance! Parent volunteers are needed and will help with makeup, wardrobe and to assist instructors. To enroll your children, call or visit the Costick Center. Class fee is \$35 per child.

"DaimlerChrysler Stars in the Park" free summer concert series

The City's popular free summer concert series kicks off June 10 at Heritage Park. The "DaimlerChrysler Stars in the Park" concerts take place Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m. till dusk at the outdoor amphitheatre. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and picnic dinner, and enjoy some wonderful music in this beautiful park setting. The rainout location for most concerts is the Costick Center. Concerts in the series:



Kimmie Horne

June 10

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A Vegas-style jazzy performance by a sizzling award-winning vocalist.

June 17

Farmington Community Band

Our own talented concert band performing everything from classics to show tunes.

June 24

Shout!

A Fab Four tribute band back by popular demand.



Shout!

July 8

Parrotthedd

The perfect summer concert with this great Jimmy Buffett style band.

July 22

Truth

Some of the area's most accomplished musicians performing world rhythm jazz.

July 29

Farmington Community Jazz Band

Swing and jazz – a real favorite.

August 5

Chelsee Oaks

A young, dynamic country singer with unlimited style and energy featured at many festivals and events around the state.

August 12

Farmington Community Chorus

An 80-member chorus, the traditional end to the concert season!

Art on the Grand, July 15-17 in Downtown Farmington

Art on the Grand, the fine arts section of the Farmington Founders Festival, returns this summer with a great selection of artwork for purchase, featuring both local artists and artists from across the country. Art on the Grand is an interactive art fair where visitors can browse the art sales booths, listen to high-quality live musical performances, get their pictures taken with wandering entertainers, take the kids to the hands-on, free art activity tent or get their faces painted by Lovely the Clown.

Summer Art Camps for Kids

The Cultural Arts Division is offering several new art camps for children and youth this summer. Students can learn pastel drawing, create their own keepsake books, build a castle and sculpt a dragon, draw monster cartoons, learn the basics of drawing or explore art in the third dimension. These special classes/camps are conducted in June, July and August; times and class days vary by course. To learn more about these art camps, please call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1857, or visit the Costick Center during business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Summer Youth Theatre Camps

In conjunction with Sky's the Limit Productions, the Cultural Arts Division is offering two, two-week Youth Theatre Camps for children and youth entering grades 2-12. At theatre camp, kids will have a wonderful experience learning dance, acting, mime, and improvisation, as well as the technical aspects of theatre. At the end of the camp, all participants will perform in a live show. Camps will be held June 14-25 and July 26-August 6. Classes take place at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre. Register at the Costick Center, or call the Cultural Arts Division at (248) 473-1857 for more information.

Northwestern median to get a new look

The median on Northwestern Highway from Inkster Road to Fourteen Mile will be spruced up with new landscaping later this summer. This project is a joint venture between the cities of Farmington Hills and Southfield, and the Michigan Department of Transportation. The project is funded in large part by a Transportation Enhancement Grant.

The landscaping will emphasize color and texture on the ground and will consist of drifts of Little Blue Stem and Indian Grass – decorative grasses that sway in the wind. In addition to the grasses, perennial flowers will be planted in key areas, such as intersections and at turn-arounds, to add color and interest.

The idea of the landscaping is to create an informal, naturalistic and unified landscape that will enhance the aesthetic appeal of the corridor, giving it a distinctive and unique character. The landscaping will also build upon the beauty of the existing office buildings and the natural environment by creating a pastoral, rural, and informal yet sophisticated landscape to compliment the existing environment.

Cops for Kids 10K & 5K Run/Walk for MDA

Please join us in the 15th Annual Farmington Hills Police Department 10K Run for Muscular Dystrophy on Saturday, June 12. Serious athletes and casual walkers alike can enjoy the beautiful winding roads in area neighborhoods starting with the serene setting of the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College.

The event includes a 10K race, a non-competitive 5K run/walk, and a free one-mile fun run for kids. The entry fee/donation is \$20 and includes a t-shirt, food, and drinks. The gun goes off promptly at 9 a.m., but come early for juice and bagels – you'll need the extra fuel!

Registration forms are available on the City's website, at the Police Department, or you can contact Maureen Wayman by phone at (248) 871-2707 or via e-mail at mwayman@ci.farmington-hills.mi.us.

No change in garbage pickup for July 4th holiday

There will be no change in the garbage pickup scheduled for the Independence Day holiday. Since July 4th falls on a Sunday this year, garbage and recycling pickups will take place on your regularly scheduled pickup day.

Watch that stove!

The Fire Department has responded to many kitchen fires recently. Residents are reminded to always use caution when cooking. Here are a few tips:

- Never leave a pot unattended.
- Never use water on fires that involve cooking oil.
- If a pot catches fire, the best thing to do is to turn the stove off, place a lid over the pot and don't touch it until the pot has cooled down.

If the fire does not go out after placing the lid on the pot, ensure that your family is safe, leave your house immediately, and call 9-1-1 from a neighbor's house.

Summer safety notes

If you're planning a trip this summer, be sure to protect your home while you're gone. The Farmington Hills Police Department offers the following tips:

- Store valuables in a secure place.
- Set electrical timers to turn lights on and off during the evening hours.
- Ask a friend, relative or neighbor to watch your house for you and give them a key. Be sure they know how you can be contacted in case of emergency.
- Repair any broken locks or windows.
- Notify the Police Department's Vacation Hotline at (248) 871-2762 when you're going out of town. They will keep a record of your departure and return dates, as well as your emergency contact.
- Turn down the volume control on your telephone so it cannot be heard ringing unanswered from the outside.
- If you leave a car parked in the driveway, be sure it is locked and does not have a garage door opener in it.
- Lock your garage door from the inside with a padlock. If your garage is attached, be sure to lock the door that accesses your house.
- Leave window shades and drapes on the main floor in their regular daytime position, so neighbors and police can see into your home.
- Be sure your doors are locked. Take a brief walk around the house and try to open the doors and windows on the ground floor.
- Notify your newspaper carrier and the post office to discontinue deliveries while you are out of town.

Now go on vacation and have a great time!

Community News & Notes

River Day set for June 5

Join us for fun and river stewardship on Saturday, June 5th beginning at 9 a.m. at Heritage Park. Activities will include a river cleanup, planting a rain garden, a river ecology walk, and a native plant sale. Free t-shirts and a picnic lunch are available to participants. To pre-register, call Tracy Slintak, Environmental Coordinator, at (248) 871-2860.

Family Barbecue August 7

Join your neighbors and friends when the City of Farmington Hills, together with the Farmington Hills Hockey Association, hosts a Family Barbecue on Saturday, August 7 at Founder's Sports Park. Everyone is welcome at this event, which will feature games, entertainment and food. For more details, visit our website at www.ci.farmington-hills.mi.us or call (248) 473-1800.

Please don't feed the deer

The City of Farmington Hills has had many calls from residents reporting deer in their neighborhoods. Most deer in our community live in densely wooded areas, such as Heritage Park, but they will sometimes wander into neighborhoods to find food. City Naturalist Joe Derek said that when residents feed the deer, they will continue to come back for more and will snack on your shrubs and flower beds. Please refrain from approaching the deer as well – they are wild animals and could hurt you if they feel threatened. By enjoying the deer from a distance and resisting the urge to feed them, you will be helping to keep the deer in their natural habit, which is safer for everyone.

Farmington Hills t-shirts and polos available

This summer, you can show your community pride by sporting a Farmington Hills t-shirt or polo shirt. The 100% cotton t-shirts feature the City logo in deep burgundy and forest green. The t-shirts are white and cost just \$5. The polo shirts are 100% pima cotton and feature the Farmington Hills logo embroidered on the left chest. The polos are beige and cost \$20. These shirts also make great gifts. Get your shirts at the Treasurer's Office in City Hall at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Road or at the Costick Center.

Keep your lawn and garden healthy

Is your lawn getting more attention these days than your family? How about those pesticides and chemicals with names you can't pronounce? One solution to having an environmentally friendly, healthy lawn without all the hassles is to follow the healthy lawn and garden principles established by the Rouge River Lawncare Technical Advisory Committee. Visit www.healthylandscapes.com or call (248) 546-5818 to learn more about this great river-friendly program.

Garbage not picked up?

If your garbage cans were left unemptied at the curbside, take a look at the size of your container before you call the DPW. The City of Farmington Hills limits trash can size to **32 gallons**. Oversized containers put out at the curbside will *not* be emptied.

SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR adults 50 and better

Perk up a lazy summer day with activities sponsored by the Farmington Hills Senior Division located at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster. Area adults 50 & better are invited to stop by and join us for a trip, program or activity.

- Oakland County Health Department presents two classes to increase health awareness on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.: **Talk to Your Doctor** on June 22 and **Using Medicines Wisely** on July 20. Please pre-register.
- Join Kyrras Conrad, RN, CNMT, of Henry Ford Health Systems on June 8 at 10:30 a.m. for **The Hip Bone's Connected to the Leg Bone**, a whole body approach to eliminating chronic pain. Please pre-register.
- Longtime newspaper columnist and CPA/Attorney **Rick Bloom** will present an **Investment Seminar** on June 9 at 12 noon to look at updating stocks in today's market. The cost is \$4 and includes lunch. Tickets must be purchased by June 3.
- The Senior Division welcomes newcomers from Farmington/Farmington Hills who are 50 or better for a tour of the building explaining programs, services and volunteer opportunities on a **Newcomer Welcome Tour**, June 10 at 10:30 a.m. Residents only.
- Join Master Gardener Sandy Shelly to learn about herbs at the program **Indoor Herb Gardening** on June 15 at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$3. Please pre-register.
- Take a **Nature Center Tour** in beautiful Heritage Park on June 16 at 12:30 p.m. Bring binoculars or cameras and wear comfortable shoes. The cost is \$4 and includes lunch. Please pre-register by June 11.

- **That's Amore** – a true romantic party in the Italian tradition – will be held June 18 at 11 a.m. The party includes prizes, dancing, games, entertainment and a “delizioso” pasta lunch for just \$6. The event is sponsored by Sunrise Assisted Living and the Senior Division. Tickets must be purchased by June 14.
- Help make our **“Pies on the Grand”** fundraiser a successful part of the Founders Festival at “Art on the Grand” during the week of July 12. **Volunteers are needed** for peeling, slicing, baking, selling etc. Join us – we'll find a job for you! All proceeds go to the Senior Transportation Program. Don't forget to stop by for a pie.
- Learn how to improve and protect your memory in a two-part series: **Stress & Memory** on August 17 at 10:30 a.m. and **Tips to Manage Memory** on August 24 at 10:30 a.m. Please pre-register..

Mackinac/Grand Hotel MRPA senior trip

Don't miss this opportunity to stay at the glorious Grand Hotel on the annual autumn trip for seniors to Mackinac Island October 5-8. Included on this year's four-day trip are accommodations at the beautiful Grand Hotel, baggage handling, taxes and tips, a full breakfast each morning, a 5-course dinner each evening, carriage tours, nightly dancing, contests, movies, a history lecture, a walking tour, special discounts, all transportation and more. Cost is \$595 per person, based on double occupancy. Call (248) 473-1862 for information or availability.

To register for a program or for more information, please call (248) 473-1830.

Ozone Action: Do your share for cleaner air

If you listen to summer weather forecasts, you'll often hear that it's an “Ozone Action” day. This designation is declared when high ozone levels make the air unhealthy to breathe. Ozone Action days are usually sunny with blue skies, little or no wind, and temperatures above 90 degrees.

Ozone occurs naturally in the earth's atmosphere, but becomes a problem when high amounts reach ground level. Ground level ozone (also called smog) is formed when pollutants from vehicles, industry, and consumer products react chemically or “bake” in the hot summer sun. High ozone levels can make it difficult to breathe deeply and comfortably and can trigger allergies and asthma attacks. While everyone is vulnerable to ozone's effects, high risk individuals include children, the elderly, those with respiratory problems, and anyone who works or plays strenuously outdoors.

The City of Farmington Hills urges all residents to do their part to reduce harmful ozone in the atmosphere. Following Ozone Action procedures can reduce harmful pollutants and make the air safer and easier to breathe.

You can help improve our quality of life by joining in the effort to reduce air pollution. On Ozone Action days, please practice these simple suggestions:

- Whenever possible, avoid refueling vehicles or refuel only after 7 p.m.
- Limit your automobile use by carpooling or combining errands.
- Get a tune-up on your car to increase the engine's efficiency.
- Avoid unnecessary idling and go easy on the gas pedal — accelerate slowly.
- Delay mowing your lawn or using other gas-powered equipment.
- Avoid using oil-based paint and other solvents, and try to limit your use of aerosol products.

Ozone pollution is caused by people. You **can** make a difference with your actions on Ozone Action days!

Can an emergency vehicle find your house?

If you had a 9-1-1 emergency, would emergency workers be able to find you? It could take longer if your address can't be seen from the street.

Be sure your address is clearly posted on your home or business. Specifically, the City requires that your address numbers:

- Be at least 3” high (or at least 6” if the house or business is more than 90 feet from the road), and
- Be a color that contrasts with the background.

If your address isn't visible from the street because your home is set back on the property or because it is blocked by trees, shrubs or another structure, then you must also post your address in another visible location, such as a light post, entrance gate, or mail box (as long as the mail box is not on the opposite side of the street).

If you have any questions about the visibility of your address, please call the Zoning Dept. at (248) 871-2520.

Homeland Security Grant helps City test its emergency response

The City of Farmington Hills has received a grant from the Department of Homeland Security that will help the City test its ability to respond to a local emergency.

Our emergency plan was developed by the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), whose members include Police and Fire personnel, as well as administrative staff. Farmington Hills is one of four communities in Oakland County that has its own EOC. Members meet regularly to modify and test the emergency plan to ensure the City is fully prepared to handle a local emergency.

The EOC is currently working closely with the Farmington Public Schools to develop an exercise this summer that will test both the schools' and the City's emergency response plan. The Homeland Security grant will help cover the costs associated with this exercise.

City Directory

Emergency Calls Only	
Fire Department	9-1-1
Police Department	9-1-1
Central Services/Purchasing . .	871-2430
City Hall	871-2400
City Manager's Office	871-2500
Assessing	871-2470
City Clerk	871-2410
District Court	871-2900
Farmington Community Library	553-0300
Finance Department	871-2440
Fire Department	
Non emergency	871-2800
Human Resources	871-2490
Council Newsline	871-2511
Police Department	
Non emergency	871-2700
Public Services Department . .	871-2530
Public Works	871-2850
Planning Department	
Planning	871-2540
Building	871-2450
Community Development and	
Housing Rehabilitation . . .	871-2549
Zoning	871-2520
Special Services Department	
Costick Activities Center . .	473-1816
Cultural Arts Division	473-1856
Ice Arena	478-8800
Nature Center	477-1135
Parks & Golf	426-1505
Recreation	473-1800
Golf Club	476-5910
Senior Adult Program	473-1830
Volunteer Center	473-1813
Youth and Families	473-1841

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For the latest information about Farmington Hills, tune into cable Channel 8.

City takes action on West Nile Virus prevention

The City of Farmington Hills is again taking action to reduce the local mosquito population and combat the spread of West Nile Virus. City workers have treated all City-owned storm sewer catch basins on public property with a slow-release larvicide, known to kill mosquitoes that breed inside these structures.

Since the City's program is limited to City-owned property such as parks, municipal facilities, and public right-of-ways, private citizens are urged to take the following steps themselves:

- **Eliminate standing water.** Mosquitoes breed in stagnant, polluted water. Eliminate these habitats by emptying and cleaning out clogged rain gutters, children's swimming pools, birdbaths, unused tarps, or anything that traps water for a few days. (Healthy wetlands, running water in creeks or tributaries, or non-stagnant water in retention areas are not considered mosquito breeding areas.)
- **Treat private storm water catch basins.** There are many private storm sewer structures located in backyards, side yards, and subdivision open

spaces. The bottoms of these structures are prime mosquito breeding grounds. These can be treated easily with a drop-in larvicide, available from local retailers. Look for the mosquito control products display.

- **Educate yourself about West Nile Virus.** Through mailings, the City website, and articles in the local paper, the City is providing residents with information about this public health issue.
- **Reduce the risks of contracting the virus.** In areas where there are weeds, tall grasses, or bushes, protective clothing such as long pants and long-sleeved shirts should be worn. The use of insect repellants is also recommended (follow manufacturers' safety directions, especially for use with children.)

Working together in a community-wide effort, citizens can help reduce the mosquito population and decrease the spread of West Nile Virus. If you have questions about West Nile Virus prevention efforts, please call the Farmington Hills DPW at (248) 871-2850.

Are you registered to vote?

Farmington Hills residents who are registered to vote will be able to participate in the Primary Election on Tuesday, August 3 and in the General Presidential Election on Tuesday, November 2.

To be eligible to vote, you must be registered **30 days prior** to Election Day. 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 at least a 30-day resident of your city or township by Election Day, and
- At least 18 years of age by Election Day.

Absentee ballots

You are eligible for an absentee ballot if you meet any of the following criteria:

- Are 60 years of age or older;
- Are physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another;
- Are 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, or
- Cannot attend the polls because you are confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

Important note for students away at college and residents temporarily out-of-state: If you register to vote by mail, you are *not* eligible to vote by absentee ballot your first election and must vote in person. This does not apply to anyone 60 years of age or older. If you have any questions concerning

your eligibility for an absentee ballot, please contact our office at (248) 871-2418.

Absentee ballot applications

Applications for absentee ballots for the August 3 Primary and the November 2 Presidential Election will automatically be mailed to all persons who are 60 years of age or older, and to handicapped persons who have requested an application. Look for your application in the mail during the first week of June. This year, you will receive a dual application that covers both the August and November elections. Please be sure to check the appropriate boxes indicating the election(s) for which you would like an absentee ballot to be sent and return the application either in person or by mail to the City Clerk's office.

Drop box reminder

A 24-hour drop box is available for absentee ballots and ballot applications. The drop box is located in the median strip located between city hall and the police building. The box is green and is next to the federal mail boxes. You don't even need to get out of your car!

Election workers needed!

Here's a chance to serve your community, meet your neighbors and earn some extra money at the same time. If you, or someone you know, would like to work at one of our voting locations on Election Day, please contact Diane Behrend in the City Clerk's Office at (248) 871-2413 for an application. Training is provided. You don't have to be a resident of Farmington Hills, but you must be a registered voter of Oakland County. So, invite a friend from another community to join you!



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