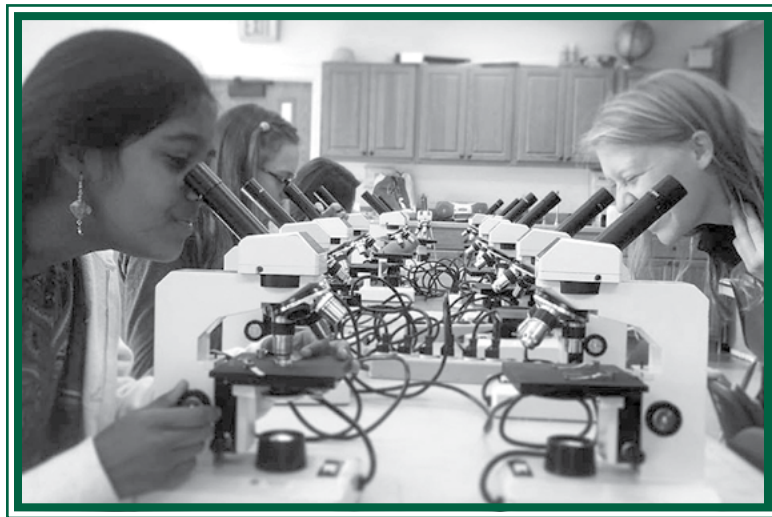




The Heritage Park Splash Pad, which features over 100 jets and sprayers, opens May 27.

SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT Play. Explore. Learn...LIVE!

Registration – <https://recreg.fhgov.com> Information – 248-473-1800



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Camp

UNPLUGGED SUMMER CAMPS – Over 3,000 kids ages 3–18 participate annually in the City's licensed day camps. Costick Center Camps offer games, crafts, sports, swimming, and special events. Heritage Park Camps offer the chance to hike the trails, cool off at the Splash Pad, and play games in open spaces. All day camps feature weekly themes. Offerings include Tour Xplore!, Art, Music and Theatre Camp, Sports Camp, Nature and STEM Camp, Safety Town, and Summer Drop-in programs for middle school students. Go to www.fhgov.com for a complete Summer Camp guide. Many camps also offer before and after care, call 248-473-1800 for details. Camps are open to both residents and non-residents.

RILEY ARCHERY RANGE – Indoor/outdoor archery range featuring eight shooting lanes with distances of 10–30 yards. Shooting opportunities for all ages and abilities, both bows and crossbows. Open shooting hours (days/times vary by season); beginner, advanced classes; leagues; group lessons for Scouts, corporate groups and others; private lessons; private range rental; camps; birthday parties; and competitions. Call 248-477-1135 for more information. The Riley Archery Range was made possible with support from the Riley Foundation, Panasonic, Safari Club International, ROWE Professional Services, Fendt, and Michigan DNR.

SEUSSICAL – May 5, 7 p.m.; May 6, 7 p.m.; May 7, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m.; May 8, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road. A musical extravaganza featuring 145 youth actors from Farmington Hills and neighboring communities. Favorite Dr. Seuss characters brought to life include Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, and Gertrude McFuzz. Tickets \$10 at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. For more information, call 248-473-1848.

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Register online for classes and programs at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. 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-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Resident Concerns Contact Us By Email

Contact us by email at www.fhgov.com. The inquiry form requires you to fill in your contact information for a follow up. Inquiries are automatically routed to the responsible department and follow up typically occurs within 24 hours, Monday through Friday. Direct more specific or complex inquiries to the appropriate department or call 248-871-2400.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Upcoming Election Dates

- **August 2, 2016 - State Primary** – Deadline to register is July 5, 2016
- **November 8, 2016 - General Election** – Deadline to register is October 11, 2016

Notice To Voters – Temporary Precinct Location Changes For August Election

Due to building and parking lot construction taking place at many Farmington Public Schools, the following voting precincts will be temporarily relocated for the August 2, 2016 State Primary Election:

- Forest Elementary – Precinct #3
- East Middle School – Precincts #18 and #19
- Lanigan Elementary – Precinct #21
- Power Middle School – Precinct #24
- Gill Elementary – Precinct #25

Voters located in these Precincts will receive a notice by mail advising them of the temporary location. Information is also available regarding the temporary location changes at www.fhgov.com.

Homeowner Association Contacts

The City Clerk's Office maintains a list of all Homeowner Associations with contact information. This enables the City to notify Associations of upcoming developments or road projects that may affect your subdivision. Please submit updated contact information to dwestbrook@fhgov.com or fax it to the City Clerk at 248-871-2411. Please be sure to do this annually or as officers and contact information changes.

May 3, 2016 Special Election

A Special Election has been scheduled for the Clarenceville School District for May 3, 2016. Please note that only electors in Farmington Hills Precinct 27 are located within the Clarenceville School District and are eligible to vote in this Election.

The ballot will include:

- Millage Proposal – Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy for the Clarenceville School District (Farmington Hills Precinct 27 only)

Important Deadlines

- **Saturday, April 30 until 2 p.m.** – Last day to request an absent voter ballot to be mailed.
- **Monday, May 2 until 4 p.m.** – Last day to request an absent voter ballot in person. Please be sure to bring your Photo I.D. Voters are not allowed to leave with the ballot on this day and must vote the ballot in person at City Hall.

Contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 for an absent voter ballot application or download the form and also view sample ballots on the City's website at www.fhgov.com.

Door To Door Peddlers/Solicitors

Springtime typically brings out more door-to-door peddlers/solicitors. Persons peddling door-to-door selling goods or services must be licensed with the City and have photo identification issued by the City Clerk's Office. Persons may only peddle/solicit between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

There are certain groups that are exempt from the City's licensing provisions, however, they still should be able to provide Photo ID from their respective organizations and are asked to comply with local time requirements. Youth groups such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts or other similar youth organizations are also exempt if they are soliciting within three miles of their residence. For questions on licensing, contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

If you do not wish to have peddlers/solicitors come to your door, please consider posting a "no peddling/no soliciting" sign on your property. Peddlers/Solicitors are not permitted on property that is signed as such. Subdivision Associations may also post similar signage at the entrances to their subdivisions. Please be advised that State Law dictates that peddling/soliciting cannot be prohibited within the City, however, licensed peddlers/solicitors must adhere to City ordinance requirements. The permit process requires completion of a background check conducted by the Police Department.

The Police Department reminds residents that you do not have to open your door for a stranger. If the person is soliciting, ask them to display their City-issued permit. Call the Police Department if you have any concerns or if the person is violating the ordinance. It is helpful if you can provide the name and/or organization for which the person was peddling/soliciting and your address or subdivision.



Dog Licenses

Licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older. Dog licenses may be purchased at the Treasury Division with proof of rabies vaccination. From January 1 through June 1, the cost is \$7.50 for spayed/neutered dogs (\$6.75 if the owner is age 65 or older); \$15 for male/female dogs (\$13.50 if the owner is age 65 or older.) After June 1, the license is considered delinquent and the cost is \$30 for all dogs. New animals over four months of age may be licensed at non-delinquent rates if the license is purchased within 30 days of acquisition. The City does not require cats to be licensed.

For questions regarding dog licenses, contact Oakland County at 248-391-4102 or PetAdoption@oakgov.com or contact the City of Farmington Hills Treasury Division at 248-871-2480.

For information about the William Grace Dog Park, located at 29040 Shiawassee Road, please visit www.fhgov.com and click on the Activities tab, then click on Dog Park for details about rules and regulations, hours, and fees.

TREASURY/ASSESSING DIVISION Reminders

- Summer property tax bills are mailed around July 1 and may be paid without penalty through August 31. Thereafter, late penalties are assessed progressively up to 7% by the following February. Postmarks are not accepted by the City.
- Tax bills are mailed to the address of record and not forwarded by the post office, except for temporary forwarding orders.
- Changes of mailing address should be filed with the Assessing Division.
- By law, failure to receive a property tax bill does not waive the tax bill or any charges for late payment.
- Every property should receive a property tax bill, even if the tax bill is to be paid via an escrow account. If you do not receive a summer property tax bill/statement by the end of the first week of July, or if you have any questions about your property taxes, call the Treasury Division at 248-871-2480.
- If you have any questions regarding your property assessment or taxable value, call the Assessing Division at 248-871-2470.

Now Hiring for Seasonal Positions!

During the spring and summer, the City hires a large number of employees in a variety of positions from part-time (20 hours) to temporary full-time (40 hours) in landscaping, road work, park and golf course maintenance, and recreation programs. Hourly pay rates range from \$9.75 to \$15 based on qualifications and job responsibilities. Open positions are advertised on www.fhgov.com and the City's Facebook page, or contact the Human Resources Department at 248-871-2490 for an application.

Housing Discrimination Notice

Housing discrimination is prohibited by law. For more information on housing discrimination, visit 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 at 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Severe Weather and Tornado Safety

Michigan averages 16 tornadoes every year. Most occur April–August between 3 and 9 p.m., but can occur any time of the day or night. The average Michigan tornado is on the ground less than ten minutes and travels about five miles.

A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted or is strongly indicated by radar. **A Tornado Watch** means there is a strong possibility of a tornado developing in the area. A tornado has not been seen, but conditions are very favorable for one to occur at any moment.

Local Warning Sirens in Oakland County are activated when the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning or a Severe Thunderstorm Warning. Seek shelter immediately and listen to the radio or television for more information.

In your home, a basement offers the greatest safety. In a home without a basement, take cover in the center of the house on the lowest floor in a small room such as a closet or bathroom or under sturdy furniture. In a manufactured/mobile home or vehicle, leave and go to a substantial structure before the storm arrives. If

there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or culvert with your hands shielding your head. At work or school, move to interior hallways or small rooms on the lowest floor. Avoid areas with glass and wide, free-span roofs. In open country, if possible, get into a sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or depression and hold onto something on the ground. Unless you are injured or truly need emergency services, do not call the police or fire departments.

Oakland County has outdoor warning sirens located throughout the county (nine in Farmington Hills) with each siren capable of covering about a one-mile radius. When sirens are activated, a three-minute tone indicates a tornado has been sighted or is strongly indicated on radar and/or a severe thunderstorm with 70 mph winds or greater is in the area.

It is important to know that the sirens in Oakland County are an “outdoor” warning system and are not intended to be heard indoors. The siren’s purpose is to warn people who are engaged in outdoor activities. All residents are encouraged to have a weather radio for indoor warning; these devices will wake you if you are sleeping.

Regular testing of the sirens for 2016 will be on the

first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. on May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, and November 5. Sirens are not activated in December, January or February.

Emergency Kits

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC) urges residents and businesses to have a 72-hour disaster “Go Kit” that should contain:

- Flashlights with extra batteries
- Dust masks, plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter in place
- Battery powered or hand crank radio
- First aid kit
- Prescription medications, glasses, hearing aids and any other special devices
- Canned food – at least a three-day non-perishable supply with a can opener
- Bottled water, one gallon of water per person per day for three days
- Extra clothing and cash

As always, any time that you have a life safety emergency, call 9-1-1.

Fireworks Ordinance

Consumer fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight only on the day before, the day of, and the day after, a national holiday, except on New Year’s Day when consumer fireworks may also be discharged between the hours of 12 midnight and 1 a.m.

National holidays are as follows: New Year’s Day (January 1); Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (third Monday in January); Washington’s Birthday/Presidents’ Day (third Monday in February); Memorial Day (last Monday in May); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (first Monday in September); Columbus Day (second Monday in October); Veterans Day (November 11); Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November); and Christmas Day (December 25).

Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used on public property including public streets and rights-of-way or on school property, church property or the private property of another, without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession and control of that property to undertake such action.

Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of both.

For more information about the Fireworks Ordinance, contact the City Clerk’s Office at 248-871-2410.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Avoid Becoming a Victim of IRS Scams

Phone and internet scams are the fastest-growing forms of financial crime since criminals can obtain great gain with a low risk of getting caught. One typical phone scam involves the caller telling the victim that they owe money to the IRS and it must be paid promptly through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer. If the victim refuses to cooperate, they are then threatened with arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver’s license. In many cases, the caller becomes hostile and insulting. Victims may also be informed that they have a refund coming and may be tricked into sharing private information. If the phone isn’t answered, scammers often leave an “urgent” callback request.

The Farmington Hills Police Department would like to inform residents of the following:

- The IRS will never call to demand immediate payment, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you a bill.
- The IRS will never demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- The IRS will never require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.

- The IRS will never ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone.
- The IRS will never threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
- If you receive a suspicious phone call or email, you should never provide personal or financial information.

If you become a victim of this type of scam you are urged to call the Police Department at 248-871-2600 to make a police report.

The Police Department and the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority Partner to Prevent Opiate/Heroin Overdose Deaths

Legislation that was passed in 2015 allows Michigan police officers to carry and use a lifesaving drug called Naloxone (commonly known as Narcan.) Thanks to a partnership with the Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority (OCCMHA), all Farmington Hills police officers are now equipped with Narcan, which can reverse the effects of an opioid/heroin overdose. Since police officers are often the first on the scene of a medical emergency, equipping them with

Narcan can mean the difference between life and death. All officers have been trained to recognize the symptoms of a heroin

or other opioid overdose. A person who has overdosed can stop breathing, and administering Narcan (via a nasal spray) as quickly as possible is critical.

Narcan kits have been provided to the Police Department by the OCCMHA through the “Law Enforcement Responds with Naloxone” (LERN) program, which is designed to address the increase of fatal overdoses. In the short time that police officers have been equipped with Narcan, they have successfully administered it twice, each time saving the person’s life. In addition, Farmington Hills Fire Department paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians equipped with Narcan saved 15 lives in 2015.



Narcan Kit

Operation Medicine Cabinet

As spring cleaning gets underway, residents are encouraged to bring expired and unused prescription medications to the Police Department for disposal. The Farmington Hills Police Department has partnered with the Oakland County Sheriff’s Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to protect the environment, seniors, and children by providing this service. Residents can stop by the Police Department lobby 24 hours a day, seven days a week, where command desk personnel are always available to assist.

Please note the following guidelines:

- Prescription drugs only
- No needles and no liquids
- All drugs must be separated from any containers or blister packaging and placed in a clear plastic bag.

Graduation Season and Underage Drinking

With graduation season around the corner, parents are reminded of the dangers of underage drinking and open house parties. Remember – providing alcohol to minors and allowing underage drinking at a house or hotel party is a crime. The City has a House Party Ordinance that prohibits minors from possessing or consuming alcoholic beverages and/or controlled substances at their residence or other premises.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Prevent West Nile Virus

- Reduce areas where mosquitoes breed by eliminating standing water in toys, buckets, flower pots, tires, pet water bowls, unused pools, birdbaths, clogged rain gutters, and other containers.
- Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding.
- Use insect repellent against mosquitoes, but follow manufacturers’ guidelines and don’t use on children younger than two.

- Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants.
- Mosquito-proof your home – keep mosquitoes outside by fixing or installing window and door screens.

For more info, go to www.oakgov.com/health or www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

For information about the Zika virus, go to <https://www.oakgov.com/health/information/Pages/Zika-Virus.aspx>

Recycling Reminders

- **Put only recyclable items** in your recycling cart. Quality material is the key to success with the City’s curbside recycling program, which provides economic and environmental benefits to our community. Since unacceptable materials and contaminants reduce the value of the recyclables, please only put *accepted* items in the cart. Follow the reference list of allowable materials printed on the cart lid or listed at www.rrrasoc.org.
- **Unacceptable items** such as garbage, garden hoses, plastic grocery bags, disposable diapers, needles, yard waste, and food waste all cause significant problems in the recycling process by exposing employees to health and safety issues and reducing the productivity of the recycling facility.
- **Don’t pile extra items** next to the recycling cart, only recyclable items that are in the cart will be recycled. All trash, recycling, and yard waste must be at the curbside by 7 a.m. on the assigned pickup day.
- **Store recycling carts and garbage cans inside the garage or house between collection days.** Containers may also be stored in the side or rear yards, but to help beautify the City, please do not store these containers within the front yard of your residence.
- **Place all rubbish and recycling containers** at the curb or edge of the street in front of your home no earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before your collection day and retrieve them no later than 12 hours following collection. To prevent recycling bins and garbage cans from attracting rodents and other vermin, please keep these containers clean!

- **Check out the new “Recycling Widget”** on the City website that will help residents learn how to properly dispose of just about anything! Go to www.fhgov.com, click on the Resident tab, click on Recycling, then simply type in the name of the item in the search box at the top of the page.

- **The “Recycling Directory”** from RRRASOC (Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County) is now available as a free mobile smartphone app. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “Recycling Authority.”

Questions? Call the DPW at 248-871-2850 or visit www.fhgov.com.



No plastic bags, styrofoam or shredded paper are allowed in recycling carts.

Hazardous Materials Drop-Off Day

Saturday, May 7 at OCC Orchard Ridge Campus

The City of Farmington Hills, in cooperation with Oakland Community College, will hold its annual HazMat Day on Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.– 2 p.m. at the OCC Orchard Ridge Campus in the northwest parking lot off Farmington Road. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Wixom are all eligible to attend with a driver’s license or other proof of residency.

Accepted items include oil-based paints, batteries, automotive fluids, pesticides, expired medications, aerosols, CFL bulbs, mercury, propane, and more. Containers must be labeled, not hold more than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds, and be in a sturdy box on the floor or in the trunk. Household electronic equipment accepted includes TVs, radios, VHS and DVD players, and computers including peripheral devices. Residents may bring up to 100 pounds of sensitive documents for shredding on site.

The following items are not accepted: commercial or business waste, unknowns over five gallons, smoke detectors, radioactive waste or explosives. Latex paint is also not accepted. (It’s not considered hazardous waste – add kitty litter or sand to dry out the paint left in the can then put it at the curbside with the lid off for pickup with the regular garbage.) For a complete list of acceptable items, go to www.rrrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270. Farmington Hills residents who can’t attend on May 7 may go to any of the other regional HazMat events listed on the RRRASOC website.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Now that spring has sprung it's time to get started on outdoor projects. The Planning and Community Development Department reminds you that **permits are required for the following:**

- Sheds 120 square feet or larger. (Planning)
- New fence installations greater than 16 feet in length and three feet in height. (Zoning)
- Air conditioning and whole house generator installation. (Zoning, Building)
- The removal of healthy trees that are six inches or greater in diameter. (Planning)

The office responsible for reviewing the project is in parentheses. Contact the Building Office at 248-871-2450, the Planning Office at 248-871-2540, and the Zoning Office at 248-871-2520.

Vehicle Storage

In the City of Farmington Hills, you are not permitted to store an unlicensed or inoperative vehicle outside on your property, including vehicles with expired plates. It is not recommended that *any* car be stored outside for a long period of time, even with a tarp over it. The body may appear to be in good condition, but dampness can gather underneath and cause rust to form on the frame, exhaust system, and brakes, and electrical lines can be chewed by rodents. If you are not using a vehicle on a regular basis, store it in a garage or storage facility to keep it in good running condition.

Beautification Commission Awards

Awards are presented annually to businesses, offices, and subdivision or condominium entrances with attractive and well-maintained landscapes. Judges visit nominated sites to look for landscape variety, imaginative use of color, and overall property maintenance. To nominate your property or any other deserving property, nomination forms are available after May 9 at www.fhgov.com or call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543 to have a form faxed or mailed. Judging takes place during July. Awards will be presented at the 2016 Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony in late fall.

Spring Plant and Seed Swap

The Beautification Commission's 16th Annual Plant and Seed Swap takes place on Saturday, May 21 at Heritage Park from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. – rain or shine – at the Heritage Park Visitor's Center parking lot, located off Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads. Every year, both amateur and Master Gardeners come prepared with gloves, wagons, and favorite plants and seeds to exchange. The Beautification Commission, Garden Club members, and Master Gardeners will all be on hand to answer questions and provide refreshments. For more information, call Charmaine Kettler-Schmult in the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543.

Housing Rehabilitation Program Home Repair Loans

Funding for zero-interest, deferred home repair loans is provided by the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Office (HUD). Homeowners may be eligible for loans to replace roofs, windows, furnaces, septic fields or hot water tanks. To qualify, applicants must own and occupy a home in Farmington Hills and the family must meet Federal income guidelines. A family of four, for example, must have a gross income of less than \$54,150. For information, call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543 or go to www.fhgov.com, click on the Government tab, then click on Planning and Community Development, then click on Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Historical Commissions

There are two City commissions charged with preserving, documenting, and promoting the history of Farmington Hills. The primary responsibility of the Historic District Commission (HDC) is the oversight of locally designated historic buildings and sites. There are currently 73 individual historic districts registered in the City. Any work on historic buildings (not including general maintenance) impacting the exterior appearance of the building or within 100' of the building requires review and approval by the HDC. For more information, go to www.fhgov.com and click on the Government tab, then click on Boards and Commissions, then Historic District Commission.

The primary function of the Farmington Hills Historical Commission (FHHC) is to collect, arrange, and preserve historical material indicative of the lives, customs, dress, and resources of the early residents of the Farmington area. The FHHC publishes source material and historical studies relative to the history of the state, including materials furnished by educational institutions and the Michigan Historical Commission.

Both of these commissions meet in City Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public and residents are welcome to attend. Unless otherwise stated, the HDC meets in the Community Room and the FHHC meets in the Fountain View room on the second floor. For general information, or to inquire about becoming a part of either of these commissions, call Mark Stec at 248-871-2544.



Rising Stars Theater Camp

SPECIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Play. Explore. Learn...LIVE!

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20TH ANNUAL ICE SHOW – May 6, 7 p.m.; May 7, 4 p.m. "Monopoly on Ice" showcases Skating Club members, Synchronized Skating Teams, and Learn-to-Skate students. Tickets available at the Ice Arena or Costick Center. \$8 Adults (19 & up); \$6 Seniors (65 & up) and Students (6–18). FREE for children five and under. Doors open 60 minutes before show time. Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 W. 8 Mile Road. For more information, call 248-478-8800.

WALK WITH A DOC – Third Thursday of each month through November

FREE program in partnership with Beaumont-Farmington Hills health care professionals. The 30–60 minute walk begins at the Nature Center at noon and continues on trails throughout the park. Walks are open to everyone. Call the 248-477-1135 for details.

NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY – May 26, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Costick Center

Last year over 140 seniors attended. The morning features a sampler of free fitness classes, from Tai Chi and Yoga to Strength Training and Gym. Try one sampler class or try them all! A mini health fair, balance screening, and fun activities will be followed by a nutritious lunch. You must participate in five activities to receive a free lunch. For more information, call 248-473-1830. Sponsored by Beaumont-Farmington Hills. No pre-registration necessary.

ART ON THE GRAND – June 4, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; June 5, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Find something for all tastes and budgets in this juried art fair with over 100 artists from around the country featuring painting, photography, jewelry, ceramics,

pottery, mixed media, fiber, glass, leather, clothing, and more. Hands-on activities offered for young art lovers. Located on Grand River Avenue in downtown Farmington. Presented by City of Farmington Hills Department of Special Services and Farmington DDA. For information, call the Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1870 or go to www.fhgov.com.

TENTH ANNUAL GREAT FARMINGTON HILLS CAMPOUT – June 4 – 5, Heritage Park

Pitch your tent any time after 1 p.m. on June 4. From 4–9 p.m., enjoy a fun and educational event. Fee is \$25 to reserve a campsite (one tent/six campers per campsite). Fee includes campsite, hot dog, and drink sponsored by Busch's and a pancake breakfast. Concessions available for purchase at "The Camp Store." Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> by May 31. Thanks to Campout partners: Dick's Sporting Goods, Busch's, Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission, Metro Parks, Farmington Area Optimist Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others.

SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION – June 20, 7 – 9 p.m.

Take a hayride, roast marshmallows, explore the Nature Center, create a fairy door and art projects, and visit the Children's Garden. A great way to celebrate the first day of summer and the longest day of the year! All ages, meet at the Nature Center. Fee is \$5 per person. Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. For more information, call 248-477-1135.

COSTICK CROCODILES – Summer session starts June 20

Swimmers will learn the first steps of competitive training. The Crocs anticipate a team of about 40 swimmers; last summer's team had 25. There will

be an internal swim meet on Saturday, August 13. Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> for either the Mon/Wed team (practices 3–4 p.m.) or the Tue/Thu team (practices 7–8 p.m.) For more information, call 248-473-1834.

OUTDOOR YOGA – Wednesdays, June 22 – August 24, 8 – 9 a.m.

Breathe and stretch in the serenity of Heritage Park. A renewed practice for those with experience, but perfect for beginners. Bring a mat and blanket, dress for the weather (layers). During inclement weather, class will be indoors. Fee is \$85 per person (save \$15 by pre-registering for all 10 classes at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>.) Drop-in fee is \$10 per class. Meet at Heritage Park Visitor's Center. For more information, call 248-477-1135.

WORLD'S LARGEST SWIM LESSON – June 24

The Costick Center Pool joins aquatic facilities around the globe to attempt to break the Guinness World Record. Swimming is a lifesaving skill for children and a vital tool to prevent drowning, the second leading cause of unintended, injury-related death for children ages 1 to 14. The World's Largest Swim Lesson was created to help community aquatic facilities and water safety and drowning prevention organizations work together to tell this important story. FREE. Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or at the Costick Center.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER DROP-IN – June 27 through August 19, 2016

Eight-week program with indoor and outdoor activities and optional field trips open to all incoming 6th–8th graders. Sign up at the Costick Center for the 2nd Floor Summer Drop-In Program at the Ice Arena, located at 35500 W. 8 Mile Road. Then sign up for 25 different optional Summer Field Trips. Program hours are 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Monday–Thursday. On Friday, everyone participates in the Waterpark Field Trip. For more information, call 248-473-1841 or register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>.

ADVANCED JR. NATURALIST CLUB – Thursdays, July 21–August 25, 3:30–5:30 p.m. Sponsored by Farmington Area Optimist Club

Six-week program focusing on nature study, birding, wetland exploration, gardening, orienteering, insects, and animals. Each child will receive their own Nature Pack with real Naturalist equipment and an Advanced Jr. Naturalist Certificate. A great way for your child to spend the afternoon after camp! Meets at the Nature Center for ages 7–12. Fee is \$40 per child (pre-registration required) at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. For more information, call 248-477-1135.

STEM LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE – Two weeks: August 15–19 and August 22–26 Supported by the BOSCH Community Fund

Middle and high school students will excel over the summer with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math). Week 1 – students gain college-level lab and

field experience exploring how STEM disciplines help solve tomorrow's environmental problems. Week 2 – students work with Detroit-area STEM professionals to explore career opportunities. Meets at the Nature Center. Each week costs \$130, resident fee \$120. Scholarships available, call 248-477-1135. Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>.

MARSHMALLOW FLY & FRY – August 16, 5–8 p.m.

Watch thousands of marshmallows fall from atop the Fire Department's ladder truck! Sponsored by Busch's Fresh Food Market. Turn in your collected marshmallows for goodies. The event is FREE to the public and takes place at Heritage Park. Cook hot dogs and s'mores over a pit fire, or purchase already cooked hot dogs. Call 248-473-1800 for more information.

SPLASH BASH – August 22, 6 p.m.

FREE family fun at the Heritage Park Splash Pad – one part splash, one part snuggle. Bounce in the bounce house, and then cool down in the Splash Pad. Then bring your blankets and enjoy the movie "Inside Out" at 8:30 p.m. Food and drink will be available on site for purchase.

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE – Five-game schedule begins September 10.

Develop your child's individual soccer skills and introduce the concepts of team play and sportsmanship. Games are on Saturdays and practices are once a week at the discretion of the coach. Volunteer team coaches are needed. Due to the popularity of the program, requests for special consideration pertaining to team placement cannot be guaranteed. Every effort will be made to accommodate our volunteers. The league is broken up into three divisions: K–1, Grades 2–3, Grades 4–5. Fee is \$75, resident discount fee: \$65. Registration deadline: July 22.

Kangaroo Kickers, an introduction to soccer for ages 3–5, takes place May 4–June 1. Learn the game of soccer in a pressure-free environment. For more information on soccer leagues, go to www.fhgov.com/activities or call 248-473-1800.

47th ANNUAL FASHION SHOW TO BENEFIT THE LONGACRE HOUSE – September 24

Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 Thirteen Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Boutique opens at 10:30 am, Luncheon & Fashion Show at noon. Fashions by The Clothing Cove. Tickets are \$40.

The Longacre House, 24705 Farmington Road, offers a unique and charming atmosphere for weddings, birthdays, and showers. Call 248-477-8404 for a tour or visit www.longacrehouse.org.

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FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Heritage Park
Enjoy fun-filled evenings of great music. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, picnic dinner, and your family and friends. Concerts are sponsored by Mercedes-Benz Financial Services.
In inclement weather, the alternative site for most concerts is the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile. For more info, 248-473-1848.

- June 23 – Teddy Petty & The Refugees** – Ultimate tribute band to Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers
- June 30 – Atlas Jazz with Anna Givens** – Smooth jazz to R&B to rock
- July 7 – Farmington Community Concert Band** – Concert band classics and great marches from this 90-piece band
- July 14 – High School Night** – New! Performances by various high school bands and individuals from Metro Detroit. Interested in performing? Call the Cultural Arts Division at 248-473-1857 by May 11.
- July 21 – Indian Musical Extravaganza** – Music and dance representing the Spirit of India with Bollywood film industry hits
- July 28 – Farmington Community Big Band** – Music of the Big Band era from this 20-piece band
- August 4 – Farmington Community Chorus** – Fantastic solos plus a mix of pop, jazz and classical vocals
- August 11 – Annabelle Road** – Best of rock and country. Picked as “Next Big Star” finalists on Kenny Chesney’s “Poets & Pirates” tour.
- August 18 – The Brian Alexander Band** – Ultimate party band, music from 60’s favorites to current hits

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- Recreation.....248-473-1800
- Senior Adult Division.....248-473-1830
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Volunteer Center248-473-1813

Spring Reminders

- Preventing street flooding in your neighborhood** – Clean debris and fallen leaves from the catch basin grating by the curb in front of your house when it’s dry, before debris is submerged in several inches of rain water.
- Street sweeping** – The City sweeps all curbed, residential streets approximately five times annually to remove the dirt and debris before it enters the storm sewer system and ultimately flows into creeks and streams. This sweeping **does not** include pickup of the leaves that have been raked into the street by property owners. Areas where it is apparent that the property owners have cleared their yards into the street will be bypassed by the sweeping contractor.
- Disposal of tree limbs and logs** – Large tree limbs and logs (larger than 6” in diameter) are not picked up as part of the normal yard waste removal. If a contractor or landscaping firm is responsible for cutting or trimming the trees, then the removal of the wood and debris should be included in their contract. If storms bring down trees on private property, it is the homeowner’s responsibility to cut up and **remove** the tree debris. Smaller branches and logs (less than 6” in diameter) can be bundled and placed at the curb for pickup with normal yard waste. Larger limbs and wood must be removed by the homeowner or contractor. If the property owner is responsible for the cutting or trimming, call the DPW at 248-871-2850 for Waste Management contact information to get a special request pickup and a cost quote.

Holiday Delays for Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Pickup

Memorial Day – Monday, May 30. Monday – No collection scheduled. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday’s collection on Saturday.

Independence Day – Monday, July 4. Monday – No collection scheduled. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday’s collection on Saturday.

Labor Day – Monday, September 5. Monday – No collection scheduled. All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday’s collection on Saturday.

To ensure pickup, have your garbage at the curbside by 7 a.m. and limit containers to a 32 gallon, 60 pound capacity.

Please note – the last week of yard waste pickup will be the week of November 28, 2016.

PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Division – Construction Projects

Engineering Projects Scheduled for 2016

- Roads**
- 13 Mile Road, Haggerty to Halsted – reconstruction
 - 13 Mile Road, Farmington to Orchard Lake – reconstruction
 - Drake Road, 13 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road – reconstruction
 - Gill Road, 8 Mile to 9 Mile Road – reconstruction
 - Colfax Road, Farmington to Gill Road – reconstruction
 - Independence Commons Subdivision Road – road rehabilitation
 - Briarhill Subdivision – road rehabilitation
 - Hollywood, Westhill Woods and Tarabusi Grand River Gardens Area Subdivisions – road rehabilitation
 - Inkster Road, 13 Mile to 14 Mile Road – resurfacing
 - I-275, 5 Mile to the I-696/M-5 Interchange – road rehabilitation and bridge deck work (Michigan Department of Transportation)
- Traffic Signals**
- 13 Mile and Drake Road – Signal modernization, interconnection and pedestrian facility upgrades
 - Farmington and Colfax – Pedestrian signal and pavement markings upgrades and ramp modifications/improvements
 - 9 Mile and Gill – Pedestrian signal and pavement markings upgrades and ramp modifications/improvements
- New Sidewalks**
- Drake Road, across frontage of 31000 Drake Road
 - Drake Road (east side), Muer Cove to Dewberry
 - 14 Mile Road (south side), Chatsworth to Inkster Road (south)
 - Gill Road (east side), Colfax to Nine Mile Road
- Water Mains**
- Drake Road, north of Springhill to south of Westwood
- Sanitary**
- Drake Road at Dewberry
- Drainage**
- Replacement of Main Culvert Minnow Pond Drain on Drake Road just south of Dewberry
 - Replacement/repair of Rockdale and Lamar Crossing of the Main Ravine Drain

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