



# Mayors' Youth Council

## WHAT IS MYC?

- **INITIATE** Are you ready to make it happen? Do you want to make a difference? Are you ready to connect with your community and make it a better place? Are there things that you want to do, events that you want to plan, projects that you want to lead? Then the Mayors' Youth Council is the place for you.
- **LEARN** The Farmington/Farmington Hills Mayors' Youth Council is a group of teens dedicated to bettering their city by creating programs that appeal to high schoolers. The MYC gives teens the opportunity to have fun, make new friends, plan events, and get involved in their community. Members have the chance to get hands-on experience in local government by working with the City Council while learning leadership and organizational skills. This is civic training at its best, giving kids the outlets and tools they need to increase their understanding of how to run a municipal body and make a difference.
- **ENLIST** Anybody in high school (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) who lives in Farmington/Farmington Hills can be a member of the F2H MYC – we are always looking for new members and we would love to have you on our council! Members are officially sworn into office near the end of each year, but being official is not necessary for membership – we can always use your input!
- **DISCUSS** The MYC meets twice a month in the Conference Room at the Costick Activities Center located on 11 Mile Road just east of Middlebelt. All meetings begin at 6:00 PM and generally run about two hours. Don't forget... there's free pizza at every meeting! Check out our meeting schedule in this packet for specific dates.
- **CONTACT** Please e-mail or call us with any questions or ideas for projects!  
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## WHO IS MYC?

MYC is made up of any number of high school students living in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community. Up to thirteen of these students are sworn in as official members; with elections held for three officer positions. Even if you are not an official member, you can still have an active role in the Mayors' Youth Council and are encouraged to attend the meetings and share your opinions!

## **JUMP IN & PARTICIPATE!**

- **Club 2<sup>ND</sup> Floor** At the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, we have food and live bands every Friday night! Come check us out!
- **Eco-House** The Farmington/Farmington Hills Mayors' Youth council will strive to create an environmentally sustainable home as an example and educational opportunity for the public.
- **Swing Dancing** Meet us in Downtown Farmington at the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion every Thursday night from 8-11PM.
- **MYC Talk Show** A new talk show comes out every month on Channel 8! Check it out and send us your ideas for topics!
- **Riley Skate Park** Funded by George Riley and the MYC, this is the premier skate park in the Midwest.
- **MYC Website** [www.F2h.org](http://www.F2h.org) is our official website, with tons of information on our council and our current projects.
- **MRPA Conferences** These conferences give us an opportunity to meet with other teen councils from around the Michigan to collaborate and discuss current events.
- **Youth Dialogues on Race and Ethnicity in Metropolitan Detroit** This project, supported by the University of Michigan, initiates discussion between students of different races working towards the right view of diversity.
- **The Great Farmington Hills Campout** Join every June for a weekend of good times and camping in Heritage Park!
- **Reverse Mentoring** This program connects a teenager and a senior citizen and gives the senior citizen an opportunity to receive individualized attention about technology, such as the computer.
- **Community Garden** Help plant and maintain a herb garden for the FH Senior Nutrition Program.
- **Local Boards & Commissions** Be a part of local boards and commissions and report back to the Mayors' Youth Council at meetings.

## **WHAT HAS MYC ACCOMPLISHED?**

The MYC represents the view of the youth in Farmington and Farmington Hills and help determine what programs the Department of Special Services Recreation Division and Youth & Family Services Division should offer for youth in our communities. Past MYC members have planned and participated in many, many programs!

### **Past MYC Projects**

#### **Conferences**

National League of Cities  
Michigan Youth Symposium  
Michigan Center for Civic Education

#### **Events & Programs**

Modern Tuneage "Battle of the Bands"  
Guest Speakers @ MYC Meetings  
Live & Local  
Dodgeball League  
Riley Skate Park  
Skater Holiday Party  
Founder's Festival "Battle of the Bands" and Teen Tent  
Phoenix Theatre Dodgeball Tournament  
Three on three Basketball League  
Horseback Riding Lessons

Open Gym for Teens  
Ski/Snowboard Trips  
Disc Golf Team and Tournament  
Club 2nd Floor  
Participation on Youth Boards and  
Commissions  
Meet the Mayor Nights  
[www.F2h.org](http://www.F2h.org)  
City Open House  
Recreation Events  
Movies in the Park  
Hay Day  
MYC Talk Show  
Tutoring Sessions  
Various Fundraisers

...and much, much more! Think of what you can do with MYC!

# HOW WAS MYC ESTABLISHED?

The Council was officially established by city ordinance in the year 2001

MYC City Ordinance  
ORDINANCE NO. C-3- 01

## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CHAPTER 8A, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF A MAYORS' YOUTH COUNCIL IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF FARMINGTON.  
THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:

### Section 1.

The City Code, Chapter 8 A, Children, Youth & Families, of the City of Farmington Hills, is hereby amended to add a new Article to read as follows:

### CHAPTER 8A ARTICLE II MAYORS' YOUTH COUNCIL

#### 8-600. Established.

There is established a Mayors' Youth Council, whose mission is to serve as a conduit between the local governments and their younger constituents. Voice will be given to teenagers to bring all issues, great and small, to the forefront. Conversely, the Youth Council will bring the government's voice to teenagers, showing all the opportunities to enrich the teenagers of Farmington Hills/Farmington. Bringing youth and the government together gives both more power to better the community.

#### 8-601. Authority: Duties.

The Youth Council is charged with the authority and responsibility of making recommendations to the Cities concerning the needs and concerns of youth and the community and the appropriate means by which public and private agencies in cooperation with volunteer efforts may address such needs and concerns. All programs and activities will be sent to the City Councils for approval.

#### 8-602. Members: Appointment.

The Youth Council shall consist of thirteen (13) members who shall be selected from the high school age students who reside in Farmington Hills and Farmington. Eleven (11) members shall be appointed by the Mayor of Farmington Hills subject to the approval by a majority vote of the members of the Farmington Hills City Council. Two (2) members shall be appointed by the Mayor of Farmington subject to the approval of a majority vote of the members of the Farmington City Council.

#### 8-603. Terms of Office.

Members of the Youth Council shall hold office for a one-year term and until their successors are appointed and qualified; however, members may serve for more than one term. Appointments shall be made to coincide with the academic calendar in order to facilitate greatest student involvement.

#### 8-604. Organization: Meetings.

(a) The Youth Council shall conduct the election of a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary from among its members. The terms of the chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary shall be one (1) year with eligibility for reelection; however, a member shall not be eligible to serve more than two (2) successive terms as chairperson. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings but shall have no other duties not in common with other members. The Youth Council may create and fill such other offices as it may deem necessary or expedient.

(b) The Youth Council shall meet regularly as necessary to conduct business and shall keep a record of its resolutions, transactions, findings and determinations. Three (3) unexcused absences in the course of a term shall subject a member to removal from office in the sole discretion of the Mayor. The Youth Council may appoint high school students as associate members to serve on committees advising it on various matters. Associate members may participate in all discussions but shall not have a vote.

### Section 2.Repealer.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

### Section 3.Severability.

Should any section, subdivision, clause, or phrase of this ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or in part, shall not be affected other than the part invalidated.

### Section 4.Savings.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

### Section 5.Effective Date.

The provisions of this ordinance are ordered to take effect twenty-one (21) days after enactment.

### Section 6.Enactment.

This ordinance is declared to have been enacted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a meeting called and held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

AYES: BARNETT, BATES, BRICKNER, ELLIS, GRANT, MC RAE AND OLIVERIO

NAYS: NONE

ABSTENTIONS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

SS:

COUNTY OF OAKLAND )

I, the undersigned, the qualified and acting City Clerk of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, do certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills at a meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2001, the original of which is on file in my office.

*Kathryn A. Dornan*

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

City of Farmington Hills

Introduced: 04/09/01 Adopted: 04/16/01 Effective: 05/07/01 Published: 04/22/01

## WHERE ELSE CAN I GET INVOLVED?

### Boards & Commissions Open to Youth

Aging, Farmington Area Commission on	The goals of this Commission are all geared toward the betterment of daily living for older adults. The Commission examines social attitudes, creates community awareness, establishes a climate for living independently with dignity and encourages recognition for their contribution to the past and present. <b>Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.</b> Chair Lew Cantor. For further information, please call the Senior Adult Division (248) 473-1830. <b>12 members.</b>
Beautification Commission, Farmington Hills	The purpose of this commission shall be to advise the Farmington Hills Council on recommendations for the beautification of the City. The commission promotes and publicizes projects for beautification and acknowledges projects of beautification in a yearly awards ceremony. <b>This commission shall consist of 21 members</b> appointed by the Mayor and confirmed by Council. A commissioner's term of office shall be for three years. A commissioner may be re-appointed. One-third of the terms expire annually. A Council Member appointed by the Council will serve as liaison member. <b>Commission meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month in the evening.</b> Please direct all correspondence to: Beautification Commission, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Co-Chairs are Jeff Stewart and Carol Kurth. For more information, please call the Community Development Office at (248) 871-2543.
Cable Access Committee	A nine-member cable access committee has been appointed by the Cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Novi to make recommendations on policies pertaining to channels, facilities, and equipment, and to help organize interest groups to facilitate access programming. Patricia Isham 471-5112
Children, Youth and Families, Commission on	This Commission was established to encourage an environment where children, youth, and families are happy, healthy, educated, and safe and have the opportunity to reach their full potential. The Commission will meet on the <b>first Thursday of every month and will consist of 26 members.</b> Members will serve 3-year terms with one-third of their terms to expire annually. Chair Andy Nickelhoff. Call Youth & Family Services for more information (248) 473-1841.
Citizens Corps Council for Emergency Preparedness	The mission of the Farmington Hills Citizen Corps Council for Emergency Preparedness is to support and enhance the efforts of local public safety organizations in helping ensure that residents and business owners have the information, education, and skills necessary to protect themselves, their families, homes, and businesses in the event of a local emergency. <b>17 members. First Monday.</b> Staff liaison (248) 871-2417.
Historical Commission	It shall be the duty of the Commission to collect, arrange, and preserve historical material indicative of the lives, customs, dress, and resources of the early residents of the Farmington area and to publish source material and historical studies relative to an illustration of the history of the State including such historical materials and studies as may be furnished for that purpose by educational institutions and by the Michigan Historical Commission. <b>This Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month. No limit on membership.</b> Chair John Willyard. For further information, please call (248) 661-8915.
Library Board of Trustees, Farmington Community	To make available to all residents of the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, such books, periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, recordings, films, and other audio-visual materials which will satisfy their informational, cultural, and recreational needs. <b>Meetings are held the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.</b> in the Quiet Room of the Library Branch at 32737 W. Twelve Mile Road, although occasionally they meet at the Farmington Branch. Tina Theeke, Library Director. For more information, please call (248) 848-4301
MCMR	Multicultural Multiracial Council. The MCMR Council is dedicated to promoting awareness and acceptance of diversity in our community. Contact Co-Chairs Tanji Grant and John Golaszewski at (248) 871-2500.
Parks Recreation Commission	Parks Recreation Commission coordinates recreational programs and improves, expands and reflects the park and recreational needs of the community. Chair Paul Jacokes (248) 848-0364.
Suicide Prevention Taskforce	Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00pm at Farmington Hills City Hall. Chairs Ken Massey, Randy Bruce, and Nancy Bates. For further information, please call (248) 871-2500.
Voter Participation, Committee to Increase	To stimulate and improve voter participation in all elections and to increase the quality and quantity of publicity and information regarding such elections. Barry Brickner liaison. Rose Christoph Chair 553-2997 Two <b>student vacancies.</b>

## WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

In today's society, we are faced with media all over the country presenting negative images of high school students. As the Mayors' Youth Council, we would like to give you a chance to be heard. Let your voice ring out above the crowd and make a difference. Challenge the government to improve society. Better yet, challenge your peers and yourself. Become more prepared for college and engage in community service projects that are tons of fun. As if you needed more reasons to join...

## TESTIMONIALS FROM MYC MEMBERS

*"Honestly, I never thought MYC would be anything more than an opportunity to get community service hours for college and the National Honor Society. However, it has provided me with opportunities that I never thought I would be a part of. This summer, I participated in the University of Michigan's Dialogue Program. It completely changed the way I thought about people in the community. Since then, I have been heavily involved with diversity work and have found something that I really love! I would not have been offered this amazing opportunity if it had not been for MYC!"*

- Monica Mungarwadi

*"MYC has been a way for me to make a difference in my community. I have been part of MYC since my freshmen year and I've done a lot of advertising for our projects. It has given me some great experiences in understanding my community better. At first, I did MYC during my freshmen year for community service hours but now MYC is something so much bigger to me because it gives me a voice in some of the community events MYC holds."*

- Indulekha Ghandikota

*"MYC has shaped my character. Ever since I joined MYC my freshman year, I have gotten really involved and by coming to the meetings I learned so many new things. Also, I've participated in Summer Youth Dialogues. MYC gave me this opportunity to acknowledge other races and accept other people better. I have been part of several other programs from MYC and they are all very fun!"*

- Maithri Malladi

*"I like MYC because I get to make new friends, have new experiences, and have good things to put on my college application!"*

- Vivi Rubles

## OFFICER POSITIONS & DUTIES

### **Chair (Co-chair or Tri-Chair)**

- Networking – If a contact needs to be made in order to complete a project, get the necessary contact information from our advisors and initiate contact with the other party.
- Agenda Writing/Distribution – Write the agendas for MYC meetings (using the template currently in place) and distribute them via email 5-7 days before the meeting itself.
- Running Meetings – Working from the agenda, move through MYC meetings in an orderly fashion, keeping the members on topic and addressing each item that needs discussion.
- Delegating Responsibilities – When planning projects, be sure everyone is working towards a finished product.
- Public Relations- Act as a spokesperson to the media and at civic events.

### **Treasurer**

- Budget Planning – Discuss the overall costs of the year with our advisors and keep the council updated on current expendable income.
- Fundraising – Plan fundraisers to supplement the MYC budget from the city. If we want to give to other causes, that money needs to be raised as well.

### **Secretary**

- Record Notes- At every meeting take detailed notes and then send them out to members and city clerks for perusal.
- Council Updates – Send email updates of council activities to the council immediately after meetings or when there are many things occurring outside of meetings that members need to know about.
- Contact List – Devise a phone number and email list including all current MYC members to keep all members informed.

## **HOW DO I JOIN?**

Just come to a meeting and fill out an application. Applications can be printed out at [www.f2h.gov](http://www.f2h.gov)

## **WHEN DO I SHOW UP?**

### ***MYC Meeting Dates 2016-2017***

All meetings take place at the Costick Activities Center (28600 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336) located just East of Middlebelt on 11 Mile Road. Our meetings begin at 6:00PM and run until about 7:30PM. We have free pizza at every meeting!

### **Mayor's Youth Council**

#### **2016/2017 Meeting Schedule**

October 20, 2016 – New Member Orientation

November 7, 2016

December 5, 2016

January 9, 2017

January 19, 2017

February 6, 2017

February 23, 2017

March 6, 2017

March 22, 2017

April 18, 2017

May 1, 2017

May 17, 2017

June 5, 2017

July 10, 2017

August 7, 2017

September 11, 2017

September 21, 2017

October 2, 2017

October 17, 2017

November 6, 2017

December 4, 2017

**...SO WHY NOT JOIN TODAY?**

