



Annual Report 2013 FARMINGTON HILLS Michigan

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Message from Your Mayor

The only certainty in life is change, but the more things change, the more they stay the same. Although these are clichés, they are appropriate for Farmington Hills today and in the year to come.

Two long-term City Council members retired this year. I thank Nancy Bates and Cheryl Oliverio for their service and for helping to shape Farmington Hills into the City we know and love. We were sorry to see them go, but we were happy to welcome new City Council members Valerie Knol and Samantha Steckloff. Although they represent change in personnel, our residents won't see any reduction in the excellent representation from our City Council.

The new water tower represents a change to our skyline, but it will stabilize our water rates for years to come. It was raised in December and will be operational in June. The tower's message, to live and love Farmington Hills, is what we, as residents, have always felt in our hearts.

The construction of a roundabout at Orchard Lake and 14 Mile Roads is a change that will require some adjustments, but the Road Commission for Oakland County believes this change will bring better traffic flow, greater safety, and modernization of the entire Orchard Lake corridor.

The Oakland County Water Resources Commission will be breaking ground on an underground storage/transport tunnel along Middlebelt Road from 13 Mile to I-696. The tunnel will be hidden from sight, deep in the ground. Once completed, this change will alleviate the overflow of sanitary sewage, improving the water quality of the Pebble Creek for our residents and downstream communities.

We all know that change is inevitable. In 2014, the outcome of the changes will be positive and will help the City of Farmington Hills maintain the high level of service our residents deserve.

— Mayor Barry Brickner

Front row
Valerie Knol, Mayor Barry Brickner,
Samantha Steckloff
Back row
Mayor Pro Tem Randy Bruce, Richard
Lerner, Ken Massey, Michael Bridges

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City Council

Mayor - Barry Brickner

Mayor Pro Tem - Randy Bruce

Michael Bridges

Valerie Knol

Richard Lerner

Ken Massey

Samantha Steckloff

City Manager - Steve Brock

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City Clerk's Office

A Special Election was held on August 6 and the City General Election was held on November 5. The November Election had a 26% voter turnout, and the Clerk's Office processed over 7,000 absent voter ballots. Long-time City Council members Nancy Bates and Cheryl Oliverio did not run for re-election. Mayor Barry Brickner (who ran unopposed) and City Council member Michael Bridges were both re-elected, and new Council members Valerie Knol and Samantha Steckloff were elected. Results were transmitted by cellular modem directly to Oakland County, allowing candidates and residents to view results live via the County website.

The Clerk's Office renewed or issued over 220 permits or registrations and is working with the State of Michigan to pilot a state-wide birth registry system. State-certified records may also soon be required to obtain a passport.

The Clerk's Office continued to review and update local ordinances. As of November 2014, massage therapists will be required to be licensed through the State; notifications were sent to all currently-licensed therapists and businesses in June and again in November.

City Clerk Pam Smith served as President of the Oakland County Clerk's Association in 2013.

Fire Department

The Farmington Hills Fire Department is a combination department comprised of both Paid Call and Career Fire Fighters. The Fire Department continues to provide fast, efficient, and cost-effective emergency services, even with a 7% increase in emergency incidents compared to last year.

- The Department provides advanced life support (paramedic) services at all medical emergencies, extinguishment of fires, vehicular accidents, hazardous materials incidents, incidents involving utilities, and other types of incidents.
- Members of the Department serve as Emergency Manager and Assistant Emergency Manager, working closely with the Michigan State Police Division of Homeland Security, and also serve as liaisons to the award-winning Emergency Preparedness Commission.
- The Department has representation on numerous boards and committees and active involvement in various community benefits and fundraisers.
- Fire Department representatives serve as leaders and members on a variety of response teams implemented through mutual aid agreements with neighboring fire departments; Specialized Hazardous Materials and Urban Search and Rescue Teams are a consortium of fire fighters highly trained for the specific response discipline.

Fire Prevention efforts include:

Fire Prevention – Fire Inspectors do commercial building and residential/home safety inspections, test life safety systems, consult on emergency and evacuation planning, and offer a smoke alarm installation program.

Fire Investigation – Fire Investigators investigate the origin and cause of all fires that occur in the City. Fire investigation is a joint effort with specially-trained Police Officers.

Public Education – Fire safety and fire prevention education is provided to the business community and also through fire station tours, school visits, and community events (Fly'n Fry, Hay Day, Costick Center Health Fair.) In 2013, over 7,500 seniors, adults, and children received fire safety messages. The October Fire Prevention Open House had over 700 in attendance. The school fall assembly program was presented to 6,000 students and staff. Overall, Fire Prevention messages impacted over 14,000 community members.

Police Department

Thanks to community partners who supported the Police Department by reporting suspicious activity and following crime prevention basics, Group A crime (the 20 most serious crime categories) decreased by 4.82% last year. Farmington Hills remains one of the safest cities in the State of Michigan and in the nation. Group A crime has decreased in four of the last five years. Compared to five years ago, serious crime has decreased by 22.27%.

Following the Department's receipt of the prestigious *Voice of the People Award* for the Nation's Top Police Services in 2012, several Department members received special recognition in 2013. The Police Officers Association of Michigan presented the *Distinguished Service Medal* to Officers Eric Buckberry, Michael Connolly, Michael Meister, Thomas Shivak, and Christopher Weiss for their response and follow-up on a murder investigation.

The Oakland County Coordinating Council Against Domestic Violence presented a *Special Recognition Award* to Farmington Hills police personnel, Judge Marla Parker, and other members of a multi-disciplinary group for creating the only domestic violence High Risk Response Team in Oakland County.

Oakland County Prosecutor Jessica Cooper presented *Distinguished Service Awards* to Sergeant Richard Wehby and Sergeant Michael Flatt for their professional and dedicated detective work on a number of high profile cases during the year. Farmington Hills Investigative Bureau personnel solved another "cold case" in 2013, and brought a killer to justice for a Farmington Hills murder committed 20 years ago.

Officer Jeff Miller received the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Call to Action Coalition's *"Commitment to the Journey" Award* for his work in the 47th District Court's Sobriety Court program, which included approximately 25 home visits to program participants.

Police Officer of the Year honors for 2012 recognized Sergeant Michael Flatt (*American Legion Award*), Officer Christopher Landis (*Optimist Award*), and Officer Jim Knittel (*City of Farmington Hills Award*). Officer Michael Meister received one of 80 state awards presented by *Mothers Against Drunk Driving*.

The Department's emergency preparedness efforts continued last year. Sgt. Brian Bastianelli and Officer Lawrence Luttrell received the *Botsford Safety Award* for an active shooter exercise. Commander Matt Koehn, Lt. Paul Nicholas and Sgt. Jeff King received nationally recognized, grant-funded training at the *United States Center for Domestic Terrorism* in Anniston, Alabama.

Police personnel are proud to serve, and remain committed to the Department's mission statement: *"The Farmington Hills Police Department is committed to maintaining the safety and quality of life of this community, through the delivery of superior police services without prejudice or partiality."*



The Police Department Honor Guard with the Tigers Team Mascot - Officer Hadar Saad, Sgt. John Piggott, Paws, Sgt. Brian Bastianelli, Officer Marc Kieleszewski and Detective Chris Steuer

Special Services Department

Find out more about Special Services Department offerings! Become a friend on Facebook (search Farmington Hills Special Services), review the seasonal brochure, call 248-473-1800 or visit www.fhgov.com. To register for programs and events online, go to <https://recreg.fhgov.com>.

Cultural Arts Division

In 2013, the Farmington Hills Youth Theatre, which introduced thousands of children to theater over the past ten years, was revamped with new directors, new staff, and greater involvement from the Cultural Arts Division. The new Youth Theatre's first production, "TARZAN – The Stage Musical," got rave reviews and featured two casts of over 80 actors from 33 different schools.

This year, the Youth Choir became "Vocalmotion," a stage choir open to grades 6 to 12 that combines both vocalists and dancers. "Vocalmotion" will perform on its own and also as a creative component of Youth Theatre productions.

The Cultural Arts Concert program, partially funded by grants from the Michigan Humanities Foundation, had packed audiences at the Players Barn Theatre for Peter Oprisko's Fabulous Frank, a retrospective on Sinatra; Magic Bus, a sixties-era rock group; and for Blackthorn. Stars in the Park offered free summer concerts in Heritage Park, sponsored by Mercedes Benz Financial Services.

Art on the Grand returned to downtown Farmington for its fourth year on Grand River Avenue, attracting thousands with art from 100 local and national artists. The annual Festival of the Arts, with a "Color Our World" theme, hosted over 600 fourth graders at the Costick Center, and featured performances, artwork, and hands-on activities. Other offerings included summer art, music, and theater camps; Longacre teas; exhibits at the City Gallery; and music lessons at the Costick Center and Longacre House.



TARZAN – The Stage Musical

Senior Division

The Farmington Hills Senior Division offers recreation, education, socialization, volunteer opportunities, and information and referral services to adults 50 or better. Community-based services include home delivered meals, liquid nutrition, chore services, outreach, and transportation for homebound seniors.

Significant accomplishments for 2013:

The Senior Outreach program served over 4,000 seniors during 2013. Over 100 seniors received individual assistance with Medicare Part D Prescription Drug coverage. Over 170 seniors received holiday assistance and 780 seniors with low income received food assistance.

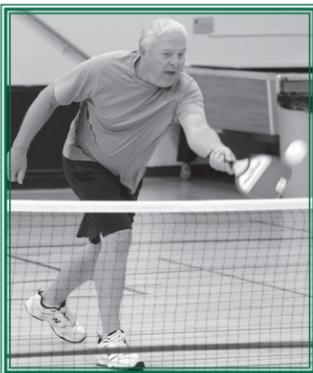
The Senior Transportation program provided over 35,000 rides for older adults and people with disabilities. The program served an average of 480 rides each week to medical appointments. Currently the program helps transport 30 residents to and from weekly dialysis appointments and 40 residents to and from weekly physical therapy appointments.

The Oakland County Health Department administered 444 flu shots at the annual Flu Shot Clinic.

AARP tax preparers provided tax assistance to 670 low income seniors.

The Senior Division hosted numerous support groups including caregivers, deaf and hearing impaired, grief and loss, first step stroke, and vision impaired.

The Senior Nutrition program provided 87,756 meals; 160 seniors received a home delivered meal every day. Over 180 volunteers donate time to serve food, pack meals, and deliver food for the Meals on Wheels program.



Pickleball is a popular fitness offering for seniors.

Ice Arena

In 2013, the Farmington Hills Ice Arena (FHIA) welcomed skaters of all ages who participated in Learn-to-Skate, Open Skate, Drop-in Hockey, Mid-Day Skate, Parent and Tot Skate, Adult Skate, Figure Skating, Youth Hockey, and Adult Hockey. The Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club (FHFSC) members, as well as the Learn-to-Skate students, showcased their skills at the Annual Ice Show in May and also hosted the Basic Skills Summer Swizzle Competition in June.

The FHIA is home to the Farmington Hills Hockey Association (FHHA), which serves 450 players at all skating levels and offers house and travel teams, plus the international TimBits development program. The FHIA is also home to high school hockey (Farmington Falcons, North Farmington/Harrison Flyers, Walled Lake Central, Catholic Central, Northville, and Novi) and high school figure skating (United Farmington, Mercy, Novi, and Northville). The United Farmington Figure Skating B team finished as State Runners-Up. The FHIA is also home to the Michigan Ice Dogs Junior Hockey Team of the Midwest Junior Hockey League.

The FHIA offers many non-ice activities throughout the year including Youth & Family Services After-School Programs, summer day camps, Riley Skate Park for inline and skateboards, basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, beach volleyball, bocce ball, jogging, disc golf, and the Perani's Hockey World Clearance Sale.

Dates to Remember:

March 9: FHHA Championship Day

May 9 – 10: 18th Annual Ice Show

July 17 – 27: 21st Annual Perani's Hockey World Clearance Sale

For more information visit

www.FHice.com or call 248-478-8800.



The 2013 Ice Show theme was "A Night at the Museum."

Youth & Family Services

Over 164 youth were enrolled in the 2013 Summer Drop-In Program and over 70 families took advantage of early morning care. Everything from the Detroit Science Center to zip lining was offered during 26 field trips. Membership numbers continued to climb in the fourth year of welcoming fifth graders to the After School Program.

Community support continued to be vital to providing a safe, educational, and fun place for youth during after school hours. In partnership with the Oakland Community College - Orchard Ridge Work Study Program, students are hired to staff the After School Program. In 2013, Best Buy again supported the After School Program and the Farmington Public School Turnaround Program. Representatives from the Michigan School of Professional Psychology continued to help with understanding today's youth. In collaboration with Farmington Public Schools, a new Diversity Program evolved where middle schoolers were led by high school youth. Botsford Hospital offered kids and families free health screenings to kick-start the F2H Fit Challenge.

Courtesy of the Farmington Hills PKC Group, Busch's, Gordon Foods, and the Senior Division, over 450 people enjoyed the second Annual Community Thanksgiving Feast and another 300 people received Thanksgiving dinner through Meals on Wheels. PKC Group employees also made it possible for 75 local families to receive Thanksgiving baskets.

Gratitude also goes out to the Xemplar Club, the Riley Foundation, and the Farmington / Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families for their continued support and generous donations.



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Recreation Division

In 2013, the Recreation Division focused on expanding outdoor recreation programming, camps, and fitness classes. The Nature Center had another record-breaking year with over 20,500 visitors and new community outreach programming at area schools. On Earth Day, the Nature Center unveiled the new Nature Discovery Trail that will enhance nature activities and outdoor programming.

More than 20,000 people attended favorite annual events including the Daddy/Daughter Dance, the Great Farmington Hills Campout, Hay Day, Splash Bash, and the Holiday Shopping Expo. The Longacre House had high participation at the Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt, Story and Cookies with Santa, and other events. Nearly 3,000 kids ages 4 to 15 attended over 20 different camps focusing on nature-related themes, sports, and more.

Athletic fields throughout Farmington Hills, Farmington, and the Farmington Public Schools were used at full capacity by Recreation Division programs, NFWB and SFBI Baseball Associations, Farmington Soccer Club, and other community organizations. In 2013, 21 weekend-long baseball tournaments were scheduled and the City hosted the Fall Classic Skateboard Competition in Founders Sports Park, plus residents enjoyed the City's 40th Anniversary Fireworks Celebration. In 2014, watch for programs at the City's new fishing pier in Founders Sports Park!

Facilities Division

The Longacre House hosted over 140 weddings, showers, and special events in 2013. This historic home offers a charming and elegant setting for social gatherings and business events. The beautifully landscaped entryway and gazebo also provide an attractive outdoor event site. Visit www.longacrehouse.org for more info.

The nearly 5,000 square foot Jon Grant Community Center offers a comfortable meeting space, the latest in high-tech equipment, and a 2,000 square foot Recreation Room known as the Fire Pit.

The Costick Center had over 300,000 visits in 2013. The 70,000 square foot facility includes a gymnasium with a stage, a large commercial kitchen, and meeting rooms ranging in size from 500 square feet to 7,500 square feet.

The Aquatics Center at the Costick Center features a 25-yard swimming pool offering swim lessons, water safety classes, and leisure swim activities.

New offerings at the Aquatics Center in 2014:

Sunday morning and afternoon swim lessons; Private lesson time slots; Afternoon lesson times for home schooled children;

Water Dance - a workout combining water aerobic and dance moves; Aqua Deep - a deep water exercise class using aqua float belts

Farmington Hills Golf Club

The beautiful Farmington Hills Golf Club, located at 11 Mile Court and Halsted Road, boasts 18 challenging holes (measuring 6,413 yards) with manicured bent grass tees, fairways, and greens surrounded by trees, ponds, and gently rolling hills. Nearly 40,000 rounds were played at the Golf Club in 2013.

The Clubhouse features the Greek Islands Restaurant, a full-service bar and grill open year-round, plus a pro shop, and an outdoor patio with great views of the course. The Driving Range is open daily from 7 a.m. until 10 p.m., weather permitting, from early spring until late fall. It features 32 stations and two practice greens. Golf lessons are available for all skill levels. For tee times and lesson schedules, call 248-476-5910 or visit www.fhgolfclub.org.

Finance Department

The Treasury Division is responsible for billing and collecting property taxes (twice annually), not only for the City of Farmington Hills, but also as a collection agent for the local school districts, Oakland County, Oakland Community College, the District Library, the State of Michigan and other governmental authorities. During 2013, the Treasury Division issued over 61,000 tax bills and collected, deposited, and remitted in excess of \$147 million of property taxes. In addition, the Treasury Division bills and collects special assessments on the tax bills. The Treasury Division is also responsible for billing, collecting and accounting for non-property tax receipts, and investing surplus and idle funds in compliance with the City's Investment Policy.

The Assessing Division is responsible for the annual preparation of property tax assessment rolls for approximately 27,800 real property and 3,100 personal property parcels. Assessment rolls are maintained by field inspections of building permits issued by the City, as well as reviews of existing assessment records. The Assessing Division continually monitors and complies with the professional requirements of assessment administration and updates its records with the State of Michigan, including the filing and recording of all property transfer affidavits. The Assessing Division also establishes special assessment districts for the City.

The Accounting Division is responsible for paying vendors and employees, reconciling bank accounts, and producing the City's Budget and Annual Financial Reports on a timely and accurate basis. The Accounting Division complies with all Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and financial reporting standards set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to insure a clean annual audit opinion from the City's Independent Auditor.

The Administration Division is responsible for the overall management of the Department, including the management/administration of the City's Debt, General Liability and Property Insurance, Retirement System and Passport Application Acceptance function.

Recent accomplishments/awards highlight the excellent job done by the City's Finance Department: The City received an Unqualified Audit Opinion for the FY 2012/13 Audit, the **28th consecutive year** the City has received a "clean" financial audit opinion.

The City received the *Certificate of Achievement for Excellence* in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers' Association (GFOA) for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012 – **14 years in a row**.

The City received the *Distinguished Budget Presentation Award* from the GFOA – **27 years in a row**.

The City received an *upgrade* in its Standard & Poor's bond rating from AA+ to AAA and maintained its Aa2 bond rating from Moody's.

Central Services Department

The Central Services Department manages purchasing, information technology (IT) telecommunications, and mail services. During the past year, the department issued 58 formal bid solicitations including Police building renovations, handgun replacements, and auto parts.

Cooperative bidding, where two or more governments share procurement contracts, continues to be a high priority. The City of Farmington Hills was the lead agency on cooperative contracts for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) billing and supplies, and also partnered with the City of Rochester Hills on a first-ever bid process for heavy trucks that allowed participating agencies to build a truck around their individual requirements but also benefit from the volume of a cooperative bid.

Central Services staff began servicing and supporting the City of Farmington, to facilitate integrating the two computer networks. Funding for this project is being provided by the State of Michigan Economic Vitality Incentive Program.

Department of Planning and Community Development

Building Division

- 71 new single family homes were constructed for a total of \$24,547,644 and nearly 71,418 square feet of new commercial development was constructed for a total of \$7,229,192.
- Permits were issued for \$5,986,172 in home improvements and \$32,201,427 in commercial renovations.
- 23 substandard buildings were demolished as part of ongoing revitalization efforts; 19 were residential and four commercial.
- 246 properties, including both commercial and residential structures, were identified as needing major repairs with follow up to eliminate code deficiencies. Currently, of the 246 properties, 38 permits remain open, with 208 closed out.

Planning Office

The Planning Office processed, and the Planning Commission reviewed, 17 new site plans this year: 11 commercial businesses, 5 places of worship, and 1 residential subdivision development. The Planning Commission reviewed and recommended approval for 1 commercial Planned Unit Development proposal, and developed a new ordinance defining and setting new standards for exterior lighting.

The Planning Commission continued its work on developing a mixed-use zoning classification along the Orchard Lake Road corridor. Implementation of this new classification is intended to coincide with the improvements planned for the 13 to 14 Mile Road section of Orchard Lake Road. They intend to re-evaluate the mixed-use classification when the design for the road project is finalized. The Commission also adopted the annual city-wide Capital Improvements Plan, which helps guide the City Council in prioritizing and budgeting capital projects.

In 2013, the Historic District Commission (HDC) reviewed and approved 3 applications for *Certificates of Appropriateness* for work on historic structures. Several historic marker signs were repainted, 1 was repaired, and the purchase of 2 new historic markers was approved. The annual Preservation Award was renamed the *Ruth Moehlman Preservation Award*, in honor of the invaluable contributions she made to the HDC during her 33-year term. **The 2013 award was presented to the owners of the Marcus Burrows House.**

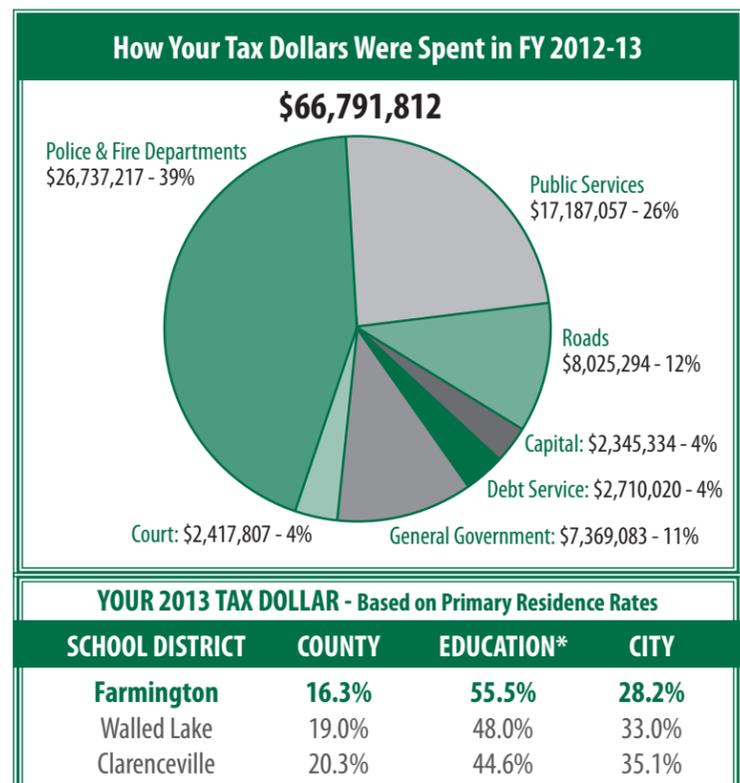
The HDC has also developed a series of suggested bicycle tours highlighting specific architectural periods and historic homes. A guide including mapped routes is expected to be available in spring 2014.

Community Development

The Housing Rehabilitation Program assisted 36 low income homeowners with improvements. Work included five homes with new windows, 15 replacement roofs, and 8 new furnaces.

The Community Development office supported *Rebuilding Together* to help 9 homeowners with yard work, painting, and other general household repairs. The office also worked with Coretek Services, a Farmington Hills business, to assist a low income family with yard clean up and minor home repairs.

The 28th Annual Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony recognized beautification efforts throughout the City. Top awards went to Robert Bosch LLC, Corrosion Fluid Products, and Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus. Robert Bosch, LLC, located on Hills Tech Drive, was awarded the *Greater Farmington Area Chamber Award* for their impressive landscape. Corrosion Fluid Products, located off Indoplex Circle, was awarded the *Beautification Commissioners' Award* recognizing their colorful plantings and maintenance efforts. The Beautification Commission presented the *Environmental Award* to Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, located between Orchard Lake and Farmington Roads, north of Eleven Mile for their recent renovations and their environmentally sensitive campus.



* Local Schools (including state support) – Oakland Intermediate Schools – Community College

Economic Development

Farmington Hills champions the growth of both existing and new companies by connecting business leaders with economic development resources at the state, county, city, and university levels. The City hosted several programs designed to reach out to businesses from multinational corporations to *Mom & Pop* retail and service operations.

The City welcomed William Strauss, a manufacturing economist with the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank, who presented the "2013 Manufacturing Outlook" to leaders from multinational and middle market industrial companies. Representatives from the U.S. Export-Import Bank (EXIM Bank), the U.S. Department of Commerce (Export Assistance), and the State of Michigan STEP program all met in meetings with local Farmington Hills companies.

An ongoing initiative connected local, middle-market companies that are exporting to Canada, Mexico, India, and China, to technical assistance and export loan and grant programs. High growth tech companies wishing to locate in Farmington Hills were offered assistance by the City – two "stars" this year were Scientifically Proven and Advantron Technologies, LLC. Local small businesses were connected with the Oakland County One Stop Business Resource Center that provides support services including access to the SBA's CEED Micro Loan Fund, which will be part of the City's business roundtable set to kick off in 2014.

Zoning Division

- Over 17,000 code violations were investigated to help enforce City Ordinances and keep Farmington Hills a desirable city in which to live and work. The primary focus was on blight abatement and good neighbor relations.
- Education and public outreach were provided on ordinance requirements through flyers, handouts, and local newspapers.
- The Zoning Board of Appeals heard 50 cases at 13 meetings appealing code and zoning requirements.



Robert Bosch LLC – Chamber Award



OCC, Orchard Ridge Campus – Environmental Award



Corrosion Fluid Products – Beautification Commissioners' Award

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Engineering Division

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ROADS

13 Mile Road – Orchard Lake to Middlebelt: Reconstruct; Freedom Road – Drake Road to western City limit: Resurface; Drake Road – Freedom Road to Grand River: Reconstruct (City of Farmington); Haggerty – South of Nine Mile: Widen (RCOC); Staman Acres Subdivision: Road rehabilitation; Stratton Hills Subdivision: Road rehabilitation

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

14 Mile & Drake Road: Signal interconnection and modernization; 14 Mile & Halsted Road: Signal interconnection, pedestrian facility upgrade and modernization; Gill Road near Colfax: Changeable school zone speed limit signs

NEW SIDEWALKS

8 Mile Road – Lujon to western City limits; 10 Mile Road – East of Haggerty to Research Drive; 12 Mile Road – Herndonwood to Inkster Road; 13 Mile Road (south side) – Orchard Lake to Middlebelt

WATER MAINS

13 Mile Road – Drake to Lake Park Drive: Provide new transmission main; Water Tower at DPW – 27245 Halsted Road: New water main; 13 Mile west of Drake: Meter pit and control valve upgrade; Halsted Road north of I-696: Meter pit and control valve demo; 10 Mile & Haggerty: Meter pit and control valve upgrade; 14 Mile south of Halsted: Meter pit and control valve upgrade (FH/WRC) Farmington & 696: Meter pit and control valve upgrades (FH/WRC); Halsted at DPW: New meter pit and control valve (FH/WRC) Pimlico: Water Main Installation

SANITARY SEWER

Pimlico: Sanitary Sewer Installation

DRAINAGE

Edgemoor Culvert Replacement: Upsize and replacement; Pebble Creek Culvert Replacement on 14 Mile Road; Longwood Detention Pond retrofit

Scheduled for 2014 by FH unless otherwise noted

ROADS

Farmington Road – 10 Mile to 11 Mile Road: Road rehabilitation; Farmington Road – 11 Mile to 12 Mile Road: Road rehabilitation; 10 Mile Road – Orchard Lake to Farmington Road: Road rehabilitation; Orchard Lake/14 Mile/Northwestern Roundabout (RCOC) Westhill Street: Road rehabilitation; Middlebelt Road north of Old Franklin Drive: Gap fill-in (RCOC)

TRAFFIC SIGNALS

10 Mile and Power: Signal modernization and pedestrian facility upgrade

NEW SIDEWALKS

8 Mile Road (north side) – Lujon to Connaught; 10 Mile Road (north side) – East of Farmington Road to Power Road; 14 Mile Road (south side) – Claymore to west of Farmington; Farmington Road – Ridgewood to 11 Mile Road

WATER MAINS

Muer Cove Water Main installation; Grand River Homes Water Main replacement; Utley & Westbrook – Water Main

SANITARY SEWERS

Middlebelt Transport & Storage Tunnel (WRC); Utley & Westbrook – Sanitary sewer

DRAINAGE

Caddell Drain Improvements (WRC)

City Directory

Emergency Calls Only	
Fire Department	9-1-1
Police Department	9-1-1
Central Services/Purchasing	248-871-2430
City Clerk	248-871-2410
City Hall	248-871-2400
City Manager's Office	248-871-2500
Council Newsline	248-871-2511
District Court	248-871-2900
Farmington Community Library	248-553-0300
Finance Department	248-871-2440
Assessing	248-871-2470
Treasury	248-871-2480
Fire Department	
Non-emergency	248-871-2800
General Information	248-871-2400
Human Resources	248-871-2490
Planning Department	
Building	248-871-2450
Community Development and Housing Rehabilitation	248-871-2549
Planning	248-871-2540
Zoning	248-871-2520
Police Department	
Non-emergency	248-871-2600
Public Services Department	248-871-2530
Engineering Division.....	248-871-2560
Public Works	248-871-2850
Special Services Department	
Costick Center	248-473-1800
Cultural Arts Division	248-473-1856
Golf Club	248-476-5910
Ice Arena	248-478-8800
Jon Grant Center	248-871-2849
Longacre House	248-477-8404
Nature Center	248-477-1135
Parks & Golf Maintenance.....	248-473-1890
Recreation	248-473-1800
Senior Adult Program	248-473-1830
Youth & Family Services	248-473-1841

Human Resources

Over the past 21 years, the City has received the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Loss Control Achievement Award 17 times. In 2013, Farmington Hills once again had the lowest workers' compensation claims and best safety record in the State. Being serious about safety produces low claims, saves tax dollars, and lowers costs compared to other cities for workers' compensation insurance. This impressive record is due to the City Council and administration providing employees with resources needed to be safe on their jobs, and also due to the Safety Committee, which reviews each incident and offers recommendations for improvement.

Participation in the Fit for Life Employee Wellness Program continues to increase, with over 60% of employees making lifestyle improvements, participating in wellness activities, and attending educational Lunch 'N Learns.

Human Resources processed over 1,300 employment applications, replacing many retiring employees. HR works to ensure that internal promotions are balanced with employees hired from the private sector to help retain institutional knowledge while bringing in fresh ideas.

Efforts continued to increase minority hiring by collaborating with various Metro Detroit organizations, a strategy which is aligned with the City's goal to increase the percentage of minorities within the workforce.

To improve inter-departmental communication, the HR Department held "City Quest" where each of the 10 departments created questions relating to their functions. Employees visited other departments to answer 30 questions over a two-week period. Participants were entered into a drawing for prizes provided by LOC Credit Union.

The City adopted a pilot Employer Group Waiver Program (EGWP) through Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan to help manage increases in the City's post retirement benefit obligations. The EGWP allows the City to more effectively leverage Medicare Part D (which covers prescription drugs) to reduce the risk of increased cost.

Water Tower

The City's new three-million gallon elevated water storage tank will be fully operational in June. The water tower will help improve water system pressure distribution and will minimize future water rate increases by saving about \$3.5 million per year overall.

The tank was painted with the City's logo and the words "Live Farmington Hills, Love Farmington Hills." The winning design, by "artist at heart" Lisa Sheldon, was selected from ten submissions reviewed by a committee with members from the City and from the Farmington Area Arts Commission. All submissions were from adults, except one from 15-year-old Austin Blake, who has a special interest in water towers.

The public was invited to sign the tank before it was raised, for a charitable donation. Over 200 people participated and \$2,600 was raised for the Friends of the Rouge, the American Cancer Society, the Graham E. Smith Memorial Fund for Suicide Prevention Awareness, and the Farmington/Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth and Families.

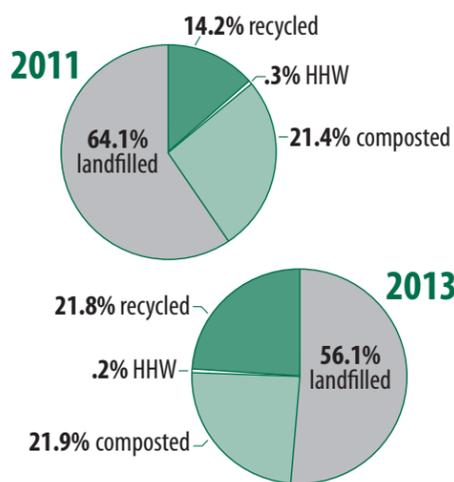
DPS – Recycling Recap

Waste Management, the solid waste hauler for Farmington Hills, converted to single-stream recycling with automated cart collection during 2012. In 2013, the first full year of single stream recycling with the new carts, there was a dramatic increase in recycling.

The new recycling carts are more efficient and allow for a greater variety of items to be recycled. This single-stream collection process has documented environmental and economic benefits. It has resulted in a significant increase in the amount of recyclable materials that are received, processed, and shipped; a considerable increase in public and private revenue; a substantial increase in employment at the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF); and greater efficiencies and costs savings for municipal collection programs.

In late 2013, Waste Management began transitioning to collection vehicles powered by compressed natural gas instead of diesel fuel, which will result in less tailpipe emissions. The fleet will be entirely converted to natural gas vehicles during 2014.

Comparison of the last full year of curbside recycling with small bins (2011) and the first full year of single-stream recycling with carts (2013).



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