



Chilly, a 12-year-old Samoyed, is the Police Department's first official Paw Watch volunteer.

Spring/Summer 2017

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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.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Paw Watch Program

The Police Department's Crime Prevention Section has launched Paw Watch, a new program that will enhance the community's participation in keeping the City a safe place to live.

Paw Watch will provide training to residents on how to observe crime, report crime, and stay safe, all while walking their pets. The first training session on April 5 was attended by over 25 residents. To participate in future training sessions, contact the Crime Prevention Section at 248-871-2760.

At the training session, pet owners (pets do not attend) will learn techniques on how to observe crime, and also get tips on what the Police Department is looking for and how to report this information. The more information citizens can provide to the Police Department, the better. Participants will also learn how to remain safe when walking pets and how to observe suspicious activities or criminal behavior.



Sergeant Shelly Turner and Officer Mike Manderachia display the many prescription medications collected at the Botsford Commons Senior Living Center at an event in 2016.

Operation Medicine Cabinet

The Police Department can assist with the disposal of medications at senior living facilities. Accepted items include pills, capsules, and liquids that have been solidified with an absorbent material such as kitty litter. To arrange for this service, call the Crime Prevention Section at 248-871-2750.

MILO System



Officer Hadar Saad participating in use-of-force and decision making training on the MILO system.

The Police Department recently purchased the MILO (Multiple Interactive Learning Objectives) Range Advanced Training System, which will provide officers with the most up-to-date technology available to enhance their performance and to keep the officers and the public safe. The MILO System provides realistic, interactive videos that challenge and train officers in the areas of decision making, de-escalation techniques, and use-of-force applications. Key features include full high-definition audio and video scenarios based on situations officers may face while on patrol. At the conclusion of a simulation, playback provides immediate feedback, which is then followed by a discussion with training staff who conducted the simulation.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Severe Weather and Tornado Safety

Michigan averages 16 tornadoes annually with most occurring April through August between 3 and 9 p.m. (although tornadoes have been known to 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. 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. Seek shelter immediately and listen to the radio or television for more information.

It is important to know that the sirens in Oakland County are an "outdoor" warning system, and are not intended to be heard indoors. 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 will be on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. Remaining test dates in 2017 are May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2, October 7, and November 4. Sirens are not activated in December, January or February.

Fireworks Ordinance

Consumer fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 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 alcohol 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.

Emergency Preparedness

The Farmington Hills/Farmington Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC) urges residents and businesses to have an "all hazards plan." Detailed information about weather emergencies, disaster planning, emergency kits, and more can be found at www.oakgov.com/homelandsecurity.

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

Solicitors

With warmer weather, residents may see an increase in door-to-door solicitors and peddlers. The City has ordinances in place that regulate these activities. In general, all door-to-door solicitors and peddlers conducting business in Farmington Hills must be licensed with the City and have photo identification issued by the City Clerk's Office. The permit process requires the completion of background checks conducted by the Police Department.

There are certain groups exempt from the City's licensing provisions; however, they still should be able to provide Photo ID from their respective organizations. Persons exempt from licensing are those under eighteen years of age engaged in soliciting within three miles of their residence for a bona fide school, charity, religious or youth organization or those soliciting for and on behalf of a charitable, religious or political organization.

The solicitor and peddler ordinances restrict the hours of soliciting from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. or sunset, whichever is earliest. The ordinance also prohibits solicitors from entering property with "no soliciting" or "no trespassing" signs posted. Solicitors must leave the property when asked. If you do not wish to have peddlers/solicitors come to your door, consider posting a "no peddling/ no soliciting" sign on your property. Subdivision associations may also post similar signage at subdivision entrances. 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 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 or other ID from their respective organizations. Call the Police Department at 248-871-2700 if you have concerns or if the person is violating City ordinances. It is helpful if you can provide the name and/or organization the person was representing and your address or subdivision name.

For questions on licensing for solicitors/peddlers, call the Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

Fire Department Offers CPR/AED and First Aid Classes

The Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC), in cooperation with the Fire Department, will offer American Heart Association Heartsaver® Classes, featuring instruction in CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and First Aid, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. on May 16, June 20, and July 13. Classes are open to the public and will be held in the upstairs training room at Fire Station #4 located at 28711 Drake Road.

A \$10 fee will cover the cost of the class and materials for residents of Farmington Hills and Farmington. The class and materials fee is \$20 for non-residents. If you require an American Heart Association Certificate of Training, there will be an additional \$10 fee for all participants. Please note – all class participants who are seeking to achieve the Certificate of Training must be physically able to perform CPR/AED, which requires kneeling on the floor and using your arms and hands to perform continuous chest compressions.

Participants must register and pay fees one week in advance to ensure the proper student to instructor ratio. Registration will be confirmed via email after the fee is received. Individuals who show up without paying the fee seven days in advance will be asked to wait and register for a future class. Participants must be at least 12 years old. To register, email Erin Karlson at ekarlson@fhgov.com or call 248-871-2802.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT Treasury/Assessing Office 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 Treasurer's Office at 248-871-2480.

If you have any questions regarding your property assessment or taxable value, call the Assessing Division at 248-871-2470.

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

UPCOMING ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

November 7, 2017 – City General Election

The ballot will include the following Offices:

- Office of Mayor - one to be elected for a two-year term
- Office of Council Member - three to be elected for four-year terms
- Proposals, if any.

October 10, 2017 – Last Day to register to vote in the November 7, 2017 City General Election.

You may register at your local Clerk's Office or County Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State Branch Office.

NOMINATING PETITIONS

Nominating Petitions for the Office of Mayor and City Council Member are available at the City Clerk's Office.

Affidavits of Identity and Nominating Petitions must be filed in person at the City's Clerk's Office no later than **4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.**

Any candidate may **withdraw** by filing a **written** withdrawal statement with the City Clerk no later than **4 p.m. on Friday, July 28, 2017.**

NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT

In 2017 and 2018, Michigan's counties, cities, and townships will gradually replace voting systems statewide. Selection of the specific system to be used in each county will be coordinated by the County Clerk. The City of Farmington Hills anticipates having new voting equipment by the November 7, 2017 City General Election.

Once a voting system has been selected and the new equipment has been delivered to the City, the Clerk's Office will schedule Open Houses to allow voters the opportunity to review and use the new equipment. Watch www.fhgov.com for more information.

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, road projects, etc. that may affect specific subdivisions, and to provide contact information to new residents. Please submit updated contact information to dking@fhgov.com or fax it to the Clerk's Office at 248-871-2411 annually or as officers and contact information changes.

Dog Licenses

Licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older. One-year and three-year 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 per year for spayed/neutered dogs (\$6.75 per year if the owner is age 65 or older); \$15 per year for male/female dogs (\$13.50 per year if the owner is age 65 or older.) Three-year licenses are triple the cost of one-year licenses. After June 1, the license is considered delinquent and the annual 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 www.oakgov.com/PetAdoption or 248-391-4102 or contact the City's Treasury Division at 248-871-2480.

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



HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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). Positions include landscaping, road work, park and golf course maintenance, building attendants, camps, lifeguards, and several recreation programs. Hourly pay rates range from \$8.90 to \$15 based on qualifications and job responsibilities. Open positions are advertised on www.fhgov.com or contact the Human Resources Department at 248-871-2490 for an application.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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 \$53,500. For information, call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543 or go to www.fhgov.com, and search for Housing Rehabilitation Program.

Spring Plant and Seed Swap

The Beautification Commission's 17th Annual Plant and Seed Swap takes place on Saturday, May 20 at Heritage Park, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. – rain or shine – at the 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.



Planning

It's time to get started on the outdoor projects you were thinking about over the winter. The Planning and Community Development Department would like to remind you that permits are required for the following list of common projects. The office in parentheses following each item is responsible for reviewing the project for compliance with City ordinances.

- Sheds greater than 120 square feet require a building permit; sheds 120 square feet or less do not require a building permit but are subject to zoning requirements. (Planning Office)
- New fence installations greater than 16 feet in length and 3 feet in height. (Zoning Office)
- Air conditioning and whole house generator installation. (Zoning Office)
- The removal of live trees that are six inches or greater in diameter as measured four feet from the ground. (Planning Office)

Call the Planning Office at 248-871-2540 or the Zoning Office at 248-871-2520.

Zoning Division

Keep Farmington Hills Beautiful!

Following zoning regulations in the City of Farmington Hills helps keep our neighborhoods looking clean and fresh. Please remember:

- Grass must be cut before it reaches eight inches in height.
- Outdoor storage of unlicensed or inoperable vehicles is prohibited; these vehicles must be kept in the garage.
- Pet owners must keep all lawns and pet runs free of animal waste and uneaten food.
- Firewood storage is limited to two face cords, stored above ground in an orderly manner; firewood storage in front yards is prohibited.
- Compost piles are regulated by size, location, and composition.
- Trash containers are required to be watertight with handles and tight-fitting lids.
- Trash should be put at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. on the day prior to pick up.

Historical Commissions

Whether walking, biking or driving, you may have noticed the green historical markers located at historic district sites throughout the city. When you see one, please stop to check it out and learn a bit about the history of your community. There are currently markers located at 32 out of 74 designated historic districts and at nine other historic sites in the City, which are installed and maintained by the Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission. If you are the owner of a historic district and are interested in having a sign installed at your building or site, please contact the Planning Office at 248-871-2540 for information on the process. A map showing the locations of all the historic markers, districts, and sites is available on the City website at <http://www.fhgov.com/Government/Boards-Commissions/Historic-District-Commission.aspx>.



Ward Eagle House historic marker, HD #310, 29655 Fourteen Mile Road

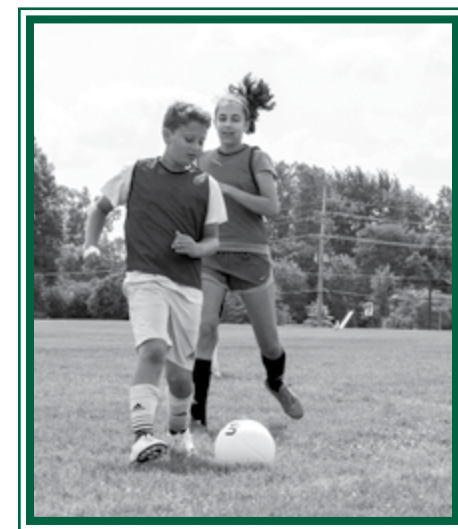
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UNPLUGGED SUMMER CAMPS – Ages 3 to 18 – Over 3,000 kids participate annually in Art, Theatre, Music, Sports, Archery, Skateboarding, Nature, Youth Center Drop-in, TourXplore!, Safety Town, STEM, Teen Leadership Xperience or General Day Camps. Many camps offer before/after care for an additional fee. Camps open to both residents/non-residents. Go to www.fhgov.com for a Camps guide.

RILEY ARCHERY RANGE – Indoor/outdoor, eight shooting lanes with distances of 10 to 30 yards. 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. The Riley Archery Range was made possible with support from the Riley Foundation, Panasonic, Safari Club International, ROWE Professional Services, and Michigan DNR.

21ST ANNUAL ICE SHOW – May 12, 7 p.m.; May 13, 4 p.m. This year's showcase, "80's Skate Party," features Skating Club members, Synchronized Skating Teams, and Learn-to-Skate students. Tickets at the Ice Arena or Costick Center. \$8 Adults (19 & up), \$6 Seniors (60 & up), Students (6 – 18). Children five and under free. Doors open one hour before show time. Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 35500 W. 8 Mile Road. Call 248-478-8800.



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PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Engineering Division – 2017 Road Construction Projects

MDOT – Michigan Department of Transportation • RCOC – Road Commission for Oakland County

Roads

- 13 Mile Road, Halsted Road to Drake Road – Reconstruction
- 11 Mile Road, Middlebelt Road to Orchard Lake Road – Reconstruction
- Drake Road, 12 Mile Road to 13 Mile Road – Resurfacing
- Independence Commons Subdivision, concrete roadways – Rehabilitation
- Country Club Drive – Reconstruction
- 12 Mile, Haggerty Road to Farmington Road, full depth concrete – Selective slab replacement and joint repair (RCOC)
- M5, 12 Mile Road to Pontiac Trail – Concrete repair work (MDOT)
- Grand River, Sinacola to Purdue – Pavement rehabilitation, storm sewer repairs, and road diet in City of Farmington (MDOT)

New Sidewalks

- 11 Mile Road – Complete missing sidewalk segments between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt (south side)
- Middlebelt Road – South of 10 Mile Road on west side

Hazardous Materials Drop-Off Day Saturday, May 6

In cooperation with Oakland Community College, the City will hold its annual HazMat Day on Saturday, May 6 from 9 a.m. to 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, Milford, Milford Township, and Wixom are all eligible to participate with a driver's license or other proof of residency. Containers must be labeled, not hold more than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds, and be placed in a sturdy box on the floor or in the trunk. Farmington Hills residents may also go to any of the other regional HazMat events listed at www.rrrasoc.org.

For a full list of accepted/unaccepted items, go to www.rrrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270.

Accepted:

- Oil-based paints
- Batteries
- Automotive fluids
- Pesticides
- Expired medications
- Aerosols
- CFL bulbs
- Mercury
- Propane
- Household electronics including TVs, radios, VHS and DVD players, computers and peripheral devices
- Up to 100 pounds of sensitive documents for shredding on site

Not accepted:

- Commercial or business waste
- Unknowns over five gallons
- Smoke detectors
- Radioactive waste
- Explosives
- Latex paint (Not considered hazardous, add kitty litter or sand to dry out what's left in the can, then place at the curbside with the lid off for pickup with regular garbage.)

Prevent West Nile Virus

Eliminate standing water in toys, buckets, flower pots, tires, pet water bowls, unused pools, birdbaths, clogged rain gutters, and other containers to reduce areas where mosquitoes breed. (Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding.)

Use insect repellent, but follow manufacturers' guidelines and don't use on children younger than two.

Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants.

Fix or install window and door screens to help mosquito-proof your home.

For more info, go to www.oakgov.com/health/information/Pages/West-Nile-Virus.aspx or www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.



Holiday Delays for Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Pickup

Memorial Day – Monday, May 29, 2017 – No collection scheduled

Independence Day – Tuesday, July 4, 2017 – No collection scheduled
Regular collection on Monday, July 3

Labor Day – Monday, September 4, 2017 – No collection scheduled

During holiday weeks – Pickups will be delayed by one day 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.

Yard waste pickup will continue until late November. Pickup will end on your regularly scheduled garbage day during the week of November 27 – December 1, 2017.



Recycling Dos and Don'ts

Don't put unacceptable materials in the recycling cart. Please follow the reference list of allowable materials on the cart lid or listed at www.rrrasoc.org. Unacceptable items including garbage, garden hoses, plastic grocery bags, disposable diapers, needles, yard waste, and food waste can cause significant problems in the recycling process, expose employees to health and safety issues, and reduce 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.

Do your part to help beautify the City! Please 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 please don't store them in front yards.

Do put all trash, recycling, and yard waste at the curbside by 7 a.m. on the assigned pickup day. All containers must be placed 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 must be retrieved no later than 12 hours following collection.

Do keep recycling and garbage containers clean to prevent bins from attracting rodents and other vermin.

Do check out the "Recycling Widget" on the City website to learn where to recycle, compost or properly dispose of a whole range of items. Go to www.fhgov.com, click on the Resident tab, click on Recycling, then use the search box at the top of the page.

Do use your smartphone for easy access to recycling information. The "Recycling Directory" from RRRASOC (Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County) is available as a free mobile 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.

FHGC

The Farmington Hills Golf Club is a beautiful course offering 18 championship holes, measuring 6,413 yards with manicured bent grass tees, fairways, and greens surrounded by trees, ponds, and gentle rolling hills, complete with a Driving Range 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 from qualified instructors. For tee times and lesson schedules, call 248-476-5910 or visit www.fhgolfclub.org.



Golf Course

Stop by the Clubhouse and visit the pro shop or have a meal at the Greek Islands Restaurant, a full-service bar and grill with a huge outdoor patio providing great views of the course. For restaurant special events, banquets, and offsite catering, call 248-957-6734.

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WALK WITH A DOC – 12–1 p.m. May 18, June 15, September 21. FREE. Beaumont Hospital health care professionals lead discussions and are available for questions, blood pressure screenings, and more. Start with an indoor presentation at the Nature Center then hit the trails for a 30-minute walk. Snacks provided. Call the Nature Center at 248-477-1135 for topics.

SENIOR HEALTH & FITNESS DAY – May 25, 9:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Costick Center. Enjoy a morning sampler of free fitness classes from pickleball and Tai Chi to Yoga and strength training. Complimentary meal for those who participate in five activities. Call 248-473-1830. Sponsored by Beaumont-Farmington Hills. No pre-registration necessary.

HELLO SUMMER! OUTDOOR FAIR – June 29, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Costick Center. Games for all ages, lunch, entertainment, and a Pie Throwing Contest. Tickets in Conway Hall. \$8 before June 23, \$10 after/at the door. Call 248-473-1800.

CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD – August 8, 6:30 – 8 p.m. Costick Center. Adults 50 & Better Program hosts an evening of live music, light refreshments, and appetizers. All ages welcome. Call 248-473-1830.

TOTAL WELLNESS FAIR – September 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Adults 50 & Better Program explores ways to enhance a healthy lifestyle. Demonstrations, exhibits, screenings, and assessments. Free lunch for those 60 years or better. Prizes and raffles. Call 248-473-1830.

HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL – Farmington Hills Youth Theatre presents Disney's High School Musical, with 162 youth in grades 1 – 12 from Farmington Hills and surrounding communities. Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m.; Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 6 at 1 and 6 p.m.; Sunday, May 7 at 1 and 6 p.m. Tickets \$10 or \$12 at the door. Discounts for clubs or school groups. Children three and under free. Purchase online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. Call 248-473-1848.

LEARN TO SKATE SUMMER SESSION – Tuesdays, June 20 – August 15. A fun learning experience for everyone, from your first steps on the ice to mastering advanced skills. Call the Ice Arena at 248-478-8800.

ART ON THE GRAND – June 3, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.; June 4, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. FREE juried fine art fair. Variety of artists, disciplines, and price ranges offering painting, pottery, photography, jewelry, mixed media, wood, wearable art, glass, leather, and sculpture. Hands-on kids' area with participation from the DIA. New "Kids' Art Alley" with young local artists selling their creations, plus a community mural and a hands-on upcycled arts and crafts area. Go to www.artonthegrand.com.



Have fun at Riley Skate Park!

NATURE CENTER – Interpretive exhibits with a life-sized tree and animal homes, bird viewing area, native fish aquariums, library, and a hands-on learning station, plus outdoor activities for young naturalists. Call 248-477-1135 or go to www.fhgov.com.

- Full Moon Fridays, 9:30 p.m., 5/12, 6/9, 7/7, 8/4, \$3 per person
- FREE Star Parties, 8:30 p.m., 5/2, 5/30, 6/27, 7/25, 8/29. Experience Heritage Park after dark!
- Summer Solstice Celebration, 6/21, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$5 per person. Hayrides and a campfire.
- Advanced Junior Naturalist Club (Sponsored by Optimists), Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m., 7/20-8/24, \$40 per person. Explore the natural world!
- Yoga in the Outdoors, Wednesdays, 6/21-8/23, 8-9 a.m., \$85 per person. Meet next to the Spicer House.
- Kids' Fishing Day (sponsored by Optimists, 7/29, 9-1 p.m. (three different sessions). Meet at Carpenter Lake, \$20 per person. Kids get a fishing pole and tackle box to take home.

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ELEVENTH ANNUAL GREAT FARMINGTON HILLS CAMPOUT – June 3-4, Heritage Park. Pitch your tent and set up your site any time after 1 p.m. on June 3. From 4-9 p.m. have fun in the Great Outdoors. Fee is \$25 to reserve a campsite (one tent/six campers per campsite). 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, Tim Horton's, Farmington Area Optimist Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and others! Call 248-473-1800.

RED CROSS LIFEGUARD CERTIFICATION – Costick Center Pool offers Lifeguarding, CPR/AED/First Aid. Certifications valid for two years. Must be 15 years old by class completion date to qualify. Re-certification available. Call 248-473-1834 for scheduling info.

COSTICK CROCODILES – Starts June 20. Swimmers learn first steps of competitive training. Coaching focuses on stroke performance, conditioning, and preparation for swim team atmosphere. The Crocs anticipate a team of about 40. There will be an internal swim meet. Swimmers must be equivalent to Youth-3 stroke performance or better to be eligible. Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> for either Tues/Thurs team (practices 8 – 9 a.m.) Call 248-473-1834.

YOUTH DIVISION SUMMER DROP-IN PROGRAM – Eight weeks, June 26 – August 18 for 6-8th graders. Outside activities, ice skating, video games, pool table, and more. Some outings offered at no charge due to the generosity of the Xenplar Club. Scheduled trips include local parks, the DIA, Greenfield Village, and Yankee Air Museum. Optional field trips available for an affordable fee. On July 19, the Youth Division hosts Bernstein Field Day with inflatable obstacle courses, relay races, and a water balloon toss. Call 248-473-1841 to sign up.

STEM LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE – Two weeks: August 14 – 18 and August 21 – 25. Supported by the BOSCH Community Fund. Ages 13-17 can excel with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) through labs, fieldwork, engineering design challenges, and field trips. Different topics each week using STEM skills to solve environmental problems. Scholarships available. Call 248-477-1135.

TEEN LEADERSHIP XPERIENCE – July 10-14, July 17-21, and July 24-28, ages 14-17. Teens gain leadership skills that will play an essential role throughout their lives. Different focus each week; sign up for one or all three. Register at <https://recreg.fhgov.com>. Call 248-473-1800.

MARSHMALLOW FLY & FRY – August 15, 5 – 8 p.m. at Heritage Park. Over 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky – turn them in for goodies! Sponsored by Busch's Fresh Food Market. FREE to the public. Cook hot dogs and s'mores over a pit fire, or purchase already cooked hot dogs. Call 248-473-1800.

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 517-335-3165 or the HUD hotline at 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

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FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Thursdays, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and picnic dinner!

Mercedes-Benz Financial Services will offer two raffle drawings for concert goers to win a seven-day Mercedes-Benz driving experience. Drawings at July 20 and August 17 performances. One entry per person, per concert for drivers 21+ with a valid U.S. driver's license and clean driving record.

June 22 - HINES DRIVE BAND: Acoustic rock band, classic favorites and originals.

June 29 - BILL BYNUM & CO: Country veering toward bluegrass.

July 6 – FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND: 90-piece Concert Band under the direction of Damien Crutcher.

July 13 – HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT NIGHT: Farmington School of Rock students, plus various high school bands.

July 20 – THE SQUARE PEGZ: Awesome 80's tribute band! (*Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Raffle Drawing*)

July 27 – FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BIG BAND: 20-piece Big Band under the direction of Randy Barber.

August 3 – DANNY D'S ROD STEWART TRIBUTE SHOW: Realistic Rod Stewart impersonator.

August 10 – FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS: Pop, jazz, and classical vocals with fantastic solos.

August 17 – INDIAN MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA: Dances and music from India, plus popular Bollywood hits! (*Mercedes-Benz Financial Services Raffle Drawing*)

In case of inclement weather, the alternate site for most concerts is the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road. Hotline – 248-473-1848

SPLASH BASH –

August 21, 6 p.m. FREE, Heritage Park Splash Pad. Bounce in the bounce house, play in the spray! Bring a blanket; enjoy an outdoor movie, *Secret Life of Pets*, starting at 8:15 p.m. Food and drink available for purchase. Call 248-473-1800.



Splash Pad

YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE – Five-game schedule begins September 9. Kids learn individual soccer skills and concepts of team play and sportsmanship. Games on Saturdays, practices once a week at coach's discretion. Volunteer team coaches needed! Due to the popularity of the program, requests for special team placement consideration cannot be guaranteed. Every effort will be made to accommodate volunteers. Three divisions: K – 1, Grades 2 – 3, Grades 4 – 5. Resident/non-resident fee is \$65/\$75. Registration deadline July 21.

KANGAROO KICKERS – Introduction to soccer, ages 3-5, May 3 – 31. Learn the game in a pressure-free environment. Resident/non-resident fee is \$60/\$70. Go to www.fhgov.com/activities or call 248-473-1800.

CO-ED VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FOR TEENS AGES 15-17 – Presented by Sports Around Town at Founders Sports Park Volleyball Courts. Four on four league – male and female. Two games per week; playoffs on the last week of play. Resident/non-resident fee is \$35/\$35. Go to www.fhgov.com/activities or call 248-473-1800.

SUPERHERO TRAINING CAMP – May 13, 10 a.m. to noon. Ages 5-10. Perfect your superhero powers! Leap over obstacles and climb walls, create super crafts and play games, then enjoy Superhero Pizza! Dress as your favorite superhero or make one up! Resident/non-resident fee: \$10/\$15. Register online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or call 248-473-1800.

48th ANNUAL FASHION SHOW TO BENEFIT THE LONGACRE HOUSE – September 28

Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 Thirteen Mile Road. Boutique opens at 10:30 a.m., Luncheon & Fashion Show at noon. Fashions by The Clothing Cove. Tickets \$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.*

