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## **City of Farmington Hills Takes Community Members Behind the Scenes at Annual Citywide Open House Saturday, Oct. 4**

*The open house will be held rain or shine, featuring family-friendly activities, visual demonstrations and community resources*

**FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Sept. 17, 2025)** — The City of Farmington Hills is getting ready to take community members behind the scenes at its annual Citywide Open House on Saturday, Oct. 4. The event will feature a variety of immersive, family-friendly activities that will give attendees an inside look at everything the City has to offer to those who live, work and spend time in Farmington Hills.

The Citywide Open House will be held rain or shine from **12 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4 on the campus of Farmington Hills City Hall**, located at 31555 West Eleven Mile Road at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. **Free parking and shuttle service are available in the east parking lot at Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road.** The event is free, including activities for the whole family, and hot dogs and Kona Ice, while supplies last.

“From fun activities to fundamental community resources, there will be something for community members of all ages and abilities at this year’s Citywide Open House,” said Farmington Hills City Manager Gary Mekjian. “We’re excited to showcase the City’s award-winning programs and services that make life in Farmington Hills vibrant, safe and fulfilling.”

The event will feature hands-on activities and live demonstrations with the Farmington Hills Fire and Police Departments, climbing on big trucks with the Division of Public Works, resources from more than 20 community partners, and a chance to meet Shannon Murphy from Mojo in the Morning.

Other activities at the Citywide Open House include:

### **City Clerk’s Office**

- Register to vote and get information about the election.

### **Communications and Community Engagement**

- Star in a video about why you love Farmington Hills.
- Pose with 3-D I ❤️ FH and be featured on City of Farmington Hills social media.

### **Division of Public Works**

- Climb an excavator and road grader
- Enter to win a street sign with your name on it.
- Scribble on a snowplow with sidewalk chalk.

- Learn about how recycling impacts the community.

### **Fire Department**

- Climb on fire trucks and try on a firefighter's uniform.
- Watch live kitchen and Christmas tree fire demos to learn how to prevent fires at home.
- Practice fire escape plans in the mobile classroom and run through an obstacle course.
- Watch an extrication using the Jaws of Life.

### **Police Department**

- Ride in a police car.
- Watch the Farmington Hills Police Department K-9 officers test their skills.
- Tour Police headquarters and meet evidence technicians in the crime scene lab.
- See a drone demonstration.
- Meet law enforcement partners, including Michigan State Police and Oakland County Sheriff's Office.

### **Special Services Department**

- Play on bouncers.
- Create a craft to take home.
- Learn about recreational and fitness opportunities at The Hawk, including The Hawk Makerspace and The Hawk Theatre.

The Open House also serves as a kickoff of National Fire Protection Association's Fire Prevention Week in Farmington Hills, which runs Oct. 5-11, with a focus on lithium-ion battery safety. The Farmington Hills Fire Department will share safety tips for using these small but powerful batteries that are common in everyday devices, including safe charging practices and disposal methods. They will also demonstrate the importance of having working smoke alarms in every home and share best practices with families. The Farmington Hills Fire Department can install free smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for residents. Call the Farmington Hills Fire Department at 248-871-2800 to make an appointment.

For more information on all the fun planned at the Farmington Hills Citywide Open House, visit [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com) or contact the City Manager's Office at 248-871-2500.

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### **About the City of Farmington Hills**

The City of Farmington Hills is a place where everyone is welcome. Founded in 1973, it is one of the largest communities in Oakland County. Farmington Hills is home to more than 83,000 residents who speak more than 60 languages, and more than 75 Fortune 500 businesses, including multinational corporations like Nissan and Bosch. The City is routinely recognized as one of the safest cities of its size and is known for its extensive amenities, including over 600 acres of parks, 90 athletic fields, six miles of hiking and walking trails, the Farmington Hills Golf Club, and an Ice Arena. Farmington Hills is also home to The Hawk, an award-winning, approximately 270,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com).

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