



FARMINGTON HILLS Michigan

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The Farmington Hills Golf Course is open for tee times starting at 7 a.m. The Driving Range is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., weather permitting. The clubhouse includes the Greek Islands Restaurant, a full-service bar and grill.

Spring/Summer 2015

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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. Go to the Quick Links dropdown menu on the home page and click on "Contact Us by Email." 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.

Ballot Proposals - May 5, 2015 Special Election

PROPOSAL 15-1

A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees. The proposed constitutional amendment would:

- Eliminate sales/use taxes on gasoline/diesel fuel for vehicles on public roads.
- Increase portion of use tax dedicated to School Aid Fund (SAF).
- Expand use of SAF to community colleges and career/technical education, and prohibit use for 4-year colleges/universities.
- Give effect to laws, including those that:
 - Increase sales/use tax to 7%, as authorized by constitutional amendment.
 - Increase gasoline/diesel fuel tax and adjust annually for inflation, increase vehicle registration fees, and dedicate revenue for roads and other transportation purposes.
 - Expand competitive bidding and warranties for road projects.
 - Increase earned income tax credit.

Should this proposal be adopted? Yes No

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Farmington Public School District, County of Oakland, Michigan, borrow the principal sum of not to exceed One Hundred Thirty-One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$131,500,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of making the following improvements:

- Remodeling School District buildings for safety and security improvements;
- Constructing additions to, equipping, furnishing, reequipping, refurbishing and remodeling School District buildings, including classroom, auditorium and media center improvements;
- Improving and developing sites, including outdoor athletic facilities, playgrounds and structures in the School District;
- Acquiring school buses; and
- Acquiring and installing technology infrastructure and equipment?

Yes No

The estimated millage to be levied in 2015 to service this issue of bonds is 1.20 mills (\$1.20 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and the estimated simple average annual millage rate required to retire the bonds of this issue is 2.37 mills (\$2.37 per \$1,000 of taxable value). The debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this Bond Proposal, if approved, is estimated to be at or below 3.46 mills. The bonds may be issued in two series, payable in the case of each series in not to exceed 20 years from the date of issue of such series.

(Under state law, bond proceeds may not be used to pay teacher or administrator salaries, routine maintenance costs or other School District operating expenses.)

City Clerk's Office

TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION - The ballot will include:

- State-Wide Ballot Proposal (Proposal 15-1) – A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7%
- School Bond Proposal for Farmington Public Schools (Farmington Hills Precincts 1-4, 7-26 only)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

- Monday, April 6 – Last Day to register to vote in the May 5, 2015 Special Election (City Clerk's Office is open until 4:30 p.m.) Register at your County or local Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State Branch Office.
- Saturday, May 2 until 2 p.m. – Last day to request an absent voter ballot to be mailed.
- Monday, May 4 until 4 p.m. – Last day to request an absent voter ballot in person. Please bring your Photo I.D. Voters are not allowed to leave with the ballot on this day and must vote the ballot in person at City Hall.

For an absent voter ballot application, call the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 or download at www.fhgov.com. Sample ballots can be found at www.fhgov.com.

PRECINCT 27 VOTERS - PRECINCT LOCATION CHANGE (Effective immediately):

Farmington Hills voters in Precinct 27 who previously voted at St. Alexander's Church on Shiawassee will now vote at GREATER SETH TEMPLE, 28125 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, 48336 for all Elections. The location change was required due to the closing of St. Alexander's Church.

New Voter ID cards were mailed to all affected voters in early March. If you did not receive your new Voter ID card or have questions regarding this location change, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

Visit www.fhgov.com for detailed information on obtaining an absent voter ballot, precinct locations, maps, and more.

HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION CONTACTS:

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

DOOR TO DOOR PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS:

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

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

If you do not wish to have peddlers/solicitors come to your door, please consider posting a "no peddling/no soliciting" sign on your property. Peddlers/solicitors are not permitted on property that is signed as such. Subdivision associations may also decide to post signage at the entrances to their subdivision with similar signage.

State Law dictates that we cannot prohibit peddling/soliciting within the City, but licensed peddlers/solicitors must adhere to City ordinance requirements. Complaints regarding any peddler/solicitor should be directed to the Police Department. It is helpful if you can provide the name and/or organization for which the person was peddling/soliciting and your address or subdivision name.

Fireworks Ordinance — Consumer fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight only on the day before, the day of, and the day after, a national holiday, except on New Year's Day when consumer fireworks may also be discharged between the hours of 12 midnight and 1:00 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, school property, church property, or the private property of another, without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession and control of that property to undertake such action. Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used by a person under the influence of alcoholic liquor or a controlled substance or a combination of both. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

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.
- By law, failure to receive a property tax bill does not waive the tax bill or any late payment fees.
- Changes of mailing address should be filed with the Assessor's Office.
- 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 248-871-2480.
- If you have any questions regarding your property assessment or taxable value, call the Assessing Division at 248-871-2470.

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Police Department

SPECIAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING – Learn about the City's record low levels of crime! Police Chief Chuck Nebus will present the 2014 Annual Crime Report and discuss Police/Community Relations at the Neighborhood Watch meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 20 at the Costick Center.

GUN-LOCK GIVEAWAY – The Police Department is currently offering free gun locks to citizens, which are available any time from Police personnel in the lobby of the Police Department at 31655 W. Eleven Mile Road on the City Hall Campus.

FRAUDULENT SCAMS – Scam operations over the phone and Internet are one of the fastest-growing forms of financial crime because criminals can obtain great financial gain with a lower risk of getting caught. Several Farmington Hills residents have reported "Green Dot" money card scams over the past few years where scam artists call pretending to be the Internal Revenue Service, the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service, or even local law enforcement officials. The scam artist threatens the victim and says they will be arrested if they do not pay the demanded fee. If the victim agrees to pay, the scam artist instructs them to buy "Green Dot" money cards, load them with the requested amount, and wire them to a specific destination. Victims of these scams have reportedly lost thousands of dollars. Unfortunately, the true number of "Green Dot" scam victims is unknown since many go unreported. If you receive a suspicious phone call or email, never provide personal or financial information. Many times, the scam artist only has your name and telephone number to rely on. Once they have you engaged in communication, they attempt to trick you into giving out more information. Hang up and report the call to the Police Department. It is then advisable to contact your bank and credit card companies to monitor for suspicious credit activity, fraudulent purchases or loans acquired with your information. If you receive further contact from the scam artist, tell them that you have reported them to the police - many times this will discourage future phone calls. The Police Department urges residents to report this type of fraudulent phone activity by calling 248-871-2600.

LOCKING GARAGE DOORS – In warmer weather, many homeowners tackle home improvement projects. During these activities, garage doors are left open for easy access to tools and yard equipment. Thieves specifically target lawn mowers, leaf blowers, weed whackers, and golf clubs. The Police Department reminds residents that garage doors should remain closed and locked if left unattended, even for a short amount of time. Just a few minutes is all it takes for a burglar to steal your valuable belongings. Criminals look for crimes of opportunity and easy access into a residence or business without being noticed. If a garage door is left open and unattended, criminals view it as an invitation. If you have an attached garage, remember to lock the passage door leading into your home. Even if a burglar manages to gain access to the garage, a locked passage door can add another layer of security and prevent further entry into your home.

Please report any suspicious activity by calling the Police Department at 248-871-2600.

Fire Department

SEVERE WEATHER AND TORNADO SAFETY – Michigan averages 16 tornadoes every year. Most occur April through August between 3 and 9 p.m., but 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 Watch. Seek shelter immediately and listen to the radio or television for more information.

In your home, a basement offers the greatest safety. In a home without a basement, take cover in the center of the house on the lowest floor in a small room such as a closet or bathroom or under sturdy furniture. In a manufactured/mobile home or vehicle, leave and go to a substantial structure before the storm arrives. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine or culvert with your hands shielding your head. At work or school, move to interior hallways or small rooms on the lowest floor. Avoid areas with glass and wide, free-span roofs. In open country, if possible, get into a sturdy building or lie flat in a ditch or depression and hold onto something on the ground. Unless you are injured or truly need emergency services, do not call police or fire departments.

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

Regular testing of the sirens for 2015 will be on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. on March 7, May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5, October 3, and November 7. The April 4 test is cancelled due to the special test on Wednesday April 15. Sirens are not activated in December, January or February.

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

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

As always, any time that you have an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Dog Licenses

Licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older and may be purchased at the Treasury Division with proof of rabies vaccination. From January 1 through June 1, the cost is \$7.50 for spayed/neutered dogs (\$6.75 if the owner is age 65 or older), \$15 for non-neutered male/female dogs (\$13.50 if the owner is age 65 or older). After June 1, the license is considered delinquent and the cost is \$30 for all dogs. New animals over four months of age may be licensed at non-delinquent rates if the license is purchased within 30 days of acquisition. The City does not require that cats be licensed. For questions regarding dog licenses, please contact Oakland County at 248-391-0278 or the City of Farmington Hills Treasury Division at 248-871-2480.



Planning and Community Development

Beautification Commission's 15th Annual Spring Plant & Seed Swap

Saturday, May 16, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Rain or shine, Heritage Park Visitor's Center parking lot, located off Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile. Come prepared with gloves, wagons, and favorite plants and seeds to exchange. Refreshments provided. For information, call Charmaine Kettler-Schmult in the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543.



Litter Clean-Up

In honor of Earth Day, the Beautification Commission will host its Third Annual Litter Clean-Up on Saturday, April 25. At least 17 subdivisions plan to participate in 2015! Trash and recycle bags, gloves, and T-shirts will be provided by sponsors for the first 300 residents. The DPW will do a special pickup of bagged debris. To register, contact Carol Posby at clposby@att.net or go to www.fhgov.com.

Save Your Oak Tree

Michigan's oak trees are being impacted by Oak Wilt, a deadly fungal infection that causes the tree to wilt and die. Leaves turn brown starting at the top of the tree then a fungal mass often grows under the bark. Most Oak Wilt outbreaks are caused by damage from pruning. The best way to prevent Oak Wilt is not to prune trees from mid-April to mid-July to help keep the tree healthy and reduce the risk of expensive tree removals. For more information, search for Oak Wilt through the MSU Extension Service at www.msue.msu.edu and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources at www.michigan.gov/dnr or call Charmaine Kettler-Schmult in the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543.

When Do I Need a Permit?

Building Permits: Additions, garages, sheds and accessory structures over 120 square feet, pools/spas and hot tubs, roofing, siding, window replacement, basement finish

Plumbing Permits: New water or sewer service, second/separate meter for sprinkler systems, lawn sprinkler system/back flow preventer, water heater/water softener, sump pump

Electrical Permits: New electrical service or adding new circuit(s), furnace/air conditioner, electrical water heater, hard-wired smoke detector(s) and/or carbon monoxide detector(s), standby generators, new electric service for oven/range/dishwasher/clothes dryer

Mechanical/Heating/Cooling Permits: Furnace/air conditioner, pre-fab fireplaces and woodstoves, electronic air cleaner/humidifier

Questions? Contact the Building Division at 248-871-2450.

Beautification Commission Awards

Awards are presented annually to businesses, offices, and subdivision or condominium entrances with attractive and well-maintained landscapes. Judges visit nominated sites to look for landscape variety, imaginative use of color, and overall property maintenance. To nominate your property or any other deserving property, forms are available after May 8 at www.fhgov.com or call the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543 to have a form faxed or mailed. Judging takes place during July. Awards will be presented at the 2015 Beautification Commission Awards Ceremony in late fall.



The Beautification Commission presented the Beautification Commissioners' Award to the Essex Club condominium development, in recognition of the site's maintenance and colorful plantings.

Public Services Department

Household Hazardous Materials (HazMat) Drop-off Day

Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the OCC Orchard Ridge Campus in the northwest parking lot off Farmington Road. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, and Wixom are all eligible to attend with a driver's license or other proof of residency. Accepted items include oil-based paints, batteries, automotive fluids, pesticides, expired medications, aerosols, CFL bulbs, mercury, propane, and more. All containers must be labeled, hold not more than five gallons and not weigh more than 50 pounds. Accepted electronic equipment includes TVs, radios, VHS and DVD players, and computers/ peripheral devices. Residents may also bring up to 100 pounds of documents for shredding on site.

Items not accepted include commercial or business waste, unknowns over five gallons, smoke detectors, radioactive waste, explosives, and latex paint (not considered hazardous waste.) To get rid of latex paint, add kitty litter or sand to the paint left in the can then put it the curbside with the lid off for regular pickup. For a list of acceptable items, go to the Recycling Authority's website at www.rrrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270. Farmington Hills residents who can't attend on May 9 may go to any of the other regional HazMat events listed on the RRRASOC website.

Recycling 101 - Curbside recycling provides economic and environmental benefits for our community. Quality material, however, is the key to the overall success of the recycling program. Unacceptable materials and contaminants reduce the end-market quality and value of the recyclables. Unacceptable items such as garden hoses, plastic grocery bags, disposable diapers, needles, yard waste, and food waste all cause significant problems in the recycling process. These items decrease the value of the recycled material, expose the employees to health and safety issues, and reduce the productivity of the recycling facility.

Recycling Dos and Don'ts:

- Do put only recyclable items in your recycling cart. Follow the reference list of allowable materials printed on the cart lid or on the www.rrrasoc.org website.
- Don't pile extra items next to the recycling cart. Only recyclable items that are in the cart will be recycled.
- Don't put any plastic bags or garbage in the recycling cart.
- Do remember to have all trash, recycling, and yard waste to the road edge by 7 a.m. on the assigned pickup day.

For more information, call the DPW at 248-871-2850 or visit www.fhgov.com.

Housing Discrimination Notice

Housing discrimination is prohibited by law. For more information, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing. If you have a housing discrimination complaint, contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 313-456-3700 or the HUD hotline at 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).

Storage of Garbage and Recycling Containers

All rubbish and recycling 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. To prevent recycling bins and garbage cans from attracting rodents and other vermin, please keep these containers clean. To help beautify the City, store recycling carts inside the garage or house between collection days. Please do not store these containers within the front yard of your residence, containers may be stored in the side or rear yards.

Spring Reminders

- **Prevent Street Flooding in Your Neighborhood** - Clean debris and fallen leaves from the catch basin grating by the curb in front of your home when it's dry - before debris is submerged in several inches of rain water.
- **Street Sweeping** - The City sweeps all curbed, residential streets approximately five times per year to remove dirt and debris before it enters the storm sewer system and ultimately flows into creeks and streams. This sweeping does not include pickup of leaves raked into the street by property owners. Areas where it is apparent that property owners have cleared their yards into the street will be bypassed by the sweeping contractor.
- **Prevent West Nile Virus** - Reduce areas where mosquitoes breed. Eliminate standing water in toys, buckets, flower pots, tires, pet water bowls, unused pools, birdbaths, clogged rain gutters, and other containers. Use insect repellent, 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.

Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding. For more information, go to www.oakgov.com/health or www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

Holiday Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Pickups

Memorial Day

No collection Monday, May 25.

All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday's collection on Saturday.

Independence Day

No change in schedule due to July 4 falling on a Saturday.

Labor Day

No collection Monday, September 7.

All pickups delayed by one day during that week with Friday's collection on Saturday.

Yard waste pickup begins the week of April 13. The last week of yard waste pickup will be the week of November 30. To ensure pickup, have your garbage at the curbside by 7 a.m. and limit containers to a 32 gallon, 60 pound capacity.

Recreation Division

NEW— the Riley Archery Range in Heritage Park! This indoor/outdoor archery range offers eight shooting lanes with distances of 10-30 yards, providing shooting opportunities for people of all ages and abilities, for both bows and crossbows. Open shooting hours (days/times vary by season); beginner and advanced classes; leagues; group lessons for Scouts, corporate groups and others; private lessons; private range rental; camps; birthday parties; competitions, and more. Call 248-477-1135 for information. *The Riley Archery Range was made possible with support from the Riley Foundation, Panasonic, Safari Club International, ROWE Professional Services, and Michigan DNR.*

The Nature Center in Heritage Park is FREE and open to the public 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Mon. - Sat.; noon - 5 p.m. Sun. New this year, the Nature Center will offer a variety of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programs and two weeks of educational STEM camps. Also enjoy award winning programs, including Little Trekkers and Boots N' Books, plus Garden Workshops, Outdoor Yoga, Kid's Fishing Day, Coffee & Stroll, Walk with a Doc, Junior Naturalist Club, Homeschool Nature Programs, and more. It's a great place to have a birthday party! Call 248-477-1135.

Thanks to the Bosch Community Fund, Founders Sports Park now offers a **Fishing Pier** open dawn to dusk at Founders Sports Park.

Visit the "best skate park in the Midwest."

Riley Skate Park in Founders Sports Park, open 8 a.m. - dusk, Mon. - Sun. with Skate Camps for skilled and novice skateboarders, plus competitions, and special guests.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- **EARTH DAY:** April 22, 5-7:30 p.m. in Heritage Park. Games, vendors, food, and a live concert!
- **GREAT FARMINGTON HILLS CAMPOUT:** June 6-7. Camp out in your own backyard or at Heritage Park! www.F2H.org for details.
- **SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION:** June 21, 1-3 p.m. in Heritage Park (the longest day of the year!) Take a hayride, develop art, and much more!

- **FREE SUMMER FUN AT THE NATURE CENTER:** June 15-August 20. Mondays: Story and Scavenger Hunt, 2 p.m.; Wednesdays: Nature Hike, 2 p.m.; Thursdays: Science Experiment, 2 p.m.
- **YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE:** Recreation Fall Youth Soccer for K-1, grades 2-3, and grades 4-5 registration deadline is July 24. For info on sports leagues, go to www.fhgov.com.
- **MARSHMALLOW FLY & FRY:** August 18, 5-8 p.m. Watch 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky! Sponsored by Busch's and LOC Federal Credit Union.
- **SPLASH BASH:** August 24, 6-10 p.m. Free event in Heritage Park. Play in the splash pad, then watch the movie "Big Hero 6" at 8:30 p.m.

Job Opportunities Aboard

The City hires many employees for regular part-time positions that extend throughout the year. During the spring/summer, the City hires a large number of employees from part-time (20 hours) to temporary full-time (40 hours) in landscaping, road work, park/golf course maintenance, and recreation programs. Hourly pay rates range from \$8.15 to \$13.50 based on qualifications and job responsibilities. Positions advertised at www.fhgov.com and in local classifieds, or contact the Human Resources Department at 248-871-2490.

Historic Botsford Inn Survey

Community residents, Botsford Hospital patients, their families, and Botsford employees are being asked to take an online survey at <http://www.botsfordinnsurvey.com/> about potential uses for the historic Botsford Inn. The City of Farmington Hills received a \$25,000 grant to study the feasibility of renovating the Botsford Inn and creating a space to provide access to local and regional foods and other services to promote health and wellness.

Help the Greater Farmington Community bring home the \$5 million Georgetown University Energy Prize by saving energy!



It's easier than you think and the sooner you begin, the sooner you'll see results. You can start small with no and low-cost ideas - go to www.consumersenergy/myhome or www.yourenergysavings.com.

Special Services Department The Costick Center is now open until 7pm on Wednesdays for registration services.

Youth & Family Services

Over 11,000 youth members in grades 5-8 have participated in the After School Program since its inception 19 years ago!

Sign up now for the Summer Drop-In Program running June 22-August 14 - \$285 for this eight-week summer camp. (First, become an After School Youth Member at the annual cost of \$50 for the 2015-2016 school year.) For a nominal fee, Summer Drop-In Youth Members can choose from 25 different field trips including a zip line and ropes course, Rainforest Café and Sea Life Aquarium, and more. Register in advance at the Costick Center. For more information, call 248-473-1841.

Girl Power Gala - Thursday, May 21 at the Costick Center, open to girls in grades 5-8 and the special ladies in their lives.

Cultural Arts Division

Farmington Hills Youth Theatre - "Mary Poppins" - April 24, 25, 26/May 1, 2, 3 at the Costick Center. Tickets \$10; kids 3 & under free. Order online: <https://recreg.fhgov.com>, or call 248-473-1848. Visit www.fhgov.com/youththeatre for information.

Art Classes: For youth and adults. For information, visit www.fhgov.com or call 248-473-1800.

Music Classes and Lessons: Individual lessons in acoustic, electric or bass guitar; piano; and violin for youth through adult. Kelly Kirby piano group lessons for children ages 5-7. Modified Music-ation academic program for students with special needs ages 7-12 using music as a learning tool. Call 248-473-1856 for more information.

2015 Festival of the Arts Reception & Awards Ceremony - Friday, April 17, Reception - 6 pm, Ceremony - 7 p.m. honoring winners of the Artist in Residence and Distinguished Service to the Arts Awards, High School Student Art Awards, and the Farmington Art Foundation Awards. Appetizers and live music. Tickets: \$5/per person. Call 248-473-1859 for more info.

2015 Festival of the Arts Free Family Day - Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Costick Center. See artists at work, and enjoy displays with over 200 framed/unframed paintings for exhibit and sale, hands-on children's art activities, and entertainment.

Art on the Grand-Grand River Avenue in Downtown Farmington - Sat., June 6, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sun. June 7, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Artwork for sale by over 100 artists-paintings, glass, pottery, jewelry, and photography. Hands-on activities, food, and entertainment.

Mercedes Benz Financial Services Free "Stars in the Park" Concert Series

Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. Rain-out site - Costick Center. For information, call 248-473-1848.

June 18 FCB Concert Band - Pop, swing, jazz & more

June 25 JAI HO - Entertaining, upbeat dance and music of India

July 2 No concert

July 9 FCB BIG BAND - Vocals and big band selections

July 16 No concert

July 23 HOWLIN MERCY - Heavy blues band

July 30 KARI HOLMES & THE MODERN DAY DRIFTERS - American modern country

August 6 SONIC FREEWAY - Timeless pop hits, R&B/soul

August 13 FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS - Over 60 vocalists

August 20 KATHY KOSINS - Jazz

August 27 L'USA - Motown to modern pop & more



19th Annual Ice Show - Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 9 at 4 p.m. **Once Upon a Dream** showcases Skating Club members, Synchronized Skating Teams, and Learn-to-Skate students. Purchase tickets at the Ice Arena or Costick Center. \$8 adults (19 & up); \$6 Seniors (65 & up) and Students (6-18). FREE for children five and under.

Ice Arena

Learn-to-Skate - Students ages three to adult. Summer Session begins June 16, registration begins June 1.

Hockey Schools - Total Package Hockey, Future Pro Goalie, Mannino Hockey, Turcotte Stickhandling Hockey, Puckmasters Hockey Training, Laura Stamm Power Skating, and Elite Brigade Hockey - all available throughout the summer.

Public Skating - Visit fhice.com or call 248-478-8800 for the monthly public skating schedule.

Aquatics - What's New

- The "Pumpkin Patch Pool Party" won a 2015 Outstanding Program Award from the Michigan Rec & Park Association.
- A new Aqua-Trek ADA step entry system was installed to provide an easy transition in and out of the pool, in addition to the existing hydraulic chair lift.
- Red Cross Lifeguard classes offered April-June.
- 60 minute lessons for both competitive/adult swim are now offered.
- Costick Crocodiles Swim Club starts in June, so young swimmers (6 & UP and Youth-2 or higher) can experience a swim team atmosphere.
- Women's Only Swim Hour offers private open swim, lap swim, exercise or lessons from the pool staff this summer.
- Stroke Clinics/Dive Days helps swimmers work on strokes, starts, and turns.
- Special Open Swims: Family Night/Dollar Days/Float Days.

Important Dates:

- 4/05/15 Pool Closed
- 4/19/15 Start of Spring Session Swim Lessons
- 5/10/15 No Swim Classes
- 5/23-5/25 Pool Closed
- 6/18/15 World's Largest Swim Lesson at the Costick Pool
- 7/04/15 Pool Closed

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Adults 50 & Better

FIRST FRIDAY BALLROOM & BUFFET - Music by the Mike Wolverton Band most first Fridays each month, 3-6 p.m. All levels of dance, couples and singles welcome. June 5 and August 7. Tickets by the Monday before \$10, \$12 after.

NATIONAL SENIOR HEALTH AND FITNESS DAY - Thursday, May 28, 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Costick Center. A mini health fair, sample free fitness classes and fun activities. Attendees must participate in five activities to receive a free lunch. Sponsored by Botsford Hospital. No pre-registration required.

BLUEBERRY COOKIE SALE - At Art on the Grand on June 6 and 7 in a booth on Grand River Avenue. Proceeds support Senior Transportation.

SHREDDING FOR SAFETY - June 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Residents 50 or better - bring up to four paper grocery bags of sensitive documents to the Costick Center parking lot.

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION - Dr. Peter Lichtenberg, Director of the Institute of Gerontology at Wayne State University, will speak about this growing problem among older adults. Free lunch sponsored by the Farmington Area Commission on Aging. Friday, June 12, 10 a.m. To pre-register, call 248-473-1830.

PIES ON THE GRAND - Pie baking July 14 and 15. Pie Eating Contest Thursday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m in Conway Hall. Pies sold at the Costick Center July 16 and 17. Proceeds support Senior Transportation. To pre-order, call 248-473-1830.

CONCERT IN THE COURT YARD - An evening of live music and light refreshments in the Costick Center Courtyard from 7-9 pm on Tuesday, August 11.

NEWCOMER WELCOME TOUR - August 20, 10-11 am. Adults 50 & Better, from Farmington Hills and Farmington, tour the facility and learn about services, trips, classes, and activities. Welcome packet includes a coupon for a complimentary lunch, gym class, swim or line-dance class. Please pre-register, call 248-473-1830.

EIGHT ANNUAL FREE TOTAL WELLNESS FAIR - September 15, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Exhibits on exercise, healthy cooking, health screenings, chair massages, and more.

The Longacre House

46th Annual Fashion Show to benefit the Longacre House: Thursday, September 24. Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 Thirteen Mile Road. Boutique opens at 10:30 am, Luncheon & Fashion Show at noon. Fashions by The Clothing Cove. Tickets are \$40. Call 248-477-8404 or visit www.longacrehouse.org.