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Gather, Gift and Give Back: Holiday Highlights in Farmington Hills

From events to charitable giving and gifting, the City of Farmington Hills has everything on your holiday list handled

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. (Nov. 27, 2024) – The City of Farmington Hills is welcoming the holiday season in its dynamic and diverse community with something for everyone. Whether your holiday list includes gathering with family, giving back to neighbors in need, or giving gifts to friends, the City of Farmington Hills has it handled.

GATHER

Sights, sounds and Santa – the City of Farmington Hills has it all this December.

- **Sights:** Join the Mayor and Mr. Claus on Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. as the City hosts its 32nd annual holiday lights celebration with carols, cocoa and community. This event is free, so bring the family to City Hall at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Roads to join in the fun.
- **Sounds:** Bring the whole family to The Hawk Theatre for special holiday programs throughout the month of December. The Farmington Hills Youth Theatre presents “A Wonderful Life” Thursday, Dec. 5 through Sunday, Dec. 8. The Farmington Chorus returns to The Hawk Theatre on Friday, Dec. 13 and on Saturday, Dec. 14 with their special holiday program, “Do You Want to Build a Snowman?” Finally, “Once Upon a December Eve,” a beloved metro Detroit holiday tradition is making its debut at The Hawk Theatre on Sunday, Dec. 15! Tickets are available at TheHawkTheatre.com.
- **Santa:** Santa will be making a special stop at the iconic red barn in Heritage Park on Wednesday, Dec. 11 and Thursday, Dec. 12 for Oh Deer, Santa’s Here! Families can spend time with Santa and take pictures before cozying up around a campfire for cocoa and activities that celebrate Rudolph’s deer cousins who live in Heritage Park. Preregistration is required [here](#).

GIFT

Giving the gift of experiences can be magical and the City of Farmington Hills has something for everyone on your list.

- **Experiential Gift:** Give the gift of music, dance and more – The Hawk Theatre has it all, whether you’re looking for a night out with the family or a date night

with your other half. Get tickets for a big production at the Mainstage or opt for a more intimate performance in the Black Box. Either way, beer and wine are available for guests 21+. Tickets make a memorable gift – find them at thehawktheatre.com.

- **DIY Gift:** Give the gift of creativity and sign someone up for ceramics, painting, drawing and more. From one day workshops that give your giftee a taste of a new craft to six-week sessions that spark long-term creativity, it's the gift that keeps on giving. Be someone's secret Santa, [sign up here](#).
- **Gift of Choice:** Give the gift of endless possibilities with a City of Farmington Hills Special Services gift card. This will open the doors to fun in Farmington Hills for your special someone and can be used for a round of golf at the outstanding Farmington Hills Golf Club, time on the rink at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, Nature Center programs, fitness classes and more! Gift cards are available at The Hawk.

GIVE BACK

Some neighbors need a little extra help around the holidays. If you're looking to give back to the community this holiday season, the City of Farmington Hills can help you help folks of all ages.

- **Give Back to Older Adults:** Did you know one of Santa's helpers works at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills? Senior adult supervisor Teresa Jergovich spearheads the **Senior Secret Santa program**, which provided gifts to nearly 600 older adults in 2023. Lift the spirits of an older adult who may feel alone or isolated this holiday season by donating gifts. Contact Teresa at 248-473-1826 or tjergovich@fhgov.com for more information. Wrapped gifts must be dropped off at the Costick Activities Center at 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road in Farmington Hills by Friday, Dec. 6.
- **Give Back to Kids:** The Farmington Hills Police and Fire make a difference in the community daily and it's their mission every December to make sure no kid goes without a gift. Help them grant wishes with Toys for Tots by donating unwrapped toys in the lobbies of the Farmington Hills Police Department or the Farmington Hills Fire Headquarters on the campus of City Hall at the corner of Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Roads. Donations will be accepted through Monday, Dec. 16.

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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 and most diverse 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 known for its extensive amenities, including its 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, 245,000-square-foot recreation and arts venue, which includes The Hawk Theatre and The Hawk Makerspace. For more information, visit www.fhgov.com.