

Michigan Week

Events emphasize taking pride in our community.

Saturday is COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

- Tour Bicentennial Boulevard and see the 161 new trees planted on Grand River between Eight Mile and Purdue road.
- See "Project Wildflowers" at the Twelve Mile road and I-696 interchange where the Farmington Garden Club helped beautify the area by planting wild flowers.
- Take time out and visit the Twelve Mile Library's book and media facilities. While there gaze upon the library's new bronze statue, "Humoresque."
- May is "Keep Farmington Beautiful Month" and Community Pride Day would be a great time to spruce up your home or business.
- Start off National Police Week by touring the Farmington Public Safety Department, Saturday and Sunday 1-5 p.m.

Celebrate HERITAGE DAY on Sunday

- Join the Farmington Garden Club and Farmington Historical Society in a historical homes tour and standard flower show.
- Attend a free concert featuring soprano Astra Kahina and pianist Ilse Strals Didrichson at 3 p.m. at Nardin Park Methodist Church, 2987 Eleven Mile road.

Greet a mayor on GOVERNMENT DAY—Monday

- Monday is Mayor Exchange Day in Farmington Hills. Stop and talk with Sterling Heights Mayor Anthony Dobry who will be changing places for the day with Farmington Hills Mayor Earl Oppenheimer. Hills' Mayor Pro-tem Keith Deacon will switch with Jose Benavides of Sterling Heights, who is also mayor pro-tem. Coffee and doughnuts for the officials will begin at 10 a.m. and other activities will include tours of city departments.
- Go see the new DPW Maintenance Facility on Halstead road, just south of Twelve Mile road. Open house hours are 4-8 p.m.
- Attend open houses at your local city halls and police departments. The Farmington Hills City Hall and Police Headquarters, Eleven Mile at Orchard Lake roads, will be open to the public 4-8 p.m.

Enjoy Tuesday's ETHNIC DAY

- Take in the special ethnic window displays at Crowley's, Twelve Mile and Farmington roads, and Federal Department Store, Grand River east of Farmington road.

- Enjoy the ethnic displays at the Farmington Community Libraries, Liberty or Twelve Mile road branches.
- Check out books, slides, film strips and more from any elementary school media center which features ethnic backgrounds.

Wednesday is LIVELIHOOD DAY

- Have lunch with the Farmington Exchange Club and the Chamber of Commerce at noon in Salem Church.
- Say hello to Mayor Frank McPharlin of St. Clair Shores who will be exchanging roles with Farmington Mayor John Richardson for the day.
- Stop and visit Water Saver Systems in Farmington while supporting them in their quest to win the Michigan Product of the Year Award.

Observe EDUCATION DAY on Thursday

- Sharpen your knowledge of Michigan by reading pamphlets about our state being distributed to all public school students.
- Ask any public school student what he learned this week about Michigan. Every school has scheduled special activities ranging from polishing Potosky stones to displays and poetry readings.

Be friendly on Friday—HOSPITALITY DAY

- Savor a free cup of coffee at most restaurants in town.
- Experience the start of the Gateway to the World ethnic festival at the Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of Ten Mile. Food, fashion shows, dance groups, arts and crafts, linen, glassware and more will be on display. Get there on the shuttle bus running from the Oakland Community College campus.
- Rejoice with the parents of the first baby born at Botsford General Hospital on this day as they receive a special bouquet of flowers.

Saturday is YOUTH DAY

- Acknowledge youth's contributions to the community by viewing special exhibits in the Alexander Hamilton building, Twelve Mile and Farmington Roads.
- Take in a local baseball game at one of the community's many diamonds.



Farmington Hills Police headquarters sports a remodeled look and community residents are invited to tour its facilities Monday, 4-8 p.m. Ask Police Chief Ronald Holko (standing) or dispatcher Fred Imus, community service officer Bonnie Swadlow (center) and operator Karen Tobel about the department's communications system. The unit is one of the most sophisticated systems in the state and includes visual and radio communication operations in one integrated console.

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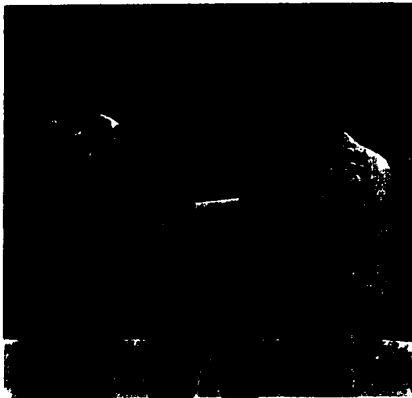
A display of photographs depicting Farmington history is on its way to St. Clair Shores this week, taken by Farmington Councilman William Hartsock, at left, photographer Ralph Evert and Mayor John Richardson. The photos, a gift to the city from the Evert collection, will be part of Mayor's Exchange Day festivities during Michigan Week. The collection is continuously updated by Evert and now contains the most modern buildings in the city.

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New equipment and buildings highlight open house tours



Since this weekend also is the start of National Police Week, stop at the Farmington Public Safety Department and ask officers for a ride on the division's new yellow fire engine during open house on Saturday and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Anyone who wants to ride patrol with a

Farmington officer can do so all next week from 3-5 p.m. or 6-10 p.m. as long as prior arrangements are made. City officials and local businessmen check over the fire truck's new equipment as the department readies to demonstrate the engine's capabilities.