

Festival of Trees benefit Nov. 18-25

Festival of Trees, the single largest annual fund-raising event for Children's Hospital of Michigan, will take place at Cobo Center Nov. 18-25.

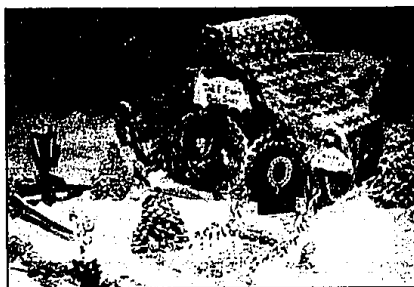
Sponsored by Meijer, this public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses and wreaths also offers entertainment, a festive gift shop and a Secret Santa Shop just for kids.

Festival of Trees funds are raised several ways - underwriters, sponsorship of trees, vignettes, exhibit areas, special events, in-kind donation of goods and services; wreaths, gingerbread houses and gift shop merchandise; a preview party and community contributions. A highlight this year will be a raffle drawing for a 2002 Mustang convertible. Raffle tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling (313) 745-0178.

Honorary chairman of the Festival of Trees is Jack Krasula, chairman and CEO of Decision Consultants, Inc., an information technology services company based in Southfield.

Hours are Sunday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 20-21, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Friday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Gate tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for children ages 2-12. Advance tickets are \$1 less.

Among the events planned: Gala Preview Party, 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. This black-tie annual gala is the official kickoff of Festival of Trees. Highlights include a live auction of donated trees and other items, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, sweet tables and a cash bar.



Gingerbread: This cookie constructed house was on display at last year's Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall.

Ticket prices range from \$150 to \$250.

Teddy Bear Brunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

Dance Party, 8 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, Nov. 24. \$26 per person. Dance in the setting of hundreds of decorated trees and twinkling lights. Music, hors

d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Reserve by Nov. 20.

Since its inception in 1985, Festival of Trees has attracted more than 400,000 visitors and raised more than \$8.6 million for Children's Hospital of Michigan. For more information, call Festival of Trees at (313) 745-0178 or visit the Web site www.fot.org.

Renowned authors to appear at Jewish Book Fair

From sex to politics, cooking to health, the 50th annual Jewish Book Fair hosted by the Jewish Community Center Nov. 8-18 will feature a number of nationally renowned authors.

Jeffrey Toobin, best-selling author of *The Run of His Life* and *A Vast Conspiracy*, will speak about his new book, *Too Close to Call* on Thursday, Nov.

16 at 8:30 p.m. at the JCC Kahn building in West Bloomfield, 6800 W. Maple near Drake.

Toobin, a legal analyst for ABC News and staff writer at *The New Yorker* wrote his book about the 2000 Presidential election and 36 days of controversy that followed.

Sam Roberts will talk about his book, *The Brother*, on

Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 8:30 p.m. in the Kahn building. An author, *New York Times* reporter and host of cable talk show *Nov. 24*, Close Up, Roberts wrote about the trial and execution of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg after tracking down Ethel's brother, David Greenglass, and interviewing him for 60 hours. In *The Brother*, Greenglass, the last living first-

hand witness, tells the inside story of the atomic espionage trial and how he perjured himself in testifying about the Rosenbergs.

Other notable authors: attorney Robert Shapiro, Susan Isaacs, Frank Rich, Dr. Ruth Westheimer and Rabbi Harold Kushner. Call (248) 432-5577.



Bald Faced Hornets nest in yard

We've just found a large gray football shaped bees nest in a tree in our yard. What should we do about it?

From your description, this is the hive of the Bald Faced Hornet. At this time of the year, I get many calls concerning this insect because the leaves on the trees are starting to fall and the nests are becoming more visible.

If the nest is close to a doorway or in an area that children play, it may be good to take it down. Otherwise my suggestion is to leave it where it's at. Most of the time, these hornets build their nest high up in a tree. The nest may look huge but in reality what you are seeing is an outer covering that protects the smaller true hive inside.

I have not found them to be very aggressive towards people in general. This nest is gray in color because it is made up of wood which is chewed up and regurgitated into a paper pulp

type material. It looks strong but is quite fragile. You could easily poke your finger right through it although I wouldn't recommend it.

This nest will not survive the winter. When cold weather arrives, most of the hornets will die. A few females will remain to hibernate somewhere underground, emerge in the spring and build a new nest in another location.

The wind, rain and snow of winter will tear this nest apart. These insects are called bald-faced because they have a mostly black body with a white face. The wood they chew to make their home can come from a tree, fence post, picnic table or any other suitable wood product that attracts them. I always look forward to seeing these marvels of nature in my own yard as the seasons change.

Joe Derek is the city naturalist for Farmington Hills. Leave him a message at (248) 473-9574.

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (SUMMARY)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2001 at 6:15 p.m. in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 287-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock (arrived 6:30 p.m.), McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lushoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

Council met in special session to study pending projects including the Downtown Center Parking Lot Project and the Sewer Interceptor Repair Project; to review the status of state shared revenues; to review water and sewer billing procedures; to review staffing levels and discuss emergency planning and the feasibility of an event at the Civic on Veteran's Day. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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