

# Tradition dominates agenda

## Founders Festival lines up activities for July

Scheduling for the Farmington Founders' Festival slowly grinds into gear as the event's July 22 starting date draws near.

This year's festival is shaping up as a forum for the return of previously featured events.

Some of the old activities are rescheduled. Sunday in the Park, the traditional closer for the festival, will open this year's celebration. It is tentatively scheduled for noon until 6 p.m. on July 22 in Farmington Park, on Shawassee. The pet show, deleted from last year's festival, will return this year as part of Sunday in the Park.

At 10:30 a.m. on July 25, the skateboard extravaganza will zoom its way down Raphael street next to the Farmington Board of Education's administrative offices. Registration will be open until 10:15 a.m. the day of the event.

Participants can register at the event or by visiting the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office at Orchard Lake Road and Eleven Mile. The event combines free style and stolum competitions which are divided into different age divisions.

AGE DIVISIONS INCLUDE the following groups: 9 years old and younger; 10-12-year-olds; 13-16-year-olds and 17-years-old an older. Elbow and knee pads, gloves and helmets are required for competition.

Prizes include first and second place trophies, a ride in a Farmington Hills Police squad car, T-shirts and ribbons for all participants.

Square dancing will be featured at 9 p.m. July 16 in the Downtown Farmington Center. The Spinning Gears square dancers will perform.

At 8:30 p.m. July 27, the Fancy Farmers of Farmington will square dance in the Downtown Center.

Parents whose children want to sit and rest can attend a family film hour at the Farmington Library on Liberty at 3 p.m. July 26 and 27.

On July 26 the following films will be shown for free: "Cricket in Times Square," "Boggs," "Boiled Egg," "Fun on Mars," "Legend of Paul Bunyon."

On July 27 the following films will be shown: "Hooper, Blood Highway," "How to Play Baseball," "The Lorax," and "Hank, Cave, Peanut."

The Open and Novice Tennis Tournament, sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will begin July 26 and finish July 29.

TOURNAMENTS TIMES are: from 6-9 p.m. July 26 and 27; from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 28 and from 9 a.m. to noon July 29. The matches will be played on the Oakland Community College courts and on various Farmington area high school courts.

Players will be matched according to age. Competitors who are 14-years-old and younger will pay \$2.50 to play in the junior division. Teen players from 15-18 will be charge \$3; adult players, 19 and older will be charged \$4 and doubles will be charged \$5.

Registration deadline is July 16. Applications are available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department on Orchard Lake Road and Eleven Mile.

Also beginning in July, the Farmington Community Center will conduct its antique market. This year, the show will begin with a champagne preview from 6-9 p.m. on July 26. Tickets are \$5 per couple or \$2.50 per person.

Admission to the regular show on July 27-28 will be \$1.50. The July 27 show will be conducted from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The closing day will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. July 28, the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile near Farmington Road is presenting "An Evening with John Glick" in the auditorium. Glick will demonstrate the expertise with pottery which has made him an artist of national stature.

THE FARMINGTON Gym J's will exhibit their skills in the Downtown Farmington Center at 7:30 p.m. July 27 and at 2 p.m. July 28.

The Farmington Founder's Festival Men's Softball Tournament will be played July 27, 28, 29 at various sites in town. The Knights of Columbus field on Middle Belt between Nine Mile and

Grand River, Drake Park and various high school fields are tentatively scheduled as the sites of the tourney.

Deadline for registering for the games is July 18. Applications must be done in person at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department at Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

Fee is \$70 per team. The tourney is open to all who live or work in Farmington and Farmington Hills. Players must be at least 18 by August 1.

The Farmington Soccer Club's Invitational Tourney will be conducted July 28-29 in North Farmington High School playing fields. Games are tenta-

tively scheduled for 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on those days.

The festivities wrap up on July 28 with the Farmington Founders' Festival Parade. Before the parade, from 8:30-10:15 a.m., the "5,000, 10,000, 15,000 meter run" will be conducted. The event was called the "Mini-Marathon" last year.

THE MINIMUM age for runners is 18. There is a \$6 fee for those who register before July 20. After that date the fee is \$8.

Registration can be accomplished at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department or at the Farmington

YMCA. Applicants can register before the parade at the starting point near the Masonic Temple, Farmington Road and Grand River until 8:15 a.m.

Runners receive a T-shirt and a patch. The first six winners will receive an award.

Continuing events will include the Children's Art Tent on the lawn of the Farmington Training Center, on School street and Grand River.

Artists' Corner and the Farmington Artist Club will exhibit again on the Masonic Temple grounds.

The Masonic Temple will sponsor its festival dinners again this year.

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