

# Kite fest flies high

The first Heritage Park Kite Festival in Farmington Hills, was held May 8.

Activities included: kite flying demonstrations by the 520 Kite Club, a chance to build your own kite and a kite contest.

Prizes were given for the most unusual, best home built and best decorated kites.

About 100 participants took part in the festival by flying many different types of kites. Kites were as small as one foot and as large as six feet across.

"It was a very cold May day; however, everyone seemed to enjoy all the activities at this festival," said Dave Justus of the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.



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Making their own kites at Farmington Hills' kite-flying festival Saturday are Emily Halberg (left), 7, her mom, Karen Halberg, and Julie Lefton, 7, all of Farmington Hills.

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# Make kite-flying safe

Watching the grace of a kite riding the wind can sometimes lure you into forgetting about the danger of the kite's coming in contact with utility poles or equipment. So Detroit Edison has a few reminders.

If you plan to enjoy this popular hobby, Detroit Edison suggests you do it safely by following these tips:

- Select a good, level, open space. Wires, poles, trees, large stones, ruts and ditches can cause injury.
- If a kite becomes lodged in a high tree, utility pole or wires, don't

try to get it down. If kites or other objects are caught on Detroit Edison poles or wires, please inform us of the location and circumstances.

• Don't fly kites in threatening weather. Lightning is electricity and wet string conducts electricity.

• Use light-weight wood for kite frames.

• Use strong, dry cord for kite string. Don't use kites containing wire or metal parts which could serve as conductors if they came in contact with electrical equipment or

wires. Nails or pins left exposed may cause injury to arms or hands.

• Handle kites alertly to prevent being thrown off balance by a sudden gust or high wind. This also can cause burns as the cord slips through your hands.

• Avoid areas used by moving vehicles, such as streets, highways and railroad rights-of-way.

• Don't fly kites from rooftops or other elevated structures unless they are protected by enclosures high enough to prevent a fall.

# Health group appoints new VP

Stephanie McCutcheon, vice president of strategic planning and analysis at Mercy Health Services, Farmington Hills, has appointed Jeffrey Brasie as associate vice president for program development, effective May 15.

"Mr. Brasie brings talent in service line assessment which is very consistent with the traditional and home care services, ambulatory network, elderly services and alternative financing dimensions of our

community health care systems," said McCutcheon. "He will coordinate the divisional and subsidiary leadership as we plan for integration of these service lines in our Mercy ministry to local communities."

Brasie is the former vice president for marketing and business development at Bon Secours of Michigan Health Care System, where he was responsible for planning and market research, physician relations, and sales and promotional ef-

orts for a \$100 million Catholic health care system.

In addition to serving on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Detroit YMCA, Brasie is past president of the Michigan Society for Hospital Marketing and Public Relations and a member of the American Marketing Association.

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