

# LET'S GO! TRAVEL

## Holidays are a great time to explore New York

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City sidewalks, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style... while hordes of travelers head for warm destinations during the holidays, confirmed urbanites like myself head for New York

City. From Thanksgiving week and through New Year's Day, the Big Apple is at its most polished. Whether for a quick weekend getaway, or a holiday vacation between Christmas and New Year's, November and December are the most exhilarating time to be in New York, especially for first-time visitors of any age. For a start, there's the lavish

holiday decorations adding sparkle everywhere one looks. In the don't-miss category are the giant snowflake strung across Fifth Avenue, the incredibly huge lighted tree towering over the skating pond at Rockefeller Center, the animated Victorian figures in the Lord & Taylor windows, and the lush baroque tree and creche at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Even the Empire State Building is lit up in red and green. If you need to do some Christmas shopping, it's hard to comprehend the vast selection at Macy's and Bloomingdale's.

Shoppers of all ages, but mostly adults, come to marvel at, and play, with the unique toys at F.A.O. Schwarz. Take a jaunt through the dazzling gemstone counters at Tiffany's, where there's no charge for dreaming. Ogle the European designer boutiques on 57th Street. After Christmas sales are nice too. Amidst all the bustle and bustle, the air seems crisper and cleaner than at any other time in the city, and there really is a pervasive spirit of good cheer. New Yorkers seem extra-friendly during the holidays.

### Entertaining options

This is also a great time for entertainment in the city. "The Nutcracker" is performed amidst the splendid setting at Lincoln Center, and many new shows open on Broadway between now and the holidays. Popular shows that need to be booked as far ahead as possible, are Disney's enchanting "Beauty and the Beast," "The Kiss of the Spider Woman," and "The Phantom of the Opera." Also, going strong are revivals of "Damn Yankees," "Carousel," "Grease," and "Guys and Dolls," plus "The Who's Tommy," "Miss Saigon," "Les Miserables," and "Crazy for You."

with 14 days advance purchase, and a stay over Saturday night. Frequent sale prices have been hovering around \$188 to \$214. A taxi into mid-town runs \$20 to \$25 depending on traffic, and shuttles run about \$15 per person.

### Where to stay

New York has hotels in all price ranges, but the expensive ones heavily predominate. Hotels in the Theater District tend to be the most convenient. Even if one is not going to the theater a lot, this area is centrally located, and both east side and west side destinations are easily reached by bus or taxi.

New York subways are confusing at best, hot, dirty, and dangerous at worst. They are best explored in the company of a native or at least a seasoned visitor. Of course, to bestavor the sights, sounds, and smells of the city, nothing beats walking.

If one is going to the theater in the evening, remember that taxis are plentiful in New York, except during morning and evening rush hours, whenever it rains or snows, and after the theater. A very good reason to be within walking distance of one's hotel.

Among the moderate-priced hotels in the Theater District, my favorite is the small, little-known President on 48th Street, where the staff is exceptionally friendly and helpful. Like the President, the Consulate Hotel on 49th Street is small and popular with young Europeans, singly and in groups.

The Days Hotel at Eighth Avenue and 48th Street offers excellent value, as does the Park Central Hotel at Seventh Avenue and 56th Street.

### GENERAL ELECTION CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

To the Qualified Electors:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A GENERAL ELECTION will be held in the CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS Precincts No. 1-31 County of OAKLAND, State of MICHIGAN

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1994

AT THE PLACE OR PLACES OF HOLDING THE ELECTION IN SAID CITY AS INDICATED BELOW:

- Precinct 1 - Power Middle School
Precinct 2 - Farmington Community School
Precinct 3 - Woodcrest School
Precinct 4 - St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Precinct 5 - St. Alexander's Church
Precinct 6 - Larkshire School
Precinct 7 - Ellipse School
Precinct 8 - Elm Middle School
Precinct 9 - East Middle School
Precinct 10 - Duncraft Middle School
Precinct 11 - North Farmington High School
Precinct 12 - Farmington Hills Activities Center (Mercy Center)
Precinct 13 - William Grace School
Precinct 14 - Alameda School
Precinct 15 - Flambert School
Precinct 16 - Fairview School
Precinct 17 - First Presbyterian Church
Precinct 18 - Highlands School
Precinct 19 - Forest School
Precinct 20 - Grace Chapel Church
Precinct 21 - Forest Park Baptist Church
Precinct 22 - North Farmington High School
Precinct 23 - Kenbrook School
Precinct 24 - Grace Chapel Church
Precinct 25 - Gill School
Precinct 26 - Hope Lutheran Church
Precinct 27 - Fire Department Headquarters
Precinct 28 - Faith Covenant Church
Precinct 29 - Flambert School
Precinct 30 - Gill School
Precinct 31 - Duncraft Middle School

ALL OF THE ABOVE POLLING PLACES ARE ACCESSIBLE TO VOTERS WHO ARE HANDICAPPED.

Any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability, or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

### FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS:

STATE Governor & Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, two Members of the State Board of Education, two Members of the Board of Regents of University of Michigan, two Members of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, two Members of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University.

CONGRESSIONAL United States Senator, Representative in Congress

LEGISLATIVE State Senator, State Representative

COUNTY County Commissioner

AND ALSO ANY ADDITIONAL OFFICERS THAT MAY BE ON THE BALLOT AND ALSO TO VOTE OF THE FOLLOWING NON-PARTISAN OFFICERS:

Two Justices of the Supreme Court, Three Judges of the Court of Appeals, Four Judges of the Circuit Court, (Regular Term), One Judge of the Circuit (To Fill Vacancy), One Judge of the Circuit Court (New Judgeship), One Judge of Probate Court.

### ALSO TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS AS LISTED BELOW:

STATE PROPOSAL A A PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A GENERAL REVISION OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION.

STATE PROPOSAL B A PROPOSAL TO LIMIT CRIMINAL APPEALS.

STATE PROPOSAL C A REFERENDUM ON PUBLIC ACT 143 OF 1993 - AN AMENDMENT TO MICHIGAN'S AUTO INSURANCE LAWS.

STATE PROPOSAL F A PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A MICHIGAN STATE PARKS ENDOWMENT FUND, INCREASE THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF FUNDS IN THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND AND ELIMINATE THE DIVERSION OF DEDICATED REVENUE FROM THE MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND.

### ALSO TO VOTE ON THE FOLLOWING LOCAL PROPOSALS:

CHARTER AMENDMENT 1 DIRECT ELECTION OF MAYOR Shall the City Charter of the City of Farmington Hills be amended to provide for the direct election of a Mayor by the electors to a two year term with a limitation that no person may serve as Mayor for more than two consecutive terms?

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE This Charter Amendment would have the Mayor elected by the voters for a term of two years and limit an individual to two consecutive terms as Mayor instead of being elected by City Council from among its members to serve at their pleasure, as is provided by current Charter.

CHARTER AMENDMENT 2 LAND ACQUISITION AND MAINTENANCE Shall the City Charter of the City of Farmington Hills be amended to permit the levy of an additional tax not to exceed 0.25% percent (0.25% of state equalized value for a period of five (5) years, the total to be used only for the acquisition of development rights and/or real property and the maintenance thereof within the city?

THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK A.M. AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. ON ELECTION DAY.

NOTICE - ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS In Federal Elections the law permits a disabled voter to designate any person of their choice to assist them. However, the person so designated may not be the voter's employer or an agent of their employer, nor an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter or their employer, nor an officer or agent of either, is or is alleged to be affiliated.

KATHRYN A. DORRAN, City Clerk

### CITY OF FARMINGTON GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF NO. 1 WARD (PRECINCT NOS. 1-4): NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A General Election will be held in the City of Farmington, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1994

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN 7 O'CLOCK A.M. UNTIL 8 O'CLOCK P.M. AT THE POLLING PLACES LISTED BELOW:

- Precinct No. 1 - Farmington City Hall - 23400 Liberty Street
Precinct No. 2 - Ten Mile Community School - 32749 W. Ten Mile
Precinct No. 3 - Farmington Senior High School - 23000 Sawtooth
Precinct No. 4 - Flambert Elementary School - 32400 Flambert
Precinct No. 5 - Longacre Elementary School - 34150 Arundel
Precinct No. 6 - Farmington Training Center - 31000 Thomas Street

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### LOCAL PROPOSAL ROAD AND STREET IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

SHALL THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, MICHIGAN, BE AUTHORIZED TO LEVY ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM TAXES AGAINST TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY AT A RATE OF ONE DOLLAR AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$1.80) PER THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1.80) (1.8 MILLS) OF THE STATE EQUALIZED VALUATION ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY IN THE CITY, WHICH AMOUNT SHALL BE IN EXCESS OF THE LIMITATION IMPOSED BY MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS SECTION 211.64, FOR THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR (ROAD AND STREET) IMPROVEMENTS? IF APPROVED AND LEVIED IN ITS ENTIRETY, THIS MILLAGE WOULD RAISE AN ESTIMATED \$423,000.00 FOR THE CITY IN 1995.

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 83 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1933 AS AMENDED

I, C. Hugh Doherty, County Treasurer of the County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that according to the records in my office, as of August 31, 1994, the total of all voted increases in the tax rate limitation above the 18 mills established by Section 6 of Article IX of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 affecting taxable property in the City of Farmington, is as follows:

Table with columns: LOCAL UNIT, VOTED INCREASE, YEARS INCREASE EFFECTIVE. Rows include Farmington Public Schools, County School District of Oakland County, County of Oakland, and Oakland Community College.

NOTICE - ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS The last day to request an Absent Voter Ballot for mailing for the General Election of November 8, 1994 is until 5:00 p.m., Saturday, November 5, 1994. The City Clerk's office will be open on Saturday, November 5, 1994 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

VOTERS NEEDING ASSISTANCE In Federal Elections the law permits a disabled voter to designate any person of their choice to assist them. However, the person so designated may not be the voter's employer or an agent of their employer, nor an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter or their employer, nor an officer or agent of either, is or is alleged to be affiliated.

Great Escapes
Send items to be considered for publication to: Keely Wygonik, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48160, or by fax (313)591-7279.
New Year's Eve
CITY OF BENTWILD TOURS IS OFFERING a New Year's trip to London, England. (810) 354-4861.
Hotel specials
WESTIN HOTEL
NUTCRACKER "Guts" Family weekend Dec. 10. Includes overnight accommodations, tickets to the "Nutcracker" Ballet at the Fox Theatre, special activities at the Renaissance Center including face painting, cookie decorating and more. (313) 568-6200.

INVITATION TO BID
Farmington Public Schools is rebidding Bid Division #08 roof renovation at North Farmington High School. Sealed bids will be accepted until 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 8, 1994 at the Lewis Schalmann Administration Center, 23506 Sawtooth, Farmington, Michigan 48334, addressed to Beverly Hansman at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.
A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from A.M. Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.
Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from Mr. Bill McCarthy at MCS/EAV, 36001 West Five Mile Road, Redford, Michigan 48139, (313) 524-1110. Please call to verify availability.
SUSAN C. LIGHTNER, Secretary
Board of Education
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CITY OF FARMINGTON, MICHIGAN
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Downtown Streetscape Improvements
Phase VIII Streetscape
Downtown Development Authority
Sealed proposals for Phase VIII Downtown Streetscape Improvements, City of Farmington, will be received in the Farmington City Clerk's office, 23400 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan 48334, until 11:00 a.m. local time Monday, November 28, 1994, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud.
Contract documents, including necessary specifications, may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk beginning Monday, November 14, 1994. A charge of \$23.00, payable to the City of Farmington will be made for each set of contract documents and specifications, which will not be refunded.
Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages, as set forth in the contract documents, must be paid on this project and that the contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin, in accordance with Executive Order 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity and Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment opportunity.
Proposals shall be sealed in a sealed envelope marked with the name of the bidder and shall be clearly marked on the lower front flap with the words "PROPOSAL - PHASE VIII DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS" and shall be delivered to the office of the City Clerk on or before the time specified above.
Contractor must comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, September 25, 1966 Pub. 11346, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Executive Order 11246, Title 29, U.S.C. Section 717 and Title 29, U.S.C. Section 717a known as an "Anti-Retaliation Act," and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.
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