

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
City Hall, 474-6115
Regular meeting
Council chambers
7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2
Agenda items include:
■ Consideration of appointment to the Commission on Aging.

- Consideration of setting study session dates for various items.
- Discussion of video taping and replaying city council meetings.
- Consideration of participation in the Protec organization

(The Michigan Coalition to Protect Public Rights-of-way from Telecommunications Encroachments).

Farmington City Council
City Hall, 474-5500
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2

Agenda items include:

- Presentation of proclamation to retiring election worker Louise Stevens.
- Downtown Development Authority update from executive director Judy Downey.
- Consider to relocate city recycling drop-off center.
- Duty disability trust fund board of trustees appointment.

Farmington Downtown
Development Authority

City Hall, 473-7276
8 a.m. Tuesday, Dec.3
Agenda items include:
 ■ Consideration of downtown
 gardener contract
 ■ Approval of permanent
 Farmers' Market sign

**Farmington Public Schools
Board of Education
Schulman Center, 480-3300
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 3**
Agenda items include:

- Appointment of Assessment, Evaluation and Special Projects Director.
- Continued discussion on blue ribbon financial strategies report
- Discussion on 1996-97 budget amendments
- Review of resolution for summer tax collection.



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Courting kindness: 47th District Judges Marla Parker and Fred Harris and their staffs join U.S. Marines Gunnery Sergeant Carl Martin and Sergeant Robert Gutierrez in the Toys for Tots campaign.

Staff workers at the 47th District Court in Farmington are getting into the Christmas spirit early this year.

For the second year, they chipped in with several new toys for the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program.

"We collected about 120,000 toys last year," said Gunnery Sgt. Carl Martin of the 1st Battalion stationed in Detroit. Martin and Sgt. Robert Gutierrez came to the court Nov. 27 to collect the toys donated by court

workers.

Judge Fred Harris, himself a retired Marine colonel, said Court Receptionist Marilyn Rotole had organized last year's donation as a surprise.

"It's been great how everyone has given," Harris said.

Judge Marla Parker said she was impressed with the quality of the gifts.

Toys for Tots was started in 1947 to provide children who would otherwise not have Christmas gifts with toys. The Detroit area campaign was helped in 1962 when television stars Fess Parker of "Davy Crockett" fame.

and Roger Smith of "77 Sunset Strip" came to the area to promote the effort. Ford Motor Co. donated the use of trucks to transport the gifts and several other companies and individuals became involved in what has become a holiday tradition.

In that first year, about 26,000 toys were collected.

Martin said that last year 116,000 toys were distributed, leaving about 4,000 at the beginning of this year's campaign.

Anyone interested in donating a new toy to the campaign can call (313) 824-3553 to find out the nearest donation center.



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