

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

HEALTH

FREE IMMUNIZATION

The Oakland County Health Division will be offering an immunization clinic for Farmington and surrounding areas from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 11, at Clarencville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt. A parent or legal guardian must accompany a child under 18 years old.

HEALTHY COOKING

Enjoy healthy cooking demonstrations throughout the month of February at Botoford's Health Development Network in Novi. Classes fill quickly so register today. The cost is \$8. Call 477-6100 for dates and times.

KID STUFF

FUN SERIES

The Winter Fun Series continues with "No Veggies For Me" presented by Rick's Puppet Theater at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Civic Theater in downtown Farmington. Different 45-minute shows run every Saturday through Feb. 14. Cost is \$2 per person, with infants 1 and under free.

VALENTINE FUN

Enjoy Valentine fun for the whole family with the Pippin Puppets. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Farmington Hills Library and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, at the Farmington Branch Library in downtown Farmington. Call 653-0300 or 474-7770.

STRETCH CUNNINGHAM

Who kidnapped "Stretch Cunningham"? Young adults in sixth grade and up are invited to help solve this mystery at a special winter break party from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Farmington Branch Library in downtown Farmington. Call 474-7770 to register for this free event.

CALLING ALL KIDS

Kids in first through sixth grades can enjoy music, crafts and recreation at the LOGOS program from 4:15-7 p.m. every Thursday at First United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

PRESCHOOL

HEAD REGISTRATION
Kindergarten Enrichment Class offers opportunities for children and parents to explore hands-on enrichment activities Tuesday morning or afternoon classes at Farmington Community School. Call 489-3376.

PRESCHOOL NIGHT

Meet representatives from Farmington area preschools at 7

p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, at the Farmington Hills Library. This program is held by the Farmington Area Preschool Council. Refreshments will be served. Call Sally Gaines at 474-7770.

CLARENCVILLE CHILD CARE

The Clarencville Child Care Program housed at Botoford Elementary School has openings for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds. This licensed program offers a balanced schedule of activities from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 473-8933 for registration details.

MAYFAIR CO-OP

Mayfair Co-op preschool in Farmington Hills will accept applications for the 1998-99 school year beginning Feb. 23. Come see classes in action during Mayfair's open house on Feb. 9-10. Call 626-2769.

POTPOURRI

AUDITIONS

The Farmington Players hold auditions for "Laughter on the 23rd Floor," a comedy by Neil Simon, at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, at the Farmington Players Barn, 32322 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. The play has two women's and seven men's roles available. Call Brian Tupper at 563-4506.

VISIT THE REP

State Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington Hills, is available to the community from:
- 10-11:30 a.m. the first Monday of each month at the Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty St.
- 10-11:30 a.m. the second Monday of month at Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 11 Mile.
- 7-8:30 p.m. at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile.
Call 1-800-864-2108 to make an appointment.

RED CARTER BAND

The Red Carter Band will perform beginning at 3:30 p.m. today, Feb. 1, at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. The show is free and open to the public.

VOLUNTEERS

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
The Alzheimer's Association is seeking volunteers to provide

companionship to those with memory loss. Volunteers receive an orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's. Call 557-8277.

SENIEX

Senex, a program for frail older adults, provides the homebound some extra care and a variety of activities. If you would like to know more about this program or would like to volunteer, call 473-1830.

TRANSPORTATION

Volunteers are needed to drive older adults to medical appointments one day a week. Call Anne at 473-1884.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS

Pick up and deliver meals to homebound seniors one day a week, from one to two hours any day of the week. Call Diane or Chris at 473-1825.

NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS

Kitchen volunteers are needed from 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call Chris or Diane, 473-1825.

FOCUS:HOPE

Drivers are needed for an hour or two to deliver food boxes to eligible seniors once a month. Call Gail, 473-1826.

COMMON GROUND

Common Ground, Oakland County's 24-hour crisis center, needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention counseling. Call Liz Christopher at (248) 456-8128.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

Volunteers are needed to help improve relationships between parents and children, in a program sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Oakland County. Training for the program is provided. Call Francine Adams,

(248) 334-3595.

DRIVERS NEEDED

If you have some free time to transport cancer patients in your area to nearby treatment centers, call Ivory Underwood at 443-5800.

CANCER INSTITUTE

The Karmanos Cancer Institute needs volunteers for the Novi office, 41935 12 Mile, Novi. In addition, cancer survivors and volunteers are welcome to be trained as health education speakers.

SENIORS (55+)

BOOK DISCUSSION

Join in for a lively, informal book discussion at 1 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. Regular attendance is not required. Call 473-1830.

VALENTINE'S PARTY

The "Hearts & Flowers" Valentine's Party will be held Friday, Feb. 13, at the Senior Adult Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$2.50. Call 473-1830.

CHOCOLATE PASSION

Learn how to prepare, assemble and present a rich, sophisticated dessert - Chocolate Truffle Loaf - at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the Senior Adult Center in Farmington Hills. Call and pre-register at 473-1830. Space is limited.

CLUTTER COMMAND

Learn everything you ever wanted to know about getting organized and simple systems that will let you deal easily with the major roadblock areas in your home or apartment. This class begins at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, at the Senior Adult Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830 to register.

GOLF LEAGUES

Registration begins in February for the popular men's and women's golf leagues available to Farmington and Farmington Hills residents 55 and better. Call 473-1830.

TAX-AIDE

Seniors can receive tax counseling from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday starting in February through April 14 at the Farmington Hills Senior Center.

MEMORIES AND MORE

Share your recollections of the

past with Memories and More. This senior group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. Call 473-1830.

BALLROOM DANCING

At 1 p.m. every Friday, dance to live Big Band sounds from the '40s and '50s at the Farmington Hills Senior Center, also called the William Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Admission is \$2.50 and includes refreshments, which are served at 2 p.m. Call 473-1830.



Dentistry in the 90s

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. and Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING?

It is so mild to moderate fluorosis, because children under the age of six tend to swallow (rather than spit out) their toothpaste, they should be limited to using a pea-sized amount. During February, "National Children's Dental Health Month," we would like to increase dental awareness and stress the importance of regular dental care. At LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL ASSOCIATES, we believe in the importance of regular preventative dental health care. We're located at 19171 Merriman Road, where we encourage children to start a healthy habit of regular dental checkups to their smiles will last a lifetime. We want you and your family to look and feel your very best. Smiles are our business.

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SPOTLIGHT ON

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

THE MEANING OF THE WORDS

The word "orthodontics" is a combination of two Greek words, "ortho" ("to correct") and "odontos" ("tooth"). Another important word to consider is "occlusion," which refers to the manner in which biting (occlusal) surfaces of the teeth come together. When there are irregularities in the manner in which the teeth of the upper jaw come together with the teeth of the lower jaw, the problem is known as a "malocclusion." When orthodontics comes into play in diagnosing, preventing, and treating improper spacing and positioning of teeth and with malocclusions, corrective devices known as "appliances" are utilized. While patients may use such popular terms as "buck teeth" and

braces" when referring to orthodontic treatment, it also pays to know some technical terms.

Orthodontic treatment properly aligns teeth, helping prevent decay. Crowded, overlapping teeth are food traps, extremely difficult to brush and floss properly, and so decay is invited. This usually results in gum disease, and can lead to early loss of teeth in adults. Also, orthodontic treatment can eliminate embarrassment due to protruding and malpositioned teeth. As the appearance improves, self-confidence grows. To schedule a free initial consultation, call THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, 19223 Merriman (442-8885).

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