

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND FARMINGTON AND FARMINGTON HILLS

POTPOURRI

BELL-RINGERS
Bell-ringers are needed to stand outside stores in the Farmington Hills area and ring a bell for the Salvation Army red kettle Mondays-Saturdays. Two-hour time slots are available. Call 477-1153.

COIN COLLECTION
The Whole Foods Co. at Merchant of Vino, on Middlebelt at 12 Mile, will place coin canisters at the checkout lanes for the benefit of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club. Proceeds from the monthlong drive will be used for youth programs at the club supports.

CHEER PROGRAM
Employees of Denny's in Farmington Hills, at Grand River and 10 Mile, will provide a collections spot for clothing, toys and non-perishable food items for foodbanks in the area. This Community Cheer program will run through Dec. 21.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

HOLIDAY CONCERT
The Farmington Community Chorus will present its 1998 holiday concert, "Once Upon a December," 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 19-20, at the Mercy High School Auditorium in Farmington Hills. Call 788-4322.

CHRISTMAS SCENES
Members of Orchard United Methodist Church will portray scenes from the Christmas story along the outer edges of the church parking lot 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21. Everyone is invited to drive the road to Bethlehem and experience the Christmas story with music, pantomime and live animals. No charge.

GOOD HEALTH

HEALTHY COOKING
Healthy cooking demonstrations are available throughout the month at Botsford's Health Development Network in Novi. Classes fill quickly so register early. The cost is \$6. Call 477-6100.

SENIORS (55 PLUS)

MEMORIES AND MORE
Share your recollections with Memories and More. This senior group will meet 10 a.m. to noon every Friday at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. Call 473-1830.

BALLROOM DANCING
Dance to live Big Band sounds from the '40s and '50s 1 p.m. Fridays at the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Admission

is \$2.50 and includes refreshments, which are served 2 p.m. Call 473-1830.

BRIDGE & PINOCCHLE
The Farmington Senior Drop-in Bridge and Pinocchle Club meets Mondays at the Farmington Masonic Temple. Call William at 474-4308.

SINGLES CARDS & DINNER

Everyone is welcome to join in for cards and dinner 6:30-10 p.m. every Monday at Tom's Oyster Bar in Southfield. Players of all skill levels are welcome.

WALLYBALL
Play wallyball starting 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at Racquetball Farmington, at Nine Mile west of Farmington Road. Call 851-9909.

CLASSES

STICK HANDLING
The Farmington Hills Ice Arena is offering hockey stick handling 11 a.m. to 12:50 p.m. daily. This session is designed to practice passing skills and puck handling. No games are allowed. The fee is \$7 or a five-session pass for \$32. Participants must be at least 12 years old.

BUILDERS' CLASSES
Farmington Community Education offers classes in home building, remodeling and licensing. For dates, cost and registration information, call 480-3333.

CLUBS

LIONS
The Farmington Area Lions Club meets 7 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of the month at Botsford Inn. Dinner will mark the new year. New members welcome. Call 476-6257 or 471-4361.

KIWANIS CLUB
The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every Tuesday at Bill Knapp's Restaurant in Farmington Hills. New members are welcome. Call 661-8463.

TOASTMASTERS
The Windbaggers/Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday at Ponderosa Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

BNI
Business Network International Farmington Hills Chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The Northwest Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Jax Restaurant, 33572 Grand River.

VOLUNTEERS

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

A winner



Performance: Students of the Barbara Hatch School of Dance in downtown Farmington prepare for their annual production of the Nutcracker Ballet. The Barbara Hatch School of Dance, which has been training area dancers for the past 15 years, created its company, Farmington Dance Theatre, in 1995 in conjunction with the school to provide their dancers with more performing opportunities. Company director Barbara Hatch, who holds a bachelor of fine arts in dance, has herself performed in countless Nutcrackers throughout high school and college. She then decided to give her pupils the same chance to perform the full-length ballet, which has become a beloved holiday favorite for the community. "The Nutcracker" will take place at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, at West Bloomfield High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children under 12. Call 476-7074.

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 disease. Call 557-8277.

SENEX
Senex, a program for older adults, provides homebound people with extra care and a variety of activities. To learn more about this program or to volunteer, call 473-1830.

MEAL DRIVERS
Substitute drivers needed to fill in periodically, one day per week, Monday through Friday, one to two hours per day. Call Diane or Chris at 473-1825.

NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS
Kitchen volunteers are needed 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call Chris or Diane at 473-

1825.

FOCUS:HOPE
Drivers are needed for an hour or two to deliver food boxes to eligible senior citizens once a month. Call Gail at 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 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, 394-3595.

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.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MODERATION MANAGEMENT
MM is a free self-help group and nine-step program that provides guidelines for moderate drinking and support to change your drinking habits. Not intended for alcoholics. Meets 7:15-8:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Universalist Church, 25301 Halsted in Farmington Hills. Meetings are anonymous, with no fees. Call 788-8040.

A.I.M.
Agoraphobics in Motion is an organization to help people overcome panic/anxiety attacks. Call 547-0400 for a listing of individual chapters.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel can help heal the wounds of abortion in a sensitive and confidential 11-week program. All faiths are welcome. Call (888) Rachel5. Sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

PEER SUPPORT
The peer support group is a 12-week educational program for people ages 12-18 struggling with chemical abuse, family problems, and other life stress issues that affect them and their loved ones. It is 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Area Counseling Centers, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Call 473-1290.

DIABETES SUPPORT
An educational support group at Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network offers day and evening classes. Call 477-6100.

PROSTATE CANCER
The prostate cancer educational support group meets 7 p.m. the third Monday of each month at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. This support group provides both encouragement and education about prostate cancer. Call 477-6100.

PARENTING
Pathways to Parenting, sponsored by Botsford Hospital, is a new monthly support group that meets 12:30-2 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Holy Cross Episcopal Church in Novi. New moms can share concerns and obtain information and network with peers. Call 477-6100.

GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS
Gamblers Anonymous meets at 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills. Call (313) 882-0469.

TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) is a support group dedicated to providing information to those seeking to lose and control their weight. TOPS meets 9:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Nardin Park Church in Farmington Hills.

OVEREATERS
Learn how to take steps toward changing your relationship with food permanently in a comfortable, supportive atmosphere at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Sessions are scheduled on a weekly basis. The cost is \$10 per session. Call 477-6100.

OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE
Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder is a self-help group for youths and their families that meets 7-9 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Davis Counseling Center in Farmington Hills. Call Greg at (313) 438-3293.

FREE COUNSELING
Free counseling services to

all community members are available from Eastern Michigan University graduate counseling students in partnership with Farmington schools. Counseling appointments are available 5:30-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Call 489-3447 for an appointment.

TINNITUS SUPPORT
Do you have ringing or buzzing noises in your ears that won't stop? If so, then join the free tinnitus support group. It meets 7-9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at Botsford Hospital in the Ziegler building, Classroom C. Call Jack at 352-1646.

HEADACHES
The National Headache Foundation, along with Providence Hospital, holds a free monthly support group meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at MedMax, 29305 Orchard Lake Road. To register, call 647-0614.

PREGNANT TEENS
Catholic Social Services of Oakland County offers support to pregnant teens with the teen-parent program. The goal of the program is to offer moral and emotional support to pregnant and parenting teens. If you are or anyone you know is a pregnant teen, contact Sharon Longbucco at 333-3700, Ext. 122.

STROKE SURVIVORS
First Step Stroke Club is a support group for stroke survivors and their caregivers. Meet at 1 p.m. every Tuesday at the Senior Adult Center in Farmington Hills for fellowship, fun, exercise and coping strategies. Call 473-1830.

WOMEN'S PRIME TIME
Women's Prime Time (for women ages 40-60) discusses issues and concerns dealing with midlife changes. This forum is scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month, at Botsford Hospital's 3 West Conference Room. Call 477-6100.

FREE ADULT SUPPORT
Share your experiences in a safe, healing environment 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. This program is offered through the Metro Detroit Center for Attitudinal Healing. Call Lois at 344-4535.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE
The Western Oakland Parkinson Support Group meets 7:30-9 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month at Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt. Call 476-3404, 478-0189 or 474-0003.

CALENDAR FORM

The Farmington Observer, without charge, welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335, or by fax to 248-477-9122. Items will appear at least once. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper.

Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
Telephone: _____
Additional Info.: _____

RECREATION NEWS

Each week, the Recreation Division of Farmington Hills' Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For further information regarding programs, contact the recreation office at 473-9570. Registration is required for most activities. For matters regarding Farmington Hills City Council agenda items, call the news line at 473-9532.

NEW YEAR'S BASKETBALL
New team registration is open for men's open leagues Sunday and Monday nights and men's over 35 on Tuesday nights. Games are played at the Costick Activities Center gym. Call 473-9570.

HOLIDAY BREAK CAMP
Holiday Break Camp will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 28-31 at Heritage Park for children ages 5-11. Extended hours are available if needed. The cost is

\$70 and preregistration is required. Call 473-9570.

DOWNHILL SKIING
The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is offering a complete downhill ski program for all participants, fourth grade through high school each Friday night starting Jan. 8, to Mt. Brighton. The bus will leave designated locations at 4:30 p.m. and return at approximately 10 p.m. Fee includes lift ticket, ski

lessons and bus transportation. The \$11.60 ski rental is not included and will be collected on the bus. The fee is \$50 for a two-week session. Call 473-9570 for exact dates and departure sites.

DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE
The Recreation Division announces two special evenings for fathers and daughters 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, or Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The

evening will include entertainment, refreshments, dancing, a corsage for daughter, a boutonniere for dad, and a memorable photo. Tickets are \$15 per couple, \$7.50 per additional daughter. Registration deadline is Jan. 29. Call 473-9570.

OPEN GYM
Get your exercise at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Choose from Adult Basketball: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thurs-

days and 9-11 a.m. Sundays; Teen Basketball: 3-5 p.m. Saturdays and 1-3 p.m. Sundays; Adult Volleyball: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays; Family Gym & Swim: 12:30-3 p.m. Saturdays. Cost to participate for residents 17 and under is \$2, nonresidents \$4. Residents 18 and over \$3 and \$5 for nonresidents. Call 473-9570.