

CALENDAR

GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND FARMINGTON

POTPOURRI

ARTIST RECEPTION
A public reception will be held for 1992 Farmington artist-in-residence Evanthis Samra from 6:30-7:30 Monday, Jan. 24, at Farmington Hills City Hall. Her paintings will be on display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Hall. Call 473-1856.

PLAYERS BENEFIT SHOW
The Farmington Players will host a benefit performance "Of Mice And Men" at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. This opening night fundraiser will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Tickets price includes show and afterglow with refreshments. Call 553-2955.

ADOPTION MEETING
Adoption Associates Inc. will hold an informational meeting for anyone considering adoption from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27, at 25532 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. There is no charge for the meeting. To make a reservation call 474-0990.

FAITH/FUN/FITNESS
Faith Covenant Church presents Faith's Fun & Fitness from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday starting Jan. 27 through April 13. Participants can enjoy walking, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers and coffee social. Registration fee is \$20 or \$5 per session. The church is located at 14 Mile and Drake Roads. Call 651-9191.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
The Farmington Musicale will perform "To Russia With Love" at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the Farmington Hills Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road.

WRITING ANALYST

Handwriting Analyst Liz Mills will analyze your handwriting at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Borders in Farmington Hills.

SING-A-LONG
Local musician Will Danforth will hold a good-time sing-along at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Borders book store in Farmington Hills.

RAISING CHILDREN
The Children's Program Committee of Orchard United Methodist Church will host a workshop on "How to Raise Children With Strong Morals and Values." The nationally acclaimed presentation will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$10 per person and registration is limited. Call 628-3520.

CHILD I.D.
AAA Michigan is offering a free child I.D. fingerprinting program from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays at the Farmington Hills location.

YOUTH COFFEEHOUSE
People ages 16-26 can enjoy the relaxing atmosphere of The Basement Coffeehouse from 8 p.m. to midnight every Friday at the Harvest Temple Worship Center, 23233 Drake, Farmington Hills.

SMOKO
The American Legion Hall in Farmington hosts bingo at 6:30 p.m. Fridays. Non-smoking areas are available. Call 478-9174.

GIVE BLOOD

BILLS BLOOD DRIVE
The Farmington Hills city blood drive will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Call 426-4400.

KID STUFF

STORYTIME
Children of all ages are welcome to attend Super Saturday Storytime, including stories, songs and crafts, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Farmington Branch Library.

BOOK TALK
The Farmington Branch Library will hold a book discussion group for fourth and fifth graders at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at the downtown Farmington Library. Call 474-7770 for book titles and registration information.

YOUTH NIGHT
Farmington First United Methodist Church hosts Legos Youth Night, which includes singing, study, service and supper every Thursday night. The church is located at 33112 Grand River, one block east of Farmington Road. Call 474-6733.

HEALTH

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

SENIORS (55-PLUS)

TAX HELP
The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills will offer tax counseling for seniors throughout the tax season at the following times and locations: 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Hills Senior Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road; or noon and 3 p.m. Fridays at the downtown Farmington Library.

CATCH A FEVER
The Farmington Hills Senior Center presents "Catch a Fever," a program to get gently mercury thermometers out of circulation. Bring a silver-filled mercury thermometer (no alcohol-filled) to this program at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Senior Center and exchange it for a safe, free digital thermometer. Call 473-1862 to register.

TRATTI'S ITALIAN
Enjoy an all-you-can-eat spaghetti and meatballs dinner from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, at the Farmington Hills Senior Center. Dinner will be followed by an exciting dance showcase. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance. Call 473-1862.

REP TALK
State Rep. Andrew Raszkowski is available to answer questions at 10 a.m. every third Friday of the month at the Farmington Hills Senior Center.

QUILTERS
The Sunshine Quilters meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at the Coaticook Activity Center. All are welcome.

NEWS CLUB
The Men's Club meets at 10 a.m. the fourth Friday of the month at the Coaticook Activity Center.

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

Looking for volunteers



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BERNER

Safety: Residents such as Elaine Conn (above) would like to see more people living on main roads volunteer for the Community Child Watch Program. Volunteers agree to have their homes become "safe houses" for children when they feel threatened or need help. To volunteer and to attend the next training session for Child Watch volunteers, call the Farmington Hills Police Department at 473-9632.

CREATIVE WRITING

An informal creative writing class is offered at 1 p.m. each Thursday at the Senior Center. All are welcome. Call 473-1830.

BALLROOM DANCING

Dance to live big-band sounds from the '40s and '50s at 1 p.m. Fridays at the Coaticook Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Admission is \$2.50 and includes refreshments, which are served at 2 p.m. Call 473-1830.

BRIDGE AND PINOCCHLE

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

CLASSES

LIVING TRUST
This Advanced Living Trust seminar will cover: why your trust may not work and how probate may be in your future; saving taxes with your living trust assets; and strategies for reducing risk and maximizing returns. This seminar is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at the Farmington Hills Library. Call 540-8710.

CREDIT DEBT

Spencer Robert Roemer will discuss various ways to get out of credit card debt; getting lower interest on credit cards; debt consolidation and more. This free seminar will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Farmington Hills Library, 32727 W. 12 Mile Road. Call 553-0300.

UNICYCLING

A class for beginning unicyclists will be held on Saturday mornings at the Salvation Army Center in Farmington Hills. All ages are invited; some unicycles available. For more information call Tom or Carol Brichford at 661-0334.

LONGACRE CLASSES

The Longacre House in Farmington Hills is currently taking registration for a variety of classes including youth classes: Chess, drawing, Kelly Kirby piano, Magic of Self Esteem; and, for adults, ballroom dance, country

line dance, belly dance, digital photography, drawing, Kung Fu, photography with Monte Nagler, yoga, self defense, sign language, business, watercolor, Web page production and more. Call 477-8404.

BOTSFORD CLASSES

Botsford Health Care Continues offers a variety of health-related classes, including carpal tunnel syndrome, basic first aid, meditation and stress management. Call 477-6100 or 471-8020.

BUILDERS' CLASSES

Farmington Community Education offers classes in home building, remodeling and licensing. For dates, cost and registration information, call 489-3333.

SINGLES

SINGLE MINGLE

Metropolitan Single Professionals host single mingle dances 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. some Fridays in January. For dates, prices and locations, call 851-9909.

CARDS & DINNER

Join the Farmington Single

Professionals for cards and dinner from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Monday at Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington.

WALLYBALL

Farmington Single Professionals play wallyball starting at 6:45 p.m. every Tuesday at Racquetball Farmington. The cost is \$5. Call 851-9909.

BOWLING SUBS

Bowling subs are needed for The FSP co-ed bowling league. The league plays at 5:45 p.m. every other Sunday at Drakehires Lanes in Farmington.

AFTER WORK PARTIES

Farmington Single Professionals host "Fun and Fine Dining" from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Thursday at various restaurants throughout the Metro Detroit area. For weekly updates on locations call 851-9909.

PARK WALK

Single Place Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville take a walk in the park at 10 a.m. Saturdays at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

YOUNG SINGLES

Young Singles Outreach (ages 17-29) meets 7-11 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call 478-1410.

CLUBS

FARM. GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon, Monday, Feb. 7 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Artist Caroline Dumphy will discuss her visits to the gardens of Givney and Claude Monet.

NORTH GARDEN

The North Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Farmington Hills Library. The meeting will be followed by a slide show of "Antique Gardens" and a lecture by Scott Kunst. His topic will cover "Old House Gardens." Call Lutie at 553-2368.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Farmington Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the downtown Farmington Library. "Show and Tell Time" will be the program. Bring an unusual item to talk about. The public is welcome.

GENEALOGICAL

The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Farmington Library in downtown Farmington. Barbara Louie will present background on the early settlement of Novi history and types of records she used to write her book about the early history of this area.

BNi

Business Network International Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The NW Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Kerby's Koney Island at Eight Mile and Haggerty.

LIONS

The Farmington Area Lions Club holds a dinner meeting at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Blakeney's Ranch House in Farmington Hills. The Lions Club works with and for visually handicapped people. Prospective members are welcome. Call 471-4361 or 476-6257.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the American Legion Hall located at 31775 Grand River. Call

474-9080 or 442-8796.

KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at Steak & Ale Restaurant, 27590 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Prospective members are welcome. Call 661-8463.

TOASTMASTERS

The Windbeggars/Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday, at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

PRESCHOOL

OCC CHILD CARE

Winter registration is now going on for Orchard Ridge Child Care Center located on the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. Children must be between the ages of 2 1/2 and 6. Call 471-7597.

HOPE MOMS & TOTS

Moms and Tots meets 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. This program provides time for moms to get together while their children play in a supervised environment. To join, call 653-7170.

FARMINGTON CO-OP

Farmington Cooperative Playground meets from 10 to 11:30 a.m. every Monday at First United Methodist Church in downtown Farmington. Moms and kids meet for crafts, snacks and fun. Call Paula at 478-3452.

UNITED MOMS & TOTS

Orchard United Methodist Church of Farmington Hills has a mom-and-tot play group that meets year-round at 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday. Call Amy at 476-4294 for more information.

VOLUNTEERS

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association seeks 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 537-8277 for more information.

SENEX

Senex, a program for older adults, provides home-bound people with extra care and a variety of activities. For more information, call 473-1830.

MEAL DRIVERS

Substitute drivers are 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.

DIABETES SUPPORT

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

CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE

An educational/support group for children ages 4-11 affected by chemical dependency meets 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays at the Farmington Area Counseling Center, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Call Gina Schaefer at 477-6767 for information.

LIFE CARE MINISTRIES

Have a problem? Want to talk? Call Life Care Ministries at (734) 427-LIFE from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday.