

CALENDAR

NOTICE GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND THE FARMINGTON HILLS

FAMILY FUN

GREEN GALA
A Green Grand Gala with music and dancing for the whole family will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-9570.

DINNER THEATER
Bring your own sack dinner and enjoy the performance of *Hats Off* by September Productions at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7 at the Farmington Hills Library or 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 14 at the Farmington Branch Library. This theatrical experience is designed for ages 5 and up. The Library will provide drink and dessert.

COMMUNITY BAND
The Farmington Community Band will perform its annual spring concert titled "Spring Spectacular" at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 25 at Harrison High School in Farmington Hills. Call (734) 281-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER
A St. Patrick's Day dinner will be served 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Groves Walker American Legion post, 3177 Grand River in Farmington. Corned beef, cabbage and slow are on the menu. Cost is \$7. Call (248) 478-9174.

DEST. IMAGINATION
Destination Imagination Regional Competition will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Howell High School. Seventeen Farmington teams will compete.

KID STUFF

DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY
Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, March 1 at the Farmington Branch Library or 3:30-4:30 p.m. Friday, March 2 at the Farmington Hills Library. There will be activities, birthday cake and a special reading by the mayor of each community.

ART SHOW
Grassroots Artists Watercolor student art show and workshop, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday March 10 at the Longacre House, 477-9404.

ART FEAT
Art for kids, *Green Magic*, 10 a.m. to noon and *Castles & Dragons* noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at Heritage Park Day Camp, presented by Farmington Hills cultural arts. 473-9570.

YOUTH SPORTS
The Farmington Family YMCA's youth leagues for basketball, soccer, roller hockey and floor hockey get under way on Feb. 26 and run through April 14 at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 563-1930, Ext. 122.

TEEN BOOK TALK
A Teen Book Discussion and Pizza Party will be held 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 6 at the Farmington Hills Library. The book will be *Dragon's Milk* by Susan Fletcher. Call 563-0300.

LITTLE ONE
Children 16 months to 2 years old can enjoy stories and hands-on fun at both area libraries. From 10:30-11:15 a.m. every Monday through March 26 at the downtown Farmington Library; and 11-11:45 a.m. every Thursday through March 29 at the Farmington Hills Library.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES
The Farmington Friends of the Library sponsor a Learning Activity Center which includes reading readiness activities and crafts for children ages 2-3 and ages 3-5. For dates and times call the main library

at 563-0300.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME
Dee and Becky (and sometimes Kathy) read classics and new favorites at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Borders.

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MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
The Farmington Musicals presents *March Winds' Blow* at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, at St. John's Lutheran Church on Hill Road.

BENEFIT CONCERT
The Rackham Symphony Choir will host a benefit concert for the Doorstep Homeless Shelter at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Call 478-5492.

PLAYERS AUDITION
The Farmington Players will hold auditions for *Stalag 17*, at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 6 and 8 at Barnes & Noble Book Store in West Bloomfield. Males ages 17-45 should try out.

MOMS SALE
Our Lady of Sorrows MOMS Group will hold its annual spring MOMS to MOMS sale from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 24 in the Our Lady of Sorrows Church basement. Admission is \$1.

Y-TRI
The Farmington Family YMCA's "Y-Tri" indoor triathlon occurs 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 26, at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Participants will swim, ride a stationary bike and run or walk on a treadmill for 15 minutes each. Entry fee is \$12. Call (248) 653-0200, Ext. 122.

FUN & FITNESS
Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills offers Faith, Fun & Fitness from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday through March 29. Each session will include a variety of activities such as walking, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers and coffee. Registration fee is \$20 or \$5 per session. Baby-sitting is also available. Call 661-9191.

ART EXHIBIT
Sculptures, paintings and mixed media by artist Kegan Taxian will be on display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls through March 30.

SENIORS (55-PLUS)

TAX COUNSELING
This year's tax counseling for seniors over 60 will run through April 10. The Costick Center in Farmington Hills will offer counseling from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday; and the downtown Farmington Library will offer counseling from noon to 3 p.m. every Friday.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY
A St. Patrick's Day party for senior adults will be held 10 a.m. at the Senior Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830.

YOUR HEALTH
The Senior Program has scheduled health presentations on the following Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills: March 20, *Memory Enhancement*; and April 24, *Outcomes for Men and Women*. To register call 473-1830.

FINNISH LUNCHEONS
The Finnish Center of Farmington Hills has a monthly luncheon the third Wednesday of the month through June. The cost is \$5 and includes a salad, item, meat, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Call 487-0350.

Bear with me



Brownie power: Under the leadership of Elizabeth Wooden, Brownie Troop 2113 from Kenbrook Elementary School built teddy bears at a Build-A-Bear Workshop in Novi and donated them to the Farmington Hills Fire Department. Firefighters give the bears to children who have lost their belongings, or to children who have been in auto accidents. Standing, from left, are Michelle Rubin, Katie Blumberg, Lt. Michael Garr, Kelsey Helwig, Anna Rozenberg, and Leslie Spector. Kneeling from left: Carolyn Wooden, Paige Johnston, Katie Rand, Amanda Masters, Candice McKenzie, Kelsey Wilcox, and Elizabeth Wooden. Lower Row: Sarah Brenay, Katy Bauer, Laura Viers, Samantha Barash, and Katie Ghekiere. Seated: Jeanine Chmielewski, Dayna Galper and Chelsea Hoedl.

BOOK TALK

Join friends and neighbors for an informal book discussion 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Costick Center. Paperback copies will be available for advance checkout. Fee is 50 cents for residents; \$1 for others per session.

QUILTERS
The Sunshine Quilters meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at the Costick Activities Center. Everyone welcome.

BALLROOM DANCING
Dance to live big-band sounds from the '40s and '50s at 11 a.m. Fridays at the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Call 473-1830.

LINE DANCING
Learn how to line dance from 1:10-2:40 p.m. Mondays at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830.

CLASSES

PARENTING CLASSES
Farmington Youth Assistance is offering the following parenting classes: *The Parent Talk System*, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 7 through April 11 at the Farmington Training Center; *Children the Challenge*, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 28 through May 2 at the Farmington Training Center. To register call 489-3434.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT
The Farmington Hills Police Department is co-sponsoring a seminar on *Dealing with Difficult Behavior and Managing Conflict*, from 8-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 7 at the Southfield Center for the Arts, 24360 Southfield Road. To register call Julie McGlinch at 473-9637.

FICTION WRITING
Learn components of a Scene and Sequel, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, March 14 and 21 at the Longacre House, 477-8404.

WANGO TANGO
The Farmington Family YMCA's tango dance class is offered 7:30-9 p.m. Fridays at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Fee is \$10. Partner not necessary. Call (248) 563-1934.

SCUBA DIVING
The Farmington Family YMCA teaches self-contained underwater breathing apparatus diving 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Call (248) 563-1933.

LEARN TO SWIM
The Farmington Family YMCA offers swimming lessons Feb. 26 through April 14 at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 563-1933.

INVESTMENT SERIES
The Farmington Community Library will once again offer its *Winter Investment Series* at 7 p.m. every Tuesday through March 22 at the Farmington Hills Library. Registration is required. Call 563-0300.

ANTIQUÉ DECORATING
Learn how to decorate with antiques and collectibles from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 8 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Call 477-8404.

LEARN TO SKATE
Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will hold Learn to Skate classes on Tuesdays through

March 13. Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters 6 and younger, as well as adult beginner classes will also be available. Call 888-1400.

TEEN TALK
Parents can talk about problems and get answers in a STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting) teen discussion group. Sessions run from 7-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday, at Grace Chapel in Farmington Hills and childcare is available. For registration information call 488-0160.

YMCA CLASSES
The Farmington Family YMCA offers a variety of classes such as in-line hockey, lacrosse, flag football and swimming lessons. Call 563-4020.

LONGACRE CLASSES
The Longacre House in Farmington Hills is taking registration for exercise, dance, fiction writing, art, psychic reading, piano martial arts and kickboxing classes. Call 477-8404.

BOTSFORD CLASSES
Botsford Health Care Continuum 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.

MEETINGS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Mark Opat, an authority

on antique radios, will speak about them 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the next meeting of the Farmington Historical Society in the downtown library. If you have an old radio that doesn't work, bring it to the meeting and he will see about fixing it.

GENEALOGICAL
The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at the downtown Farmington Library. The program will be *Holdings at Oakland County Pioneer & Historical Society*.

SINGLES

SINGLE MINGLES
Single Mingle dances are held selected Fridays throughout the month. For dates and locations, call the Metropolitan Single Professionals at 851-9909.

CARDS & DINNER
Join the Farmington Single Professionals for euchre, pinocle and dinner from 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday, at Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington.

CO-ED BOWLING
Subs are needed for the FSP Sunday night bowling league. All levels of bowlers are welcome. Call 851-9909.

VOLLEYBALL
Come and play drop-in volleyball from 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Call 851-9909.

BOOK TALK
Borders Books in Farmington Hills hosts a book discussion group 7:30-8:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Call 851-9909.

AFTER WORK PARTIES
Metropolitan Single Professionals host "Fun and Fine Dining" 6:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday at restaurants throughout the Detroit area. For updates on locations, call 851-9909.

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.

MOMS & TOTS

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 553-7170.

UNITED MOMS & TOTS
Orchard United Methodist Church of Farmington Hills has a mom-and-tot play group that meets every Friday, Call Amy, 476-4294.

VOLUNTEERS

LONGACRE HOUSE
The Longacre House of Farmington Hills is seeking volunteers. Call 477-8404.

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 557-8277.

SENEX
Senex, a program for older adults, provides homebound people with extra

care and a variety of activities. Call 473-1830.

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

NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS
Kitchen volunteers are needed 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call Diane at 473-1825.

FOCUS:HOPE
Drivers are needed for an hour or two to deliver food boxes to senior citizens once a month. Call 473-1826.

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, 334-3695.

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

SUPPORT GROUPS

ADVOCACY TRAINING
Special education law and the individualized education program as related to students with dyslexia will be the topic when the Michigan Dyslexia Institute's support group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the institute, 30230 Orchard Lake, suite 1030. Call (248) 737-0044.

PET THERAPY
Therapy Pets Pet Assisted Therapy is a nonprofit organization based in Farmington Hills, in cooperation with Therapy Dogs Inc., that tests and prepares your dog and you to visit hospitals, nursing homes, children's centers, etc., on a volunteer basis. If you have a dog that gets along well with other dogs and people and you would like to volunteer one hour or more a month visiting patients, call Dr. Paws at 883-7488.

MODERATION MANAGEMENT
MM is a free self-help program 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, 26301 Haleslet in Farmington Hills. Meetings are anonymous, with no fees. Call 788-8940.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE
The Manic-Depressive and Depressive Association of Metropolitan Detroit provides education and support for people with depression and related illnesses and also for family and friends. Meetings are 2-3:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Providence Medical Center at 30055 Northwestern Highway, or 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Providence Medical Center in Novi, 47601 Grand River. Call 542-0430.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
The city of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division offers an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members 1-3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Call 473-1822.

PROJECT RACHEL
Project Rachel is a confidential 11-week program for women who have had an abortion. Members of all faiths are welcome. Call (888) Rachel.

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 248-477-9722. Items will appear at least one day. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper.

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