

CALENDAR

GUIDE TO EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES IN FARMINGTON HILLS

FAMILY FUN

MERCY MUSICAL
Mercy High School will hold its spring musical, *Carousel*, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday March 23 and 24 and at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 26 in the high school auditorium. Call 476-9020.

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 473-8570.

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. Performances begin at 7 p.m.

SPRING CONCERT
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) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER
A St. Patrick's Day dinner will be served 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Groves Walker American Legion post, 3177 Grand River in Farmington. Corned beef, cabbage and stew 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.

HIGHMEADOW CONCERT
Highmeadow Elementary School will host a spring choir concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20. Call 489-3412.

KID STUFF

ART SHOW
Greensboro Artists Watercolor student art show and workshop, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 10 at the Longacre House, 477-8404.

ART FEST
Artfest 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.

PUPPET SHOW
Songstress/puppeteer, Maureen Schiffman and her puppet pal Coco will perform *Coco Celebrates* Spring at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1 at Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills. Call 737-0110.

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 553-0300.

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 553-0300.

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

POTPOURRI

BLOOD DRIVE
The Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington will sponsor a blood drive on Thursday, March 8. The church is located at 25301 Halsted, one-half mile north of Grand River. Call 478-7272. Walk-ins are welcome.

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

BENEFIT CONCERT
The Rackham Symphony Choir will host a benefit concert for the Doorstop 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 *Stag 17*, at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6 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.

BILLY T'S COFFEE HOUSE
High school and college aged students can enjoy live music from 9 p.m. to midnight Friday, March 23 on the campus of William Tyndale College in Farmington Hills.

Y-TRI
The Farmington Family YMCA's "Y-Tri" indoor triathlon occurs 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 25, 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) 553-4020, Ext. 122.

FUN & FITNESS
Faith Community Church in Farmington Hills offers Faith, Fun & Fitness from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday 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 Kegham Tazian will be on display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls through March 30.

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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. Friday, March



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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, *Osteoporosis 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 437-0360.

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 60 cents for residents; \$1 for others per session.

QUILTERS
The Sunshine Quilters meet 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.

SCUBA DIVING
The Farmington Family YMCA teaches self-contained underwater breathing apparatus diving 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. Call (248) 553-1933.

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CLASSES

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 once. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper.

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

Friend to Friend



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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; *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, 24350 Southfield Road. To register call Juliet McGlinch at 473-9937.

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.

WANDU 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) 553-1934.

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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 553-0300.

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.

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 488-0150.

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.

SOTSFORD 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.

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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 861-9909.

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

VOLLEYBALL
Come and play drop-in volleyball from 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday in the gym and fitnesshouse 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" 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday at restaurants throughout the Detroit area. For updates and 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
Oakland United Methodist Church of Farmington Hills has a mom-and-tot play group that meets year-round 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday. Call Amy, 476-4294.

NORTHVILLE CO-OP
Northville Co-op will hold Open House/Registration for the 2001-2002 school year 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 10. The new preschool location is at the First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road. Call 348-1791.

VOLUNTEERS

LONGACRE HOUSE
The Longacre House in Farmington Hill is seeking volunteers. Call 477-8404.

MEMORY LOSS
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.

NEAR 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 8:30-11 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.

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, 334-3595.

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 is 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, 30225 Orchard Lake, suite 130. Call (248) 737-0044.

PET THERAPY
Doctor Paws Pet Assisted Therapy is a nonprofit organization based in Farmington Hills, in cooperation with Cooper Inc, that tests and prepares your dog and you to visit hospitals, nursing homes, children 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 888-7458.

MODERATION MANAGEMENT
MMR is a free self-help program that provides guidelines for moderate drinking. 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. Call 788-8404.

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 Park in Novi, 47601 Grand River. Call 642-0430 or 960-1288.

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.

PEER SUPPORT
The peer support group is a program for people ages 12-18 struggling with stress issues. It takes place 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Area Counseling Center, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Call 473-1290.