

CALENDAR

A GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND 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 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25 in the high school auditorium. Call 476-8020.

GREEN GALA

A Green Gala with music and dancing for the whole family will be held 7:30 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 8:30 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 6 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 5:30 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

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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
Grassroots 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 Schaffman and her puppets Col Coo 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 talk will be *Dragon's Milk* by Susan Fletcher. Call 553-0300.

LITTLE ME

Children 16 months to 2 years old can enjoy stories and hands-on fun at both area libraries. From 10:30-11:16 a.m. every Monday through March 26 at the downtown Farmington Library; and 11:16-45 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 653-0300.

CHILDREN'S STORYTIME

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

POTPURRI

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.

MUSICAL 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 Rockham Synphony Choir will host a benefit concert for the Doortress Homeless Shelter at 8 p.m. Friday, March 9 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church. Call 474-5492.

PLAYERS AUDITION

The Farmington Players will hold auditions for *Stalag 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.

MOM'S 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.

YTRI

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 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.

GYM & FITNESS
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 Kogham Tazian 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. Friday, March 9.

Friend to Friend



Book drive: The children and staff at Kenbrook Elementary School collected over 1,500 books for the Grace Centers of Hope - Pontiac Rescue Mission. The book drive started before the holidays as a one-week class project for Nancy Heilman's fifth-grade class and developed into a schoolwide collection. Above Heilman and Jessie Love deliver books to the Pontiac Rescue Mission.

16 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, *Osteoporosis for Men and Women*. To register call 473-1830.

FINNISH LUNCES

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, vegetables 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. Paperbacks 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.

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LINE DANCING

Learn how to line dance

from 10:30-2:40 p.m. Mondays at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830.

LEARN TO SWIM

The Farmington Family YMCA offers swimming

lessons through April 14 at the Y on Farmington Road

north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 553-1933.

MEETINGS

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's Challenge*, 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 28 through May 2 at the Farmington Training Center. To register call 489-5436.

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.

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 on locations, call 851-9909.

ANTIQUES DECORATING

Learn how to decorate with antiques and collectibles with

classes at 9:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, 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 start from 7-8:30 p.m. every Wednesday.

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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 Center continues to offer 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.

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