

# CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND FARMINGTON AND FARMINGTON HILLS

## FAMILY FUN

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**  
The Farmington YMCA will host family fun night starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Y. Take a swimsuit and towel. There will be snacks and refreshments, an obstacle course for kids under 6 and a moon walk. You must register by April 6. Call Robin at 553-1934.

**PIANO CONCERT**  
Pianist Paul Biscaccia will perform The Great American Piano at 2:30 p.m. today, April 1, at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Call 476-8860.

**YOUTH THEATER**  
Farmington Youth Theater will perform Downway to Atlantis at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3, at the Farmington Hills Library and at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the downtown Farmington Library.

**WAX MUSEUM**  
East Middle School's Wax Museum will be open from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 5 on the second floor of the school.

## KID STUFF

**HEALTHY KIDS DAY**  
The Farmington YMCA will host its annual Healthy Kids Day starting at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 7. There will be a variety of activities for kids and the whole family to enjoy. The Farmington Y is located at 28100 Farmington Road in Farmington Hills. Call 553-4020.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 14. The church is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile Road. The cost is \$3 per child and all are welcome. Bring your own basket. Call 476-8860.

**JAYCEE EGG HUNT**  
On Saturday, April 7, the Farmington Area Jaycees will host the 46th annual Farmington/Farmington Hills spring egg hunt at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The hunt will start at 10 a.m. with three age groups. Ages 1-3 hunt from 10:10-10:15 a.m.; ages 4-6 hunt from 10:30-10:45 a.m.; and ages 7 and older hunt from 11:10-11:15 a.m.

**PARKY EASTER**  
Parky the Panda, the lovable mascot of the recreation division, invites children to join him at the Heritage Park Day Camp Building on Saturday, April 7, for an Easter Eggstravaganza. Program for children 3-5 years old will be 10-11:30 a.m.; and children ages 6-10 from 12:30-2 p.m. The activities include snacks, games, arts and crafts, an Easter Egg Hunt and story telling. Programs are for children only. Parents are welcome to wait in the lobby. Advance registration is required.

**GARDEN PARTY**  
The Longacre House in Farmington Hills will host a Peter Rabbit Garden Party from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 6. Children from preschool through age 6 can celebrate spring with crafts, snacks, story time, and a visit with live bunnies. The cost is \$10 per child and adults must accompany their children. Call 477-8404 to register.

**SPRING BREAK FUN**  
Children ages 6-12 are invited to show their creative flair by trying their hand at different art projects at the Main Library from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, and at the Farmington Branch from 2-4

p.m. Wednesday, April 18.

**SPORTS CLINICS**  
The Farmington YMCA offers youth basketball, t-ball, soccer and lacrosse clinics. For more information call 553-4020, Ext. 122.

**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 3-5. For dates and times call the main library at 553-0300.

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

## POTPOURRI

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills from 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, April 2. The church is located at 30405 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile Roads. Call 626-3620.

**HEALTHY LIVING**  
The Farmington Area Commission on Aging and Botsford General Hospital are co-sponsoring Healthy Living from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, April 6 at the Costco Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Free and low-cost health screening services including blood pressure, vision tests, bone density, cholesterol, diabetes and more will be available.

**MUSICAL SCHOLARS**  
The Farmington Musicale will host the Scholarship Winners Recital at 3 p.m. today, April 1, at the Hammett Music Auditorium in Livonia.

**HOME CHORE HELP**  
Home Chore Volunteers are needed to do minor in-home repair for seniors in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area. Please call the Senior Adult Division at 473-1827.

**TALL SHIPS**  
Researcher, writer, photographer and author, Keith Koon will present a slide program on tall ships in preparation for the upcoming Sail Detroit event as part of the Detroit 300 tricentennial celebration at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Farmington Branch Library.

**QUILT JARS**  
Learn how to make mixes layered in mason jars for charming and delicious gifts from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, April 5 or Monday, April 30 at Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasee. The cost is \$20. Call 489-3333 to register.

**WARNER MANSION**  
The Governor Warner Mansion in downtown Farmington is now reopened to the public 1-5 p.m. every Wednesday and first Sunday of the month. Group visits by special arrangement. Adult admission is \$2 and children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

**FEET APPLICATIONS**  
The city of Farmington and Farmington Hills are now accepting applications for the Farmington Founders Festival, a juried outdoor arts and crafts show to be held July 19-21.

**SPECIAL ED. FORUM**  
A special education forum will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas St. Speaker Cynthia Burkhour will address inclusive recreation for all kids. Recreation providers will be present, too. This forum

## Criminal justice



**Rotary event:** Barry Sherman, Madonna University chairperson of criminal justice, was the guest speaker at a recent Rotary Club luncheon in Farmington Hills and discussed a new master's program launched by the University in business/criminal justice leadership. For more information, contact Sherman at (734) 432-5546. (L to R) Dr. Ernest Nolan, Madonna University vice president for academic administration, Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer, and Barry Sherman, chairperson of Madonna University's criminal justice department.

is open to parents, teachers and the community. Call Carolyn Das at 474-5561.

**PERSONAL TRAINING**  
The Farmington YMCA offers personal trainers from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. For more information call 553-4020.

**ART EXHIBIT**  
Watercolor paintings by Marjorie Chellapour, 2000 Artist in Residence, will be on display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls April 9 through June 29.

## SALES

**HARDEN RUMMAGE**  
United Methodist Church will hold its annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thursday, April 26 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, April 27. The church is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile Road.

**UNITED RUMMAGE**  
The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church will hold their annual spring rummage sale 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday, April 26 and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, April 27. The church is located at 27835 Shawasee.

**ST. ALEXANDER SALE**  
St. Alexander Church in Farmington Hills will hold a garage sale 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 18 and 19 and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, April 20. The church is located at 27835 Shawasee.

**MOM'S SALE**  
Tri-county Mothers of Multiples will hold a Mom-to-Mom spring/summer clothing, equipment and toy sale from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21 at the Costco Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Admission is a \$1 donation. No strollers.

**ST. PAUL RUMMAGE**

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills will hold a rummage sale 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20 and a bag sale 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 21. The church is located at 20805 Middlebelt Road.

## SENIORS (55-PLUS)

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

**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 437-0350.

**BOOK TALK**  
Join friends and neighbors for an informal book discussion 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at the Costco Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. 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 Costco Activities Center. Everyone welcome.

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

**SENIOR SUPPORT**  
The Farmington Hills Senior Division offers a variety of support groups for seniors such as diabetes and stroke. For times and dates, call 473-1830.

## CLASSES

**BABYSITTING**  
Young adults, 10-17 years, can learn the ins and outs of working as a sitter from 4-6:30 p.m. April 16, 17 and 18 at the Farmington Branch Library; or 7-8:30 p.m. April 26, May 3 and May 10 at the Main Library. A certificate is awarded to participants who complete "Planning Babysitting/Emergency Situations," "Infant Care," and "Integrating with Children." Please call to register.

**CAREER RESOURCES**  
Looking for a job, re-entering the job market or changing careers? Get expert information from Michael Evola, corporate recruiting officer, and Caren Moran, recruiting coordinator, and Farmington Hills Libraries to help you in your quest at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at the Main Library. Please call to register.

**WEB STUFF**  
Learn what search engines are and how they work at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at the Farmington Branch Library. Please call to register.

**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) 553-1934.

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

**CONDOLENCE NOTES**  
Deborah Chappa will offer a one-night class on how to write a sensitive and comforting sympathy note from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Farmington Community School, 30415 Shawasee. The fee is \$16. Call 489-3333.

**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 489-0150.

**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.

**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 477-8020.

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

## MEETINGS

**GENEALOGICAL**  
The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, at the downtown Farmington Library. The program will be *Ohio Research and Sources* with genealogist, Steven M. Charter.

## 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.

**CO-ED GOLF**  
Sign-up and informational meetings for Farmington Single Professional co-ed golf leagues will be held at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, April 2 and April 9 at Cowley's Old Village Inn located in downtown Farmington.

**CO-ED SOFTBALL**  
Sign-up and informational meetings for Farmington Single Professional co-ed softball leagues will be held at 7 p.m. Mondays, April 2 and April 9 at Cowley's Old Village Inn located in downtown Farmington.

**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.

## VOLUNTEERS

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

**ALZHEIMER'S**  
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 567-8277.

**SENEX**  
Senex, a program for older adults, provides home-bound 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 473-1826.

**NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS**  
Kitchen volunteers are needed 8:30-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call Diane at 473-1826.

**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, 334-3595.

**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 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 130. Call (248) 737-0044.

**PET THERAPY**  
Doctor Paws 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 centers, etc., on a volunteer basis. Call Dr. Paws at 888-7488.

**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, 47601 Grand River, in Novi. Call 542-0430 or 960-1258.

**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. 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 stress issues that affect them and their loved ones. It takes place 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Area Counseling Center, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Call 473-1290.

## RECEIvABLES AND A R R R F O R M

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 248-477-8722. 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.: