

# Farmington Hills hosts 2nd annual open house

Residents can get better acquainted with their hometown when the City of Farmington Hills hosts its 2nd Annual Open House from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 at the Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile east of Middlebelt.

Displays will offer information on everything from community policing, cultural arts and fire safety to recycling, the city's

website and youth programs. Representatives from every city department, the Farmington community library, Planning Commission, Beautification Commission and Consumer Protection Committee will participate.

The open house will provide a fun, relaxed atmosphere where residents can learn more about how their City government

works for them," said Mayor Nancy Bates. "We hope those attending will leave with a better sense of the programs and services our community offers and where they can turn when they need help."

The evening will also include activities for kids, refreshments and a drawing for prizes, including new bicycles. For information, call 248-473-9500.



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# Hilton foundation grant honors Madonna's Sr. Mary Francilene

The Conrad N. Hilton foundation recently awarded a \$200,000 grant to establish an endowed scholarship at Madonna University for deaf and hearing-impaired, disabled and needy students.

The scholarship will be in the name of Sr. Mary Francilene Van de Vyver, the school's fifth president, in honor of her accomplishments over the past 25 years.

After serving Madonna University as president since 1976, Sr. Francilene stepped-down from her post this past June to continue her battle against pancreatic cancer. She passed away on Dec. 31, 2001.

Sr. Rose Marie Kujawa, Madonna University president,

and S. M. Lauriana, vice president for university advancement, expressed their sincere gratitude to the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

"This scholarship is truly a tribute to Sr. Francilene because of her concern for others," said Sr. Rose Marie. "She will be remembered for her dynamic leadership, her deep devotion, and her love of all people and charitable good will."

Sr. Lauriana, who worked with Sr. Francilene for 25 years, said that Sr. Francilene maintained a passion to keep Madonna true to its mission of education for truth, goodness and service," and that the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation supported

and believed in the University's mission.

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation is a lifetime member of Madonna University's President's Cabinet.

Among the projects supported by the Foundation are the construction of the library in 1992 with a grant of \$500,000, and the renovation of the science wing with a grant of \$200,000 in 1992.

A \$100,000 grant, awarded in 1998, assisted in establishing a new integrated computerized management system at the school.

Madonna University, among the nation's largest Catholic Franciscan universities, was founded in 1947.

# Search is on for Mr. Farmington

Have a son or grandson who might be a Mr. Farmington/Farmington Hills?

The search is on for such a man, although he has to be a high schooler.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Mayors' Youth Council will host the first Mr. Farmington/Farmington Hills contest at 7 p.m. April 13 at the Costick Activities Center.

The evening will begin with the selection of the "Mr." and end with a pool party and dance. A representative will be selected

from each class, freshman, sophomore, junior and senior, and an overall grand winner will be crowned.

There will also be a People's Choice Award, selected by the attending audience where people can cast their vote for a dollar.

A panel of celebrity judges will select the winners. The mistress of ceremonies will be Holly Davidson of "The Castle," WJ3Z 92.5-FM of Owasco, Mich.

Attendees may save \$2 by buying tickets in advance from any Youth Council member or from

Thomas A. Hafez or Karen Pudlik at the Costick Center between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. If you prefer to attend only the contest, tickets are \$5 each.

There will be a concession stand open throughout the evening. Proceeds benefit the Mayors' Youth Council and scholarship program.

Contestant applications are available at the Costick between 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or by calling (248) 473-1841.

All contestants must be Farmington or Hills residents.

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