

# Hills city offices have new phone numbers

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The city of Farmington Hills is getting a new phone system and with it comes new phone numbers for nearly all its departments and buildings.

The new phone numbers, with a (248) 671 prefix, go into effect Monday morning.

So if you call someone with the old number, a recorded message will tell you it has changed and give you the new number. But that will only last three months.

After 20 years, the city has installed a new phone structure and contracted with new local and long-distance service.

The old network is nearly 20 years old, said Michael Lasley, director of central services for Farmington Hills. He and staff are spending this weekend getting the new phones ready for Monday's switch-over.

Benefits of the \$600,000 project include the ability to answer backlogged calls faster for busy offices like the 47th District Court.

The new phones will also have caller ID features coming in and going out and the ability to transfer calls from different buildings.

Previously, the Clerk's Office could not transfer a caller to some outside buildings, like the department of public works.

The new system networks nearly all city buildings and allows an employee to transfer a misdirected voice mail message to the proper person and department as well, Lasley said.

Employees recently have been trained on the new system and even got some updated lessons on phone etiquette.

The city's San Marino golf course and the Farmington Hills Ice Arena will keep their old numbers for now; those will likely be changed at a later date. Those buildings' phones are not that old, Lasley said.

Lasley said substantial savings in the city's new contract for local and long-distance service should pay for the new phones and network in six years.

# Keep your eye on the bouncing Moonwalk

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It's a family affair. Above and Beyond Moonwalks is owned by Rob and Chalynn Reusser, and Jason and Michelle Reusser. Their lucky kids are Chiane and Dakota, and Alysia, Emily, Morgan and Janellie.

Chalynn and Rob Reusser think kids are great. So what better way to start a side business than offering something known to put big smiles on kids' faces?

The Farmington Hills couple run Above & Beyond Moonwalks. They have seven moonwalks designed to boost the fun factor for parties and special occasions.

The Reussers have two young kids themselves, and they get help from Rob's brother Jason, who has four young children.

So what makes moonwalks so popular with the younger set?

It's simple, Chalynn says. "Kids love to jump on things, beds, couches, you name it," she said.

Already the couple has offered discounts to local schools and churches for their events, and the units can be set up at any time.

Chalynn said her family recently moved to Michigan from Florida.

"I worked at Disneyworld," she said. "I love kids," she said. "I'm a stay-at-home mom so this is my job. I thought it would be a

fun job to do."

The moonwalks offer a safer way to bounce around and play, she said. "They're safe and affordable. We encourage families to bounce together."

They have seven units to rent out and accessories. One fea-

ture can turn the bouncers into wet slides.

The moonwalks are rented out in 2-, 4- and 8-hour sessions and range in size from small for toddlers to large for older kids. Rental prices range from \$20-\$250, depend-

ing on what's desired.

"We even have a balloon typhoon where it mists water where they can slip and slide," Chalynn said.

Call Above & Beyond Moonwalks at (248) 761-5867. [pace@home.com.net](http://pace@home.com.net) (248) 477-5450.

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Human Resources:	871-2490
Planning Division:	871-2540
Police Department:	9-11 Emergency
Police Department:	871-2600 Non Emergency Reports
Police/Administration:	871-2700 Non Emergency
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Treasury Division:	871-2480
Zoning Division:	871-2520
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# Alameda students celebrate Father's Day

In anticipation of celebrating Father's Day, Kathy Fecher's Monday/Wednesday/Friday preschool class invited their dads to a first ever preschool night at Alameda Early Childhood Center.

Because the majority of fathers work during the day and because Father's Day occurs after the preschool year ends, Kathy Fecher envisioned and inspired a special night for her four-year-old preschoolers to spend quality time with their dads.

On the evening of June 6, preschool dads experienced a typical preschool "day" in their child's classroom.

They recited the Pledge of Allegiance together. They counted the number of days they had spent in their preschool year - 99. They filled in the monthly calendar and the weather report.

They attended gym class together and visited the animals in the science center. They completed various projects and shared a pizza and salad dinner together - capped off with an "I love my daddy" cake. Students unanimously decided their favorite part of the evening was just having their dads with them at school and eating pizza, too.

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