



City of Farmington, Michigan

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City of Farmington Newsletter

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City Manager David M. Murphy
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Anyone who drives through the City of Farmington can see that the dust is not yet settled on the development projects in the City.

Prominently, on the southeast corner of Grand River Avenue and Farmington Road, GLP Financial has moved forward with the redevelopment of Farmington State Savings Bank — formerly the Village Mall.

GLP plans to reconstruct the interior for office use and restore the façade to the look of the original bank building.

Just down the road, on the northwest corner of Nine Mile and Farmington Road, Royal Gas and Oil Company is constructing a new service station building and pump island along with other site improvements. The new gas station will be an Amoco is expected to open this fall.

The former 47th District Courthouse property on 10 Mile Road is well underway to becoming a new residential community in Farmington. Site development has been completed and the first of 14 new single-family homes is now being constructed. Once completed, Liberty Hill will provide new opportunity for families looking to live in the

City of Farmington.

The purchase agreement with Robertson Brothers Homes for the Maxfield Training Center has been signed. We are looking forward to 59 condominiums in the downtown on that property.

Two new health food options came into the City this year. Sipp Smoothie and Juice Bar located in the downtown, and Tropical Smoothie at 34675 Grand River Avenue.

The City made updates to Flanders and Drake parks. Drake Park now sports a new parking lot and sidewalk, along with pathways. Preliminary volleyball court construction has been completed as well. In Flanders Park, the City added a paved pathway through the park.

We now have Dearborn Music in the downtown and are looking forward to the return of Browndog. With these, along with other planned developments, the city is moving is moving forward. There is a lot for those who visit our city to see and do. Perhaps this forward momentum is one reason the 2020 Census data shows Farmington's growth at nearly a 12 percent increase over 2010. I know another reason is the welcoming warmth of this community.

Fall is upon us and leaf collection season will be here in no time at all. Be sure to see the new leaf collection map, which is enclosed, and read about our new app on the back side of this newsletter.

City seeks input on Governor Warner Mansion

Governor Warner Mansion and Grounds **COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**

Join Us!

Saturday, September 18th
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
The Governor Warner Mansion

The City of Farmington is studying the Warner Mansion and Grounds to better serve the Farmington community. Join us at the Community Open House anytime between 9 AM and 2 PM for tours of the Mansion, and to share your vision for the Mansion's future!

Park next door at the First Church of Christ

Scan for Mansion survey:

Please scan the QR code with your phone and complete the online survey to share your thoughts and vision for the Governor Warner Mansion and its grounds. There are also paper copies available at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street and a link on farmgov.com



Each year the City receives revenue from the State of Michigan from the State's City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS) program. In order to be eligible to receive this revenue, the City must complete a Certification of Accountability and Transparency, a Citizen's Guide to the City's Finances, a Performance Dashboard, a Debt Service Report, and a Projected Budget Report. These items can be found on the City's website at www.farmgov.com.

The Farmington 2020 Annual Consumer Confidence Report is available on line at: farmgov.com/waterreport

City introduces leaf-collection app & tips from the Department of Public Works



Leaf pickup begins November 1

This year, residents will be able to check the collection map with smart phones just by clicking this QR code or the link:

https://bit.ly/Farmington_Leaf_Pick_Up

This information will also remain available on farmgov.com. Please note, that initially,

the app only shows the collection map as posted and does not yet relay where the truck is at any given time.

Leaves should be raked to the curb no sooner than 48 hours before the date of pickup. Any earlier may cause drainage and traffic problems. Leaves should not be raked into the street, but left on the curb. All vehicles should be parked on private property during pickup hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

What to do after an Emergency Water Main Repair

If you are notified that there is a water main repair in your area and your water is cloudy, run your cold water at a laundry tub until it is clear. The water is safe to drink and does not need to be boiled. You may want to hold off on doing laundry until the water is clear.

Shake your mailbox:

Residents who have mailboxes at the road edge should prepare for winter by shaking their mailbox. If the mailbox moves when shaken, it probably won't withstand standard snow-removal operations and should be repaired or replaced before winter. By conducting this simple test now, residents can replace their mailbox before the winter freeze. When snowplows go by, most times, they don't actually touch the mailboxes; however, the force of snow thrown from the roadway is enough to knock down a loose mailbox. Damage can often be prevented by proper routine maintenance. Taking time to tighten screws and secure mailboxes to posts early in the year can reduce winter headaches in the future.



Automatic debit of water and sewer bills now available

The City will be offering automatic debit of water and sewer bills from customers' checking or savings accounts beginning with the December 15 billing. Automatic debit saves time for both customers and the City, reduces the risk of missed payments and late fees, can build your credit score, and is environmentally friendly. When you sign up for automatic debit, your bill will be emailed to you on or about the 15th of each quarter. Then, one week before the due date, a reminder will be emailed

to you with the amount that will be debited from your account. This amount will be debited from your account on the normal due date. There is no City charge for this service. To sign up, complete the form found on the City's website at <https://www.farmgov.com/City-Services/Forms-and-Permits/Public-Works/Automatic-Water-Sewer-Bill-Payment-Authorization-F.aspx>

A promotional poster for 'Harry Potter AND THE HOLIDAY SKATE'. It features Hedwig, the white owl, wearing a red and yellow scarf and a black witch's hat. The background is a dark blue sky with stars and a silhouette of a broomstick. The text reads: 'Harry Potter AND THE HOLIDAY SKATE', 'RILEY PARK ICE RINK', 'New Year's Eve', '8PM - 12AM'. At the bottom, it lists 'BALL DROPS: 9PM & 12AM • HORCRUX SCAVENGER HUNT • PRIZES • BUTTER BEER' and the address '33113 GRAND RIVER AVE, FARMINGTON • 248-474-5500'.

Enjoy autumn at the Farmington Farmers Market

October skies bring a full month of activity at the Farmington Farmers Market. Find apples, freshly pressed cider, pumpkins and all varieties of fall and winter squash along with crops such as brussels sprouts and cabbage. Did you know that some vegetables like broccoli actually taste sweeter when harvested during a frost? It's true! So visit the market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays for a slice of life in a Michigan small town as we head into the final month of the season. On that note, watch for an extension into the first week of November, weather permitting. For more information about the market:



visit farmingtonfarmersmarket.com