



The Fire Department's new Tower Truck has a 100 foot platform to help fight fires in larger buildings.



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Police Department

Crime Mapping

The Police Department uses **CrimeMapping.com** to provide residents with valuable information about recent criminal activity in their neighborhoods. **CrimeMapping.com** is a software application that allows the Police Department, residents, and neighborhood watch groups to track and quantify crimes in a specific location or within a radius of that location in Farmington Hills. The software extracts crime data on a regular basis from the Police Department's records system and then makes it viewable through the City website. The data is verified for accuracy and all information is generalized by block (rather than specific address) in order to help ensure that privacy is protected.

Crime types listed on **CrimeMapping.com** include Arson, Assault, Automobile Theft, Burglary, Disturbing the Peace, Drug/Alcohol Violations, DUI, Fraud, Homicide, Larceny, Larceny from Vehicles, Robbery, Vandalism, and Weapon Offenses. Due to the sensitive nature of Sexual Assault crimes, they will not be included in crime mapping. In Sexual Assault crimes involving an unknown suspect or a suspect who poses a threat to the public, the Department will utilize established methods (press

releases, NIXLE, Emergency Alert Systems, etc.) to notify the general public. Criminal activity reports will not include victim information; only information about suspects will be included.

The goal of **CrimeMapping.com** is to assist the Police Department in reducing crime by keeping residents and community members better informed. This tool will provide a great benefit with community policing efforts and will eventually result in the continued reduction of crime in Farmington Hills.

To access **CrimeMapping.com**, go to <http://www.fhgov.com/Government/Departments-Divisions/Police.aspx> and click on "Crime Mapping" on the left.

Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP)

The Police Department participates in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area's (HIDTA) Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP). HIDTA is a federal program administered by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. ODMAP links first responders on the scene of an overdose to a mapping tool to track overdoses to stimulate real-time response and analysis. Additionally, ODMAP technology assists law enforcement agencies in identifying patterns and sudden increases of overdoses occurring in their city.



Participating agencies report overdose occurrences in a timely manner to the ODMAP website or mobile application. The information is then mapped and becomes available in real-time for analysis by authorized agency personnel. The data quickly reveals where, when, and how frequently overdoses are happening in the community and across the United States, allowing for the identification of overdose spikes, patterns, and trends. The Farmington Hills Police Department can then coordinate resources with participating agencies and develop

effective strategies for addressing overdose incidents occurring in our community and assist in prevention efforts.

Prevention of Opioid Overdose



Heroin and opioid use continue to be a growing public health concern throughout the United States. To assist in the prevention of opioid overdose deaths in our community, the Farmington Hills Police and Fire Departments continue to carry Naloxone (commonly referred to as “Narcan”) and administer it to those in need. In 2017, police officers and paramedics administered Naloxone 53 times, contributing to saving numerous lives.

nixle

The City of Farmington Hills and the Police Department continue to use NIXLE, the web-based emergency notification system, to engage and notify residents in a variety of situations.

Over the past year, the Police Department used NIXLE on a regular basis for public safety and program announcements and also to alert residents about severe weather, traffic and road closures, and missing persons. Alerts are sent to residents over a variety of communication paths including voice, SMS, email, and social media. Several NIXLE subscribers have assisted the Police Department in solving crimes and locating endangered missing persons.

In October 2017, NIXLE was used to keep residents informed about the water main break on 14 Mile Road. NIXLE alerts were useful in notifying residents about the boil water alert and about where to obtain bottled water during this crisis.

be confirmed via email after the fee is received. Individuals who show up without paying the fee seven days in advance will be asked to wait and register for a future class. Participants must be at least 12 years old. To register, call 248-871-2802.

Fireworks Ordinance

Consumer fireworks may be discharged between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 midnight only on the day before, the day of, and the day after, a national holiday, except on New Year’s Day when consumer fireworks may also be discharged between the hours of 12 midnight and 1 a.m.

National holidays are as follows: New Year's Day (January 1); Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. (third Monday in January); Washington's Birthday/Presidents' Day (third Monday in February); Memorial Day (last Monday in May); Independence Day (July 4); Labor Day (first Monday in September); Columbus Day (second Monday in October); Veterans Day (November 11); Thanksgiving Day (fourth Thursday in November); and Christmas Day (December 25).

Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged, or used on public property, including public streets and rights-of-way or on school property, church property or the private property of another, without the express written permission from the person or entity legally in possession and control of that property to undertake such action.

Consumer fireworks shall not be ignited, discharged or used by a person under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance or a combination of both.

For more information about the Fireworks Ordinance, contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

Fire Department

Fire Department Offers CPR/AED and First Aid Classes

The Emergency Preparedness Commission (EPC), in cooperation with the Fire Department, will offer American Heart Association Heartsaver® Classes, featuring instruction in CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and First Aid, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. on selected dates during spring and summer. Classes are open to the public and are held in the upstairs training room at Fire Station #4 at 28711 Drake Road. For specific dates, check www.fhgov.com or call the Fire Department at 248-871-2800.

A \$10 fee covers the cost of the class and materials for residents of Farmington Hills and Farmington. The class and materials fee is \$20 for non-residents. If you require an American Heart Association Certificate of Training, there will be an additional \$20 fee for residents and \$30 fee for non-residents. **Please note – all class participants who are seeking to achieve the Certificate of Training must be physically able to perform CPR/AED, which requires kneeling on the floor and using your arms and hands to perform continuous chest compressions.**

Participants must register and pay fees one week in advance to ensure the proper student to instructor ratio. Registration will

Severe Weather and Tornado Safety

Michigan averages 16 tornadoes annually with most occurring April through August between 3 and 9 p.m. (although tornadoes have been known to occur any time of the day or night.) The average Michigan tornado is on the ground less than ten minutes and travels about five miles.

A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted or is strongly indicated by radar. A Tornado Watch means there is a strong possibility of a tornado developing in the area. A tornado has not been seen, but conditions are very favorable for one to occur at any moment.

Local Warning Sirens in Oakland County are activated when the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning or a Severe Thunderstorm Warning. When sirens are activated, a three-minute tone indicates a tornado has been sighted or is strongly indicated on radar and/or a severe thunderstorm with 70 mph winds or greater is in the area. Seek shelter immediately and listen to the radio or television for more information.

It is important to know that the sirens in Oakland County are an “outdoor” warning system, and are not intended to be heard indoors. All residents are encouraged to have a weather radio for indoor warning; these devices will wake you if you are sleeping.

Regular testing of the sirens will be on the first Saturday March – November at 1 p.m. There is one mid-week test on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 1 p.m. for Severe Weather Awareness Week. Sirens are not activated in December, January or February.

Clerk's Office

2018 Election Dates

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 – Primary Election

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 – General Gubernatorial Election

Important Deadlines

- **Monday, July 2** – Last day to register to vote in the August Primary Election (City Clerk's Office is open until 4:30 p.m.) You may register at your County or local Clerk's Office or any Secretary of State Branch Office.
- **Saturday, August 4 until 2 p.m.** – Last day to request an absent voter ballot to be mailed.
- **Monday, August 6 until 4 p.m.** – Last day to request an absent voter ballot in person. Please be sure to bring your Photo I.D. Voters are not allowed to leave with the ballot on this day and must vote the ballot in person at City Hall.

Absent voter ballot applications will be available as of June 1. You may request an application by calling the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410 or by downloading a form from the City website. More information on both Elections is available at www.fhgov.com.

Notice to Voters – Temporary Precinct Location Changes for the August Primary Election

Due to building construction taking place at some of the Farmington Public Schools, the following voting Precincts will be temporarily relocated for the August 7, 2018 Primary Election only:

Warner Middle School – Precinct #1
Kenbrook Elementary School – Precinct #10

Voters located in these Precincts will receive a notice by mail advising them of their temporary voting location. Information will also be available at www.fhgov.com when temporary locations are determined.

Update Homeowner Association Contacts

The City Clerk's Office maintains a list of all Homeowner Associations with contact information. This enables the City to provide contact information to new residents and also to notify Associations of upcoming developments, such as road projects, that may affect your subdivision. Please submit updated contact information to dking@fhgov.com or fax it to the City Clerk at 248-871-2411. Please be sure to do this annually or as officers and contact information changes.

Door-to-Door Peddlers/Solicitors

Spring typically brings out door-to-door peddlers/solicitors. Persons peddling door-to-door selling goods or services must be licensed with the City and have photo identification issued by the City Clerk's Office. Persons may only peddle/solicit between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

There are certain groups that are exempt from the City's licensing provisions, however they still should be able to provide photo ID from their respective organizations and are asked to comply with local time requirements. For questions on licensing, contact the City Clerk's Office at 248-871-2410.

If you do not wish to have peddlers/solicitors come to your door, consider posting a “no peddling/no soliciting” sign on your property. Subdivision associations may also decide to post similar signage to subdivision entrances. Please be advised that State Law dictates that peddling/soliciting cannot be prohibited within the City; however licensed peddlers/solicitors must adhere to City ordinance requirements. The permit process requires applicants to submit a background check for review by the Police Department.

The Police Department reminds residents that you do not have to open your door for a stranger. If the person is peddling, ask them to display their City-issued permit or other ID from their organization. Call the Police Department at 248-871-2600 if you have concerns. It is helpful to provide the name and/or organization the person was representing and also your address or subdivision name.

Prevent West Nile Virus

- Eliminate standing water in toys, buckets, flower pots, tires, pet water bowls, unused pools, birdbaths, clogged rain gutters, and other containers to reduce areas where mosquitoes breed. (Creeks and retention areas that are healthy and running are not considered a prime area for mosquito breeding.)
- Use insect repellent, but follow manufacturers' guidelines and don't use on children younger than two.
- Wear protective clothing such as long sleeves and pants.
- Fix or install window and door screens to help mosquito-proof your home.

For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/westnilevirus.

Plugged Detention Pond?

Many homeowners' associations are responsible for the maintenance of the storm water detention ponds in their subdivision. It is recommended that detention ponds be inspected and maintained annually to avoid major repairs and maintenance costs. The homeowners' association should be maintaining the pond's inlets and outlets, managing plant overgrowth, and removing debris. Practicing good housekeeping can enhance the detention pond and minimize long-term maintenance.

Associations needing more information can call the Public Services Department at 248-871-2530 or refer to the manual found on the Alliance of Rouge Communities website at www.allianceofrougecommunities.com. Click on "Documents" at the top of the page, then scroll down to "Public Education Products" and click on "Maintaining Your Detention Pond: A Guidebook for Private Owners in Southeast Michigan."

Recycling Dos and Don'ts

- Don't put unacceptable materials in the recycling cart. Please follow the reference list of allowable materials on the cart lid or listed at www.rrrasoc.org. Unacceptable items including garbage, garden hoses, plastic grocery bags, disposable diapers, needles, yard waste, and food waste can cause significant problems in the recycling process, expose employees to health and safety issues, and reduce the productivity of the recycling facility.
- Don't pile extra items next to the recycling cart, only recyclable items that are in the cart will be recycled.
- Do store recycling carts and garbage cans inside the garage or house between collection days, or in the side or rear yards, but please don't store them in front yards.
- Do put all trash, recycling, and yard waste at the curbside by 7 a.m. on the assigned pickup day. All containers must be placed at the curb or edge of the street in front of your home no earlier than 6 p.m. on the evening before your collection day and must be retrieved no later than 12 hours following collection.

- Do keep recycling and garbage containers clean to prevent bins from attracting rodents and other vermin.
- Do check out the "Recycling Widget" on the City website to learn where to recycle, compost or properly dispose of a whole range of items. Go to www.fhgov.com, click on the Resident tab, click on Recycling, then use the search box at the top of the page.
- Do use the free mobile recycling app. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Recycling Authority."

Questions? Call the DPW at 248-871-2850 or visit www.fhgov.com

Yard waste pickup starts the week of April 9, 2018 and ends the week of December 3, 2018.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 28, 2018

Monday – No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Tuesday – Saturday

Independence Day – Wednesday, July 4, 2018

Regular collection on Monday and Tuesday
Wednesday – No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Thursday – Saturday

Labor Day – Monday, September 3, 2018

Monday – No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Tuesday – Saturday

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 22, 2018

Regular collection on Monday – Wednesday
Thursday – No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Friday – Saturday

Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Regular collection on Monday
Tuesday – No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Wednesday – Saturday

New Year's Day – Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Regular collection on Monday
Tuesday – No collection scheduled
Collection one day behind Wednesday – Saturday

Hazardous Materials Drop-Off Day Saturday, May 5, 2018

In cooperation with Oakland Community College, the City will hold its annual HazMat Day on Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the OCC Orchard Ridge Campus in the northwest parking lot off Farmington Road. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake, Milford, Milford Township, and Wixom are all eligible to participate with a driver's license or other proof of residency. Containers must be labeled, not hold more than five gallons or weigh more than 50 pounds, and be placed in a sturdy box on the floor or in the trunk. Farmington Hills residents may also go to any of the other regional HazMat events listed at www.rrrasoc.org. For a full list of accepted/unaccepted items, go to www.rrrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270.

2018 Road Construction Projects

Roads

- 13 Mile Road, Drake Road to Farmington Road – Reconstruction (FH)
- 13 Mile Road, Middlebelt Road to Inkster Road – Reconstruction (FH)
- Inkster Road, 13 Mile Road to Northwestern Highway – Safety improvements and reconstruction of pavement (FH)
- Drake Road, Grand River to 11 Mile Road – Resurfacing (FH)
- Nine Mile Road and Halsted intersection – Reconstruct with new right turn lanes and signal upgrades (FH)
- 10 Mile Road, Orchard Lake Road to Inkster Road – Resurfacing (RCOC)
- 10 Mile Road, Haggerty Road to Grand River – Resurfacing (RCOC)
- Haggerty Road, 10 Mile Road to 14 Mile Road – Resurfacing (RCOC)
- Haggerty Road north of 13 Mile Road – Rehabilitate existing large culverts of the Seeley Drain Crossing (RCOC)
- I-696 – Slab replacement (MDOT)

New Sidewalks

- 13 Mile Road – Complete sidewalk segment between Drake Road and Marvin Road (south side) (FH)

FH – Farmington Hills

MDOT – Michigan Department of Transportation

RCOC – Road Commission for Oakland County

Human Resources Department

Now Hiring for Seasonal Positions!

During the spring and summer, the City hires a large number of employees in a variety of positions from part-time (20 hours) to temporary full-time (40 hours). Positions include landscaping, road work, park and golf course maintenance, building attendants, camps, lifeguards, and several recreation programs. Hourly pay rates range from \$9.25 to \$15.50 based on qualifications and job responsibilities. Open positions are advertised on www.fhgov.com and the City's Facebook page or contact the Human Resources Department at 248-871-2490 for an application.

Finance Department

Treasury/Assessing Office Reminders

- Summer property tax bills are mailed around July 1 and may be paid without penalty through August 31. Thereafter, late penalties are assessed progressively up to 7% by the following February. Postmarks are not accepted by the City.
- Tax bills are mailed to the address of record and not forwarded by the post office, except for temporary forwarding orders.

- Changes of mailing address should be filed with the Assessor's Office.
- By law, failure to receive a property tax bill does not waive the tax bill or any charges for late payment.
- Every property should receive a property tax bill, even if the tax bill is to be paid via an escrow account. If you do not receive a summer property tax bill/statement by the end of the first week of July, or if you have any questions about your property taxes, call the Treasurer's Office at 248-871-2480.
- If you have any questions regarding your property assessment or taxable value, call the Assessing Division at 248-871-2470.

Dog Licenses

Licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older. One-year and three-year dog licenses may be purchased at the Treasury Division with proof of rabies vaccination. From January 1 through June 1, the cost is \$10.50 one-year/\$28.50 three-year for spayed/neutered dogs (\$9.75 one-year/\$26.25 three-year if the owner is age 65 or older); \$18 one-year/\$51 three-year for male/female dogs (\$16.50 one-year/\$46.50 three-year if the owner is age 65 or older.)

After June 1, the license is considered delinquent and the annual cost is \$33 for all dogs. New animals over four months of age may be licensed at non-delinquent rates if the license is purchased within 30 days of acquisition. The City does not require cats to be licensed. For questions regarding dog licenses, contact Oakland County at 248-391-4102 or PetAdoption@oakgov.com or contact the City of Farmington Hills Treasury Division at 248-871-2480.

For information about the William Grace Dog Park, located at 29040 Shiawassee Road, go to www.fhgov.com and click on the Activities tab, then click on Dog Park for rules and regulations, hours, and fees.

Planning & Community Development

Spring Plant and Seed Swap

The Beautification Commission's 18th Annual Plant and Seed Swap will be held on Saturday, May 19 at Heritage Park from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. – rain or shine – in the Visitor's Center parking lot, located off Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile Roads. For more information, call Charmaine Kettler-Schmult in the Community Development Office at 248-871-2543.

Housing Discrimination Notice

Housing discrimination is prohibited by law. For more information on housing discrimination, visit www.hud.gov/fairhousing. If you have a housing discrimination complaint, contact the Michigan Department of Civil Rights at 517-335-3165 or the HUD hotline at 1-800-669-9777 or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY).