



City of Farmington, Michigan

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City of Farmington Newsletter

Summer 2021



City Manager David M. Murphy
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For the past few weeks, we've received a lot of calls about Founders Festival. As of now, the city is planning to host this traditional event. We carefully monitor the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services regarding COVID regulations and precautions, along with those of Michigan Occupational Safety

and Health Administration in order to keep the community and its visitors safe and plan for events accordingly. It is nice to see a bit of normalcy return—people out shopping at the Farmers Market, the return of events at the Governor Warner Mansion and, of course, our community's beloved Founders Festival and Harvest Moon Celebration.

Thank you for the patience and understanding you've demonstrated throughout this extraordinary past year. Have a safe and wonderful summer. Please remember, my door is always open.

Founders Festival Scheduled for July 15-17



Meijer presents the Greater Farmington Founders Festival that will be taking place in Downtown Farmington on July 15-17, 2021. Come see the parade, participate in the LOC Federal Credit Union 5k Color Run, shop at the

crafters market on Farmington Road, indulge at the food truck court, and meet up with friends at the festival goer's favorite nighttime gathering spot, the beer tent!

Farmington Fido Festival is also back and will be held at Riley Park in Downtown Farmington on July 16 & 17. Dog lovers can bring their dogs to the event, participate in contests, watch frisbee shows or participate in the Ultimate Dock Jumping event.

For more information: www.foundersfestival.com

Farmington Farmers Market welcomes back POP! Club and Corn Roast



The farmers market enters its busiest time of the season as July brings in the best and freshest locally grown fruits and vegetables to our downtown city center marketplace at the Sundquist Pavilion. Find sweet corn, field tomatoes, peppers, beans, greens and the sweetest juiciest fruit of the season including Michigan peaches, cherries, blueberries and more! Special events taking place this summer include the return of our popular POP! Club - a program that teaches children, 12-years-old and younger, where their fruit and vegetables come from. Planned activities will put children's safety first while making sure they have fun as they learn about nutrition with flavor! August brings the 7th Annual Farmers Market Elks Community Corn Roast while September skies usher in the Celebration of the Harvest Moon!

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

Free Smoke Detector Program announced



Farmington Public Safety has partnered with MI Prevention to install free smoke detectors to Farmington residents. Smoke detectors should be replaced every 10 years, they do not last indefinitely.

In an effort to increase fire safety awareness in the Farmington Community, residents can schedule an in-home safety visit. A Farmington Firefighter will come install up to six smoke detectors and one carbon monoxide detector at no cost. Contact the Farmington Public Safety Fire Marshall to schedule your home safety visit at 248-474-5500, ext, 2246.

MI Prevention is a State of Michigan organization whose mission is to provide sustainable community risk reduction programs to minimize fire deaths, injuries, and property loss within the state.



Summer Garbage Collection

Independence Day

Sunday, July 4:
No Delay

Labor Day

Monday, September 6:
No Collection
Collection will be delayed one day Tuesday-Saturday

Be safe and enjoy your summer

Public Safety suggests a 9 p.m. lock up routine

It's time to lock up! Farmington Public Safety reminds us to lock our car doors and recommends a routine security check at 9 p.m. each evening to check and verify:

- Vehicles, residences, garages, windows, gates and sheds are locked;
- Tools, bikes, keys, and other valuables are brought inside and secured; and
- Exterior lights, security cameras, and alarm systems are activated.

A vast majority of vehicles that are burglarized are those that are left unlocked.

Always remember to report any suspicious activity to the Farmington Public Safety Department at 248-474-5500 or dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Other public service reminders

People lose a lot of money to phone scams. In some cases, scammers act friendly and helpful; in others, they might try to scare you. Scammers typically try to get your money or personal information. Don't give it to them.

A couple examples of scams we've experienced with Farmington residents are: Scammers offering \$6,000 in exchange for a \$4,000 loan - no one gives away free money. Scammers claiming to be with reputable company, such as DTE, Consumers, Microsoft, and request payment via gift card. Legitimate companies do not request payment via gift card of any type - this, too, is a scam.

Residents who think they've been scammed or would like to report a scammer, contact Farmington Public Safety at 248-474-4700.

The Federal Trade Commission is a great resource to learn more about scams: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/phone-scams>

Summer City Reminders

Keep the streets clean

When sweeping/raking yard waste - such as maple tree helicopter seeds - please take the time to clear the street in front of your house as well. This will prevent debris from covering the storm drains in the roadways.

Pedestrians should be aware of all motor vehicles

Whether you are using a crosswalk or riding a bike on a sidewalk, always be cognizant of approaching vehicles. They may be pulling out of a driveway across a sidewalk or going through a crosswalk. Bicyclists be aware too.