



City of Farmington, Michigan

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City of Farmington Newsletter

Spring 2021

## Notes from the City Manager



City Manager David M. Murphy  
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Spring is a great reminder that we welcome new beginnings. We have a couple of new beginnings to look forward to right here in Farmington. In March, City Council voted to work with Robertson Brothers Homes to redevelop the currently vacant Maxfield Training Center (MTC) site – 33000 Thomas Street. The plan is to bring 59 new owner-occupied townhomes to the downtown.

I'm hoping to be sipping on a smoothie from our own Tropical Smoothy later this spring— Development of Tropical Smoothie, located on Grand River Ave., continues to move forward.

Liberty Hill Condominiums are currently under construction at the old 47th District Courthouse property where we will see 14 single detached homes.

This construction season, the City will continue with its sidewalk program, focusing on the following streets: Freedom Road (Power to Farmington), Farmington Road (Freedom to Orchard Street), Warner (Cloverdale to Slocum), Hayden, Slocum, a few on Maple, Power (9 Mile to Grand River) and Brookdale.

While we navigate through, what I hope is the end of the pandemic, City Hall will remain closed for the foreseeable

future. We'd like to continue to ensure the safety of our employees and residents. Although the building is closed to the public, City staff is available during normal business hours via phone and email. We also encourage use of our online services at [farmgov.com](http://farmgov.com) and our drop boxes

City Council has agreed to allow outdoor events in our city parks starting in June, as long as they follow social distancing and the state guidelines. We will now begin accepting event applications. Stay safe.

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## Farmington Farmers Market set to open May 8

The Farmington Farmers Market opens its 28th season at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in downtown's Riley Park.

You will find bedding plants, vegetable starts, garden herbs, porch pots, hanging baskets and more to go along with early season produce from sprouts to spinach, including the market manager's favorite – Michigan asparagus! We'll have the coffee on and Petey's Donuts, too!

COVID protocol will continue with the safety measures cultivated during last year's market – masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer.

Tip for locals: If you're an early bird, you can come as early as 8 a.m. We might still be setting up, but that's all part of "Saturday life in a Michigan small town." For more information, visit [www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.farmingtonfarmersmarket.com).



The Farmington 2019 Annual Consumer Confidence Report is available on line at: [farmgov.com/waterreport](http://farmgov.com/waterreport)

# Spring Weather Preparation and Tips from Farmington DPW

Check downspouts to ensure water is routed away from home.

Seal voids between driveway and the home foundation.

Seal cracks in the building foundation.

Fill in low spots near the home to route rainwater away from home and to keep rainwater from puddling near home.

Avoid using large amounts of water during rain events.

Begin a sewer cleaning maintenance program, including a video inspection of the sewer; a sewer maintenance program is a cost-effective alternative to replacing the sewer.

Very few homes in the City of Farmington have sump pumps. In a home without a sump pump, the foundation drains are connected to the sanitary sewer.

If one basement floor drain backs up with clear water, it is time to clean the storm water trap where it connects to the sanitary sewer.

If you have a sewer back-up in your home, contact the Public Works at 248-473-7250. If it is after hours contact the City of Farmington Public Safety nonemergency at 248-474-4700 extension 2. Public Safety will dispatch the on-call staff to investigate.

**Yard Waste Collection:** Yard waste collection begins Monday, April 5. Acceptable containers for yard waste are trash cans (up to 32 gallon) with a yard waste decal facing the street or a paper landscape bag.

**Keep Storm Drains Clear:** If you notice debris around the storm drain, please remove it to help keep the spring rain off of our roads.

Have a great spring!!

## Thank You Riley Park Ice Rink Sponsors and Skaters

City of Farmington was happy to see a steady stream of skaters at Riley Park Ice Rink this winter. City administration opted to open both the Riley Park Ice Rink and the Shiawassee Sled Hill to give residents and visitors options for safe outdoor activities. Despite the decision to not offer ice skates for the community to use, the rink had record usage during non-peak hours. The City is hoping that next year we'll be able to offer skating events—like Harry Potter and the Holiday Skate—again.

We'd like to thank the skaters and visitors who ventured out, masks and all, to enjoy our community.

We'd like to thank the 2021 Riley Park Ice Rink Sponsors:

- Century 21—Tom Lewarne
- Z Painting & Remodeling
- Dagwood's Deli & Catering
- Farmington Public Schools
- Edward Jones—Steve Chang, financial advisor
- Thornton & Grooms
- Galvin Growth Group
- Farmington & Farmington Hills Foundation for Youth & Families



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 [farmgov.com](http://farmgov.com).