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Farmington/Farmington Hills Sunnyside Newsletter

Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

Mission: *By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves.*

Editor's Note:

Always nice to know people read this newsletter. You find out when you make a big mistake! Having attended a great State of the Cities Breakfast this past week, I was looking forward to having the GFA Chamber Executive Director, Susan Arlin, speak at our meeting. However, if I had checked the calendar that isn't until Weds, March 23. Oops! My apologies for the oversight. This week we try to bring out the best in our community by honoring (2) Firepersons of the Year. Come join us for this one.

See you at Wednesday's Meeting

We will meet in-person at **the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington at 11 Mile & Farmington Roads**. (Enter on backside of building) Come meet and share breakfast starting at 7:30 am. We honor **Firepersons of the Year** for Farmington Hills. You have the option of joining by zoom at this link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89926299765>

Mask policy has changed from "required" to "recommended".

"Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times"

What a topic for our Oratorical contest that was held Saturday! Think about it, could you write a 5-minute speech for the club and present it in front of a few strangers? Staying optimistic is a great way to start every day.

This year we only had 3 participants. One was a 1st grader from Gill; One was from Longacre; One was a Sophomore from FHS. Jhanavi Bharathwaj, the high schooler, won the contest.

Here are some of her quotes: "You are superior not by what you have but by what you are." "Failure leads to success if you keep going and stay optimistic." "Hope provides the ability to see the light."

New Optimists Welcome Orientation April 20, 7:00 pm

What friends might you have who would be interested in learning about optimism. Spouses are welcome, too. Here is your chance to invite them to join this gathering. It will be via zoom from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ask someone NOW with attached invite.

Did You Know...

There is a new art park which is the legacy of sculpturer, David Barr and his wife, Beth Barr. David created many sculptures in his lifetime. You have seen one of his at Hart Plaza in Downtown Detroit.

The new park is **Villa Barr Art Park** on Napier Road ½ mile south of 10 Mile Road. You can put the park name into your GPS for easy directions. Attached are pictures Cathy and I took a week ago to excite your interest. - *Editor*

March Birthdays:

05 - Diane Eklov
11 - Anna Durham
19 - Gary Mekjian
21 - Jim Walker
23 - Steve Vercellino
29 - Doug Edwards

Website: **f2hoptimists.org**

Facebook: Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club
(Andrea Fields continues an excellent job of posting positive notes to our Facebook page daily.)

Calendar

March 16 Respect for Fire program
March 23 Susan Arlin, Exec. Director of GFA Chamber
March 30 Kevin McCarthy, DPW Superintendent FH
April 6 Board of Directors Zoom meeting
April 13 Club Business meeting
April 20 Jamil Scholarship Presentation meeting
April 20 New Member Welcome Orientation
April 27 Leadership Awards meeting

Attachments:

Newsletter PDF

New Member Orientation Invite 4-20-22 PDF

Villa Barr Park PDF



New Optimist Welcome Orientation Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

*Welcome to bringing out the best in our youth,
our communities and ourselves.*



You are invited to our orientation...

When: **Wednesday Evening** 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, April 20, 2022

How: **Zoom call** hosted by Tom and Cathy Neal
Send email to Tom to register: ttneal@sbcglobal.net
Here is link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85236365818>

Who: New members and potential new members plus spouses are invited to join the zoom session.

Purpose: To socialize and learn about optimism and our club's activities here in the cities. How can you help make this a better world?

Mission: "We provide **hope and a positive vision**, as we bring out the best in our youth, our communities, and ourselves. "

Did you know that people who are optimistic live a longer and healthier life?

[Our website: f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org)



Villa Barr Art Park

8 am to 10 pm or dusk

Park Rules

- Please respect the art and experience it with your eyes.
- Climbing and touching the sculptures will cause damage and is not permitted.
- No swimming or fishing allowed.
- Please leave no trace – put trash in receptacles.
- Parents and caregivers are encouraged to play with their children to ensure safety and supervision.
- Pets must be on a leash at all times and owners must clean up after their pet.
- Enjoy food and beverages in non-breakable containers. Alcohol is not permitted.
- Interaction and celebration is encouraged, but please respect the artist-in-residence living in the home.

For any questions or comments, please call 248.347.0400 to reach the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department

Villa Barr Art Park is dedicated to the residents of Novi and beyond as a public place to celebrate art nature, science and exploration in memory of David Barr and Beth Dwaihy-Barr.

Mayor	Bob Gatt
Mayor Pro-Tem	David Staudt

City Council

Andrew Mutch	Wayne Wrobel	Laura Marie Casey	Gwen Markham	Kelly Breen
City Manager	Peter E. Auger			
Parks Director	Jeffrey A. Muck			

Villa Barr Art Park was made possible with the assistance of the Novi Parks Foundation, Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, Friends of Villa Barr and the Michigan Legacy Art Park.



October 2018

Time to spring in Novi!

Michigan Cultural Services
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April 7-10
Civic Center

Spring Concert
Fri. April 6 - 7pm
Sat. April 7 - 10am
Sun. April 8 - 10am
Mon. April 9 - 10am

Novi Parks at 248.347.0400

Eggstravaganza

Saturday,
April 9, 10am-noon
Lakeshore Park

170 per child, April 9, 10am
Crafts, Spring music, coffee, lunch & refreshments
Please see website for more

Novi Civic Dance

Spring 2022

Procession Ballet April 7-10, 10am-12pm Novi Civic Center Fee: \$25/Person, \$50	Ballet I April 14-15, 10am-12pm Novi Civic Center Fee: \$25/Person, \$50	Ballet II April 21-22, 10am-12pm Novi Civic Center Fee: \$25/Person, \$50	Contemporary & Dance April 28-29, 10am-12pm Novi Civic Center Fee: \$25/Person, \$50
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Register online at cityofnovi.org

Announcements regarding additional programs will be available at cityofnovi.org, Novi Parks Facebook and Instagram accounts and novi.org

Parks & Trails are open!

For park addresses and amenities, visit cityofnovi.org
Restrooms are open at Lakeshore Park

City of Novi Location Map

Villa Barr Art Park is highlighted on the map.

Villa Barr Art Park Tour

For more information regarding additional programs will be available at cityofnovi.org, Novi Parks Instagram accounts and novi.org. Visit cityofnovi.org to subscribe to e-Engage, a twice-monthly e-newsletter. 248.347.0473

Dedication



To learn more about David Barr and Beth Dunsby-Barr, the Villa Barr Art Park and the sculpture, visit cityofnovi.org/VillaBarr.

When Barr purchased this property in 1977 there was only one large willow tree. In the years that followed, he planted hundreds of trees from seeds and saplings of indigenous and imported species, each a unique visual wonder.

Today, Villa Barr is the culmination of David and Beth's love, hard work, dedication and inspiration. The mature trees stand as pillars of a vision continuing to grow as these birch trees serve as a reminder of seeds set to flight - David and Beth.



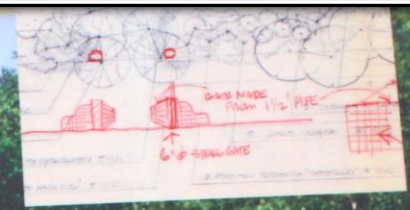
"Beth and I hope that our life in Villa Barr, in Novi, in Michigan, in North America, has contributed to reinforce a spirit of community in the truest sense of the world. We have enjoyed its shelter and support. We have always desired to radiate from this nucleus into the world. We hope that those who succeed us in visiting or residing at Villa Barr will deepen that sense of community,"

-David Barr, *Villa Barr Tales, Trails, and Details 2013*

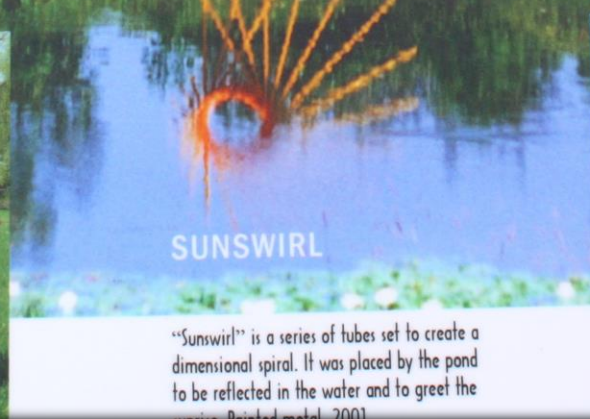


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A Selection of Art in View



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SUNSWIRL

VENUS HOLDING

"Sunswirl" is a series of tubes set to create a dimensional spiral. It was placed by the pond to be reflected in the water and to greet the
...Printed metal, 2001







