

**Club members, Jr. Optimist leaders and District Officers are bcc'd this note. Editor, Tom Neal**

# Sunnyside Newsletter July 31, 2023

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

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

**"WE ARE SUCCEEDING WITH A HEART OF OPTIMISM"**

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### **Kids Fishing Day Was Another Splashing Success!**

Our partnership with the Heritage Nature Center signed up a total of 80 kids for this past Saturday's event. Our connection with Mark Stephans from MSU Project Fish continues to make learning how to fish for kids and their parents a winner. See attached PowerPoint of slides.

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Orrie Donley Golf Outing - August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Our Club's major fundraising event is here! We have maxed out golfer registrations. With all our sponsors we have exceeded our \$12,000 sponsor goal. Over 58 Raffle prizes have been assembled by Cathy Neal and Phyllis Pheeny. Big "Thank You" to all who contributed gift cards for the raffle prizes.

### **New Optimist Welcome Breakfast – August 30**

This is an opportunity to invite friends and potential members to our breakfast at First Presbyterian Church at 11 Mile and Farmington Road. They will learn about our Optimist Club and what we do for kids and our community. 7:30am to 8:30am.

**Website:** [f2hoptimists.org](http://f2hoptimists.org) [new members can join on front page of website.]

**Facebook:** Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist Club

**Calendar** *Meetings at Farmington Presbyterian Church, unless otherwise noted.*

Aug 1 32nd Orrie Donley Golf Outing

Aug 9 Board of Officers & Directors Zoom Meeting

## Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club

Aug 25-27 4th Quarter District Convention, Crowne Plaza,  
West Lansing

**Aug 30 Club NOW Meeting (Only meeting in August)**

\* Club meetings held at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

### **Birthdays**

#### **August**

06 – Rami Jamil

08 – Danette Duron-Willner

20 – Terry Tipton

21 – Phyllis Pheeny

24 – Chris Delgado

#### **Attachments:**

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## Founders Parade 2023



# Kids Fishing Day, 2023

## FOUNDERS FISHING PIER

*A wetland to discover!*

**belted kingfisher**  


**damselfly**  


**largemouth bass**  


**channel catfish**  


**red-winged blackbird**  


**common muskrat**  


**bluegill & sunfish**  


The pond is home to many species of birds. What birds do you hear and see?

Fish, aquatic insects and frogs live here. Muskrats can also be seen chewing down cattails for their lodge. Wildlife diversity means a healthy wetland habitat!

Cattails and water lilies grow on the water's edge. Can you see any plants growing under the water?

**Catch and Release Fishing ONLY please**

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# Check-in with the Stewart Sisters



80 kids in 4 classes

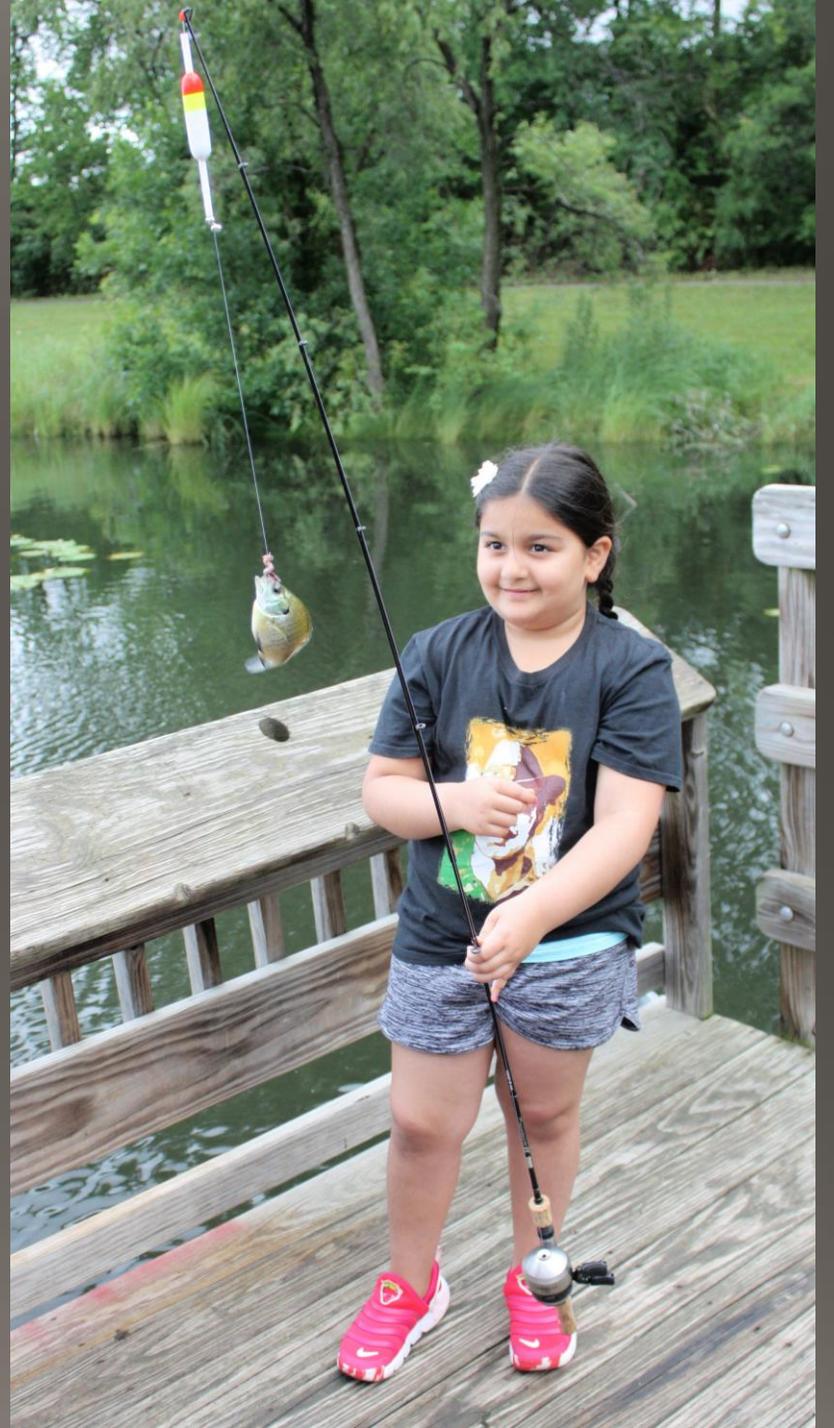
Each kid for \$20 resident fee  
or \$25 non-resident fee gets:

- High-quality Rod & Reel
- Stocked tackle box
- Info & activity packet
- Fun how-to videos
- Live bait
- Learn fish knot tying
- Practice safe casting
- Learn how-to bait hooks
- Enjoy thrill of hooking fish
- Practice unhooking fish
- Learn safe techniques while fishing with family

# Learning to cast safely



Ashlie Smith, Supervisor of Heirtage Nature Center,  
coordinated the whole event.





Volunteer Paul Floreno  
holding fish



Also volunteering to help was Dan Mosher



Heritage Nature Center  
volunteer Emma showing  
how to hold fish













Mark Stephans from MSU Project FISH helping Kids learn to fish









Volunteer Lynn all smiles



