

# 3 council candidates state their views

**Name:** Ralph D. Yoder.  
**Address:** Lamar Drive.  
**Age:** 61.  
**Length of residency:** 35 years.  
**Employer:** president, Tri-County Enterprises Inc., Farmington Hills (trucking company).  
**Family:** wife, Margaret; son, Joel, 33; daughter, Julia, 30.  
**Education:** Farmington High School graduate, 1947.  
**Government involvement:** member, Farmington City Council, 22 years; mayor, 1973-76 and 1983-85; member, Farmington Planning Commission, four years; member, Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals, five years; member, Farmington Retirement Board, 17 years.  
**Community involvement:** member, Farmington Area Recreation Commission, four years; member, Farmington Beautification Committee, two years; member, Farmington Community Band Board of Directors, two years; and member, Farmington Community Center Board of Directors, two years.



Ralph D. Yoder

"Twenty-four years of governmental involvement."

4. Are there items in the local budget you would change? What areas should be increased, or cut?  
"More monies should be budgeted for the continuous maintenance and improvements of our streets and roads, many of which are 30 years and older."

5. What is your feeling about the federal shared revenue used at the local level? How does Farmington fare in its reliance on federal and state money, compared with other communities?  
"The city of Farmington is not reliant on Federal Revenue Sharing; however, we are reliant on state shared revenues. State law provides that taxes shall be collected by the state for distribution to the cities. Included are sales tax, income tax and gas and weight tax. Since these taxes are based on formulas, some cities fare better than others."

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**Name:** William S. Hartscock.  
**Address:** Cass.  
**Age:** 37.  
**Length of residency:** 23 years.  
**Employer:** HONEY & Co., Farmington Hills, account executive. Also a certified public accountant, and former self-employed business.  
**Family:** son, Christopher, 8.  
**Education:** Our Lady of Sorrows High School, Farmington, 1968; bachelor's degrees in political science and accounting and finance, Eastern Michigan University, 1972 and 1974.



William S. Hartscock

perience as a CPA and the financial perspective it brings as well as having owned my own business. Our current council has a good cross-section of talent as well as representation from the city."

**Government involvement:** was elected to first two-year term on council in 1973, then subsequently re-elected to four-year terms, served as mayor from 1979-81 and a current 1985-87 term; has served on all major city boards and commissions.  
**Community involvement:** current member, Farmington YMCA board of directors; member, Farmington Exchange Club.

1. Why are you running for re-election?  
"I firmly believe each of us should have a commitment to ourselves to serve our community, and I chose to serve on the city council, and various boards and commissions. There aren't any particular issues that have driven me to run for council — it's just a commitment to contribute to the community."

2. What do you consider the most important issues for the city of Farmington in the next four years?  
"The most major concern is solid waste treatment. Another issue is the downtown area, which is being addressed through the downtown Development authority. I think we've done a long way... in implementing plans."

"In the area of recreation, we've done a lot of work in both of our city parks over the last two years. In a lot of the areas, the issues have been addressed; it's just the ongoing refining and maintenance of it.  
"Senior citizens need to be addressed. It would be negligent on our part if we don't continue to address their problems and concerns."

3. What special qualities do you bring to the council?  
"My training, background and ex-

4. Are there items in the local budget you would change? What areas should be increased, or cut?  
"Since I'm an incumbent, the budget is the final project of our work so there wouldn't be anything I'd change. We spent a good six weeks going over the budget."

5. What is your feeling about federal shared revenue used at the local level? How does Farmington fare in its reliance on federal and state money, compared with other communities?  
"The federal shared revenue program was terminated; we still have about \$25,000 that is a carryover. Compared to the size of our budget, this is miniscule and it always has been.  
"Federal revenue sharing has never been a significant item in our budget. It's something you can't get comfortable with because its something out of your control."

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**Name:** Richard L. Tupper.  
**Address:** Cass Avenue.  
**Age:** 54.  
**Length of residency:** 51 years.  
**Employer:** self-employed, Tupper Associates, Inc., Farmington Hills.  
**Family:** wife, Donna; sons, Brian, 30, David, 24; daughter, Barbara, 28.  
**Education:** 1950 Farmington High School graduate; Michigan State University certificate, 1952 (two years in lumber merchandising and light construction).  
**Government involvement:** member, Farmington City Council, 13 years; mayor, 2 years; member, Farmington Planning Commission, 6 years; member, Farmington Board of Appeals, 2 years; member, Farmington Downtown Redevelopment Committee; chairman, Central Business District Boundary Committee.  
**Community involvement:** director, Farmington Area Goodfellows, 18 years; member, Farmington Area Jaycees, 10 years; member, Farmington Exchange Club, 18 years (past president).



Richard L. Tupper

tive planning toward the needs of our fiscal programs."

1. Why are you running for re-election?  
"I have a genuine interest in our community and a concern for its future."

2. What do you consider the most important issues for the city of Farmington in the next four years?  
"Protect our tax base, improve city roads, deal with our traffic problem, be firm in the enforcement of our ordinances and cautious in granting variances."

3. What special qualities do you bring to the council?  
"Thirteen years of past city council experience with two years as mayor, several years on the planning commission and two years on the zoning board of appeals. My occupation and working 22 years with the construction industry has given me experience I can apply to long- and short-term community planning."

4. Are there items in the local budget you would change? What areas should be increased, or cut?  
"We operate on a tight budget concept, with tax rate increase or decrease as appropriate. Our 1987 budget review again showed objec-

5. What is your feeling about federal shared revenue used at the local level? How does Farmington fare in its reliance on federal and state money, compared with other communities?  
"Revenue sharing is unpredictable and we must be very conservative when estimating the amount we will receive."

6. Farmington and other southwest Oakland County communities face a solid waste disposal dilemma. What do you feel would be the best plan for disposing of Farmington's solid waste?  
"Presently, Farmington and six other communities are involved in a Southwest Oakland County Waste Consortium. The future of solid waste disposal will be a major, and expensive, decision. Recently, the consortium selected a consulting firm to determine the most cost effective plan to adopt. Final decision will require careful consideration by the city council."

7. Give us your perception of downtown redevelopment for Farmington. Paint a picture of your vision for downtown 10 years from today.  
"The construction that will soon take place will greatly improve the

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## Election Day: Tuesday, Nov. 3

By Casey Hans  
staff writer

Three veteran councilmen are running unopposed for three vacant, non-partisan seats on the Farmington City Council this November. Current Mayor William Hartscock, and councilmen Richard Tupper and Ralph Yoder have each pledged to run for another term for a variety of reasons.  
All said they wanted to represent residents and help the city move toward the future.  
The two top vote-getters will receive four-year terms on the council and the other a two-year term.  
The Observer & Eccentric sent questionnaires to the three incumbents to get their opinions about various issues facing the city of Farmington. Our questions and their answers appear above.

### election '87

Issues facing the city include the rejuvenation of the city's central business district, the future dilemma of solid waste disposal and the task of rebuilding streets as the city ages.

All residents who were registered to vote as of Oct. 5 may cast a ballot in the Nov. 3 general election. If you are not registered, you cannot vote.

About 17 percent of the city's 8,000 registered voters cast ballots in the last council election, which occurred in 1985, according to city clerk Josephine Bushey.

Those who are unable to vote on Nov. 3 because of age or health re-

strictions, or if you will be out of the area on that day, may vote by absentee ballots. Those requiring absentee ballots can either pick them up at the city clerk's office at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty, or call 474-5500 and request an application.  
The clerk's office will be open Saturday, Oct. 31, to distribute and receive absentee ballots between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Completed absentee ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, according to a spokeswoman from the clerk's office.  
Council members receive \$900 per year for their part-time service to the city. The mayor is elected by fellow council members for a two-year term.  
The city council meets at 8 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month at city hall on Liberty Street.

### business briefs

If you recently opened a shop, captured an award, earned a promotion, are planning a new venture or project, or have information about other business-related happenings — and there's a Farmington-area connection — we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news items with other Observer readers. Send items to Business Briefs, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

● **COMERICA PROMOTONS**  
Comerica Bank-Detroit has promoted two Farmington Hills residents.

Patricia Fancy was named vice president in Comerica's corporate legal department.  
Fancy joined the corporation in 1986 as an assistant vice president. Before joining Comerica, she was an attorney for General Motors Corp.  
She is a member of the American and Michigan bar associations.  
Bruce Yeager Jr. was named a private banking officer within the private banking department at Comerica.  
Yeager joined Comerica in 1985 as a corporate loan analyst and was promoted to private banking representative in 1985.



Patricia Fancy

● **STUDIO MANAGER**  
Farmington High School graduate Marla Rapiński was appointed Hamtramck studio manager for Omnicom Cablevision.  
She has been with Omnicom in Canton Township since May.

Rapiński was previously a coordinator at the Oxford Conference Center at the University of Michigan, in charge of executive transportation, accounts payable, scheduling and payroll.

● **CHAIRMAN ELECTED**  
The Michigan Mason Contractors Association of Farmington Hills HAS announced the re-election of Charles Costella, vice president of Monte Costella & Co., Southfield, for the third consecutive year.

Edson Lawrence, president of Lawrence Masonry Corp. of East Lansing, was re-elected vice chairman at the association's annual meeting in Harbor Springs.

● **BOTSFORD TOUR**  
As a result of the recent success of Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau familiarization trip, the Botsford Inn of Farmington Hills will be listed as a tour stop again in 1988.

Six tour companies, which conducted motorcoach tours through the Dearborn Inn, Meadow Brook Hall, Henry Ford Estate and Greenfield Village, have booked tours again in the Detroit area.  
The Metropolitan Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau is a non-

profit organization THAT promotes the Detroit area as a site for meetings, conventions and group tours.

The net worth of the six tour companies' bookings alone could equal over \$70,000 in 1988, according to figures released by the bureau.

● **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**  
J. Martin Temporaries/Plus Inc. of Farmington Hills announced the award of a \$500 scholarship to Joseph McCorkle of Detroit.  
The company, which handles temporary employment for companies, awarded McCorkle the scholarship based upon the number of hours worked and both his attendance work performance.

● **MOONLIGHT MADNESS**  
The Downtown Farmington Business Association has scheduled Moonlight Madness from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23. Merchants in the downtown area will participate. The event will include searchlights, pumpkins and cider.

Also scheduled is a Christmas tree lighting on Nov. 22. The walk will give Farmington shoppers a chance to see what downtown Farmington has to offer during the holidays.

Caroling, window displays and refreshments will be offered. The lighting of the Downtown Development Authority's Christmas tree will take place.  
In addition, the Farmington Jaycees will light the gazebo at the Warner Mansion on Grand River at 7 p.m.



**A PERSONAL APPEARANCE**  
 Meet Mrs. Jan Newman, owner of the Ann Arbor based toy company, Aristoplay. And watch as she demonstrates her collection of award-winning, educational games.

Thursday, October 15  
 From 3 to 5 p.m.  
 Toy Shop, Livonia

## Jacobson's

Shop until 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday  
 Until 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday