

# Fox gets service award

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Democratic State Sen. Jack Faxon says he wondered if Jean Fox was sending out a message when she decided not to seek a second term on the Farmington Hills City Council.

"Unlike other public officials who choose to limit her terms, I almost wonder if there was a message to those of us who have been so long in office," Faxon said in late November.

Faxon's comments accompanied the presentation of a legislative proclamation for her community service. "We're certainly excited about where the next chapter of Jean Fox will fall next," Faxon said.

He announced Fox's resume, which includes newspaper editor and publisher, historian, as well as a member of the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission, and former service on the Farmington Hills Historical Commission, Farmington Hills Historic District Commission and Farmington Hills Zoning Board of Appeals. And four years on the city council. Her four-year term expired in November.

"SHE HAS been a key contributor to all the organizations to which she belongs," Faxon said. He also called her a "talented and energetic woman," with spirit, commitment, dedication and a "sensitivity to a quality of life that's encased in our American history."

Fox also was supposed to have received an award from Howard Simon of the American Civil Liberties Union for Fox's continuing series on the Bills of Rights' Bicentennial celebration. But there was a mix-up somewhere. Simon instead congratulated the city council for its work in the celebration.

"I guess it was more of a misun-



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Sen. Jack Faxon congratulates former Farmington Hills councilwoman Jean Fox for her years of community service. Fox was presented with a state Senate proclamation.

derstanding," Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said.

From February through October Fox has made public presentations on the first 10 amendments of the Bill of Rights at city council meetings. She also has made a booklet of vignettes on the amendments. Recordings of her presentations have been taped and are available to schools and other interested groups. "It's just not simply elegant words

on old parchment," Simon said of the Bill of Rights, which offer citizens protection.

"My rights are secure so long as I am willing to protect the rights of everyone else," Simon continued.

He said the Bill of Rights is not a self-enforcing document, but one for which people must stand up and fight. "All of us have benefited from those few individuals who have stood up."

# Goodfellows set record

The Farmington-area Goodfellows had a record day Nov. 29, collecting \$21,300 during the sale of their annual Goodfellows newspapers on Farmington-area street corners.

"That's the most we've ever had," said Goodfellows chairman Dick Tupper, who said the number of needy families was expected to rise by nearly 40 percent this year due to the down economy.

The traditional day-after-

Thanksgiving newspaper drive was chaired this year by local businessman Bob Rock. It is the group's biggest fund-raiser of the year. Money is used to help needy families, children and seniors in the Farmington community both at the holidays and throughout the year.

The group's motto is "No Child or Senior Without a Christmas."

In addition to more money, Tupper said more volunteers have

come out to help this year. A number of area students and more women joined the ranks of those selling newspapers and many others offered to help with Goodfellows projects.

Volunteers will be delivering Christmas baskets and other goods on Saturday, Dec. 14, throughout the community. This year, food is being collected and separated at the former Chesley Industries plant off of Eight Mile and Farmington roads.

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