

# Red Cross calls blood need 'critical'

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It's summertime and the livin' is easy, unless you're responsible for maintaining blood supplies at clinics and hospitals.

Blood supplies dwindle in summer, so getting donors to the Farmington-Farmington Hills Aug. 2 blood drive is important, Red Cross staffers say.

"Please, we need you for this blood drive because the road construction may keep some of our donors away," said Jonna Lindquist, donor resources development representative for the Southeast Michigan Region of the Red Cross. "Summer is our very roughest time."

Blood collections are traditionally low in the summer, as many "regular donors are on vacation. Ironically, the Red Cross reports

that the need for blood is great in summer as there are more highway accidents.

There is also a higher demand for blood to support organ transplant and a national donation procedure system from highway accidents.

The blood drive is from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall, at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

"We need about 800 pints a day. We're lucky if we can collect 600," Lindquist said. "This is

especially critical right now." All blood donated is used in southeast Michigan.

Lindquist said the No. 1 reason she's heard for people not donating is fear of needles. She said a friend along, Lindquist said that when she brought a friend for her first time, "It kept my mind off of the procedure."

And while some fear giving blood because they're afraid of having an adverse reaction, Lindquist responds, "Feeling

weak and becoming ill is not a typical reaction. It's highly unusual to have a reaction. We're prepared if you do."

Event co-ordinators are Mike Garr of the Farmington Hills Fire Department and Frank Lauhof, Farmington city manager.

While all blood types are needed, type O blood is particularly needed, according to the Red Cross. This is because O negative blood can be transfused to all patients in crisis.

O negative patients can receive only O negative blood, which makes it important to have that type available.

It's important to also maintain stocks of O positive blood, as it can be transfused to more than 80 percent of patients, according to the Red Cross.

**An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at Farmington Hills City Hall on Aug. 2, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

## BUSINESS NEWS

**Brandenburg opens**

The North American headquarters of the Brandenburg Economic Development Office (BEDO) of the State of Brandenburg, Germany had its grand opening on June 7 in Farmington Hills.



**Honored: Wolfgang Fuerniss presents Rick Perry with his charter to be the North American Representative for economic development and foreign trade.**

The Brandenburg office is the only German government representation office located in Michigan. The German Consulate in Detroit closed in 2000.

Most other German state offices are in New York or in the Washington D.C. area. Fuerniss said Brandenburg needs to be positioned in the heartland of America, as the company reach; es out to create partnerships and investment opportunities.

Fuerniss said there is also a potential for cooperation with tourism.

The office in Farmington Hills assists Brandenburg companies with entry into the U.S. and Canadian markets. The office also serves as an investment recruitment and information center for North American companies considering business opportunities in Western and Central Europe.

Rick L. Perry is the North American Representative for the Brandenburg Economic Development Office.

Perry has a background in German-American cross-cultural management training and business development, and was formerly a staff member in the Michigan House of Representatives.

"Having an office in the Midwest shows Brandenburg's foresight and commitment to the distinctive opportunities regional business and industry affords," Perry said.

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"There have been contested races," Cantrell said. In fact, since 1989, only the 1997 race went uncontested. Seven candidates ran for council in 1989.

Nominating petitions are now available. By city charter, the first day the nominating petitions can be turned in is Aug. 7. The last day to file is 5 p.m. Aug. 17. Candidates must live in the city at least one year prior to the last day of filing.

Candidates must file nominating petitions with at least 60 but no more than 75 signatures.

The top two vote-getters win four-year terms. The third vote-getter earns a two-year seat.

Campbell, who works for Ford Motor Company, wants to continue to be part of city government. "I have a sincere interest in giving my time. I think I'm making a difference," he said.

Campbell is interested in the accomplishments and improvements with downtown center and Farmington Road.

Mitchell, a vice-president and legal counsel for Lifetime Doors in Farmington Hills, also plans to continue his service to the community. "I enjoyed my time on city council and am proud to have served the last six years," he said.

Bush, a Realtor with Cornwell

and Bush in Farmington, will also run again because she enjoys being part of the community.

"I enjoy local government," Bush said. "It's closest to the people. You can have more impact at the local level than you can at any other level of government."

Council members are paid \$1,800 a year.

**Three and two in the Hills**

Three city council candidates and two mayoral candidates have submitted petitions in Farmington Hills, with the filing deadline nearly a month away.

Randal Bruce, Kenneth Massey and incumbent Cheryl Oliverio have submitted required petition signatures to run for city council. Incumbent Nancy Bates and Ronald Oliverio have submitted required petition signatures to run for mayor.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m. Aug. 28. Candidates who file can choose to withdraw by 4 p.m. Aug. 31. Six council seats and the mayor's position are up for election Nov. 6.

To be able to appear on the ballot, a candidate must submit 146 petition signatures.

Farmington Hills Deputy City Clerk Pam Sibley said the number of candidates submitting petitions so far is average for this stage in the filing process.

"There's quite a few that have pulled petitions. It shows a lot of interest in the city council," she said.

Those who have pulled petitions for council but have not submitted required signatures are Christopher Cummins, incumbents Jon Grant and Jerry Ellis, Ezra Drissman, Robert Webster and Jeff Elson.

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"Within two days of failing to report we ought to track him down," said Matt Davis, spokesman for the Michigan Department of Corrections.

"After we could not find his whereabouts we sought a bench warrant for his arrest as an absconder," Davis said, adding the warrant was issued.

To remain in compliance with terms of his probation, Thompson must continue to attend sex offender therapy sessions and

report to the probation agent, "and do other things like not engage in other felony offenses," Davis said.

Typically, a probationer must report once every two weeks, authorities said.

Police said that a search of Thompson's apartment following his arrest last year revealed a stockpile of photos and images collected over 35 years of more than 1,200 boys he had asked to torture him.

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