

## DDA loses Main Street grant bid



**Farmington Downtown Development Authority members say they're puzzled by a decision not to select their application for a Main Street Oakland grant, which would have helped them strengthen the downtown area.**

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A disappointed and puzzled Farmington Downtown Development Authority question a decision not to make the City of Farmington a Main Street Oakland County community for 2001.

Holy Lake Orion and Ferndale were selected this year.

The grant has been offered free to downtown communities for the last two years.

"They pay for it, a national technical assistance grant, which is worth about \$30,000 per year," said Judy Downey executive director of the Farmington DDA. "There's no money but they bring

in a staff from Chicago or Washington to work with your downtown community."

The city and DDA hoped for assistance in marketing downtown businesses, recruiting desired businesses and business retention, Downey said.

A 10-person selection committee made the decision.

"Although the selection committee recognized that the need exists in Farmington for Main Street technical services, it was felt that the commitment and readiness had not been sufficiently demonstrated at this time," according to a Sept. 21 letter from

Robert Donohue, principal planner for Oakland County.

The reasons, in Donohue's words, were:

- Lack of evidence that the community understands the role of historic preservation in the downtown as evidenced by their discussion on "trying to develop a theme."

- Leadership in the downtown was unclear. The working relationship between the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce was unclear. The presentation seemed to indicate that the DDA

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### CLAR CASTLE



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**Offering help:** Ron Kattoula and Eddie Denha of the Dollar Castle store have supported Sweet Dreamzz and other local charitable efforts since coming to Farmington last year. They are in the volunteer spotlight in today's HomeTown Life section. / C1

**Stay calm:** A Botsford Hospital emergency room doctor says people who believe they may have been exposed to anthrax should stay put and call police. / A2

### OPINION

**Hills endorsement:** Our first endorsement was a choice between mayoral candidates who have been on opposite and combative sides of the universe during this campaign season. / A8

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### Principal honors



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Top principal: Forest Elementary Principal Lloyd Lewis poses with students in Connie Qualman's fifth grade class.

## Forest's Mr. Lewis goes to Washington

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The first indicator of Forest Elementary Principal Lloyd Lewis' warmth is his handshake. It's not a cold clammy, "I'm-going-through-the-motions-of-this-introduction," but a genuine, two-handed shake, one hand over the recipient's hand, already in

his grasp.

At 10 a.m. Lewis has already doffed his suitcoat and rolled up his shirt sleeves. His kid-theme tie is the only vestige of formality.

Ever wondered what an outstanding elementary principal looks like?

Take a look at Lewis, who is as comfortable doing a newspaper interview at a pint-sized table with chairs

as someone would behind a large office desk.

Lewis is among 64 outstanding elementary and middle school principals from across the nation and from U.S. schools abroad who will head for Washington, D. C., this week to receive the National Distinguished Principals Award.

They will be honored Oct. 19 at an

awards banquet at the J.W. Marriott in Washington, D.C. All were named by the U. S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals.

"He was the only one from Michigan," said June Million, an NAESP spokesman in Washington, D.C. "This

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## Candidates' concerns include sewers, mansion



**Mary Bush**  
Age: 48  
Occupation: Realtor  
Education: Graduate  
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Mary Bush, who is running for re-election to Farmington City Council, louts the fact that she is "viable, accessible on a daily basis and in the community every day."

Bush, 48, and a real estate broker, is finishing eight years as a member of the Council and also served a term as mayor. A Farmington Road resident, she has been active in the community for more than 20 years.

She's lived most of her life in the Farmington area and more than 17 years in the City of Farmington. Though she is in the community on daily basis,

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**Arnold Campbell**  
Age: 50  
Occupation: Manager, Ford Motor Company  
Education: Graduate, Lawrence Tech (1972), MBA, Central Michigan University (1981)

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Longtime Farmington Councilman Arnold Campbell wants to continue to serve the Farmington community and is running for re-election to Farmington City Council Nov. 6.

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The race is uncontested with the two top vote-getters receiving four-year terms and the third candidate earning a two-year term.

Campbell was elected to a four-year term in 1986, had two years off, and has served from 1988 to pre-

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**Jim Mitchell**  
Age: 50  
Occupation: Attorney  
Education: Graduate University of Michigan (1973), J.D. from University of Detroit School of Law (1976)

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Farmington City Councilman Jim Mitchell, 50, is almost a lifetime Farmington resident. His family moved to Farmington 46 years ago.

So when he's wearing down his shoe leather going door-to-door, campaigning for re-election, it's familiar territory. A Floral Street resident, Mitchell has served on the Farmington City Council since 1995.

He is the vice-president and legal counsel for Lifetime Doors, Inc. in Farmington Hills, where he has worked for more than 17 years.

As he walks, he talks about the city's proposal, also on the ballot, for a cured-in-place method of sewer

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