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to be done and I can put it on my taxes."

Mary Ann Waterman was matter-of-fact. "We have to keep it functioning."

## Councilmembers shuffle

Incumbent council members were re-elected, but will serve different terms. Mary Bush, 48, a Realtor was returned to a four-year term capturing 949 (34.37 percent) votes.

"I'm very pleased but I was a little disappointed with the low voter turnout," Bush said. Of 7,356 registered voters, 1,213 (16.4 percent) cast ballots.

"I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Farmington with pride," Bush said.

Jim Mitchell, 50, vice president and legal counsel for Lifetime Doors Inc. in Farmington

Hills, won a four-year term for the first time with 898 votes (32.62 percent.) He's been a councilman since 1995.

Mitchell beat out Arnold Campbell, 51, by one vote. Campbell, a manager of technical support operations for Ford Motor Company, will serve a two-year term. Mitchell has been a councilman since 1995. Campbell has served since 1996 with two years off.

"I'm thrilled to receive a four-year term," Mitchell said. "It was the closest vote you can have — one vote."

Campbell couldn't be reached for comment.

There were 878 under votes in the council race. Some voters chose to vote for only one or two candidates, according to Patsy Cantrell, Farmington city clerk.



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**One more time?: Challenger Ron Oliverio said that election night began the start of his next mayoral campaign**

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of that." She said council will also be tackling sewer issues with Oakland County and proceeding on the 11 Pines and 14 Mile/Northwestern projects.

"It's truly a great community and I'm just honored to be elected mayor again," she said.

Challenger Ron Oliverio said, "It was a good clean race, but in the way our system works when the people speak, that's it. Thus begins the next campaign." Oliverio said he would run for mayor again in two years.

"It's a learning experience. Next time I'll talk to more people. Based on the numbers there wasn't much interest in the election. Hopefully, the council will be more receptive to citizens' concerns," Oliverio said.

The highest finishing challenger was Randy Bruce, zoning board of appeals chairman, with 4,845. He was followed by Ken Massey, 3,771; Jess Elson, 1,582; and Robert Monroe Webster 1,272.

"I voted for the incumbent (Bates)," said John Trummer, exiting East Middle School after voting at noon. "It seems like she's doing a good job," he said, adding, "I voted for Cheryl (Oliverio) because she's here."

Like several other candidates, Oliverio took her turn greeting voters to seek their support. She held a yellow yard sign with her name and the names of fellow incumbents Grant and Ellis in red.

"I voted for Nancy Bates, I think she's done a good job," said a woman exiting East Middle School, who declined to be named. "I voted for (Cheryl) Oliverio. I'm happy with the way things have been run."

A woman holding her young son's hand said she voted for incumbents. "I really like the job that Nancy's been doing right now on council," she said, declining to be named.

Exiting the polls at William Grace Elementary at 12:20, James C. Smith said he voted for Ron Oliverio for mayor. "It seems like he wants to get back to a suburban town, with not as much development, and more protective of the family sort of thing, whereas Nancy Bates is for more new roads, the widening of Orchard Lake, which doesn't please me too much," he said.

For council, Smith said he voted for Cheryl Oliverio. "I really didn't follow the council as hard as I followed the mayor

race," he said.

At Faith Covenant Church, Don Connelly said he voted for "the current incumbent. Things are fine right now."

Janice Rolnick said she voted for Jess Elson. "He's very active for Pawe with a Cause, he's a very caring person." Rolnick also voted for Bates: "She's had a lot of experience."

At 7:15 p.m., outside North Farmington High, Ellis greeted voters with the yellow and red sign, proclaiming, "Keep the winning team." A Massey supporter greeted voters with a T-shirt bearing the candidate's name.

Jonathan Aiks said he voted for the council candidate who sent him literature, Randy Bruce. He also voted for Ron Oliverio for mayor. "Nancy Bates seems to be in power a long time. I got a phone call from her opponent, he seems to be an intelligent man. People shouldn't be in power for too long a time."

A man who declined to be named said he voted for Bates. "I think that she's been doing a good job."

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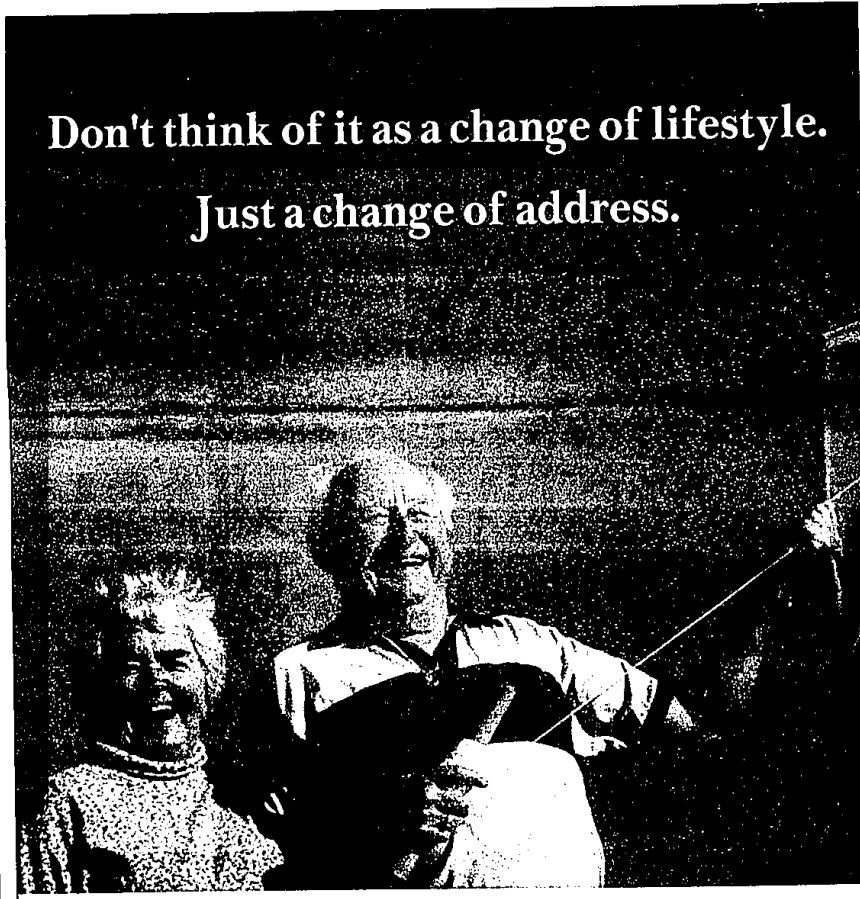
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