

# League offers emergency program

The Farmington area needs an advanced Emergency Medical Service (EMS), according to the League of Women Voters Farmington-West Bloomfield Area Branch.

"There's a strong possibility that West Bloomfield may have an EMS millage in June, but we're not sure yet in Farmington," said Mary Lazarat, League coordinator of the EMS information.

In an attempt to gain support for the idea and also to inform area residents on emergency procedures, the League is offering a presentation to local groups, based on its year-long EMS study.

"We've spoken to the North Farmington Baptist Church, Farmington Democratic Club, and Wagonwheels Club, for instance, and we have five or six more dates lined up for March," said Ms. Lazarat.

"Everybody's been enthusiastic. The more people we talk to, the more support we get."

The League has put together pamphlets and information on emergency procedures and prevention methods for dispersal among residents.

"Because our communities do not presently have an Advanced Life Support System or EMS, we recommend that you prepare your personal plan of action to cope with a medical emergency," advises the League.

League definition of an advanced system is one which combines paramedic personnel, sophisticated equip-

ment and communications capability, and the active participation of a hospital.

**PREVENTION** is one of the first steps, according to the League. Ridding your homes of hazards which may cause illness or injury can prevent problems.

Learning to recognize signs of sudden critical illness, first aid and/or cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, can be a life-saving factor.

For CPR or First Aid instruction, call the Farmington Area Recreation Commission (FARC) at 474-1115 or Botsford Hospital at 476-7000.

For emergencies, call Department of Public Safety in the City of Farmington at 474-1211, or the Fire Department in Farmington Hills at 474-2335. Dial 9 for operator if time is critical, and be sure to tell the operator where help is needed, stating your name, address, telephone number and symptoms of the patient.

Staying with the patient until help arrives is of the utmost importance, the League stresses.

Other important emergency numbers are Poison Control at 888-2900; Suicide Prevention at 975-8100; and Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) for drug abuse at 477-6767.

The League also urges residents to refrain from abusing emergency care facilities in the community by taking non-emergency problems to your doc-

tor, clinic, or hospital out-patient department.

**THOSE HOSPITALS** with both emergency room facilities and outpatient facilities in the area are Henry Ford Hospital at 6731 W. Maple, West Bloomfield 851-6900; Pontiac General Hospital at 461 W. Huron, Pontiac, 857-7200; St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at 900 Woodward, Pontiac, 838-3000; William Beaumont Hospital at 3601 W. Thirteen Mile, Royal Oak, 548-7000; and Providence Hospital at 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield, 424-3000.

Botsford General Hospital at 26050 Grand River in Farmington, 476-7600; and Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital at 50 N. Perry in Pontiac, 338-7271 have emergency room facilities only.

To schedule the complete program for your group, contact the League at 34222 Glouster Circle, Farmington Hills 48018, or at 5225 Middlebelt, Orchard Lake 48033.

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