

The public is invited

Workshop faces education questions

Do you know that more than two-thirds of the property tax collected in Farmington and Farmington Hills goes to the school district?

Are you aware of what will happen if conflicting tax-cutting proposals such as the Headlee and Tish proposals win voter approval this fall?

Why are educators beginning to listen to parents' pleas for competency exams?

These and other questions will be examined next month when the Farmington Board of Education offers its first legislative workshop to the community.

The board, with guest speakers and

moderators, will attempt to guide district residents through the maze of school financing, Lansing red tape, and the intricacies of November ballot questions.

Set for 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Oct. 14, at North Farmington High School, the Saturday workshop is open to all interested persons to provide an educational forum on current issues affecting the Farmington community. Trustee James McGinley, chairperson of the newly-formed community relations committee, is hoping the workshop kicks off a new communication source between the district and its residents and expects a good turnout.

Registration is \$2 either in advance through the district or at the door at 8:30 a.m. before the workshop at NPHS, located at 32900 W. Thirteenth Mile, east of Farmington Road.

THE KEYNOTE speaker is State Sen. Kerry Kammer (D-Pontiac), chairman of the Senate K-12 education appropriations subcommittee. Kammer will begin after the welcoming address at 9 a.m.

Four individual workshops will be conducted from 10 a.m. to noon, while participants are encouraged to elect two hour-long sessions.

The workshops cover "Basic School Finance," "Influencing Legislation," "Ballot Proposals," and "Basic Competency."

Plante & Moran, certified public accounting firm which audits many firms in Oakland County, will address school funding.

Susan Rennels, former state chairperson of Michigan Common Cause, Frank Garrison, a Lansing lobbyist, and Roger Tyrrell, legislative representative of Oakland Schools, will conduct the workshop on legislation.

The Headlee, Tish, and voucher ballot proposals will be covered by Barbara Worthen and Ann Beutler of the League of Women Voters and Michael Einheuser of New Detroit.

A hot question among educators—competency exams—will be examined by Barbara Ort-Smith, associate superintendent of library and adult extended learning for the Michigan Department of Education, and Rich-

ard Watson, director of program evaluation for Oakland Schools.

A half-hour summary and evaluation will close the workshop at noon.

Registration forms are available at the administrative office at 32500 Shawwassee, east of Farmington Road, or by writing to the Office of the Superintendent, Farmington Board of Education, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington 48024.

Hospital guild needs persons to run gift shop

The new gift shop in Botsford General Hospital already is doing a great business, according to officials.

But the Botsford Hospital Guild is looking for volunteers to help out in the months ahead, according to President Shirley Garner. In addition to the gift shop operation, the guild has a gift cart which serves patients at the bedside. The guild also is responsible for the baby picture project in the obstetrics department.

To volunteer your time, stop in at the information desk in the hospital located on Grand River west of Inkster and fill out a card. A guild member will contact you with further information, including news of the fundraising events and social events conducted by the guild.

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Pizza

What's your favorite?

Consider the pizza. Notice how versatile it is. Put a candle on and you have a birthday pizza.

For formal occasions, serve it on a silver platter with optional anchovies. Or go sporty and put the pizza on a paper plate. Serve with a cold beer or pop.

No matter how you serve it, there's bound to be at least one pizza gourmet in the crowd who insists the pie should have been ordered elsewhere.

Such is the manner in which little squabbles grow up to become controversies.

With typical abandon, the Farmington Observer is jumping into the Great Pizza Debate.

The First Farmington Observer Pizza Lovers' Contest is designed to end the debate once and for all. (Or until the next pizza party.) To cast your ballot drop us a line at the Farmington Observer, Pizza Lovers' Contest, 22170 West Nine Mile, Southfield, 48034. Include the name and address of the business establishment in Farmington or Farmington Hills that you believe serves up the best pizza this side of Pisa.

TELL US WHY you like the pizza. Price, freshness, exotic spices or super-great crust. Any reason's acceptable. We'd also like to know which kind of pizza you prefer. Are you a purist who insists on plain cheese or do you like to venture into pizza exotica with all sorts of spices and meats on your pie?

Any restaurant, whether it's the candlelit place down the street that was designed for romancing or the brightly lit pizza carry-out, is eligible for the contest.

Votes will be tallied on Oct. 2. From there, the Observer staff members will taste test the top three pizzas in town.

Winners will get a certificate from the Observer attesting to the fact that their pizza is the best in town.

A story detailing the outcome of the voting and our own pizza rating will appear soon.



Your favorite pizza parlor is what we're interested in finding. Just drop us a note and give us the details and that favorite place, if it gets enough votes will receive your plaudits through us. We want to hear from you.



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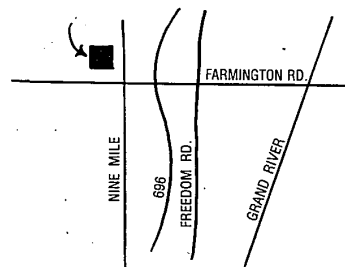
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