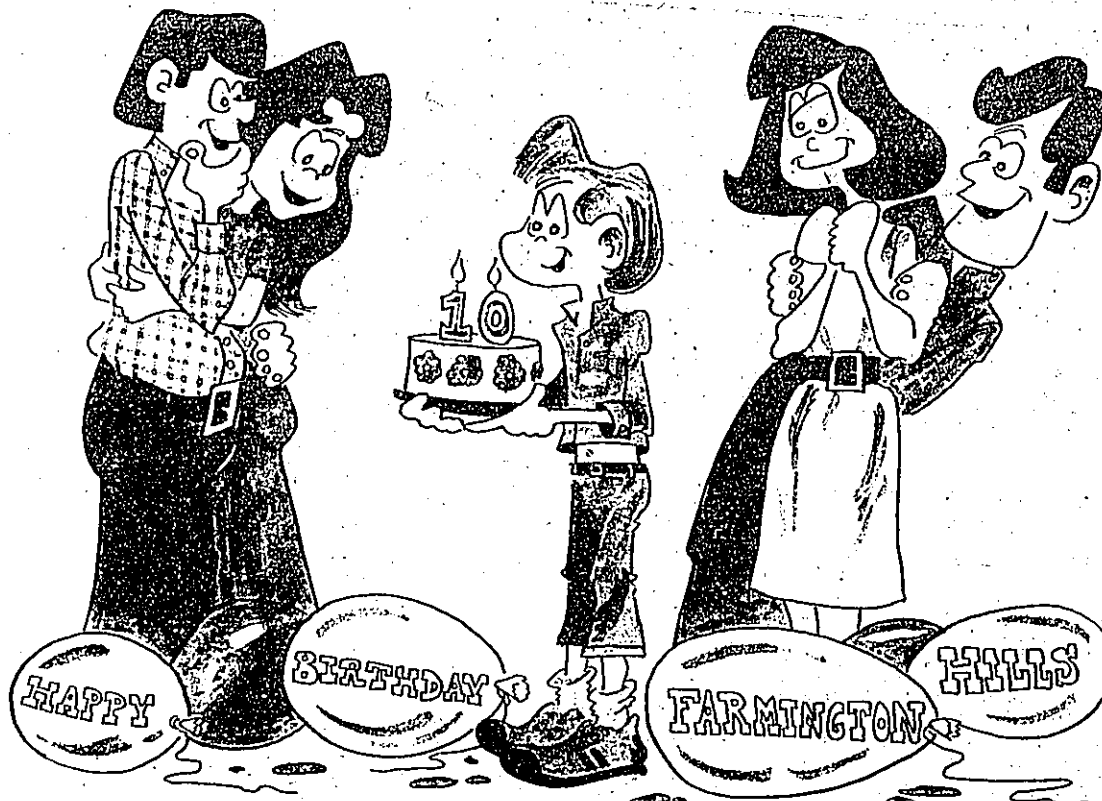




Some folks thought Farmington Hills would never have the opportunity to celebrate a first birthday, let alone 10 of them. Fighting for

cityhood wasn't all that easy. But the city made it and much has changed since that time.

Hills celebrates 10th birthday

The Farmington Hills City Council is inviting to all residents to participate in the city of Farmington Hills' 10-year birthday celebration.

The week-long celebration will start with an open house beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, at the administrative offices. The celebration continues 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 21.

Residents may go to City Hall at 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. for tours of the departments. Descriptive presentations regarding the activities and functions of the departments will be provided, along with tours of the police department.

IN ADDITION, TOURS will be available at fire stations headquarters, between 12 and 13 Mile on Drake.

If there is a focus that would augment the studies of particular groups, we would be pleased to accommodate those special requests. Individuals are asked to contact Lee Blizman at 474-6115 Ext. 231 with as much advance notice as possible to make arrangements for the special circumstances.

In addition to the open house during this week, there will be a reception

held at Vladimir's of Farmington Hills on Sunday, Oct. 23. At the reception, there will be a presentation of commemorative plaques to the original nine-member Charter Commission along with a large birthday cake, hors d'oeuvres and, hopefully, a fun time for all.

AT THE END, later in the evening,

there will be a sit-down dinner at the Botsford Inn, where the celebration will continue.

Among the many honored dignitaries invited will be the governor, Sens. Donald Riegler and Sander Levin, U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, state Sen. Jack Faxon and state Rep. Wilbur Brotherton.

At a the reception, 10-year birthday

buttons, along with Austrian pine tree seedlings, will be given to everyone attending.

The fee for the reception is \$6 per person and for the dinner \$20.

Reservations must be made in advance and can be obtained by calling the Department of Special Services at 474-6115.

Anniversary is time to look ahead

Dear residents:

I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes for continued success and good fortune to all the citizens of Farmington Hills as they celebrate their 10th anniversary as a city.

I look back on the past 10 years here in Farmington Hills as a period of major progress. Not only have we developed a city administration that serves all of our citizens' municipal needs efficiently and at close to the lowest costs in the county, but we have experienced high-quality residential growth and ex-

citing business growth that has been surpassed by none.

Twelve years ago or so, the leaders of a group known as the Future Farmington Association (FFA) envisioned the kind of city that they felt would best meet the needs of both the present and future citizens of our community. These far-sighted people, many of whom are still active leaders today, worked long and hard to make that vision a reality, and I believe they have come pretty close. It was not without adversity and some opposition that our city was formed through the consolida-

tion of the township and two villages.

I would like to pay tribute and thanks to some of those leaders with whom I was associated and was deeply impressed by their dedication and contribution to our community. I certainly think Bob McConnell, who was the prime mover in the Future Farmington group, deserves special recognition for his tireless efforts and fine leadership in bringing our city to this successful 10th anniversary. Keith Deacon, Jerry Ellsworth and Ben Marks were among