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Leaders tapped for downtown redesign

By Julie Brown
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Members of Farmington's downtown development steering committee were appointed at Monday's Farmington City Council meeting.

The 13 committee members will serve one-year terms. The downtown study project began last month with the first of nine scheduled meetings. Those who attended heard opening remarks from Chris Wazany, city planner, and a re-

view of marketing trends by Nick Nicholas, marketing consultant. The second meeting was scheduled for Wednesday evening. The consultants and administration recommended that the study committee remain open to all interested per-

sons. The smaller steering committee will have the following responsibilities:

- Adjusting the study agenda as needed;
- Appointing task forces or subcommittees as needed;
- Designing an appropriate structure for a permanent downtown organization;
- Advising the city council of significant developments or program recommendations.

"It's a more manageable or workable size," Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said of the smaller committee. "That's the reason, it's just more workable."

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Grad bashes big hits

By Jean Adamczak
staff writer

"Fantastic," "overwhelming" and "rewarding" are the words used by organizers of this year's all-night graduation parties held at Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison high schools. "Everything went beautifully," said Pat Bacon, organizer of Harrison High's ninth annual party.

Held the evening of June 11, 191 seniors out of 300 attended the Harrison party which ended at 5 a.m.

Seniors at the party participated in such events as a millionaire's party, moonwalk, dancing to music played by a DJ and a dunk tank featuring Harrison teachers.

Bacon said the party was "the greatest thing we (parents and teachers) have done and credits much of the party's success to the parents."

"Parents who donated their time and energy should be given gold stars," said Bacon.

Farmington High School seniors also turned out in full force for their first all-night graduation party June 12.

Although advance ticket sales were slow, 210 out of 304 Farmington seniors showed up for the event, said organizer Joan Lorenz.

"It was fantastic," Lorenz said of the party. "We literally had to ask people to leave at 6 a.m. There will be a second annual party for sure."

Support from parents, merchants and businesses in the community also contributed to the "overwhelming success" of the party, Lorenz said.

The same can be said for North Farmington's party held June 13.

"Everything we did went over real big," said party organizer Jeanne Carey.

About 245 out of 325 seniors attended

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Happy baby

Young Tony Luttman is doing just fine now, as his smile for his father, Lee, indicates. Several weeks ago, however, the youngster suddenly stopped breathing. Jacquelyn Green, a dispatch coordinator for Farmington Hills, handled the emergency call the Luttmans made.

Story's ending is a happy one

By Julie Brown
staff writer

When Sue Luttman recently met Jacquelyn Green, the right words were hard to come by.

"I tell you, I couldn't even thank her enough," Luttman said.

Luttman and her husband, Lee, are the parents of 16-month-old Tony. Green, a dispatch coordinator for the Farmington Hills Police Department, handled the June 1 call that came in when the youngster stopped breathing.

Young Tony is doing just fine now. The details of the June 1 episode, however, are still fresh in his parents' minds.

Tony had a fever. Sue Luttman was holding him that day when he suddenly went limp.

"He went very limp and put his head on my shoulder. He wasn't breathing at the time. Lee got him breathing and then he stopped again."

The Luttmans, who also have a 4-year-old daughter, Angela, were impressed with the response from the police and fire departments.

"The letter I wrote Chief Dwyer, I had commended everyone," Sue Luttman said.

"They were here very fast. It didn't seem like it at the time, but they were here very fast. I was very impressed with them, they were all very helpful."

HER HUSBAND echoed those sentiments.

"I was impressed with how fast they were here," he said. Luttman had considered running to the nearby Botsford General Hospital with his son, but decided instead to wait for emergency personnel to arrive.

When young Tony stopped breathing, his father checked for any foreign objects in the child's mouth.

"There was nothing there. It was just from his temperature, the doctor said." The youngster had not had previous

breathing difficulties, his father said.

Sue Luttman first met Green, the dispatch coordinator, when Channel 7 did a news story on the June 1 incident.

"She was very helpful," Luttman said. "She really tried to calm me down."

Keeping callers calm is an important part of a dispatcher's job, said Sgt. Dennis Rochford, dispatch supervisor for the Farmington Hills police.

"She was able, first of all, to calm them down," he said. "That's the biggest part of it, just trying to keep them calm."

"I kept her calm as much as I could, until the fire department got there," said Green, who has been on the job for six years. In addition to the call on the Luttman baby, Green handled a similar incident on May 30 involving a 4-year-old child.

IN BOTH cases, she got the information needed to send emergency vehicles to the scene. She then instructed the caller to check for foreign objects in the child's mouth, and to position the child so that the air passage would remain open.

For both cases, Green's keeping calm helped things go smoothly.

"She's trained to do that, and she's been there a long time," Rochford said. "And all the dispatchers do the same. It's just happened that these incidents happened back to back."

Stress is a part of the job, although Green said she only becomes aware of it when the crisis has ended.

"Afterwards, it's stressful." While handling emergency calls, she concentrates on staying calm.

"My voice goes up a couple of octaves" when handling the call. Her training in basic first aid, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation, helps Green handle medical emergency calls. Dispatchers stay on the line until

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Career growth is lieutenant's specialty

By Julie Brown
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The Farmington area has changed considerably since the years when Nathan Yovanovich lived here.

"It was Farmington Township then," said Yovanovich, a 1967 graduate of North Farmington High School. "I can remember when Farmington Road and 13 Mile Road were gravel roads. It has really built up."

Yovanovich is now a lieutenant with the Michigan State Police, working out of the State Police Training Academy near Lansing. The Farmington area, however, remains special to her.

"That's home for me. That was a nice place to grow up. I liked it."

Yovanovich lived in the area from the second grade through high school. She still returns to the area regularly to visit her sister, Judith, who lives in Farmington Hills.

YOVANOVICH AND her colleague, Dorothy McAllen, recently became the first women lieutenants in the State Police. Yovanovich, 35, is working in the training division's career development section.

Her work includes planning and development of training programs for those at the rank of sergeant and above. Those programs are designed to help State Police officers develop leadership and management skills.

"As people are promoted, it's to pro-

vide them with some skills in supervisory development.

"I think it's going to be a lot of fun," she said of the new assignment. "I have a wide range of opportunities."

Yovanovich's career with the State Police has included a variety of assignments. She enlisted in 1973 and was the department's third policewoman.

Upon her graduation from recruit school, she was assigned to the Lansing post and then later transferred to the district headquarters at Detroit.

In 1975, Yovanovich was assigned to the Detroit post (now Northville), where she served as a district recruiter. She was assigned to the narcotics unit in 1976, and in 1979 was transferred to the Community Services Juvenile Unit at the East Lansing headquarters, becoming the department's first woman uniform sergeant.

PRIOR TO joining the Michigan State Police, Yovanovich worked for the Department of Social Services as an intake worker, reviewing applications for public assistance.

"After being there a year, I realized it wasn't meetings my needs," said Yovanovich, who holds a degree in social science from Michigan State University. "When they announced for state policewomen, I decided to apply."

Working for one state agency made her progression to the State Police a more natural one, she said. Her role as a "first" was a learning experience, for her and for her colleagues.

"I think it was a learning experience for them, as well as for me."

Her career choice is one Yovanovich is happy with.

"They've been very good," she said

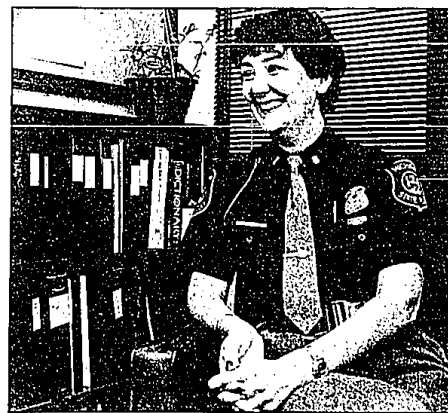
of the State Police. Being one of the first women in the department was an asset at times, she said.

"In some ways, being one of the first, there are no role models, no previous expectations. You get to create that,

rather than anyone saying you have to be a certain way."

Yovanovich also represented the department on the Michigan Committee

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Lt. Nadean Yovanovich heads the training division's career development section for the Michigan State Police. Yovanovich, a 1967 graduate of North Farmington High School, enlisted in 1973 and was the department's third policewoman.

oral quarrel

How can we fight terrorist activity?

In recent days, public attention has been focused on the hostage crisis involving TWA Flight 847.

The incident is not an isolated one, as terrorist activities have become increasingly common in recent years.

Today's Oral Quarrel question is:

What steps do you think should be taken to combat international terrorism?

To answer this question, call 477-5408 before 1 p.m. on Friday. To see how your neighbors feel about this issue, please look in Monday's Farmington Observer.

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