

Hills candidates outline their backgrounds

election '85

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BELOW ARE biographies of the five candidates vying for four seats on the Farmington Hills City Council. The general election is Tuesday, Nov. 5.

A. Janette Dolan, Ben Marks and JoAnn Soronen are incumbents. Jonathan Grant and Terry Sever are challengers.

A. Janette Dolan

Wicklow

Age: 56.
Education: Bachelor of arts in nutrition, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio, 1950. Post-graduate courses in gerontology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Madonna College, Livonia.
Employer: Orchard Hills Adult Day Center, West Bloomfield Township, five years; position, administrator/owner.

Community involvement: Member, Farmington Garden Club, 1967 to present; president, 1968-69. Trustee, Bedford General Hospital, Farmington Hills, 1977 to present; chairwoman, professional affairs committee, 1983 to present. Board member, Farmington Area YMCA, 1983 to present. Board member, Farmington Community Center, 1984 to present. Member, Farmington Families in Action Advisory Council, Active, Older Women's League, League of Women Voters. Advisor and past president, Kimberley Homeowners Association. Member, Mercy Services for Aging Farmington Area Advisory Council. Serves on the boards of the Professional Advisory Council, PCO Association and Health Care Professionals Ltd. — all professional home-health-care services. Elder, Church of Our Saviour Presbyterian Church, West Bloomfield Township. Member and past president, Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild. Producer/director, "Keeping in

Touch" series addressing the concerns and challenges of growing older in today's society, Metrovision Cable.

Government involvement: Member, City Council, 1975 to present; mayor pro-tem, 1977 and 1984, mayor, 1978 and 1985. Member, Housing Commission, 1976 to present. Member, Beautification Commission, 1973-77. Member, Energy Commission, 1982 to present.

Length of residence in city: 20 years. Native of Akron, Ohio.

Family: Husband, Walter; sons, Mark, 34, Scott, 32, Gary, 30, and Todd, 29.

Jonathan Grant

Kingswood Sq.

Age: 33.

Education: North Farmington High School, 1970. Oakland Community College, 1972, accounting. Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield, 1979, business management. Burroughs Corp. Education Center, 1981, computer installation management.

Employer: Reliance Forms & Supplies, Farmington Hills, three years; position, owner/president.

Community involvement: Board member, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 1984; chairman, long range planning committee, 1985. Member, public relations committee, 1985. Member, legislative action committee, 1984. Member, Committee for Development of Spicer Property, 1984. Member, Farmington Community Center Corporate Fund Drive, 1983. Member, Farmington Area YMCA Corporate Fund Drive, 1984. Member, Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival; treasurer, 1983, president, 1984, director, 1985. Advisor, Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, 1982-83. Member, American Management Association, National Business Forms Association.

Government involvement: Trustee, Farmington Community Library; treasurer, 1984, vice president, 1985, chairman, personnel committee, 1985.

Length of residence in city: 20 years. Native of Detroit.

Family: daughter, Delores, 12, student at Farmington Public Schools; Warner Middle School.

Ben Marks

Briarwyke

Age: 62.

Education: Detroit Central High, 1941.

Employer: Ben Marks Investment Co., Farmington Hills, 15 years; position, owner.

Community involvement: Council of Homeowners Association of Farmington Hills, founder, 1969, chairman, 1969 to 1971. Director, Future Farmington Association of Farmington Hills, 1970-71 (objective, cityhood for Farmington Township).

Government involvement: Member, Charter Commission, Farmington Hills 1972. Chairman, Building Authority, 1977 to 1980. Chairman, Housing Commission, 1975-77. Secretary, Planning Commission, 1979 to 1985. Member, City Council, 1985.

Length of residence in city: 18 years. Native of Detroit.

Family: Wife, Shirley; daughters, Rita, 37, Gail, 35, Joan, 33, and Marjorie, 27; six grandchildren.

Terry Sever

Beechwood

Age: 35.

Education: Farmington High School, 1968; attended Oakland Community College for two years; studied business at Wayne State University, Detroit.

Employer: TL Printing, Farmington Hills, for 12 years; position, owner.

Government involvement: Elected to the city council, November 1984. Served three weeks prior to recount results.

Community involvement: Member, Farmington Area Jaycees, 1973 to

present; vice president, 1977; president, 1978; state district director, 1980; state membership chairman, 1981; state president, 1982; state chairman of board, 1983. Member, Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 1974 to present; director, 1981-84. Active with Farmington Founders Festival, finance chairman, 1978; vice chairman, 1977; chairman, 1979; advisory position, 1980-82. Former member, Farmington Rotary Club, 1980-81; Farmington Exchange Club, 1981; Farmington Community Band Board, 1980-81; Farmington Families in Action Advisory Board, 1984-85. Farmington Area Republicans, president 1984; program chairman, 1985. Member, Leukemia Foundation, 1984. Member, Farmington Public Schools' Longacre Elementary PTA.

Length of residence in city: 10 years. Native of Detroit.

Family: wife, Linda; daughters, Jennifer, 9, a student at Longacre Elementary School, and Melissa, 7, a student at Longacre Elementary School; son, Aaron, 4.

JoAnn Soronen

Springvale

Age: 50.

Education: Perkin High School, Detroit, 1951. Centre College of Kentucky, Danville, 1953-54. Bachelor of arts in business administration, Wayne State University, Detroit, 1957; post-graduate work on Adcraft Club scholarship, 1957-58.

Employer: Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, Farmington, three years; position, executive director.

Community involvement: Board member, Farmington Area YMCA. Previous affiliations, homeowner council and beautification commission in Farmington Hills, Rouge River Watershed Council, Keep Michigan Beautiful, Oakland County Transportation Systems Management, Farmington Business & Professional Women's

Organization Woman of the Year, 1983-84.

Government involvement: Member, City Council, 1978 to present; mayor, 1980. Member, Oakland County Council of Chambers, West Suburban Area Council of Chambers, 11 Mile Road Task Force. Board member, Oakland County Community Growth Alliance, 1981-84; chairwoman, Urban & Legislative Affairs, 1983 to present; special award of merit, 1985. Board member, SEMTA, 1983 to present. Executive committee, SEMCOG, 1979 to present; former chairwoman, Council on Regional Development; former member, Council on Environmental Strategy, Non-Political Advisory Committee, Clearinghouse Review Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee; regional ambassador award, 1983.

Length of residence in city: 23 years. Native of Detroit.

Family: husband, Kenneth; sons, William, 21, student at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, Peter, 18, student at Southfield-based Virginia Farrell Beauty School, David, 16, student at North Farmington High School.



The Farmington Hills Municipal Offices, opened in 1982 and enlarged in 1982 and 1983, is at the southwest corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

Motels are sprouting up through the Hills

By Joanne Moliszowski
staff writer

In a city whose name has become synonymous with growth, the addition of at least six motels will match Farmington Hills' reputation as one of the hottest office areas in metropolitan Detroit.

"In a growing community, it is probably not that unusual," said Hal Rowe, zoning supervisor, about the wave of proposed motels.

"If the zoning is proper for them, we can't very well deny them."

Although plans are still on the drawing board for several of the proposed motels, at least two — a Quality Inn on the southwest corner of 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads,

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— William Costick
Hills city manager

and a Bargainel at Grand River and Hathaway — are under construction, said Ed Gardiner, city planner.

Mel Rosenhaus of Hunters Square and Tally Hall fame is one of the people involved in Uniland, which is responsible

acres on which the new motel will sit was owned by Detroit Edison.

• A Knights Inn and Comfort Inn on the Grand River/M-108 cutoff near Bill Cook Buick. Bill Cook is a proponent of these proposed motels. Cardinal Industries of Ohio is a proponent of the second proposed facility.

• A Skylight Inn at Eight Mile and Haggerty Roads, across from the Novi Hill.

Motels and hotels in Farmington Hills are allowed in the business district and expressway service district.

The sites for the proposed motels at the Grand River/M-108 cutoff have been rezoned from light industrial to

expressway service, Rowe said. A small piece of land where the Skylight Inn is being built also was rezoned to expressway service.

HEIGHT VARIANCES were granted for two of the proposed motels. The Quality Inn on 12 Mile received a three-foot variance. And the Comfort Inn was granted a 12-foot variance, Gardiner said. Planning commissioners are considering increasing the city's height limit in the expressway service district from 30 feet to 40 feet.

While the chain motels will have approximately 112 to 160 rooms each, none will offer convention or banquet facilities, Gardiner said.

Uncertain about what has been drawn

the motels to Farmington Hills, City Manager William Costick said that he guesses it is probably due to the city's access to the freeway system.

The increase in corpo-

rate offices in Farmington Hills is probably another reason for the influx of motels, he said.

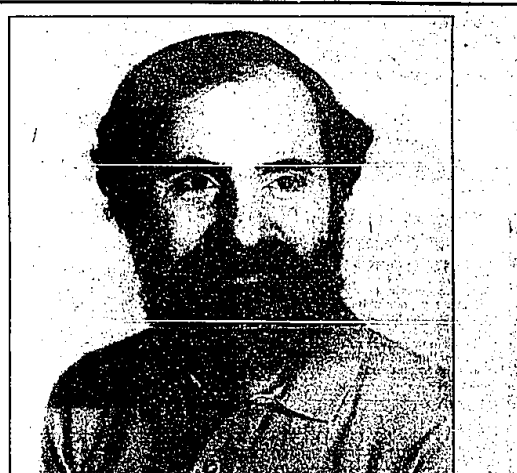
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surprise to me," Costick said.

"But people who will stay here will use our restaurants and shop in our stores, which is good."

Other major motels in

Farmington Hills include the Bedford Inn, 28000 Grand River; Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, 39123 10 Mile; and the Rod Roof Inn, 24500 Sinclair.



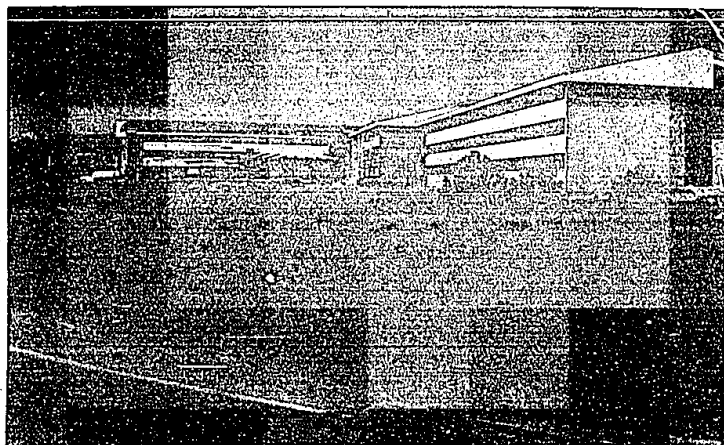
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