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## Farmington FOCUS

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### BEWARE, says Farmington Department of Public Safety director Frank Lauboff.

"It has recently come to my attention that several police and fire organizations have been soliciting businesses and homeowners in the city of Farmington for contributions.

"These solicitations are most often by telephone and usually from legitimate organizations.

"The caller will usually make a statement that the association he represents is endorsed or represents the city and that contributions may assist in some form with public safety services. This is not true.

"The Farmington Department of Public Safety has no direct connection with any of these organizations and does not receive any monetary assistance from them. Further, the public safety department does not participate in any public solicitation of contributions, directly or indirectly."

**HAPPY birthday!**  
Farmington Community Library's Farmington branch is 10 years old. In salute, the Farmington Friends of the Library will host an open house 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the branch, 23550 Liberty.

Highlights will include dedication of the newly finished Michigan History Room, with recognition to major donors.

Entertainment will include "From the Michigan Story" — historic characterizations performed by the Bearhead Theatre Troupe.

**SHE'S honored.**  
Charlotte Neubauser of Farmington received an award for 10 years of service to Madonna College, Livonia.

She is division head of business and computer systems, an associate director of graduate studies and a professor.

**KUDOS are proper.**  
Teri Young of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Utah State University, Logan, Utah, for the fall quarter.

She's a senior majoring in business finance.

**SHE'S on TV.**  
Farmington Harrison High School English teacher Barbara Dobb will repeat a celebrity performance Monday night, Jan. 27, as Metrovision of Oakland County's Channel 10 highlights her fall appearance on a national game show.

At 4:30 and 7:30 p.m., the student-run station will show the entire October segment involving Dobb on the NBC show "Jeopardy." The show will include an interview with Dobb.

**FROM the community calendar:** This is Jaycee Week in the Farmington area. Next week will be Junior Achievement Week locally.

**REMINDER:** The Farmington Observer's office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays. We're at 33203 Grand River, in the back of the Metro Bank, in downtown Farmington.

**FOOTNOTES:** Did you know the Cook & Co. retail building, on the north side of Grand River in downtown Farmington, dates to 1919?

## Regulation of massages considered

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By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

Oriental health spas would have 60 days to comply with provisions of a proposed Farmington Hills massage regulation ordinance if it is adopted.

In a 5-0 vote Monday, the Farmington Hills City Council introduced the city's first ordinance designed to license and regulate massage parlors, massage schools, sauna baths and massage therapists. Council members Donn Wolf and Joan Dudley were absent.

## Funding topic of concern

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

A recent opinion by state Attorney General Frank Kelley confirms the Farmington Public Schools' primary argument that Farmington Hills cannot create a Tax Incremental Finance Authority (TIFA) to help finance 12 mile improvements if property values along the corridor are not declining.

Farmington Hills City Council has not yet responded publicly to Kelley's opinion. But Mayor Joe Alkateeb confirmed in a telephone conversation Tuesday that council members discussed the opinion in a closed session following Monday's public meeting.

The state's Open Meetings Act of 1976 requires that all public meetings be open to the public.

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The proposed ordinance, patterned after one adopted by the Royal Oak City Council, includes the controversial provision prohibiting massage services provided by members of the opposite sex.

"This section is somewhat controversial," City Attorney Paul Bibeau said. "There's a split of authority on that." Although some states have ruled such a provision unconstitutional, others have not. "It depends on a lot of facts surrounding the case and the proofs presented," Bibeau added.

Royal Oak's massage regulation ordinance was challenged in 1980 and was "found to be largely constitutional," Bibeau said. Those provisions considered unconstitutional in Royal Oak's ordinance were not included in the Hills ordinance, he added.

IN FARMINGTON HILLS, the city council followed West Bloomfield Township's lead in its decision to put a massage regulation ordinance on the books. The township board of trustees adopted such an ordinance at its meeting Monday.

The decision to develop an ordinance stemmed from the Farmington Hills Police Department's initial investigation into complaints about oriental health spas providing alleged illegal sexual activity, said Chief William Dwyer.

"All the cities that are faced with this problem are taking a pro-active approach," Dwyer said. "An ordinance will assist with these problems." Seventeen people face misdemeanor charges in connection with alleged illegal sexual activity following police raids Oct. 7-8 at five oriental health spas in Farmington Hills.

"The proposed ordinance will be very enforceable and eliminate illegal acts, such as prostitution, from health spas. But it will not penalize those health clubs that are operating legitimately," Dwyer said. "If a massage parlor is operating properly, they should have no problem with this ordinance."

**THE NEED** for a local ordinance, Dwyer said, stems from the fact that because of funding cuts, the state is no longer licensing or regulating the mas-

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Lewis and Regene Schulman — at his retirement party Friday night in Farmington Hills.

## In salute Retired school chief honored

By Casey Hane  
staff writer

Lewis Schulman, retired Farmington Public Schools superintendent, was lauded Friday at a party given in his honor. He received a standing ovation and a permanent tribute to his 10 years as superintendent.

About 350 friends, family and colleagues gathered at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills to pay tribute to a man who spent the last 40 years in education, the last 19 years with the Farmington Public Schools.

Past and current school board members unveiled a new sign, renaming the school's central office building the Lewis B. Schulman Administrative Center, in his honor.

The board also made a contribution to the juvenile diabetes association on Schulman's behalf and gave Schulman and his wife Regene a trip for two to Las Vegas.

**LOCAL** and regional government and school officials paid tribute to "a man with integrity and commitment" who "never forgot the children" during his administration. Schulman retired as superintendent Jan. 1.

**'He (Lewis Schulman) set the tone for the district as well as the community.'**

— Murphy Ayers, support staff

Farmington Mayor Pro Tempore and East Middle School Principal Alton Bennett offered "a hearty thanks to you for your service to this community we so dearly love."

"The district is better off today because of your service, dedication and commitment," Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alkateeb added.

State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, Schulman's former student three decades ago at Wayne State University, gave a humorous roast, while State Rep. W.V. (Sandy) Brotherton, R-Farmington, praised Schulman's "progressive programs and outstanding accomplishments."

**COLLEAGUES FROM** across the state, former co-workers from the Detroit Public Schools, where Schul-

man taught and was a high school principal before coming to Farmington, and persons representing local school groups praised the man who gave "many unselfish years of service."

Teacher Tom Chazanowski's kindergarteners offered their impressions of Schulman's accomplishments over the years. He "makes dittos for the teachers, and talks over the loudspeakers," Chazanowski said. Students suggested Schulman spend his retirement "playing hockey or soccer, or painting the house."

"He led us through a time of . . . school closings, teacher layoffs and declining enrollment," said Murphy Ayers, who represented the district's support staff. "He set the tone for the district as well as the community," she said.

"You were much more than an employer to us," said John Summerlee, Harrison High School assistant principal. "You are a true leader. You've always taken the time to question and listen."

"For Farmington schools, you will be a legacy for years and years to come."

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Jan Dolan (left) and Elizabeth Palfi sort and store food for seniors at the Adult Day Care Center in the Church of Our Saviour.

By Loraine McEllish  
staff writer

Jan Dolan began the new year stepping down from her position as Farmington Hills mayor.

But she retains her position on the city council's housing commission and her interest in making life better for the aging on all fronts.

That's an interest that first surfaced when she joined the city council 10 years ago.

"Being able to perform wedding ceremonies was one of the fun things," she said of the year-long rotating term of being mayor.

"Ribbon cuttings and ground breakings take a lot of time, but they were important. It all had to do with supporting the city and the people here — and that's what it's all about."

Dolan has been supporting the city, one way or another, since she moved here in 1968, mainly through her affiliations with the Farmington Garden Club, the Farmington Artists Club and the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission.

**DOLAN DROPPED** her membership in the Farmington Artists Club because of a lack of time when she joined the Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild, a group made up of flower show judges that, she says, fulfills her penchant for art and flowers.

Almost simultaneously, she was in the forefront of one of the biggest scrapes the city has ever known over bringing senior citizen housing into the area.

"Farmington Hills is a very typical

## people

town of towns all over this country," she said. "We're aging. I'd like to help us do it gracefully. Right now, cooperative housing seems to be the way to go. Maybe the council can act as a conduit to encourage this development."

Dolan's interest in seniors extends to her membership in the Farmington chapter of OWL (Older Women's League) and ownership of the Adult Day Care Center in the Church of Our

Saviour, West Bloomfield Township. Of OWL, Dolan said: "They're dealing with the problems (of the mid-life and older women) the right way, in my opinion — from the legislative end."

"They aren't out in the snow holding up placards. They're working on the women's issues from where it counts."

**AS FOR** the Adult Day Care Center, Dolan said: "It's keeping a lot of people out of nursing homes. It gives respite for the caregivers, and we work to give our clients a good time while they're with us, with exercise, mental stimulation, some outings."

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