

Two school board seats are up for grabs

Voters in the Farmington Public Schools district will fill two four-year school board seats in annual school elections Monday, June 9.

Trustees whose terms are expiring on the seven-member Farmington Board of Education are Janice Rolnick and R. Jack Inch. Both are completing their second four-year terms on the board.

Both said they plan to run for a third term.

"I've thought about it a great deal... I have every intention of running," Rolnick said. "We're in a state of

change and we need some stability," Rolnick said this year's superintendent search and other district changes warrant a strong, stable board.

Inch said he would also run.

PROSPECTIVE SCHOOL board candidates must be at least 18 and registered voters. Nominating petitions, signed by at least 20 registered district voters, must be filed by 4 p.m. Thursday, April 7.

Those turning in completed petitions can withdraw from the non-partisan races before 4 p.m. Thursday, April 10; thereafter, their names automatically appear on the ballot.

Petitions are available from administrative assistant Scott Bacon in the Lewis B. Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Other board members continuing in

staggered, four-year terms are current president Susan Rennels; current vice president and former president serving her third, four-year term, Helen Prout; and trustees James Abernathy, John (Jack) Cotton and Helen Ditzhazy, all serving their first four-year terms.

THE BOARD of education meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, rotating meeting locations at schools throughout the district. The board considers recommendations from the salaried administration and sets all policies for the district.

The last day to register to vote in the June 9 election is Monday, May 12. Absentee ballots will be available after May 20 at the Administrative Center.

Farmington Public Schools encompasses most of Farmington, Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township, a half mile north of 14 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt roads.

The Farmington district has four precincts:

- Precinct One — Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas, Farmington.
 - Precinct Two — Dunckel Middle School, 32800 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills.
 - Precinct Three — Warner Middle School, 30303 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills.
 - Precinct Four — East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.
- Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on election day.

Arbor Drugs to be complete in April

The new Arbor Drug store in downtown Farmington is targeted for completion in April, store officials said last week.

It will be at 23391 Farmington Road, the former site of a Farmer Jack supermarket.

The company is continuing "major" interior demolition and renovation work on the 15,000-square-foot leased building, according to Rebecca McLennan, director of public relations for Kohn, Blikner and Desmond, representing the Troy-based Arbor Drugs Corp.

Site plan approval for the "colonial-type" store was granted Nov. 11 by the Farmington Planning Commission, and work on the company's 48th store began in December.

The entrance will be moved and angled, with a gable and cedar shake roof with a small cupola, or tower. Parking at the building's front will be replaced with a green belt, according to plans by architect Bruce Boore.

The store's interior design was not restricted.

Arbor plans to sublet 2,000 square feet of its Farmington store to Detroit Optometric Centers of Southfield.

Upon completion of the store, Godmar Rexall Pharmacy, which was sold to Arbor Drugs Corp. last fall and is located across the street, will close. Owner Harry Watson will accept a position as pharmacist at the new store.

Liquor license transfer between the two businesses was recently approved by the state, and application was made for moving the license to the new location.

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