

# Candidates speak out on the issues

## Polling locations for Farmington

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| 1. Farmington City Hall<br>23600 Liberty Street<br>2 Ten Mile Community School<br>32789 10 Mile | 3. Farmington High School<br>32000 Shawassee<br>4. Flanders Elementary<br>32600 Flanders Street | 5. Longacre Elementary<br>34850 Arundel<br>6. Farmington Training Center<br>33000 Thomas Street |
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## William Hartsock

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plan for disposing of Farmington's solid waste?

"We've been able to effectively and efficiently dispose of our solid waste through a dump site that's located relatively close to . . . Farmington. But as the years pass, and as land sites become filled, we have to look at alternative methods. There's a concern in terms of cost and also the environment and how we balance the two.

"Right now there's a number of . . . committees and cities that are taking a look at alternatives and

there's the plan Oakland County's working on that we . . . haven't yet elected to participate in.

"What might be best for the northern part of the county may not fit for us in the southern part of the county. If we elect to go with the Oakland County plan, there's significant changes that need to be made. It's not something that's going to be resolved politically — it's very technical and goes beyond the politics."

7. Give us your perception of downtown redevelopment for Farmington. Paint a picture of your vision for downtown 10 years from today.

"My perception of the downtown redevelopment is certainly very positive, and with good reason. We have very good nucleus of members on the DDA that represent a cross-section of the community and are interested in redevelopment of the downtown area.

I think 10 years from now, we're going to see an upgrading of the types of stores we have, the services being offered. Visually, we'll see more rejuvenation and renovation of existing buildings. There's still a lot of opportunity . . . to put on a new facade or facelift that will improve appearance."

8. Once the city's Central Business District is revamped, how can the city keep the momentum going?

"It's really the owners and the entrepreneurs, and the people who live and work in the downtown area, that take the initiative. The city can continue to help, the council can be part of this by giving its continued support. We can also keep it in mind when we legislate the types of ordinances and laws we enact."

9. How do you recommend balance-

ing commercial development downtown with the residential sector? At what point does commercial development encroach?

"We have to keep in mind there is a balance with commercial as well as residential. One doesn't live without the other, nor should one suffer because of the other. We need to be aware of any problems that crop up. We enact laws prior to developing and make sure the laws are fair and once enacted, effectively enforced. Our community is small enough, and people are concerned enough, that we're on top of these things, in most cases, before they become big problems."

10. With the city's re-codification process under way, what specific changes would you advocate?

"Nothing comes to mind right now. This is an evolutionary event. As they go through the codification, things come up that will be brought back to council."

11. Why do you agree or disagree with the city's policy in assessing for road and parking lot rebuilding?

"I agree because I think it's a fair way of assessing based on usage. Anytime you levy a tax, it has to be based on benefit and need."

12. Farmington shares services with several neighboring communities, specifically with Farmington Hills. How would you rate Farmington's relationship with Farmington Hills? How could it be improved?

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appearance of our downtown. I believe we will see some changes in this area and hopefully, it will be within the framework of our master plan."

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"Promote DDA policies; work to provide funding; encourage maintenance of building and grounds; work toward adequate parking."

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## Richard Tupper

"I recommend that we maintain, intact, the present area designated 'residential and historical district.'"

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"The codification is being done by experts, who will advise us on changes required to bring our ordinances up-to-date and within state law."

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"Roads and parking lots of less-than-major classification must be improved through the special assessment process. This is specifically outlined in our charter."

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"Our relationship with Farmington Hills is the best it has ever been. We share many community services, such as recreation, a court system and a library. We also work closely with cable television, and we are presently working with Farmington Hills and other communities in the solid waste program."

Since I have been on the council, the city of Farmington certainly has benefited from cooperation with other communities, especially Farmington Hills. And I know this will be true in the future."

## Ralph Yoder

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eration and the continued use of landfills, will be the end result."

7. Give us your perception of downtown redevelopment for Farmington. Paint a picture of your vision for downtown 10 years from today.

"I believe that the cooperative efforts of the administration, business community and interested citizens has begun to bear fruit. The above-mentioned are making certain that downtown Farmington is on the move and will remain so."

As we are the only nearby suburban community that has a physical downtown, I envision our city will prevail in its endeavor to preserve its unique entity."

8. Once the city's Central Business District is revamped, how can the city keep the momentum going?

"The continued success of the merchants is not the responsibility

of the city but the combined efforts of the DDA and the business owners and operators will keep the momentum going."

9. How do you recommend balancing commercial development downtown with the residential sector? At what point does commercial development encroach?

"Commercial development beyond existing boundaries would certainly be an encroachment but the council, DDA and the administration have no plans to enlarge the business district."

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"The city code has been amended several hundred times since the last codification in 1968. The recodification of the code is to clean up language within the code that changing laws or court decisions have made obsolete."

11. Why do you agree or disagree with the city's policy in assessing for road and parking lot rebuilding?

"For many years the city has assessed those property owners who derive the most benefit along with contributions made by the city at large. To change the method of assessing would not be fair to those people who have been assessed under the existing formula. Therefore I would agree with the current process."

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"The relationship between the two cities has never been better and the administrations work very well together. Perhaps further improvement could be made by meeting more often with each other."

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