



Jody Soronen
Farmington Hills mayor

Mayor: remember Hills' mature areas

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Chances are if you ask a person whether they would like to be known by a supervisor's plat number, a developer's name or similar unrecognizable identification, the answer would be no.

But that is what residents in many neighborhoods in Farmington Hills now confront.

While the city has its well-defined neighborhoods, Kendallwoods and Springbrooks, there's a good many smaller and mature neighborhoods that are without a definite and recognizable identity.

"There is a lot that could be done. Residents could get together, pick a name and get an identity," mayor Jody Soronen said.

Her ideas are not without a plan. Soronen asked the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission Jan. 20 to consider how the mature neighborhoods — those developed before the onslaught of subdivisions in the 1960s — could put themselves on the map.

The older mature neighborhoods are sprinkled throughout the city, both at the south end as well as along Drake Road and in the central areas of the city, Soronen said.

Based on a design policy developed in Dayton, Ohio, Soronen suggested that use of marked entrances, landscaping and a name would do much to provide the grid-patterned neighborhoods with an identity.

"THE NEIGHBORHOODS that are 25 years old and younger have identification as neighborhoods. The older ones don't. But they are all individual neighborhoods," Soronen said.

With city map in hand, commission members should determine which areas can be grouped and treated as an individual neighborhood. Some, she said, could be identified according to nearby services, such as a shopping center.

In addition to working with residents in those areas, the commission would work with the planning commission and planning office to determine where to place neighborhood entrances or markers.

"We're looking for an opportunity for those places to be developed into more enjoyable places to live," Soronen said.

Quoting the Dayton plan, she said neighborhood identity goes a long way in encouraging neighborhood vitality. Because of the mix of old and new in Farmington Hills, many residents and visitors don't recognize the older areas as individual neighborhoods with unique characteristics.

Erecting markers at entrances to the neighborhoods can let passers-by and residents know they are entering a definite area with its own mix of shopping, culture and physical identity, Soronen said.

"Gateways offer the first impression of the area and serve as the front door for visitors," according to the Dayton plan. "Gateways communicate the history, character and values of the neighborhood."

Harrison students earn honors with grades

Harrison High School honored its top academic achievers for the first half of the 1987-88 school year.

Earning all A's during the first semester were seven freshmen, eight sophomores, nine juniors and 13 seniors. A multitude of others were lauded for earning all A's and B's, according to information from the school.

Earning all A's were seniors Steve Bissell, Neal Blatt, Richard Brockhaus, Alecia Courtney, Julie Cunningham, Christina Eldredge, John Heffner, Linda Kee-Milka, Marilyn Mara, Dana Morrison, Julie Recker, Todd Rumpasa and Wes Wood.

Juniors in the top category were Bobb Beauchamp, Carolyn Bisson, Jose Cislo, Ju-Hee Kim, Michael Merkle, Darcy Pizal, Jennifer Senik, Heather Watson and Adam Weiner.

Sophomores included Dana Apfelblatt, Millard Coleman, Jeffrey Hong, Sin-Mei Kim, Matthew Paleta, Todd Roper, Erica Wainick and Jared Goldrapp. Freshmen: Jonathan Blatt, Bethany Broadwell, Mike Husband, Tom Neff, Jill Murany, Melissa Rakozy and Michelle Silko were also honored for all A's.

Earning all A's and B's were:

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- Grade 10 — Nicole Busby, James Cannon, Jennifer Carpenter, Jennifer Church, Jennifer Dreyer, Brian Ellison, Jennifer Fitzgerald, Denise Flock, Gabrielle Fischer, David Foss, Lori Fox, Keith Brosch, Debra George, Joseph George, Fran Gullery, Wasan Jarbo, Lisa Kates, Shawna Knight, Amy Kwak, Michelle Lee, Paul Levine, Katrina Mackrall, Sonya Magdovick, Jason McCombs, Shannon McCormick, Karen Najarian, Alex Nemrowsky, John Oros, Jodi Ping, Mark Rabinowitz, Matthew Ripplin, Eric Rosenfeld, John Sacco, Chris Sarsfield, John Schaeffer, James Schenk, Betsy

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LIT Summer Science Institute signup under way

Applications are being accepted for Lawrence Institute of Technology's 20th annual Summer Science Institute (SSI), scheduled for June 20 through July 29.

"LIT's Summer Science Institute is recognized as one of the Midwest's oldest and most highly respected scholarly forums for exceptional high school students," said SSI director, Zaven Margosian, dean of LIT's School of Arts and Science, Southfield.

More than 1,100 students have participated in the Summer Science Institute the past 20 years.

The six-week program is open to current high school juniors interested in science, computer science,

mathematics, or engineering, who have maintained at least a "B" in math and science.

Applicants should have completed one year of both chemistry and geometry, and two years of algebra by the end of the 1987-88 academic year.

LIT's program is limited to outstanding students who have demonstrated superior achievement and who have been recommended by their counselor or principal and science or math teacher.

LIT OFFERS an opportunity for students still in high school to learn from and be challenged by outstanding college professors and top students from other high schools. Courses are taught by senior professors from Lawrence Institute of Technology's School of Arts and Science, using the college's laboratories and facilities.

In recent years, students have had the opportunity to hear and question high-ranking scientists and executives from industry, the former administrator of NASA, and a cadre of other leading researchers, scholars and engineers. Field trips may also be scheduled.

Students also participate in softball, wallyball and chess tournaments. They have access to LIT's Ridler Field House, which includes running track, weight room and rac-

quetball courts.

The program is funded this year by LIT and General Motors Corp., the Alex and Marie Manoojian Foundation and the Skillman Foundation. The only cost to students is a \$60 non-refundable registration fee. All materials will be furnished.

Applications must be postmarked by March 25. Admitted applicants will be notified by April 8 and must accept by April 22.

For applications or more information, students should contact their high school mathematics or science chairman, guidance counselor, or Dean Zaven Margosian, School of Arts and Science, Lawrence Institute of Technology, 21000 W. 10 Mile, Southfield 48075-1058.

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