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WATCH where you walk. Nearly 15,000 square feet of sidewalk and 8,400 square feet of driveway approaches will be replaced this year in Farmington.

In addition, 15 areas where there is a gap in the walkways will have sidewalks installed as part of the city's annual sidewalk program.

Individual property owners will pay the full cost, between \$2.16 and \$2.62 per square foot, for sidewalks and driveway approaches in front of their property.

The city will pay 50 percent of the cost of new sidewalk installation in areas where a sidewalk was not required at the time of development.

The city will also pay \$2,280 to install two ramps and 405 square feet of sidewalk to give better access to handicapped people.

TAKE note: Traffic signals are in the works for 11 Mile at Sky Drive and for Orchard Lake Road about midway between 12 and 13 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Memory lane

50 years ago this week: Readers of good books unable to visit the rejuvenated library during the past week will now have two opportunities weekly to borrow their favorite literary masterpieces.

Florence Leach, librarian, said library goers were delighted with the friendly appearance of the library, and they approved of mid-week service on Wednesdays. When Mrs. Leach checked her records Wednesday night (Aug. 3, 1938), she found that 44 people had applied for cards and she estimated that at least 64 books had been checked out.

The library continues to have Saturday hours.

— Farmington Enterprise, 1938



THOMAS ARNETT/staff photographer

Farmington Hills deputy clerk Kathy Dornan tests a voting unit before it is assembled in preparation for Tuesday's primary.

Polis are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. In both Farmington Hills and Farmington.

Larger turnouts seen for primary

Familiar names are voter lure

By Casey Hans and Joanne Maliszewski
staff writers

Well-known local politicians reaching for the political stars in Tuesday's primary are expected to draw an unusual number of voters to the polls.

"With all the local people running for county and state offices, it should be a good turnout. These are all well-known people. They are going to generate some good voting," Farmington Hills deputy clerk Kathy Dornan said.

Dornan and Farmington city clerk Josephine Busbey expect turnouts definitely larger than in local city council elections and most likely larger than in the 1984 primary.

"I think it will go 18-20 percent," Dornan said, compared to the 1984 primary when 18 percent of the 39,633 Farmington Hills registered voters went to the polls.

Four years ago, Farmington Hills issued 4,000 absentee ballots, a total already topped

by more than 1,000 as of late last week. "That kind of tells you something," Dornan said. Farmington Hills has 44,303 registered voters.

IN FARMINGTON, the clerk's office had received 888 absentee ballots as of Friday. "We're aiming for 1,000," said Busbey. "That is probably double what we had in the last primary in 1984." Residents were still requesting applications late last week, she added.

The city of Farmington has 7,352 active, registered voters. The majority of the absentee ballots are from precincts five and six, which represent the west side of the city.

Meanwhile, voter turnout in neighboring communities may also affect elections for the Farmington area.

There is a hot primary race in the 69th state House District, which includes not only Farmington and Farmington Hills, but the Southfield Township villages of Beverly Hills,

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House, county races go down to the wire

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By Casey Hans and Joanne Maliszewski
staff writers

It's down to the wire, as state House and county commission candidates with contested races prepare for Tuesday's primary.

Voters will determine whether the door-to-

door campaigning, direct mail strategies and special signs paid off, as they elect partisan candidates to face off in the Nov. 8 general election.

In the 69th District state House race, which includes both Farmington and Farmington Hills, there are primaries for both Democrats and Republicans.

Four Republican challengers — Michael Bouchard, Jan Dolan, Mike Sarafa and Paul Welday — will fight for their party's slot.

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Hills voters reconsider charter change

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Farmington Hills voters will be asked Tuesday to amend the 15-year-old city charter to allow city board and commission members to maintain their appointed posts while seeking city council election.

This is the second time the Farmington Hills City Council has sought

to amend the charter provision. Voters defeated an earlier request in 1985 by 410 votes, 3,303-2,793.

If the proposal passes this time, commission and board members may run for city council election without resigning their posts, city clerk JoAnn Reynolds said.

Passage of the proposition would bring consistency to election qualifications in the city charter, which

does not require city council members to resign their positions when seeking election to county and state office.

The current charter provision also does not require a board or commission member to resign their posts to seek county or state office.

If the proposal passes, it will apply to any board and commission member who intends to seek council

election in the next general city election in November 1989.

THIS IS the question that will appear on the ballot:

Shall the city charter of the city of Farmington Hills Section 3.02 C, be amended to allow members of boards and commissions to become candidates for election to the city council without first re-

signing from their appointed position?

To allow board and commission members to retain their posts while seeking city council election, voters should vote yes for the proposition. Voters who want board and commission members to resign their posts while seeking city council election should vote no on the proposition.

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Work enriches educator's life

By Casey Hans
staff writer

A lifelong philosophy of "overcoming the odds" has taken Helen Ditzhous around the globe, brought different cultures to her doorstep, and made her world a continual learning experience.

The immediate past president of the Farmington school board has surrounded herself with education and allowed it to enrich her life.

She recently accepted the post of associate professor at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, after rising to the deputy superintendent's position at Jackson Public Schools.

"I've enjoyed every job I've had," she said, explaining the secret of her success. "I don't know if this is where I'll end up, I can see so many opportunities here."

"Did I feel bad leaving Jackson? I'll miss the people, yes. But when I closed that door, another door opened."

EDUCATING MEANS "caring and seeing with your heart," according to a framed philosophy that sits on Ditzhous's office shelf. She has done that as teacher, principal, administrator and school board trustee.

Over the years, she has worked at Michigan State University and with

people

the South Redford and Novi school districts.

"We owe an obligation to every student that comes to us in our schools," she said. "We need to excite the student about learning, taking them as far as they can go."

"We dare not lose them without helping them know the next step. Not one should fall through the cracks."

Ditzhous's quest for knowledge led her to obtain multiple degrees. She holds a bachelor's degree in institutional administration, a master's degree in guidance and counseling, a doctorate in educational administration and a master's degree in business administration.

BEFORE SETTLING in Michigan and starting her career here, she spent her childhood moving around the country with her family. She moved 21 times in her first 19 years. Perhaps that's what inspired her as an adult to travel to countries such as Japan, the Netherlands, Germany and others.

"I've always wanted to travel the

6 communities team up to plan waste disposal

By Jackie Klein
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Six communities are meeting this month to discuss future solid waste disposal options, including recycling methods.

The Southwest Oakland County Consortium was created in late 1987 out of concerns about the projected high cost of a county waste disposal plan and the makeup of the Municipal Solid Waste Board.

Consortium representatives from Southfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi, Walled Lake and South Lyon will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Novi Municipal Complex.

"This is not the end-all. This is only the point of beginning. It's a very complicated issue. It's going to be an ongoing process," said Farmington city manager Robert Deadman, consortium chairman.

The final decision makers will be the six city councils, which will receive the study and a recommendation from the consortium, Deadman said.

THE OAKLAND County plan, as originally proposed, called for building a solid waste incinerator and a sanitary landfill. With new emphasis on recycling and volume reduction, the plan has changed. The county now is conducting a study on recycling waste.

"We have the opportunity of joining the Oakland County effort, if certain adjustments are made in the legal and financial structure of the group and in the basic directions regarding landfill options and recycling approaches," said Roger Smith, Southfield director of public services.

"If disagreement continues, or if it proves economically unfeasible to join the county effort, we can seek

changes to the plan which is in the midst of a five-year update.

Basically, the consortium will present four alternatives. They include joining the county project, developing a consortium project, continuing the current solid waste program and building a new landfill.

AMONG ISSUES to be discussed at the joint meeting will be ways for different communities to handle recycling, Smith said. Recycling is a state policy goal. "We'll be considering the feasibility of residents separating trash for recycling at curbside or mass mechanical recycling," he said, posing questions about the proposals.

"Do citizens want to participate? What kind of community education effort would it take? What is the cost of mass commercial recycling?"

The way each community manages its recycling determines how much waste will be taken to the county incinerator, Smith said.

THE CONSORTIUM communities lack the legal, financial, engineering and operating expertise to make sound judgments on waste disposal options, Smith said. By acting together and hiring experts, he said, the group has a larger voice in the matter of solid waste disposal in Oakland County.

"We and the other communities didn't join the county's waste management plan because of the high cost, flow control and lack of a strong voice on the municipal board," Smith said. "But many issues have changed."

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