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## City hall spruce-up

Construction work continues to make the back door the front door at Farmington City Hall. The east entrance to the municipal building, which faces the parking lot, is getting a \$60,000 face lift. In addition, the city and its Downtown Development Authority are teaming up to pay \$58,000 to repave and improve

the parking lot and walkways. Above, Aaron Watt of Royal Oak was among the laborers Aug. 31 for Berkley-based Edward R. White Contractors, which was working near the soon-to-be front entrance on the city hall's east side.

# Show examines aspects of life on the job

The sooner people start planning major career steps, the better. Young people should be encouraged to start planning or thinking about a career when they're 11 or 12. Workers should start planning for retirement as early as age 30.

That's the advice offered by guests on the cable TV program, "The Job Show," airing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, on Metrovision Channel 12. Featured topics include planning for a first job and planning financially for retirement. Adult education programs are the subject of a third segment of the show.

On the first segment, Cella Washington, Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC) plant closing services coordinator,

discusses how young people can prepare for their first job. She suggests that they discuss careers with counselors and teachers and learn more about the world of work by serving as volunteers.

"I tell everyone, no matter how old, to make sure they get the most training they can," she said. "Our labor market statistics are showing that people who thought they were in relatively secure jobs are really not. They need to think about continuing education — lifelong learning. That's the key — being ready."

FOR SOME adults, training can begin by earning a high school diploma through free adult education programs in communities around the

state.

On the second segment of "The Job Show," David Devorak of Flint Community Schools and Sandra Howard McGee of Detroit Adult Education explain how such programs are designed to guide adult students, even those who have low self-esteem and negative attitudes toward formal education.

"When that adult first walks through the door not knowing what to expect, we try to carry them through the process using lots of tender loving care," Devorak said.

He points out that course work can include subjects that would have immediate practical value in the world of work, such as business and technical classes.

The show's final segment examines the last step in a career — retirement. Joseph Glordano, Investors Financial Advisory president, and Roger Hammer, Quadrant and Group senior vice president, discuss the need for early planning and the importance of beginning a retirement savings program at a young age.

"Look at how you are spending money," Hammer said. "See if you're being overcharged for life, home or car insurance."

Money spent on unnecessary expenses could go into a retirement fund instead.

"The Job Show" is a public service presentation of the MESC.

## YMCA highlights

These YMCA highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-4020.

available from Jean Warren, 553-4020.

● **FALL REGISTRATION** — Registration for the Fall 1 program season runs through Saturday, Sept. 10. All classes begin the week of Sept. 12. Members and program members are invited to sign up for classes at the YMCA front desk from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday or Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

● **INDIAN GUIDE REGISTRATION** — The YMCA Indian Guide Program will be holding registration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 11. This parent-child program is for parents with children between the ages of 5 and 14. More information is available from Sue Brooks at 553-4020.

● **PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAMS** — The Y offers a wide variety of preschool programs for children ages 18 months to 5 years. Call the Y or stop in to inquire about our Pixies and Pals, Tiny Tots and Hal-lowsen Programs, or to learn more about our Terrific Twos, Mini-Critters or Crispy Critters Program for the 2 to 5 years old.

● **YMCA ACTIVITIES** — Farmington YMCA Aquatic Programs are available for children ages 6 months to 12 years. Classes are offered for seven weeks at a variety of times and days. A special Aquatics orientation and information session will be Wednesday, Sept. 7. Parents of children under the age of 6 will be from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and 7:30-8:30 p.m. for those parents with children 6 to 12.

● **ADULT SWIM INSTRUCTION** — Adult Aquatic Classes for beginners to advanced will be offered this fall. More information is

● **ADULT FITNESS CLASSES** — The Y offers Co-Ed fitness classes for adults at any fitness level. Classes from the low intensity starter fitness to the more vigorous Sports Conditioning and Super Fit are offered at a variety of times and days. Contact Mary Fletcher for more information.

● **KARATE** — The Y offers a Tae Kwon Do class for participants ages 7 years and older. The class is open to beginners and advanced students.

● **JUDO** — The Y Adult Judo Class is for students who have completed a beginner course or the new student who is at least 15 years old. The class is Saturdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Y.

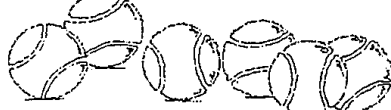
● **RAQUETBALL PROGRAM** — The Y offers a variety of racquetball programs. Everything from leagues and tournaments to Novice Nites and Improvement Clinics. Try the Y for racquetball fun.

● **YOUTH ACTIVITIES** — Call the Y for fun and exciting youth activities for children in grades 1 through 5. Sleepovers, Judo, Saturday spectaculars, gymnastics and youth sports programs are offered with an emphasis on fun and fitness.

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