

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council Farmington Hills City Hall City Council Chambers 31555 11 Mile

7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9
The meeting will begin with the annual presentation of awards for employee service, police and firefighter of the year and outstanding employee. Mayor Terry Sever will talk about the outlook for the city in 1989.

The council will consider appointments to the commission on aging, planning commission and zoning board of appeals, as well as the "Year 2000" project.

Police Chief William Dwyer is expected to present a report on licensed liquor operations.

The consent agenda includes:
• Establishment of date for public hearing for Rollcrest sanitary sewer special assessment district.
• Recommendation for entertainment permit denials.

• Consideration of request to purchase Firearms Training System II.
• Recommendation to increase per-meeting pay for zoning board of appeals members.

Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Hills Farmington Community Library, Hills branch meeting room 32737 12 Mile

7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10
This is the council's general membership meeting during which elections of officers are scheduled. A representative of the Historic Halstead Homeowners Association, Don-

ald Millington, will speak about the city's proposed tree ordinance.

Farmington Board of Education Schulman Administrative Center 32500 Shilavasee

Tuesday, Jan. 10
5:45 p.m. — Building & Site Committee
6:30 p.m. — Special Meeting
7:30 p.m. — Regular Meeting

The Building & Site Committee meets first to discuss two issues already on the table.

• a holding tank on Dunkle Middle School property, proposed as part of the Evergreen/Farmington Interceptor regional project.
• further discussion of a water retention basin on Longacre Elementary School property, as proposed by developer Frank Milo.

During the board's special meeting, bids will be opened for the renovation and media center project at Farmington High School.

During the board's regular session, trustees will consider a budget revision, purchase of bus chassis and a special education bus, and hear a report on a new telephone network for the district.

Any recommendations from the board's Building & Site Committee will also be made during the regular meeting.

Farmington Hills Planning Commission

Preliminary hearings
City Council Chambers
31555 11 Mile

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12

In unfinished business, commissioners will consider:
• Landscape site plan for an addition to a church in RA-1, one-family residential at 35414 14 Mile, on

the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Drake. Proponent and owner: James Colow, trustee, Faith Covenant Church.

• Site plan for auto care center in B-3 general business district, at 29823 Nine Mile, south side of Nine Mile, between Middlebelt and Tuck. Proponent and owner: Jerry A. Yono.

• Rezoning request from RC-2, multiple family to B-2, community business district and from P-1, vehicular parking to B-2, community business. Proponent and owner: Bextak Co.

In new business, commissioners will consider:

• Site plan for office in OS-1, office service district, on the southwest corner of 14 Mile and Farmington Road. Proponent and owner: J. Robert Langan.

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• Site plan for addition to automotive repair in B-3, general business district, on the northeast corner of Nine Mile and Middlebelt. Proponent: James L. Krupa, AIA, BHK Development Co. Owner: Bies-Hartsock, co-partnership.

• Site plan for shopping center in B-3, general business district and P-1, vehicular parking, at 32749 Northwestern Highway, south side of Northwestern Highway, west side of Clairview. Proponent: Harvey S. Fink. Owner: Charles Robertson.

• Rezoning request for RA-3, single-family residential to OS-1, office service at 21124 Middlebelt, east side of Middlebelt between Dresden and Scotten. Proponent and owner: Kenneth and Marion Wallace.

Family learns from TV

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DROZ'S TELEVISION influence began when she was young, watching Donna Reed "prancing around the kitchen. . . with her pearls."

"I don't remember watching a lot of television," she added. "You'd end up watching those entertainment shows. They were a family thing."

And Droz would like to keep it that way today. She paid attention to the changing medium over the years, and was extremely careful when she and husband, Alan, had their only son, Matthew, 11 years ago.

"Ever since Matthew was born, I was very careful," she said. "You never know. Some people talk sweet, then nurse him (their child) in front of a soap opera or feed him in front of a murder. It affects us all."

Eleven-year-old Matthew has a few special rules. When he has friends over, they choose an activity but are not allowed to watch television or a video. They can play games, bake brownies or go outside, but the tube is off limits.

When Droz talks about using television as a tool, she doesn't advocate sitting children in front of it as a ready-made baby sitter. Children can learn about history, English, spelling and today's lifestyle choices by watching a situation



THOMAS ARNETT/Staff photographer

Farmington Hills resident Marilyn Droz says that families need to select the television programs they watch and discuss them together.

comedy as well as an educational program like a National Geographic special. But parents have to interact as well, she said.

"It's hard to teach in the home without being 'lectury,'" she said. "But if you're watching a show, there's so many ways to put your values in and get them across."

For example, if a show depicts something unsavory, Droz advocates talking about the situation with a child, getting his opinion and interjecting yours as well.

"I can control my son (and what he watches). That's my responsibility as a parent," she added. "At least they know I'm against it (drugs or violence), and we can talk about it."

Variety of winter classes offered

Farmington Community Schools has launched another season of classes with 120 offerings.

New daytime classes include: Accounting I & II; Keyboarding; Let's Try Tailoring; Introduction to Needle Arts; Beginning French and French for Teens; Piano, organ, keyboarding I; Music theory and harmony; and introduction to herbs.

New evening classes include: Let's Walk; Pfit to Fit; Maximize College Financial Aid; Parenting skills; Ice Fishing for Family Fun; Photogra-

phy for Everyone; Providing Child Care; Study Skills workshop; ACT Prep workshop; and Hair Care Styling for the 80's.

In addition to these new classes, many programs which have been popular in the past will be available. These include Word Processing; Exercise; Foreign languages; Calligraphy; Painting; Financial Planning; Dinosaurs; Reading is Fun; Judo; Tumbling; Yoga; Ballroom dancing; Country Western dance; Private Pilot license; and bridge.

Farmington School District Seasoned Citizens (60 and over) are eligible to enroll in one free class per term except in limited enrollment classes. Seasoned Citizens cards and identification numbers are available at the Farmington Community School.

Classes begin the week of Jan. 16. Interested persons may register at the Farmington Community School, 30415 Shilavasee, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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