

Council race deadline nears

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills residents interested in seeking appointment to the city council must apply by Wednesday, March 15.

The appointed applicant will replace veteran city councilman Joe Alkateeb who resigned Feb. 20. The appointee would serve until the November election, when Alkateeb's former seat would be up for grabs. The winner would fill the vacant two years of Alkateeb's four-year term.

Applications are due in the city

manager's office by 4 p.m. at 31555 11 Mile. The council expects to appoint a replacement Monday, March 27.

As of Monday, the scheduled appointment process is drawing the same candidates who sought appointment in December to fill a vacancy left by the November election of former councilwoman Jan Dolan to the state House.

Candidates are Lawrence Lichtman, planning commissioner; Martin Krohn, vice chairman for the Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Hills; Jonathan Grant, planning commissioner and

former Farmington Community Library president; and Richard Corey, board of zoning appeals member.

COUNCIL MEMBERS are expected to interview appointment candidates for Alkateeb's vacant seat. Mayor Terry Sever will suggest publicly interviewing candidates either Saturday, March 18, or at 6 p.m. Monday, March 20, immediately before the regularly scheduled council meeting. "I'd like to make it convenient for the public and the council," Sever said.

Basically, the same process will be used that was followed in the December appointment of councilman

Philip Arnold, who filled Jan Dolan's vacancy. City council members offered nominations and ballots were cast. Arnold was appointed on the fifth ballot.

A 1985 amendment to the city charter requires the new appointee to run for election in November. The same provision applies to Arnold.

"In the interim, the vacancy in the council shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining council members, the appointed to hold office until his successor is elected and qualified," according to the charter amendment.

Hills receives road support

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county roads, according to Barbarese.

"Oakland County is where the boom is in Michigan. It's where growth is. The state should reinvest in the county," he said.

Road commissioners propose generating additional funds by imposing new state and local fuel taxes and developer impact fees, and by seeking increased appropriations from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"It is to the benefit of all communities in Oakland County to get behind our proposals and support them," Barbarese said.

ORCHARD LAKE Mayor Gerald Kosmenko, a member of the audience, said other sources of income like a hotel tax should also be pursued.

Township Supervisor Dorothy McIntosh quipped, "How about an exit tax, say \$20 a head on anybody leaving the county, like they do in foreign countries?"

The common border between West Bloomfield and Farmington Hills was also discussed. Fourteen Mile is in excellent condition between Inkster and Farmington roads but is deteriorated and needs "repaving and minor safety improvements" between Farmington and Haggerty roads, according to Costick.

False siren spurs early wakeup

By Bob Sklar
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If you were awakened by a siren at 5:50 a.m. Saturday, Oakland County EMS & Emergency Management is sorry about that. A tornado warning siren activated by accident.

But county officials don't know why it sounded. They aren't even

sure which siren Farmington-area residents heard.

"It could've been our siren at 10 Mile and Middlebelt or it could've been a siren that went off in Redford Township (in Wayne County) at the same time," said Gail Novak, Oakland County EMS & Emergency Management.

"We're looking into it," Novak said. "We're investigating what happened."

The sounding was reported by Farmington and Southfield police and by a citizen, Novak said.

"Use of a telephone, a short-wave radio, a ham radio — anything could have activated the tone if it just happened to hit the right frequency," Novak said.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, Oakland County EMS routinely tested its 150-siren tornado warning system for three minutes. That's a standard test the first Saturday of the month, March

through November — weather permitting.

MICKEY JONES, who lives off 10 Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster, said the early-morning siren was loud enough to wake him up.

"I turned the radio on and the 6 o'clock news was just starting. It mentioned sirens were malfunctioning in several communities south of us. So I went back to sleep, assuming the siren I heard had malfunctioned."

The siren blared for 10 minutes before stopping on its own. The county's cancel tone failed, said Leanne Robinson, county emergency management coordinator. Power is cut to sirens that don't stop blaring.

Jones thinks he heard a siren again at 8 a.m., but the county has no record of a second sounding at that time.

If you hear a siren, tune in a TV or

radio to see if there is an emergency. "It's an inconvenience when the siren sounds, especially at an early hour, but it doesn't happen often," Robinson said, noting only one other false sounding in southern Oakland County this year.

She said the Federal Communications Commission "is supposed to keep an eye on what frequencies people are using to avoid overlap." Sometimes, she said, "frequencies are off enough to overlap."

REDFORD TOWNSHIP officials report that the tornado warning siren at Seven Mile, between Beech and Inkster, accidentally activated about 6 a.m. Saturday.

One of four tornado warning sirens in the township, it could have been set off by radio waves emitted by a Wayne County Road Commission crew salting streets in the area, said Kevin Kelly, deputy supervisor.

Major crime declines

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- murder — none;
- robbery — four compared with seven last year;
- aggravated assault — nine both years;
- burglary — 69 compared with 91 last year; and
- larceny — 363 compared with 382 in 1987.

Lauboff attributed much of the favorable statistics to work of the residents, who are making more calls to the department in suspicious circumstances, and due to the awareness generated by the Neighborhood Watch program.

CURRENTLY, 70 percent of all neighborhoods in the city are set up under the program. It has taken five years of work to get the citizen groups organized and to keep them going, police said.

"This we see coming back to us in ... citizen calls. There's a lot of good communication ... both ways," Lauboff added.

Of the 7,995 total police runs handled by the department in 1988, 6,477 were non-criminal matters in servicing the community. The department responded to 49 percent more calls for service than they did 10 years ago, Lauboff said.

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