

# Interest starts early in Hills council races

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No one is wasting time. With four months to go before the filing deadline for two Farmington Hills City Council races, petitions are already circulating.

"We could have two names or we could have 20," city clerk Kathy Dorman said.

As of Thursday, the clerk's office had provided three interested residents with petitions. Names were not released.

Filing petitions are now available in the clerk's office and must be returned with at least 93, but not more than 186, valid signatures by 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 22.

This November, voters and candidates will be faced with two races. One race will be for the four regular council terms expiring this year and the other to fill former councilman Joe Alkateb's two remaining years of a four-year term. Alkateb resigned in February.

Interested candidates may circulate petitions for both races. But candidates cannot run in both races. Those who file petitions for both races must withdraw for one by Friday, Aug. 25, or it voids out both of them," Dorman said. Residents are reminded that they may sign only one candidate's petition.

FOUR OF the seats up for grabs this year are held by Aldo Vagstad, Ben Marks, Jody Sorenson and Philip Arnold, appointed in December to fill former councilman Jan Dolan's term, which also expires this year. Dolan was elected to the state House last November.

"The ballot will list names of four positions. Voters may vote for not more than four," Dorman said. The first three top vote-getters will earn four-year terms;

the fourth-place finisher will earn a two-year term. Former zoning board of appeals chairman Paul Sowerby, appointed in March to fill Alkateb's seat, is required by a 1985 amendment to the city charter to seek election in November to fill the remaining two years of the original four-year term.

When the November election rolls around, voters and those who wait around city hall election night for the returns will be happy to know that returns are expected to be available earlier.

The expected earlier returns are due to a new \$46,320 voter ballot tabulation system to replace the 12-year-old method of counting ballots on a standard computer and ballot counter.

Dorman will program a personal computer with the necessary election information. "You program the whole thing by answering questions the program asks, like which race it is, which party, etc.," Dorman said.

WHEN THE ballots are returned to city hall election night, election workers will punch into the computer, for example, Precinct 5. Ballots are put into a table-top ballot counter and "the results come right up on the computer screen," Dorman said.

If a mistake appears to have been made, election workers can easily run the results again. A tabletop printer can print the results. Unlike the past, results are expected to be available by 11 p.m.

Representatives of the system's manufacturer, Doubleday Brothers, will be on hand election night to make sure everything runs smoothly.

"We hope it will cut down on the time," Dorman said. "Hopefully, it will work well and we won't have any breakdowns."



## WalkAmerica

Florine Mark (left), president of the Farmington Hills-based WW Group; Dennis Koczara, IDS Financial Services division manager in Farmington Hills; Cynthia McClure of IDS Financial Services; and Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Saver gathered at city offices with March of Dimes goodwill ambassador Ryan Klotz (center) to discuss plans for the

March of Dimes WalkAmerica set for Sunday, April 30. Klotz and Saver will attend opening ceremonies at the Farmington Hills route, which begins and ends at the OCC Orchard Ridge Campus. Volunteers are needed to assist with the walk. To volunteer, call Patti Radzik at the March of Dimes, 423-3200.

## business briefs

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Hanish is a financial consultant at Merrill Lynch, Bloomfield Hills.

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## chamber perspectives

What's going on at the schools?

What's the prospect for getting well-trained future employees? Mike Flanagan, deputy superintendent of the Farmington Public Schools, will be addressing the Chamber's general membership on Thursday, May 10. The luncheon is set for noon at the Clarion Hotel on 12 Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. Come and hear about "Technology in the Schools." Cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Call 474-3440.

The April luncheon speaker, Jennifer Moore, WDIV-TV newscaster and business editor, entertained and informed at the Secretary's Day luncheon at the Botsford Inn. Over 100 attendees were delighted to hear of Moore's experiences as a television newswoman. Flowers for the secretaries were provided by innkeeper John Anhalt.

• Car Raffle: Tickets for the red Corvette are going fast. Odds for

winners are terrific, since only 850 tickets will be sold for the car and nine other shopping spree prizes. At \$100 each, it's a great buy and supports the Founders Festival.

• Bed Race: Make your plans and get your team together for the first annual Founders Festival Bedrace for the benefit of Muscular Dystrophy. The race will be run before the parade on Saturday, July 15. Watch for further details.

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The investigation concluded that bedrest conferred no extra benefit after joint injection. They recommended that patients be encouraged to remain active and to avoid the possible blood clots, bed sores, muscle weakness and depression that comes with prolonged rest.


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