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13 seeking 5 city council seats

Editor's note: Today begins our coverage of the 1989 Farmington Hills City Council race. We introduce the 13 candidates.

TEN CANDIDATES are seeking regular terms and three are vying for the remaining two years of a vacancy on the Farmington Hills City Council.

Five of the seven non-partisan council seats are up for grabs this fall. Incumbent Jody Sorensen is not seeking re-election.

In the regular race are incumbents Ben Marks, Aldo Vagnozzi and

Philip Arnold. Challenging them are Jonathan L. Grant, Vernon Kieplinski, Lawrence A. Lichtman, Ronald Olivero, Albert Rosen, Bettye Stines and George Sarkisian.

Among these 10, voters may vote for up to four. The top three vote-getters in the Nov. 7 general election will earn four-year terms; the next highest finisher will serve a two-year term.

Nancy Bates and Herbert Limer are challenging incumbent Paul Sowerby in the race to fill the remaining two years of former councilman Joe Alkateeb's four-year term. Sowerby was appointed in

March to replace Alkateeb until the next city election.

Council members are paid \$1,800 per year. They meet the second, third and fourth Mondays of each month, and hold many special meetings.

Thirteen candidates is the largest field in the city's 16-year history. The deadline to register to vote is Oct. 10.

Absentee ballot applications are available at city clerk Kathy Dornan's office in the city hall, 31555 11 Mile, or by calling 473-9560.

Name: Philip E. Arnold
Street: Bycroft
Length of residency: 18 years
Age: 59
Occupation: Ford Motor Co., casting division, Dearborn; manager-profit and volume analysis; 12 years of capital budgeting, evaluation of investment alternatives, and forward financial planning. Previous aerospace engineering positions-substantial customer contact
Wife: Judith
Children: Valerie, 25; Craig, 22; Deborah, 20

Education: Rutgers University, Newark, N.J., 1972, MBA; Rensselaer Institute, Troy, N.Y., 1960, BME

Government involvement: Farmington Hills city councilman, January to

present (major contributions, applied career experience to detailed budget analysis, formulated concept of toxic material committee). Farmington Hills Planning Commission, 1978 to 1989 (major contributions, chairman 1985-87, coordinator of master plan update)
Community involvement: Subdivision association — president, vice president, treasurer, seven years service, 1974-80; coordinated effort against neighborhood high density development, initiated in 1975 the cluster ordinance amendment reducing density to preserve natural assets. Member, Say Yes to Farmington Hills Committee — major contributor to effort advocating millage for capital projects. Supported informational campaign for road bonding issue



Philip E. Arnold
incumbent

Name: Jonathan L. Grant
Street: Castlemeadow
Length of residency in city: 33 years
Age: 37

Occupation: Reliance Forms & Supplies, Farmington Hills, president/owner
Wife: Deborah

Children: Delores, 16; Jessica, 12; Schlyer, 7
Education: North Farmington High School, 1970; Oakland Community College, 1970-72, accounting curriculum; Lawrence Institute of Technology, Southfield, business curriculum
Government involvement: Farmington Hills Planning Commission, February 1988 to May 1989. Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees, 1984-88, trustee, treasurer, vice president and president (1987);

chaired personnel committee and by-law committee

Community involvement: Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 1984-present, vice president, two terms as president (1987-88), chaired membership, public relations, long-range planning and budget committees. Founders Festival Committee, 1983-present, served as treasurer and two years as president (1984-85). Community Center of Farmington/Farmington Hills board, 1986-1987, chaired the Corporate Fund Drive (1987). Farmington YMCA Corporate Fund Drive Committee, two years. Committee to develop the Spicer property, member. Junior Achievement of Southeastern Michigan, adviser, 1982-83



Jonathan L. Grant
challenger

Name: Ben Marks
Street: Briarwyke
Length of residency in city: 23 years
Age: 68

Occupation: Farmington Hills Office Development Co., Farmington Hills; general partner
Wife: Shirley

Children: Rita, 41; Gail, 40; Joan, 37; Marjorie, 32; six grandchildren
Education: Central High School graduate, Detroit
Government involvement: Farmington Hills, city councilman, 1983 to present; mayor, 1987. Member, Emergency & Solid Waste Committee for National League of Cities. Farmington Hills Planning Commission, 1972-74. Chair, Farmington Hills Builder Board of Appeals, 1972-74. Farmington Hills Building Authority chair, 1975-79. Co-chair, Farmington Hills Housing Commission, 1976-78

Farmington Hills Charter Commission, 1972-73. Procured a federal grant of \$370,000 for paving and sewer installation in Regal Orchard subdivision
Community involvement: Overseeing construction of the remodeling of the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills; led capital drive for the Community Center and have raised \$180,000 toward the goal of \$200,000. Community Center director since 1988; Chair, Financial Development Committee, currently. Exchange Club-Elks Lodge member, both since 1987. Member, "400 Club" of Oakland County. Member, Optimist Club. Subdivision representative, Churchill Commons, to Homeowners Council since 1988. Farmington Hills Charter Commission, 1972-73. Co-chair, Farmington Hills Housing Commission, 1976-78



Ben Marks
incumbent

Name: Vernon C. Kieplinski
Street: Dundalk
Length of residency in city: 16 years
Age: 35

Occupation: self-employed; work under a contractor as a janitor, 11 Mile and Middlebelt
Education: Farmington Hills Harrison High School, 1973 graduate; attended Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus, majored in business

Government involvement: city council watcher, former council candidate (1987). Carried a petition against a project on July 17, 1988
Community involvement: Member, Child Abuse & Neglect Council of Oakland County (2 years). A concerned citizen for homeless and problems with teens (4 years)



Vernon C. Kieplinski
challenger

Name: Lawrence A. Lichtman
Street: Kendallwood Drive
Length of residency in city: 29 years
Age: 31

Occupation: Butzel, Keidan, Simon, Myers and Graham, Bloomfield Hills, an attorney
Wife: Holly
Children: Nathan, 9; Lindsay, 6
Education: University of Michigan, 1980, BA political science; Detroit College of Law, 1983, JD, cum laude
Government involvement: planning commission, January to present; board of zoning appeals, 1987-89, chairman, 1987-88; Ad Hoc Committee on Toxic Substances, newly named



Lawrence A. Lichtman
challenger

Name: Ronald O. Olivero
Street: Liberty Lane
Age: 34

Occupation: First of Michigan Corp., Southfield, branch manager, first vice president-investments
Wife: Cheryl
Children: 4

Government involvement: U.S. Army. Stationed in Italy, 3 years
Community involvement: President, Independence Commons Homeowners Association



Ronald O. Olivero
challenger

Name: Albert Rosen
Street: Conroy Court
Length of residency in city: 8 years
Age: 68

Occupation: Detroit Public Schools; English Department head, Chadsey High
Wife: Charlotte Ann

Education: Wayne State University, 1952, bachelor of science, business administration; 1954, teaching certificate, education; 1960, master of education, English
Government involvement: Election board, precinct worker, 1987-88. Precinct delegate, 1976

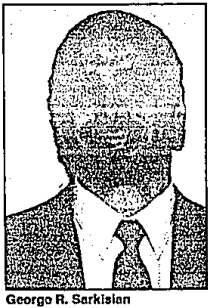
Community involvement: Department of Michigan, Jewish War Veterans, Department Commander, 1963. Allied Veterans Council of Wayne County, president, 1967. Coordinator, Neighborhood Watch, 1984 to present



Albert Rosen
challenger

Name: George R. Sarkisian
Street: Minglewood Lane
Length of residency in city: six years
Age: 37

Occupation: Ford Motor Co., Allen Park; layout technician, experimental engines
Education: University of Michigan, BBA, 1974



George R. Sarkisian
challenger

Name: Bettye Stines
Address: Bunker Hill Drive
Length of residency in city: 9 years
Age: not given

Occupation: Detroit Board of Education, Detroit; music teacher, lifetime certification, Ohio and Michigan

Husband: Yves
Children: Monique, 11; Bettina, 14
Education: Jane Addams School of Nursing, 1962, A.D. OB. GYN. Central State University, 1970, bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, education, major in English, minor in music education. Graduate studies: Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Oberlin Conservatory of Music, Oberlin, Ohio
Community involvement: Farmington Green Homeowners Association, board member, chairman, six years. Northwest Business Council, Detroit, 6 years.



Bettye Stines
challenger

Name: Aldo Vagnozzi
Address: Kiltartan
Length of residency in city: 29 years
Age: 83

Occupation: Cy Aaron Publication Co., Detroit; editorial consultant
Wife: Lois
Children: Steven, 37; Paul, 36; Nancy, 31; Barbara, 29

Education: Detroit Southeastern High School, 1942; Wayne State University, 1948, bachelor of arts, journalism

Government, community involvement: Past member — Farmington

District Library Trustees, 2 years; Friends of the Farmington Library Board, 2 years; Farmington Area Commission on Aging, 2 1/2 years. Past president — Farmington PTA Council, 2 years; Beechview School PTA (founding president), 1 year. World War II veteran (language interpreter) 1943-46. Member, Kimberley Homeowners Association, 29 years; Farmington Hills Homeowners Council, 1987 to present. Past vice president Farmington District School Board, 1969 to 1973. City councilman, Farmington Hills, 1987 to present



Aldo Vagnozzi
incumbent

Name: Nancy Bates
Street: Red Clover Court
Length of residency in city: 1970-87, returned 1989
Age: 56

Occupation: Personal aide to state Rep. Jan C. Dolan, R-Farmington Hills; selected legislative aide fall 1989 (subject to state budget); working in community relations
Husband: Charles Bates
Children: Todd, 28; Andrea, 25; Brian, 23

Education: Anderson High School, Anderson, Ind., 1951; Indiana University-Indianapolis, liberal arts, no degree; John Wesley College, no degree
Government involvement: Chair,

Farmington-Farmington Hills Commission on Aging, two years. Member, Farmington Arts Commission, two years. Manager, various city council campaigns. Campaign committee, state Rep. W.V. Brotherton. Campaign manager, state Rep. Jan Dolan

Community involvement: Member, Sarah Fisher Home for Children-Advisory Board, 1989. Board of Directors, public relations director, Marion Oakland-West Senior Citizen Housing, two years. Board of Directors, advisory staff, Morey Conference Center, two years. Board of Directors, Anderson Psychiatric Center, three years



Nancy Bates
challenger

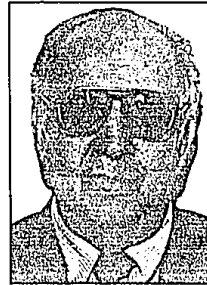
Name: Herbert P. Limer
Street: Kingsgate Way
Length of residency in city: four months (35-year Oakland County resident)
Age: 69

Occupation: City of Farmington Hills, Department of Special Services Parks and Recreation (retired department store district supervisor)
Wife: Shirley
Children: Barry, 31; Marilyn, 44; Judith, 45; Diane, 48; Robert, 48

Education: Boston Latin School, 1938; Boston University, 1940, no degree
Government involvement: automo-

tive arbitrator, Eastern Michigan Better Business Bureau, 1988 to present

Community involvement: Association of American Notaries, 1988 to present. Auxiliary deputy, Emergency Services, City of Southfield, 1980 to present. Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1979 to present. 210 Charity Association, 1960 to present. American Association of Retired People, 1965 to present. Box 42 Detroit Fire Dept. 1984 to present. Box 52, Boston Fire Dept. 1987 to present. U.S. Army, World War II, 1942-45. Boston Latin School Alumni Association, 1959 to present



Herbert P. Limer
challenger

Name: Paul R. Sowerby
Street: Covington Club Drive
Length of residency in city: 16 years
Age: 45

Occupation: Paul R. Sowerby, Attorney and Counselor, Birmingham
Education: Detroit College of Law, J.D., 1953; Western Michigan University, BBA, 1957; Catholic Central High School, 1961, college prep
Government involvement: Farmington Hills city councilman, April 1989-present. Farmington Hills Board of Zoning Appeals, 1986-89;

chairman, 1988. Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission, 1984-87

Community involvement: Catholic Central High School Alumni Association, board of directors, past member and treasurer. Quaker Valley Homeowners Association, past member and president. State Bar of Michigan, Representative Assembly Person, 1986-present. American Bar Association member, 1983-present. Say Yes to Parks Millage Proposal, treasurer



Paul R. Sowerby
incumbent