## 7 seek 3 Farmington council seats

## Candidate forums scheduled

HIS YEAR, three Farmingin incumbents vie to retain their city council seats
against four challengers
from a variety of backgrounds.
The top two (Inishers in the Tuesday, Nov. 7 election will serve fouryear terms, the third-place flinsher
will serve a two-year term. In today's Observer, readers can find
candidate views on the issues. Some
are citted for space.
Incumbents include: Arnold
Campbell, 39, first-term concellman
and analyst with Ford Motor Co;
Shiritoy Richardson, 52, a 2-year
resident and beautification propment, former planning commissioner
and the first woman to \$10 on the
council, Richard Tupper, 58, curren
mayor who has served on the council. mayor who has served on the council non-consecutively for 16 years and who has lived in the city for 53 years. Tupper is known for his activities with the Goodfellows.

1. A biracial Farmington family has endured racial slurs for two years. What can the city do to heighten public awareness in an ef-fort to help bring about ethnic har-

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Ethnic harmony is an individual
responsibility. City government
should demonstrate a positive attitude, a sense of cooperation and patience to reach this goal.

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government closer to the taxpayers?

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more interest and involvement
among residents?

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more interest by citizens, I have, for
several years, suggested hate wa
a way of keeping them informed. We
need something more than just an
annual calendar.

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two phases of a five-phase, \$14 milllos streetscape improvement program. Has the \$780,000 spent so far
been development district tax monywell spent;
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4. Do you support curbside recyclable solid waste? How should it be paid for?
Yes. Pay with city taxes.
5. How well do you feel city officials are balancing neighborhood needs against downtown redevelop-

ment?
The last half decade has brought improvement to both our commer-cial and residential areas. Soveral road projects along with water line upgrading has brought improvement

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The Success family has endured
racial slurs and bigotry while living
in Farmingion. Anyone should be
able to live in this community without fear of intimidation and destruction of their property. The city
should aggressively investigate the
incidents and prosecute the offendrest. I think a reward, offered by concerned citizens, may help the police
in their work. The city of Farmington cannot eliminate racism, but it
can prosecute racists.

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No. 1 do not feel that the DDA's little expenditure of \$78,000 lis well spent. The improvements are superficial and have not greatly added to the quality of life in Farmington.
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I do support curbside recycling and feel it is very important for the community to consider it. Several residents have even expressed a willingness to pay for curbside containers themselves. I feel it is vitait to the environment for recycle and we would present an example that our children would follow. Several communities in the metro area have started recycling programs and the cost has been minimal.

5. How well do you feel city officials are balancing neighborhood needs against downtown redevelopment?

I feel that the downtown redevelopment receives much more at

8. Is the tax rate affordable to most residents?
While no one likes paying taxes, the current rate is affordable to most residents. There are also many residents on fixed incomes who need help paying their taxes. I think that a form of tax credit could be used to ease the burden for individuals in need. I also feel that tax credits should be given to people who improve their property, instead of penalizing them with increased assessments.

velopment receives much more at-tention than the neighborhoods and we should start to treat them equal-

Challengers are: Joanne Fellenberg, age not given, a homemaker who volunteers her time at Oak Hill Care Center; John Kenney, 43, a wastewater treatment operator; Johne McShane, 43, an investment consultant and vice chair of the Farmington Zoning Board of Appeals; and Robert Walker, 37, engineer supervisor with Ford Motor and past board member of the city's historical commission.

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Residents not registered to vote have until Oct. 10 to do so in order to vote in the Nov. 7 election. Absentee ballot applications are available until Nov. 4 at the city clerk's office, 25000 Liberty, in downtown Farmington, or by calling 474-5500.

SOME UPCOMING election

events include:

• The Old Village Association, a homeowner group representing residents of Farmington's historic dis-

Richard Tupper

John T. Kenney

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to our neighborhoods. It happens that the most apparent is the down-town project.

6. Is the 23-officer public safety department adequately staffed to handle police and fire calis? If not, would you support a tax increase to hire more officers?

Yes.

Yes.

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trict, has scheduled a candidates tright forum to outline the positions of the seven candidates. The forum is planned for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26, at the Masonic Temple at the northwest corner of Grand River and Farmington Road.

• The League of Women Voters of the Farmington West Bloomfield Area has scheduled a candidates night for the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12. The time has yet to be confirmed. The session will be taped for future cablecast.

• On Oct. 11, candidates will speak to senior citizens at Mercy Center in Farmington Hills from 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and take questions on issues.

• The Farmington Area Demo-

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• The Farmington Area Democratic Club is considering a candidates night, but has not yet selected a date, said Aldo Vagnozzi, club spokesman. If held, it likely will be in late October.

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No.

10. Should the city continue to be part of the six-city Southwest Oak-tand County constrain that's pursuing a separate solid waste disposal plan or should it join the county administered plan?
Yes, we should stay with the consortium.

11. Would you favor annual joint meetings between this community three top taxing jurisdictions: Farm-

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It could be beneficial. We will never know until we try it.

12. What general directive should the council give to the new traffic after jurispory committee?

The city council has given the traffic and safety board the following directive: "All inquiries, or material traffic and safety board the following directive: "All inquiries, or material traffic and safety board the following directive: "All inquiries, or material traffic and safety board or devices which would decrease the number and/or severity of traffic accidents in the community shall be constituted."

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13. What are the top two challenges for the city as 1990 approaches?

The top two challenges are solid aste and CSO (combined sewer

Yes.
7. The city tax rate is 10.4 mills, well under the 20-mill charter limit. Are residents getting adequate mulcipal services? If not, what services should be improved and how should improvements be paid for?
Vea nost residents?

All products and services have a cost. The residents of Farmington are getting an exceptional value for their tax dollars.

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waste and CSO (comblined sewer overflows).

14. What prompted your candidacy?
Several projects are not yet finished. I have been a part of the downtown redevelopment for four years and would like to see it completed.

radius of the city).

No municipal employee should be required to live in the city of Farmington. I believe it violates their freedom of choice and reduces mo-

freedom of choice and reduces morale.

10. Should the city continue to be part of the six-city Southwest Oakland County consortium that's pursuing a separate solid waste disposal plan or should it John the county-administered plan?

The city-should continue to investigate the Southwest Oakland County and the Oakland County solid waste disposal plans and choose the plan that most benefits the citizens of Farmington.

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I would favor an annual joint meeting between the Farmington in City Council, Farmington Hills City Council and the Farmington school board. I believe that such a meeting would be useful to all those concerned.

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traffic flow and the parking situation.

14. What prompted your candidacy?

I am running for the city council
because I feel that the city and the
administration is unresponsive to individual's complaints. There is an atlitude that people's complaints are
not a big deal to those making them.
Little things really bother people
and they are usually easy to fix. I
think it is time for a change in attitude, no business as usual. City government should serve its citizens.

1. A biracial Farmington family has endured racial slurs for two years. What can the city do to heighten public awareness in an ef-fort to help bring about ethnic har-

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If a law is broken, it should be handled by the legal department. Keep City Hall out of it and there should be no demonstrations.

2. Should city council meetings be cableest to help bring municipal government closer to the taxpayers? What else can the city do to inspire more interest and involvement among residents?

No. Things are fine the way they are, but we need a more comprehavior coverage by your newspaper.

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Yes, but try to limit the funds. Pd like to see the business property owners do more on their own.

4. Do you support curbside recycling of recyclable solid waste? How should it be paid for?
The issue needs more study. Could the city of Detroit pick up our waste for recycling at their incherator?

5. How well do you feel city officials are baineding needs more continued to mental the property of the study of the Authority has completed the first two phases of a five-phase, \$1.4 mil-

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Needs review.
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one of their string about estant bar-mony?

I believe all races can live in har-mony, but it is a goal not easily achieved. Prejudice and intolerance of other ethnic and minority groups of other ethnic and minority groups have existed for centuries, and will make through the continuent through the contraint of city government and the courts in strict enforcement of laws governing the civil and human rights of others.

2. Should city council meetings be cablecast to help bring municipal government closer to the taxpayers? What else can the city do to inspire more interest and involvement among residents?

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No, because of the costs involved.
The city has done all it needs to do to
promote city awareness, an annual
calendar, complete with meetings
and event dates, is mailed to all city
residents annually. I think we could
update the calendar to include information such as, "What items does a
resident need a zoning permit for?"
or other items suggested by the community.

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3. The Downtown Development Authority has completed the first two phases of a five-phase, \$1.4 million streetscape improvement program. Has the \$780.000 spent so far been development district tax money well spent?

Downtown Farmington is a vital and attractive center. The DDA has been responsible for maintaining and mourishing the downtown and keeping it viable for residents and businesses alike. By continuing the DDA's program, we are encouraging and attracting the growth so important to our city.

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and to our city.

4. Do you support curbide recycling or recyclable solid waste? How should it be paid for?

Yes, I am definitely in favor of implementing curbide recycling, which is easier than delivering refuse to a recycling center. We need to take action now to prevent more pollution and higher prices for dispension, However, this program should be cast efficient and self-supporting. I believe monkes generated from the recycled materials could be earmarked to support the program.

5. How well do you feel city offi-cials are balancing neighborhood needs against downtown redevelop-ment?

Downtown development and neighborhood services need ongoing maintenance. We've spent a large amount of money replacing down-town sidewalks, which did not need replacement, while neighborhood curbs, which are badly deteriorated, go unrepaired. The cost of replacing curbing and sidewalks is a great fi-nancial burden to many residents.

6. Is the 23-officer public safety



Joanne Fellenberg challenger

challenger
handle police and fire calls? If not,
would you support a tax increase to
hire more officers?
Additional police should cover the
shopping areas. The additional cost
thould be shared by the business
store owners and the city. This will
allow the 23 officers to more effectively patrol residential areas.
7. The city tax rate is 10.4 mills,
well under the 20-mill charter limit.
Are residents getting adequate municipal services? If not, what services should be improved and how
should improvements be paid for?
The 10.4 mills is fine and should
not be increased. Increasing property values cover inflationary costs

and additional expenses. Let us survey the citizens.

B. Is the tax rate affordable to most residents?

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No.

9. Should public safety officers be required to live in the city? (At present, they must live within a six-mile radius of the city).
Leave things as they are. If the public safety officers live outside the city for financial reasons, it is us see if we can help them move into the city. What about other city employees?

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10. Should the city continue to be part of the six-city Southwest Oakland County consortium that's pursuing a separate solid waste disposal plan or should it join the county administered plan?

Let us join the least costly plan.

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No.

12. What general directive should be council give to the new traffic safety advisory committee?

Needs further research.

13. What are the top two challenges for the city as 1990 approach.

cs?
Keeping our city livable and safe,
Keeping taxes low.
14. What prompted your candida-

I want to serve our community.



JoAnne McShane

department adequately staffed to handle police and fire calls? If not, would you support a tax increase to hire more officers?
Having been a Farmington resident for 18 years, I consider myself fortunate. I've experienced fast, efficient and courteous response when I've needed assistance. I do not feel we need more officers or a tax increase at this time. I think a periodic review of the functions and duties of this department would be beneficial in plapointing any waste of resources.

7. The city tax rate is 10.4 mills, well under the 20-mill charter limit. Are residents getting adequate musicipal services? If not, what services should be improved and how should improvements be paid for?

Let's keep that tax rate where it. The fact have have not rated the tax rate closer to the 20-mill charter speaks well of our city management. Our tax rate is one of the owest in Oakland County. Services are adequate. Any improvements over the complete the control of the control of the country of the control of the country of the countr

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8. Is the tax rate affordable to most residently, no one wants higher Cobvlously, no one wants higher taxes. Our taxes benefit the city as a whole and we must maintain the level of service. There are those who, unfortunately, find taxes a heavy burden. We must develop al-ternative ways to raise the necessary funds to alleviate some of this burden.

9. Should public safety officers be required to live in the elty? (At present, they must live within a six-mile radius of the clty.)

Our public safety officers have the right to live wherever they choose within a six-mile radius. I support this requirement. Ours is a combined police and fire force; our officers need to live within a reasonable distance to the clty when responding to callbacks.

10. Should the city continue to be part of the six-city Southwest Oakland County consortium that's pursuland County consortium that's pursuland south of the county attended to the county attended to the county attended to the county plant of the county plant of the county plant. Cities cannot undertake this task independently, the costs are unaffordable. We have experienced a 45-percent increase in landfill costs this year. The city paid approximately \$80,000 in \$7-88; 1990 is projected to be about \$218,000. By joining together, and as an authority, we will be better able to maintain costs and implementation of our plans.

11. Would you favor annual join meetings between this community's three top taxing jurisdictions: Farmington City Council, Farmington Hills City Council and the Farmington school board?
Yes, we need to jointly address cost containment and avoid duplication of services. We currently conduct joint meetings between the city and the Hills. I would be in favor of a joint meeting at least annually with the Farmington school board.

12. What general directive should the council give to the new traffic safety advisory committee?

The directive the council should give is to study the traffic patterns, identify the problems, and present proposed solutions that take into the account the impact to the entire city when an action or change is implemented. The board also needs to review adjoining cities' traffic patterns and frends to pinpoint current and future impact on Farmington. The council needs to let the board know it is open to alternatives.

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The first challenge for 1990 is of great environmental concern and an expensive one. We have already taken the first step in providing a 24-bour recycling center. We need to further develop this program to include curbside recycling. Disposal of our solld waste and landfull costs have escalated by 45 percent this year alone.

The second challenge is to fight drug abuse by strongly and actively supporting and working with Farmington Families In Action, the Families I

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The desire to bring responsive representation to the people of Farmington prompted me to run for council. I feel we can, and must, implement new, insightful, cost-saving solutions to the problems facing oscillations to the problems facing officers to be supported by the preserve the small-town historic character of the city by protecting the city from overdevelopment through careful planning and rigorous application of our current zoning ordinances.

