

'A sizable supermarket will have an impact on the (downtown) A&P. Senior citizens walk to the A&P.'
 — Wendy Strip Sittsamer, DDA executive director



Sever wants to stay as mayor

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 Councilman Aldo Vagozzi last week said if tradition is followed, he expects Fox to be elected mayor and he mayor pro tem. Vagozzi is the next longest-serving mayor who has never served as an officer.
 THE CITY charter does not specify the length of the mayor's term. But a precedent was set 10 years ago when the city's first mayor, Robert McConnell, served one year and was replaced by mayor pro tem Frederick Lichtman.
 "It was open-ended. It (length of term) wasn't really discussed (when the charter was written)," former councilwoman and charter commissioner Joan Dudley said.
 Former charter commissioner

'I am not going to ask someone to nominate me. I am going to let the council know I am interested in serving again. If members of the city council elected me, I would accept it.'
 — Mayor Terry Sever

Richard Frankel agreed that the charter does not prohibit a mayor from serving two consecutive years. "There is nothing from preventing the city council from doing what they want," he said. "But there's nothing about Mr. Sever's tenure which would justify breaking tradi-

tion."
 THE CITY council should have the discretion of allowing a mayor more than one year, said councilman Ben Marks, a former charter commissioner. The mayor's role should be much more than hand-shaking and ground breakings, Sever said.
 "I do believe a political leadership is needed in the community. The Farmington Community Library's future and the Year 2000 plan are two examples of issues that need political leadership."
 But the city charter specifies the role as ceremonial. The charter commission never intended the mayor's role to be anything but an honorary-type position, Frankel and Dudley said.
 "The charter commission never felt being mayor was important. It really is just supposed to be a figure-head," Dudley said.
 Sever should be reminded that Farmington Hills is a city manager-weak mayor form of government, Frankel said.

Rezoning plans going to council

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 Planning commissioners' 7-0 recommendation Thursday is a reversal of a 5-3 denial in February, based primarily on concern about increased traffic at the Drake-Grand River intersection. Commissioner Paul Bilzman was absent. The seat held by former commissioner Lawrence Lichtman, now a city councilman, has not been filled yet.
 Though concerned about downtown Farmington's future, commissioners said they had to be concerned about the future of business in their community. Mulwood now has a 65-percent occupancy rate.
 "At what point do we stop encouraging merchants in Farmington Hills. Do we allow the stores to remain empty to help downtown merchants?" commissioner Mary Avery said.
 Commissioner Joanne Smith agreed. "Each city has to look at what it's got and do what has to be done."
 The recommendation will be presented to the Farmington Hills City Council, probably next month for final debate and action.
 Bestak withdrew its request in March to study traffic concerns before the city council was scheduled to consider it. With the blessing of city engineers, Bestak representatives Thursday announced they would address traffic congestion created by an expanded center by adding left-turn lanes on north- and southbound Drake.

Americare staffer nominated for award

Phyllis Lenaghan, a member of the billing staff of Americare Home Health Services Inc. in Farmington Hills, has been nominated for Americare Home Healthcare's Service Excellence Recognition.
 Nominees for the award have distinguished themselves in demonstrating caring service, excellence in respect for human dignity, individual responsibility, community awareness and financial responsibility.
 Lenaghan has worked for the corporate office of Americare for over a

year. Though she is not involved in the direct delivery of home care services, she has demonstrated concern and sensitivity for patients as well as co-workers and those who refer to Americare. She started at Americare as a receptionist.
 Fellow workers at the corporate office, as well as workers in the 40 field offices, appreciated her promptness, courtesy, cheerfulness, competence and ability to solve problems. In July, Lenaghan transferred to the billing department,

where she demonstrates the same sense of responsibility, said Katy Derezniski.
 Americare Home Health Services is one of three home care companies based at the Farmington Hills location. Americare Home Health Services is a provider of Medicare certified nursing and therapy services for homebound patients.
 Americare Services Inc. is a provider of private home care services, including nursing and supportive services. Americare Home Health Resources is a provider of durable

medical equipment and home oxygen systems.
 The Americare companies are subsidiaries of the Sisters of Mercy Health Corp.
 The Americare companies employ 1,800 people. Lenaghan is one of 17 nominees for Americare's Service Excellence Award.

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