

Town's ties binding for chief

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people

An amiable man, Lauhoff is nonetheless reserved when dwelling on his life or his achievements. Lauhoff was raised as the middle sibling in a Catholic family of five children. Most of his family, including his parents, still live on the east side. He said growing up in the "middle of the pack" had its advantages.

"You learn a lot in the middle," he said. "I saw a lot happen. If you kept your eyes open, you learned a lot."

AS A young man, he spent several years in the restaurant management business, then owned a restaurant franchise while working at a Chevrolet plant in Livonia before

making his most important career move.

His choice law enforcement partly because his older brother had selected it, partly because he grew up in the Vietnam era, and also because he was seeking stability in a changing economy for his young family.

"I had a house, I had a wife and I was looking for a change," he said. "I saw a declining economy. I was looking for something that had more future."

After serving as a Farmington

public safety officer, he was promoted to sergeant in 1978, to deputy director of public safety in 1982 and to the directorship in 1984. The job was not one on which he had set his sights — the opportunity was simply there.

"It became available and I felt like 'It was something I wanted to try,' she said. 'The time has gone very fast. I look back, and I think I've been able to contribute a lot.'"

He attributes much of his understanding of city government to former public safety director Bob

Seifert, who gave him latitude to learn the job.

WHILE DEVELOPING careers in Farmington, Frank and Vicki Lauhoff also raised two daughters here. Cindy is a freshman at Farmington High, while Denise is a fifth grader at Longacre Elementary.

When their children were younger, the Lauhoffs spent summer weekends at Bass Lake on the west side of the street near Greenview. Today, Frank and his father share ownership in a boat that they keep on the Clinton River. The family is now able to enjoy day trips on the lake for recreation.

When not on the boat, he might be found working around the house — a major hobby or keeping the yard shipshape at the family's Chatham Hills house.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from upcoming government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, March 12

The following public hearing is scheduled:

- consideration of determination of special assessment district for road improvements for Greening Street, between 12 and 13 Mile, and notice of intent to issue bonds.
- The council will consider enactment of two zoning text amendments

and a rezoning:

- for signs, to prohibit banners in any use district and to add a definition of sign and banner.
- to add a real estate tax exemption to provide for payments in lieu of taxes for Carrington Place Apartments at Drake and Freedom roads.
- rezoning from RA-4, one-family residential district, to OS-1, office service district, on the south side of Mulfordton, between Greening and Highway Avenue.

The council will receive the annual report from the department of planning and community development. Members also will consider a presentation for benefit of homeowners associations regarding residential zoning issues, as requested by Lawrence Lichtman.

The 1989-90 local storm drain improvements will be considered as will the transfer of stock interest in a 1989 Class C licensed business, Ground Round Inc., 30005 Orchard Lake Road, from Hansen Group, Inc.

The consent agenda includes:

- award of sale of public improvement district assessment bonds, series 1990.
- executive session for pending litigation and property acquisition.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
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6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 13

The council will discuss future financial planning for city projects.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
31555 11 Mile

6:30 p.m., Thursday, March 15

The council has scheduled three hearings to determine whether liquor licenses should be renewed:

- 6:30 p.m. — Last Stop Party Store, 29154 Grand River.
- 8 p.m. — Grand Square Liquor Shoppe, 38441 Grand River.
- 9:30 p.m. — Deegan & Associates Inc., doing business as Convenient Food Mart, 29405 12 Mile.

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● **Managing Work-Family**
Monday, March 12: "Managing Work and Family: Stress and Time Management for Working Parents," series of four sessions begins at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 30223 12 Mile Road. Fee is \$35 for one person or \$60 for two people. Registrations and inquiries taken by Family Dynamics in Northville, 348-3573.

● **Larkshire Open House**
Tuesday, March 13: Open house celebrates the 25th anniversary of Larkshire Elementary School 6:30-

8:30 p.m. in the school, 23800 Tuck Road.

● **Hair and Nails**
Tuesday, March 13: "Hair and Nail Care," workshop led by May Arvo at noon in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$12. Reservations taken by the center, 477-8404.

● **Health Insurance**
Tuesday, March 13: "Long Term Health Insurance," talk by Sandra Yelensky of Yelensky and Associates, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge.

● **Scarf Tying**
Tuesday, March 13: "Scarf Tying and Accessorizing," workshop led by May Arvo at 7 p.m. in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Fee is \$15. Reservations taken in the center, 477-8404.

● **Mental illness**
Wednesday, March 14: Inter-faith community program on mental illness with Claire Griffin-Francis, nationwide consultant on mental health care and a board member of National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, and a panel discussion, at 7:30 p.m. in Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road. No charge.

● **Irish Fling**
Thursday, March 15: "Irish Fling," an evening of rousing jigs, reels and stories of Irish heritage at 7 p.m. in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Irish desert served after the performance. Tickets are \$4 or \$15 for a family, available from the center, 477-8404.

● **Color Me Green**
Thursday, March 15: "Color Me Green," program for preschoolers and kindergartners at 10:30 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets. No charge.

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Official: Haggerty threat a precedent

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ministration interprets them another way," he said, adding that decisions about such issues as wetlands rules eventually may require a legal opinion that could force concessions from both federal agencies.

The EPA has consistently voiced concerns that the Haggerty project and the expected accompanying development in the area would cause much destruction of wetlands areas that might not be replaced. EPA officials have indicated that forcing communities to adopt wetlands rules would help.

FEDERAL AGENCIES have to approve the environmental impact statement because federal funds

would make up the bulk of monies for the Haggerty project.

Three communities affected by the project — West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Novi — have wetlands protection ordinances, while three other communities — Commerce Township, Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake — do not.

However, at least two of those communities, Walled Lake and Wolverine Lake, have discussed the possibility of developing wetlands rules, though officials have noted that state rules already provide some wetlands guidelines.

Citizens from the affected communities voiced overwhelming support for the Haggerty project in a series of public hearings held last year.

Connector seen as big plus

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IN CONJUNCTION with the connector, Farmington Hills and Novi are preparing plans to widen 12 Mile, west of Farmington Road.

If it's necessary to form a committee of city managers or mayors to intervene to help resolve the wetlands issue, Farmington Hills will organize it, Call said.

"We haven't got word yet from the state if we should organize. It's a question we'll look at in the next few weeks. What the local committee's role in moving this away from a debate between the EPA and FHIA."

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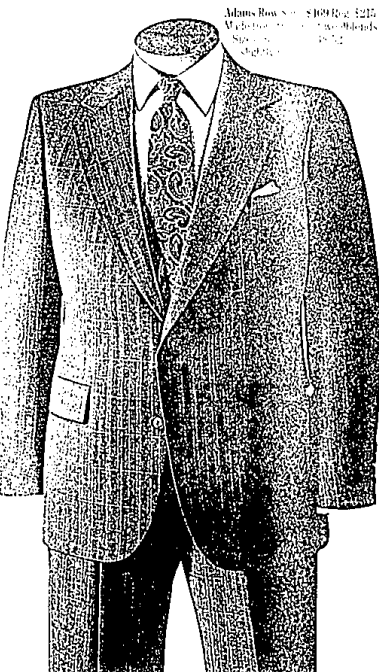
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assistant city manager

Call hopes construction of the Haggerty Connector starts by spring 1991.

Staff writer Bob Sklar contributed to this report.

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