

#### Media Center is open

If residents come to Farmington High School's new media center most Saturdays, they'll probably get to meet program facilitator Jili Manchester (left) and media specialist Joanne Rentschler. The facility is open to the public 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays during the school session. Many electronic services are offered, and Apple IIGS, IBM and Macintosh computer work stations are available for worp processing. Small meeting rooms are also available for groups. Farmington High is at 30000 Shiawassee, Farmington. Additional information may be obtained by calling Terry Klenczar at The Community School, 489-3333.

## Farmington has new sign law in place

Sign laws in the city of Farmington were updated recently, following
months of discussion by the city
council and comments from the
city's business community.

An ordinance amendment approved Nov. 19: limits the amount
and duration of temporary signs,
lessens the maximum size for
ground signs, takes away restriction
of letter size for awnings, changes
the definition of wall signs, adds a
provision for items like search lights
and cold air balloons, and forces
landlords to clean up existing signage after a tenant moves out.

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for sign variances in the hands of the
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The new law, adopted by the city
council by a 3-2 vote, also gives the
cry council guidelines to use when
considering variance requests. The
guidelines altow a variance when
there are "unique or unusual conditions" which impact a business or in
"order to protect the public health,
safety or general welfare."

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Tupper, who lobbled hard to have
sign variances moved from the council to the ZBA, said be was disapointed at the vote, but pleased that
guidelines were, developed to help
the decision-making process.
"We're not sending a good mes-

The new law leaves the power for sign variances in the hands of the Farmington city council, despite a minority faction on the council which wanted the responsibility moved to the city's zoning board of appeals.

sage to our boards and commissions." he said. "They're wondering why does the council want it and not want to give it to ust." They're wondering why does the council want to his vote the council members William Hartsock and Ralph Yoder were joined by Mayor Shirley Richardson in voting to keep the responsibility with the council.

Farmington planning commissioners had recommended the changes approved by council, but also that the responsibility be shifted to the ZBA. Discussion on the issue began last summer.

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A number of small retailers spoke out at an August public hearing about limits to temporary window signs, saying they were concerned their business would be hurt.

#### on the agenda

Below are highlights from the igendas of government meetings his week. All meetings are open o the public.

Farmington Hills City Council City Council chambers 31555 11 Mile 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10

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Beautification chairman Lincoln herry will present the city council with a Keep Michigan Beautifi award, and Paul Jacokes will report from the Year 2000 Advisory Committee.

Also on the agenda:

• ordinance enactment of a zooling text amendment to amend the Performance Standards Section relating to toxic and hazardous materiats and the uses permitted within the Industrial Research Office and Light-Industrial Districts.

• consideration of authorization purchase property adjacent to the city offices on Orchard Lake Road outh of 11 Mile.

• approval of the consent agenda, which includes: addition of Lyon

Township as a member of the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakiand County, awarding of contracts and bids, agle of Public Improvement bonds, approval of labor contract amendment with Fraternal Order of Police, and other routine business.

The council will also consider an executive session to discuss land accounties.

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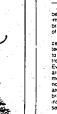
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