

5 vie for 3 seats on Farmington City Council

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FOLLOWING ARE brief sketches of each candidate, in alphabetical order:

Arnold Campbell

This 40-year-old Birchwood Street resident and former one-term city councilman is making another run at a council seat this fall.

"I think one of the key issues is decisive leadership," said Campbell, who considers himself a "goodwill ambassador" for the city.

Other issues for Campbell include the city's sign ordinance and its impact on business, getting the city involved in committees in neighboring Farmington Hills involving recreation and senior facilities, and possibly cablecasting meetings "if it's not a major expense."

A council watcher for the past nine years, Campbell won his first four-year term in 1985. He was defeated while running for his second term in 1989.

He has served on a number of city boards and commissions, and is active on his Farmington Meadows Homeowners Association and with the Farmington-Area PTA Council.

Campbell is a quality associate in the Corporate Quality Office of Ford Motor Co., and is married with two sons.



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JoAnne McShane



William Hartsock



John Kenney



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An 18-year council veteran, Hartsock is pleased the city has moved ahead with major projects including sewer separation, recycling and major road improvements.

He said much still needs to be reviewed, including the future of the city's downtown after the Downtown Development Authority project is complete.

Because he ran unopposed in his last race, the 40-year-old Hartsock said he "really hasn't run in eight years."

"I'm going to be pretty aggressive in terms of campaigning."

A partner with the investment firm of Roncy & Co. in Farmington Hills, Hartsock has one son and has lived in the community for 28 years.

He served as mayor in 1979 and in 1985. He lives on Cass Street.

John Kenney

A 15-year resident of the city, Kenney lives on Pickett Street. He made his first run for the city council in 1989.

At that time, he also supported cablecasting meetings, believed that the improvements in the city's DDA project were "superficial and have not greatly added to the quality of life" and that neighborhoods and residential areas need more attention from the city.

He also had concerns with traffic flow downtown.

Kenney, 45, could not be reached for comment about this year's race.

JoAnne McShane

Just ending her first term, McShane is already organizing her campaign, which she expects to be similar to the one that won her a seat in 1989.

"Mine is just kind of a grass-roots, people-to-people campaign," said the 45-year-old account executive with Horace Mann Insurance.

Although she has not yet firmed up her campaign platform, she said

fine-tuning the city's recycling program and easing financial burdens on seniors will be two issues.

She is also an advocate of local control and home rule, and believes elected officials must speak out on more state and regional issues that may impact the community.

"I don't think you can avoid those issues," she said. "You can't always table, or 'file and receive.' We don't live in a vacuum."

McShane is the mother of two, and has long been active on city boards and commissions. She is a resident of Glenview Court.

Ralph Yoder

The 65-year-old veteran councilman was, at first, unsure of whether he would run again after 26 years on the council. But, he said, he decided to go again after family and supporters urged him to do so.

Yoder, who often brings a sense of history to issues arising at the council table, said he wants to continue

serving the community.

In winning his most recent term in 1987, Yoder sought re-election because of a "continuing interest" in the city and "the improvements that can be made in keeping our city attractive and well-governed," city that it has been for many years.

The former mayor could not be reached for comment on this year's race, but has pledged to spend much of his time in Farmington this winter, despite his retirement and time spent in Florida with his wife.

Yoder is a retired trucking company executive and has two grown children. He is a 39-year resident of Farmington, graduating from Farmington High in 1947.

Also on the Farmington ballot this November will be an issue asking voters to approve \$175,000 in general obligation bonds, to be used to defray Farmington's share of expanding and renovating the 47th District Court to accommodate the addition of a third judge.

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