

# Marks makes his mark in Farmington Hills



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Ben Marks is a man who makes things happen. Besides being a developer by profession, Marks is a born statesman. In fact, you could even say he is one of the founding fathers of the city of Farmington Hills.

In 1960, he founded the Council of Homeowners of Farmington Hills, becoming the first president. As a member of the Charter Commission in 1972, he worked with eight other individuals to construct the city of Farmington Hills' original bylaws. Besides being secretary of the Planning Commission for 7 1/2 years and a member of the Cable Commission for eight years, Marks served on the city council for 9 1/2 years and is a former mayor.

And now, Marks is making his mark in the arena of community access television. With all of his political experience and savvy, he does one fine job of hosting "Let's Talk." This Channel 12 program focuses on the issues and quality of life affecting not only residents of Farmington Hills, but the entire state of Michigan. The caliber of guests is quite impressive.

Watch Marks tackle the issues with Sen. Michael Bouchard, chairman of the State Education Committee and a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

tee, House Speaker Paul Hillebrand; Sen. Majority Leader Richard Posthumus; and Dan Pero, chief of staff of Gov. John Engler's office.

Have you been wondering how to cast your vote in the governor's race in November? Marks touts his show as having a bi-partisan approach, as he has interviewed democratic candidates for governor, Rep. Lynn Jondahl, Larry Owens, Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Howard Wolpe.

What about the U.S. Senate race? Have you had a chance to really explore the candidates' views in depth? Let Marks do the homework for you. Sit back. Tune in to hear the perspective of the Republican candidates for Senator, Spencer Abraham and Ronna Romney. To date, Democratic hopefuls for U.S. Senate, Sen. Latta Pollack, Macomb County Prosecutor Carl Marlinga, Sen. John Kelly and former U.S. Congressman Bill Brodehead have been interviewed.

Upcoming shows will include two more democratic candidates for U.S. Senate, Joel Ferguson and Congressman Bob Carr. On the horizon for future shows are Detroit's Mayor Dennis Archer and diverging from the political spectrum, Wayne Fontes, coach of the Detroit Lions.

Marks is quick to commend his producer, Karen McMillan, director, Kevin Southern and crew, Pat Isham, Joseph Capullo, Raymond Kaczor, Skip Phelps and Vita Asavanti. He cites the success of the show, in large part, because of the expertise and knowl-

edge of his talented TV production team.

Explore the issues. Meet many of Michigan's most prominent individuals. To quote Marks, "Be part of our Channel 12 audience every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and 'Let's Talk.'"

## CHANNEL 12 Monday, May 23

10 a.m. — Travels with Kay: Yugoslavia II  
10:30 a.m. — Women on the Move: Florist  
11 a.m. — Coffee and conversation: fashions of today  
Noon — Farmington Hills Police Journal  
12:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense: Duane Nowayta  
1 p.m. — Seniors on the move: the govt king  
1:30 p.m. — The word of life: the fullness of time  
2 p.m. — Motorsports basics: Michael Kollins  
3 p.m. — North American Indian journal  
4 p.m. — City of Novi open forum project  
6 p.m. — Dash Dakota: fire safety  
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil  
7 p.m. — Rainbow of promise: Pastor Stan  
7:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: Les

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8 p.m. — Cosmic connection  
9 p.m. — Democratic closeup: Debbie Stabenow  
9:30 p.m. — Groove session.

## Tuesday, May 24

10 a.m. — Summit University  
11 a.m. — Praise, praise, praise  
11:30 a.m. — Life matters  
Noon — Adventures with Pirate Pete  
12:30 p.m. — Spontaneous seniors  
1:30 p.m. — Restoring the Rouge  
2 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria: unique hair coloring for men  
3 p.m. — Cosmic connection  
4 p.m. — Novi talkin' history: Dr. Tom Heslip  
4:30 p.m. — Home for life: furniture refinishing  
5 p.m. — Crime watch  
5:30 p.m. — Living with your addictions  
6 p.m. — Seniors on the move: govt king  
6:30 p.m. — Business and residential news  
7 p.m. — Cash talks Novi Rotary  
7:30 p.m. — Viewpoint  
8 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria: unique hair coloring for men

9 p.m. — Legally speaking: Malice Green trial  
9:30 p.m. — Paws with a cause.

## May 25

10 a.m. — Capitol report  
10:30 a.m. — Madonna magazine  
11 a.m. — Study in scripture  
11:30 a.m. — Amvets  
Noon — The way the truth and the life  
12:30 p.m. — That's Italian  
1 p.m. — Farmington Hills dance recital: let's dance  
2 p.m. — Native American art: buffalo symbol or salvation  
3 p.m. — Seniors on parade  
4 p.m. — Crisis in the modern family: stuttering  
5 p.m. — Impact video  
5:30 p.m. — Groove session  
6 p.m. — Senior messenger  
7 p.m. — The word of life: the fullness of time  
7:30 p.m. — Let's talk with Ben Marks  
8 p.m. — My vote counts  
8:30 p.m. — Lansing connection  
9 p.m. — Speakers row: Aldo Vagnozzi.

## Thursday, May 26

10 a.m. — Senior messenger  
11 a.m. — Citizens against government waste

11:30 a.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil  
Noon — Cash talks: Novi Rotary  
12:30 p.m. — Prisoners of welllock  
1:30 p.m. — Travelin' on: Pacific northwest  
2 p.m. — My vote counts  
2:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: Les-son 8  
3 p.m. — Business and residential news  
3:30 p.m. — Viewpoint  
4 p.m. — Community kids  
4:30 p.m. — Senior spotlight: health care choices  
5 p.m. — Shaary Zedek Productions  
6 p.m. — Outdoor adventure: bow hunting  
6:30 p.m. — Women on the move: florist  
7 p.m. — Crisis in the modern family: stuttering  
8 p.m. — Novi news week  
8:30 p.m. — Dickerman showcase: one night up  
9 p.m. — Multicultural/multiracial community council race relations.

## Friday, May 27

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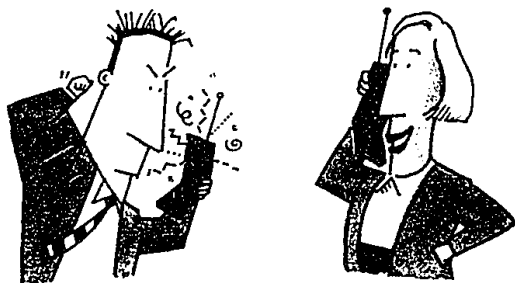
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