

COMMUNITY LIFE

Fashion plus Fundraiser equals Fun

Fashion finesse

The Fall Fantasia fashion show will benefit The Longacre House, a non-profit community center. This year the event is Monday, Oct. 9. Tickets are \$30 and are on sale at the center.

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Fashions, furs and fun are promised at this year's Fall Fantasia fashion show benefiting The Longacre House in Farmington Hills.

The classic styles of Liz Claiborne and the contemporary look of Cerrano & Offen furs will be featured from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9 at the Novi Hilton on Haggerty just north of Eight Mile Road.

The Longacre House volunteers have been staging this annual benefit for more than 20 years and all profits go to support the non-profit community center.

Since there are no tax credits going to the Longacre House, volunteers

us keep the doors open and the programs going," according to Tina Jensen fashion show chairwoman.

"It's one of our most popular events," she said. "We plan for at least 350 guests. Many people look forward to it year after year."

A craft and gift boutique opens at 10 a.m. Cocktails and wine will be available from a cash bar and lunch will be served at noon. The fashion show starts at 1 p.m. followed by a raffle and door prize drawings.

Longacre volunteers will stride down the runway in fashions covering everything from casual wear, work and career dressing and evening clothes, according to Allison

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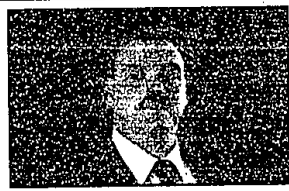


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Striking a pose: Carol Luckscheiter models a jacket.



High fashion: Brenda Lewis, Jan Hankins, Carol Luckscheiter and Tula Economy will model at the Fall Fantasia Fashion Show to benefit the Longacre House.



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Districting woes listed

Imagine living in Farmington Hills. You pay Farmington Hills city taxes. Your children play at numerous municipal parks and playgrounds. You enjoy your city's library and patronize your local merchants. You recently voted to build a beautiful ice arena in your community. Now imagine that because of an obsolete mandate, your children are prohibited from attending your neighborhood schools.

Instead, your children are bussed seven miles each way to Meadow Lake Elementary School, located in the city of Bloomfield Hills, inside the Birmingham School District, and administered by the Walled Lake School District. Unfortunately, an imagination is not required.

This situation is reality for over 475 Farmington Hills elementary school children who live in the square mile bounded by Halsted and Haggerty and 13 and 14 Mile roads.

Decades ago, this one square mile in Farmington Hills was districted to Walled Lake Schools when it's primary residents were deer, blue heron and other wildlife native to southeast Michigan. Human migration did not commence until the early 1980's. Today, hundreds of families live in this area.

Residents and home buyers were assured by the Walled Lake School District that as the district grew, the passage of new bond issues would follow. New neighborhood schools equipped with state-of-the-art computer labs and media centers

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