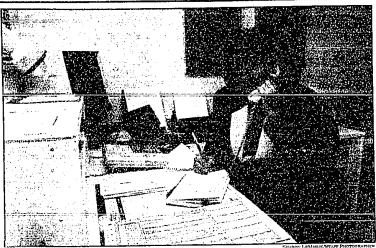
On call: Farmington council candidate Jo Anne McShane eeps focused while workng out of her home as an count exec. utive for Horace Mann Co.



Work hits home for councilwoman the Nov. 7 election. She and her mother, Mildred, went door to door campaigning and passed out literature Sunday. "We know we don't have to (campaign)," she said. "it's im-portant for me to let people know what I stand for."

2 There's homework and then there's home work.
Farmington City Council candidate Jo Anne McShane is one of a growing number of people who eschew the corporate setting and keep an office at home. The account executive for Horace Mean Co. markets insurance and investments out of her Gleuview Street home.
On a snowy or icy day, McShane doesn't have to step out the front door, She also doesn't the front door, She also doesn't

the front door. She also doesn't have to deal with rush-hour traf-

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cause they don't have discipline."
Self-motivation has not been a problem for McShane, who has been with Horace Mann for 12

she raised a family. McShane has two grown children: son Kelly, 28, and daughter Erin, 24.

"I feel very fortunate," said McShane, who jokes that she stopped the war because her birth date is Nov. 11, 1045. "But I've worked hard, too, for everything I have."

When not working or tending to city business, McShane is a physical fitness buff who hikes, walks and works with welghts.

She's also an avid kaysker. She went on Lake Michigan this sumer, including the Sturgeon River."

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"It's wonderful way to relax on the water." McShane said. "It's different than a power boat, or a sailboat. You're in the water... and you're just there. It's a great way to see the shoreline." She's getting some exercise by not taking anything for granted in

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telning Farmington's infrastructure. That will be a challenge ás federal and state funda dry up, coupled with people's resistance to pay more taxes. She favors a regional approach for some services, including police, fire and in purchasing matters. She cites the Resource Rocevery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County and its new facility on Eight Mile Road as a perfect example. Farmington's population is also getting older. She noted a national statistic that predicts by the year 2020, the majority of people will be between the ages of 55 and 65.

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"As you're paying more and more for social programs for those whom you care about," McShane said, "you're going to have to find more creative ways to pay for you infrastructure."

The city's historical and quaint cheracter needs to be maintained, she said. Housing stock is also satisfied alled.

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McShane favors a more intensive inspection program, similar to the one in Dearborn where homes must be inspected when

homes must be inspected when they are sold.

"It would cost a little more," she said, "but in the long run it would be good."
Her insight on issues and residents' concerns is not without effort.

McShane is a delegate for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, and is involved in the Farmington Farmington Hills Multiculural and Multiracial Community Council, and regular-

ly attends Michigan Municipal League functions. She was a member of the Beau-tification Commission and Zon-ing Board before becoming a council mamber.

tification Commission and Zoning Board before becoming a council media before becoming a council media by the divisive clock tower sea the first city official to note discord among some residents. She also monitored the situation by attending Downtown Development Authority meetings.

"I talk to people all the time, whe said "I, myself, was egainst the clock tower as to the way it was designed. "A number of people said to me, We dort like what's going to happen with the clock tower..." Sometimes people are simile to speak up," McShane added. "If they are unhappy with something, you have to find out why if they are unhapted to communicate it."

Several residents spoke out and the downtown clock tower was nized McShane was pleased with the process, find the result. She reliable times when componises are reached when differences of opinions would make the spoke are reached when differences of opinions would make the Bop to statue being not in front.

She refers to the flep over the Big Boy statue being put in front of the Parmington Road entery. Council agreed to OK it after the owner found a smaller version of the corporate symbol.

"Government has to compro-mise at times," she said. "You want to enforce your ordinances. You want to keep things aestheti-cally pleasing, but there are ex-ceptions."

been with Horace Mann for 12 A Dale Carnegie certificate adoms her wall in the neatly organized office. With the exception of a few photos, the room is all busineas. Prior to joining Horace Mann, McShane was an administrator for group homes and a college student. All this came during or after have to deal with rustrators fric. There's no idle chit-chat around the coffee machine, either. "You're very isolated; You're alone at work," she said. "You have to be very self disciplined. A lot of people don't last in jobs working out of their homes be-For The Woman Coveted Since The Time Who Desires The Fur of Royalty Of The Russian Czars Sable This Week Only

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