

Tupper says farewell to council

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Richard Tupper concluded 21 years on Farmington City Council at Monday's meeting, complimenting his colleagues and the city.

Tupper, 62, received an engraved clock from City Manager Frank Lauboff and several farewell wishes from fellow council members. His wife, Donna, attended the meeting.

Tupper plans to retire from his Farmington business, Tupper and Associates, and spend more time at the family's condominium in Florida. He plans to remain on the zoning board.

"I'd like to thank the city manager for not putting anything on the agenda that has to do with sign or fences," said Tupper, who was known for his steadfast adherence to city ordinances.

"I'm not going very far. In fact I

have my eye on that seat next to (council watcher) Nancy (Leonard)."

Tupper was appointed to council in 1971 to fill the term of Wilbur Brotherton. He resigned in 1982 to pursue business interests but returned to council in 1985.

He had been elected to three four-year terms and three two-year terms.

"You have been one of the finest public servants this city has ever had," councilwoman Jo Anne McShane said. "We will miss you."

Farmington resident and council watcher Bill Liba also commended Tupper for his service. "We really appreciate it," Liba said.



Richard Tupper

Tupper thanked council members for their part in maintaining the city, and urged them to remain vigilant.

"We've done a good job... The city looks the best it ever has," Tupper said.

Cornucopia Ball tickets sell well first time out

Organizers of the first Cornucopia Ball are happily surprised at the good response so far but are hoping more people show up for a good cause.

The ball, which starts at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Farmington Hills Activities Center, will benefit the Farmington Hills Community Foundation for Children Youth and Families.

"We have 130 so far," said Debbie Grant, one of the event's organizers. "I'm really pleased with the turnout. But we have plenty of room."

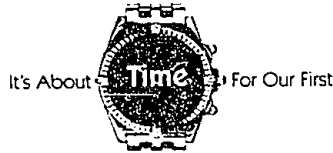
Tickets to the black-tie op-

portional event are \$100 and will aid the foundation, which contributes to programs for the youth of Farmington Hills. This is the first time the ball has been tried.

There will be big band entertainment, a full-course gourmet dinner, a silent auction before dinner and a live auction after.

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