



Massie Kurzeja



Jody Soronen



Richard Corey



Barry Brickner



Ben Marks



Dennis Fitzgerald

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Involving recreation, roads, the Year 2000 study, planning and with his homeowner associations.

Corey said he sees the vacancy as one that should be filled by someone who does not plan to run in August.

"I don't think it should be used as a way to win an election," he said.

Traffic, road improvements, maintaining public safety and "above all keeping the lines of communications open between the citizens of Farmington Hills

and the city council" are goals Corey would pursue.

Soronen, a former mayor (twice) and city council member for 12 years, said she would be interested in the position, but would not run in August.

"If you appoint someone as someone to run it will appear as if they are not independent," said the executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"I don't come in low on the learning curve," Soronen added. "It's something I can do for nine

months without too much training."

Soronen sees decreasing tax dollars as a factor in re-evaluating city services and technology without increasing the city's staff as a challenge in the near future.

Brickner, an attorney active in the state and national Bar Associations, sees the office as one that should go to a candidate who would run for re-election.

"I've always been interested in city government and I've supported the city council," he said. "Based on the last election, I think you are going to see a pro-

gressive city council."

Brickner, who has served on or represented several subdivision associations in the city, said he was a fiscal conservative who would like to see if there could be some more corners cut.

"But I realize that would be hard," he said. "(City Manager) Bill Costick runs a pretty tight ship."

Brickner sees traffic a development as the key issues before the city council.

Kurzeja is also a community activist with a long of service. Kurzeja has been involved with

issues concerning the Farmington Area Commission on Aging, the League of Women Voters, the feasibility of EMS service within the city's fire department, senior and family housing and issues involving Old Town/Meadowbrook Heights in the city's older southeastern Section 38.

"Redevelopment is what we have to worry about," she said. "We're almost fully developed. Now we have to correct the neglect we've had in the older part of the city."

Kurzeja has most recently been

active as the vice chairwoman of the Grand River Corridor Committee.

"I would like to run," she said, if appointed. "I've watched the council for a long time. Sometimes, even reading the packet (of work on the agenda) is not enough. Sometimes you have to go a little beyond the packet."

The city council voted to interview the candidates and vote for a successor at the Dec. 11 meeting. Each candidate will have a 2-minute opening statement and then face questions from the council.

## POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

### THEFTS

Craftsman tools worth \$500 were stolen from a brown 1994 Ford van parked at Groundwater Tech on Research in Farmington Hills Nov. 22-27.

Two cellular phones (\$800) were stolen from a residence on Mystic Forest in Farmington Hills Nov. 25.

A backpack with a \$500 class ring inside was stolen from Mercy High School on 11 Mile in Farmington Hills Nov. 23.

A \$175 Gucci gold chain and \$50 in cash were stolen from Harrison High School on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills Nov. 28.

Cut firewood (\$500) was stolen

from a residence on Ridgewood in Farmington Hills Nov. 23.

A \$200 AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen from a red 1996 Chevy Lumina parked in the lot of the Arboretum office complex on 12 Mile Nov. 29 causing \$100 in damage to the dash board.

A \$200 mountain bike was stolen from an apartment on Washington Court in Farmington Hills Nov. 23-29.

A \$300 compact disc player was stolen from a Northwestern Highway location in Farmington Hills Nov. 27-30.

A \$169 cellular phone and \$1,000 in cash were stolen from a residence on Independence in Farmington Hills Nov. 30.

A \$260 AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen out of 1991 Mercury Sable, an \$80 stereo stolen from a 1984 Pontiac Fiero and a \$100

stereo taken from a 1984 Pontiac J200 at Classic Carriage on Grand River in Farmington Nov. 29.

### VANDALISM

The passenger side mirror was broken causing \$125 in damage to a red 1986 Chevy Celebrity and the driver's side mirror of a red 1990 Nissan Pathfinder was broken causing \$176 in damage to a residence on Stockton in Farmington Hills Nov. 28-27.

The passenger side of a car was scratched, a rear spoiler was broken and an outside rearview mirror was broken resulting in \$900 in damage in a parking lot at the Gateway Apartments parking lot Nov. 29-30.

Two vehicle windshields and the window of a residence were damaged by bullets on Toddy in Farmington Hills Nov. 30. A blue

1996 Chevy's and a rented moving truck each sustained about \$200 damage, while the home's window sustained about \$1,000 damage.

### AUTO THEFTS

A blue 1993 Ford Tempo worth \$3,000 was stolen from the lot at Blakey's on Grand River in Farmington Hills Nov. 22.

A 1993 Ford Aerostar worth \$15,000 was stolen from the east lot at Services Unlimited on Grand River in Farmington Nov. 29.

### DRUNKEN DRIVING

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 57, for driving a blue 1995 Ford pickup east on Grand River near Eight Mile at 8:58 p.m. Nov. 28. The pickup was weaving at the time. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .14

percent. A level of .1 percent is considered too drunk to drive in Michigan.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 64, for driving drunk after he was involved in an accident near Nine Mile and Middlebelt at 7 p.m. Nov. 30. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .21.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Bloomfield Hills woman, 36, for driving east on Eight Mile about 1:41 a.m. Dec. 1 while drunk.

Farmington police arrested a Livonia man, 34, for drunken driving at Grand River and Drake Nov. 30. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .17 percent.

Farmington police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 21, for drunken driving on northbound Farmington near Shawassee Nov.

30. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .16 percent at the scene. He was ticketed for refusing to take a breathalyzer at the station.

Farmington police arrested a Farmington Hills man, 30, for drunken driving Nov. 30. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .08 percent.

### FIRES

Farmington Hills firefighters from Station 2 responded to a car fire on westbound I-696 at Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills at 4:30 p.m. Nov. 28. The owner had put out the fire in the 1986 Ford Escort with a dry chemical extinguisher. Damage was \$200.

### ASSAULT

A teacher, 46, at the Sarah Fisher home on 12 Mile in Farm-

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