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nance. We can no longer burn leaves. Supposedly, the smoke pollutes the atmosphere. Baloney with a capital A. All burning leaves do is provide a sweet fragrance to die air. Are they a true fire hazard? Heck no!

Now we have to either grind them into mulch and/or bag them and we can't put them in ordinary trash bags... we have to put them in either clear plastic bags or in specially marked garbage cans to be picked up by the trash company. It is still nice to see that the City of Farmington allows citizens to rake their leaves into the street and a big service truck will come along and vacuum them up.

Why isn't Farmington Hills that forward thinking? This summer I counted 40 very large deciduous trees in my yard. (For their leaves).

How many bags do you suppose it takes to bag them? The answer is, over 200 bags. Anyone want to rake my lawn? How about mowing it? Well then, how about just

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where only officialdom turns out.

More events like the Fishing Derby in Shiawassee Park and Kids Day where the whole community does turn out.

Less poetry being read at school meetings.

Bill Coutant, reporter: Short and harmonious meetings. Fewer tragic deaths to report.

On board

Residents support blind institute

The Upshaw Institute for the Blind recently added two Farmington Hills residents to their board of directors.

Emily J. McSweeney and Theresa Orlaske-Rich are now directors at the Upshaw Institute for the Blind, which is a United Way agency.

McSweeney is the executive director of Readings for the Blind, Inc., a non-profit agency which produces taped versions of printed material for blind and other print-impaired individuals.

Orlaske-Rich is manager of diversity management for General Motors Corporation.

Traffic that flows with fewer stops and goes.

More driver education for a certain Farmington area young woman.

A Stanley Cup for the Red Wings.

Sharon LeMieux, photographer:

No wrinkles and only one chin on the people I photograph.

Health for my family.

Peace, love and understanding.

A darkroom in the Farmington Observer office.

To learn how to use the timer on my camera.

Rose Butler, receptionist:

Fewer people calling the office

for recipes.

Fewer people who call to ask for directions on how to thread their machines and sew.

And peace to everybody.

Diane Gale, community life editor:

More responses to columns asking for stories about the kindnesses of strangers.

More closet writers who agree to tell their stories, whatever they

may be, for our guest column spot that runs on the front of the Community Life section. This space is open to anyone in the community.

More heart warming stories about people who touch our lives and make a difference in the communities where we live and work.

More picture posing outings with The Farmington Observer staff where we learn the true meaning of the kindness of strangers.

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