

Apply to shape town's future

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Farmington residents have a chance to help shape their city's future.

But if they want to participate in a "community visioning process," they need to contact Farmington city offices immediately, said Assistant City Manager Bill Richards.

The first 10 residents who call Richards at 474-5500, ext. 214 will be signed up for a Saturday, Oct. 4, conference at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Road.

The conference, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., is being conducted by Wayne State University's Center for Urban Studies.

A second conference will be held sometime

during January or February, enabling time to incorporate findings from the first session.

Although 60 people will be invited to the conference, there is room for only 10 citizens.

"It's a first-come, first-served," Richards said. "They need to contact me if they're interested in participating in the conference."

Richards emphasized that the residents who sign up will play an active role.

By way of the conferences, the WSU urban studies center and city council hopes to "design, conduct and facilitate a process" to help Farmington achieve a "shared vision" of its downtown business district.

"They'd be full-fledged participants,"

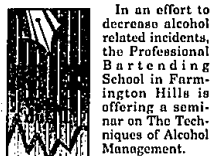
Richards said, "and not be observers sitting on the sidelines."

Also to be invited to the conference are all five members of the council, five administrators, about 20 board and commission members, five downtown business representatives, two representatives from the Farmington Public School District, and members of the chamber of commerce and local newspapers.

"Obviously, the downtown has a big importance in the entire community," Richards said. "It establishes our identity, it ties to our local history. Our downtown has been the defining characteristic of the whole area."

"I think there might be a lot of interest" in the visioning process.

Course provides tips for bartenders



In an effort to decrease alcohol related incidents, the Professional Bartending School in Farmington Hills is offering a seminar on The Techniques of Alcohol Management.

The course covers: Prevention and Identification of Intoxicated Guests; Controlling Disturbances; Recognizing False Identification; and The Clinical Effects of Beverage Alcohol; Explanation of the Laws and Liabilities.

This seminar is available every Wednesday. Call 473-8191 for times and dates.

WSU names interim dean

Jack Kay of Farmington Hills has been named interim dean of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts at Wayne State University.

"Jack Kay has established an excellent record of creative accomplishments and academic administration. The college is fortunate to have so resourceful and competent an interim dean," said Tilden Edelstein, vice president for academic affairs.

Kay joined Wayne State in 1990 as chair of the department of communication.

More massage therapy

American Therapeutic Massage has added a second office in Birmingham. Presently operating in Farmington Hills since 1992, American Therapeutic Massage has merged operations with Birmingham Neuromuscular Clinic, which has provided massage therapy services in Birmingham since 1990.

Both massage therapy offices will be operating under the name American Therapeutic Massage.

The Farmington Hills office located at 29930 W. 12 Mile Rd. can be reached at 851-3700.

New Steppingstone home

Steppingstone School recently purchased the former Knights of Columbus building at 21900 Middlebelt and will begin renovations immediately.

The school, which has been located at the Mercy Center in Farmington Hills since 1988, plans to move into the new site in early 1998.

Steppingstone is a private, non-profit elementary school for bright and talented youngsters ages kindergarten through 8th grade.

RECREATION NEWS

For more information regarding programs, contact the recreation office at 473-9570.

OPEN GYM OFFERINGS

The William Costick Activities Center gym is open, with locker rooms and showers available. Please bring correct change and locks for

lockers. Days and hours are:

■ Thursday - Adult Basketball - 7-9 p.m.

■ Sunday - Adult Basketball - 9-11 a.m.

■ Adult Volleyball - 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; and Teen Basketball - 1-3 p.m.

The fee for two-hour session residents is \$2 for 17 and under, and

\$3 for 18 and over. Fee is \$2 higher for non-residents.

OPEN SKATE

The Farmington Hills Ice Arena offers open skating year-round. Fee is \$3 for Farmington Hills residents and \$5 for non-residents. Skate rental is \$2 per person.

For specific days and

hours call 478-8800.

FALL SOFTBALL

Adult double-header league. Leagues are limited to the first six teams registered. Mens:

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Co-ed:

Wednesday, Co-ed: \$435 per team which includes softballs. Call 473-9570.

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