

# Recycler

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"It's just the little things... like you don't have to take the labels off cans; They didn't know that. They were still soaking the cans in water in order to get the labels off."

"It's always difficult to battle complacency. I do believe people will listen. I believe in talking to as many people as possible. I think people will respond to new information."

Recycling only consumes part of her 24-hour a week position. She also oversees the Hills' T-3 safety program.

The program involves residents in working out solutions to traffic concerns with police and city engineers.

"She hit the ground running with her experience and background," said Dan Rooney, Hills Public Services director. "There is a certain element of public relations in that job and we'll be counting a lot on that."

"She's a self-starter and very dynamic and I found out very quickly. She is very natural in front of a group."

Work as an intermediary comes natural. The former Detroit Public Schools elementary teacher has a background in guidance counseling, which included developing victim assistance programs for Oakland County-based Common Ground. She worked with victims of domestic violence and other crimes.

"I've seen it all," she said. "The biggest problem is the burnout. You see cases day in and day out where you say, 'I can't hear this



Like magic: Haven King wants Farmington Hills folks to get excited about recycling once again.

are more important than the size of the city.

"I like working with the residents. Government is more personal than people realize in that there is a lot of contact the residents."

"I know it sounds corny, but I like serving people."

# Help shape city's vision

The city of Farmington won't provide any eye charts Oct. 4 when it hosts a free "community visioning" workshop.

But there is still room for Farmington residents and business representatives to help bring their view of the city's future to the session, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, at the Farmington Training Center.

Bill Richards, assistant city manager, said five slots are available for residents and another three open for businesses. Hosting the conference is the Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies.

The WSU urban studies center and Farmington City Council hope to "design, conduct and facilitate a process" to help Farmington achieve a "shared vision" of its downtown business district.

According to Richards, prospective participants were mailed surveys about the visioning process as well as letters asking them to RSVP about attending. Some returned the surveys, but failed to contact the city about the workshop.

"We suspect there may be some people who sent in their surveys, but who did not RSVP,"

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Richards said. "People still have a chance to participate if they want to. Just call us."

About 35 of 60 available slots have been filled. But Richards said a slight overflow would be accommodated, due to the apparent confusion.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided, free of charge, by the city.

To RSVP, call Richards as soon as possible at (248) 474-5500, extension 214.

- Tim Smith

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when the city believes... it protects the city's interests, zoning and standards," Countegnan said. "It's not meant to be a matter of convenience for the developer."

The proposed development initially called for 42 lots, which was later amended to 37 lots. Woodcreek homeowners were concerned about the width of the proposed lot sizes.

City Manager Daniel Hobbs suggested the two sides meet to work out their differences.

Homeowners and the developer went at a stalemate over widening lots, but finally reached an agreement after an 1 1/2-hour meeting Sept. 22.

Maintenance of what would've been open space, or commons area, will likely be included in individual deed restrictions.

"We would've never been able to lay it out this way with the ordinance," Schaefer said. "But since we got into the consent judgment phase of this negotia-

# Toddler

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Warren and Conway stayed with the child, whom Conway described as being a "little scared," and accompanied the little girl in a squad car to Farmington Hills. The child's diaper

had to be changed at the station.

"We established that it was a girl," Conway said. "We were calling her a 'he.'"

Conway said she was horrified to see the child nearly walked into traffic, especially after hearing a report of a reckless driver in the Grand River-Middlebelt area.

Ironically, Warren and Conway seldom leave the apartment complex during work hours and were delayed at one store waiting for help when looking for chairs. For the child, that turned out to be perfect timing.

"Thank God," Conway said.

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The way out of trouble is to undertake the work your house needs by pacing yourself. Acknowledge your limits and create a realistic schedule that you can keep it. If you need assistance in preparing your home and grounds for winter, then call for it. If you believe you can manage alone, then be sure to mix persistence with patience. Carry over tasks to the next day, be willing to wash storm windows and put them up according to when fences and family cars help, rather than trying to do it alone.

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