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and Families, served up a "side-bar" — she doesn't think student rowdiness at Friday night games will be an issue.

Drawing from personal experience attending nighttime games elsewhere during the past four years, Webb said she has "never observed an incident involving irresponsible or inappropriate behavior from students."

The downside to nighttime football, which would have to be carefully scrutinized before a final decision is made, is how neighborhoods around both FHS and North would be impacted by late-night noise and additional traffic affiliated with games. Harrison's location is more isolated.

Calling it a "very rough estimate," Maxfield said the cost to install lights at each high school could range from \$60,000

and \$100,000. Money for the lights would come out of the general fund.

There are other issues, however, including how to adequately supervise larger crowds; parking lot safety/lighting; and whether to build fences around parking lots.

"I think there are people who live in proximity of the schools who are concerned," Maxfield said.

That's why having a variety of perspectives represented on the committee is important, the superintendent added. "We know any change of this sort has impact on neighborhoods, impact on policing."

Anyone interested in participating in the process should contact Athletic Director Ron Holland (489-3352) or the three high schools.

Santa Claus arrives on fire truck Dec. 6

Downtown Farmington gears up to celebrate Holidays Around the World, hosted by the Downtown Development Authority beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6.

At that time, Santa Claus will arrive on a special holiday fire truck in the Downtown Farmington Center Mall parking lot. Youngsters will sing along to holiday favorites there, then check out the day's other events featuring free Classic Trolley

rides around town from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a Holiday Treasure Map hunt with clues and treats from around the world at various downtown shops.

In addition, visitors of all ages can also enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and youngsters can create a holiday craft at the downtown library from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day also includes free visits to the historic Gov. Warner Mansion from noon to 4 p.m.,

courtesy of Focal Point Studios and Books Aboard; the Authentic Dickens Carolers strolling town from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and free screenings of "Scrooge" with Albert Finney at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. at the Civic Theatre, sponsored by Dublin Optometric.

Later that day, downtown Farmington's annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Visit with Santa will be put on by the Farmington Jaycees at

the historic Warner Mansion.

Festivities there begin at 6 p.m., when Santa magically illuminates the huge 16-foot Christmas tree, followed by more Christmas caroling.

Afterward, everyone is invited to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Claus in the Carriage House.

Call 851-5674 for details.

McCabe offers 'Hope for the Holidays' talk



As a part of its ongoing commitment to help community residents cope with grief, McCabe Funeral Home is sponsoring "Hope for the Holidays - Free Bereavement Seminar" 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, at the Farmington Hills Public Library on 12 Mile Rd.

Grieving the loss of a loved one is hard at all times, but especially difficult during the holidays, which is traditionally the time when families come together and memories are revived," said Kevin McCabe, chief executive officer of McCabe Funeral Homes. "This seminar will try to help people through this stressful time."

Cathy Clough, director of bereavement services at Arbor Hospice for the past 12 years, will conduct the seminars.

"If you have lost a loved one and the holidays appear anything but merry, please consider attending this seminar," said

Clough, who has started many grief support groups in the Detroit area.

She will offer suggestions and ideas on how to cope with a sense of loss during the holiday season. Clough, who was widowed after 10 years of marriage, helps people handle different kinds of losses such as parental loss or the loss of a child or spouse.

The same seminar will be offered at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

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Botsford Center hosts ski clinic

A big swoosh doesn't always have something to do with Phil Knight and Nike.

Enthusiasts can learn to feel the swoosh of exhilaration that goes with a trip down the slopes by attending a ski clinic Saturday, Dec. 6, at Botsford Center for Health Improvement, 39750 Grand River, Novi. The clinic runs 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The fee is \$20 and includes refreshments.

The clinic is sponsored by Botsford Center for Health Improvement's Total Rehabilitation & Athletic Conditioning Center and Don Thomas Sport

Haus and Wolverine Orthotics. Topics include injury prevention through presentations, assessments and demonstrations.

All participants will receive a personal evaluation of their current fitness level, as well as hands-on instruction on proper exercise techniques to improve flexibility, strength and general body conditioning. Trained professionals will demonstrate correct equipment fit and use.

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