

## CHAT ROOM



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### Homeowner council keeps up with happenings

The Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Hills (COHA) is an organization that plays a vital role in our community. COHA is comprised of many homeowner and condominium associations in Farmington Hills. Member associations select a representative who attends periodic COHA meetings to share information and report back to his or her association. In addition to our member directory, COHA also distributes a monthly newsletter to associations. By means of this regular communication among members through COHA, two things are accomplished.

First, COHA serves as a conduit through which important information gets to residents. Through our meetings and mailings, we get information to residents on such issues as: changes in city government, new developments in zoning and land use issues (like oil well drilling and cellular towers), city programs such as parks and recreation, recycling and waste disposal, traffic study, and the like.

COHA regularly participates in and monitors local organizations such as the school board, planning commission, traffic study committee, multi-cultural/multi-racial council, and many others. The information discussed at our meetings and in our

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## Stress-busters

### Volunteers process tax forms for local seniors

Seniors don't have to sweat over tax forms thanks to a team of volunteer tax preparers.



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Anyone who has completed a 1997 tax return, especially if capital gains are involved, knows that you don't have to be a senior citizen to find the process perplexing.

But seniors, 60 years and older, in Farmington and Farmington Hills have a wonderful resource at tax time and best of all, it's free.

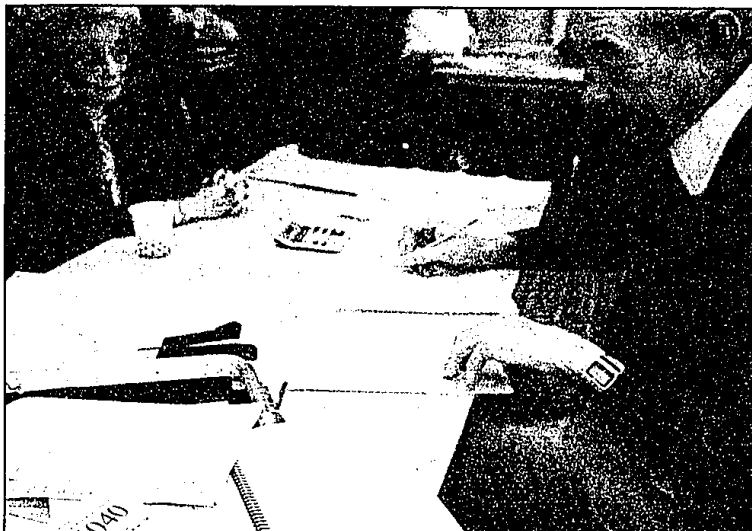
The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) sponsors a volunteer run tax service that costs nothing but a couple of hours of time. Tuesdays at the Farmington Hills senior center and Fridays at the downtown Farmington branch library, through April 14, seniors can bring their tax statements, pertinent financial documents and a copy of last year's return and leave the stress of crunching numbers to someone else.

"We've done 491 returns in 16 sessions to date," said Bob Wightman, who coordinates the volunteer operation. "We'll hit 700 before we're done."

In the Wexford Room of the activities center Tuesday morning, a dozen volunteers sat at tables strewn with pencils and tax forms across from their clients.

Alexander Dubrovin, 80, of Farmington Hills, smiled passively as volunteer Rose Antonilli filled the figures in the corresponding lines on his tax return.

"This is a tremendous service for us," said Dubrovin, an auto industry retiree. "I look forward to it." Antonilli, volunteering for the 14th year in a row, is a retired banker who enjoys working with figures. She worked one season for H & R Block.



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Helping hand: Roger Shockcor helps Millie McNinch fill out her federal 1040 form at the Farmington Hills activities center.

"But I prefer doing tax returns here," she said. "I consider this paycheck for the good life I've had. I really enjoy doing this."

At a table nearby, Ken Milliken was giving his client the news that she

didn't have to file a return this year. "They've been wonderful," said his client, Edna Adams of Farmington Hills. "Very helpful."

Milliken, a retired Ford Motor Co. manager, has been volunteering at the

tax center for ten years. "I enjoy doing taxes. I've always done my own. And the training we get here keeps me sharp."

Back in January, the Internal Revenue

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