

Help: Donna Burt gets help on her income taxes from Iço Smith at the Farmington Hills Senoir Center.

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enue Service gave volunteers a four day training seminar. The Michigan Department of Treasury finished the weeklong schooling with a one day presentation. The program focuses on tax changes and helps keep the 14 volunteers up to snuff.

This year the toughest part is capital gains, "said Bob Wightman, the 78 year old volunteer coordinator. "Even if it's a small gain, there's two pages of calculations. It's time consuming."

Although there are two IRS rotirees among the volunteer core, a strong accounting background is not a prerequisite.

"If they can do their own taxes, we can train them to do this," said Wightman, a retired engineer who worked for Michigan Bell for 25 years.

Milliken thinks what draws people into the center is "the fact that (tax form) instructions are getting more complicated all the time."

Fred Marinucci, a retired accountant and father of Farmington Hills Fire Chief Rich Marinucci, has been volunteering of such 10 years because I allfolong Farmington Hills resident Dorothy Morgan discovered the free service two years

ago. Tuesday she peered into the Woxford room to see if volunteer Rose Antonilli was available.

"I am very pleased with it," she said. "The volunteers are very nice. It's not a long wait. I'm very satisfied. Dim Mather, a Detroit Edison retiree, is training this year to be a tax preparer next season.
"A friend of mine does this work," he said. 'I figured I'd give it a try. I'm getting on the job training. This is a good way to learn all the little things, the ifs, ands or buts."

Mather says he completed his own return using the Turbe tax computer program this year.

Preparers usually complete four returns per day.
"Some go quick, others take quite a while," said Wightman. "What's most amazing to me is the 85 or 90 year old who comes in here with their return all filled in and they just want someone to check it over. That's wonderful. That's the fur I get out of it."

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Art Nicholas, former district
controller for UPS in Oklahoma,
figures this is a good way to keep
up with tax changes.

"I do my own taxes and for
family members," he said. "This
is work that interests me."

The returns he completes for seniors run anywhers from 20 minutes to an hour and a half,

Seniors interested in using the service should come to the activi-ties center in Farmington Hills Tuesdays through April 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sign-up

sheets are located in the cafeto-ria. Volunteers are also on hand Fridays at the Farmington library through April 3, noon to

3 p.m. More tax preparers are need

ed. Call Bob Wightman at 626-6198 to volunteer.

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newsletters gets back to residents through their COHA rep-

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Another way COHA works to keep residents informed and promote voter awareness is through our "Candidate Nights." COHA hosts televised candidate debates, which feature a distinguished panel of questioners as well as live audience and call in questioning of candidates.

The second bonefit of having an organization of homeowner and condominum associations is that it allows the voice of residents to be heard in places where it counts the most. COHA serves as a liaison between associations and boards. This helps have representatives on city commissions and boards. This helps bring member input into policies, decisions and ordinances that affect residents. COHA has been an active advocate on hot issues such as oil well drilling, cellular towers, development in key areas like Orchard Lake and 14 Mile Road, and traffic and road improvement.

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We also communicate with elected officials at the state and federal level on n questions of importance to homeowner associations (such as, recently, federal legislation on local zoning, and state laws on liability of association board members.) We arrive at our positions on issues democratically, and then mobilize our resources to make our voice heard.

voice heard. Currently COHA is finishing up a survey on development, in which we polled member and

non-member associations on their experience and views about development trends in the city. When we have compiled the results, we will make them available to the public and to officials. COIM also is exploring ways to atrongthen zoning restrictions in order to control development.

By the way, our membership meetings are open and guests are welcome to attend. Meetings are welcome to the public library on Twelve Mile Red. Social gathering and refreshments begin at 7 p.m.; In addition to reports and information sharing, dand often some lively discussion and debately, we typically have guest speakers. Recent speakers include our Farmington Hills city admager, advocates on the school millage proposal, the school millage proposal, the school millage proposal, the school millage proposal, the school millage proposal issues, and attorneys to discuss homeowner association issues like by-laws and deed restrictions.

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If you are interested in learning more about COHA, come to our next meeting. Any homewowner or condominium association in Farmington Hills is welcome to join COHA. Just write to us at: P.O. Box 3417, Farmington Hills, Mich. 48333.

Andrew Nickelhoff is president of the Council of Homeowner Associations of Farmington Hills.

Fashion show April 15

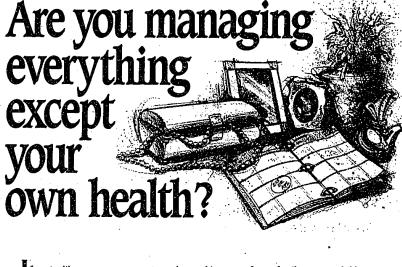
A fashion show and luncheon sponsored by the Farmington Nelghbors Club will be held at the Glen Oaks Country Club on Wednesday, April 15, to benefit the Rainbow Connection.

Spring fashions will be presented by Tulbots, Laurel Park Mail. The event begins with a social hour at 11 a.m. followed

by lunch at noon. Cost is \$30 and the event is open to every-one.

The Rainbow Connection makes the wishes of children with serious illness come true each year.

For tickets or more informa-tion, call Ben at 474-3750.



If you're like most women, you're so busy taking care of your family — your children, husband, parents or other loved ones — it's hard to find time for yourself. But finding time for annual check ups is the best defense against breast and ovarian cancer, osteoporosis, diabetes and cardiac disease. Botsford General Hospital offers a continuum of services to assist you in maximizing your health. If you would like a physician referral, call HealthMatch at (248) 442-7900.

 ${f V}$ isit our booth (#609 and #611) at the upcoming Michigan International Women's Show at the Novi Expo Center, Thursday, April 30 through Sunday, May 3. Stop and visit us-mention this ad and receive a special gift!



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