

Employees promoted to Hills city manager's office

Two Farmington Hills city employees have been promoted and will assume their new duties within three weeks.

Dana Whinnery, human resources manager, will begin working as assistant city manager, and Teri Arbenowske, economic development director, will become assistant to the city manager by Sept. 8.

Whinnery has been with the city for 13 years and Arbenowske has been with the city less than a year. She previously worked for the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce.

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Whinnery is filling a vacancy left when Steve Brock, former assistant city manager, became city manager. He said he's looking forward to the transition. "It's an exciting time for all of us," Whinnery said.

As assistant city manager, Whinnery will receive a \$82,000 salary and Arbenowske will earn \$62,000. Whinnery will report directly to Brock and Arbenowske will report directly to Whinnery.

Whinnery will still be in charge of handling contract negotiations with the city's bargaining units and will act as city manager in Brock's absence. Arbenowske will be primarily responsible for media relations, intergovernmental relations and will act as city manager in Brock and Whinnery's absence. Former City Manager Daniel Hobbs budgeted money for Arbenowske's position earlier this year, but it remained open until now.



Teri Arbenowske



Dana Whinnery

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we do." Brock also will soon hire a new parks and recreation director to replace Dan Potter, who retired April 12. "I expect to take it to the council in September."

With the fire millage, "we can do a better and more efficient job with dispatch," Brock said, also referring to the recent conversion to Advanced Life Support services. "This will be an evolutionary process."

Economic development is also high on Brock's priority list. The triangle bordered by 14 Mile, Orchard Lake and Northwestern Highway, is bound to provide an opportunity for development. Phase three of an attempt to recapture the right of way and beautify the Eight Mile-Grand River area is under way, as well.

City officials, Brock said, are keeping an open mind about the city-owned 92 acres on Halsted and 11 Mile. "We are soliciting requests from developers for the best use of the property," such a project that includes 18 holes of golf.

South of the city-owned acreage is industrial and research and to the north, residential. "That will be a big deal for the city over the next few years," Brock added.

While economic development remains in the forefront, efforts continue to maintain or revitalize existing homes. Brock believes that apartment inspections are necessary. "We're still not there with it. I don't think we're doing as good a job as is possible."

Reaching out to minorities in the community will be continued under Brock's leadership. "The diversity is here. It's not always evident. But our youth and family program is very multicultural."

CLARIFICATION

The caption under a photo in the Aug. 20 Farmington Observer should have correctly identified state Rep. Andrew Raczkowski.

MILITARY NEWS

Claudia Bass, daughter of Peggy and Chester Walker of Farmington, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Enlistment Program Aug. 4.

Bass, a 1998 graduate of Farmington High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on Dec. 9. Upon graduation from basic training in San Antonio, Texas, she will receive technical training as a personnel apprentice and earn credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences from the Community College of the Air Force.

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