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According to a Compuware press release. The development is located near the Renaissance Center.

Farmington Hills city officials said they would miss Compuware, which has been in the city more than 16 years if they left. But they would have no problem filling the void, said Steve Brock, city manager.

"It isn't a done deal just yet, though it looks like they're moving in that direction," Brock said. "We'd like them to maintain a presence in Farmington Hills if they are moving. I certainly wish them luck if they are departing."

Compuware's present space at 3140 Northwestern Highway would likely not be vacant long, Brock said.

"We'd have no trouble filling that space with an equally premiere tenant," he said. Compuware is a relatively small taxpayer, providing less than 1 percent of the city's tax base annually, Brock added.

Farmington Hills mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said he was disappointed about the lack of communication between the company and the city.

"I regret never having the chance to meet with (Compuware) face to face to discuss their staying here," Vagnozzi said Friday. "We had been trying to get a meeting with (Compuware Chairman Peter Karmann Jr.) but it just didn't come about."

Vagnozzi agreed that the space probably wouldn't be vacant long.

"That is a very choice location. The way it's laid out, it would be ideal for another computer firm. Our whole city is geared toward technology."

Compuware Chairman and CEO Peter Karmann Jr. said the plan would help support Detroit's business growth and allow Compuware to expand.

"Compuware would like to move forward with this comprehensive plan to support growth in the city of Detroit as it meets its own business growth requirements," said Karmann.

"Our expectation is that if all parties can move expeditiously to finalize this deal, Compuware would - in a relatively short time period - announce a commitment to move its corporate

headquarters to Campus Martius and construct a second building on the riverfront east of the Renaissance Center. The riverfront location would house Compuware's automotive and health care businesses, a technology conference center, and day care and fitness facilities operated in conjunction with General Motors."

Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer said Compuware would benefit from a large city setting.

"The city looks forward to exploring ways to forge a partnership with Compuware that would allow the city, within its business practices, to draw upon a Detroit-based resource to meet its technology and services needs - and allow Compuware to gain the advantages of a centralized urban setting, which will hopefully generate significant new business opportunities."

Compuware had 1998 calendar revenues of \$1.5 billion. Compuware can be found on the World Wide Web at [www.compuware.com](http://www.compuware.com).



**Aftermath:** Farmington Hills fire and police officials stay on the scene following the death of a young motorcyclist killed after he broadsided a van Thursday night.

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with the Elton Black & Son Funeral Home in White Lake. Alcohol or drugs were not believed to be factors in the crash.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer said motorcyclists should be more careful than other motorists.

"I think that certainly people who drive these motorcycles have to drive very defensively," Dwyer said.

Automobile drivers have the benefit of safety belts and air bags and can be protected by the vehicle's body in some crashes. Motorcyclists have

neither protection, he added.

This was the second fatal traffic accident this year in Farmington Hills. The first was a hit-and-run involving a 44-year-old woman on April 3. Police are still searching for a suspect.

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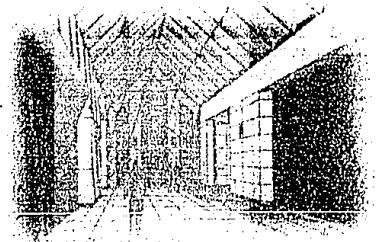
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on the Farmington Community Arts Council.

Club members work on projects in the public schools with about 150 special education students. For example, members helped the kids turn pine cones - filled with peanut butter and seeds - into bird feeders.

The club meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Farmington Hills library branch.

Members will host a fund-raiser 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at Heritage Park.

Dubbed "Starting from Scratch," guests will learn plenty from speakers whose topics will range from gardening to planting seeds, flower arranging and what to do in spring for your garden. Also on tap is a "Make It and Take It" program that allows guests to learn how to

make something and when they're done, they can take it home. A raffle is also planned. Admission to the event is \$15. Reservations may be made by calling 478-8295.

The club plans to have three floral arrangements on display during the arts festival that will be placed near paintings that complement them.

## Choice will be focus of town meeting

Farmington Area PTA council and the West Bloomfield Schools Parent Communication Network are hosting a town hall meeting 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 19.

Topics to be discussed include tuition tax credits, vouchers and other choice issues. The event will be at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

In order to explore choice issues, Steve Pope, vice president and general manager of the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers, will moderate a panel that

will include Brian Whiston, Oakland Schools director of legislative affairs; Gary Glenn, executive director of school choice Yes; and Wendy Wagenheim, American Civil Liberties Union director of legislative affairs.

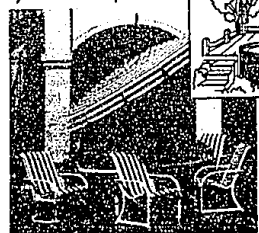
This regional town hall meeting will provide participants a better understanding of tuition tax credits and vouchers along with a chance to explore how they would affect public education.

A tuition tax credit is a reduction in state taxes for those who pay tuition for a child attending any private or parochial K-12 school. The credit amount would be deducted directly from then taxpayer's tax liability. Article 8, Section 2 of the Michigan Constitution prohibits circulating petitions to place an amendment to the Constitution on the November 2000 ballot. The proposed amendment would remove the prohibition language in the state Constitution.

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