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rio's latest candidacy. He ran unsuccessfully twice for city council.

His former wife being on city council is not a factor in his decision to try a third time, Ron Oliverio said.

"I don't see it as an issue," he said. "I think there should be a diversity of opinion."

"When you get council members who are too chummy, you're not going to get a lot of diversity of opinions."

His entry this time was a surprise to his former wife, who found out after he submitted his nominating petition.

"That's up to him," Cheryl Oliverio said.

Cheryl Oliverio said the pair are on speaking terms after a divorce. They have four children.

If he is elected, Cheryl said her former husband's presence won't affect how she votes or performs as a council member.

She believes Ron's opposition to the recently enacted bike helmet ordinance is partly driving his campaign.

"There is an incremental trend by government to control more and more of our lives," Ron Oliverio said. "I think the less government, the better."

Coincidentally, Cheryl also voted against the introduction and enactment of the law, which requires children under 16 to wear protective helmets when biking, in-line skating or skateboarding.

A subsequent petition drive to put the ordinance on the Nov. 2 ballot failed.

She stands alone

The lone council incumbent is

banking on council's handling of the bike helmet ordinance as well as other issues dealing with zoning, in-fill developments, cell towers and oil drilling as her strong suit.

"I think the council has done a real good job during the past four years, and I've been part of that," said Barnett, who is wrapping up her first four-year term. "If the public sees it the same way, I think they'll choose me. I hope those of us who have been on city council or on the planning commission."

Brickner is finishing up his fourth year on the Hills planning commission. He previously ran as a Democrat for state Senate and House.

Brickner said he's done running for political office.

"This (city council) is not a stepping stone," Brickner added.

Earlier this year, Brickner applied - but was not nominated by city council in a contentious vote - to fill the unexpired term of Terry Sever, who was elected to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

After several voting deadlocks, Council appointed Jody Soronen. Councilman Jon Grant said he preferred someone who didn't intend to run for the term in November.

There are no hard feelings, Brickner said.

"I know where Jon was coming from. He didn't want an incumbent sitting there," said Brickner, who is an attorney.

"I can work very well with this council. ... I like the current council. They may disagree on a certain issue, but they get along."

Another attorney, Andrew Halli, is running because he'd prefer to occupy a spot on council "rather than take a lottery shot on someone else who is not as qualified," he said.

Halli is a member of the Farmington/Farmington Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee. He's also a substitute commissioner for the Southeastern Michigan Authority on Regional Transportation and served nine years on the city's Zoning Board of Appeals.

Halli is one of two candidates - Paul Molin the other - from the southeast quadrant that falls within the Northville mailing address.

Molin, a five-year Hills resident, ran in the Republican primary for Oakland County Sheriff two years ago.

He is a park deputy with Oakland County Parks and Recreation.

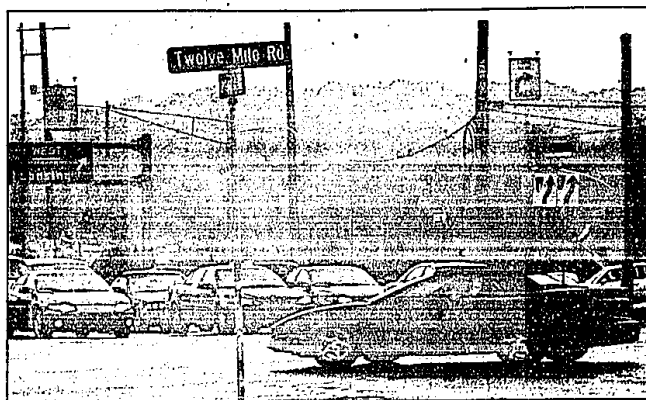
"Primarily, I think I can contribute something to the city," Molin said.

Another candidate said Farmington Hills has been his address most of his life.

Chris McRae wants to ensure the city maintains its sterling reputation.

The sales manager is a member of the city's Committee to Increase Voter Participation.

"This is my way of making sure the city is as good for my kids as it was for me," said McRae, who has two children and lives in Woodbrook subdivision off 14 Mile and Drake roads.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DEWILLES

Slow going: Farmington Hills motorists should soon see some relief from congestion at the busy intersection of Orchard Lake and 12 Mile roads, according to police.

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director. "It's a tough intersection."

A right-turn lane will also be added to westbound 12 Mile. There is no dedicated lane for right turns.

The two-month project is expected to start sometime in 2000 and cost \$250,000.

The recent opening of the M-5 connector to 14 Mile Road is expected to help.

Instead of exiting I-696 at Orchard Lake, which is believed to be a major factor in congestion

■ 'You have so many people there and you have people merging over from the freeway, they're not getting over 10 miles an hour.'

Lt. Dennis Green
—Hills Traffic Bureau

tion at 12 Mile, motorists who live in the northwest part of the city can use M-5 to reach 13 and 14 Mile roads.

"We're hoping with M-5 we're going to see some traffic reduction

there (Orchard Lake and 12 Mile)," Green said. "In general, the less traffic, the less number of accidents."

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City proudly unveils its playscape

The Kids World PlayScape facility - officially dedicated last night - is a combination of specially designed play equipment for children ages 2 to 15 and installed within the city's Shawansee Park.

Kids World PlayScape was an outgrowth of Farmington's Downtown Visioning Task Force meetings conducted in 1998. The city administration set the PlayScape budget goal of \$125,000 and Farmington City Council approved foundation funding of \$60,000 for the project.

The project's fund-raising committee succeeded in raising more than \$220,000 in dollars and in-kind materials, thus exceeding the project goal by more than \$100,000 and constructing the facility.

"The Kids World PlayScape is a tremendous success," explained Mayor Mary Bush. "First and foremost, we now have a wonderful facility for our children."

"And, perhaps just as importantly, the community overwhelmingly supported the project in cash, in-kind materials and countless hours of volunteer work. It was an outstandingly successful experience for our community. Citizens and businesses worked together to make the dream come true."

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Anna Mullendore, a recent graduate of North Farmington High School, was awarded the Endowed Scholarship Award in Fine Arts from Hope College.

These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated the ability to succeed and excel academically as indicated by both standardized test scores and high school grade point average.

Anna is the daughter of Daniel and Jill Mullendore of Northville.



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