

## OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION CANDIDATES - 18TH DISTRICT



There are 25 members of the Oakland County Board of Commission. They earn \$24,000 per year. Terms are two years. The 18th District includes the area north of 10 Mile Road. Voters in this district will consider the two candidates, incumbent Republican David Moffitt and Democrat challenger Ryan Gensud. The election is Nov. 3.

## REPUBLICAN

## DAVID MOFFITT



The Farmington Hills resident is an attorney and 14-year veteran of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Chairman of the commission's public services committee. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and juris doctorate from the University of Detroit.

## QUESTION 1:

As an Oakland County commissioner, how would you address flooding problems specifically in Farmington and Farmington Hills, as well as countywide? Who should pay for improvements?



The Oakland County Drain Commissioner has already commenced investigation into sources of area flooding, and an engineered solution must be sought and implemented. New developments should be required to expand water retention capability, and project funding sought first through state and federal grants.

## QUESTION 2:

What specific qualities do you feel you can bring to the Oakland County Commission? Please give examples.



Over a decade of experienced leadership, including repeated election by commissioners of both parties to three committee chair positions, proven long-term dedication to excellence as a commissioner, and an exemplary record of achievement, such as personally initiating commission computerization, first televised board meeting, inspiring the Adopt-A-Road, authoring strategic plan mission statement.

## QUESTION 3:

If you are elected as a county commissioner, how do you plan to represent the Farmington area. What issues in the Farmington area do you believe need representation or improved representation at the county level?



As a county commissioner, I will work to improve county road maintenance and drainage facilities, keep taxes down, seek enhanced service delivery to Farmington area, support law enforcement, and ensure government helps business, not competes with or hinders it.

## QUESTION 4:

What's your position on the county's 9-1-1 plan?



I personally introduced the resolution to bring 9-1-1 before the board and believe in enhancing the system, first by improving our local based PSAP equipment and implementing a countywide unified communication plan, under development in the committee I chair. Tax increases are always unacceptable and alternative means can be found to finance the project.

## QUESTION 5:

What steps should be taken to assure that county commissioners fulfill their responsibility of overseeing the delivery of mental health services?



County commissioners, as of Jan. 1, 1999, will no longer oversee delivery of Community Mental Health services to an authority. Despite its financial advantages, I voted against the transition because legal and policy safeguards I personally introduced to ensure consumer responsiveness and voter accountability were not enacted or were legally circumvented.

## QUESTION 6:

If elected to the county commission, what would be your top priority?



My priorities include lowering county taxes, completing planning and implementation of 9-1-1 and public safety communication enhancements, improving road financing, fighting flooding and sewer backups, and making government responsive and accessible to all our citizens.

## DEMOCRAT

## RYAN GENSUD



He is a 14-year Farmington Hills resident, vice president and executive secretary of Super Car Wash Systems. He has a bachelor's degree in political science with a minor in public law and government and a second minor in communications and theater arts.

I would take care of flooding by increasing the waste capacity of Farmington Hills and discourage large developments that are built without an increase in infrastructure to handle the load. This should be funded by county dollars, but without an increase in taxes.

I have worked as a citizen activist for six years. If elected, I would make the county my number one job. I am tireless, devoted, and will bring to the county my own brand of youthful exuberance, which will lead the county into the next century.

I think there needs to be better communication between the citizenry and the government that serves them. I will have office hours weekly in city hall and will attempt to televise county commission meetings. I will show up on time to all my meetings, listen to people's concerns, not just hand them maps.

To provide the necessary improvements to 9-1-1 we will need to spend \$12-\$18 million. Some of this money may come by a 67-cent increase per line on the phone bill. This is a tax, not a fee. But it is necessary to provide for the safety of the citizens of Oakland County. This is not pork. It is necessary.

The county commissioners voted to transfer Community Mental Health to an authority because they didn't want the responsibility. Both my opponent and I opposed this transfer. However, the county commission can have up to four members on the authority board. I would like to be one of the members. I would also petition the state for more funding to adequately fund this authority, and I can be pretty persuasive.

I have two top priorities. One is to develop a comprehensive emergency plan with contingencies for chemical waste explosions and terrorism, also to install battery backup in all emergency sirens so that they function when power is gone. Two, I will have weekly office hours in the city hall. I will televise all commission meetings and I will attempt to build a satellite office in Farmington Hills.

## Dentistry in the 90s

by Horbort M. Gardner, D.D.S.



## RETREAT OF SEVERE GUM DISEASES

Fifteen percent of all American adults are afflicted with the most severe form of gum disease, which causes the potential to destroy bone and loosen teeth. The good news, however, is that the incidence of advanced cases of gum disease is declining. According to evidence presented at a meeting of the American Dental Association by a researcher at the University of Washington's School of Medicine and Dentistry, improvements in diagnosing and treating gum disease, better oral hygiene, and increased use of antibiotics and fluoridation are responsible for fewer advanced cases of gum disease. The researcher also said that heredity and smoking

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**ARTHRITIS AND COLD WEATHER**  
Evenings and mornings are nippy now. The time is right to think of preparing your arthritis for the winter ahead.  
The first rule is to take time. If you have arthritis, you need to provide time, then extra time, to bundle up before you go out. The problem is not that if you leave without warm clothes your joints will suffer.  
The greater difficulty is that your hands are not so nimble and your arms are not limber. Therefore, it takes you longer than may seem reasonable to others or yourself, to get dressed for the cold outside.  
However, you cannot be harmed. If that happens, you will not put on the layers of clothes you need, or you will strain joints that need less use to their joints.  
Gloves are difficult enough to put on, but remember boots are worse, and both gloves and boots are an annoyance to take off.  
The second problem is waiting. Most of us had experienced this summer lagging hours on the road waiting in our cars because of construction. Traffic jams that occur during and after winter storms will possibly make the summer waiting seem like a pause. If you can delay going out in such winter conditions, please do so.  
If you must leave home, don't drive in a crowded car. And no matter how difficult to get to, remember to buckle your seat belt.

**SPOTLIGHT ON**  
**Orthodontics**  
by Josephine Finazza, D.M.D.  
**BUCKING FOR TREATMENT**  
The type of malocclusion (bad bite) that most people associate with the need for orthodontic treatment goes by the popular name "buck teeth." Technically, buck teeth are known as "excessive overjet," which means that the horizontal space between the upper and lower incisors (front teeth) is excessive. This pronounced protrusion of the front teeth over the lower ones is sometimes due to the tendency of the lower jaw as a whole to close behind the upper one. In other cases, the upper teeth are thrust forward by finger- or thumb-sucking, or the lower teeth are positioned too far back. Whatever the cause, the orthodontist can correct the condition to make the smile more attractive.  
The need for acceptance is something we never outgrow. A person, child or adult, who feels unattractive because of crooked teeth or a misaligned jaw, can become self-conscious and preoccupied with his or her appearance. Through orthodontic treatment, an improved appearance can greatly enhance one's self-esteem and can improve the quality of life itself. To schedule a free initial consultation, call THE ORTHODONTIC GROUP, 19223 Merriman (442-8885). We have a computer imaging system that helps patients visualize what the end result of orthodontic treatment may look like.

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