

Beauty

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Hills Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award.

The company that specializes in compensation insurance dazzled the selection committee with an array of trees, flowers and grassy areas on both its Halsted and I-696 fronts. The building's landscaping also features picnic tables and an area for employees to congregate.

"They stand out," said Sue Grissom, Beautification Commission member. "Every where in their development they have maximized their exposure. They have double duty."

Steve Pope, chamber board president, commended Amerisure's efforts, adding that he often drives by the building. An attractive facility also helps bolster a company's bottom line in terms of bringing in more business, too.

"It makes dollars and sense," said Pope, Hometown Communications Corp. vice president and general manager.

"We appreciate (Amerisure's) commitment to the beautification of the community. It makes it a better place to live."

Building property manager Dennis Turzak said the company takes beautification suggestions and simply puts them into action.

"We get a lot of ideas and we try to make it a nice environment for visitors and employees," Turzak said.

Many places in Farmington Hills go the extra effort, judging by the multitude of plaques and certificates handed out.

Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi reminded those in attendance of beautification work done in cooperation with neighboring Farmington, whose commission had its awards breakfast Tuesday.

"Beauty in this area knows no city boundaries. Both cities work together," Vagnozzi said. "If I could change the state motto, it would be 'If you seek a beautiful city, look about the area of Farmington Hills.'"

Ballot

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against Democrat Jennifer Granholm for the state Attorney General position while incumbent Republican Candice Miller vies with challengers, Democrat Mary Lou Parks and Reform Party candidate Perry Spencer.

In local state races, Republican incumbent Willis Bullard faces a challenge from Democrat S. Ruth Fuller for the 15th District Senate while Republican incumbent Andrew Raczkowski is pitted against Democrat Stephen Diers in the 37th District House race.

In the 19th District Oakland County Commission, Republican Terry Sever goes against Democrat Deborah Goldberg while in the 18th District has GOP incumbent David Moffitt squaring off against Democrat Ryan Gesund.

Judge Marla Parker is unopposed for the 47th Dis-

trict Court seat.

There might be lines at the polls, but the clerk urges patience.

"If there is a long line, I urge them not to drive away," Dornan said. "The process goes pretty quick. It's often not as bad as it looks."

In Farmington, where no local ballot issues are to be decided, a turnout of between 40-50 percent is forecast, said clerk Patsy Cantrell. There are about 8,150 registered voters.

Cantrell said the heavier-than-expected number of absentee ballot requests could foretell a large turnout at the polls.

"Based on the activity for AV's," Cantrell said, "either a lot of people are going out of town or the turnout is

going to be heavier than expected."

In the 1994 gubernatorial election, about 60 percent turned out in Farmington. But that was in a year when a local millage question was on the ballot, Cantrell said.

Farmington voters in Precinct 5 (Longacre Elementary) again are reminded to vote at the Farmington Training Center, Precinct 6, because of construction at Longacre.

Deputy clerk Janice Schmidt said Precinct 5 voters will cast their ballots in the Training Center cafeteria and use the front east entrance, closest to Farmington Place.

Voters in Precinct 6 will vote in the building's gymnasium.



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