People power

City seeks committee members to pitch pathway ideas

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Are you interested in other
forms of travel besides jumping
in your car or truck?

If so, the city of Farmington
Hills is looking for members of
the community willing to pitch
ideas to the city manager about
developing non-metorized travelways in the city.

The concept includes people
who enjoy walking, bicycling,
jogging, roller skating or skateboarding.
So, kids, be not afraid to apply.
The Non-Motorized Advisory
Committee will be made up of a
cross-section of residents and
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"The committee may include bicycle enthusiasts, joggers, youth interested in roller skating, skatchoarding, school personnel interested in safe, nonmotorized commuting to schools or members of the business community with an interest in increasing pedestrian traffic," he said.

The committee will include up to 15 members who will serve staggered, three-year terms. For more information, contact Whinnery at 473-9502.

Promoting concept

Farmington Hills resident Fred Dore has been promoting the concept for the past three

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A bicyclist for the last 25 years, Dore serves on the board of the League of Michigan Bicyclists. He researched federal and state non-motorized travel grants that communities can capture to promote pathways.

"One thing a committee can do is look at and develop ideas to suggest to the city that they pursue," said Dore. "It can identify sources of funding. And it can oven lead to letting people know what the rightful laws are for the Hills lacks a network of

what the rightiui laws and bicyclists."
The Hills lacks a network of pathways to get to different sections, said Dore, who usually takes his bicycle when he goes

shopping.
"We need an actual plan where people can know there is a non-

motorized network they can take to a store or a center – places where people will know bicyclists have a right to be there – a shoulder or a pathway designat-ed for them."

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Another concept is moving one energy-efficient mode of travel to another, such as using a bicycle

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to get to a bus stop.
Dore said the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
already is working with the
regional bus system to have
buses equipped with bike racks.

"People could ride (their bikes)

to the bus and take it from there."
He is working on a SEMCOG task force to develop a region-wide, non-motorized plan for the

wide, non-meterized plan for the bus system.

Having the Hills make a non-meterized transportation plan would tie in with that concept, he said.

Dore said it's important that people of the community, schools, and the police have a say in the proposal that will eventually go before the city council.



New paths: Fred Dore hopes Farmington Hills officials will improve paths for bikes, inline skaters and people on foot.

Cat rescue gets a holiday treat

If a human could purr, Anne Breneman might come close to doing just that. Breneman, who owns Back-door Friends

Breneman might come close to doing just that, who owns Back-door Friends Purebred Cat Res-cue at 35562 Grand River at Drake in Farmington Hills, is delighted to have received a \$4,000 grant from the Ahimsa Foundation in Boston. "A hundred percent must be used for veterinary care only," Breneman said. About \$3,000 went to pay off a balance at Plaza Veterinary Hos-nital in Farmington.

putation Farmington.
"This leaves us with a cushion," Broneman said. "A lot of money goes for medical care for cats."

A minimum of \$100 is spent for each rescued animal, she said.

Every time Breneman receives a rescue cat, it is sent directly for a checkup and shots with Dr. David Carron of Plaza Veterinary Hospital, Breneman's consulting veterinarian.

"He gives us a good discount, but it doesn't cover the cost. Breneman sid. "Dr. Carron is wonderful. He's been a saint. To carron is wonderful. He's been a saint. To carron is wonderful. He's been a saint. To an all him and say, 'I have a cat.' or 'I have a mother and six basies."

Carron, who recently diagnosed a five-year-old Siamear rescue cat with untreatable breast enacer, decided to adopt her and add her to his two other office cats. He offered to keep the cat and have her live here. Breneman also operates a store at the same location called for a checken of fers of each office of the carron is wonderful. He's been a saint. To repeat of fit him customers a farted things twice about the cat and have her live here. In the meantime, volunteers are come in and pet the kitties if he person and the cat.

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court to try the boy as an adult.

Bob Zivian, assistant prosecutor in the Oakland County Juvenile

Justice Division, said his office plans to investigate the boy's past to see whether the office will take that option.

In the event the boy is tried

and convicted as a juvenile, no until he reaches age 21, said zivian.

The youth's pre-trial hearing is scheduled before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Rae Lee Chabot at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 10.

Fire from page A1

ion chief, said the fire depart-ment received the call about 1:20 p.m.

"We got a report that there was a fire in the rear bay area," Bartsch said. "When we arrived

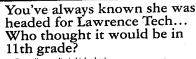
we found that they were working on a van putting in a gas tank. We were told by the mechanic that gas was spilled out of the gas tank and came into contact with an extension cord light, a trouble light. It ignited the fire.

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"There was very minor damage to the vehicle. The workers kept the fire from getting out of con-trol."

The van suffered about \$600 damage, Bartsch said.

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