

District will market center for conferences

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Farmington Public Schools will begin marketing its Farmington Training Center in March as a corporate conference and convention center to generate income.

The District will also continue to operate the center for school-related meetings, classes and functions. The FTC recently reopened for use after a period of construction renovations made possible by a voter bond issue.

"I hope we will see some crisp business but not end up in inappropriate competition of school district functions which is our primary mission," said Jerry Fouchey, school curriculum director, who will oversee the new services.

School officials say Oakland Schools, which has used the facility for meetings, is pleased with the building accommodations.

A grand re-opening is scheduled for 10 a.m. March 1 at FTC and invitations will be mailed to the community.

"This is part of the major reasons for making a major reopening out of it," Fouchey said. "We want to draw attention to the building. We want to invite the

world."

A promotional brochure is in the planning stages and Fouchey is working on the fee structure.

"I'm getting an address list from the Chamber of Commerce and I've asked both cities to provide us with a list of key folks," Fouchey said. "We can use our unused space. There's frequently inquiries about weekend use."

Carleigh Flaherty, executive director of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, has mentioned to district officials the need for conference and workshop meeting space, Fouchey said.

The amount of meeting space at FTC varies with the day. The school district doesn't use it much on the weekends. A list of caterers will be provided to those who rent space, Fouchey said.

Cheryl Cannon, assistant superintendent of business, finance and operations said the district still has to look at the cost of staffing during evenings.

The Birmingham School District has a conference center attached to one of its buildings, subleased to Marriott which runs the conference center and does the food service.

"This is a different model than would be useful to us," Fouchey said.



Briefing: Hills Chief Bill Dwyer issued a statement mid-afternoon, as officers negotiated with a woman who was threatening suicide.

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Quinn don't believe the allegations she's made.

"She was ready to die," Dwyer said. "She had been drinking and was dependent."

Quinn is currently missing after failing to appear for a court hearing in Bloomfield Township on a misdemeanor charge of stalking relating to having contact with the woman after being ordered to leave her alone.

An attorney with the Oakland County Prosecutor's office said last week the office had evidence Quinn was out of state and communicating with the woman, a violation of the court order.

A bench warrant has been issued for his arrest. The judge set a new \$250,000 bond to be assessed upon capture.

A felony charge of interfering with a witness was dismissed last month. Quinn had his license to practice suspended

after the allegations arose.

The woman testified at that trial she had started a relationship with Quinn in November but was soon injected daily with drugs by him and was unable to leave his apartment or his dental office on her free will.

Hills police continue to investigate criminal sexual conduct and drug possession charges against Quinn.

The woman was taken to a hospital, Dwyer said. He credits teamwork by Detective Tiano, Assistant Chief Nebus, the woman's priest and psychiatrist, as well as cooperation by the media, with bringing a safe resolution to a harrowing situation.

"This is a good ending to a very sad story," Dwyer said.

--Staff writer Joni Hubred contributed to this story.

Jaycees seeking Citizen of the Year nominees

Farmington Area Jaycees are now accepting applications for Citizen of the Year Award recipients.

Nominees can be anyone who has contributed meritorious service to the community either as a volunteer or in connection with their business. There are no limitations to a nominee's age, sex, residency, race or religion, but this person must have

accomplished their deeds in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area.

In sizing up potential Citizen of the Year, remember that past award winners are excluded from consideration. Government officials may be nominated for their volunteer achievements only.

Do not hesitate to renominate past nominees who were not winners but who are still

active in the community. A nomination form can be obtained by calling Stephanie Besen at 248-788-0865 or by visiting www.fajc.org

Mail the completed form to 6225 Village Park Drive Apt. 102 West Bloomfield, MI 48322, fax to 248-477-0483 or e-mail to albessen@yahoo.com no later than March 3, 2002.

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