New committee focuses on non-motorized resources

Is Farmington Hills ready to more non-motor friendly? Hills resident Fred Dore cer-

tainly hopes so.

He points out that studies show Michigan ranks No. 2 in the nation with the highest concentration of people who suffer from obesity. Dore thinks offer-

ing people a way to get around without a car could benefit them.

"I guess the good life in Michigan is a little too good," said Dore, who is co-chairing the city's new Non-Motorized Advisory Committee.

The group of 15 people held its first meeting recently and will be meeting again in June to finalize details of its vision for the future of Farmington Hills: one where

people feel comfortable using their bicycles and walking shoes as opposed to the car every time they leave the house.

Hills City Manager Steve Brock is co-chairing the committee with Dore.

"We approved our mission statement and approved some of our goals," said Dore.

"It's our intent at the next meeting to go through what meeting to go through what meeting to go further and

Dore, an avid bicyclist, said just building trails for people to walk and bike on isn't enough, residents need to be informed

and encouraged.

He said bicyclists and motorists also need to know bicyclists rights on the road.

"Once we define and communi-

transportation grants that reward communities with non-motorized plans in place.

"There's significant money available for non-motorized plans," he said "We could maximize road projects and do (non-motorized paths) in conjunction, like add a couple feet to the width of pavement."

Compuware announces layoff results

Farmington Hills-based Com-puware announced its fourth-quarter revenues report Tuesday and revealed Inyoffs from last month affected 800 employees in

month affected 800 employees in its services division.

The computer service and technology company has about 12,000 employees worldwide of which about 3,000 work at the Farmington Hills facility.

In all 12 service offices were closed, but locations were not appeared.

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Lisa Elkin, spokeswoman, would not reveal how many employees were laid off at the company's world headquarters in Farmington Hills.
No more job cuts are anticipated, she said.
"While Compuware's fundamental financial position

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remains outstanding and we continue to be profitable, our fourth quarter results concluded what has been a less than satisfactory fiscal year for our company," said Peter Karmanos, Jr., Compuware chairman and CeQ, in a statement.

"An economic hangover continues to affect our industry causing reluctance by customers to make significant new investments in technology. The

changes we have made to step-up our efforts to deliver cus-tomer value are improving Com-puware's profitability going for-ward and better positioning the company for long-term growth-benefiting our employees and shareholders."

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The company reported fourth quarter revenues of \$407.2 million, compared to \$514.5 million in the fourth quarter of the previous fiscal year. Net income before restructuring and impairment and amortization of intangible assets acquired as a result of acquisitions in the quarter was \$30.1 million, compared to \$59.1 million in the same quarter of the previous year.

The company still plans to move its world headquarters at the end of the year to a new building being built in downtown Detroit, Elkin said.

how we function. We plan to start talking about specific ideas of how to acquaint the public about the benefits of bicycling and walking," he said.

cate this, these things can be paid for like wider streets and sidewalks so people can bike and walk," he said.



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