



Congressman Joe Knollenberg visited with representatives from the City of Farmington this week, to talk about funds designated to preserve Rouge River water quality.

Rep. Knollenberg talks water quality in Farmington

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Congressman Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Hills) met with local officials this week near a branch of the Rouge River which runs through Shawwassee Park on Shawwassee east of Farmington Road.

Farmington was one of eight stops Knollenberg made while touring the 9th District.

"The Congressman helped to secure about \$60 million over the last few years to clean up the Rouge," said Chris Close, Knollenberg's press secretary. "The Rouge runs through a spot in 48 communities."

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Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, which also focused on public education. From 1995-97, strategies and outreach activities were developed, according to information posted at www.rougeproject.com. These included messages such as:

- Use your head, you live in a watershed.
- Storm drains aren't garbage cans.
- When it comes to pollution, every home is waterfront property.
- Everyone is part of the problem and needs to be part of the solution.
- Simple changes can make a difference.

While Knollenberg focused on the environment in Farmington, he talked in other cities about other topics like health care, commerce, education and national security. "The park was a nice setting," said Farmington City Manager Frank Laubhoff.

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DDA slates first round of interviews for directorship

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Oral examination of the "highest credentialed and qualified" candidates for the Farmington Downtown Development Authority Director position will be held sometime during the week of Aug. 19.

The DDA director plans and coordinates activities in the downtown area. DDA Director Judy Downey, who will retire by the beginning of next year, has held her position for 10 years.

The position will pay \$47,000-\$53,000. Bill Richards, Assistant Farmington City Manager, narrowed the number of candidates from 31 to 10.

He is in the process of notifying those applicants and setting up the one-hour interviews for each of the 10 semi-finalists which will be held in one day.

"This is the first phase," Richards said. He also selected two people for the exam board which will administer the oral qualifying examination and assessment. This determines the top three most qualified candidates as finalists. They are Teri Arbenowske, Farmington Hills assistant manager, who has experience in economic development, and Lori Ward, director of the Northville DDA. Richards is also part of the exam board.

The DDA board will decide at its 8 a.m. Aug. 13 meeting whether the interviews of the three finalists will be conducted before the full DDA board or the three-person search/selection committee comprised of DDA board members Bob Heinrich, Joyce Cornwell and Suzanne Paul. The previously scheduled Aug. 6 meeting was rescheduled to Aug. 13 because the room is needed for the election, Downey said.

At this stage, expected at the end of August, factors like "organizational alignment or fit" or "chemistry" can be also be taken into consideration, Richards said. "Experts judge qualifications; lay people judge chemistry."

The offer of employment will be extended in mid-September and the tentative start date for the new DDA director is expected to be Oct. 1, Richards said.

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Man, 79, caught after exposing himself to officer

Farmington Hills Police arrested a 79-year-old Hills man outside an office building in the 32600 block of Twelve Mile Thursday, charging him with indecent exposure.

After receiving complaints from an office worker in the building that the man had exposed himself to her on several occasions since May, Detective Bonnie Unruh went to the location of the past incidents. The suspect observed the detective, who acted as a decoy, driving up near

his vehicle and getting out.

Police say the suspect then dropped his pants, exposing his genitals to the officer. The man was arrested and posted a \$100 bond. Police Chief William Dwyer stated that he hoped the arrest will result in psychological counseling for the man. The maximum penalty for the misdemeanor is one year in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

by Paul R. Pace

RECREATION NEWS

For more information on the following events call the Recreation Division at (248) 473-1800.

Open Gym

The Costick Activities Center Gym in Farmington Hills is open on Sundays for the following activities:

Adult basketball: 9-11 a.m.; Adult volleyball: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Teen basketball: 1-3 p.m.; and Ping Pong 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Residents 17 and under pay \$2, non-residents pay \$4. Eighteen and over is \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents.

Marshmallow Fly & Fry

Watch over 1,000 marshmallows fall from the sky and see the largest campfire ever in Farmington Hills 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22 at Heritage Park. Hot dogs and smores will

be provided to be cooked by the fireside or precooked hot dogs will be available for purchase. The Marshmallow Drop will take place just after 6 p.m. for all participants between the ages of 2 and 15. The Farmington Hills Fire Department will be giving free truck tours and the Police Department will have the Mobile Command Unit on site.

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