

## DIRECTOR

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raised more than \$15,000 from local businesses.

The Bloomfield Township resident graduated from Groves High School in Birmingham. He holds both master of public administration and bachelor of science degrees from Central Michigan University.

## MORE OPPORTUNITY

In Davison, Morgan is responsible for industrial and economic development activities including business retention and recruitment, management activities and budget preparation. He provides leadership and assistance to the DDA, Local Development Finance Authority and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Morgan organized and implemented community events like the Farmer's Market, the pumpkin festival, sidewalk sales and Spring Clean Up.

He cites positive working relationships with city staff members, the public, area business owners and developers

and said he sees his new post as offering greater opportunities. He's a recipient of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness "Level 3 Promoting Active Communities Award" on behalf of the City of Davison, worked as a legislative aide for State Representative Jim Howell (R-St. Charles) and was a budget analyst for the Michigan State Police.

He's active in the Davison Richfield Fire Authority, the Tri-Unit Government, the Davison United Methodist Church, and the Davison Optimist Club.

The final vote was unanimous for Morgan. However, in an earlier vote of three finalist candidates, Morgan and Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Director Carleigh Flaharty were evenly split at one point.

Board member Joyce Cornwell, Frank Chappison, Craig Grace and Suzanne Paul supported Morgan. Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff, Bob Heinrich, Mark Ziegler and Farmington DDA President Ron Oglesby supported Flaharty. Board member Linda Batzloff was absent.

Though Flaharty is consid-

ered a well-known, proven entity in the area, her salary expectation of \$63,000 concerned some because the posted salary range for the DDA position was \$45,000-\$53,000.

Flaharty had returned a memo from Gerstenecker which remained in a sealed envelope until most of the deliberations had taken place. Gerstenecker urged the board not to consider candidate selection as a "low-bidder" situation.

In answer to a question by Paul, Flaharty said the salary range wasn't acceptable and referred to the envelope she gave Gerstenecker. No follow-up questions by any board member were asked at that time.

The memo contained her salary request and that she was willing to not take medical, dental and optical insurance as benefits. The family package was worth \$7,000; however, when an employee opts out, he or she receives less than a third as reimbursement.

Morgan will replace DDA Director Judy Downey who resigns Jan. 2 after serving 10 years in her position.

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## CHARGES

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The homeowners were away at a cottage during the incident. Police say the couple insisted their 15-year-old son join them at the last minute for the holiday. The son had invited over a few guests before he left to join his family, said police.

The youths used cell phones to invite more than 100 guests to the home, where drinking was prevalent.

Police said after most of the

teens left, a handful stayed. Jewelry, sports memorabilia and liquor were stolen from inside the home, and it was set on fire around 3 a.m., causing several hundred thousand dollars in damage.

The 17-year-old boy, a student at Farmington High School, was found to have some of the stolen property in his parent's basement where police also found marijuana, Dwyer said. He is charged with arson of a dwelling, a 20-year felony; larceny in a building, a four-year felony and possession of

marijuana, a one-year misdemeanor.

The second boy is charged with receiving and concealing stolen property over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, a five-year felony.

The boys and their parents will be required to appear in Oakland County Probate Court. No date was set.

The case remains open, said Farmington Hills Assistant Police Chief Chuck Nebus. Other youths could be charged with being accessories, he said.

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## WATER BOARD

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Detroit. Currently, the board is composed of members appointed by the Detroit mayor.

She said her opponent, Democrat Aldo Vagnozzi, said in a newspaper interview that he needed more information before he makes a decision on the issue.

She said in 1999, as mayor of Farmington Hills, he sided with

then Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer in an effort to block regional authority that would have given suburban communities more of a voice.

Contacted for a response, Vagnozzi said the federal court would block any change in control of the water system for now.

"I don't think she's aware the courts have ruled control rests with Detroit," said Vagnozzi.

While the current water board is made up of four representatives from Detroit and

three from the suburbs, Vagnozzi said he would support more input from the suburbs on running the system.

However, taking over the system entirely from Detroit would require money, he said.

"I don't think you just take the property away without reimbursement," he said. "I think the best way is to work with the mayor and work out the problems."

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