

Musician explores evolution of music at OCC

Multitasking musician Kasuku Maffa and his one man show, *The Evolution of Music*, is the next presentation in Oakland Community College's Just For You entertainment series at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31 at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The program will trace the history of American Music from the drums of Africa through spirituals, gospel, blues, jazz, and rap. Billed as the Ninth Wonder of the World, Maffa's main instrument is the saxophone, although he is proficient in all woodwinds and also plays trumpet, guitar, bass, drums and piano.

A noted composer, arranger and singer, Maffa has performed with greats Sammy Davis, Jr., James Darren, Leslie Uggams, Aretha Franklin and Nancy Wilson. During his 10 years at Motown he also backed such acts as the Supremes, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas, Marvin Gaye, Gladys Knight, the Temptations and Smokey Robinson.

Admission is \$15. For more information call (248) 522-3667.

Universalist Unitarian sponsors forum

The Lifelong Learning Forum sponsored by the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, will sponsor three free adult education programs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30:

■ **Shame by Rev. Alexander Riegel**, will focus on shame in the very young, its positive and negative aspects and its effect on people in later life.

■ **Quakerism by Winkie Covintree** will explain this Religious Society of Friends.

This program is part of the ongoing Thursday evening adult education program that runs through March 6 at the Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. The program is open to the public and refreshments are served at 7 p.m. Free childcare is available by registering by the prior Tuesday.

For a complete program description, go to www.uufarmington.org/uufc/re.html or call 248-478-7272.

Tax help available for seniors

Tax help for the elderly will be available Feb. 7-April 15 at the following locations: 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills; or noon-2:30 p.m. Fridays at the downtown Farmington Library.

The purpose of the program is to provide free tax preparation service to taxpayers 60 years of age and over of low or moderate income who reside in the Farmington/Hills area. Both federal and state tax returns are prepared.

Special arrangements can be made for shut-ins by calling the Farmington Hills Department of Social Services at (248) 474-1854.

SINGLES CALENDAR

METROPOLITAN SINGLE PROFESSIONALS

Single Mingle Dances
MSPs hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 851-9909 for times and locations.

Ski/Dance Party
Enjoy skiing, dancing and more 6 p.m.-2 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 14 at Mt. Brighton.

Darts/Bowling Subs
Subs are needed for MSP dart and bowling leagues. For more information call (248) 851-9909.

Book Discussion Group
MSPs book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20 percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

Volleyball
Drop in and play volleyball 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday at the gym and fieldhouse at Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quail Road.

Euche

MSPs play euche 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the Brass Point Inn in Farmington Hills.

Social and Travel Club
For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club call (248) 435-5320 or go to www.sstc.org.

Fun & Fine Dining Parties
Join MSFs every Thursday between 6-7:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Enjoy sampling some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area.

West Side Singles
Friday dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft Service Drive, just west of Inxter in Livonia. The dances are open to the public. Doors open from 8 p.m.-1 a.m., 25 years of age and older. Dressy attire required, held in non-smoking ballrooms with a DJ and budget bar. Admission price is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 after 8:30 p.m. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0902.



Waser-Ward
Jerry and Kathy Waser of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin, to Trevor Ward, son of Pat and Mary Ward of Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Farmington High School and Miami University. She teaches math at Oakland Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Miami University and is currently working on his master's degree in business education at the University of Northern Kentucky.

A July wedding is planned at St. John's Catholic Church in Plymouth.



Benson-Harvey
Kathleen Benson of Southfield and Shane Harvey of Farmington Hills will be married in April at Nardin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Siena Heights University.

She is the director of admissions at Mercy High School.

Her fiancé is also a graduate of Siena Heights University. He earned his M.A. in English from the University of Dayton and is employed by Oakland Community College and Baker College.

A July wedding is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in Farmington.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sterling 50th
Richard and Carol Sterling, of Farmington, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 1, 2002 on Maui, Hawaii. Joining them for this special occasion were their three daughters and their families, René and Craig of Farmington, Sheri and Scott of Northville and Suzanne and Tony of

Evergreen, Colo. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling met at Hillsdale College in 1950 and have been residents of Farmington for 48 years. They have seven grandchildren.

Pictured (left to right): daughter, Sheri, parents, Richard and Carol, and daughters, René and Suzanne.



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Kathleen Benson of Southfield and Shane Harvey of Farmington Hills will be married in April at Nardin.

Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dorothy Benson of Farmington Hills and the late Kenneth Benson. She is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in communication. She is employed at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers as an advertising sales representative.

Her fiancé is the son of Sue and Don Harvey of Reston, Va., and is a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

On announcing special days with the Observer

Local engagement, wedding anniversary and birth announcements run in the Thursday editions of The Observer. There is no charge to submit an announcement.

Preprinted forms that outline the information needed for your engagement or wedding announcement are available at Observer & Eccentric offices in Livonia.

For engagement announcements, please submit at least 45 days before the wedding. Black and white, 6 x 7 photos are preferred, but color photos and other sizes will be accepted.

Photographs may be picked up after publication; or enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Send news about weddings, engagements, anniversaries and births, with or without photograph to Attn: Announcements, The Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. For more information, call the Farmington/Farmington Hills Observer at (248) 477-5450 or the Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Plymouth and Canton Observers at (734) 953-2131.

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RESERVATIONS NOW BEING TAKEN

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvements:

Construction of **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Lake Park Drive	Thirteen Mile Road	Southern Border of Subdivision
Creek Bend Drive	Lake Park Drive	Oak Forest
Willow Creek Drive	Lake Park Drive	Lakehurst Drive
Oak Forest	Lake Park Drive	Emergency Access Drive
Lakehurst Drive	Lake Park Drive	Creek Bend
Northmont Drive	Lake Park Drive	Western Border of Subdivision
St. Vincent Drive	Creek Bend Drive	Eastern Border of Subdivision

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project, which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT	\$447,120.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT	20.17%
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO DISTRICT	\$90,190.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED	\$ 2,261.11

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

TIN, R9E, SECTION 9, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, PORTIONS OF COLONY PARK WEST SUBDIVISIONS 1 & 2, INCLUDING TAX IDENTIFICATION PARCEL NUMBERS:

23-09-126-004 through 025	23-09-178-001 through 020
23-09-127-001 through 004	23-09-206-001 through 009
23-09-127-006 through 007	23-09-206-011 through 012
23-09-127-010 through 022	23-09-206-021 through 006
23-09-127-024 through 026	23-09-265-001 through 010
23-09-128-001 through 007	23-09-264-001 through 006
23-09-176-005 through 011	23-09-265-001 through 006
23-09-177-001 through 012	23-09-266-001 through 006
23-09-178-001 through 007	

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 10th of February, 2003, at 2:30 p.m., to hear and consider any comments in opposition or in favor of said improvement.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 186 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protected at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

PHONE: (248) 475-0566

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CMO/CAO, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

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