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CORRECTION

In a photo caption published May 15, 2003, the number of participants for the 18th annual Crop Walk was actually 353; an additional beneficiary of the event funds was Yad Ezra.

Officials seek volunteer pool for committees

Farmington residents interested in becoming more involved in their community can play an important role by serving on a city committee or commission.

The new Main Street project has created many opportunities for volunteerism. Downtown Development Authority Director Brent Morgan is looking for volunteers to serve on four primary committees: design and design, promotion, economic restructuring and organization.

For information or to volunteer, call him at (248) 473-7276. Additionally, council member JoAnne McShane points out, vacancies arise throughout the year in various areas. At Monday night's city council meeting, for example, officials accepted a resignation from the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

Anyone interested is asked to attend one meeting before they're considered for appointment, McShane said. "Citizens can call the city clerk's office to apply. Renewals happen throughout the year, and we want to have a pool of volunteers, because people don't always reapply for these positions."

Farmington city committees and commissions include:

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets 2nd Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers; charged with duty to make and adopt the Community Master Plan, six-year Capital Improvement Plan, approve subdivision plats, review and approve building site plans, approve special exception uses and make recommendations to Council as to zoning code or map amendments.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

AUTHORITY

Meets 1st Tuesday of each month, 8 a.m., City Hall Room A; oversees the Downtown Development district.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Meets 1st Wednesday of each

month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers; has duty to hear requests for variances and the power to authorize a variance to the zoning code within the limits established by the zoning code, interprets the zoning map when there is uncertainty, contradiction or conflict as to the boundary as shown on the map, and hears appeals.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., City Hall Room A; charged with safeguarding the heritage of the city by preserving cultural, social, architectural and other elements having historic significance, fosters and promotes local history and encourages the collection of records and objects that interpret the history of Farmington, reviews and comments on building development in the Historic District.

COMMISSION ON CHILDREN,

YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Meets 1st Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Farmington Hills City Hall (except July, August and December); a joint commission with Farmington Hills, this group has the authority and responsibility of making recommendations to the cities concerning the needs of children, youth and families and the appropriate means by which those needs should be addressed.

LIBRARY BOARD

Meets 2nd Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Farmington Hills library on 12 Mile Road west of Orchard Lake; oversees operations of the public library, may own land, contract for services, hire employees, construct buildings and provide other services that are part of a public library operation.

FARMINGTON AREA ARTS

COMMISSION

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Farmington Hills City Hall (except June, August and December); must

stimulate and encourage the study and presentation of performing and creative arts, survey needs in such activities as music, theater, dance and visual arts, and encourages public interest in the cultural heritage of the community.

FARMINGTON YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Farmington Training Center

TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD

Meets 3rd Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., Farmington City Hall Room A; assists in conducting, promoting and recommending those activities that would decrease the number and severity of traffic accidents in the community, receives and reviews questions having to do with traffic and safety matters and makes recommendations to the council where action is deemed necessary.

COMMISSION ON THE

ENVIRONMENT

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, 5 p.m., Farmington City Hall Room A; advises the council of recommendations to study, conceive, formulate and develop plans for aesthetic improvement and environmental quality of streets, alleys, parks, streams, rivers and other areas in the community.

CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE

Meets 2nd Tuesday of each month, at SWOCC Studios on Nine Mile Road (except July and August); an advisory board to Southwest Oakland Cable Commission, the committee makes recommendations to the commission, which oversees the cable contract and other regulatory matters.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Meets on specific dates (in 2003-March 10, June 30, July 22, Dec. 9), times to be announced, to review property assessments

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