

How Council Candidates View The Issues

EDITOR'S NOTE: This report was prepared by the League of Women Voters of the West Bloomfield-Farmington area.

Questionnaires were sent to obtain information which the league felt was of pertinent interest to the voters.

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The answers to the questions are in the candidates' own words and have not been edited except for necessary cutting when replies exceeded the stated word limitation.

In addition to biographical information, all candidates were asked the following:

What do you feel are the major issues facing the City of Farmington? Limit reply to 50 words.

AUGUST BARBRICK, 33744 Schulte. Graduate, Michigan State University, business management; post-graduate work in metallurgy and marketing research; self employed as a manufacturer's representative in the field of alloy castings and polyurethane coatings; member of the City of Farmington planning commission; active in the Exchange Club, past officer of the Farmington Area Jaycees and state officer of the Michigan Jaycees; member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Parish.

"I am deeply concerned for the preservation and renovation of the central business district...it is of vital importance that every effort be made to maintain these old buildings and update them where necessary in order to continue to attract residents to trade in the downtown area. Careful considerations must be taken in

the zoning and rezoning of land..."

WILLIAM D. GARDEN, 23525 Prospect. Self-employed; graduate of Highland Park High School.

"I was a Farmington city police officer for 17 years and feel I am very familiar with the city government and its needs."

"The city is at a point where it must think of the future. We are a small city and can never become any larger. The city must be run with that in mind."

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, 23040 Manning. Presently a student; graduate of Our Lady of Sorrows High School; graduate, Eastern Michigan University, BA political science, BBA accounting; candidate for Farmington City Council 1971; precinct delegate from the City of Farmington 1972-74; "significant training in government accounting and state and local politics."

"The advent of revenue-sharing brings additional monies from the federal government and the responsibility of gaining optimum returns on those funds. In addition, attention must be directed toward planning and development of Farmington's land. Enjoyment by residents in the future depends on the actions of the present council."

JOHN MCELROY, 32215 Valley View Circle. Full time student, work part-time in the automotive industry; graduate, Our Lady of Sorrows High School; currently third year at Wayne State University; elected to a two-year term on Our Lady of Sorrows Christian Service Commission; presently fulfilling the pre-law requirements for WSU.

"Poor zoning practices and indiscriminate building could potentially lower the quality of living in our community.

"More time and care should be taken in preparing the city budget to promote quality development, ecological responsibility and a broader tax base.

Finally, our youth must be provided with healthy alternatives to drug abuse."

WILBUR J. PURDY, 36801 Lansbury Lane. Employed 27 years retail automobile sales manager and owns and operates nursery and sod farms and general landscaping business for five years; attended University of Chicago; presently attending Oakland Community College; additional training U.S. Navy and USAF and related military service command schools; have been salesman, sales manager and general manager operating large auto dealerships; established and built large farm and nursery business.

"Farmington is a great city. Correct use of new and old land. Good senior citizens program necessary. The city needs a stronger life support system, new and stronger summer and winter programs for our children without additional taxes. Good communications between city government and the people. Councilmen represent the people."

DR. JOHN H. RICHARDSON, 34069 Alto Loma. Self-employed veterinarian, Plaza Veterinary Hospital; education at Michigan State University, BS, DVM, MS; "additional training, positions of responsibility and leadership in numerous community organizations and service clubs plus 4 1/2 years

on the city council, the last year as mayor pro-tem."

"1-Consolidation of youth service agencies to effect economies; 2-expansion of the activities of the FARC, possibly through a voted millage to include not only youth but also senior citizens, resulting in a recreational program consistent with a community of our stature; 3-maintenance of proper balance between single-family,

multiple, commercial and business zoning."

RICHARD TUPPER, 23180 Cass. Owner of Tupper Assoc., Inc. Education: Farmington public schools and attended Michigan State University and Alma College. Additional training: past chairman, downtown redevelopment committee; prior council appointment, served four years on the planning commission; four years as director and current presi-

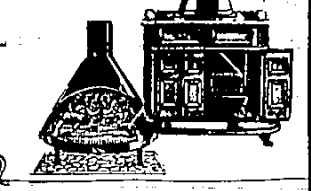
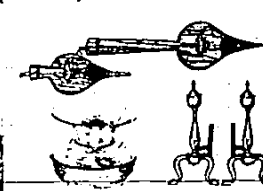
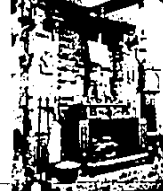
dent of the Farmington Industrial Park Assn.

"To update and maintain realistic objective ordinances, which are firmly enforced; concern for orderly land transition (rezoning) which includes ultimate use of vacant property and any change of use for existing properties; establish an ongoing program with business community to upgrade the city's appearance and to promote our business districts."

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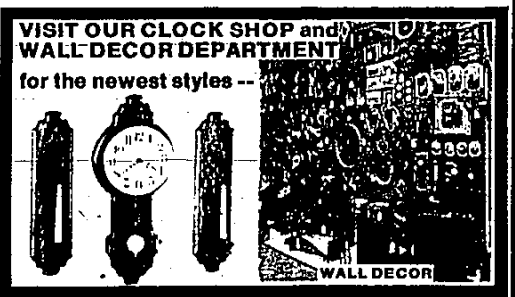
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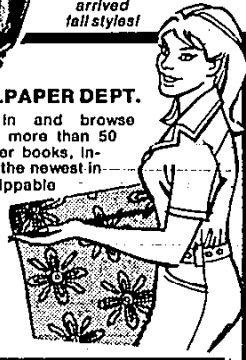
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