

Smith cites growth as challenge to Hills

Joanne Smith was working for the city even before its consolidation, but was unsuccessful two years ago in winning a seat on the new city's council. This year she is back, with experience on the zoning board of appeals, to win a council seat to fight further changes in the city's master plan. "I believe that serving on the zoning board of appeals has made me aware of the dangers of permitting the master plan to be changed by pressures from land developers and if elected I would fight to prevent further abuses."

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terms," she said, "and planners envision the growth of our city to exceed 100,000. We must plan now to save open spaces; see to the needs of our senior citizens, including adequate transportation facilities so they are not homebound; and provide for parks and recreation, zoning, police and fire protection, and an emergency medical service."

The emergency medical service was mandated by the charter, she said, but has still not been implemented. The city is lagging in this area, she said, but has put the questions of road improvement and a city parks and recreation program to a referendum prematurely.

"I HAVE ALWAYS been taught never to buy a pig in a poke. That is exactly what the voters are being asked to do. We all want good roads but before approving the idea of a bond issue one should know the cost, including interest, ... and the saleability of bonds, in view of what is happening now in New York City. "For that reason I am opposed to the referendum asking us to approve the acceleration of our paving of major roads without even naming what is meant by major roads." The Parks and the University question "is premature to say the least," she said, "in light of the fact that a de-

Deacon is running on budget issues

One of four incumbents running for re-election to the Farmington Hills City Council, Keith Deacon, is banking on nearly 30 years of financial experience and his involvement in civic and community affairs to win another council term.

Deacon gained his experience working in Canadian and Detroit banks. A graduate of the American Institute of Banking and the University of Michigan graduate school of banking, he is now an officer at the Livernois-Lyndon branch of Manufacturer's National Bank.

"In the years to come," Deacon said, "as in the past two years, budgetary and financial concerns will be of major importance to our citizens to accomplish needed services while maintaining lowest possible local tax burdens."

BUILDING THE commercial tax base, however, while maintaining the semi-rural atmosphere in the city will be one of several important issues facing the council in the next several years, he said.

Other important issues will be "implementation of our human rescue service. I believe this issue to be the most important in service to our citizens."

"Completion of paving of our section roads and widening and upgrading of our major arteries. To maintain a fine balance in the growth of our city, and continued development of our master storm water drainage system."

A compromise between large and small parks would be the best use of recreational land in the city, he said.

"Our parks system should be developed using a combination of one large park to allow development of major recreational facilities and a series of neighborhood parks to be easily accessible to our younger children without crossing major streets."

A road system should be developed on a "pay as you go basis" he said, without major bonding, except for large projects.

The consolidation of Farmington and Farmington Hills is inevitable he said.



KEITH DEACON

"The cities are sharing services through cooperation now. FAAC, Farmington Founders Festival, Farmington District Library, Farmington School District and others."

"However, I do not believe that actual consolidation will be practical until there is more parity in services. At present there is a gap in the level of services and millage rate, and until that gap is closed somewhat, consolidation is not possible."

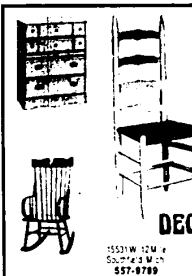
Basketball league being organized

The Youth Commission of Congregation Beth Abraham-Hillel of West Bloomfield is spearheading the formation of an Inter-Congregational Basketball League to function under the auspices of Youth Commissioners of the Greater Detroit Synagogues.

Mike Peress of Beth Abraham-Hillel Commission has invited all Detroit and Suburban synagogues to an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3, in the library of Beth Abraham-Hillel synagogue at 5075 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.



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