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WATCH for a brighter downtown this holiday season. Merchants along Grand River will light up Farmington's central business district.

Electrical outlets are being installed so trees can be lighted along the avenue, said Greg Hohler, owner of the Civic Theatre. These trees haven't been lit during the holidays in at least seven years, Hohler said.

BECAUSE of Veteran's Day, the U.S. Postal Service will operate on a holiday schedule Monday. There will be no regular residential or business mail delivery. Special delivery, Express Mail and Post Office Box service will be provided, however, Farmington Postmaster Kenneth Harris said.

Limited caller service will be available only for customers who regularly pick up their mail at the Farmington Office, 33200 Slocum, or the Farmington Hills Office, 32455 12 Mile. Service windows will be open 9-10 a.m. for those customers.

Mail will be picked up from residential collection boxes as late in the day as possible to meet first-class mail service standards. All business collection boxes, with the large 5 p.m. decal, will be emptied after 5 p.m.

FARMINGTON City Council made two appointments Monday night.

Frank Clappison was appointed to the central business district study task force to replace John Clappison, who resigned because of other commitments. The term that Frank will complete expires in April.

The Clappisons are partners in the Farmington Insurance Agency, a major downtown property holder. The task force, also known as the Downtown Farmington Development Committee, is developing ideas and projects to help rejuvenate the central business district.

Elaine Wallis was appointed to the Farmington Area Arts Commission to replace Joyce O'Brien, a 22-year Farmington resident.

She is an elementary and middle school art teacher and a Farmington Artists Club member. Wallis will serve through June.

HE'S serving the state. Gene Newsom of Farmington Hills was appointed by Gov. James Blanchard to the state Construction Safety Standards Commission. Newsom will serve a term expiring in March 1987, representing construction labor interests.

FRESHMAN Shawn Lyon of Farmington Hills was appointed to serve on the Freshman Student Council at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. He's majoring in engineering.

FOOTNOTES: The Farmington Masonic Temple, formerly the Farmington Township building, was built in 1876 by Farmington Township and Farmington Masonic Lodge No. 151. The township government occupied the first floor of the building until 1953 when a new township hall was built. The Masonic Lodge has continued to occupy the building since its opening.

"The structure is a fine example of Victorian and French Renaissance architecture, making it one of Oakland County's most attractive historical buildings," according to the Farmington Historical Commission, which has stood outside since 1976.

It's yes to incumbents, Sever

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

After four election attempts, veteran contender Terry Sever will join newly elected incumbents Jan Dolan, Jodi Soronen and Ben Marks on the Farmington Hills City Council next Monday.

But squeaking past challenger Jonathan Grant with only a six-vote margin, Tuesday night made Sever's win bitter-sweet if Grant decides to seek a recount. Sever received 3,984 votes to Grant's 3,938.

"It is possible that I might consider doing that (seeking a recount),"

Bennett, Campbell, Tupper — winners

By Casey Hane
staff writer

Although incumbent Alton Bennett garnered the most votes, Economic Development Corporation member Arnold Campbell and former mayor Richard Tupper weren't far behind in Tuesday's race for three city council seats.

First-term incumbent Roger Walker Jr. lost his bid for reelection, but outpolled challengers Elizabeth Mihelich and Gerald Lynch for fourth place.

Bennett and Campbell earned four-year terms. Tupper will serve a two-year term. The new councilmen will take office Monday, Nov. 18.

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— Terry Sever
winner by six votes

Grant said, adding he plans to discuss the possibility with his attorneys.

If Grant seeks a recount, Sever's election success could be a repeat of last year's special election.

In 1984, Sever edged past Councilman Ben Marks by 25 votes only to lose his long-sought council seat after three weeks by one vote to Marks in a recount.

"I AM still apprehensive about celebrating," the 35-year-old Sever said election night, referring to his small edge over Grant. "But I am eager to get going. I worked very hard on this one. I knocked on 500 doors. I used more personal contact on this one."

A 20-year resident, Sever owns T.L. Printing, Farmington Hills.

If Grant decides to seek a recount, he must contact City Clerk Joan Reynolds within six days after the election has been certified. His request will then be forwarded to Oakland County Elections Director Howard Altman.

A recount would then be scheduled and conducted by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers. If Grant, 33, requests a recount, it will cost him \$10 for each precinct he wants recounted, Reynolds said.

All vote tallies are unofficial until totals are certified, Reynolds said. The expected certification to be completed Wednesday. Newly elected members are expected to be sworn in Monday, before the council meeting, Reynolds said.

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Councilman-to-be Terry Sever (left) and Mayor Jan Dolan compare election notes after the Hills results are known.



At left: Councilman-to-be Richard Tupper (left), council watcher Bill Liba, Mayor Ralph Yoder, local veterinarian John Richardson and Councilman Bill Hartack study Farmington election returns as they come in.

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Grant sought to widen book access

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

If all goes as planned, it won't be long before Farmington Community Library patrons will have access to more than three million books in libraries throughout Wayne and Oakland counties.

Library officials — with Farmington Hills City Council's approval — have applied for a \$81,220 Michigan Equity Grant to complete the final phase of computerization at the Farmington and Farmington Hills libraries.

The grant is for the development of the public access online catalogue. It will replace the print card catalogues.

This is the final component of the automation package," said Library Director Beverly Papai.

"It is really a significant change. There are many libraries across the country that are automating or computerizing."

The on-line catalogue will be part of the library system's total computerized

circulation system. Patrons will have access to 80,000 books in the Hills branch and 60,000 in the Farmington branch, as well as approximately three million books in member libraries of the Wayne-Oakland Federated Library System. The system will inform patrons if a book has been checked out, when its return is expected and if other

patrons have reserved it, Papai said.

WITH THE final component, patrons can request a book — over computer lines — from other libraries that will ship it to the Farmington libraries. The Farmington libraries have twice-week

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Helping reach overall fitness

By Casey Hane
staff writer

The grace of the wild cat and survival instincts of the snake influence Lee Shaykhet's philosophies. The Farmington Hills resident surrounds his life with control and relaxation.

These aspects are copied from the animal world and apply to people as well.

"Control is not in what you say, it's how you say it," he said. "When you are confident and in control, you can relax."

Shaykhet applies this philosophy to everyday life teaching everyday people. His students learn about health and self protection using little more than their hands.

His teaching is based on knowledge of the body and thousands of pressure points, which are used for everything from relieving a headache to stopping a street attack.

His theory takes no muscle, but some logic. He works one-on-one, sometimes in small groups, developing his special sense of awareness.

A PHYSICALLY small man, Shaykhet found the need to defend himself and began his learning experience at age six in Europe. Much of his current knowledge is self-

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taught.

His philosophies recently have been used in training area police departments in alternate law-enforcement methods. He teaches officers simple holds, using body pressure points that bring immediate pain to the suspect. The holds take less than two seconds and never cause bruising or injury, Shaykhet said.

The same methods can be used by individuals. "A private citizen should not have a weapon, because it can work against them," Shaykhet said of guns, knives and chemical deterrents. He believes his methods work better than conventional weapons.

Using body pressure points for self-defense began in Northern China with a group of monks, who needed a simple form of self-protection.

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Instructor Lee Shaykhet (right), with Beverly Hills public safety officer Wilton Christensen, demonstrates a technique in the simplified self-protection system called street force.

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