

# Hills will chart goals into next decade



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What does Farmington Hills want to be in the year 2000?

That question is expected to be answered by 1990 in the form of a published plan developed cooperatively between city officials and community members.

"The opportunity to assess where we are and where we want to go is at hand," city manager William Costick said.

"By defining community needs and goals for the future, the city can develop a strategic plan for the 1990s to achieve the quality of life citizens desire now and into the year 2000."

The plan is expected to ask and answer what should be the city's goals for the future. Roads, public facilities, community institutions,

such as the Farmington Community Center, economics, finances and beautification are some issues that most likely will be included in the plan.

It also must include how the goals will be accomplished. "Nothing is going to happen unless we have a strategy," Costick said.

"I'm not trying to forecast as much as bring together a group of citizens to see where we should be," he added. "We have no real goals at this point. We don't want to be shortchanged."

The idea for a year 2000 plan comes from other communities, such as Southfield and Livonia, which completed similar plans.

COSTICK EXPECTS to take his idea for the plan to the Farmington Hills City Council for approval at budget time in spring. "I haven't got-

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ten as far as who and how we'll do it," he said. "But I don't want a study to put on the shelf."

Costick is uncertain how much such a plan will cost. But he's getting his ideas in place. By December 1988 or January 1989, he'd like residents appointed to five to six task forces, which would send a couple members to an umbrella steering committee.

The task forces could cover public facilities and services; finance and economic vitality; attractiveness and quality of life; human services and community institutions; leisure, culture and community facilities and public safety.

Whether consultants would have to be hired to help with the plan is still uncertain. Costick said he be-

lieves that for the most part, administrative staff would handle the bulk of the work.

"If there are areas that we need to hire someone (consultant), then we'll determine that. We haven't talked about a budget yet."

Also to be considered is how Farmington's downtown revitalization will affect Farmington Hills. "That is our downtown," Costick said.

While plans are in the offing for the 2000 plan, the planning commission is updating the master land use plan and the Farmington Hills Economic Development Corporation this year will complete an economic forecast study. Major city departments and agencies — library, police and fire — also have completed five-year plans charting their futures.

## Player's love of life recalled

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varsity team. It was the Raiders' 10th game of the season.

The 6-1 substitute forward scored the first varsity basket of his career in the closing minutes of the loss to Westland John Glenn, then headed for the locker room with teammates, where he collapsed of apparent heart failure. Despite repeated attempts to revive him, he died a short time later at Botsford General Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Leiter had asthma but passed a physical before the season began, principal Don Cowan said. Results of an autopsy, to determine the exact cause of death, are not complete, the Oakland County Medical Examiner said.

"WHAT CAN we do, what can any of us do?" asked Rabbi Lane Steinger of Temple Emanuel in Oak Park, who officiated at the funeral service in Southfield. "We can grieve

for him, fully feeling the pain of his passing. We can bury his body lovingly and tenderly. And we can remember Matt, thinking of his kindness, sensitivity, generosity and humor."

More than 500 people — fellow students, family members and school officials — packed the Ira Kaufman Chapel in Southfield, where the funeral service was held.

"May Matt's spirit soar on wings. Even at this dark hour, may we someday see through his memory that we, too, shall fly," Steinger said. Steinger offered a lesson from the youth's death. "We can become more loving, more caring, more concerned," he said. "And help those who have been dealt harsh blows."

"If we do not become more empathetic, more understanding, then his life will have diminished in meaning."

Burial was in Beth El Memorial Park.

NORTH FARMINGTON varsity basketball coach Tom Negoshian spoke briefly at the funeral service, calling his player "a victor to the end."

Following the service, Michele recalled the generosity of her brother. Remembering when he encountered a "bum on the corner" as a youngster, she said her brother gave the man everything he had.

A Saginaw Valley State College sophomore, Michele and her half-sister, Melissa, 14, said they kept in regular touch with Matt.

Melissa, also Matt's half-sister, reflected on his relationship with his stepmother, Daryl. She and Matt's father, Samuel, divorced last year. "She was very important to Matt," she said. "He loved her very much. Even though they lived apart, Melissa said she loved Matt "just as much as a brother."

call for help. They loved each other."

THE NIGHT before his death, Matt spent two hours on the telephone with his stepmother, who raised him since he was about 18 months old.

"He called her to say how excited he was and how much he was looking forward to a basketball career," Melissa said. "He told her about how hard he was going to work so he became a starter as a senior."

"He loved basketball," she added. "That was important to him. He was willing to sit on the bench the whole year so he could play as a senior."

After some rocky times academically and in handling criticism, her half-brother was just starting to turn his life around, Melissa said. "He worked so hard to start over — both in school and in developing a positive attitude toward everything."

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## on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

**Farmington City Council**  
Council Chambers  
23500 Liberty  
8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1

Council will receive a report on downtown banner use by civic organizations and will consider a proposed amendment to the pension ordinance. Also to be considered is a contractor's payment for 1987 water system improvements.

**Downtown Development Authority**  
Farmington City Hall  
23500 Liberty  
8 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 2

A city planner's report on streetscape bids is scheduled, in addition to a presentation on banner artwork. DDA members will either receive an update on the bid process, or a recommendation for bid award. A video presentation, treasurer's report and approval of payments are also on the agenda.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
East Middle School

**Middlebelt, north of 10 Mile**  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 2

A recommendation on boundaries and facilities usage is expected from superintendent Graham Lewis. Also expected is a report from assistant superintendent Mary Lou Ankele on the future visit by interim state superintendent Gary Hawks. Other business includes the purchase of classroom furniture, a budget revision and discussion of a grant application.

Following the regular meeting will be a meeting of the board's policy committee, then a closed meeting of the full board, to discuss contract negotiations.

**Cultural Awareness Committee**  
New meeting room  
Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 3

The committee will be provided with information on the Student Foreign Exchange Program, sponsored by the Farmington Rotary Club. Discussion will continue on the Farmington Founders Day Festival, corporate funding and a planned flag display at the Farmington Community Library.

## campus pipeline

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### HE'S HONORED

Brian Hood of Farmington Hills, a junior defensive end, is one of five captains selected to lead Alma College's 1988 football team. He was honored at the Scots' football awards banquet this month.

Hood has won three varsity letters, and in 1987 was an All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Associa-

tion Second Team selection. He played high school football at North Farmington High School under coach Jim O'Leary.

### DEAN'S LIST

Betsy Brown of Farmington was named to the dean's list at the School of Education, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. She is a 1986 graduate of

Farmington High School.

Jill Anderson, Brian Haskin, Jennifer Haskin and Kristen Balogh, all from the Farmington area, were named to the dean's list at Hope College, Holland, Mich.

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