

# Dems hear tuition plan details

State Treasurer Robert Bowman will be the featured speaker at the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, monthly meeting of the Farmington Democratic Club at Botsford Inn, Grand River near Eight Mile.

Bowman's topic will be the state's college tuition propogation plan, which is expected to go into operation soon.

The plan will allow parents to guarantee funding for their children's college education by paying into a fund as early as at birth. The state will invest the fund, which will pay tuition at a public college.

Farmington Democratic Club chair Michael Breshgold said that

Bowman is the most knowledgeable state official on this issue.

"This meeting is open to the public and is intended to give Farmington-area residents a chance to learn the details of the tuition plan — the only one of its kind in the United States," Breshgold added.

"Governor Blanchard is to be commended for coming up with this plan."

Bowman is the longest serving Blanchard cabinet member, joining the administration in 1983.

He has degrees from Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania. He previously worked for a Wall Street firm and the U.S. Treasury Department. In Michi-

gan, he was the chief architect of the state's nationally acclaimed fiscal recovery program.

Business Week magazine credits Bowman with restoring fiscal integrity in Michigan, as does Esquire magazine. Bowman was named one of Five Outstanding Young Michiganans by the Michigan Jaycees in 1986.

State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, will give a legislative report including the latest developments on the issue of education reform.

Breshgold said that you don't have to be a member of the Democratic Club to attend the meeting.



Robert Bowman senior cabinet member

## on the agenda

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

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Farmington Hills City Hall  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m. Monday, April 25

Two public hearings are scheduled:

- Cost hearing on road improvements for Tuck, Grand River to Nine Mile.
- Determination hearing for the paving of Drake Road, 11 to 12 Mile.

Council also will consider connecting Watts Street at Irv Wilcove, as well as receive a status report on Keating Community Homes and discussion of a proposed adult foster

care home on Medbury.

Also to be considered is a parking prohibition on Karen Place, from Nine Mile to its northern limit, and a request for a lot split on the northwest corner of Stockton and Middle-bolt.

Council will consider the prequalifications for house movers to move the historic Miller House on Drake Road for the proposed paving project.

**Farmington City Council**  
Farmington City Hall  
23600 Liberty  
7:30 p.m. Monday, April 25

The council meets in special session to interview candidates for positions on city boards and commissions.

# Hills, city not high on cablecasts

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"Each individual would probably have a different reason why they do or don't want it," Tupper said, adding he personally doesn't have strong feelings one way or another.

"We have never been exposed to the ramifications of taping or putting it on video. I think it would make some people uncomfortable both on the council and in the audience," Tupper continued.

The Farmington council chamber also does not lend itself to television programming, particularly because of the lack of microphones, Farmington city manager Robert Deadman said.

The lack of cable coverage also stems from concerns about the effect of television cameras. "There's the possibility that the city council or members of the audience may see this as an opportunity to play to the

camera or to the audience when it isn't beneficial to the proceedings," Sorenson said.

Farmington Hills councilwoman Jan Dolan, who has her own cable talk show, echoed similar sentiments.

"It's one of those things I have mixed feelings about. It would be very informative and it could draw a great viewing audience. But I have some concerns," Dolan said.

"What could happen is that you'll get more people on the council talking whether they have anything to say or not. And then people in the audience might come to say they are on television," Dolan said.

"YOU DO HAVE have problems with it. You would have to keep the camera back to get a broad picture without getting close to any one person. Someone could say, 'you didn't cover me . . .'"

But Kathy Sherman, coordinator of Southfield's municipal channel, says she found most concerns work themselves out.

"We really worked with our council," Sherman said, adding that Southfield officials originally shared similar concerns.

Tietmeyer recognizes the very real fears of being televised. But he believes that after a while, most people recover and don't notice the cameras.

Covering the three city's regular meetings would be a big job considering they all meet on Monday evenings. And that means more staff and more costs, Reid said.

Unlike Southfield, SWOCC emphasizes original community programming, whether produced by residents or city officials. SWOCC has three production specialists assigned to the three cities in the franchise. "It's not production crew-

can-travel, but they can provide guidance," Reid said.

While the Farmington City Council is known for brevity, Farmington Hills City Council is well-known for its long and often verbose meetings. Hills officials are concerned that cablecasting will lengthen the average four-hour meetings.

Even without meeting coverage, Farmington and Farmington Hills officials believe both cities are well covered in their own community access programs. Dolan's show, "Viewpoint — City of Farmington Hills" covers city and community topics that are timely for the public. The latest show covers the new "Say No to Drugs" campaign, for example.

Deadman also has a cable talk show, "Farmington Focus" in which he discusses a variety of topics such as the Downtown Development Authority's projects, planning concerns and Neighborhood Watch.

## Hearing set on road work

Farmington Hills City Council will hold a public hearing Monday, April 25, on a special assessment district for paving and improving Drake Road, between 11 Mile and I-696.

District property owners will pay \$72,000 of the \$1.3 million cost, or 5

percent. The cost to property owners is comparable to that when a residential street is paved.

The winding natural beauty stretch is the last remaining portion of major gravel road within the city.

# She blends music, desire to help

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really find that it changes behavior."

Morris Weaver stays busy in other areas related to her job. She sits on the board of directors as second vice president for the FAR Conservatory — a Birmingham therapeutic center for art, music and sports activities for impaired people. She is also involved in starting an association of music therapists in Michigan.

SHE HAS helped to develop two

cable programs involving her students.

One, "Achieving through Action," will be distributed to special education programs throughout the state. It will include a written curriculum for using the creative arts. North Farmington High School students wrote the theme for this.

The other, "Kids 'R Kids" is shown biweekly on TV-10 and is designed to increase public awareness of the similarities in all children —

handicapped or not.

Music "is a good, non-threatening way of integrating kids," she added.

Morris Weaver worked for two years in the community mental health area, which gives her an edge in understanding behavior in education. She holds a bachelor's degree in music therapy from Michigan State is working on a master's degree in early childhood education from Eastern Michigan.

AS A break between jobs, Morris

Weaver traveled to Europe with a small, classical singing group. She was able to visit her father's homeland of Greece and some relatives she had never met. "It was one of the nearest experiences," Morris Weaver added.

Her family is important, and members have always been supportive, she said.

Her husband, Mark Weaver, is an assistant prosecutor for Oakland County.

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