Day care dilemma

Parents ask schools for help transporting kids

It's a modern day care dilemma.

And a group of Farmington Hills
parents are asking for a little help
from their local school district,
which is trying to come up with a
solution.

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As more and more families face the problem of shuffling children between home, day care centers and schools, situations like those facing parent Don Volpini are likely to occur.

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"We need this board's help there's no other alternative for us," said Volpini, who spake recently at a Farmington school board meeting. He represented a group of parents concerned because a bus stop for Wood Creek Elementary had been removed from in front of the Chiene's World day care center at 13 Mile and Halsted.

For the past five years, Volpini said, parents have been able to drop their children off in the morning, where they could be cared for until a

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school bus arrived to pick them up.

THAT BUS stop was discontinued this year because school officials said the bus stop was not in the Wood Creek attendance area, where the children attend school, and the added bus run has proved costly for the district. "That was the basic issue," asid Beverly Hausman, who coordinates the district's transportation

program.
Trying to get a school crossing guard to help the situation through the city of Farmington Hills was cally the text, school officials said. Even if it had been, fillis police did not find the parents' request me necessary stamped to request me and the content of the criteria, "artificial for the criteria," artificial for the fillis program of the Hills Traffic Bureau,

who trains the guards.

The school district and parents are working together to help the situation for the eight families and 10 children affected by the change. Hausman said the district was stready working with the parents before the Issue came before the board. Hausman said the district is attempting to find a safe place where children can be picked up and let off after school nearby. "That would be ideal," she said.

"We will not be adding a route," she added. "We'd have to add distance, which adds time and costs more money. It's not fair to burden the safety suses against these new problems facing parents who use day care facture we're dealing with the safety of children," trusted James Abernethy told Volpini. "Our staff is trying to work something out with you. We must be very, very conscious of these issues."

There are currently openings on the city's Board of Zoning Appeals and the Beautification Committee.

The city council is expected to complete appointments to the city's new Traffic and Safety Board in July, following interviews in June.

Firms, DDA back downtown plans

A two-year promotions package for downtown Farmington is tak-ing shape, as local leaders look toward continuing the image en-hancement of the city's business

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Four major downtown landlards and the Downtown Development Authority have given their financial backing to the program before year and the program of th

FOUR PROMOTIONS, originally slated to start this month, will be planned for September, December, and March and May of next year to ensure there is no major construction work downtown to interfere.

The newaletter will begin soon, as public relations consultants Hermanoff & Assoc. of Farmington Hills continue planning the upcoming events. In addition to the annual Founders Festalval, sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, this will give the downtown area five major promotions.

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Downtown Farmington Streetisde Life will be held in September, where one-person acts, including a band, an impersonator and others will come together to contertain and draw people downtown. Pending approval of the city council, the DDA is proposing to DDA good of the city council, the DDA is proposing to DDA good of the city council, the DDA is proposing to DDA good of the Council and DDA good of the City council, the DDA is proposing to DDA good of the Council and DDA good of the City Council and DDA good of the City Council and C

December.

• Downtown Days, to promote the concept of people coming downtown, are scheduled for next March.

• Launch of a downtown walking course is planned for next May. Originally planned for this moeth, DDA officials were concerned that sidewalk construction and imsidewalk construction and im-provements might not be done in

time.
Tying into the promotional effort is a reorganization of the city's Downtown Farmington Business'. Association. A DFBA meeting is scheduled for 8:30 am. Wednesday, June 21, at the downtown library, where new officers are expected to be elected.

10 reappointed to city panels; spots open

Ten Farmington-area residents have been reappointed to serve on various boards and commissions for the city, while the city has announced openings on several boards.

Appointments include:

William Burke, William Ingalls and Daria Killinger were re-appoint-ed to serve three-year terms on the

. John Washburn was re-appointed for a three-year term on the Farmington Board of Zoning

Jacqueline Steuer and Joan Lorenz were re-appointed to the city's Beautification Committee for

Nellie Young and Geraldine Dielenhein were reappointed to three-year terms on the Farmington Area Commission on Aging.

William Ingalis will serve another three-year term on the Farmington Building Authority.
 Ellen Wallis was reappointed



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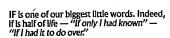
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