

Nominees sought for Citizen of the Year

There's plenty of time to nominate someone who has worked to improve or uplift some aspect of the community as Citizen of the Year.

The 1989 recipient will be honored at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4, at the 27th annual awards banquet, hosted by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, in the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills.

The chamber-sponsored Citizen of the Year Award spotlights a community booster who has rung up extended and resourceful public service during the past year or over a number of years.

Nominees can be anyone who has contributed meritorious service to the community either as a volunteer or in connection with their business.

There are no limitations to a nominee's age, sex or residency. But they must have accomplished their community deeds in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area.

IN SIZING up potential Citizens of the Year, remember that award winners are excluded from consideration. Government officials may be nominated for their volunteer achievements only.

Don't hesitate to renominate past nominees who weren't winners but who are still deeply active in the community.

Use the accompanying nomination form. Also provide a description of your nominee's most recent local achievements. Supporting letters from colleagues, peers and others who can elaborate on the value of your nominee's service or character are encouraged.

"Tell the judges what contributions you feel the nominee has made to sustain or raise the quality of life in Farmington or Farmington Hills," said Farmington Observer editor Bob Sklar, award committee member.

"Be specific in explaining why you believe these contributions are significant and should earn special plaudits. A resume of service would be helpful. Detail time periods."

1989 Citizen of the Year nomination form

Nominee Information

name _____ birthdate _____

home address _____

city _____ state _____ ZIP _____

home phone _____ work phone _____

occupation _____ title _____

place of work _____ address _____

spouse's name _____

children's names, ages _____

Nominator Information

name _____ date _____

home address _____

city _____ state _____ ZIP _____

home phone _____ work phone _____

occupation _____ title _____

place of work _____ address _____

signature _____

Entry deadline: Oct. 13

Mail to: Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce
33201 Grand River
Farmington 48024

Be sure you answer the question, "Why should this nominee be selected as the 1989 Citizen of the Year?" Attached additional sheets as necessary.

Past award winners were Dr. Robert Douglass, Marlowe Be-

langer, John Anbut, Charles Schulkins, Mary Ann Reilly, Terry Sever, Floyd Cairns, Allan Kenson, Richard Headlee, Sandra Denon, Robert McConnell, Harold Gibson, Jim Ellis, Jean Fox, Bayard Tupper, Shirley Richardson and Kathryn Briggs.

Publicity seminar set

You were just named publicity chair, the major fund-raiser is a month away and your community group is relying on you to promote the event.

Where do you turn? The Farmington Observer would be a good choice. It's a quick way to reach 19,600 households in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

But, you fret, how do you submit information to the news staff in a way that's suitable for publication?

That's the question the Observer staff will try to answer as simply as possible at a public relations seminar from 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the council chambers of Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty.

Come meet our staff and learn how to write and submit one of your group's most important tools — the press release.

We'll provide an overview, answer questions and present a handout for

future reference. Refreshments will be served.

The deadline to register for the seminar is Friday, Sept. 22.

If you're responsible for publicizing news about your community group, call Observer receptionist Rose Butler at 477-5450, by Friday, Sept. 22. Leave your name and your group's name.

I hope to see you there!
— Bob Sklar, editor

School hours to change

Revised school hours for elementary-level Farmington students begin this Monday, Sept. 18, based on contractual agreements with teachers in the district.

According to information released from Farmington Public Schools, 15 minutes of instructional time has been added to the school day.

The new hours, including mid-day hours for kindergarten classes, are:

• 8:40 a.m. starting time to 11:23 a.m. dismissal; 12:23 p.m. starting time to 3:05 p.m. dismissal — Eagle, Flanders, Forest, Gill, Kenbrook, William Grace and Woodlake.

• 9:15 a.m. starting time to 11:58 a.m. dismissal; 12:58 p.m. starting time to 3:40 p.m. dismissal — Beechview, Larkshire, Longacre and Wood Creek.

• 8:55 starting time and 3:20 p.m.

dismissal — Highmeadow Common Campus.

• 8:52 a.m. starting time to 11:38 dismissal; 12:35 p.m. starting time to 3:17 p.m. dismissal — Alameda and Fairview early childhood centers.

Principals are responsible for notifying parents of new times for bus pick-ups, said school officials. Parents should contact individual building principals for further information.

Bush: Drug users 'will pay the price'

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for national television networks. "We're all paying for it, we're all feeling it every day."

The 12-minute message aired at 12:15 p.m. — right in the middle of most school lunch hours and at the beginning of the school year in most districts. It did not appear to be well-publicized. People at some schools were not even aware it was scheduled.

At Longacre Elementary in Farmington Hills, three fifth grade classes and one fourth grade class spent the 15 minutes before their lunch time listening to the message in the school's media center. Another third grade class watched in their portable classroom.

VARIOUS MESSAGES were heard by the students during the talk. "Drugs are killing millions," said one student. Another said following the talk that Bush "will stop drugs."

Fifth grader Juliet Petrus believes that Bush "really cares about all of us. He doesn't want us to use drugs and not to sell them either." She said she first heard about drugs in the BABES drug awareness program, in which all Farmington third graders participate.

Fellow classmate Ryan Hassell heard the message that Bush was going to continue the war on drugs. "He didn't want us to quit fighting," he said. "He never wants us to use them (drugs) so we can stay healthy and make our dreams come true."

Both students said they talk about the drug issue at home, especially when it is in the news.

Bush highlighted things he felt important to students, such as friends and parents who use drugs, and tried to bring the drug war to life for the students with his message.

"Every dollar that goes to drugs feeds the killing," he said. "Casual drug use is responsible for the casualties in drug wars. I'm asking you not to look the other way."

"Using drugs is illegal and you will pay the price," he added. "If you risk doing drugs, you risk everything."

Bush's message to students Tuesday followed an anti-drug message to the nation the week before. Prepared by the nation's drug czar, William Bennett, Bush advocated stepped up law enforcement, an inter-American war on drug cartels, prevention and education measures, expanded drug treatment and a \$2.2-billion increase in the federal drug budget for the coming year.

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