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SHORTLY after arriving home from a morning of campaigning in the rain Tuesday, first-term incumbent Aldo Vagnozzi put the race for five Farmington Hills City Council seats in perspective. "This is a day you can truly say the candidates are all wet," he joked.

Vagnozzi, 64, lived up to his reputation as a grass-roots campaigner. By his count, he visited 3,547 houses in all 27 voting precincts.

MEANWHILE, planning commissioner Larry Lichtman stood in teapots and with umbrella in hand while campaigning for the Farmington Hills City Council outside North Farmington High's two voting precincts. "It was supposed to be clear and cold," he said. "Well, they got it all right."

QUOTE of the week

6 I accept the realities of politics. I am not a politician. I am a public servant. 9

Paul Sowerby, Farmington Hills councilman who was defeated Tuesday. Story 1A.

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Vagnozzi, Bates pace Hills races

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By Joanne Meliazowski
staff writer

Despite the controversy surrounding his past two years in office, veteran councilman Ben Marks will join top vote-getter Aldo Vagnozzi and two newcomers on the Farmington Hills City Council in a second runoff race.

In a three-candidate race for a special council term, challenger Nancy Bates trounced incumbent Paul Sowerby, appointed in March, by a 2-1 margin. Challenger Herbert Lane captured fewer than 1,000 votes.

"I am humble. I am delighted. I'm grateful to the people," Marks said Wednesday morning. "There's enough people out there who believe what I'm doing and that I have ethics and integrity. I overcame some rapping from other candidates."

In the 10-candidate regular race, Vagnozzi, undisturbed second place finisher and former planning commissioner Jonathan Grant by 208 votes. More than 300 votes put Marks in third place for a four-year term.

Planning commissioner Lawrence Lichtman bumped incumbent Philip Arnold, appointed in December, out of the running for fourth place—a two-year term—by 950 votes.

REGULAR TERM

Aldo Vagnozzi	8,059
Jonathan Grant	8,151
Ben Marks	6,410
Lawrence Lichtman	6,501
Philip Arnold	5,542
George Sarkisian	3,985
Betty Stines	3,804
Ronald Olyverio	3,006
Albert Rosen	2,429
Vernon Kiedowski	2,080

SPECIAL TERM

Nancy Bates	8,470
Paul Sowerby	4,257
Herbert Lane	985

All vote totals are unofficial until certified by the Farmington Hills Board of Canvassers.

Vagnozzi, 64, Grant, 38, Marks, 66, Lichtman, 31, and Bates, 56, will be sworn in by city clerk Kathy Dornan at the next regular meeting of the seven-member, nonpartisan council on Monday, Nov. 13 in Farmington Hills City Hall.

THROUGH SOME of the election results were unexpected to many, the post-sky of 40 percent voter turnout in Farmington Hills left many in awe.

"I don't know whether it was just the city council election or a combination with the state ballot proposals," city clerk Dornan said.

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BARRY BOOTH/staff photographer

Supporter Richard Frankel (left) looks over chelle Pantaleo, at his election night party at Aldo Vagnozzi's shoulder as he reads ballot results with his 11-year-old granddaughter, Michelle. The Botsford Inn Tuesday.

Unprecedented 2 women are elected in Farmington

precinct breakdown, 8A

By Susan Duck
staff writer

Two women will take seats on the Farmington City Council, for the first time in history, after Tuesday's precedent-setting election.

Top vote-getter Shirley Richardson, 52, appointed to her position three years ago to fill a vacancy created by Alton Bennett's resignation, and challenger Joanne McShane, 43, who came in third ahead of incumbent Arnold Campbell, have earned their place in Farmington's history books.

Incumbent Mayor Richard Tupper, 56, finished second in the nonpartisan vote. Richardson and Tupper won four-year terms. McShane earned a two-year term on the five-member council. Council members earn \$900 a year.

Richardson was the top vote-getter with 1,740 votes—14 votes ahead of Tupper. McShane trailed Tupper by 272 votes. All vote counts are unofficial until certified by the Farmington Board of Canvassers.

Campbell, 39, a four-year incumbent, mayor pro-tem and next in line for the mayor's seat, followed with 1,226 votes, 228 behind McShane.

"I'm very ecstatic," Richardson said Wednesday. "I'm just very, very

REGULAR TERM

Shirley Richardson	1,740
Richard Tupper	1,726
Joanne McShane	1,451
Arnold Campbell	1,224
Robert Walker	1,182
Joanne Fellenberg	529
John Kenney	414

thrilled. I had a super campaign team."

Richardson admitted that when she arrived at city hall for the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission

election show Tuesday, she was "a little surprised" to learn she had come in fourth in her own precinct (1). McShane was the top vote-getter there.

"I might have to do some work in my own precinct," Richardson said she thought. "But to me, the Farmington City Council represents the total community." Richardson was the top vote-getter in two precincts.

"IN THE absence votes, Dick Tupper and I took the same number

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Voters say 'no' to library bonds, tax

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Farmington-area voters handily defeated a library operating tax proposal Tuesday, while a bond issue to build a new main library lost by only a 215-vote margin.

Of 20,188 ballots cast in the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills

19,892 voted on the tax issue, with 7,065 voting for and 12,827 against it.

\$14.5-MILLION BOND ISSUE

YES, 9,539	NO, 9,754
15 mill operating levy	
YES, 7,065	NO, 12,827

19,293 voted on the bond proposal, with 9,539 voting for and 9,754 voting against it.

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Farmington officials float plans for \$9.6 million sewer renovation

Sewer project timetable, 14A

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Flushing your toilet in Farmington will soon cost more.

City officials are moving ahead immediately with plans for a \$9.6 million sewer system upgrade, expected to be the most costly project in Farmington history.

Necessary to meet state and federal mandates for clean water, the program would pay to separate sanitary and storm sewers in a portion of the city, and to construct a 3- to 4-million-gallon retention tank to hold sewer and storm water until it can

be sent to Detroit for treatment.

The project will be designed to stop sewer system overflows into the Rouge River, which occur now in the combined system during heavy rains.

Farmington is one of the first cities in the Rouge River Basin to move ahead on such a project.

"The timing is right," said James LaBum of Black & Veatch, primary engineering firm for the project. "What you have here is a very narrow window of opportunity."

LATHAM REFERS to the limited timeline Farmington faces in applying for a 20-year state loan at a 2-percent interest rate, expected to finance most of the project. City

manager Robert Deadman said the low-interest loan, available only through next year, would save taxpayers nearly \$5 million in interest compared with a commercial loan.

City officials, two engineering firms and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources are already fighting the clock to complete an eight-point plan needed before the city can get the loan.

Because Farmington has planned its project early, there should be no problem obtaining the loan.

"You do have a window of opportunity," said Bruce Moore, a DNIR specialist in the Rouge Basin problem. "There is going to be enough

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By Susan Duck
staff writer

Camaderie of an all-white Farmington Hills church and an all-black River Rouge church shone forth Sunday, fueled by the friendship of its pastors.

It was the 43rd anniversary of the John Wesley United Methodist Church in River Rouge. And the youth choir from Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills performed a 50-minute cantata, a musical drama called "Kids Under Construction — A Blueprint for Growing," to celebrate.

Seventy congregants from the Farmington Hills church traveled

downriver. Eleven children and adults took part in the drama. Another 40 youth choir members participated. The children, representing the Adventure and Wesley youth choirs, spanned grades 2-12.

The commemorative event, which promoted racial harmony, came on the heels of a contrasting, turbulent peace march in Farmington Oct. 15 led by self-styled motivational therapist Derwin Success. Seven people were arrested on weapons or disorderly charges in connection with the march, originally planned to be a community activity but which ended up as

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