

Community Corner

This week's question:

What do you think of curbside recycling, which will start in Farmington and Farmington Hills this summer?

We asked this question on the streets of Farmington.



"Fine... as long as they don't charge a second time for it. You pay for it once with your taxes."

— Bob Walker
Marysville



"It's a good deal. I'm for it. They have it in Southfield where I live."

— Harold Walker
Southfield



"I think it's good. I recycle now. I've got three cans in my garage and I take the stuff to the recycling center."

— Robert Ellis
Farmington



"It's good. It's a crime what you have to throw away... all that paper. Why not recycle?"

— Robert Clarke
Farmington Hills



"It's a good idea. I'd participate. Picking it up at curbside would be a convenience factor."

— Cindy Schmidt
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"It's a good idea. We recycle anyway. This will be easier."

— Vicki Palmer
Farmington Hills

Students hold dance to benefit classmates' siblings

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"Anything that can be helpful for these families is great, and it's a chance for kids to do something to help others," he said.

A number of area businesses donated door prizes or services for the East function, including Harmony House, Clinique Cosmetics, 96.3 FM, PIP Printing and Chris O'Brien Productions.

Both mothers and Alex's uncle participated in the two-hour dance,

taking time out to help hand out door prizes to the students, and to accept the donations.

"It's important for the kids in school to be aware there are handicapped kids in Farmington Hills," said Marge Houser. "The kids are so accepting, I hope they will go home and talk to their parents about it."

"I think it has been a very positive thing."

Janet DeGrave said she appreciated

the East students' efforts, and said it is "good for the community and the kids. It's affected a lot of people."

Houser said the entire community needs to prepare for a generation of dealing with people who have handicaps as the population ages and medical advances keep people alive for more years.

"There are going to be more handicapped people in the world," she added.



A group of East Middle School students dance to raise money for the families of two classmates. Pictured, left to right, are Amanda Fletcher, Iyassan Isshak, Chris Palros, Kelly Ludy and Zena Hermez.



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East Middle School students crowd around Janet DeGrave (left front) and Marge Houser (right front) during an all-school dance to raise money for the two families. Both parents have daughters at East and younger children who are wheelchair-bound due to accidents.

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