

# Win guaranteed for at least one Hills newcomer

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Bates, 59, is seeking re-election after a two-year stint on the council. In 1989, she trounced opponent Paul Sowerby, an appointed council member, by a 2-1 margin.

Bates is a legislative aide to state Rep. Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills. She is the mother of three grown children and has served as campaign manager for Dolan and former state Rep. Sandy Brotherton of Farmington.

Bates also is well-known for ArtStart Pre-School, she was the founder and owner until she sold the business to the three teachers she hired for the program.

The council wasn't her first venture into political life. In 1976-78, she served as the organizing chair for the Commission on Aging. She also served on the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

Lichtman, 33, also is seeking re-election following two years on the council. An attorney, Lichtman and his wife, Holly, are the parents of three children, Nathan, 11, Lindsay, 8, and Anna, 1.

While on the council, Lichtman served as a council liaison to the ad hoc committee on toxic and hazardous substances, which stemmed from the industrial-research-office zoning controversy.

Lichtman also served on the planning commission in 1989 and served on the zoning board of appeals, 1983-89 and as chairman 1987-1988.

Smith, 85, served on the city council in the early days of the city, 1975-79. She was then defeated in her next election attempt.

THE MOTHER of five grown children also served on the zoning board of appeals in the 1970s and has served on the planning commission since 1983. She is currently planning commission chairwoman.

Smith is a therapist in the St. Vincent-Sarah Fisher Center Treatment Foster Care Program.

Sowerby, 47, was appointed to the council in April 1989 to fill the remaining term of councilman Joe Alkateeb's term until the November 1989 election, which he lost to Bates.

An attorney, Sowerby, who is di-

**The top three voters will earn four-year terms. The fourth-place finisher will get a two-year term. The winners will be sworn in by City Clerk Kathy Dornan at the next council meeting, Monday, Nov. 11.**

voiced, is a former parks and recreation commission member and zoning board of appeals member. He also served as chairman of the appeals board.

Before attending law school when he was 36, Sowerby worked at Ford Motor Co., had a sales business in Farmington Hills for nine years and worked in real estate.

This is the second time Oliverio, 37, has thrown his hat into the local political ring. He was defeated in his first attempt for a council seat in 1989. The then-controversial industrial-research-office zoning drew Oliverio into the limelight in 1989.

THE FATHER of four children, Nicholas, Kevin, Joseph and Alexander is vice president of investments for First of Michigan Corporation.

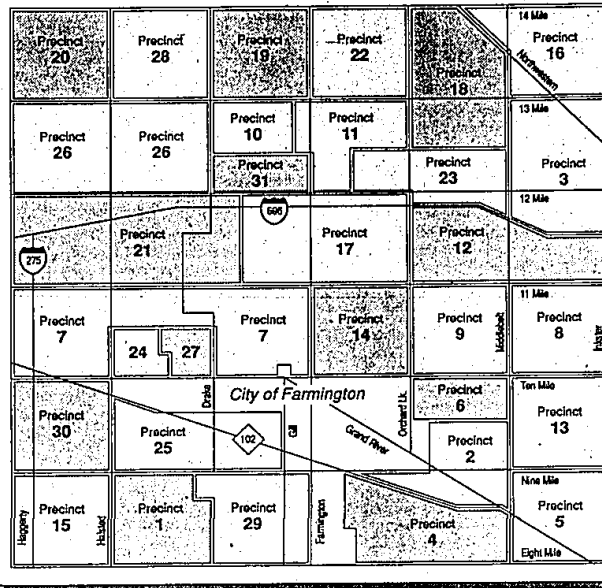
Oliverio is a member of the Farmington Hills ethics committee and past president of the Independence Common Homeowners Association.

Rackowski, 23, is a write-in candidate. He said he had enough signatures for the nominating petition, but missed the deadline.

An Eastern Michigan University graduate, Rackowski lives with his parents and says he plans to attend graduate school. He is also in the U.S. Army Reserve and commissioned as a second lieutenant.

While in college, Rackowski served as a senator and presidential candidate in student government, as well as a reserve assistance program officer with the Civil Air Patrol. He graduated from Harrison High School.

## City of Farmington Hills Precinct Voting Map



Key:

- 1 Power Middle Sch. (34740 Rhonewood)
- 2 Wheeler Fire Hall (21400 Wheeler)
- 3 Woodbrook Sch. (29400 Harvick)
- 4 St. Pauls Lutheran Sch. (23005 Middlebelt)
- 5 William Grace Sch. (23040 Shawwassee)
- 6 Lakeside Sch. (23600 Tully)
- 7 Dunchal Middle Sch. (23600 12 Mile)
- 8 East Middle Sch. (25000 Middlebelt)
- 9 East Middle Sch. (25000 Middlebelt)
- 10 Dunchal Middle Sch. (23600 12 Mile)
- 11 N. Farmington High Sch. (32000 13 Mile)
- 12 East Middle School (25000 Middlebelt)
- 13 William Grace Sch. (23040 Shawwassee)
- 14 Alameda Sch. (32400 Alameda)
- 15 Finnish Center (35200 Eight Mile)
- 16 Fairview Sch. (28500 Oak Creek)
- 17 Alameda Sch. (32400 Alameda)
- 18 Highmeadow Sch. (30175 Highmeadow)
- 19 Forest Sch. (24545 Old Timber)
- 20 Fire Dept. Headquarters (28711 Drake)
- 21 Dunchal Middle Sch. (23600 12 Mile)
- 22 N. Farmington High Sch. (32000 13 Mile)
- 23 Kanbrook Sch. (32130 Bonnet Hill)
- 24 Hilda Sch. (26801 11 Mile)
- 25 Gil Sch. (21195 Gil)
- 26 Hope Lutheran Church (30200 12 Mile)
- 27 Hilda Sch. (26801 11 Mile)
- 28 Faith Covenant Church (25415 14 Mile)
- 29 Power Middle Sch. (34740 Rhonewood)
- 30 Gil Sch. (21195 Gil)
- 31 Wooddale Sch. (28600 Pappert)

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# Smith has top campaign treasury

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

As of Oct. 20, challenger Joanne Smith had received the most campaign money, followed by Farmington Hills City Council incumbent Larry Lichtman and challenger Paul Sowerby.

Following right behind Sowerby in money received in the race for four seats on the Farmington Hills City Council is challenger Ronald Oliverio.

Next in line after Oliverio are incumbents Nancy Bates and Terry Sever. Write-in candidate Andrew Rackowski took last position in money raised.

The campaign finance reports are on file with the Farmington Hills City Clerk. Candidates were required by state law to file their pre-election reports by Oct. 25 with the Oakland County elections clerk. Candidates also are required to file a

post-election report in December that will give a full documentation of money raised and spent throughout the race.

Smith, a former councilwoman and current chair of the planning commission, has received \$6,820 in contributions and spent \$4,673. But she has debts totaling \$3,348.13, which includes repayment of a \$3,500 loan to herself, payment for a party at Gino's and a \$1,200 printing bill.

LICHTMAN, A two-year councilman, raised \$5,449 in contributions, including a \$1,000 donation from his parents. His contributions include a balance of \$485. He has \$848 of in-kind contributions, including from Gary Jonna, executive vice president of Jonna Cos. Lichtman, a former planning commission and zoning board of appeals member, has spent \$4,812. He has \$850 debts listed. He also

received loans of varying amounts equaling \$706, including from himself.

Sowerby, a former appointed councilman and former zoning board of appeals chairman and parks and recreation commissioner, raised \$5,407 and has expenditures of \$4,087, which is also listed as a debt. He received \$400 in in-kind contributions.

Oliverio, a former candidate defeated in the 1989, raised \$4,220 and spent \$4,017. He has a \$3,500 debt listed. His campaign finance report

also lists \$3,500 in loans, including from himself.

Two-year councilwoman Nancy Bates received \$3,260 in contributions and spent \$2,594. She has in-kind contributions listed of \$477 and debts of \$1,356. She loaned herself \$1,350.

Sever, a six-year councilman, raised \$2,045 and spent \$1,954. He has in-kind contributions of \$750 listed and debts of \$700, which is a loan to himself.

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