

Hills mayor looks for input on family issues

Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates made another pitch for a committee to study needs of children and families. The committee will have its

first meeting tonight at 7:30 in the lower conference room of City Hall, 11 Mills and Orchard Lake roads. Bates said representatives from

several organizations will attend, but she also encouraged anyone who has an interest in the committee or child and family issues to attend.

RECREATION NEWS

Each week, the recreation division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For more information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570. For city council agenda items, call the Newsline at 476-3838.

GOLF LESSONS
A six-lesson program working on your swing, stand and grip will be offered on Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday starting the week of May 3 at the

Novi Oaks Driving Range. Each lesson is 60 minutes, and you will be asked to buy a bucket of golf balls. Pre-registration is required.

NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT
You'll travel throughout Heritage Park hunting for non-destructive nature items from a list provided by the instructor. This is a great activity to put your mind to work. The activity is scheduled for April 24 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Heritage Park Day Camp Building. A pre-registration fee of \$15 per family.

SOFTBALL LEAGUES
Registration is being accepted for adult softball teams. Leagues still available are for men or women. Teams play 14-game schedule and playoffs. Fees are \$395 for industrial and \$435 for open.

EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
Get your partner and register for the Euchre Tournament Friday, April 23 from 7-10 p.m. at the Heritage Park Visitor Center. You will play a round-robin format that will allow you to play the entire evening. Awards and refreshments are provided. Pre-registration required. Fee is \$10 per team.

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organizations. She has two children, 13 and 6½. "I've been keeping up and watching the school board via TV the last three years," said Glazer, 41, who lives in Farmington Hills. "I think there is a need for new faces and I'm the right person to get involved. I'm excited about it."

Joel Marwil — A substitute teacher with 28 years of elementary-level experience. He taught in Detroit until 1980, working as a substitute in the suburbs since then. He's lived in Farmington for two years. "I don't have a job that's the main reason," said Marwil, 46. "I'm interested in saving funds and hiring people at lower costs and doing like some of these companies and doing without benefits so (people) can pay their own benefits."

Susan McKendrick — A legal nurse consultant who is president

of Normandy Hills homeowner's association and a representative for the Council of Homeowners Associations. She's stated that although she is satisfied with curriculum, other issues such as transportation, violence, and priority spending need to be addressed. "I discovered that safety has become a secondary issue to the board and its administration," said McKendrick, who lives in Farmington Hills.

Charles Remus — An academic dean at St. Mary's College in Orchard Lake. He's a former Detroit Public Schools high school principal and area superintendent. He lives in Farmington. "My background is one of success in education," Remus said. "If there is anyone better qualified, they should win."

Ken Stein — A 1988 graduate of North Farmington High, who is

a law student at Wayne State University. Concern over school financing and stagnation in education are two reasons he was prompted to run, he said. "I want to make sure people are not going to be paying more for less," said Stein, 24. "Secondly, there is a systematic problem with how education is run."

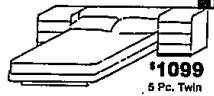
David York — A Ford Motor Co. engineer who has served on school-related committees, including several on the district level. He's a member of Advocates of Excellence in Education. "It's just time when I can be of help, and I want to be," York said. "There's a lot of challenges and a lot of difficulties ahead."

Candidates have until 4 p.m. Thursday to withdraw their names from the ballot, according to Beth Rothrock. All nominating petitions have been verified, she added.

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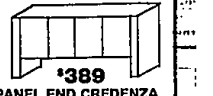
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