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more use of our parks during the day. But I understand that evening is the time when parents can be involved."

Vagnozzi said he would like to see Woodland Hills kept as natural as possible since the city now has more capacity for active use in other parks.

Another priority for residents is better service from Detroit Edison.

"We've had more complaints than a year ago," he said, adding that there has been some improvement in service in the northwestern area of the city.

The printing consultant said a key to improved service is the proposed 120KV line that will run east-to-west.

The changes in the Federal Communications Commission guidelines for cable TV will also be a tough issue for local governments. Vagnozzi said MetroVision, which serves Farmington Hills as well as Farmington and Novi, has a special responsibility to its customers, since it is a monopoly. Cities will have a bigger say in rates, which have increased unreasonably, he said. Vagnozzi said he now wishes the city had come up with its own system.

"I'm sorry we didn't get into it (cable TV) ourselves," he said. "They (MetroVision) wanted an early renewal of their franchise, which we'll back off from. That's the only clout we have with these people."

Other important issues for the city include:

■ Restrict the incursion of commercial development into residential areas.

■ Work to improve older parts of the city.

■ Support the effort to improve the Eight Mile corridor.

■ "Plan for a future that does not have annual budget increases," he said.

Vagnozzi said he will continue to campaign door-to-door, especially in newer areas of the city where he is not as well known.

Vagnozzi and his wife, Lois,



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Family tradition: Aldo Vagnozzi tosses a bocci ball on his front lawn during a game with his granddaughter Angie Pantaleo, 12, her friend Mary Jo Cothery, 11, (standing behind Vagnozzi), and his son-in-law Howard Fleeter.

have four children and five grandchildren. The World War II veteran and former Hills mayor is seeking his second four-year term. He has also served on the school board and several other boards and commissions. A 13-year Hills resident, Vagnozzi has been active in the Democratic Party, including a stint as a national delegate in 1968.

Bocci ball a family tradition

Aldo Vagnozzi will be the first to poke fun at himself about his Italian background.

But when it comes to bocci ball, the Italian game similar to lawn bowling, he's only half-joking.

Vagnozzi, a 13-year Farmington Hills resident, has succeeded not only in getting a mock bocci ball court made for him at the city's 20th birthday party in July, but there are two bocci ball courts planned for the new Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile.

"I used to be my father's partner when we played in the 1930s," he said. "He liked playing with me because the winning team got beer. I was too young to drink my share."

Vagnozzi, who served as an interpreter for Italian prisoners of war with the U.S. Army in World War II, still plays the game with his father. Attilio taught him back in their Moran Street neighborhood in Detroit. He often recruits his granddaughter, Angie Pantaleo, 12, as a partner.

Two players from two teams try to toss a ball, similar to a small bowling ball, as close to another ball to score points. Like horseshoes and shuffleboard, balls of an opponent can be knocked farther away.

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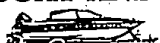
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Lyczkowski out of council race

BY LARRY O'CONNOR

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The choice for Farmington voters just got easier.

Challenger Tom Lyczkowski has decided to withdraw from the race for three open seats on the Farmington City Council.

That leaves four candidates: challengers Mary Bush and Russell Buyers and incumbents Arnold Campbell and Richard Tupper to vie for the spots.

Lyczkowski, who is an architect, cited an increased workload as the main reason for dropping out.

"This (work commitments) isn't something that is short term," said Lyczkowski, who is a member of the Historical Commission. "I see this lasting beyond the election."

Lyczkowski's name, though, will still be on the ballot Nov. 2. To officially withdraw his

name from the ballot, he needed to notify the city clerk's office by Aug. 16. The filing deadline was Aug. 13.

He informed the city clerk's office last week of his decision. "I don't know what problems this will cause, except he might get some votes," said Mary Pieman, who works in the City Clerk's office.

For the remaining hopefuls, The League of Women Voters and the Farmington Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor a candidate's forum 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 6, in Farmington Hills Council Chambers, 11 Mile Road, off Orchard Lake.

The forum will be broadcast on Channel 8. A member of the League of Women Voters will moderate with the forum with questions submitted in writing. All candidates will have equal time to speak.

Program covers iris cultivation

Iris cultivation, the old-fashioned way, as well as with the many newer techniques, will be the subject on a Farmington Garden Club program at noon Monday, Oct. 4, at the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

Ann Cline, president of the Southeast Michigan Iris Club and an accredited iris judge, will share her expertise on these familiar flowers.

In addition, Ann Audette of the Farmington Garden Club will discuss "Winter Protection for your Garden Roses," as well as many other horticulture hints for October.

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