### Philharmonic to honor city's 25th

The Farmington Area Philharmonie will perform a free family concert at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at Heritage Park as part of the weekond's 25th anniversary celebration of Farmington Hills being a city.

A host of Philharmonic Favorites will be performed, including "1812 Overture," Vote the Rainbow, "Magnificent Seven, "Flashdance," and more. This is a great opportunity to

the Kainbow, "Magniteent Seven," "Flashdance," and more. "This is a great opportunity to get to know the Philharmonic before the start of our new sea-son this fall," said Karen Nixon-

son this fall," said Karon Nixon-Lane, music director.

"We're scheduling an exciting
line-up of concerts that will
appeal to a broad audience. We
think this free concert will whet
your appetite for more."

The performance - originally
announced as being on another
date - is being sponsored as a
gift from Botsford Hospital, with
additional support by the Farmington Area Arts Commission.

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doughnuts and a gift bag, all part of Farmer Jack's "Gotting to Know You Days" program. "When we were ready to leave, they gave us a bag of things to show their appreciation," Dawes said

show their appreciation." Dawes said. cording to a filer distributed at Farmington Place, Farmer Jack awill repeat that acrvice Tuesday with pick-ups. The filer distributed Tuesday with pick-ups. The filer forum 10 a.m. to 4 pm. The filen fevurn bus leaves Cressroads at 5 pm.

Dawes noted that she was told that the Tuesday outings are pretty much an appetizer for the main course: on Tuesdays and Fridays, starting June 30, there will be five pick-ups and returns to and from Farmington Place.

"I was on the afternoon bus, and there were only two of us on there," Dawes continued. "But I think a lot of people from here went. The ones I talked to thought I was a good idea." It is an idea that has potential, particularly since it would elimi-

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Margaret Dawes rmington Place resident

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nate the need for seniors to walk to the store in poor weather, Dawes said. If it worked out the way it did on Tuesday, it (the shuttle) would be fine.

News of the shuttle surprised Annales Morrison, especially since Farmer Jack has yet to confirm the accepted news that the downtown store is closing on June 27.

"They can hand out these filers, but they won't announce they're closing the store," Morrison said. "What does that indicate to you? Why would they offer that (shuttle) if they're not closing the store?"

Morrison is one of the residents spearheading the campaign to keep a quality greer in

the Downtown Farmington Center. Morrison delivered a petition with more than 800 signatures to center landlord Kimco Realty Corp. and presented a copy of the petition Monday to the Farmington City Council.

According to Morrison, the petition drive still could make the difference. At least, Kimco knows how residents feel about the subject.

"I really feel if we just sat by and did nothing," Morrison said, "Kimco would never know how much we really need a grocery store."

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Despite speculation about the store's future, City Manager Frank Lauhoff last week said Farmer Jack officials hadn't even made a courtesy call about whether or not the rumored clos-

ing were true.

Lauhoff said a face-to-face meeting with Kimco officials could take place in the next few

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the publicly-held utility is using the publicly-hold utility is using state-of-the art equipment. The trouble is: Is Edison cutting corners in terms of equipment morder to make their profit margins?" asked Ron Oliverio, a Farmington Hills resident.

The utility is using modernt enchology, said Edison officials.

Edison has been working to upgrade seven of 51 circuits serving the city identified as sport. Since 1991, the utility has sport \$19.5 million on improvement projects - \$1.14 million is planned this year alone.

Other improvements include pole-top maintenance and tree clearance from electrical lines.

That's not good enough, said city Managor Dan Hobbs, who lives in the same Meadowbrock Hills subdivision afflicted by frequent outages.

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Hills subdivision afflicted by frequent outages.
The latest outage from the May 31 storm prompted Hobbs to ask for another meeting with Edison officials. He said it isn't the inconvenience of power outages as much as the mindest that disturbs him.
When the storm comes, in my mind I know the power is going to go out. That's not acceptable,

Hobbs said.

Hobbs wants an objective third-party, someone like accountants at Plante & Moran, to audit the Edison system in order to compare the utility with others. An Edison official said the Michigan Public Service Commission already fills that role.

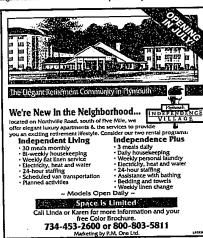
"Theoretically, the public ser-"Theoretically, the public service commission should be out there as an arbiter," said Mayor Aldo Vognozzi. "Unfortunately we have a weak public service: commission. It's symptomatic price to the utility industry."

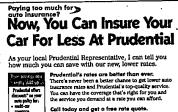
The meeting is the latest inseries between the utility and the city task force. The purpose is not to beat up on Edison, but to make the utility more respective, Vognozzi said.

Improvements have resulted, according to Vagnozzi and Hobbs.

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Hobbs.
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Paul Phelps attended the session
Thursday, though he has no
gripes with Edison.
"We had 11 outages and Edison has corrected the problem."
Phelps said, "but it was through
the help of these meetings, too."





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igen Health System will present Diabetic Eye Disease: What you need to know. Leading the presentation will be University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center comprehensive ophthalmologists Jorome I, Enkelstein, M.D., and Susan S. Thoms, M.D., both of whom treat patients at the University of Michigen Center for Specialty Care in Livonia.

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