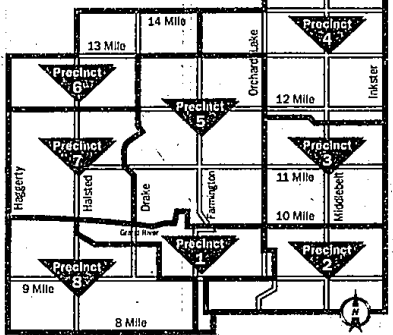


**Where to vote**



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| <b>Farmington Public Schools Voting precincts</b> | <p><b>1. Longacre Elementary</b><br/>34850 Arundel<br/>(Between 8 Mile Road and Grand River Avenue off of Co Road)</p> <p><b>2. William Grace Elementary</b><br/>29040 Shawwassee<br/>(North side of Shawwassee between Middlebelt and Drake roads)</p> <p><b>3. East Middle School</b><br/>25000 Middlebelt<br/>(East side of Middlebelt between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads)</p> <p><b>4. Warner Middle School</b><br/>30303 W. 14 Mile<br/>(South side of 14 Mile Road between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads)</p> | <p><b>5. Dunckel Middle School</b><br/>32800 W. 12 Mile<br/>(North side of 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads)</p> <p><b>6. Forest Elementary</b><br/>34545 Old Timber<br/>(Farmington Road north of 13 Mile to Old Timber; West on Old Timber to school)</p> <p><b>7. Hillside Elementary</b><br/>36801 W. 11 Mile<br/>(South side of 11 Mile Road between Drake and Halsey roads)</p> <p><b>8. Gill Elementary</b><br/>21195 Gill<br/>(West side of Gill Road between 8 Mile and 9 Mile roads)</p> |
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tant superintendent for business and operational services, 161 absentee voter ballots were mailed out to voters as of Thursday.

The final day AV ballots can be mailed out by the district is Saturday, June 12. All ballots must be received by 8 p.m. election day.

A light turnout is predicted. Last year, when an Oakland Community College election was also decided, only 4.3 percent came out to the polls. In 1997, when a Farmington school board race was the only decision to be made, the turnout was about 2.6 percent.

The precincts, which differ from those used for city elections, are as follows:

- PRECINCT 1:** Longacre Elementary School, 34850 Arundel, between Nine Mile and Grand River, off of Gill Road.
- PRECINCT 2:** William Grace Elementary School, 29040 Shawwassee Street, north side, between Middlebelt-Inkster roads.
- PRECINCT 3:** East Middle School, 25000 Middlebelt Road, east side, between 10-11 Mile roads.
- PRECINCT 4:** Warner Middle School, 30303 W. 14 Mile Road, south side, between Middlebelt-Orchard Lake roads.

**Clippers relocates**

Village Hidden Treasures and Village Clippers Salon will hold a grand opening celebration from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 27, in their new location, 33245 Grand River Ave.

Village Hidden Treasures is now open for business in its new location, Village Clippers Salon will open for business on Sunday, June 20.

"Farmington has been a great location for my businesses; they fill a needed niche here. Suggestions were made to relocate to neighboring cities, but I just couldn't imagine leaving downtown Farmington. It's home for me," said Diane Cassidy.

**Discover Russia**

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**Summer semester begins June 29**  
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English 296 Intro. to Creative Writing M/W; 5:30-8 p.m. (3 credits)

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**LIBRARY Books in Demand**

Editor's note: Every week the Farmington Community Library will provide the Farmington Observer with a list of books that are most in demand by patrons. For more information, please contact the library at 653-0300.

- HOT HITS**
- We'll Meet Again, Mary Higgins Clark
  - White Oleander, Janet Fitch
  - Ashes to Ashes, Toni Hoag
  - The Pilot's Wife, Anita Shreve
  - Tara Road, Mo'Nique Blinchy
  - The Reader, Bernhard Schlink
  - River's End, Nora Roberts
  - Bittersweet, Danielle Steel
  - A New Song, Jan Karan
  - Certain Prey, John Sanford
  - Eye of the Beholder, Jayne Ann Krentz
  - Fortune's Hand, Belva Plain
  - The Testament, John Grisham
  - I Thee Wed, Amanda Quick
  - Mistaken Identity, Lisa Scottoline

**Jones from page A1**

**While out of town when torrential rains hit last August, Jones recalls how a guest in her basement had to remain on the couch while water seeped higher around him. Suddenly, he saw his wallet and pants floating by.**

pointed out the notion the sewer system is failing is an allegation in Jones' lawsuit.

"They have to know I'm not going to go away," she said afterward.

After more than 40 years, Jones has never wanted to leave.

The former Jeannette Audette grew up in the Ridgewood area on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Her parents still live there.

She went to Farmington Public Schools and is a graduate of Farmington High.

She and her husband of 22 years, Jim Jones, a US Air pilot and former member of local pop group Steve King and the Ditties, lived in Bel-Aire subdivision.

The Joneses moved to Lincolnshire Estates in the late 1990s and have reared a family of three children, Molly, 22, Jim, 19, and Emily, 15.

"I love Farmington," she said while sitting in her Brighton Honda dealership office. "I think it's an awesome place to raise a family. I had a wonderful time growing up here."

Yet Jones doesn't hesitate taking the city she loves to court.

The sewer system is old and overtaxed, she said. The city has to take responsibility, she added.

"That wasn't even an option (whether or not to sue)," Jones said. "They weren't

going to fix it. Instead, they try to placate you."

Farmington Hills is not unlike the business she runs. She said her auto dealership wouldn't survive if all she did was try to pacify upset customers.

Jones worked at her uncle's dealership, Audette Cadillac, and later became a manager at Sunshine Honda in Plymouth.

She's tapped her sales expertise to galvanize other residents in the flooding issue, which included passing out fliers and having informational meetings.

"And I'm good at it too," she said. "People don't think they can make a difference. If it floods, they tend to clean it up and forget about it."

City attorneys reply that August's flooding was caused by a 100-year rain, which dumped more than 4 inches on the area. She doesn't buy that.

Since 1988, she said her basement has flooded five to six times. Raw sewage makes up the contents, which pose health risks, she pointed out.

"If it were rain water, I could've dealt with it," she said.

People tell Jones to simply sell her home. She can't, at least not in good conscience.

Besides, she added, "Nobody is going to want to buy my house now."

When heavy rains hit, family members spring into action, Jones said. They stack items on milk crates and expect the worst with each raindrop that hits the roof.

While out of town when torrential rains hit last August, Jones recalls how a



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**Committed: Jeannette Jones says she is not going to go away about continued flooding in her neighborhood.**

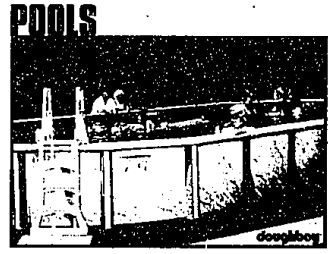
guest in her basement had to remain on the couch while water seeped higher around him. Suddenly, he saw his wallet and pants floating by.

With a lithe fish aquarium, he couldn't step into flood water for fear he'd be electrocuted. He eventually put on waders to get out of the mess.

Jones returned home for the clean-up. She stops for a second before getting too descriptive of what awaited her.

"The fish tank was full of poop," she said.

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