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dinner" at top area restaurants "for \$5 a person?" Flaherty asks. Tickets at \$5 each in advance, \$7 at the door, entitle Expo visitors to sample the wares of such top eateries as Carver's, Best Western's The Orchard Grill, Your Personal Chef catering service, Steak & Ale, Chili's, Great Harvest Bread Co., the Pasta Stop and possibly the new Southampton's, according to Flaherty.

In addition, she said, Atwater Brewing Co. in Detroit will be providing all the beer for the cash bar, which also will have wine and pop.

Already signed for some of the 76 available business booths are companies of all sizes and varieties, including Air Touch Cellular, Michigan National Bank, Botsford General Hospital, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, The Sharper Image electrolysis clinic, Kelly Services, The Candle Lady, Executive Printing Services, Steppingstone School, Holiday Inn and Elan Engineering.

The Taste of Farmington & Business Expo is "a great opportunity for restaurants and businesses to showcase their wares," says Flaherty, pointing out it is being heavily promoted to the general public this year.

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Because restaurants need to prepare food for a minimum of 1,600, there is no charge to enter the show. They are, however, responsible for the \$25 food inspection fee.

Booths sizes are 6 feet by 6 feet, 8x8 and 10x10. Charges for

Chamber of Commerce members are \$125, \$175 and \$275, respectively. Non-member booth rentals are \$200, \$325 and \$450.

The Costick Activities Center, site of the Taste & Expo, is at 28600 Eleven Mile Road in Farmington.

The event is being presented by the Chamber, Botsford Health Care Continuum, Farmington Family YMCA, Observer & Eccentric, Michigan National Bank, Great Lakes Health Plans and Atwater Brewing Co.

For more information, call the Chamber at (248) 474-3440.

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facility was made available at no charge.

Meanwhile, Farmington High's pool probably won't be ready until Thanksgiving, according to Don Cowan, an independent consultant for ongoing district construction.

The FHS pool is being completely re-done as one of the bond issue projects voters approved in September 1997. But a labor problem involving ceramic tile workers delayed the project, Cowan said.

However, emphasized Cowan, a former district administrator, the pool wasn't

supposed to be done until the end of October anyway.

"It's frustrating," said Cowan, about the continuing concerns being heard from parents. "But maybe a lot of them didn't realize that it (originally) wouldn't be done until the end of October."

Priscilla Brouillette, president of the Farmington Board of Education, said delays in doing the tile work was unfortunate.

"We're all concerned," Brouillette said. "We all wanted it to open this fall. It is disappointing when things fall

behind schedule. And of course, we want equal facilities for all three high schools."

Problems with pool facilities likely will also have an impact on the boys swim season.

Swinehart said the boys swim teams seasons begin in mid-November, but "given the problem with facilities" swimmers at FHS and Harrison will comprise one team both this season and next. North will also have a team. "We'll be evaluating this on a yearly basis."

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Grant during a study session Monday.

Added to the conundrum is that city officials cannot promote passage of the seven amendments. They can only provide information.

"We're going to be walking a fine line," City Manager Steve Brock said.

Assistant City Manager Dana Whinnery plans to give a presentation for the Council of Homeowners Associations.

Also, the city clerk's office has put together a handout that includes ballot language with an explanation of what each proposal means. The handouts will be included in the city's Focus newsletter, which is mailed to Farmington Hills households.

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Election statistics show voter attention tends to wane toward the end of the ballot, City Clerk Kathy Dornan said.

A proposal on council and mayoral salary increases will lead off, followed by one that

would allow for the creation of additional departments.

No. 3 would increase the length of time between managerial audits from five to 10 years, while No. 4 would increase the amount required for seal bids from \$3,000 to \$10,000.

No. 5 is a proposal to allow the city to hire relatives subject to council approval within 30 days.

The final two proposals deal with referendums: One asks to reduce the percentage of signatures needed on a petition from 15 to 10 percent of voter turnout in the last election for Secretary of State. The other would increase the time city council could amend, repeal or re-enact a voter-approved ordinance from one to two years.

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