

Tune into 'Farmington Focus' for latest news

"The city of Farmington brings government into your living room," says Mayor Mary Bush. "All you have to do is sit back, relax and tune into Channel 15."

The mayor should know because she hosts a program on the city's channel called "Farmington Focus." The show gives you the latest information on city services and happenings. You'll also meet various department heads, members of boards, committees and commissions, and community leaders.

Take, for example, the new Farmington Observer Editor Joanne Maliszewski - here's your opportunity to get to know a little bit about her. Mayor Bush and Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff welcome Joanne back into our community. Joanne worked as a reporter for 10 years in Farmington. She left for a six-year stint to be a reporter and then editor in Plymouth and Canton, and now she has returned as the editor in Farmington. Joanne gives the

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"I felt like I was coming home," she says. "When I left, the Downtown Development Authority was just getting started. Now, the city is flourishing." The mayor and Joanne chat about the downtown blight ordinance, fixing up buildings, and improving the exterior of the Governor Warner Mansion. Traffic and roads are also covered such as the resurfacing of Grand River and improvements made to M-5.

Chairman of the Beautification Commission Rosemary Fitzpatrick and members Pat Shelton and Walt Gajewski chat with the mayor on "Farmington

Focus," too. They give an update on their successful "Remembrance Tree" program where you can plant a tree in Farmington in someone's memory. They also discuss their annual awards breakfast, which honors and recognizes beautification of businesses in the city.

You won't want to miss the "Visioning Process" on "Farmington Focus" either. The mayor interviews City Manager Bill Richards and Wayne State University Professor Hal Stack.

The "Visioning Process" is a study that posed the question, "If we could make Farmington perfect, what would we do and how would we accomplish this?" Members of boards, commissions and committees, residents and members of the business community were involved. Four task forces were set up: Business and Restaurant; Cultural, Entertainment and Community Activities; Green Space and Parks; Parking, Traffic and Pedestrian Friendliness. These groups

studied the issues and a final report was completed. Hear all about it on this episode of "Farmington Focus."

Where else could you meet the granddaughter of Gov. Warner, Susan Slocom Klingbeil, but on "Farmington Focus?" Mayor Bush interviews Klingbeil and the curator of the Warner Mansion Museum, Dick Carvell. Klingbeil and her brother, Bill Slocom, donated the governor's home to the city of Farmington. It has been a museum since 1982.

The mansion is adorned with Victorian-period furniture and houses many artifacts and memorabilia of old-time Farmington. Mayor Bush talks to Klingbeil and Slocom about plans to heighten awareness about the museum, as well as fund-raising ideas on ways to provide revenue to maintain the structure. Volunteers are always needed.

The museum is open 1-5 p.m.

every Wednesday and the first Sunday of the month March to December.

So, focus in on Farmington. Watch "Farmington Focus" with Mayor Mary Bush on Channel 15. Channel 15 broadcasts "Farmington Focus" 10:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. Monday through Friday. You can also tune into programs like

Multi-Cultural Multi-Racial Presentations, Lansing Connection, and valuable information that runs on the character-generated bulletin board.

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Citizen of the Year applications available

Farmington Area Jaycees are now accepting applications for Citizen of the Year Award recipients. Nominees may be anyone who has contributed meritorious service to the community either as a volunteer or in connection with their business. There are no limitations to a nominee's age, sex, residency, race or religion.

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But this person must have accomplished their deeds in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area.

In sizing up potential Citizens of the Year, remember that past award winners are excluded

from consideration. Government officials may be nominated for their volunteer achievements only. Do not hesitate to nominate past nominees who were not winners but who are still very active in the community.

A nomination form can be obtained by calling June Farrell at 851-5674. Copies are accept-

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