

Cancer Society to benefit from June 24 antique hunt

The Discovery Shop will host "The Great Antique Hunt" Saturday, June 24, to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Working together with Brighton Gardens Assisted Living by Marriott and Knightsbridge Antique Mall of Northville, participants will have an opportunity to have two items appraised by local antique experts from Knightsbridge.

Individuals will also be on hand to teach people how to care for their antiques and a videographer will be demonstrating how to make a "video scrapbook" of the antiques in your collection.

The four-hour event is expected to attract a large crowd based on the popularity of PBS's "Antiques Roadshow." Attendees are invited to bring antiques and collectibles to "The Great Antique Hunt" for free verbal appraisals. This is your opportunity to learn if your treasures are more than just aesthetically appealing.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the American Cancer Society's Livonia Discovery Shop. The retail store receives donations of merchandise and personal property from estates, individuals and retailers. Run completely by volunteers the store sorts, prices, tags, displays and sells clothing and house-

DISCOVERY SHOP

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A division of a multi-national company headquartered in Rhode Island will ask city officials Monday to approve a tax abatement that would allow them to build their headquarters in Farmington Hills.

The city's contribution is required to leverage an application to the Michigan Economic Growth Association, which provides even larger tax abatements for high-tech research companies. According to published reports, Textron Automotive recently withdrew a similar request made of Novi, after officials there failed to meet an April 1 deadline the company imposed.

Hills City manager Steve Brock said the company anticipates making a \$40 million to

\$60 million investment, consolidating four or five offices into one location.

"Right now, they're focused on our community," he said. "They've filed an official request with the Economic Development Commission. The EDC takes a position, then council looks at their request."

Monday night's meeting will include two public hearings, one to establish a zone for the abatement and the other to consider the company's request. The company is looking south of 12 Mile Road, between Halsted and Drake roads.

"They are focused in on a chunk in the middle of the site," Brock said.

The June 19 council meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers at city hall, at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

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