

Dems to host candidates' forum

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The Farmington Hills Democratic Club plans a school board candidates' forum at 7 p.m. May 16 in the Farmington Hills council chambers.

Farmington Hills City Hall is located at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road.

The school board election is Monday, June 11. Six candidates are running for two, four-year terms. Trustee Bobbie Feldman chose not to run for re-election.

Candidates are incumbent

FARMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD RACE

Frank Reid, Phil Neuman, Pam Christian, Pam Charleston-Lyons, Terence Eley and John Goshorn.

"We're in this business to encourage people to vote," said Gerald Goldberg, chair of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Democratic Club. "We usually don't see this many people running for school board."

The club has 110 paid members. The forum will be broadcast live on school channel 8, he said.

Viewers can call in questions at the telephone number which will be displayed on the screen, Goldberg said. Questions will be monitored.

Candidates will be given an opportunity to speak during an introductory and closing period and will answer questions from the audience.

Each candidate may answer each question even if it is not first asked of him or her, Goldberg said.

Public has chance to talk about Rouge

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The Rouge River runs through Farmington Hills, and keeping the waterway clean remains an ongoing topic.

Tuesday, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Farmington Hills City Hall, residents can attend a public forum to learn about conservation efforts, other activities or just give input.

The Rouge River Public Forum, which will be held in the Farmington Hills Council Chambers, is part of a year-long effort to map out long-range goals and objectives to ensure that water

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supplies remain clean and usable.

"This is their water, their river," said Jill Pines, special projects coordinator for the city of Farmington Hills. "And people need to be stewards (of the Rouge), have some responsibility about that."

At the meeting, displays and speakers will detail specific efforts that have led to great improvements in the quality of the Rouge.

Pines said learning how to

rinse suds from cars is just one smaller piece to the big water quality picture.

Farmington Hills is among the first communities in the state to be granted a General Storm Water Permit from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The permit allows the city to work with neighboring communities to help clean up rivers and streams.

The meeting will be at 31555 W. 11 Mile Road (at Orchard Lake Road). For more information, call Pines at (248) 553-8880.

Young stars on ice



Skaters earn 'letters' in annual Hills Ice Show

The fifth annual Farmington Hills Ice Show, "Alphabet Soup for Skaters 2001," took place May 4-6 at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile.

Skaters of all ages and abilities from the Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club performed popular songs starting with each letter of the alphabet, starting with "A" and continuing through "Z."

The skating club is directed by Val LeBlanc, assisted by Tracie Nussbaum.

Co-hosting the program, which featured everything from "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and "Mambo No. 5" to "Rockin' Robin" and "Zip-A-Dee-Do-Dee," were the ice arena and skating club.



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Intermission: Divas of the ice show Jennifer Colton, Kelly Lenkevich, Sarah Guizdala, Kayle Bridges and Kelly Womack.

Observer staffer earns education reporting award

Farmington Observer reporter Tim Smith recently won a Golden Apple award for excellence in education reporting, from the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education.

Smith won for his continuing series, "Today's Lesson."

In a nominating letter from Farmington schools Superinten-



Tim Smith

shows a remarkable ability to

dent Bob Maxfield, the series "provides in-depth insights to a wide variety of classroom activities at the elementary, middle and high school levels. ... Tim Smith

describes the teacher's goals for the lesson, the interactions with students and the impact of that particular class session on the overall lesson."

The award was presented May 3 during the second annual Print Media Awards Breakfast, at the Gough Career & Technical Center.

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