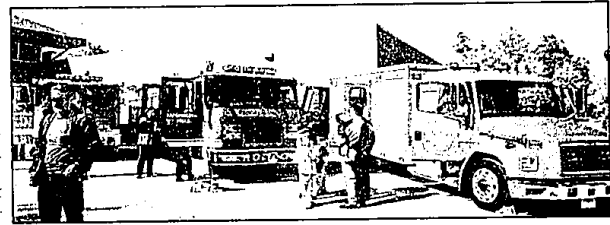


Open house



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Future firefighters?: The cab of a Farmington Hills firetruck was just big enough for Meg and Gary Blinkiewicz's 5-year-old quadruplets Andrew, Mitchell, Hailey and Paige, at Sunday's Fire Department Open House. Left, Paul Cordts brought daughter Paige to look at an antique fire truck.



All business: Laurie McCormick of Encore Design & Consignment, Cory Habucke of Mulligan Windows and Siding and Jerry and Threasa Liddell of Foremost Duct were honored for the appearance of their businesses. STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Beauty from page A1

Structure of the award system for this annual event, which honors the community's best-kept properties, was revamped.

"The Beautification Commission was dismantled earlier this year because it wasn't broad enough and didn't have enough members," said Farmington Councilwoman Joanne McShane.

The Beautification Awards Committee is now chosen by Farmington City Council. This year's awards included individual home beautification awards, business awards for improvements, and landscaping and community awards.

Individual awards went to: Carol LeBlanc, a Livonia resident, who works in the Farmington Public Safety Department. She has participated in Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army bell ringing, blood drives, the Goodfellows paper drive, Cancer Walk and Relay for Life.

Skip Rosenthal of Books Abound, 33336 Grand River, a long-time Farmington business man. He is also the house musician at the Civic Theatre, where he often plays banjo to entertain the moviegoers.

Mardy Stirling, 23121 Wilmarth, recently resigned from the Farmington Planning Commission where she also

served as chairwoman. She played a part in the planning, fund-raising and construction of the Kids World PlayScape at Shawanassa Park.

Betty Beausoleil, one of several gardeners at the Warner Manston. She weeds, plants flowers, and maintains the rose garden. Though she tends to stay in the background, according to the judges, she is always going out of her way to help people.

Mary MacInnis of Silverwood Appraisal & Investment Services, 31567 10 Mile, has suggested many improvements to

the property where she works. The flower beds in front of the building are her pride and joy, judges said. She labors many unpaid hours tending to the flowers.

Scott Saxton, 33724 Oakland, is the owner of Fresh Approach. Saxton continues to sponsor and donate to a

wide range of community groups, activities and events.

Residential awards: Tim and Karla Miller, 33925 Oakland St.; Doug and Andra Bartley, 23919 Grace; Deborah Reed, 23897 Pickett; the Robert Rock family, 33922 Oakland; and the Jeffrey Rehbine Family, 33728 Grand River.

Business awards: Encore Design & Consignment, 23330 Farmington Road; Mulligan Windows & Siding, 32700 Eight Mile; Dr. Jeffrey Zanetti, 31904 Grand River; and Foremost Duct, 33106 Eight Mile.



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2001 Community Award recipients: Scott Saxton, Betty Beausoleil and Carole LeBlanc were honored.

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