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Art in the corridor: Farmington Hills City Hall hosts an exhibit by African American artists. This sculpture, titled "Sunday Evening Radio" is part of a series of limited editions by the artist Annie Lee. The series offers a slice of life that takes the viewer into a bit of daily life.

Workshop provides advice for candidates

Anyone considering a run for public office this year and beyond will want to attend "Money, Organization & Media," a workshop held Saturday, March 2 at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road.

The workshop will teach the basics of running a campaign, from organization to raising money and dealing with the media. Farmington City Council woman JoAnne McShane will serve as moderator.

Presenters are experts in their field and include Lienda Jackson-Leslie, Vicki Lange, Barbara Moorhouse and Rich Poling, all of whom have worked in various political campaigns. Senior Capitol correspondent Tim Skubick, producer/anchor of "Off the Record" on PBS, will speak about how not to handle the media.

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- The expense and delay of guardianship and probate court often add stress.

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Hills planning commissioner seeks 14th District county post

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Michael T. Rogers, a Farmington Hills planning commissioner and a transportation planning engineer with the Road Commission for Oakland County, plans to announce his candidacy for the Farmington/Farmington Hills district of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

"I am confident that my expertise and involvement in developing strategies and plans to improve the aging infrastructure will be an asset to the county commission and the residents," Rogers said.

The newly redrawn 14th District represents the cities of Farmington and western Farmington Hills. Rogers, 34, holds a bachelor's degree in Construction Engineering from Lawrence Technological University and a master's degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan State University.

This is his first bid for public office, he said. He said he has been active in serving people in metro Detroit and Oakland County for more than 15 years, including the Zoning Board of Appeals, Southeast Michigan Federal Credit Union, Salvation Army, Oakland County Business Roundtable and Van Buren Parks & Recreation Commission.

Rogers said he plans to focus on the following issues: roads, water and sewer, holding the line on taxes, increased accountability to residents, and being a voice for the community on issues that can improve the quality of life.

Improving roads will be a major focus, he said, adding that more Oakland County tax dollars need to be returned from the state for road improvements.

"I've always been involved in government," he said. "Based on my experience with the road commission and MDOT, I'm a candidate that knows about the infrastructure issues."

Representing the public is also important to him, he said.

"I want to be available and inform (citizens) of what the commissioners do. Most don't know."

He said he plans to set up office hours for the public and hold monthly chat sessions.

Rogers said he would keep abreast of legislation and would send out newsletters to let people know



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Farmington Hills planning commissioner

how their taxes are being spent.

He plans to officially announce his candidacy for the two-year seat at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, at Ginopolis Restaurant, 27815 Middlebelt Road in Farmington Hills.

"My issues will be reflective of the voice of the community and my campaign will reflect the concerns of the people that I will serve," he said.

An engineer by profession, Rogers and his wife, Kristin, have two children with a third on the way.

Warner Mansion will reopen March 3

After several months of work and renovation under the direction of new curator Linda Hovish, the Governor Warner Mansion in downtown Farmington will begin an exciting new season in March.

A special re-opening celebration will be held from 1-5 p.m. on Sunday, March 3. The Mansion is located at 33805 Grand River.

Known formerly as the Farmington Historical Museum, the mansion was home of the prominent Warner family. It was built in 1867, in Victorian Italianate architecture.

Docents will be available to guide guests and tell them about the home and its history, including priceless artifacts, furniture and vintage clothing. Beautification and utilization changes have been made both to the Mansion and the Carriage House.

With changes complete, the Mansion will once again be open from 1-5 p.m. on Wednesday. Admission is \$2 for adults; children 12 and under are admitted free when they visit with their parents.

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