

# Term limits, patriotism spur large slate of candidates

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A person can't swing a stick in the Farmington area without hitting someone running for office.

Well, maybe not that drastic, but close.

Consider the numbers:

- Seven people are running for the 47th District Court judges race;
- Five people are competing for state House District 37 legislative seat;
- Four are running for two Oakland County Commission seats;

One Hills man is trying for state senate;

- And one local person is running for U.S. Senate.

It's no wonder at the State of the Cities breakfast held earlier this year, Hills resident John Young joked that half the people in the audience were running for office.

Farmington School Board member Jack Inch said he's noticed plenty of campaign signs along the landscape.

So what makes this election year so crowded for the Aug. 6 primary election?

A number of reasons, say local folks who have been involved in the campaign game themselves.

Considering judgeships in the area come up rarely, it's not surprising seven attorneys decided to give a shot to replace retiring 47th District Court Judge Fred Harris.

"There's a pent up market for that," said Hills Mayor Nancy Bates.

She said she has noticed more people are feeling patriotic and are asking to serve on city committees after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"There's been a call to serve," she said. "It's a wonderful thing to do to give back and share your talents. I applaud people willing to do that."

Young, who was campaign

manager for resident Ken Massey's bid for Hills City Council last year and who is helping with Michael Rogers's campaign for county commissioner, said term limits are opening up greater opportunities for people interested in being a politician.

Before term limits, folks faced an uphill battle challenging longtime incumbents, he said.

Also, longtime politicians shuffling for a chance at different government seats opened possibilities for newcomers, Young said.

"The political grass roots in Farmington Hills has always been active," he said. "But there are more people trading up than

four years ago.

"Folks here are active civically," said Young, an administrator with Walsh College. "The opinion of government here is a little higher than some of our neighbor (communities), not all have the best interactions with their local governments. We don't have a lot of bad mouthing here."

Young said there is also a solid network of political support in the area for candidates.

"The vast majority (who run) want to help out the community," he said. "They want to win, but there is a lot of healing (among challengers) after the election - we don't go back to our

factions."

Inch agreed that this campaign year there are more opportunities for people who would otherwise not be interested in battling incumbents.

"A lot of those people (running for judge) have a political heritage in the area," he said.

Inch, who in the recent June school board election ran unopposed for the first time among his seven campaigns, mentioned battling an opponent is hard work, time-consuming and financially draining.

"I was glad I didn't have to do it," he said.

## OCC Womencenter plans self-defense workshop

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills is offering the workshop, Sexual Assault Protection and Self Defense for Women, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 in building J, room 303.

Designed to increase self confidence, the workshop provides demonstrations and protection strategies for preventing attack as well as effective fight and escape techniques for use in case of assault. Self-defense expert

Jayo Spiro conducts the session. Spiro holds a fifth-degree black belt in Karate.

Women of all ages, sizes and fitness abilities are encouraged to attend. Mothers and daughters (age 13 and over) are welcome, as are young women preparing to leave for college.

Fee for the workshop is \$45 and pre-registration is encouraged. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and bring a lunch.

Call the Womencenter at (248) 522-3642 for more information.

### Library under construction

**Interiors:**  
Carpeting is being installed in some areas of the Farmington Community Library's Farmington Hills branch on 12 Mile Road. Thanks to the many readers who called to let us know we inadvertently neglected to identify the location of the construction project in pictures that were published Thursday.

### CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**TYPE OF BID**

a. Notice is hereby given that Clarenceville School District will receive sealed bids for the installation of floor tile at Clarenceville High School and Potersford Elementary. Job is to be completed by August 15, 2002.

**RECEIPT OF BIDS**

a. Bids will be received at: Clarenceville School's Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152

by Monday July 15, 2002, until 2:00 p.m., local time.

b. Bids will be opened publicly in the Clarenceville School's Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152 at 2:00 p.m., local time on July 16, 2002 and read aloud.

**HIDDING DOCUMENTS AND SPECIFICATIONS**

a. The bidding specifications can be obtained by contacting the Director of Maintenance at (248) 478-8945. All bids are to be accompanied by a bid bond in an amount not less than 5% of the bid.

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You may experience leg swelling in the summer, particularly if you are a woman. If you bring this to the attention of your doctor, he will usually make light of it. What is the reason?

Summer time brings hot weather. This causes a slight increase in body temperature, made worse when cooling off the skin is hampered in days of high humidity. The increased heat causes your blood vessels, both arteries and veins to expand. The effect of this expansion is to make it easier for blood to go from the heart to the feet but makes it more difficult for the blood to return via the veins, back to the heart. The problem of enlarged veins often is worse for women who earlier experienced childbirth. In the latter stages of pregnancy the enlarged uterus presses against the veins in the pelvis which causes the veins in the legs to dilate.

From that time onward those veins are not quite as competent as they were and are susceptible to expanding when faced with an increased flow of blood back to the heart.

To minimize summer swelling of the legs, you can keep your legs slightly elevated when sitting by using a footstool. If the leg swelling is more severe, support hose provide a solution through using them in summer may make you too uncomfortable. One way not to solve the problem is to take "a water pill". Remember these medications also cause you to lose sodium and potassium, a loss you want to avoid in the heat.

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