

## VOLUNTEERS

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volunteers to help implement it.

"This will be the key to success," said Farmington Downtown Development Authority Director Judy Downey. "The DDA can't make it happen alone."

Farmington residents and others interested in the future of the downtown area are welcome. Downey has also invited all business owners and managers in the downtown area, as well as people who sit on Farmington boards and commissions. Several needs assessment meetings have been scheduled. Referred to as "interview sessions" in distributed flyers, they are actually informative question-

and-answer sessions, Downey explained.

In attendance will be four representatives from the Oakland County planning department and representatives from the National Main Street Chicago and Washington D. C. offices.

The meetings are at 1:30 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday Nov. 18 in the city council chambers at Farmington City Hall. On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the sessions will be held at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple on Grand River. The Tuesday location is different because of the annual Student Government Day held at Farmington City Hall.

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## PROFESSORS

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woman of the Oakland University Rhetoric, Communication & Journalism Department; Kevin Early, an associate professor of sociology, specializes in criminology, corrections, alcohol and drug behavior and deviance. Both are Detroit residents and frequently work as a team for NCCJ.

They also have a three-year-old independent firm called Early, Howell and Associates. Howell promises the event will be fun as well as informative.

"I want to create a process for people to think about their own community and to talk," she said.

Howell served as a facilitator on diversity for groups across the country for about 25 years. The groups have included the West Bloomfield School board, UAW-Ford, Dearborn, the National Association of Student Cooperative, Ann Arbor; the

National Resource Center for Domestic Violence, Harrisburg, Pa.; Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio; Evergreen University, Olympia, Wash.

"I will say this is the first group where they have involved such a broad citizen community," Howell said.

Facilitators help people learn about each other and develop their own point of view. That means moving out from a judgmental to an exploratory frame, she said.

Howell is a contributing writer to the Between the Lines newspaper as well as the Michigan Citizen. She's a co-chair of Detroit Summer, an inter-generational youth movement, and her work was highlighted in a Metro Times edition which focused on progressive liberals.

She has a doctoral degree from Wayne State University, a masters degree from Northern Illinois University and a bachelor's degree from Marietta College.

Kevin Early

"In the diversity sense, this is the ideal community," Early said, noting the 85 languages spoken in the Farmington area compared with 100 languages claimed in the greater Chicago area.

Early is a certified Criminal Justice Specialist and a certified addictions counselor with more than 16 years' experience in mental health, corrections and substance abuse.

He earned his doctorate at the University of Florida, Gainesville where he also obtained a second master's degree in sociology. His bachelor's degree in history and political science is from Dillard University in New Orleans, where he graduated cum laude.

He received a fellowship from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where he also earned a masters degree in history and a certificate in Latin American and Iberian studies.

Early obtained a research grant from the Government of Portugal Ministerio de Cultura

e Educacao and moved to Lisbon, Portugal. He later earned a diploma from the Faculdade de Letras, Universidade de Lisboa.

Besides publications in death and dying, race and ethnic relations, prison-based treatment and corrections, Early is the author of "Religion and Suicide in the African-American Community" and co-author of "Nameless Person: Legal Discrimination Against Non-Marital Children in America."

"Religion and Suicide in the African-American Community" has been compared to the work of Elliot Liebow in "Talley's Corner," an award-winning study, according to a biographical sketch provided by Oakland University.

"Drug Treatment Behind Bars: Prison-Based Strategies for Change," a third book, was presented at the 1997 White House Conference on Drug Treatment.

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## A name change coming at Time-Warner

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER

Expect to say good-bye to the name Time-Warner on local cable trucks and your billing statements in the new year.

The cable operation that serves Farmington/ Farmington Hills, Novi and Livonia will be around next year, but under a new name, said Bob McCain, vice president and general manager for Time-Warner Michigan.

He said in 1995, the area's previous cable company, Metrovision, owned by Advance/Newhouse created a limited partnership with Time-Warner to provide cable television.

A restructuring deal in the partnership will have Advance/Newhouse taking over management control of the cable operation in Michigan that until this time has been under Time-Warner.

Subscribers to Time-Warner will notice no changes in services or costs, McCain

said. "It's a yet-to-be-named new company," he said. "It will be announced sometime in the first quarter of 2003."

He said the Time-Warner and Advance/Newhouse cable partnership has 3 million cable television customers nationwide, including Indiana, Alabama and California.

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