

'Downtown Is Next' -- John Richardson

By DAN McCOSH
 "Farmington gives more value per dollar than any other community I know of."
 says Dr. John Richardson, 40, of 3409 Alto Loma, the only incumbent running for Farmington City Council.
 Currently serving as mayor-
 or-tem, he has worked in a lengthy record of public service around his veterinary practice.
 In 12 years as a Farm-

ington resident, he has worked with eight community organizations and has been awarded community service awards on at least four occasions.
 In local politics, Dr. Richardson worked with a group which successfully passed a \$3 million bond issue to add swimming pools and auditoriums to the local high schools.
 He also was chairman of the Future Farmington Area Study Committee, prior to the incorporation of Farmington Hills, a group which worked toward consolidation of the city and township.
 Now, however, unification ranks low on his priority list. "There may be greater support of unification way down the road, but the city's position is not as favorable now as it once was," he said.
 He views Farmington's growth as "slow, steady - it took us 150 years - it wasn't big, or explosive."
 As a result, he sees the

current administration as doing an "excellent" job and few outstanding issues in the campaign.
 He called the current recreation program "pitiful for an area the size and affluence of this community."
 Richardson is currently working as chairman of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission to initiate a study of the recreation needs of the community.
 "To be meaningful, it would have to be an area-wide program," he said. "I'm not sure the city could, or should, offer much more by itself."
 The downtown area is another concern of Richardson's.
 He would like to see redevelopment come from private enterprise, and as a councilman would support innovative rezoning. One idea he would consider is the possibility of a mid-rise development with commercial on



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the ground level and housing above.
 With the city limits now fixed by the incorporation of Farmington Hills, he feels renewal and steady redevelopment of existing land will be sufficient to maintain the tax base of the city to meet demands for services.
 He also feels there will be a growing cooperation with Farmington Hills in some areas, such as purchasing and recreation.

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Woman Robbed In Her Home

FARMINGTON
 A man forced his way at knifepoint into the home of Mrs. Richard Frankel, 30300 Rockshire, and burglarized the house Monday afternoon, according to Farmington Hills police.
 He left her bound and gagged while he took several household appliances and cash. Police are looking for a white male about 20, weighing 160 pounds with brown hair.
 He escaped in a late model Pontiac.

Letter To The Editor

Anti-Busing Resolution Criticized

FARMINGTON
 EDITOR:
 In regard to your recent article about the resolution passed by the Farmington Hills City Council:
 The type of resolution recently approved by our City Council is one which causes concern and discord rather than peace and harmony in a community.
 Since the decision to transport children from one district to another is under the jurisdiction of the courts, and since in no way will the personal opinions of city council members influence the judges' interpretation of the law, what value is there in Mr. Oppert's proposal to support anti-busing efforts?
 Whether the members of our Farmington Hills City Council personally agree or disagree with an order issued by a court seems irrelevant to us.
 In this case the council may well have heeded the advice of Mrs. Schaeffer to remain neutral in the matter, which she feels is not "within the authority of the council."
 If our newly-elected "servants of the people" intend to pass resolutions of benefit to the community, may we suggest the following: "We resolve to obey the law, and we encourage all citizens to do the same."
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