

## 'Citizen' Nominees Are Sought

The "citizen of the year" award committee of the Farmington Chamber of Commerce is looking for entries, according to Ed Lane, executive secretary.

Forms for entries are available at the Chamber of Commerce office, Grand River and Farmington Roads. Deadline for entries is Jan. 10.

The annual award goes to the Farmington area resident who has done an outstanding job of contributing to the community during the past year.

The "first citizen" will be picked by judges Robert Deadman, Farmington city manager; George Majoros, Farmington Hills city manager; and Marinus Van Ameyde, superintendent of Schools.

An entry can come from any source, either an individual or group, according to Lane.

The award is presented at the chamber's annual dinner, Jan. 30.

A letter has gone out to 160 local organizations asking for suggestions.

The award is becoming a tradition in the Farmington area. This is the third year for the presentation.

A statement of the activities of the individual should accompany the entry, as well as biographical background.

Louis Gilson and Dr. Robert Douglass were the first two winners.



## Kids Brighten City Tree

THE ANNUAL Christmas tree lighting ceremony at the Farmington City Hall Wednesday had a new twist this year, as decorations applied by the kids were the only bright spots on the tree. Energy conservation measures discouraging the use of electric lights on Christmas decorations made this the first time the tree wasn't lit. But the kids enjoyed it as much as usual, as evidenced by Sue Herzon, who is helped down the ladder by Don Gramer, from the city DPW. (Photo by Ralph Evert)

## Brush Pickup Is Dec. 10

The monthly brush pickup resumes Dec. 10, following the leaf season, according to David Jones, director of the department of public services in Farmington.

with all cut ends facing the same direction.

Brush will be collected on the second refuse collection day of each month. Branches no larger than three inches in diameter should be piled neatly on the street apron

Leaf pickup for this season ends Friday, Dec. 7. Any leaves remaining can be placed out for regular weekly pickup.

Plastic refuse bags are available in cartons of 100 at the City Public Services building at 33720 W. Nine Mile.

## City Council Takes Hard Line Enforcing New Sign Ordinance

Sign variances will be tough to get in Farmington, if the action of the city council recently is an indication.

A request from Quast Realty failed to get consideration, in the third try before the council.

Quast inherited a multi-tiered sign when it leased the building at 23280 Farmington Rd., formerly occupied by Kenn Loomis Insurance.

The process then was to change the wording of the sign to reflect the change in occupancy.

The new city sign ordinance, passed last summer after several years of work by the planning commission, prohibits free-standing signs in the central business district.

The ordinance allows signs standing when the ordinance went into effect to remain

unless the copy is changed.

When Quast was informed of the new ordinance before the last election, they ap-

pealed for a variance to the city council, which split 2-2 on the issue.

When it came to a vote

again, William Hartsock joined Richard Tupper and Dr. John Richardson, councilmen who favored a strict interpretation of the ordinance.

Richardson, Tupper and Hartsock took the position the change was a clear viola-

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## Junior High Holds Concert

East Junior High will present its annual winter concert Wednesday, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. at Harrison High School.

Groups performing will be the 55 piece concert band, the East orchestra, seventh grade chorus and eighth and ninth grade choirs.

The orchestra will open the program with three selections, including "Holiday on Ice."

The seventh grade chorus will sing in German Anton Rubenstein's "Der Engel" (the angel).

Choir highlights will include two skits, old favorites of the holiday season, new selections and a visit from St. Nick, himself.

The orchestra will conclude the program with four selections, including "MacArthur Park" by Jimmy Webb.

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## Santa Writes

Letters to Santa will get a response if they are mailed to Farmington PO Box 33.

Elves from the Farmington Area Jaycees are helping work on the project.