What's new on Farmington 15? By Melissa Cohn

If you haven't already tuned into your local access channels this year, you're missing out on some great new programming.

"Downtown Biz" and "Around Town Biz," the city of Farmington's spotlight shows, hosted by the members of Farmington City Council, takes a look at Farmington businesses, how they operate and what they offer the community. Here are a few of the recently taped shows:

"Around Town Biz" features, "Workout Express" a new Gym in Farmington next to Bellincino's on Grand River. Councilwoman, Joanne McShane talked with Workout Express owner, Anicia Blake, and two employees, about the features of the new gym, and tips on staying healthy through the winter months. This episode cablecasts Wednesdays at 9:29 p.m., Thursdays at 4:29 p.m. Sundays at 11:29 a.m. on Farmington 15.

Another "Around Town Biz" you can watch is about Perfectly Picked, a home decor and boutique located in the Winery off Grand River and Orchard Lake. Councilmember Mary Bush interviewed owners Joe and Jennifer Pelagrino, about this exciting and unique store that sells antiques, roots candles and a museum dedicated to the history of Farmington. This show cablecasts Wednesdays at 9:45 p.m., Thursdays at 4:45 p.m., and Sundays 11:45 a.m.

Two recent "Downtown Biz" shows feature the delicious Great Harvest Bread Co. and Dagwood's Deli both located in the shopping plaza at Grand River and Farmington Road.

Mary Bush interviewed the new owner of Great Harvest Bread Company, Cheryl Greenshields. They talk about all of the different types of daily handmade breads, cookies, muffins; they make fresh six days a week. The Great Harvest program cablecast, Tuesdays at 4:28 p.m., Saturdays at 2:28 p.m., and Sundays at 7:28 p.m.

Another great" Downtown Biz" show features the re-opened Dagwood Deli. They were forced to close last winter after a fire broke out. The owner Jerry Burger talks about the new and improved great deli foods they offer and about the changes the store had made since the fire. This show will be cablecast: Fridays 9:45 p.m., Saturdays, 6:45 p.m., Sundays 2:45 p.m.

The city of Farmington is continually producing new programming. So stay tuned to channel 15, for more great things to come!

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The next SWOCC meeting is April 27, 2005, 7pm, at the Novi City Hall.

SWOCC is a consortium of the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi, which oversees the contract with the Cable Company pertaining to regulatory matters. SWOCC also promotes the community TV channels for public, educational and government access.