

Nardineers win delay in rezoning hearing

By YVONNE B. DEVLIN

The Nardineers, a 40-member group of senior citizens of Nardin Park Methodist Church, were granted postponement Monday night of a hearing, now set for July 19, by the Farmington Hills City Council in their bid for a zoning change that would provide a senior citizen apartment complex.

They requested the adjournment for four reasons, according to the Rev. Meredith Mosbauer, the assistant minister for Nardin Park and organizer for the Nardineers.

"We don't have a full council today," he said.

Both Mayor Earl Oppenheimer and Councilman D. Keith Deacon were absent on va-

ca-tion, and Mosbauer felt this put the council at a disadvantage.

The housing commission, which is newly formed and planning its first meeting in early July, may be able to add input to the council, according to Mosbauer.

There also will be a joint meeting of the city council and planning commission in July that will evaluate the lack of any planning for elderly housing, said Mosbauer.

For these reasons, Mosbauer said the Nardineers were advised it would be in their favor to postpone the hearing.

Approximately a majority of 60 persons were in the audience when a head count, requested by Councilman Robert A. McConnell, was taken for attendance on the Nardin Park hearing. The Nardineers are requesting a change

from single-family residential to multiple-family zoning on a 10-acre parcel of land immediately south of the church on 11 Mile west of McDowell. The group is blocked in their quest by residents of Country Corners subdivision who have presented a petition protesting the plan to the city planning commission. The apartments would be located north of the subdivision.

The fear that rezoning these 10 acres will set a precedent of spot zoning throughout the city and will lower property values is one that is voiced by residents of the subdivision.

It is the community's "moral obligation" to fight the rezoning request, according to Alex Terzian, a spokesman for the protesting residents of Country Corners.

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Admiring part of nature's beauty are participants in the Farmington Area Recreation Commission nature camp who are (from left) su-

pervisor Barbara Adler, Erich Matz and Scott Solomon. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)



Tracey Ansell pauses to watch for wildlife during the Farmington Area Recreation Commission nature camp. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Locate in the Hills

Nurses moving closer to total service goal

By LOUISE GIBLERT

Times technology hasn't altered the Visiting Nurses Association's (VNA) basic goal—to give its patients "total service."

Fourteen visiting nurses are regular guests in the homes of close to 300 persons who live in western Oakland County. The VNA has brought itself closer to its families in western Oakland County by moving to an office at 3828 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills.

Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills are among the communities which are served by the new branch.

"We carried the territory for years out of the Oakland County office in Royal Oak," Mrs. Sandra Sherman, president of the association's board of trustees, says.

"THE COMMUNITY'S" grown so rapidly that we weren't centrally located in Royal Oak," Mrs. Marcia Vivian, assistant superintendent of the western Oakland County VNA branch, says.

Still, it's unusual for the nurses to drive 100 miles in a day, she adds.

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—Marcia Vivian

"In a hospital, it's easy to forget that the patient will be going home to a family," Mrs. Marilyn McDowell, a VNA nurse who worked in a hospital before becoming a public health nurse, says.

"Here, we're giving them total care," she says.

"Public health nursing is the most difficult kind of nursing. It uses every skill a nurse has—in every field. Working with a family changes the nurse-patient relationship," Mrs. Vivian says.

"We're a guest in the patient's home," she adds.

"Visiting nurses almost have to move in with the family."

Patients are referred to the VNA by nurses or doctors, but families can call the association without a referral.

Nurses usually are aware of the situation in the patient's home before the first visit, Mrs. Vivian says.

"Sometimes, you read the report and when you go in, you find it's a different situation," Mrs. Arlene Berman, a senior staff member says. "Sometimes it's because the doctor hasn't the opportunity to observe the patient's home life."

NURSES TRY to assess the strengths and weaknesses of a family, putting out a strong family member to help care for the patient.

"We try to see what strength is in the family," Mrs. Vivian says. "We recognize that families need relief. We try to look at a family and see who has strength and can manage and who needs help."

"Families are encouraged just by hearing your knock at the door," Mrs. McDowell says.

While visiting nurses try to provide reassurance to the family and help to the sick, they can't give 24-hour care.

"If the family has a difficult time and they tell me they have a hundred visits coming to them through Medicare, I ask them—'What do you do after that?'" Mrs. McDowell says.

If a family has a difficult time coping with caring for the invalid, some nurses will give them respite care and then advise cut back until the family recognizes that it can manage, she explains.

Some families can't manage. They can use the VNA care to consider their next move.

"IT'S A TIME to recognize that the family can't manage and help them to plan for outside care," Mrs. Vivian says.

With early discharge from hospitals becoming more common, the nurses try to make the family self-sufficient and to keep the family together as a unit, Mrs. Berman explains.

"Patients improve in familiar surroundings," she says. "They're with their fam-

ily. They're eating food which is prepared the way they like it. They're in comfortable surroundings. In the hospital, the mattress may have been nice and firm. But they're more comfortable in their soft and sagging mattresses at home."

"They're in comfortable surroundings," she adds.

Nurses who are visiting the homes of patients discharged from the hospital, offer reassurance and instruction to the invalid and his family.

"Diabetic patients who were taught to give themselves insulin shots in the hospital, sometimes blank out when they come home," Mrs. Sherman says. "They forget what they learned in the hospital, especially older patients."

"The average age of our patients is 68," Mrs. Berman says. "We have 200 cases which were transferred here from our old office. We've added 30 cases since we've been here."

The VNA has been in the Farmington office since June 7.

"WE TAKE care of cancer patients, cardiac patients, older persons, we teach the family, we handle social problems," Mrs. McDowell says.

"We recognize that some people talk longer than others to learn a new routine," Mrs. Vivian says.

To help persons who don't speak English, the nurses have menus printed in languages such as Arabic, Spanish, Yiddish, Chinese, Polish and Armenian, Mrs. Berman says.

For people with visual problems, there are menus printed in extra large type. For the illiterate, there are cut-and-paste pictures of different foods.

With hospitals becoming more aware of the importance of the family unit, many families are electing that critically ill patients die at home, Mrs. Berman says.

"When death is imminent, you try to prepare the family," Mrs. McDowell says.

"You get to know the patient, so you feel for the family."

"You go through a list of things that the family should do after the death," she explains. "But some families forget. One man, whose wife died, called me when it happened. He forgot everything we had talked about."

"I have a patient now, I'm trying to talk about this with his wife, but I know she won't be able to cope with it when it happens. She's a nurse, too."

"DEDICATED, people-oriented persons become nurses," Mrs. Vivian says.

"But what is important is the person on the other side of the door," Mrs. Sherman adds. "Student nurses are afraid the first time they go on a call, but the important

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Student projects highlight beauty

Winners in the Keep Farmington Community Beautiful elementary school competition were announced this week by Mrs. Carolyn McQuiggan, program chairman.

Schools entering the competition submitted presentations showing their projects during the school year. In addition, a special wild life garden and a birdfeeder were added, and strings of oriberrries were put out for the birds.

Popcorn sales were held to finance the projects.

Students, families and teachers from Woodcreek worked together to make the improvements. They made log benches, a log sandbox, a tire tunnel and a woodchip path for the playground.

They planted trees and shrubs near the building and families donated trees and shrubs for the playfield.

A site plan showing the location of the trees and shrubs with the name of the donor family is being prepared.

A continuing Woodcreek project is development of a nature trail at the Sarah Faber home. The trail has been designed and wood chips will be spread.

Shawase students earned money for their projects through popcorn and bake

sales. The bake sale helped support a tank in the adopt-an-animal program at the Detroit Zoo.

To raise money for a growlight for plants in the school lobby, classes planted seeds, rooted cuttings and sold the plants for Mother's Day.

BULBS WERE planted in front of Shawase school. Bird feeders were installed and the area cleaned in fall and spring. On the playground work crews of students and families placed tires and oil drums they had painted to serve as trash cans.

Kendrick's bicentennial award was for a school site project that honored the nation's birthday.

Students painted sidewalk blocks around the school in patterns related to states—the first block had a star, the second the date of the state's admission to the Union and the third block contained an outline of the state.

A bake sale at the school open house brought in money for paint. The bicentennial theme was carried out at the front door through planting bulbs in red, white and blue flowers in a patriotic color scheme. Lobby windows also were painted in a bicentennial theme.

Arts and crafts sale set July 10-11

An arts and crafts sale, combined with continuous entertainment, will be held by the Department of Student Organization and Activities of Oakland University on July 10-11, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. each day.

The festivities will be held on the north side of the campus.

Day camp builds love of outdoors

Nature's Day Camp, sponsored by the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, is designed for nature lovers in the eight- to-12 year age group.

Set outdoors amid wooded nature trails, it provides campers with an awareness of environmental resources and ecological preservation. Activities include camping, archery, hiking, plant and wildlife identification and nature hiking.

Campers learn about geology, plant life, insects, reptiles and mammals. They will participate in nature crafts, camping programs and special events.

feeding station with plant food for the area's wildlife.

There are three one-week sessions. The first begins June 21 and runs through June 25.

The second will be July 6-9 and the third, July 19-23.

The camp will meet Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. except on Thursday when hours will be 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

On Thursdays, parents will be invited to a special family picnic with their young environmentalists.

Registrations are now being taken at the Farmington Area Recreation Commission office, 3186 E.avenue Mile, Farmington Hills, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Traffic problems prompt closing of entrance ramp

Maple Street residents can look for a hill in their street's through-traffic when the Department of State Highways and Transportation closes the I-49 entrance ramp on Freedom Road, in the near future.

"We still believe that the entrance ramp east of Freedom Road should be converted to an exit ramp," Farmington City Manager Robert Davidson said. "A new entrance should be constructed from Freedom Road near Gill Road."

The ramp on Freedom, south of Maple has increased traffic on the residential street. Residents have complained at previous meetings.

Because a right turn is banned on Freedom, drivers moving east to the exit ramp had it more convenient to turn into Maple.

Residents refused to have the street paved because they believed that a concrete road only would increase traffic.

"WE SHOULD take another survey to see if the ramp closing would change neighborhood sentiment about paving," Councilman Richard Tupper said.

Residents have complained that 20-40 drivers a day were using the ramp to turn around as they could easily approach the entrance.

The ramp was constructed on a temporary entrance when the expressway was being constructed. It was closed but was reopened when tractors complained about driving to Halsted Road to reach the expressway.

The State Highway Department will conduct further engineering studies to determine how to handle the area's traffic now, Davidson explained.