

Maple residents get paving pay break

Maple Street residents will get their road paved for less than the original estimate Farmington administrators had quoted to homeowners.

The long discussed road paving is scheduled to begin the spring, according to Farmington City Mgr. Robert Deadman.

Property owners will be assessed \$21.61 per square foot and the city will pitch in \$5.40 a foot to make up the \$111,786 total cost of the project.

In December, Farmington administrators had told the homeowners to expect an assessment of \$23.30 per front foot. The total cost of the paving project was expected to be \$122,352.

"A little bad news for driveway owners was thrown in, however. Bids received for the driveway approaches were \$1.35 per square foot, which was somewhat higher than our original estimate of \$1.15," said Deadman.

"Because of the short distance between the back of the curb and the

sidewalk, the contractor estimated that it will take more time to form and pour the driveway approaches.

"THEREFORE, HE HAS charged a correspondingly higher rate per square foot to cover this additional time," he said.

It will cost the average homeowner between \$72.90 and \$81 for a single driveway, depending on the distance from the road to the sidewalk, according to Deadman.

The owner of a 50-foot lot will pay an assessment of \$1,152.90 for the paving. The amount can be paid in 10 equal payments of \$115.29 plus interest during the next 10 years, according to Deadman.

The narrow street will undergo some cosmetic changes come paving time.

"Even with the 27-foot pavement, the city engineers found that the curb will be within 4 1/2 feet of the sidewalk in some areas," Deadman explained.

"Therefore, the traffic dividing line in the street will be painted a little more to the east, rather than down the middle of the road."

"It'll look decent," assured Deadman.

The road will be paved in two pourings. The street will be closed for eight days while old pavement is removed.

The first pouring will be done in two stages, leaving half of the street open for traffic.

"DURING THIS TIME residents will be asked to put their garbage on the side of the street still in use for trash pick-up."

The road will be closed for a week, except for emergency vehicles during the second pouring.

At this point, residents will be asked to put their rubbish for collection on the corner of Grand River and Nine Mile.

Persons who want their driveways paved will have to wait 14 days for drives to dry.

"Nothing comes out of the driveway during that time," cautioned Deadman.

Cyndi Haight, of Farmington Hills, was a member of the cast of "West Side Story," presented at Northern Michigan University in Marquette on Feb. 18, 19, 25 and 26. She is the daughter of Louis and Eleanor Haight, 32933 Hargrove Court.

Lazaraton named to EMS council

Mary Lazaraton has been named to serve as vice-chairwoman of the Committee on Public Education for the Oakland County Council of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

She is first vice-president of the West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League Women Voters (LWV) and chairman of the Farmington EMS study group.

The appointment makes Mrs. Lazaraton a member of the executive committee of the county EMS council.

She, along with LWV members Charlotte DeRoven and Irene Ambender, have been working on the West Bloomfield-Farmington area LWV EMS study for two years.



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James D. Rick, of 33200 Freedom Rd. in Farmington, has been appointed a sales representative for the dental division of Ritter Co., a division of Sybron Corp. Rick, based in Farmington, is a cum laude graduate of Michigan State University.

Brotherton to study waste

State Representative Wilbur Brotherton (R-Farmington) has been named to a special committee to study the disposal of solid and liquid waste materials in Michigan.

Brotherton was a sponsor of the house resolution which created the special committee and is one of two Republicans and three Democrats appointed by house speaker Bobby Crim.

The committee will investigate the state laws relating to the management of solid and hazardous waste, and will draft new legislation and amendments to existing laws in order to upgrade the state's disposal systems of toxic and other materials.

"We must assure the adequate protection of our people and our environment by safely disposing of these materials, many of which are poisonous," said Brotherton. "Now there is confusion, overlapping of responsibilities and some duplicative efforts among state and local agencies who administer the present laws."

Brotherton says the committee will take an overview of the planning and management of these wastes and determine where deficiencies exist.

"We will also propose new laws to assure proper planning, review, inspection and monitoring and management of solid waste and liquid waste."

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