

City DPW Director Dave Jones retires



DAVID L. JONES

After nearly eight years of overseeing the public works department in the City of Farmington, Dave Jones is retiring—at least from public service.

At 62, Jones isn't quite ready for full retirement, but after 20 years in public service, including four years on the Livonia city council, he's ready to tackle some projects on his own.

"Twenty years as a public official in some capacity is long enough," Jones explains. "Public life's been very good to me, but from here on, I'm going to do what I want to do. If I can," he adds quickly.

Semi-retirement plans are tentative, but he plans to remain in his Livonia home, spend some time in northern Michigan and Florida, and pick up some work along the way.

As a master bricklayer with experience in public service work, he's convinced that won't prove too difficult.

Jones served as assistant director of public works in Livonia from 1962-70, after which he joined Farmington's public employees.

From 1964-68 he served on the Livonia City Council, writing the master plan for the sanitary sewer system. In Farmington, he counts the Rouge River Cleanup, which won the Beautification Commission a national award, as a landmark achievement.

"That took nearly two years," he recalls. More than 300,000 people were involved in the cleanup campaign begun in 1971, which included cutting trees and clearing out debris ranging from cans to wagon wheels. The campaign kicked off an environmental plan for the river.

The sewer and water separation plan for the city, which will contribute to the continued cleanup of the river, has been delayed, he regrets. But he hopes federal and/or state grants get that project moving in the future.

Federal money did come in handy in constructing the new Department of Public Works facility for Farmington, a \$1 million project which officially opened a few weeks ago.

Jones will spend about two more months in his new office before heading out into private industry, and he expects in that time that the city will find a replacement.

"Lots of people want this kind of job," he says. "Unless your crews are stuck with cleaning up after a blizzard. But 'struggle is the interesting part of life," he concludes.

Hills man garners GM award

Thomas D. Blattert, 21243 Randall, Farmington Hills, was the gold medal winner in the General Motors Livonia Award for excellence in community activities. He and 10 employees were presented medals or plaques in recognition of their outstanding volunteer service in their community at an awards dinner in the Plymouth Hilton Hotel Friday night.

Harriet Harrison, a Livonia resident and Fisher Body employee, received a bronze medal.

Blattert, a stock room clerk with the GM parts division Livonia plant, has been with the firm 30 years.

He was recognized for more than 20 years of leadership with the Boy Scouts of America, service with the Big Brother program and efforts on behalf of FISH, a Christian activity assisting needy persons.

The award winner was determined by a panel of judges comprised of Livonia civic leaders who selected Blattert as the most outstanding of the nominees.

B. J. Kearney, plant manager of the Chevrolet Motor Division Livonia facility and chairman of the GM Livonia Plant City Committee, presented the awards along with F. Harger Green, Fisher Body Livonia plant manager.

Richard D. Maloian, superintendent of Cadillac Motor Car Division Livonia plant; and Dick T. French, manager of GM parts division in Livonia.

Judges were Mayor Edward McNamara; Sr. Mary Francilene, president of Madonna College; Supt. George G. Garner of Livonia Public Schools; Thomas Riordan, executive editor of

Observer & Eccentric Newspapers; and Andrew R. Brodhan, president, Michigan National Bank-West Metro.

Initial phase of the program began in April and was designed to honor and recognize employees of GM Livonia operations for their community activities work. Employees and the general public were invited to submit nominations.

"It was really heartwarming to learn of all the good work being done by GM Livonia people in their various communities and the countless hours they have spent trying to enrich and improve the lives of their fellow citizens," Kearney said.

Blattert will be also honored at a luncheon hosted by GM Chairman Thomas Murphy in Detroit on June 14.

Art Forum planned

Artists and those with related interests are invited to a public forum for the visual arts at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the Cafe Harmonie, 1435 Randolph, in Harmonie Park.

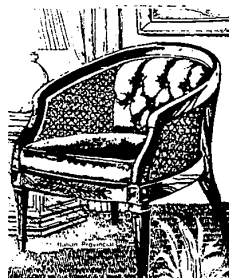
The Common Ground of the Arts is sponsor of the event with the cooperation of the Detroit Council of the Arts and the Michigan Council of the Arts.

Prominent area artists and representatives from the councils will be present to lead the discussion.

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Balloon fest slated

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The balloonists will receive community directories, tickets to the May 28 Victory Party in the former Knights of Columbus Hall at Avon and Liverwits roads, rules of the three races and suggestions for area dining spots.

"Planning has been under way since January," said George Taylor, assistant director for the balloon festival.

"First we had to decide what kind of organization we needed, then we filled in the chairman. Now we need 200 volunteers to help the committees."

Prospective volunteers may call Harding at 852-0666. Also needed are socks without holes to use as balloon markers.

Committee chairmen who have met every Monday night since March are Dave Robson—chairman for the daily events, clean-up and sound system at the races; Patti Penico—assistant officer—publicity and advertising; Marty Grennier—crowd control; John Watson—balloon sponsors; Vic Savarino—finance; Dan McDonald—balloon transportation and tours; John Lewis and Margaret Boyer—registration and housing. Lewis is also in charge of parking.

Others involved are Bruce Beck—programs; Lee Jones—legal counsel; Tom Maynard—balloonists welcome; Tom Boyer—assistant control officer; Arch Hawkins—balloon meister; Bill Smith—balloon retrieval and chase; Roy Juhl—president of the greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce; Richard Day—race and color picture contest sponsor from Birmingham Camera and Steve Hudson, Michigan Christian College representative.

Harding said this will prevent potential hazards caused by the crowds parking at the 2,600 spaces allotted at Winchester Mall and crossing Avon Road to the launching field.

OTHER SAFETY measures include 24-hour surveillance of the balloon area by Oakland County Sheriff's Department with the help of the sheriff's mounted possees and the Sheriff's Reserve.

Frank Onge of St. Onge Ambulance will have an ambulance at the grounds. Avon Fire Department will also have one piece of equipment there.

Before the balloonists ascend each day between 6-7 p.m., depending on the winds, there will be entertainment beginning at 4 p.m. The Country Sunshine Band will perform and the Radio Control Airplane Club will demonstrate flying model airplanes.

While the hot air balloons are in the air, there will be Frisbee contests and other activities for the waiting spectators. Food and beverages will be available.

There will be a fee for parking, sitting at the bleachers and watching from the paddock area.

"MCC's grounds are a natural amphitheater for the balloon races," said Hudson. The balloons will take off from the lower area of the grounds. Spectators will be able to watch from the surrounding hills.

Film festival honors Israel

In commemoration of Israel's 30th year of independence, the Detroit Jewish Workshop is sponsoring an Israeli film festival at the Labor Zionist Institute, 2855 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. The series runs through June 4.

Contemporary and pre-statehood films covering political, religious and historical themes will be shown.

Admission is \$2 and a series ticket can be purchased for \$5.

At 8 p.m. next Sunday, May 21, "The Illegals" will be shown. It is the first film about the movement of Holocaust survivors to illegal emigration to Palestine in 1947.

"Every Bastard a King," set in Israel in 1967, will be shown. The 1970 film is the story of an American journalist's response to the 1967 war.

At 8 p.m. May 28, the 1965 film, "Sallah" will be shown. Starring Haim Topol as Sallah, the film is the story of an Oriental Jew's success in campaigning against bureaucracy and 20th century civilization.

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