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Hills park plan spurs concern

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One Farmington Hills resident suggested fencing the proposed 15-acre athletic park on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road.

Another suggested installing play-

ground equipment for younger children, particularly for those who might be tempted to use equipment in a nearby neighborhood.

Still other residents complained about potential traffic, drainage and parking problems that could be caused by the proposed park.

"This is not etched in stone. This is

an informational meeting. We're taking notes," Farmington Hills Special Services Director Doug Gaynor told about 50 residents Wednesday on the proposed athletic park.

Led by Gaynor and Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission Chairman Dennis Fitzgerald, the meeting was designed to solicit

opinions and suggestions for the proposed development plan for the park. More informational meetings are planned.

CITY OFFICIALS were not entirely surprised to find some residents not overwhelmingly supportive of the athletic park, as pro-

posed. "What happened was what we wanted to happen. We wanted to hear concerns," said Eric Wurmlinger, special services assistant director.

The city's special services department.

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Farmington FOCUS

If you have a news item, feature story idea or an action picture with a Farmington area connection, send a note to our downtown office at 33203 Grand River, Farmington, 48024.

VOTE today in the local board of education elections. In Farmington, incumbents Janice Rotnick and R. Jack Feck and challenger Paul Blizman will square off for two four-year seats. In Clarendonville, incumbent Daniel Morrison and challengers Linda Brandemuhl and Michael Mogan will vie for two four-year seats.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Oakland Community College Board of Trustees candidates also are on the ballot, seeking three six-year terms. In the running are incumbents David Hackett and Margaret Tavish and challengers Ruth Borstein, John Erich, Norma Ross, Franklin Burn, Paul Funk and Judith Wiser.

SHE takes the cake. Flinders Elementary school teacher Marion Spencer, who has attended Farmington school board meetings for the past 15 years, was made an honorary board member when she attended her final meeting Tuesday.

Flowers, certificates from trustees and a homemade cake were presented to a "very special lady" by school board vice president Helen Prutow, who chaired the meeting.

"I'm really pleased," Spencer said. "I never felt I worked for you, as much as with you."

STREET striping's set. Continental Contracting of Warren has won a \$24,000 contract for pavement striping twice a year in Farmington Hills as a result of city council action.

Farmington will save more than \$700 in 1986 street striping costs by using the Farmington Hills bidding process.

Low bidder for the Hills, Continental Contracting will stripe 2.8 miles of Farmington streets twice at a cost of \$1,931, as approved by council action. This compares with \$2,658 charged by the Oakland County Road Commission last year, according to city officials.

Farmington bid with 49 miles of street marking to be done in the Hills this year. "By allowing us to join in the bids, we not only receive substantial savings, but increase the pavement markings from once to twice each year," a Farmington report said.

Farmington is responsible for striping Farmington Road from Grand River to 10 Mile, and parts of Shilwassee, Freedom and Power roads.

TEXTBOOK purchase approved.

Farmington Public Schools trustees reviewed textbooks for the 1986-87 school year on June 3, approving the total \$77,968 expenditure. The board's curriculum committee reviews proposed texts annually.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — In an annual school board election that drew a record number of candidates and voters, Jack Cotton and Helen Ditzhazy captured the two four-year terms on the Farmington school board, beating out 13 other contenders, including one write-in candidate.

Torchbearer

Her feminism can be traced to the civil rights push

By Casey Hans
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It began with the civil rights movement of the 1960s and involved leaders like Cesar Chavez and Martin Luther King Jr.

Civil rights marches and demonstrations led to a deeply rooted feminism for Farmington Hills resident Janet Good. Her name and life have become synonymous with local, state and national women's issues — especially for older women.

"I became a very dedicated feminist in the '60s," she said. "It's the most important thing in my life. There is nothing more important than women."

Good sits on the national board for the Older Women's League, is president of the OWL state federation, and deals with mostly women in her position as affirmative action officer for the Michigan Employment Security Commission, where she has worked for 40 years.

She is a past president of the OWL Farmington Chapter, organized seven Michigan OWL chapters and is a recipient of the 1981 Spirit of Detroit Award from the Detroit City Council.

She was also awarded the Michigan National Organization for Women Feminist of the Year Award in 1981 and has chaired numerous workshops on upward mobility for women, sexual harassment in the workplace, and worked on the Governor's Task Force on the Status of Women.

CARRYING a feminist position and added civil rights activities, she views life in a humanistic vein. "I don't call it civil rights anymore — I call it civil wrongs," she added.

She tries to encourage women to be more aggressive for themselves, instead of acting as the traditional caretaker and handling only others' needs.

"Here we are, all of us," she said.

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— Jan Good
Farmington Hills

"We want to save the world and we haven't even saved ourselves."

While women were "marching for Chavez and lettuce, fighting for minorities and protective laws," she said no one has returned the favor for women and their rights.

So it's women supporting women that draws them together as a group, Good said.

"I do not spend five cents or five minutes on a cause that doesn't better women," she added.

"When they say 'put your money where your mouth is,' I do."

Ten percent of Janet Good's income is spent on female political candidates and all her major purchases are made through women.

Her devotion to the women's movement is evident in every action and word.

"I don't use four-letter words, I use five-letter words: women, power and money," the feminist grandmother said. "We are women, but we don't have either power or money. And power is never given away — it is taken."

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

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HER LIFE and marriage, which has lasted 44 years, was a traditional one. Following a full day of work, Good would find herself awake until the wee hours of the morning, ironing for her family of three children. Since the age of 14, Good has been active in the paid workforce, with the exception of a short time spent at home with a sick child.

"I've had a rich life . . . filled with tragedy and much happiness," she said. "It's been very rich and full."

Today, she is a woman with a defini-

nite purpose. "I know today exactly what I do and what I do it for," she said. "I never wait for people to ask for help — I have a sixth sense to know when someone is in need."

Her networking with women began before she even knew of the word feminist — when she became a Girl Scout leader during the early, traditional years.

She continued working with the scouts for 10 years, later moving into memberships in the League of Women Voters, the Detroit Human Rights Committee, the National As-

sociation of Human Rights Officials and the Michigan Republican Women's Task Force.

It was 10 years ago that discrimination first affected Good personally and noticeably. After years of contributing to the Social Security fund, she was told her retiring husband, a Detroit police officer, could not collect from her benefits.

"They told me 'your work record doesn't have the same value' as his," she related.

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Uniting: It helps homeowners meet needs



Neighborhoods

Editor's note: This is the second installment in a series examining Farmington Hills' homeowner associations and their impact on the city.

By Joanno Maliszewski
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Associations — particularly the

most vocal — are becoming forces to be reckoned with. Yet, most local politicians and city administrators support and encourage homeowners to organize.

"I favor very strongly the neighborhood associations and the work they can do," City Manager William Costick said. "We attempt to be very conscious about what a subdivision association is saying

and I think we have had pretty good success."

Neighborhood associations exist to serve their needs. But the city and its politicians also reap benefits of the organizations' and personalities that lead them.

"It makes them aware we exist. And it helps us resolve any problems we may have," said Barbara Riccio, president of Meadowbrook Park Homeowners Association. "The association helps us have an understanding of how the city works. It makes us both more effective."

THROUGH THE years, associations have come to help the city in policing and enforcing ordinances. Associations are eyes and ears for city staff who don't have the time to patrol neighborhoods to keep pace with problems, concerns and ordinance violations.

"City staff are not able to get into every corner of every subdivision weekly, monthly or annually," Councilwoman Jody Seronca said. "As a group, associations can come together and let the city know exactly what's happening."

The city's zoning department appears to have the greatest contact with neighborhood associations because of its work with site plans, rezoning requests and ordinance enforcement. Because problems with neighborhood open spaces are



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An open-space area in Wedgwood Commons. Facilities include playground equipment, tennis courts and a picnic shelter.

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