

# Development too dense, says Farmington Hills Council

BY WILLIAM COUTANT  
STAFF WRITER

A bid for a development in the 13 Mile and Orchard Lake area is not dead, but will have to change to pass muster at the Farmington Hills City Council. The council voted to table a proposed rezoning of 13.4 acres of the 16 acres proposed for development for multiple-family housing on the south side of 13 Mile near Orchard Lake. Residents were divided on the proposal, in part because it would make more of an impact, especially with regard to traffic, on Greening Road. Steven Schaffer, representing

Phoenix Land Development, was credited by both city council members and some residents with trying to meet the desires of neighbors, but traffic and density concerns outweighed the good will. "I'm the mother of a child hit by a resident hit by (Detroit) Baptist Manor (on 13 Mile)," said Karen Dorrflinger, who lives on Greening. "She (Dorrflinger) told me that she used Greening as a cut through. She didn't want to take Orchard Lake. It's a very personal concern. And I have not heard this issue addressed to my satisfaction." The issue came up at the July

16 regular meeting. The council voted 4-3 to table the rezoning request. Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi, and Council Members Jan Grant, Nancy Bates and Vicki Barnett voted to table the proposal. Council Members Messie

"Even under a PUD (negotiated project), I'm not willing to look at densities under RC-2 (85 units)." Sever said. "I think we should deny request. We should not work from the top down (85 units), but from 21 units up."

were rejected. "We really like the development idea," said Frank Carrico. "It would guarantee character of our street. Keeping the pond south exactly the way it is doesn't impact our neighbor-

hood proposal and encouraging him to work with residents on a plan to be negotiated with the city was the best option. "My advice to the residents is to stick together as much as possible," Vagnozzi said.

## Council from page A1

Kurzeja, a 36-year resident who has actively sought improvements to the Grand River corridor, said other cities would suffer like Farmington Hills when the economy is in decline. "We have to build on what we have," she said. "Density has been kept low. We don't want to increase it just to boost the tax base."

The candidates said one of the successful tax measures Hills voters had approved was the parks millage. Kurzeja said she would want voters to approve a renewal in order to maintain the existing parks system, senior center and youth programs as well as to buy more park property. "The McMahon property is the only piece big enough for a

park," she said, adding that the city would be well-served to buy other small pieces of property for possible parks and to keep density low. "The current parks and recreation commission chairman, said because the city had delivered on promises of what it would do with the special tax fund, they would likely vote to renew."

will begin his duties in early August. In terms of traffic, Ellis said he would like to see less expensive measures like getting traffic through the community by using signals or other means. Extending major roads, such as Orchard Lake, to 6-7 lanes would not work, he said. "That would just add more traffic," he said.

"We delivered on all of these commitments," he said. Ellis said a renewal would help maintain the current park system and programs, help pay for the bond debt on the Costick center and add more property, possibly for a new park in the northwest part of the city.

Both candidates said they liked the choice of Daniel Hobbs as the new city manager. Hobbs

involved," she said. Kurzeja said that was a mistake Ellis had made in earlier remarks, when he didn't include residents plans. Ellis said Kurzeja had not been listening, adding that the city council is elected to determine reasonable use.

"They also disagreed on the current business climate. Kurzeja said there were a lot of empty offices in Farmington Hills, which did not need more. Ellis said officers were at 90 percent occupancy rates.

Both candidates said city taxes were not high.

Ellis said he did not see a lot of room to cut from the budget and praised the city's fiscal restraint.

Kurzeja said that city had remained at under 10 mills, with the exception of the public safety tax, just as it had been when it became a city 24 years ago.

"If there's a penny (to save), he'll (City Treasurer Charles Rosch) find it. I don't know what you can cut."

**Farmington Observer**  
Published every Monday and Thursday by Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Farmington, MI 48309-0910. Postmaster: Please send address changes to Observer & Eccentric, Newspapers Dept., P.O. Box 1100, Farmington, MI 48309-0910. Telephone 844-1100.  
SUBSCRIPTION RATES: ONE YEAR (in United States) \$42.00; Home Delivery Service \$42.00; Newsletters \$24.00; Classified \$25.00 per copy; 25¢ per copy; 40¢ per copy; 50¢ per copy.

**GRAND OPENING**  
**SHANGRI-LA**  
GOURMET CHINESE RESTAURANT FEATURING AUTHENTIC HONG KONG STYLE COOKING  
Wonderful traditional favorites... superb variety of dining specialties...  
• Live fish, lobster and crab in our tanks, cooked to order.  
• Dim Sum lunch specials 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
• Banquet Facilities  
**HOURS:** Monday thru Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.  
6407 Orchard Lake Road  
In The Orchard Mall  
(810) 626-8585  
Special Carry-Out Menu

**Farmington CARPET**  
BIG, BIG Inventory of Quality Carpet \$3.95 to \$12.95 per yard  
1/2" Rebound Pad...\$1.95 Yd.  
FAST QUALITY INSTALLATION - GOOD BETS ON ADJUSTING WART.  
24225 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills  
Just West of 28th Street  
(810) 615-8297  
COUPON FOR \$500 OFF TOWARD ANY CARPET OR VINYL PURCHASE (25 Yd. Minimum - With Coupon - Expires 7/31/96)

**Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine**  
by Mirinda W. Miller, P.T., A.T.C., M.S.  
**ACUPRESSURE**  
Among the manual therapy techniques that physical therapists may employ to aid the healing of their patients is acupressure. The ancient healing art used by the Chinese for thousands of years. Based on many of the same principles as acupuncture, acupressure involves the application of gentle to firm finger pressure on key acupuncture points as a result, the flow of chi (the body's vital life energy) is stimulated. It is the even, sustained movement of chi over channels known as meridians that is known to maintain the health of tissues throughout the body. Acupressure also relieves muscular tension, which enables more blood (including needed amounts of oxygen and nutrients) to be carried to the body's tissues to promote healing and waste-product removal.

## Flight from page A1

I'm going to join the program again. As part of the Back-to-Back program, students from Cergy stayed with families in Farmington Hills and attended classes at O.E. Dunkel for two weeks in April. Tragedy and terrorism was on Williams' mind even when the trip was being organized, though. While the final deposits were

being collected, the Metro in Paris was bombed. Like Williams, another parent said there was no doubts about proceeding with a trip of a lifetime. "I mean I realize things like that can happen," said Peggy Wolter, whose daughter Lindsay went on the trip. "I am a Christian and I believe my life is in God's hands."

**Reaching Us**  
HOW TO CALL US  
CALL THE NEWSROOM - (810) 477-5450 - to offer story ideas, talk to the editor or request information about deadlines.  
USE THE NEWSROOM FAX - (810) 477-9722 - to send press releases, letters to the editor, obituary notices, sports results and other information.  
CALL SPORTS - (313) 953-2141 - to reach sports staff.  
USE OUR READER COMMENT LINE - (313) 953-2042 - to let us know what you think of our stories and service.  
CALL CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING - (313) 591-0900 - to place "for sale," "help wanted" and other small ads.  
CONTACT DISPLAY ADVERTISING - (313) 591-2300 - to place larger, free-standing boxed advertisements.  
CALL CIRCULATION - (810) 901-4715 - to subscribe to our paper.  
CONTACT CABLE TV WEEKLY - (313) 953-2182 - for information about advertising in our local weekly TV and cable guide.  
HOW TO USE OUR READER SERVICES  
HOME LINE - (313) 953-2020 - offers information about upcoming open houses, new developments in your area and free real estate seminar information.  
AFTER HOURS CLASSIFIEDS - (313) 591-0900.  
AFTER HOURS CIRCULATION - (810) 901-4715.  
FAX LINE - (313) 953-2288 - offers access to the following information from our classified ads with a MasterCard, or Visa. This service is available by noon Wednesday and Friday:  
• Item No. 9402: Looking for a place to rent or someone to share an apartment with? Get a listing of our rental classifieds. Cost: \$3.95.  
• Item No. 9600: Recreation: boats, motorcycles, campers, airplanes, etc. Cost: \$5.95.  
• Item No. 9822: Vehicles: Used trucks, vans and all makes of automobiles. Cost: \$39.95.  
O&E ONLINE - (810) 901-4711 - With just about any communications software for PC or Macintosh, O&E Online users can:  
• Send and receive unlimited mail.  
• Access the Internet - Telnet, Gopher, WWW and more.  
• Read electronic editions of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers.  
• Chat with users across town or across the country.  
To begin your On-Line exploration, call (313) 591-0903 or (810) 901-4711 with your modem.  
At the key prompt, type: new  
At the key prompt, type: 7092  
Feel free to call us if you need help signing on to O&E Online on our bulletin board service hotline: (313) 953-2286.

**in the 90s**  
by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.  
**BECOMING DENTISENTIZED**  
One of the problems that accompanies effective toothpaste is receding gums as we get older is hypersensitivity. This occurs as a result of the tooth not becoming exposed, because it has a softer surface than the rest of the tooth. It is more vulnerable to heat, cold, or pressure. When this happens, a switch to a desensitizing toothpaste can help. The active ingredient in desensitizing toothpastes that does this possible may either be potassium chloride or potassium nitrate. If one of the other does not work to stem tooth sensitivity, a switch to a desensitizing toothpaste with the other active ingredient may be all that is needed. One effective toothpaste is brought under control. That, a switch should be made back to a regular brand. If you have questions or concerns about your teeth, call us at 478-2110 to schedule a dental check-up. We want you to look your best. Our office is located at 19177 Merriman Road, Smiles are our business. Office hours are Mon., Tues., Th., & Fri. 8:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
**LIVONIA VILLAGE DENTAL**  
19177 MERRIMAN - LIVONIA  
(810) 478-2110  
P.S. Some desensitizing toothpastes do not contain fluoride.

Discover marvelous merchandise, read **Malls & Main Streets** every Monday in your hometown newspaper.

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID**  
Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for air conditioning at Farmington Training Center and Wm. Grace Elementary School until 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, August 7, 1996 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32600 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Paul Malo at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.  
The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.  
A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from A.M. Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.  
Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32600 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (810) 489-3346. Please call to verify availability.  
BOBBIE FELDMAN, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Publish July 18 and 21, 1996

**Arthritis Today**  
JAMES H. WILSON, M.D. RHEUMATOLOGY  
WHEN IS OPERATION ADVISABLE?  
You have lived with the arthritis in your knee for years. What determines if you should carry on or agree to a knee replacement operation? You see the time to decide. The reason is that even under the best hands, the operation may fail. Thus, no orthopedic surgeon will urge an operation, and no personal physician can accept responsibility for a decision that impacts your life so profoundly. First, your doctor determines your choice to pain. If you experience a daily ache then the quality of our life may be impaired to make operation with a risk, reasonable. What next influences your judgment is mobility. If you have other life such as long distance driving, that reason activity is limited, then it is time to think about an embolism, possibly a stroke. However, if you are otherwise healthy and prevented from joining family and colleagues by knee pain, then the alternative of operation is a worth considering. Another important influence is instability. You may not have great pain, and you may not need to walk, far or fast. However, if in the walking you do, you are prone to falls, then you are a candidate for a knee replacement soon. Too often falls bring on a broken hip or cracked skull. Then, you have grave problems and less choice in the solution.

**Enroll Now**  
Pathways to Learning  
Children's Center  
Pre-school/Full Day  
Before and After Kindergarten  
Open Year Round  
7am-6pm  
• Farmington Hills (next to the Ice Arena)  
Serving Hill Elementary School  
35300 W. 8 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills  
(810) 478-6560  
• Farmington Hills (in the Mercy Center, Gate 4)  
Serving Alameda & Beechview Elementary  
(810) 473-1860  
Other Locations: Novi • Plymouth • Redford Twp.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON ELECTION NOTICE**  
Public Accuracy Test  
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test will be taken by the City of Farmington on August 6, 1996, Primary Election. The test will be taken on Thursday, July 22, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmington City Hall, 32600 Shawwassee Ave., 32600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, Clerk/Treasurer