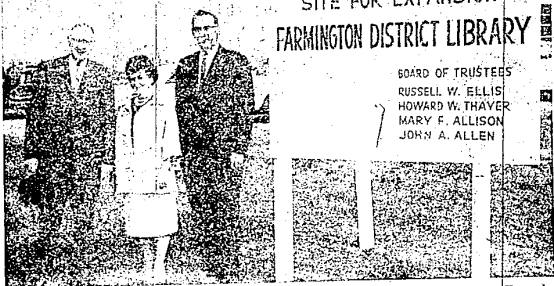


SITE FOR EXPANSION FARMINGTON DISTRICT LIBRARY



LAND HAS BEEN PURCHASED for the proposed new branch of the Farmington District Library at a site just south of the O. E. Dunckel Junior High School on 12 Mile Road in the Township. Library Board Trustees Howard Thayer (L) and Russ Ellis looked over the five-acre parcel of land last week with Farmington Township Treasurer Elsie Avery.

Kindergarten Sign-Up Set For May 1, 2

Wednesday and Thursday, May 1 and 2, have been set as the dates for the registering of pre-school age children who will be eligible to enter kindergarten in the Farmington public school system in the fall. Morning, afternoon and evening sign up periods have been established for each of the schools on these dates.

By Board of Education policy, children must be five years of age on or before December 1, 1963, they are to start kindergarten in September, 1963. All children living in the school district qualified should register at this time.

CLAREDA, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 6:00-8:00 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

BEECHVIEW, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 6:00-8:00 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

BOND, May 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; 6:00-8:00 p.m.

CLOVERDALE, May 1, 4:30-6:30 p.m., 8:00-10:00 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

EAGLE, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.; May 2, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

FANDERS, May 1, 8:30-11:30 a.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

GILL, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 6:00-8:00 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

KENDROCK, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 6:00-8:00 p.m.

LANE, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m.; May 2, 1:30-3:30 p.m., 6:00-8:00 p.m.

MIDDLEBELT, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 6:30-8:30 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

SHAWASSEE, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 6:00-8:00 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

TEN MILE, May 1, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 6:00-8:00 p.m.

TWM. GRACE, May 1, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

WOODDALE, May 1, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.; May 2, 9:30-11:30 a.m., 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Twp. Atty. Brennan Wins Decision In Property Owners' Zoning Suit

The Oakland County Circuit Court has decided against the Village of Wood Creek Farms in their suit with Belmont Township Attorney, in gaining the favorable decision capped a long battle which extends back over more than a year when the request for re-zoning first was raised.

Attorneys in the case were Joseph T. Brennan and Wendell Brown, who represented the Village of Wood Creek Farms, has 20 days in which to file an appeal in the zoning case. Brennan, who is the Farmington Township Attorney, in gaining the favorable decision capped a long battle which extends back over more than a year when the request for re-zoning first was raised.

The land is located in the extreme southwest corner of the Village of Wood Creek Farms and has been zoned for residential use despite re-zoning requests to allow commercial use of the land.

IN DECIDING in favor of the property owners, the court paved the way for the sale of the land and its use for commercial purposes.

Cited as reasons for the decision favoring re-zoning was testimony from several prominent area real estate brokers and land appraisers, Omar Sanderson and Hal Rowe.

They testified along with Elmer Mueller, City Planner for the Detroit City Planning Commission that the property was undesirable for use under residential zoning. Mueller testified that although he felt it was not impossible to use the land for residential purposes, a bar located directly across the street made residential use in this case unrealistic.

Hal Rowe stated that he could not conceive of anyone purchasing the land for residential purposes but that if zoned commercial the land could be sold for as high as \$200 a foot or a total of \$60,000.

OMAR SANDERSON told the court he had looked the value on any single family residence built on the land would immediately become de-valued. Sanderson said the best use of the property was commercial of some form and that he felt a real estate man would not be interested in listing the property while it was zoned residential.

Mrs. Forsman testified the land has been up for sale subject to a change in the zoning and could have been sold many times in the past were it not for the residential zoning classification.

Charles Banyo, a real estate man, testified that he has offered to purchase the land subject to re-zoning and places the low value for commercial purposes at between \$30,000 and \$35,000. Richard Jeffery, a real estate broker and appraiser, agreed with Banyo.

T. Vance Kofon of the Mortgage Board of the First Farmington Savings and Loan Association testified that if a single family residence were erected on the property in the neighborhood of \$20,000 to \$25,000 that mortgage financing would be available in the area of 60% to 70% of the actual costs. He admitted on cross-examination that this property would not be within the F.H.A. requirements.

FESTUS J. BERRY, chairman of the Village of Wood Creek Farms, Village Council President Norman Krierer stated to the effect that many commercial factors were in favor of re-zoning.

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Mrs. P. A. Iverson (R) of 31016 Freedom Road. Both women own property which is directly east of the landfill, bordering the Rouge River branch which flows through the area.



LANDFILLING OPERATIONS in the Township have raised the concern of residents. Their report Monday night was that the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The problem of leaking roofs at several of the schools in the Farmington public school system was a major item of discussion at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The action was taken at a board of director's meeting held on Thursday morning of last week.

Kickoff For Community Clean-up Drive Set May 2

Final preparations are now being completed for the kickoff of a month long clean-up, fix-up and paint-up campaign in the township and the city of Farmington.

This will mark the third year that such a community betterment project has been undertaken under the sponsorship of the South Farmington Township Civic Association. This year the program is being expanded to include not only the southern portion of the township but also the northern part of the township as well as the City of Farmington.

The campaign will be officially kicked off next Thursday, May 2, and continue through the month until Memorial Day on May 27. The Township Board and City Council have both taken official action declaring this period as community clean-up, fix-up time and have pledged their full cooperation in the project.

general information and tips to readers on ways that can be done and things that should be done and ways of undertaking the project which will not only improve the beauty of the community but also increase the value of their property.

STORES and business places will be cooperating by offering some real special buys for citizens who will be undertaking clean-up, fix-up and beautification projects. Other stores with unrelated merchandise will also be advertising with special buys of their own to help defray the cost of making this special edition available to everyone.

There will be no dumping site in the township this year as in past years. Arrangements

have been made, however, for a special township-wide special trash pickup which is scheduled for Monday, May 13. If all the homes in the community can not be canvassed the first day the trash trucks will continue circulating on subsequent days until the whole township has been covered. Supervisor Curt Hall said. All old trash that people gather up in cleaning up around their property will be picked up, he emphasized.

Those who may have an old car or truck which they wish to have hauled away are asked to call the Township Hall, GR. 4-6115, and make special arrangements.

Safety Boy Donald Sharpe Wins Trip to Washington D.C.

Donald Sharpe, 12, of 23748 Beacon Farmington, has been chosen as one of 130 outstanding children to represent Michigan at the 27th annual AAA Safety Patrol Rally in Washington, D.C., May 9-12.

Donald, of the Tea Mile Elementary school safety patrol, will make the four-day, all-expense-paid trip as a guest of Automobile Club of Michigan.

In commending the efforts of the Michigan safety patrols, Ernest P. Davis, Auto Club director of safety and traffic, said: "SAFETY patrolling began in Michigan in 1939, and has since proved to be one of the most effective methods ever devised for protecting children against traffic while going to and from school. The patrols do more than safeguard children. They also help them form good safety habits which they carry with them throughout their lives. The sight of a patrol boy or girl at a corner is a steady influence to drivers, tending to make them more careful."

"However rewarding this Washington trip is to these youngsters, it is only a small part of the Auto Club's appreciation for the fine months of vigilance Michigan's 60,000 patrol boys and girls provide on street corners near schools throughout the state each year."

The Michigan delegation will leave by chartered Greyhound bus on Thursday afternoon, May 9, from Detroit's Veterans Memorial Building.

CD Officials Answer Call

Farmington Township Civil Defense officials answered an emergency call last Friday night, April 19, to the scene of where a metal garage had been blown across the roadway at Orchard Lake Road and Burbank Street in the Township.

Civil Defense emergency engineer for the Township, Al Gain, said the garage, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Machan of 2900 Burbank, was removed from the road by a bulldozer within an hour after the report was received by police. High winds had upended the garage from its foundation on Burbank.

Gain applauded the quick action by Civil Defense volunteers and Township Police, but added: "This could just as easily have been a tornado disaster with hundreds of homes involved," said Gain. "It points out the need for a broader organization with more volunteers pledged to act in emergencies."

Struck While Repairing Car

Stephen R. Campbell, 31, of 1911 Quince Street in Norwalk, was injured seriously last Saturday night, April 20, when another car struck the rear of his disabled car parked on the shoulder of Freedom Road just east of Fleming Street.

Campbell was changing the tire on his car when another car driven by Walfrid Berg, 46, of 2533 West Nine Mile Road in Farmington struck his car from the rear. Both men were taken to St. Mary Hospital in Livonia for treatment of injuries. (See picture, Page 8A.)

Farmington to Come Under St. Closing Law

Farmington merchants will have to abide by the new Sunday Closing Law enacted by the State Legislature when and if the law is upheld by the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Oakland County Board of Supervisors voted to uphold the new law which was provided with an exclusion clause left to the option of county governments. In deciding to approve the State Legislature's measure, by a slim 9-3 vote, the Oakland County Board of Supervisors followed suit with the action taken in Wayne and Macomb counties earlier where the law was contested in a Circuit Court trial and upheld.

Pending an appeal, the law will prohibit merchants from remaining open on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Leaky School Roof Problems Faced by Board

The problem of leaking roofs at several of the schools in the Farmington public school system was a major item of discussion at the regular Board of Education meeting Monday night.

Vice President Richard Peters and Treasurer Vernon Fisher agreed at the last meeting of the Board to study conditions at various schools with maintenance personnel and report back. Their report Monday night was that conditions at some of the schools were very serious and that immediate steps should be taken to correct the problems.

One of the real leaking problems is being encountered around skylights in the various buildings and the decision was that the only real solution was felt to be the covering of all of them which numbers over 180.

The administration was instructed to have the maintenance staff build a sheet metal type of covering to serve as a model with the intention of going out for bids to have a private contracting firm build and install such coverings over all the skylights.

Other types of repair work will be necessary on some of the roofs, Peters and Fisher agreed. On their recommendation, the Board authorized the administration to have roof consultants come in and study roofs at the schools where the most serious problems present themselves and make recommendations and repair cost estimates.

Action authorizing a go ahead on any of the repairs will be delayed until the Board of Education has had an opportunity to review the matter again and determine whether monies are available to undertake the total project or only a portion of it at this time.

Russ Gilbert, president of Town and Country Dodge on Grand River, was unanimously elected as chairman of the new association of business and professional people in the downtown Farmington area now being organized.

Richard MacPherson, official at the Farmington Branch of the National Bank of Detroit, as secretary-treasurer.

Other members on the recently elected board of directors are Allen Warner, downtown property owner; Bill Stankes of Farmington; Bill Conroy, Farmington Insurance; Ed Balden, representative for the Farmington Center Corporation; and Mike Kiley, manager of The Farmington Enterprise.

The board of directors will be meeting again this Thursday to further discuss organizational details and by-laws for presentation at a general membership meeting set for Tuesday, April 30, at 6:15 p.m.

Ed Ogleby, local attorney, was elected vice chairman, and

Since November of last year adult crossing guards have been provided at three locations where a substantial number of children cross major roadways considered dangerous going to and from school.

The Board of Education agreed at that time to stand the cost of paying for these adult guards for the balance of the current school year. It was made clear to the city and township at that time, however, that school officials did not feel this was their financial responsibility but one that the township and city should be obligated for.

It was asked that the township and city make allowances in their budgets to pay for the guards at these three locations and also at any other spots which might be considered dangerous crossing points in the future.

Three locations where guards are presently being provided are on Farmington Road between 12 and 13 Mile, on Middlebelt and Shawwassee, and at Middlebelt and 14 Mile Road.

An inquiry which came from Gerald Ellsworth, safety chairman of the Wooddale PTA, asking what arrangements had been made to provide the guards for the 1963-64 school year was directed to the Board of Education by Supt. G.V. Harrison Monday night.

The Board agreed that Ellsworth's letter should be directed to the Township Board along with an accompanying letter asking that this matter be given some consideration soon now.

Before coming here he was employed with the Dodge Division of the Chrysler Corp.

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RUSS GILBERT

Deadline for School Board Petitions May 11

Any qualified resident of the Farmington School District interested in running for a seat on the Board of Education is reminded that Saturday, May 11, at 2 p.m. will be the deadline for filing a petition as a candidate.

The term of office of only one member of the Board is due to expire this year and that is the term of Mrs. Wendell Brown. No other proposal than the one for Mrs. Brown is on file. The official holder on the Board will appear on the June 10 annual school election ballot.

Mrs. Brown is seeking re-election for a four year term on the Board but indications have been given that she will be.

Candidates wishing to run for the School Board office can now obtain petitions at the school district office in the Department building during regular office hours. Petitions must contain signatures of exact 50 qualified residents and no more or less, Supt. G.V. Harrison pointed out.

He recommended that any candidates plan on getting their petitions filed soon enough so that a check can be made to make absolutely certain that the signatures of their petition are qualified. If one or two signers are not then it will be possible for the candidate to go out and get a couple more signers who are qualified, he said.

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School Study To Be Made

A firm of experts will be starting a study of school operations in the Farmington public school system soon now to determine whether there might be any areas of operation where improvements can be made.

It will be a preliminary survey of the whole operation to be done by A.C. Lamb Associates who have done a number of surveys of this nature for school systems throughout the country. The total cost for this study will be \$150.

If there are specific areas where the firm feels economies and better operational procedures would be beneficial more detailed studies in these specific areas will be recommended, it was indicated. It will be up to the Board to decide at this time whether they wish to go into these more detailed phases of study.

Hearings Tonite

Two public hearings will be held before the Township Zoning Board at its regular meeting, tonight, Thursday, at 8 p.m. at the Township Hall.

One of these hearings will be on proposed changes in the portion of the township's zoning ordinance governing agricultural uses of property and the keeping of horses and other farm animals in the community.

The second hearing will be on a request for a change in zoning on a parcel of property next to the Eckedy Tool and Manufacturing Co., at 28600 Grand River. The company seeks to have the land rezoned to R-1 (residential) to P-1 (parking).

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Bike Tags Available At Twp. Police Dept.

Bicycle License tags are now available at the Farmington Township Police Department and can be purchased for \$1. The new bike tags are being provided under an ordinance enacted earlier this year by the Township Board offering parents an "optional" registration and licensing service.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY in the City of Farmington was observed last week on Tuesday afternoon when the students were given the reins by their counterparts in City government to try their hand at conducting a Council meeting. Pictured above at the regular City Council meeting on Monday night, the Farmington High School seniors took up positions behind the officials they represented on Tuesday; they are (L to R) Charles

Brenner, City Manager; Carol Olfelt, Councilman; Robert Clapton, Councilman; Peter Fusco, Mayor, and Mary Marginean and Colleen Kelly, both Councilmen. City officials seated (L to R) are City Manager John Dinan, Councilman Sandy Brotherton and Howard Thayer, Mayor Robert Lindberg, and Councilmen Pete Peterson and Henry Forrest.

