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Hills adds services in budget

By DAN McCOSH

An impressive list of new services, equipment and buildings is included in the new Farmington Hills budget, with the local tax rating staying at six mills.

Weekly garbage collection; a new fire station; a DPW building, men and equipment; park improvements; an expansion of city hall; and an emergency rescue service are among the additions.

Residents at a public hearing Wednesday were generally receptive to the proposed additions. Together they probably represent the biggest change in the municipal-type services the area has ever seen in a single year.

The Hills council will vote on the budget Monday at the regular meeting. The lack of changes proposed by the council at the hearing was seen by observers as an indication it would be accepted routinely.

GARBAGE COLLECTION proved a popular issue among those residents attending the hearing. Doyle Vineyard, 20960 Ontago, was one of several people who complained about the present service and supported the idea of city pickup.

Proposed is a contracted, city-wide service to pick up trash, garbage and possibly "large objects" according to City Manager George Majors.

"The council already directed the city to prepare specifications for the service. Being considered is a "zoned" contract with possibly two contractors; or a single-area-wide contract.

"What we have now is a Rube Goldberg system," Councilman Earl Opperhauser said. Chairman of the solid waste disposal committee which proposed the service, Opperhauser outlined a garbage collection system which presently combines monthly private and "special" pickups.

With several different contractors in the same area, there is often garbage left out every day in some areas, he said. He added the service would be tax deductible if paid for through the property tax.

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The capital expenditures are to be paid mainly by funds carried over from the township government.

Already expended from the original \$730,000 is about \$336,000 on a new fire truck, a fire house site, paving and public services equipment.

AN EMERGENCY medical service, to be "manned" by a combination of professional nurses and full-time drivers, is also included.

While details are still being worked out, Majors said the service "would not be up to the quality of Southfield's, which is currently ranked as the best in the state."

Planned is the purchase of at least one equipped vehicle. Although the service was called for in the city charter, the city currently has only about 300 calls a year, according to a report on the service.

Councilman Frederic Lichtman proposed hiring nurses because of the current lack of state legislation on paramedics.

Road service, now the responsibility of the new city, is a healthy chunk of the expenditure.

A total of \$1.2 million is budgeted for local and major roads. Revenue is primarily from returns from the gas and weight tax.

Other improvements are slated in the police department, with three new men to be added.

The jump in legal service fees, going mainly to the firm of Joseph T. Brennan, was criticized by William Halton.

The fees jumped from \$20,000 last year to \$45,000 in the new budget.

Majors explained the increase partly on the basis of transferring the legal expenses formerly charged to the manager's office, and adding approximately \$10,000 for labor negotiation and codification of new city ordinances.

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'Good old summertime'

The last dash for Middle Belt Elementary was a combination of activities at the school. Beverly Billin (above) ate her way through the afternoon; Leslie Carinak (below, left) sold cookies, and Richard Tinn demonstrated dol-

making to Kari Oldham. For the rest of the school, it was an opportunity to just have a good time. (photos by Fran Evert)



Race anticipated for 2nd judgeship

By DAN McCOSH

FARMINGTON-The stirrings of another political race in the Farmington area began even before a bill authorizing a second district judge in the 47th district was signed.

The bill, which creates several new posts for circuit court, appeals court and district courts, as well as changing the salary structure for the posts, would authorize another judge to aid Judge Michael Hand, who currently serves both Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Petitions for the seat are due June 18 in Lansing, according to Hills Clerk Floyd Cairns. It takes about 100 signatures to file, "I would get 120, to be safe," Cairns said.

The second judgeship has been antici-

ated by both cities, and the likelihood is eventually both judges will hold court in a new addition to the Hills city hall.

Both Farmington and the Hills city council have agreed to consolidate court administrative functions in the Hills, and some observers feel the Farmington City Council is likely to approve the move of the entire local court system to the outlying city.

While no one has taken out petitions as yet, the post, one of the highest paid local political offices, is expected to draw several local attorneys.

The bill authorizing the seat was passed by both the house and senate, and due to be signed by Gov. William Milliken Friday.

Riding camp is coming

FARMINGTON-The Oak Ridge Farms stables will be the scene of a riding day camp to be conducted by the Farmington Community Center this summer for riders of all ages.

A special meeting June 11, at 7:30 p.m. has been scheduled at the center for interested persons.

Questions will be answered by Sally Chastean.

Fun at graduation

Seniors starting new life

By DIANE HUBEL

"We may never pass this way again."

Although Farmington High was the school which chose that saying as their senior motto chances are all the 1,300 graduating seniors from Farmington's three public high schools were feeling the same way.

The three high schools all chose different ways for the seniors to celebrate, from Farmington High's unstructured program where seniors go their own way and do what they want, to Harrison's planned week which senior class president, Doug Kim calls a "five day running no sleep contest."

THE HARRISON WEEK began with senior swing-out on Thursday. Swing-out is the last official school day for the seniors.

During the program, awards are given to the students who have won honors during the school year.

At Harrison, the teachers who have been at the school for four years were given an award, since this is the first class to go to the school for four full years. Two seniors who were accepted into the U.S. Air Force academy in Colorado, another first for Harrison,

were also honored.

At North Farmington, not only are honors handed out but the winners of the senior class track meet are announced. The students who were elected class clown, reader, portions of the class "last will and testament."

The seniors at North Farmington also use that time to present their senior class gift to the school and to introduce the new senior class officers.

FARMINGTON HIGH was the first to have their prom this year when they held it on the third of May at Lovett Hall, in Greenfield Village.

Senior class advisor Paul Hamway said, "We don't plan too much for the senior son the prom night or toward the end of the year. We have found that they prefer to go their own way. On prom night most of them go out to dinner in groups before or after the dance."

North Farmington also had their prom at Lovett Hall on May 30. The band was called Possum Creek.

According to senior class advisor, Barry Musselwhite, "it was the wildest band around. The kids really liked it but I'm not too sure Lovett Hall was ready for it. It did not quite fit in with the image of Greenfield Village."

Harrison High is trying a dinner-dance for the first time. The prom was held on Thursday at the Bay Pointe Country Club, and featured the Blue Knights band.

Both Harrison and North Farmington plan all night parties for the seniors. At North Farmington the seniors sign in when they arrive and can not leave until they call a chaperon who then advises their parents.

The school had a number of activities planned for them, including a caricature artist, and a band. The gym and other areas of the school were open to them.

Snacks are available during the night and a breakfast is served when the party is over.

HARRISON'S PARTY features a movie, and facilities were available for swimming. Their senior breakfast is served on the morning after the prom.

All the senior activities come to a head this week when commencement exercises are held. Harrison is held on Monday, Farmington's is held on Tuesday and North Farmington is held on Wednesday. All three ceremonies are being held at Ford auditorium and begin, a 8 p.m.

2 hurt in crash

FARMINGTON HILLS-A Southfield couple was taken to Botsford General Hospital after their car collided head on with another car on Middle Belt Road on June 5.

Victor Shiffman 58, was treated at Botsford and released. His wife, Jennie, was admitted to the hospital and is in satisfactory condition.

The driver of the other car, Anthony M. Monson, 21, of Southfield, did not

require hospitalization.

Monson was issued a violation by Farmington Hills police for hazardous driving.

Witnesses told Farmington police Monson was traveling northbound on Middle Belt at "very high speeds, possibly 60 or 70 mph" when his car crossed over into the south bound lane and hit the Shiffman car.

There were five witnesses to the accident.

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