

3 Hills residents honored for heroism

FARMINGTON HILLS — Farmington Hills residents who recognized an opportunity to help their fellow man were honored Monday with special civilian citations.

Citations of recognition from the city were presented to Sue Beebe, Marion Curtis, and David Willis at the Hills Council meeting, by Mayor Frederick Lichtman.

In presenting the awards Lichtman said, "It is a rare pleasure to present these awards to the people who were instrumental in helping the police carry out their work."

"Their unselfish actions and willingness to help are unusual at a time when so many people will not stop or become involved."

Miss Beebe and Curtis received the citations for the assistance they gave the victims at the scene of a serious accident on July 29.

The accident which took place on I-696 resulted in one death and left five people injured.

Seeing the accident Miss Beebe, who is a registered nurse, and Curtis, stopped to see if they could assist the victims in any way.

They went to the aid of Mary Jane Birney, who was still in her car, administered first aid, and stayed with her until an ambulance could take her to the hospital.

WILLIS AIDED the police in apprehending four suspects who were wanted for armed robbery.

He was an employee at the Texaco station gas station, 24403 Grand River on June 24, when four men with guns demanded his money.

They took the money and left the station, traveling south on Middlebelt.

Willis then got into his own car

and followed them until they stopped at a house in Detroit.

He called the Detroit police who were able to arrest four men, and recover the money they had taken in the hold-up and the guns they used.

Willis identified Derrick Walker as the driver of the holdup car, enabling the police to receive an armed robbery warrant against him.

PETITIONS FOR armed robbery were also filed for three juveniles who Willis said were with Walker.

Recipients of the civilian citations are first recommended by the individual police officers.

The recommendations are reviewed by a citation board, which refers them to Public Safety Director Ralph Holko, and city manager George Majoros.



SUE BEEBE



DAVID WILLIS



MARION CURTIS

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Lack of funds closed school

Bond parents to start millage petition

By DIANE HUBEL

FARMINGTON — A initiative petition to place a school millage proposal on the ballot at a special election is being prepared by a group of Farmington residents.

The residents who are preparing the petition are concerned with the closing of Bond Elementary school, and attempting to find a means to reopen the school.

FOLLOWING the failure of the millage during the July 30 election the school district was faced with a shortage of funds for the coming school year.

In an effort to save money, the school board decided to close Bond

Elementary, and integrate the students who were currently attending that school into three other schools.

Three groups who were all working separately to get the school reopened, have now begun to coordinate their efforts.

Members of three groups — the Committee to Reopen Bond Elementary, the Oaklands Homeowners Association, and the Canterbury Commons Homeowners Association — are preparing the initiative petitions.

ACCORDING TO a press release prepared by the groups they

will be seeking between two and three mills during the election.

The group is also considering preparing an additional petition which would call for the reopening of Bond Elementary through a voter mandate.

The press release also said, "Possible legal action to protect property rights of the residents and the constitutional rights of the students under the state and Federal constitution is also being contemplated."

The group maintains that the children who were attending Bond are being discriminated against.

These children, they say, are forced to bear the largest share of

the cuts which must be made because of the millage defeat.

THE BOND children will not only have to accept the program cuts which will be suffered by the entire school district but will also be losing their school, committee members said.

The group is also making inquiries to determine if the rights of the children or the homeowners are protected under any civil rights acts or statutes in the state.

THE COMMITTEE said it made an 11th hour attempt to sit down and discuss the issues with the school board on Tuesday evening, Aug. 27, but were told that further discussion would have to wait until the next scheduled school board meeting.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Members of the committee attempting to open Bond have said the Bond children are bearing the biggest share of the cuts which must be made because of the millage defeat.

Board president Gary Lichtman said that the board was not contacted about the meeting until late Monday night.

At that time, he said they were already involved in a budget meeting, and had another budget meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening.

He said the board offered to put a separate item on the agenda for the discussion of the Bond closing but were turned down.

The committee, he said, wanted

to meet separately with the board.

"The school board appreciates the efforts that have been made by these people" he said. "It is a noble effort, but it is too little, too late."

"The school board is not an unfeeling ogre. The decision to close Bond was not taken lightly, it was not an easy decision, but it was a decision that was made."

"Now let's just get on to the business of offering all the children in this district the best education we can."



Busy summer

Volunteers at the Farmington Nursing Home forego the beach each summer to aid the elderly patients. Girls like Katrina Kovachich (above, with Mrs. Nina Hottum) were honored for their work recently. Mrs. Betsy Smith and Mrs. Rose Morgan pin a badge of pride on Miss Jamie Linton (below). Others honored were: Pauls Gawronski, Heidi Hand, Barbara Hamel, Wendy Hummon, Diana Crane, Sara Tulkki, Debby Williams, Connie Kourtakis, Mary Kordel, Lisa Carr, Janit Hinton, Dalcen Dinege, Cheryl Scott, Julie Collins, Valerie Zande, Candy Hoelt, Dawn Adams, and Debbie Drayton. (Photos by Fran Evert)

Hills to hold hearing on city park rules

FARMINGTON HILLS — Regulations governing behavior in Farmington Hills city parks will be considered by the Hills Council at their second meeting in September.

An ordinance authorizing the city council to establish rules and regulations was unanimously adopted by the council at their meeting Monday night.

The ordinance gives the city the authority to establish rules and regulations, provides for the establishment of an agency to enforce such rules, and outlines penalties and fines for violation of them.

However, it is strictly an enabling ordinance and does not specifically list any regulations.

The city manager's office will present a list of recommendations for the rules and regulations at the council meeting in September.

The city decided to set up the rules for the parks after residents living near Waldron Park complained that it was being misused.

The city recently posted signs establishing a curfew and prohibiting any motorized vehicles in the interior of the park.

IN OTHER ACTION the council decided not to give the Farmington Arts Council a \$2,000 grant.

The Arts Council was requesting a grant from the Federal government which was contingent upon its receiving aid from local government.

The Arts Council had asked that the aid be in the form of services which would be provided for by the city.

Specifically it asked for the use of city hall duplicating and mimeograph machines and papers, city rooms for seminars, and support services such as legal counsel from the city.

THE COUNCIL also decided to

add to and implement the city's penal code for further control of noise pollution, rather than establish a new ordinance.

A study by the attorney's office indicated that the present penal code deals with some form of noise control in nine different sections.

Farmington Hills residents who live near a shopping center attended the meeting to urge the council to consider enacting some provisions limiting delivery times for trucks going to the shopping center.

The council will be discussing possible noise control amendments to the penal code at the Sept. 9 meeting.

Tax deadline is extended

FARMINGTON HILLS — The due date for tax bills for the city of Farmington Hills has been extended to Tuesday, Sept. 3.

The original deadline, as established by the city charter is Aug. 31, which is a Saturday.

Since city offices will be closed on Saturday, and on the following Monday, which is Labor Day, the city council voted to extend the payment time until the close of the business day for the individual collection agencies.

Payment may be made at the city offices in the municipal building or at certain banks in the city.

THE COUNCIL also decided to

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