

# Community Calendar

## WEEKEND SKI TRIP

Monday, Feb. 14: Deadline date to register for adult-only ski trip to Boyne Highlands is March 11-13. Registrations taken by calling the Farmington Area Recreation Commission, 476-4115.

## INTERNATIONAL DINNER

Monday, Feb. 14: International dinner, sponsored by Detroit Country Day School Foreign Language Clubs, in the school, 2205 Thirteen Mile, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets at \$2.50 available by calling the school, 646-7717.

## KNITTING AND CROCHETING

Monday, Feb. 14: Eight-week class in knitting and crocheting begins at 8 p.m. in Shiawassee Elementary School and continues on Mondays. Registration is suggested through the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

## GUITAR LESSONS

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Eight-week class in guitar begins at 8:30 p.m. in Shiawassee Elementary School, 38415 Shiawassee. Guitar rentals available at the first meeting. Registration is suggested through the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

## VALENTINE STORY HOUR

Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 15, 17: Valentine story hour designed for the family with melodrama, puppets, storytelling, films and refreshments in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile on Tuesday and Farmington Community Library on Liberty on Thursday. At 7:30 p.m. each evening. No charge.

## THE MAGIC FLUTE

Wednesday, Feb. 16: Bus leaves the Farmington Community Center at 12:30 p.m. for the Michigan Opera Theatre's matinee performance of "The Magic Flute," sung in English. Package priced tickets at \$11 includes transportation and orchestra seat, now on sale in the center.

## TAX AIDE PROGRAM

Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 16-17: Tax aid offered to seniors in preparation of 1976 federal, state and home-estate tax credit forms from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 2887 Eleven Mile, and at the same time Thursday in Farmington City Library on Liberty Street. No charge.

## NEEDLEPOINT WORKSHOP

Thursday, Feb. 17: Needlepoint II Workshop, for the needlepoint with some experience, begins at 12:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center and continues on the next two Thursdays. Registration is necessary through the center, 477-8104.

## PICTURE FRAMING

Friday, Feb. 18: "The Fine Art of Picture Framing," lecture demonstra-

tion by Pat Lindheim, follows continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center. Tickets at \$2.50 are now on sale in the center.

## INTERLOCHEN CHOIR

Friday, Feb. 18: Interlochen Arts Academy choir and chorale in concert in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 1987 Eleven Mile, 7:30 p.m., sponsored by the church's Fine Arts Council as a public service. No admission charge.

## SKI TOUR WEEKEND

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18-20: Weekend of ski touring activities at San Marino Golf Course, on Healed between Eleven and Twelve Mile, sponsored by Farmington Area Recreation Commission. Pre-registration for individual activities is suggested by calling the FARC office.

## MILLIONAIRE'S PARTY

Saturday, Feb. 19: Millionaire's Party in Our Lady of Sorrows Church hall at 7:30 p.m. Reservations will be made by sending a check for \$7.50 per person made out to Our Lady of Sorrows School Guild, to Michael LaFontaine, 33718 Shiawassee, Farmington 48024.

## A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

Saturday, Feb. 19: "A Little Night Music," dinner-dance sponsored by Women's Guild of St. John Armenian Church at 7 p.m. in the church's cultural building, 22001 Northwestern Highway. Tickets at \$20 per person includes drinks and are available through Mrs. Harry Derderian, 549-7599.

## SKI BUS

Saturday, Feb. 19: Ski bus, for fifth through 12 graders, leaves the Farmington Community at 8 a.m. every Saturday for Mt. Brighton when skiing conditions permit. Reservations are necessary through the center.

## TOLE PAINTING

Monday, Feb. 21: Five session workshop on tole painting begins at 12:30 p.m. and continues on Mondays in Farmington Community Center with Betty Jackson. Registration is necessary through the center.

## Farmington Fruit a Gourmet Market

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## Historic district has higher taxes

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apply a depreciation factor, then add the market value adjustment."

Sailer reappraised 200 homes last summer and expects to add 500-600 this summer, if he gets some extra help.

He claims that the historical district homes aren't assessed higher than others in the city but realizes that it's difficult for homeowners to understand the dramatic rise in prices in the area.

"The desire and appeal of historical homes has really increased," he added, and small homes in the area are selling for as much as \$40,000, according to recently received deeds of purchase.

If a home is considerably atypical from others in the neighborhood, it will be singled out, he said.

With 3,500 pieces of real property in the City of Farmington, a variety of percentage increases make up the 11-12 per cent average.

Bel Air subdivision, averaged a 13 per cent increase last year, and this year increased 15 per cent.

New subdivisions, on the average, increased less, because the assessed value is closer to the present market value.

Chatham Hills subdivision taxes went up an average 12 per cent, while the homes in Floral Park averaged a 16.5 per cent jump.

Areas of the city like Woodcroft subdivision, one of the last to be annexed by Farmington, averaged a 6.5 per cent increase.

For the historical district, the demand for older homes determined the unusual increases.

"Our sales study indicated that they were coming in at around 30 per cent of the market value, not 50 per cent," Sailer said. "Hopefully, we'll get the whole city done eventually."

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