

Lathrup recreation offers many options

Lathrup Village Recreation Department offers a wide variety of activities. There are programs throughout the year and activities that meet a variety of needs and interests.

The recreation center, located in the lower level of the Lathrup Municipal Building, 27400 Southfield Road, features a complete game room and special activities center.

Some of the games included are pool, bumper pool, ping pong, football, shuffleboard, game boards, cards and a television room.

The special activities center offers classes in yoga, ballet, slimnastics, tiny tale coordination, pre-school, pre-spring gold lessons and modern dance. The center is open to the public noon to 5 p.m. each day.

The arrival of Santa Claus by helicopter at the Lathrup Municipal Building gets the holiday season off to a start. Followed by a winter ice skating party and a springtime lunch with the Easter bunny, a summer activities kickoff parade and fall Halloween party.

Winter programs include ice skating at Goldensate Park, Sunset and South-

field rinks. There is a skiing trip every Wednesday night to Pine Knob.

A jogging club meets at 9 a.m. every Saturday, offering a series of trails for the novice and more serious jogger.

The summer programs operating out of the recreation center and the former Lathrup Elementary School offer arts and crafts, baseball, football, soccer, basketball, dodgeball and many other indoor and outdoor activities.

The special summer programs feature an overnight canoe trip for the teens, horseback riding, a Cedar Point trip, Bob Lo trip, summer olympics, table tennis contests, skateboard contests, swimming and frequent visits from the Oakland County Mobile Recreation Units.

There is also a complete summer of pre-school activities.

The senior citizens club meets every Wednesday in the community room for cards and lunch. They also participate in a variety of dinners and trips throughout the area.

For further information call Gary Egerer, director, City of Lathrup Village Parks and Recreation Department, at 557-8500.

Visitor center

Suburban residents who haven't been to Detroit recently will be able to take advantage of a new Visitors and Information Center on the riverfront Philip A. Hart Plaza. The center will be at the corner of Jefferson and Auditorium Drive in front of Ford Auditorium and will be part of the \$30 million public plaza due to be completed this spring.

New school chief will ease into job

By BARBARA UNDERWOOD

Roger Garvelink, new superintendent of the Birmingham Schools, plans to spend a lot of time "just listening," he said Thursday.

The Birmingham School District includes a portion of northeast Southfield.

"And I'm going to be very stingy about sharing my initial impressions," he added. "At the July organizational meeting of the board I plan to share the information I have been able to assimilate."

Listening is his first priority, Garvelink said, and he does not intend to "state a platform until I have a better chance to measure where we are and where we should be going."

"To begin by saying I am going to change this and that doesn't make sense because we already have the best."

GARVELINK PLANS to be very visible in the next few weeks with meetings, building visits and meetings with staff in each, and private sessions with

principals.

He also will meet with each of the central staff administrators, presidents of each bargaining unit, Parent Teacher Association groups and the Community Education Central Advisory Council.

Garvelink was appointed by the board of education on Dec. 1 to succeed Donald Peckenpaugh, superintendent since July 1972. Peckenpaugh will become principal of a suburban Chicago school April 1.

Garvelink is a native of Michigan and a former administrator in the West Bloomfield School District. He is returning to the area after two years as superintendent of the Monroe-Woodbury Central School District in New York.

He was assistant superintendent for instruction in West Bloomfield from 1972-75 and principal of West Bloomfield High School from 1966 to 1972.

He plans to bring his family to the Birmingham area when the family's house in New York is sold.

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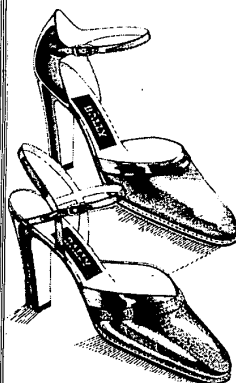
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