

Readers' forum

Housing flyer irresponsible, coalition says

Editor:

Last week an unsigned flyer was distributed in the south end of Farmington Hills that was irresponsible and inflammatory in its accusations.

It charged that federally subsidized low income housing coming to Farmington Hills Sections 35, 36, 37, and 38 was being placed there by our local government for the "expected to reside coming from Detroit."

Normally unsigned scare literature does not deserve any response but in this case it is important to retaliate with facts because so much is at stake if the City Council does not produce housing for qualified low income families.

It has been documented that a substantial number of Farmington Hills residents are living in substandard dwelling units and that there is a

shortage of affordable and adequate housing for these needy people. Through the 1974 Housing and Community Development Act, suburbs like Farmington Hills are now able to attempt to remedy this situation.

THE TERM "expected to reside" is federal bureaucratic meaning the number of lower income families with workers who are employed in Farmington Hills but live elsewhere who might choose to live here if assisted housing were available.

"Expected to reside" also includes an estimation of the number of low income families with workers expected to be employed in our community as a result of known commercial, industrial, governmental or service employment to be generated by new or expanded development.

The federal government derives an Expected To Reside (ETR) figure by

formula for each local government. Cities establish their own needs and then plug in the ETR figure before determining their assisted housing goals. At this point, the term "expected to reside" has completed its usefulness. Its numerical value is used as a method for providing opportunity to lower income families with workers who may choose to live where they work. No units of assisted housing are reserved or offered first to the "expected to reside."

All real estate sales or rentals are subject to fair housing laws whether they be privately offered or federally funded. The producer of federally funded housing is subject to affirmative marketing practices, but if minority goals are not met within 90 days, the units revert back to first come, first served basis rather than remain vacant.

FINALLY, WE DO NOT know that our low income work force is commuting to Farmington Hills from Detroit. They are just as likely to be coming from Garden City, Commerce, or Sterling Heights. I hope racism does not succeed in denying our low income residents the opportunity for adequate housing.

PAULA TOBOCHAN,
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Coalition for Block Grant Compliance

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Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender.
Limit letters to 300 words.

Hospitals plan joint venture

Henry Ford and Sinai Hospitals have approved a joint study of a comprehensive rehabilitation program for chronic lung disease patients.

The program, approved, would be located at the Henry Ford West Bloomfield Center on Maple Road and begin early next year.

An ad hoc planning committee, comprised of medical personnel from both Henry Ford and Sinai, is evaluating the program and reviewing staffing requirements.

The program would involve two weeks of intensive exercise and education programs such as breath-

ing re-education and pulmonary hygiene for patients with a history of chronic obstructive lung disease.

The patients would be from Henry Ford and Sinai or would be patients referred to the program who have had a pre-evaluation at one of the two participating hospitals.

Plans for this joint venture evolved from discussions of a Henry Ford Sinai liaison committee formed to consider joint health care ventures in the West Bloomfield area.

Both the Ford and Sinai boards of trustees have approved initiation of

Obituaries

CHARLOTTE GORDON CRAWFORD

Charlotte Gordon Crawford, of Franklin Village, died Aug. 4 in William Beaumont Hospital.

Born in Flint on May 22, 1888, she was the wife of the late automotive pioneer, Howard H. Crawford, and mother of the late Betty Lewis, co-founder and publisher of the Four Corners Press-Southfield News which was purchased by the Observer Newspapers in 1970, and the late Howard Crawford, Jr.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. William (Charlotte) Ellison, of Franklin Village, a sister, Christina Gulick of Clarkston, and seven grandchildren.

Among her grandchildren are Mrs. Ron (Christine) Nightengale and Lloyd Lewis, both of Bloomfield, Catharine Cicconi of Birmingham and Gordon Lewis of Troy.

She was a resident of the Detroit area since 1911 and of Franklin Village since 1950, where she was engaged in many club, church and civic activities. During the mid-50s she was employed at Devon Gables.

Interment was at Franklin Cemetery.

BRIAN SHERMAN

Brian Sherman, 31, of Farmington died Aug. 8 suddenly. Services were Aug. 11 in the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, and burial was in Glen Eden Memorial Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife Linda; daughters Melanie and Amber; parents Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sherman; brother Bruce; and sister Connie Heck.

LAWRENCE SMITH

Lawrence Munro Smith, 35, of 21055 Birchwood, Farmington, died Aug. 8 in Harper Hospital. Services were Aug. 11 in St. Gerald Church of Farmington, and burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Lansing. Arrangements were made by the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home.

A graduate of the University of Michigan in architecture and business administration, Mr. Smith was an administrative analyst with the Eastern region of Dayton-Hudson Properties in Southfield.

Surviving are his wife Holly; daughter Kristi; parents Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence S. Smith; two brothers and one sister.

Free medical tests offered

Health-O-Rama will be held in Westland Shopping Center this fall, co-sponsored by Women for the United Health Organization.

The free medical tests are available Oct. 25 to adults over 18 years of age.

Tests are available to detect the first signs of anemia, diabetes, hearing and vision loss, hypertension, cervical cancer (pap test), kidney disease and heart disease.

Nurses graduate

Two Farmington area women were among 41 students who graduated from Oakland Community College this month with a practical nursing degree.

The new graduates are Carol Columbatto of Farmington Hills and Geraldine Gilbert of Farmington.

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