Meals plan has financial woes

About \$1,800 could mean the difference between on-site prepared mais and catered meals for soin's citizens at Mercy Center's Gathering Place. And it appears that nearly 300 seniors who have benefited from the center's nutrition program over the last year want the Mercy service continued. But there's a financial hitch. Funding is the problem, says Nancy Bates, chairwoman of the Farmington Hills Commission on Aging and all-around troubleshoder for the center's Gathering Place. The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA), which funds the nutrition program, and Mercy can't get together on a price.

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The seniors and Ms. Bates would like the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills to bail them out. The Hills council agreed to pay 80 per cent of the approximately \$1,800 difference between O.HISA funding and the Mercy cost. Now Ms. Bates is hoping

the City of Farmington will agree Monday to pay the 20 per cent addi-tional cost. OLHSA wants to turn the nutrition

Outsian wants to turn the nutration program over to an outside catering service which is willing to run the pro-gram at OLHRA's cost figures. But Mercy insists that as a non-profit agency, it's not making money on the nutrition program and has taken a hard line on allowing outside catering on Mercy property.

A COMPROMISE can be reached if the cities are willing to pick up the extra costs, Ms. Betes says. In addi-tion to petitions with 288 signatures of senior citizens who use the Mercy facilities, Ms. Betes pointed out the benefits to those using the Gathering Place.

The six cents difference per meal is worth the use of the facilities donated by the Sisters of Mercy, she says.

"This includes a heated pool, gym-

nasium, activities center, dining room, and parking lot," she told the Hills council. "Our senior adults also enjoy freshly cooked and attractively served food prepared in Mercy Center's kitchen. Meals served to the seniors are also available to others using the same facility for an average of \$2.25 per meal."

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The center is reimbursed \$1.24 per senior meal from OLHSA under fear funding. Ms. Batte explained. The meal actually suisidizing part of the meal actually suisidizing part of the meal senior part of the meal actually suisidizing part of the meal prices, Stopper day, OLHSA and Merry are about six cents apart on meal prices, she says.

Ms. Bates has contaced State Rep. Sandy Brotherton, and County Commissioners Robert McConnell and Jack McDonald, in an effort to work out the funding, Bat she's hoping the cities will pick up the tab in the meantime.

Consideration of changing zoning of west side of Eastfield between Fir-wood and Bond from RA-1 to P-1.

Vacation of lands, alleys and easements in the southeast quarter of section 23.

tion 23.

**Consideration of request to adopt the 1978 BOCA Basic Building Code to the city code.

**Discussion of application for land and water conservation fund assistance, and adoption of the conservation of the code o

•Consideration of preliminary plat approval for Farmington Ridge RPD development in the southern half of

*Consideration of approxing a new schedule of unit factors 78-8-8 adopted by Oakland County on Aug. 10. *Consideration of request to close Tiverton between Bycroft and Forest-ville for neighborhood block party from 3-11 p.m., Sept. 3.

Consideration of Act 51 for major mads

Consideration of resolution regarding state road and transportation package.

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FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL 23600 Liberty

8 p.m. Monday, August 21

Consideration of business street repair and sidewalk improvements.

Consideration of increase in the Zoning Board of Appeals fee.

•Amendment to the city driving ordinance dealing with drunken driving.

Consideration of police and profes-sional liability insurance.

Consideration of mutual aid with Farmington Hills Fire Department.

•Consideration of pay increase for 47th District Court judges.

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL 31555 Eleven Mile

7:30 p.m., Aug. 21

•Necessity hearing for sanitary sewer in Pleasant Valley Farms subdivision.

Cost hearing for sanitary sewer on Edgehill Street.

Consideration of amending the city's height limit by adding regu-lations pertaining to the height of ama-teur radio towers and antennae.

•Consideration of changing land at 36130 and 36140 Grand River between Halstead and Drake from RP-2 to RC-

•Consideration of changing land west side of Middlbelt between Twelve Mile and Minglewood from RA-1 zon-ing to RC-2.

Consideration of changing zoning of land north of Grand River between Farmington Road and Drake from RA-1 to RC-2.

School schedules posted

As the sumer days shorten and the air gets crisper, the start of a new school year looms on the horizon. School will begin for elementary students on Sept. 6 for a morning session. Students will attend school all day Sept. 7. The school day for students at Kenbrook, William Grace, Shiawassee and Forest elementary schools are fess a.m. to 3:05 pm. At the other elementary schools where some students are bused, school begins at 9:20 a.m. and ends at 3:30 pm.

HIGH school students may pick up their registration packets between 9 am. and non and 13 pm. from Aug. 21-25 at the high school the student will be attending. A teacher workday is scheduled for Sept. 5. and senior high students will report for registration Sept. 6.

Sept. 6.
Teachers will have a half day work Teachers will have a half day work session on the morning of Sept. 7, while students will report to school at 11.30 a.m. An all-day session is scheduled for Sept. 8. Serior high students bours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 pm. JUNIOR high students may pick up beir registration packets from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. between Aug. 28-30 at the school they will be attending.

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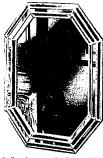
Sept. 5, and teacher preparation is scheduled for Sept. 6. Seventh grade students will report for orientation on the morning of Sept. 7, and all junior high students are expected to report to school in the afternoon. The first full day of school for junior high students is Sept. 8. The junior high day begins at 8:10 a.m. and ends at 2:55 p.m.

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