

Meals plan has financial woes

About \$1,800 could mean the difference between on-site prepared meals and catered meals for senior 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 troubleshooter 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.

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 OLHSA funding and the Mercy cost. Now Ms. Bates is hoping

the City of Farmington will agree Monday to pay the 20 per cent additional cost.

OLHSA wants to turn the nutrition program over to an outside catering service which is willing to run the program at OLHSA'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. Bates says. In addition to petitions with 296 signatures of senior citizens who use the Mercy facilities, Ms. Bates 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."

The center is reimbursed \$1.24 per senior meal from OLHSA under federal funding, Ms. Bates explained. Mercy is actually subsidizing part of the meals' cost, she says.

At 120 meals served per day on the average, the additional cost amounts to about \$7.20 per day. OLHSA and Mercy are about six cents apart on meal prices, she says.

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

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Meeting agendas are posted

FARMINGTON CITY COUNCIL
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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 professional liability insurance.
- Consideration of mutual aid with Farmington Hills Fire Department.
- Consideration of pay increase for 4th 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 Edgell Street.
- Consideration of amending the city's height limit by adding regulations pertaining to the height of amateur radio towers and antennae.
- Consideration of changing land at 36130 and 36140 Grand River between Halstead and Drake from RP-2 to RC-2.
- Consideration of changing land west side of Middlebelt between Twelve Mile and Mingwood from RA-1 zoning to RC-2.
- Consideration of changing zoning of land north of Grand River between Farmington Road and Drake from RA-1 to RC-2.

- Consideration of changing zoning of west side of Eastfield between Firwood and Bond from RA-1 to P-1.
- Vacation of lands, alleys and easements in the southeast quarter of section 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 for acquisition of park property for neighborhood park and golf course expansion.
- Consideration of preliminary plat approval for Farmington Ridge RPD development in the southern half of section six.
- Consideration of approving 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 Forestville for neighborhood block party from 3-11 p.m., Sept. 3.
- Consideration of Act 51 for major roads.
- Consideration of resolution regarding state road and transportation package.

School schedules posted

As the summer 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, Shinnawassee and Forest elementary schools are 8:55 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. At the other elementary schools where some students are bused, school begins at 9:20 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m.

HIGH school students may pick up their registration packets between 9 a.m. and noon and 1-3 p.m., 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.

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. Senior high students hours are 7:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

JUNIOR high students may pick up their 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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