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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
TAX INFORMATION

Make a note of the following tax payment deadlines:

County Taxes—December 1st through February 14th
1979 School Taxes—December 1st through February 14th

Taxpayers paying by mail are advised to post early to take into account holidays when City Offices are closed to ensure receipt by the City Treasurer prior to February 14th.

Taxes paid by mail are recorded by the Treasurer on the date they are received. Payments postmarked prior to, but received after February 14th will be returned as delinquent.

City Treasurer

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Paul finds a new home

The Flip Side

by craig piechura



It's encouraging to know that for every Chicken Little crying "The property values are falling, the property values are falling" there are at least a dozen people who support efforts to de-institutionalize the retarded.

I want to publicly thank a lot of people who called to comment on last week's column about my brother Paul moving into a residential home for the retarded or stopped me on the street to offer a few kind words.

That was a hard column to write. Not because I was uncomfortable about admitting that I have a brother who's retarded or telling people that he has been institutionalized for 17 of his 29 years.

It was a hard column to write because I was afraid of violating one of the cardinal rules etched above the marble columns that support the Fourth Estate. On those columns are the words "What happens to people is news. What happens to reporters isn't."

But after last week's torching of a proposed home for the retarded in Troy, I said to hell with third person detachment on this issue. I'm going to show my colors.

While I admit my ego appreciated the subsequent pat on the back more than a kick in the rear, I was happier that the column seemed to provoke a groundswell of support for integrating the retarded into residential neighborhoods.

Every institution for the retarded isn't a hellhole or snakepit. The Oakdale Center in Lapeer wasn't. Still, I've never been in any large institution that didn't reek of body odor, for example.

I went to the Oakland County Jail shortly after it opened on a news story and this modern facility stunk like B.O. Well, that's how all institutions smell. They are not a place you, no the retarded, would like to call home.

It was encouraging to hear from persons who know the retarded, by and large, are the most gentle, loving people on earth.

TOO MANY times they've been characterized as simple zombies, like Lennie in John Steinbeck's "Of Mice and Men." They are often thought of as people oblivious to the world around them. Or as perpetual children without a care in the world who don't know their own strength and are unable to control their animal desires.

Anyone familiar with a retarded person knows they are persons with distinct personalities. And I hope some of my brother's personality came through in that column.

Dr. James Burchwell, director of the Chata Home in West Bloomfield where my brother now lives, is getting to know Paul's personality.

Last Wednesday, the first day in his new home, Paul tried to buffalo Burchwell into believing Paul was allergic to milk.

Using sign language, Paul told the director he was allergic to milk and could only drink Coca-Cola.

Dr. Burchwell called my mother saying that there was nothing in the medical report indicating that Paul couldn't drink milk. My mother just laughed and told him of the scam.

Paul was a little nervous on moving day. He tried to rearrange the shelves in the medicine cabinet and ended up breaking one of them.

But on Thursday, when I went to see him, Paul was smiling from ear to ear, drawing a picture of an expensive antenna rotor and listing the call letters of every station this antenna will pull in.

Dr. Burchwell said something that made my eyes mist up on the way home. He said not to call before I stopped in to see Paul.

"This is Paul's home and his family is always welcome."

I think things are going to work out just fine.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 12, 1979

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a regular meeting at the City Hall on November 12, 1979. Mayor Oppertthausen opened the meeting at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Councilmembers present were: Soronen, Jones, Deacon, Smith, Alkateeb and Dolan. Others present were: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Ribicu.

Council approved the October 8 and 22nd minutes.

Introduction of Uniform Traffic Code Amendment C-15-79 was delayed to the next meeting.

Approval was given to the request from Sixpence Spirits N' Eatery of Farmington, Ltd. for transfer of ownership of 1979 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit, located at 38410 Grand River, Farmington Hills, from the Inner Change, Inc.

Council approved the request from Oakland County Parks & Recreation Commission & E.A. Fuller Oaks Corporation for transfer ownership of 1979 Class C license with Dance-Entertainment Permit at 9550 W. Thirteen Mile Road from Moslem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America.

Waiver of the sidewalk installation requirement at property located at 31501 Northwestern, was denied.

Council requested the Planning Commission to consider changing the Zoning on the Drake/Freedom Road property owned by the City from RC-2 multiple to RCE senior housing.

Approval was given to the City Clerk's office of the purchase of Word Processor, on lease purchase plan.

Condemnation proceedings for easements for Old Homestead Sanitary Sewer: 23-17-177-009, 23-17-451-011, 23-17-453-009, 23-17-451-025 and 23-17-451-025 were approved.

Council acknowledged receipt of a certified copy of the Master Plan Text and Map for the City of Farmington Hills as adopted by the Planning Commission November 8, 1979.

Approval was given to accept bids for "Homes for Heritage" book in regard to the Farmington Historical Commission.

Upon recommendation of the City Manager the following action was taken:

Approval of Traffic Control Order for Installation and Operation of Traffic Signal at Twelve Mile and New Market/Hamilton Drive.

Approval of Traffic Control Order for Ten Mile and Research.

Installation of regulatory signing at the Intersection of Parkland Road and Green Hill Road.

Waiver of bid requirement to repair Road Grader #286.

Participation with Farmington Public Schools and Oakland County for a School Crossing Signal at Schulman Drive and Twelve Mile (Harrison School).

Approval of Amended Participation Agreement for Twelve Mile and Inkster Paving Project.

Accepted the progress report relative to Show Cause Hearing of August 13, 1979.

Agreement between the City of Farmington Hills and the International Association of Fire Fighters salaries and working conditions was ratified.

Purchase of tractor for Parks and Recreation Department from Sirelli Tractor Sales in the amount of \$14,575.

Amendment to the Refuse Contract with the Rubbish Company, Inc. to be considered at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, FLOYD A. CAIRNS
City Clerk
Approved by: MAYOR OPPERTHAUSER

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 1980 DOG LICENSES

1980 DOG LICENSES ARE AVAILABLE BEGINNING MONDAY DECEMBER 3, 1979 AT THE FARMINGTON HILLS CITY HALL, 31555 W. ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 7, 1979

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a special meeting at the City Hall on November 7, 1979. Mayor Oppertthausen opened the meeting at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Councilmembers present were: Soronen, Jones, Deacon, Smith, Alkateeb and Dolan. Others present were: City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Ribicu.

Petitions were received for referendum on the RC-2 zoning at Drake and Freedom Roads and motion was made that no action be taken was approved.

Establishment of a Working Capital Reserve for the General Fund was approved. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk
Approved by Mayor Oppertthausen

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