Festival group invites public to meeting

The 1979 Farmington and Farmington Hills Founders Festival Committee will hold its first public meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 9.

Community organizations, business representatives and residents are invited to attend the meeting, which will be at the Masonic Temple, Farmington Road and Grand River.

At the meeting, festival committee members will describe their activities and enlist support. Ways for various community groups and individuals to participate in the 18th annual Founders Festival also will be discussed.

"We hope that large numbers of in-terested people will attend and offer to get involved in the festival and its many activities," said Gary Miramonti, the festival's 1979 general chairman.

"The Founders Festival is a comm ty event and will be successful only orted by the community at Ia

This year's festival is slated for July 25-29 at various locations throughout both cities. Additional information about it can be obtained from the Farmington Area Chamber of Commerce by calling 474-3440.

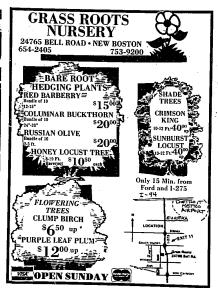


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Children in ArtStart Preschool decorated their own breakfast of pancakes. The day was followed by open Maypole and celebrated Mayday, emulating woods-nouse in the ArtStart facility in Mercy Center, when men of another era who celebrated the last of the registration opened for next term's crop of prestree-cutting with their neighbors on the Village choolers. Registration continues until class loads are filed by calling Ms. Burgess at 474-7175.



Board initiates swap to obtain traffic light

By MARY GNIEWEK

Government by barter?
That may seem a bit outdated, but a request from Oakland County officials turned into a negotiating tool on a completely different matter for the Farmington Board of Education Tuesday

ington Board of Education Iuessuay night.

The board greefed a request for installation of easements at the corner of Westfield and Thirteen Mile, on Bond Elementary School property, with a counter resolution.

It ordered school administrators to tell the Oakland County Road Commission it would grant the requested easement one week after the county installs traffic signal at East Junior High School.

School. The board ran into problems with prior requests for a traffic signal at East, located on Middlebelt south of Eleven Mile, because the road commission ordered installation of a sidewalk on the west side of Middlebelt before it would grant approval for the signal. A spokesman for the Farmington Hills engineering department said a meablor's idewalk from the Greach On-

Hills engineering department said a one-block sidewalk from the Greek Or-

Middlebelt south to Hemlock would cost \$28,000.
"There is some question as owhether we should use district money to install sidewalks," said school administrator Scott Bacon.
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who supported Vice President Michael Shpices's counter resolution, expressed similar doubts. "It's a 'Catch 2'' situation. The county attached strings," he said.

ADDED SHPIECE: "I'm willing to support our paying one third of the cost of the traffic light if they (the road commission) forego the sidewalk."

The city of Farmington Hills and Oakland County would split the other two thirds of the cost of the \$8,500 push button traffic signal.

Board attorney Robert J. Kelly had no objection to the board's counter resolution.

"At least you can ask," he said.

Shpiece, McGliney, Board President Helen Prutow and trustee Jamice Rol-nick supported the resolution.

Trustees Emma Makinen, Jack Inch, and Dick Wallace voted against it.

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