

Williams shows colleagues how to invest in future

Some folks never thought they'd see the day when the Crackerbarrel and Farmington Hills Councilman Charlie Williams agreed on anything more than the time of day.

Well, cynics, that day has come.

Actually, last Monday was the day. That's when Williams dropped a bombshell on his laid-back council colleague's money to work for them by investing \$1 million in budget excess for a capital improvement program, Williams, in essence, told them.

Now you might think it odd behavior for a died-in-the-wool conservative to advocate spending public money. But Williams is talking about something far different from squandering tax dollars.

He's talking about investing in this city's future.

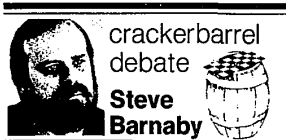
Among the projects Williams suggested the city study are:

- Paving the city's major mile roads.
- Buying the Spicer property for development of a park.
- Sidewalk construction.
- Expansion of the police department facility.
- Further work on the city's storm drainage project.

A Certified Public Accountant, Williams knows his budgets. His professional experience, along with his conservative philosophy, should reassure residents that he isn't suggesting the city waste its money.

COUNCIL COLLEAGUE Donn Wolf would like to see the bucks returned directly to the taxpayers. On the face of it, that sounds like a good idea.

But Williams' concept is far more productive and



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— most importantly — looks to the interest of this city's future.

Under Wolf's plan, a homeowner might get \$50 or \$75 credited to the old tax bill — hardly a bonanza. But lumped together, that money could produce something of real benefit.

Williams' plan gives this generation a chance to

make a contribution to future generations of Farmington Hills residents.

In all likelihood, Farmington Hills will grow to maturity in the next decade. That means many more people, which, in turn, means a need for more streets, sidewalks, sewers, fire protection police service, you name it — the list goes on forever.

Now is the time to prepare — not after full development.

On Oct. 4, the city will conduct a study session on this matter, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at city hall. Make sure you are there to find out what city leaders are thinking of doing with your money.

Williams has shown some real progressive foresight. But he will need your support to show the rest of the council that residents are behind his endeavor to make Farmington Hills a better city for all of us in the future.

Semifinalist named for scholarship

Detroit Country Day School senior Matthew Paroly, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ronald M. Paroly of Farmington, was one of 15 DCDS students who qualified as semi-finalists in the 1983 National Merit Scholarship Corporation Competition.

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Meals available for the elderly

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Persons 60 years and older who qualify can apply for the program by signing an affidavit certifying their ages and needs. If chosen, participants will

get enough food for one balanced meal a day for 12 months.

These seniors who feel they would qualify should call the Parks and Recreation senior adult office at 474-6115, ext. 286, for further information.

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