

recreation news

Each week the Farmington Hills Parks & Recreation Department will present a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding our programs, contact our office at 474-6115.

YOUTH & ADULT SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION — Registration for spring swim lessons began on April 4 at the Parks & Recreation office. The spring season will take place at North Farmington High School pool beginning Monday, April 18, for adults and Saturday, April 23, for youth. Adult classes will be designed for beginners from 8:15-9:15 p.m. and the youth class schedule will consist of levels 1-5 at 9 and 10 a.m. and levels 6-12 at 11 a.m. on Saturday only. The fee for adult sessions is \$15 and youth \$13 per participant. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

MEADOWBROOK HALL TOUR — The senior adults will be taking a trip to Meadowbrook Hall on Sunday, April 24. The trip will include lunch in the elegant Georgian-style dining room as well as a tour of the historic mansion and beautiful gardens. The trip is scheduled to leave Farmington Hills at 12 noon. The fee is \$16.

SPRING SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT — The sixth annual "Spring Training Tournament" is slated for April 29, 30 and May 1 at the Knights of Columbus and Drake Park softball fields. The entry fee is \$70, umpire fees and balls are additional. The deadline date is April 22, however, this is a 16-team double elimination tournament and teams will be accepted on a first-

come, first-served basis. Register while there are still spots available.

RECREATION OPEN SWIM — The spring season of recreational swimming begins April 18 at North Farmington High School and will continue on Monday evenings through June 6. Swimming begins at 7 p.m. and continues to 9:15 p.m., however, adults have the pool to themselves beginning at 8:15 p.m. The fee is 75 cents for children and teens and \$1 for adults. Open swimming requires that all children must be accompanied by a parent if their height is below 38 inches.

SENIOR ADULT DISCOUNT PICTURES — The Farmington Hills Parks & Recreation senior adult staff is again hosting, at the senior adult center, senior discount card distribution. Oakland-Livingston Human Service Agency personnel will be at the center from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, to take your picture and issue identification cards. You will need to bring your Social Security number, proof of Oakland County residence and you must be 60 years of age or older. The senior adult center is located at the Senior Center on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt.

DISCOUNT PISTON TICKETS — In cooperation with the Michigan Recreation & Park Association and the Detroit Pistons, we will be offering discount tickets to various games throughout the season. The seats are located in the lower arena and are regularly \$9 each. The upcoming game is at 8 p.m. Friday against New York. Tickets are \$5.50.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING April 11, 1983

Mayor Hughes opened the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills on April 11, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. Members present were: Burwell, Hughes, Lange, Soronen, Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Savage, Assistant City Manager Conner, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau. The minutes of March 28, 1983 were approved as presented.

Mayor Hughes presented a Proclamation to the Boy Scouts of America praising their program "Scouting for Food." A collection is scheduled for April 23rd. Council adopted Economic Development Corporation Resolution No. 4, amending Hunters Square project plan at 14 Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road and issuance of Revenue bonds.

The annual Community Block Grant Program Application was approved for the period of one year from June 1, 1982 to May 31, 1983. Vacation No. 3-1983 of a portion of Westfield Drive, north of 13 Mile Road to center of Lot 179 of Oakland Subdivision in Section 3 was tabled until April 18, 1983. Council adopted a Resolution approving a contract between City of Farmington Hills and the Michigan Department of Transportation for the construction of various maintenance improvements on Highway 1-686 from Inkster to Haggerty Roads.

Consideration of a name change for Howard Road was referred to staff for recommendation. Water rates for the coming year commencing June 1, 1983 will remain at \$7.57 per 1000 cubic feet. Council adopted a resolution supporting the SEMTA regional improvement plan for expansion of transportation facilities in Oakland County.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

FRED W. HUGHES, Mayor
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Study of state colleges urged

State Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Southfield, is calling for the creation of a legislative committee to study Michigan's state-supported colleges.

Faxon has introduced a Senate Concurrent Resolution 68 which would create a "special joint legislative committee to study Michigan's state-supported higher education system."

Faxon noted that both the state Department of Education and the state House of Representatives currently are examining the state higher education system relative to the serious problems that have been afflicting it for more than a decade now, including inadequate levels of state funding.

The decision to close state-supported colleges must be a legislative decision and, therefore, must involve a legislative solution," Faxon said.

"THE PASSAGE of SCR68 would provide a mechanism whereby a joint legislative committee could examine available data regarding our higher education system, solicit testimony, and reach solutions that are beneficial to both our state colleges and to the cost-effective operation of state government."

Since 1968, Michigan's national rank in terms of state appropriated dollars for education per \$1,000 of state personal income has plummeted from 19th to 39th, reducing Michigan's average state expenditures well below the national average.

State support for higher education

has resulted in adequate levels of state funding relative to inflation and actual costs in only three of the past 13 fiscal years, Faxon said. This has led to Michigan's state-supported higher education system being either grossly underfunded and/or overextended, he maintained.

Gerontologist speaks on abuse

Two Wayne State University gerontology experts will discuss "Abuse of the Elderly" at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

The scheduled speakers are Dr. Mary Kay Sengstock, professor of Sociology at Wayne State University, and Dr. Melanie Hwalik, a research associate at the WSU Institute of Gerontology.

The two will make their presentation in the board room of the Freer House, 71-A Ferry on WSU's Merrill-Palmer campus. There is no charge for admission, and the public is invited. The joint lecture is being cosponsored by the Institute of Gerontology and the Department of Sociology at WSU.

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