

Learning bagpipes

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Whenever his group performs, members wear a red, white and blue plaid kilt known as the American St. Andrew Tartan with a shirt or a Prince Charles jacket.

THE BEGINNING piper starts off with an instrument called a chanter used by graduates to an actual bagpipe. O'Donnell said a good bagpipe will cost about \$600 and a person who purchases

one has to be careful because there are some beautiful \$300 ornamental pipes around which are "only good for hanging on the wall."
Reservations for beginning and intermediate bagpipe classes are going on this week at the Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake Road and I-696. The eight-week classes are taught Friday evenings. Anyone wishing more information can call the Short Course Office at 471-7520.

Protect your eyes from eclipse

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Presently, curiosity is at a high point, because of the upcoming eclipse and recent Challenger missions.

Interest of people who attend the planetarium varies. Questions range from specifics about living in space colonies to theories about where the stars come from, Bullock said.

"We try to take advantage of things that are happening in the sky," Bullock said. "So when people think of the sky they'll think about going to Cranbrook to find out more about it."

For instance, through May 27 the demonstrations in the planetarium will be about eclipses. The program, "Hidden Sun" will examine the sun in comparison to other stars and discuss facts about the center of the solar system. Hours are 1:30 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays plus 7:30 p.m. Saturdays.

This month, the Institute is sponsoring for the first time a family astronomy series focusing on the mystery of the universe.

Included in the four-session course is an introduction to the sky, its motions

and how it appears from different locations on earth; an exploration of the skies using the institute's six-inch refracting telescope; stargazing, including constructing sky charts and plotting planet positions and solar eclipse exploration.

The program also provides a preview of the upcoming May 30 partial solar eclipse.

National Astronomy Day was celebrated at Cranbrook May 5 with a variety of related events.

MEMBERS OF THE Warren Astronomical Society were at the institute with telescopes set up around the reflecting pool for viewing the sun and later the crescent moon, as well as Mars and Saturn. Members' hand-fashioned instruments and their sky photographs will be on display.

Observatory demonstrations featuring the institute's six-inch refracting telescope, its clock drive and dome with lapshut shutter and window is being given from 8:30-10 p.m. Saturdays.

on the agenda

City of Farmington Hills
City Council Agenda
Regular Meeting
May 29 - 7:30 p.m.

- Presentation by Plante & Moran on Management Audit.
- Presentation by Plante & Moran on Data Processing Needs.
- Consideration of enactment of zoning map amendment, 23650 Orchard Lake Road, between Lamar and Rockdale. Proponent, James R. Perry.
- Consideration of enactment of zoning map amendment, lots 35, 36 and 38, supervisors plat of Westhill Wood Sub. Proponent, Farmington Hills Planning Commission.
- Consideration of enactment of zoning map amendment, 26950 Haggerty Road, northeast corner of Howard Road. Proponent, Farmington Hills Planning Commission.

New Business:

- Consideration of request by Parks & Recreation Commission to approve plan to facilitate planning, development and use of the Spicer property.
- Consideration of request that Planning Commission be asked to re-study zoning and master land use plans at intersection of 15 Mile and Halsted roads.
- Consideration of approval of project area and project district area for Greater Detroit Otologic Group, P.C. Project.
- Consideration of confirming appointment of additional EDC members for Greater Detroit Otologic Group, P.C. Project.
- Consideration of approval of project area and project district area

- for Halsted Associates Limited Partnership Project (No. 1 for City Council).
- Consideration of confirming appointment of additional EDC members for Halsted Associates Limited Partnership Project (No. 2 for City Council).
- Consideration of approval of project area and project district area for Gehring Corporation Project (No. 1 for City Council).
- Consideration of confirming appointment of additional EDC members for Gehring Corp. Project (No. 2 for City Council).
- Consideration of Appointments to boards and commissions.
- Consideration of setting date for public hearing for June 18, 1984, on vacation of an alley in Section 36, north of Lot 11 of Sunnyvale Subdivision.

City Manager:

- Recommends the adoption of resolution No. 1 establishing a special assessment district for road improvements for Hathaway Street and resolution No. 2 establishing date of June 18 for hearing to proceed.
- Recommends issuance of purchase order providing for the cutting of weeds on various designated lots in the city.
- Recommends award of bid for Grayfield Culvert replacement.
- Recommends Council approval of exhibit license for Homerama, with conditions, in accordance with the city code.
- Recommends support to Oakland County Road Commission for improvement of Pebble Creek Crossing at 12 Mile Road, immediately west of Inkster Road.

Buck runs for office

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Buck, who holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in business administration (MBA) from Wayne State, spends his spare time in participation sports.

he said. "This time of year, I'm getting ready for water sports like wind surfing. And I just passed a scuba certification."

But with his campaign for the school board now in full swing, he said he'd have to make a few sacrifices in the sports department.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LEVYING ADDITIONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL 84/85 CITY BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 1984, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 31555 West Eleven Mile Road, on the proposed 1984 City Tax Levy and on the proposed 1984/85 City Budget. Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection during regular business hours in the office of the City Clerk, Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 West Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, and at the Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend and submit written or oral comments.

Last year (1983) the City levied 7.4191 Mills (\$7.4191 per \$1000 SEV) for City operations and .4064 Mills (\$4.064 per \$1000 SEV) for City Debt Service. This combined operation and debt service levy of 7.8255 was the same as the previous year's millage. State Law Act 5 of 1982 provides Notice of Public Hearing given when additional millage rates are proposed.

Presently, the City is authorized to levy 9.9151 Mills for operating purposes. The rates levied in the past several years are listed below:

	OPERATING MILLAGE	DRAIN & OPERATING CAPITAL MILLAGE	DEBT MILLAGE	TOTAL MILLAGE
1978-79	8.00	1.00	.00	9.00
1979-80	8.31	.00	.69	9.00
1980-81	7.97	.00	.53	8.50
1981-82	8.06	.00	.44	8.50
1982-83	7.44	.00	.39	7.83
1983-84	7.42	.00	.41	7.83
1984-85 Proposed	7.32	.50	.38	8.20

With the proposed addition of three police officers, increased operating and service costs, and the City's commitments to drainage, local street and other public facility improvements, the City may be required to raise additional revenues by increasing tax millage.

For these and other reasons in order to fund the City's proposed 1984/85 Budget and to maintain essential services, meet debt obligations, provide capital improvements, the City may find it necessary to levy additional millage of up to .6339 (\$.6339 per \$1000 SEV) above the 1983 base operating millage rate of 7.1854 and will levy debt millage of .3807 (\$.3807 per \$1000 SEV). This additional millage would be allocated 1.339 mills for operations and .5000 mills for capital improvements. This millage rate would provide an estimated increase of 1.8% in property tax revenues for operating purposes and 7.0% for capital improvements; for a total increase of 8.8% in property tax revenues. The City has complete authority to establish the number of mills proposed to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

The proposed 1984 Tax Rate is summarized below:

	Proposed 1984-85	Actual 1983-84	Rate Change Increase/ (Decrease)
Operating Tax Rate	\$7.1854	\$7.4191	
Operating Increase	.1339		\$.1339
General Fund Levy	\$7.3193	\$7.4191	\$.1339
Capital Levy	.5000		.5000
Total Non-Debt Levy	\$7.8193	\$7.4191	\$.6339*
Debt Levy (w/o Caddell)	.3807	.4064	-.0257
Act 5 P.A. 1982 Rollback			-.2937
Total Levy	\$8.2000	\$7.8255	\$.3745
*Per Act 5 P.A. 1982			

FLOYD A. CAIRNS
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