

# How Festival chief sees future Founders' days

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amount that cannot be easily determined," Grant said. "There are telephone expenses, storage, secretarial services and a percentage of our executive director's salary are chargeable to the festival revenue."

The festival is the largest event conducted in the Farmington area during the year. Held every July, it features arts and crafts booths, carnival, civic booths and displays, a parade, fireworks and a scholarship pageant. Tens of thousands of persons come to the area during festival weekend.

Grant made several recommendations during his presentation:

• Scholarship pageant — The pageant should either be brought back

under the financial and authoritative control of the festival or it should become a separate entity. At present, the pageant is a franchise of the Miss America Pageant.

• Carnival — Continuation of the carnival could insure against the constant financial strain faced by the festival. Under the right conditions, the carnival could produce an additional \$10,000-\$15,000 for the festival. Grant recommended a three-year contract with the W.C. Wade Carnival and that the carnival be in the Downtown Farmington Center.

• Advertising — Grant recommended that a public relations firm be hired to develop a marketing plan to obtain as much exposure as possible on the event.

• Art Show — The crafters should continue to be juried and the area doubled. He also recommended that fees be increased.

• Income — Emphasis should be put on business solicitations. Raffle tickets should be sold beginning in March rather than waiting until the festival. Fees for booths conducting

monetary transactions should be raised.

• Parade — The parade rules need evaluation and revisions. The board will examine Grant's recommendations later.

Grant assured the chamber board that a majority of the Festival Committee was in favor of the board reasserting its control over the festival.

## Woodcreek fights rear-guard action

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marketable because of the building of a large office development called North Wellington on the corner of Northwestern and Wellington.

Irwin Yackness, head of the Builders Association, supported Albertson's claims.

"They are no longer suitable as residences," Yackness said, about the three lots.

With the proposal to buy the lots and construct office headquarters for the Builders Association, Yackness said, the three families "can escape their predicament."

Yackness told council that the soon-to-be constructed North Wellington office building and the Stark (also called Sundance) building surrounds these three lots. The Stark building faces Northwestern but sits on the east side of lot 51.

"Certainly, this is not what a homeowner wants to see in their front yard everyday of their life," Yackness said.

YACKNESS ALSO told residents that his organization planned to put up a building that would look like a house with its entrance off of Northwestern. He also said he could assure Woodcreek residents that the neighborhood would not substantially change despite its closeness to the commercial development along Northwestern.

Lot 52 owner Edmund Starrett, who moved to Woodcreek Farms just over a year ago, echoed Albertson's claims about the unsuitability of the three lots because of the nearby office development.

But residents accused Starrett of buying his home with the intention of eventually selling it for commercial development.

Starrett denied the accusations. Resident Byron Siegel told council that residents can accept the rezoning of lot 51 because the "master plan says so and it is fair."

But the rezoning of lots 52 and 53, he said, encroaches too far into the residential area. That would set a precedent that could eventually lead to further rezoning and more commercial development into the residential area, he said.

Woodcreek Civic Association President Mark Kelly told council that the current rezoning request is the second time in months that attempts have been made to push commercial development further into the neighborhood.

In May, developers were denied their request to rezone four lots on the north side of Overdale Court in Woodcreek Farms. Unlike lot 51, the four lots on Overdale did not face Northwestern.

Resident Douglas Ellman told council that homeowners in Woodcreek Farms and Woodcreek Hills purchased their property based on the master

plan showing that the neighborhood is to remain zoned as single-family, with office zoning facing Northwestern.

"If his OS-3 request is granted, his neighbors will have the same argument," Ellman said, about Albertson's claim that his home is unmarketable. Although Councilwoman Jodi Soronen voted to approve the rezoning of lot

51, she said she is concerned that the lot is too small for commercial development.

With the setbacks required in the OS-3 zone, about 62 square feet would be available to construct a building, said city planner Claude Coates.

"The smaller the lot the greater the difficulty in developing it," Coates said.

## Dems discuss proposition

The Farmington Democratic Club will meet at 8 p.m. on Oct. 25 at the Botsford Inn to discuss Proposition C — Voter's Choice.

Representatives on both sides of the issue will make a presentation. The public is invited.

## Woman pleads for aid

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Due to the conditions of her illness, they had to move to an apartment with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. The television they have was given to them as were other household items.

"I'm not complaining because I've had many, many blessings in my life, but it has taken a toll on my husband who is getting old before his time," Tunison said.

Her son and daughter help out in taking Tunison to her doctor appointments, but it's rough on them too, she says, because her daughter works full time and lives in Brighton.

"It doesn't help any having to live in an apartment on the second floor, but it was the only one we could find at the time," she said.

Having held down a job since she was 16, Tunison says it is difficult for

her not to be able to work any longer.

"What good is it to have skills in your head if your body can't function enough for you to use the skills?" she said.

With a 10th-grade education, Tunison taught herself bookkeeping and payroll skills and, in the past, held jobs at various banks around the area. "I miss going out to work like everyone else," she said.

DESPITE her worsening condition, Tunison worked until 1973 when she quit, she says, because she could not concentrate any longer due to her pain.

"I didn't apply for (Social Security) benefits then because I had hope that after surgery I would be able to go back to work," she explained.

Now, all she wants is enough money to pay someone to come into her home and help her get along.



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