

Give your houseplants a lift

Today is the day when thee and I begin our 1985 friendship with our interest in growing plants and the beautification of our immediate environment.

Personally it means taking that daily walk, whether the weather is favorable or not, and benefiting from the walk as well as clearing the mind after a restful sleep.

I hope that I meet a lot of you on our Birmingham avenues who have accepted the suggestion.

Within the home this is a good time to evaluate the health of your potted plants. If you have several potted plants which don't need repotting in fresh soil, take a kitchen fork and let some air in the soil by starting at the outer rim within the pot and vying the soil surface with this fork, with care not to disturb the center of the plant.

YOU SHOULD have some fertilizer, either powder or liquid, in your storage to be used on this occasion to give your plant a holiday gift from you.



down to earth
Alice Burlingame

It is always a good idea to keep a bag of good soil in your storage area so that you may attend to your plants' health when you are in the mood. If your plants look as though they need a lift, the leaves may be clogged and would benefit by rinsing them off by water. After all, plants breathe through their leaves and if the surface is dusty, they show their displeasure by a sad appearance.

If you feel a small-sized plant would benefit from a good dunk in water, cut a slit in a piece of aluminum foil a length which would be the radius from the trunk of the plant to the edge of the pot. Crinkle the foil tight on the surface soil and firm to the trunk of the plant.

In a bucket of water with moderate temperature, you might add a teaspoon of household ammonia. And now with both hands on the container, turn the pot upside down and swirl up and down four or five times to cleanse the leaves and get rid of possible eggs on the underside of the leaves provide an effective means of pest control.

If you have very large container house plants, water in your bathtub and with a sprayer. I would advise you to place aluminum foil, prepared as described in this article, and give the foliage a good dunking. Leave the large potted plants to dry normally in the tub. I would set the plants on some layers of newspaper to protect the porcelain.

ALONG with this idea, if you were to be gone a week or two, you could place your sensitive house plants in the bathtub with about three inches of water to provide moisture by osmosis. If these plants don't have a hole in the bottom of the container to accept water, try this.

Fill a bucket half with water and prepare some strips of old sheeting about 1 1/2 inches wide, — stick one end of the sheeting down in the soil of each pot and the other end in the bucket which should be placed higher than the pots.

This sounds tricky, but it will work if you have the bucket higher than the plants being automatically watered. You could set the bucket of water on a board across the bathtub and the pots below it. I know this watering care should be good for at least two weeks.

Many of you have tape recorders. We have a long winter ahead of us and you may enjoy going to your local library and bringing home tapes to take you on musical and literary journeys.

Harbinger celebrates

Popping champagne corks, a giant birthday cake, streamers, confetti and testimonials will herald Harbinger Dance Company's 15th anniversary of dance in Detroit.

The celebration will begin Wednesday, Feb. 20, in Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts when Harbinger appears in concert with the Michigan Music Hall Dance Series. Following the Saturday, Feb. 23, performance, the company will host a gala 15th anniversary afterglow to mark the occasion.

Harbinger's anniversary performances will feature premieres of two

new works, "War Dances" by Minneapolis choreographer David Voss and a collaborative work combining the talents of Harbinger's founder and artistic director, Lisa Nowak, and scenic designer Blair Anderson. Nowak received a grant for her choreography from the Michigan Foundation for the Arts.

Harbinger's concerts are presented in association with WQRS/Timeless FM 105. Inquiries about Harbinger's week of celebration will be taken by Harbinger at 477-7014 or Music Hall at 665-7650.

3-part photo seminar set

The Meteor Photo Seminar for amateurs and advanced amateurs will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, in Meteor Photo Co. Troy.

The seminar is a three-part photographic seminar covers basic composition and camera handling techniques. This series of seminars is its fourth year under Meteor Photo Co. sponsorship.

Instructor Gerald Gazda will cover photographic skills in the first Wednesday session, and then at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, the class will go to Belle Isle Arboretum for a winter shoot," said Meteor chairman Harry Muenker. The seminar concludes at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, with a slide critique and instruction of additional camera skills.

"Good composition and fine slide work is the result of technical excellence and artistic feelings," says Gazda. "These seminars provide an effective review and update for both the newcomer to photography and the veteran who wants a new look at basics."

Meteor Photo Co. will award a \$100 gift certificate redeemable in photographic services for the best slide taken on the Sunday shoot. Additionally, those honorable mentions will receive \$25 gift certificates redeemable in photographic services.

For registration information, phone Meteor Photo Co. at 583-3030.

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Tots classes available

There are some openings in afternoon classes for preschoolers and youngsters' enrichment studies at Mayfair Co-operative Nursery School, located at 30450 Farmington Road. Inquiries will be taken by Susan Tapp, 625-2759.

Raven opens in Northville

The Raven Gallery, noted for many years in Detroit for its top-rated folk music, has re-opened in Northville Recreation Building, 303 W. Main St., Northville.

Advanced tickets for Lori Jacobs' appearance in February and 'Footloose' in March are on sale now in Gift-fiddlerMusic, 302 E. Main, Northville, or by calling 349-9420.

MICHIGAN NATIONAL BANK — FARMINGTON

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notification is hereby given that Michigan National Bank-Farmington, 2640 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48034, has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on 8/17/84 as to the application to establish a CCB at the Comptroller's Manual for National Banks, for permission to establish a CCB branch at the location of the former Michigan National Bank, 28050 Grand River Avenue, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48034.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Deputy Comptroller for the Central District, Seventh National Bank Region, Seary Tower, Suite 5750, 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606 within 10 days after the date of this publication. The non-confidential portions of the application are on file with the Deputy Comptroller as part of the public file. This file is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

Public January 17, 1985

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 14, 1985

Mayor Dolan opened the regular meeting of the Farmington Hills City Council on January 14, 1985 at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Altkatek, Dolan, Dudley, Marks, Soronen and Wolf. Absent: Williams. Others present: City Manager Cockill, City Clerk Reynolds and City Attorney Bibbica.

Mayor Dolan and Gary Jones of the Energy Committee presented awards to the Energy Poster Contest winners as follows: High school awards were given to Stephanie Jaffe, Andy Williams and Miley Morrell. Middle school awards were presented to Cathy Westendorf, Chris Adams and Janet Koli.

Minutes of December 10 and 17, 1984 were approved as amended. Minutes of January 3, 1985 will be resubmitted.

Council enacted Zoning Map Amendment C83-350, Zoning Request 35-10-4, to rezone property at 27410, 27403, 27405 Haledale and 28853 Twelve Mile Road from R-1 to OS-1A in Section 17.

Council enacted Zoning Map Amendment C83-351, Zoning Request 35-10-4, to rezone approximately 35 acres of land on east side of Haledale, South of 12 Mile Road from R-1 to OS-1A in Section 17.

Council enacted Ordinance C-1-85, amendment to Cable Television Franchise Ordinance and approved the Cable Television Modification Agreement and adopted the Resolution approving a rate increase in Tier III Cable Television Services. The summary of the Ordinance and Resolution will be considered February 12, 1985.

Review of the legal council action will be considered February 12, 1985. Resolution was adopted setting a revised fee schedule for amusement devices. Mayor Dolan announced Michigan Municipal League Region IV Meeting on February 7, 1985.

Council confirmed the following appointments to the Historic District Commission: Jean Fox, Walter Rittig and Paul Blizman. Joanne Smith and John Traflet were appointed to the Planning Commission. Ben Marks is replacing Joe Altkatek on the Southwest Oakland Cable Television Commission. Farmington Hills Energy Committee appointments are: Theodore Constantine, Gary S. Jones, Virginia Kraft, Paul J. Blizman, Edie McKewen, David W. Mitchell, Norm Peters and Cynthia Priemer. Ex Officio members include: John Waid, Mary S. Avery, Sharon Ehke, Scott Dolan and A. Janetta Dolan.

Council approved water main installation and back-siphon Agreement for 8 Mile Road - Haledale at Metrowest.

Council accepted the final section of Green Hill Road into the City road system and deletion of Baker Road, north of 14 Mile, from the City's street system and transfer of jurisdiction to Oakland County Road Commission.

Council approved various traffic control orders on Oakland County Roads.

Appointment of George Ziegelbauer as Zoning Inspector was approved.

Council adopted Resolution authorizing Director of Public Services to sign various annual permits with Michigan Department of Transportation and Oakland County Road Commission.

Council agreed to continue with plans for the new Police Facility.

Report on various City Fund Balances will be heard at January 28th meeting.

J. I. Altkatek was selected as Mayor Pro Tem by unanimous vote.

Council discussed proposed Charter Amendments which will be considered at later date.

Council adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

A. JANETTE DOLAN, Mayor
JOAN REYNOLDS, City Clerk

Public January 17, 1985

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:00 p.m. on January 7, 1985, by Mayor Yoder in Council Chambers, 3300 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PRESENT: Bennett, Hartsock, Tupper, Walker, Yoder.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Dearden, Director Billing, Director Lauboff, City Attorney Kelly, Representatives from Metrovision and Farmington Youth Assistance, City Clerk Bushey.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

The new case worker, Pat Hincey, Farmington Youth Assistance, was introduced to Council.

Council held a Public Hearing to review the proposed three-year Community Development Block Grant Program and the annual funding for fiscal year 1985-86.

Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council received notices from the Michigan Municipal League concerning the upcoming Annual Regional Meeting and the Annual Legislative Conference.

Council was notified of the City of Detroit's Public Hearing on January 14, 1985, on proposed water/sewer rates for fiscal 1985-86.

Council supported legislation which would provide reciprocal arrangements for persons with out-of-state handicapped parking permits to use spaces provided throughout the State of Michigan.

Council tabled the City of Oak Park resolution opposing portions of the recommendations by the Federal Office of Management and Budget to the federal deficit.

Council proclaimed the week of January 13-19, 1985, as JayCee Week.

Council adopted the Cable Television Franchise Modification Agreement and approved the rate increase for Metrovision as recommended by the Cable Commission.

The following ordinance was adopted:

ORDINANCE NO. C-519-84

CITY OF FARMINGTON OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AMENDMENT TO CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE C-486-82, THE FARMINGTON CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE ORDINANCE, as amended, to amend Section 6 thereof, in part, to provide amendments to the construction plan map, Exhibit A, to amend Section 9, in part, to enable grantee to immediately apply for rate increases, and to amend Section 11, in part, to provide flexibility in the required services and facilities to recognize changes in technology and in other practical applications.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

Section 1.

The Farmington Ordinance No. C-486-82, the Farmington Cable Television Franchise Ordinance, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Section 6, in part, by amending paragraph a. (1), which amendment will read as follows:

a. Construction Map and Schedule

(1) Map and Plan

Grantee has submitted a construction plan, as amended by map dated August 15, 1984 which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as Exhibit A. The plan consists of a map of the entire franchise area and clearly delineates the following:

(a) (i) No change.

(b) (ii) No change.

(c) No change.

(d) No change.

Section 2.

The Farmington Ordinance No. C-486-82, the Farmington Cable Television Franchise Ordinance, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Section 9, in part, by amending sub-sections a. and b., which amendment shall read as follows:

a. Initial rates.

The Grantee shall establish initial rates for its services in accordance with the rates contained in Grantee's application for this franchise and in accordance with Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof.

b. Request for Rate Increases.

The Grantee may initiate a rate change at any time, provided not more than one (1) request may be made by the Grantee in any twelve (12) month period.

c. No change.

Section 3.

The Farmington Ordinance No. C-486-82, the Farmington Cable Television Franchise Ordinance, as amended, is hereby further amended by amending Section 11, in part, to expand the introductory paragraph, to amend sub-paragraphs a. and b., c. and d. and to add new sub-paragraphs g., h., i., and j. as follows:

SECTION 11. REQUIRED SERVICES AND FACILITIES

Grantee agrees that its entire bid proposal as submitted in response to the City's "Request for Proposal" dated March 2, 1984, including its written "Response to CTTCA's preliminary evaluation in Farmington Hills" dated November 17, 1984 and all additional representations made by the Grantee to the City, are

incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof. Certain general provisions of the bid proposal are specifically outlined in this section for the purpose of identification and brevity without in any way limiting the foregoing.

For the purpose of administering this franchise, the required services and facilities enumerated in this section may be changed, altered, or modified by mutual agreement of the Grantor and Grantee during the life of the franchise to recognize the rapid changes in technology taking place in the telecommunication field.

Grantee and Grantor recognize that services may be increased, decreased or otherwise altered by circumstances and forces outside the control of both the Grantor and Grantee, and otherwise recognize that the franchise shall be subject to the specific requirements set forth in this section and in the original proposal as amended above.

a. Proposed Rates

Grantee has submitted an initial rate schedule which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as Exhibit B. This Exhibit may be changed from time to time from time to time during the term of the franchise pursuant to Section 9.

b. Services Offered

Grantee has submitted an initial channel lineup which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof as Exhibit C. The basic CATV service shall consist of five (5) tier channels as follows:

Tier I - Shall include Channels 2 through 22

Tier II - Shall include Channels 2 through 38

Tier III - Shall include Channels 2 through 113

Tier IV - Shall include Channels 2 through 113 plus teletext reception capability

Tier V - Shall include Channels 2 through 113 plus interactive capability

Grantee shall activate Tiers I, II and III on or before the time the first subscriber installation is made. Tiers IV and V shall be activated as soon as the necessary hardware and software has been developed, tested and is generally available from manufacturers.

Nothing shall prohibit Grantee from changing or adding to the channel lineup as available services change, providing the number of channels available on each tier of service shall not change without the permission of the City Council.

Grantee will inform Grantor as to the status of the development and availability of these services when specifically requested by the Grantor or the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission and prior to each of the performance evaluation sessions held pursuant to Section 28 of the ordinance and/or agreement.

c. System Design

Grantee shall construct a modern state-of-the-art CATV system. The subscriber network will be a dual cable 400 MHz on the first cable and 440 MHz on the second cable (shadow) with an ultimate capacity of 118 channels. 46 channels of service shall be activated immediately on the first cable and the remaining 72 first cable are being programmed. Consideration will be given when activating the second cable to activate it with 550 MHz capacity if the technology is generally available to do so at reasonable costs.

The system shall be fully addressable by allowing Grants to individually control channels in each subscriber's home. The system will have two-way transmission capability and will be protected from power interruptions by permanent facilities and battery protected power supplies. The headend will be equipped with the ability to distribute emergency messages.

During the period of time that the Grantee is programming less than 90% of the channels on the first cable and the shadow cable is not activated nor providing subscriber service, the shadow cable will be activated and used as the institutional network at such time as the Grantee determines. Whenever during the term of the franchise 90% of the cable channels are programmed and the shadow cable is used for subscriber purposes, it shall be used on a split-use basis with 43 channels being dedicated to the institutional network and 10 channels being dedicated to subscriber services. Institutional network shall consist of 26 downstream and 17 upstream channels.

During the term of the franchise, when 90% of the subscriber channels on the shadow cable are dedicated to subscriber use, Grantee agrees to install and activate a separate 43 channel 450 MHz institutional network with drops to those institutions when receiving such service on the shadow cable.

d. Local Origination and Access Facilities

To facilitate the development of local programming, Grantee will construct a fully equipped local origination studio to be conveniently located within the communities. Grantee will further provide a fully equipped local origination mobile van to facilitate programming.

To facilitate the development of access programming, Grantee shall provide one (1) access studio, conveniently located within the communities. Grantee will further provide access origination equipment to each city for its use in developing programming and ten (10) packages of portable access equipment, commonly known as portapak for use in public access programming. Grantee will further provide to the educational institutions in the area broadcast equipment for their use in developing educational programming. An access van will also be provided to facilitate mobile and remote programming. Although the original proposal of the Grantor may provide clear distinction between "local origination" (original programming by the Grantee operating this CATV system) and "access programming" (use of dedicated channels by the public for local interest type programming, including separate studios, equipment and personnel with separate funding for each, both the Grantor and the Grantee may agree to merge the local origination and public access functions into a joint facility to be referred to as a "commu-

nity access" which meets the needs of both the Grantor and Grantee. The merging of these functions may include the pooling of studio equipment, personnel, and funds for a more efficient and responsive effort to broaden access to the cable system. Nothing contained herein, however, shall operate to reduce the total of studio equipment, personnel and funds provided in this franchise ordinance, the franchise agreement, and the original proposal of the Grantee. If this pooling is determined by the Grantor to be operating adversely to the general good of the public, the Grantor may require the reversion to the provisions of the original agreement and the original proposal with the equipment, personnel, and funds as included in the original proposal. The Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission is hereby authorized to distribute community access studio equipment, personnel and funds to public, educational and government access users.

e. No change.

f. No change.

g. Reference in the proposal, Form I, to include a home security and medical alert system, a status monitoring system for maintenance purposes and upstream capability on the subscriber cable, each may be modified to provide that the installation and activation be delayed until such time during the term of the franchise either the Grantee desires to install and activate these services or the Grantor determines that the demand for any one or all of these services is sufficient to warrant such installation and activation.

h. Grantor and Grantee also recognize that there may be certain other differences and deviations to service offerings, technical equipment and other major deviations between the Grantor's proposal and the franchise agreement and the system as it was actually constructed, but are not limited to, but are not limited to, the three-bus concept, cable sizes and capacity, amplifier cascade, maintenance procedures, standby power, and other such differences as may be referred to in a complete study performed on behalf of the Grantor. Grantor may accept or reject any condition that narrows casting to each of the three municipalities is electronically feasible without excessive overlap, and that the technical deviations do not significantly affect the performance of the system contained in the original proposal and the original agreement.

i. No modifications or alterations shall be made by Grantee to the system without the prior written approval of Grantor. Failure to secure such approval of Grantor before making such modifications or alterations will subject Grantee to the penalty provisions set forth in Sections 22 and 23 of this franchise ordinance.

Section 9. Repaired.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

Section 3. Severability.

If any provision, subdivision, clause or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof, other than the part so invalidated.

Section 6. Savings.

All provisions pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired, or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect, are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force when they were commenced.

Section 7. Effective Date.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect ten (10) days after publication thereof.

Section 8. Enactment.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the City Council of the City of Farmington at a meeting thereof duly called and held on the 7th day of January, 1985, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by the Charter of the City of Farmington.

ATTEST: Tupper, Walker, Yoder, Bennett, Hartsock.

NAYS: None.

Absent: None.

Council approved final payment to M. D. Tadde & Company, Inc., of Ypsilanti, Michigan in the amount of \$79,837.37 for construction of the Old Town Drive Cable Plant.

Council introduced Ordinance C-520-85, Amendment No. 13 to the Zoning Map, to rezone property at 28100 Orchard Lake Road from R-1-O to C-2.

Council approved the issuance of 1985 Public Vehicle Licenses to Suburban Checker Cab, Inc., Yellow and Red Cabs and the ABC Cab Company.

Public Comments were heard.

Council instructed the City Manager to prepare a public information questionnaire to bring back to Council in the near future.

Council received the General Fund and 4th District Court Financial Reports for the five months ended November 30, 1984.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

RALPH D. YODER, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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