Roads lead Farmington's improvements list

Completion of Orchard Lake Road improvements, upgrading local roads and improving the drainage system are the top three priorities of the city of Farmington's six-year capital-improvement program.

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• Drain project — The city of Farmington will participate in a por-tion of the city of Farmington Hills storm drain project. The Farmington Hills project is the Rouge River drain district. Completion of this project will reduce the incidence of flooding south of 10 Mile by building a retention basin on the Spicer Property, west of Farm-

• Local streets — Repair the local roads in the major subdivisions of the city's share of the project will be community.

Downtown parking — A study will be done to determine the role of government in providing enterprise in developing improvements within the district with special emphasis on im-provements to the older buildings.

· Community parks - The city is in

the process of acquiring a federal grant to be used to make major improve-ments in the Shlawassee Park. The cap-ital improvement program has been re-duced to planning for some additional minor equipment for the two parks.

• Sidewalk improvements — The program calls for the installation of sidewalks along the major roads in the city and those areas in which breaks are found in the enisting aldewalk system. It is also planned that additional barrier-free ramps will be installed at intersections where there are none.

e Enhanced 911 — The installation of the police-fire-ambulance telephone system will be coordinated with other communities in Oakland County. Financing will be provided by a county-wide and valorem tax to implement the system and then the city's general fund will be used to finance the operating costs of the system.

Solid waste disposal system — The council will analyze the communi-ty's solid waste disposal needs and de-cide on whether to participate in the Oakland County waste-to-energy plant.

Blike path — The plan visualizes a blike path in conjunction with Orchard Lake road construction. Also a blike path system would be built either along Nine Mille or Freedom roads, linking the communities of Farmington and Farmington Hills with Southfield to the cast and ultimately to the blike path along I-275.

• Recreational facilities — Currently, all of the community's indoor recreational needs are being met by use of school buildings or the Mercy Center facility. If the community were unable to use the Mercy Center, another building would have to be found for the senior citizen program. If such a need were to develop, a facility could be built on city-owned property or in cooperation with the city of Farmington Hills at another location.

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Principals serving on the committee her. Rev. Philip Acquare, Catholic Central; Sister Joan Charnley, Marian, Ron Cowden, Garden City, Dr. Gary Faber, West Bloomfield; Don Gaviglio, Troy Athens; Clayton Graham, North Farmington, Dan Hogan, Southfield; Marayma Kell, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, DeWayne Nutter, Clarenceville, and Al Zack, Livonia Franklin.
Committee chairman is Dr. Robert Schramke, Redford Union High School.
THE IDEA of publicly honoring students for academic schievements in the way students have been honored for sports is Schramke's baby.
He conceived the idea two years ago,

after he had presented some RU students with writing awards and later read in the paper that George Perles had been hired at \$950,000 to coach had been hired at \$950,000 to coach michigan State University football.

"I'm an ex-athlete. But I thought, this is not right — the overemphasis on that part of our program."

Prodded by students, to whom he explained the idea, he approached the Detroit Free Press. They agreed to sponsor an Academic Alli-State Team based on school size, and an Academic Alli-State Team based on school size, and an Academic Alli-City Team — both reportedly the first in the country.

This year, Schramke came to the Observer-Eccentric Newspapers with a similar plan. "You do a super job with athletics," he said, "Why not academics?" As a result the Observer-Eccentric is the first group of community newspapers to so bonor area scholars, Schramke said.

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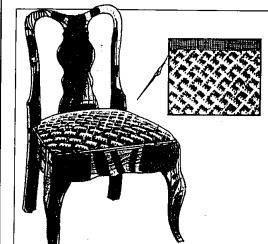
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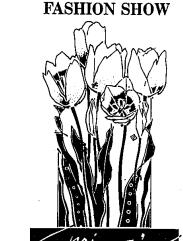
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