

Public asked to comment on review of charter

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Although the Farmington Hills City Charter is little more than a decade old, there is talk about revising some provisions.

"I would hope Mayor that before we seriously consider taking action on these I hope we have a well-publicized public meeting," said Councilwoman Joan Dudley, a former charter commissioner. "I would hate to see a minority decide these issues."

Mayor pro tem Joe Alkateeb disagreed somewhat.

"From my point of view, Mrs. Dudley, this is almost housecleaning," Alkateeb said, referring to a couple of the suggested revisions.

Dudley, however, insisted on scheduling a public hearing.

"In all honesty, if this topic cannot draw people to this council chamber that tells me something," Dudley said.

In a unanimous 7-0 vote, council agreed to schedule a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 24, to discuss suggested changes in the city charter.

Based on suggestions first raised in January by Councilman Ben Marks, a former charter commissioner, and Mayor Jan Dolan, council will consider:

- Requiring city council members to resign their post if running for election to a higher office. The present charter calls for a board of commission members to resign if running for city council election.

- Holding an election to fill a council vacancy during the regular city

election rather than a general election.

- Starting a newly elected council member's term almost immediately after election is verified rather than wait until Jan. 1 to take office.

"These are just the ideas that were spoken of," said City Attorney Paul Bi-

beau who summarized the list of suggestions for council.

In January, Dolan said that council should review the charter and determine whether the original intent of its provisions still apply today.

Council has not publicly discussed

the suggested revisions since the issue was first raised in January.

If council decides some changes in the city charter are necessary, the proposed amended provisions would have to be put on the November election ballot for a public vote.

recreation news

Each week the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will present a synopsis of upcoming activities in this column. For further information regarding our programs, contact our office at 474-6115. Matters regarding City Council agenda items, call our Newsline at 474-3838.

GOLD LESSONS — Learn the basic fundamentals or improve your established skills through structured lessons at Sliger Golf Range. Classes are 50 minutes in length, twice each week for four weeks and will begin May 21 for children and teens, adults and senior adults. Each participant will be asked to purchase a bucket of balls for each lesson. Registrations should be made at the Parks and Recreation office. Children, teens and adults, \$20 and \$10 for senior adults.

INSTRUCTIONAL SPORTS CAMP — Instructional Sports Camp will again be offered this summer by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation and Oakland Community College. The camps will be held during the summer of 1985 at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The purpose of the Instructional Sports Camp will be to provide a personal approach to the development of skills and techniques particular to each sport. Camp enrollment will be geared to a small student to instructor ratio, and will be available for both boys and girls of middle and high school age. Each indi-

vidual will receive instruction in a natural progression suited to their needs. The camps will be offered on a one-week basis meeting Monday through Friday for a total of 17.5 instructional hours per week at a cost of \$45 per camp, beginning the week of April 22. If you have any questions you can call the Parks and Recreation office at 474-6115 or the OCC Physical Education Department, 471-7715.

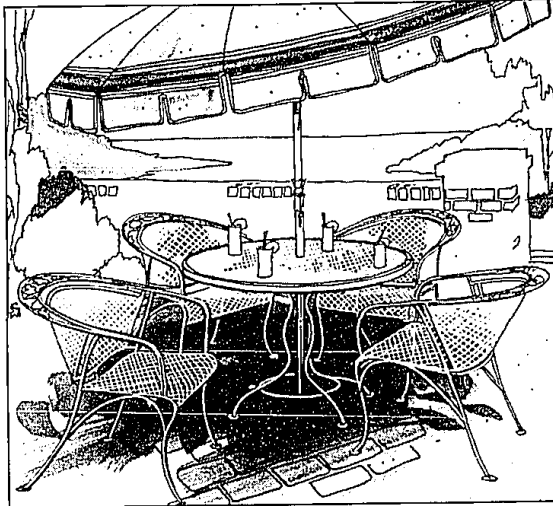
SAFETY TOWN REGISTRATION — This popular children's safety education program for 4-, 5- and 6-year-olds will begin accepting registration for the summer sessions for Farmington area residents on May 1 at the Parks and Recreation office. Sessions are at 9:30-11:30 a.m. or 1-3 p.m. five days a week, for two weeks. The first session begins the week of June 17. A \$30 fee is required at the time of registration.

AMUSEMENT PARK DISCOUNT TICKETS — In cooperation with the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, the Parks and Recreation Division is offering a variety of "fun tickets" at a savings to you. Tickets are on sale at the Parks & Recreation office and the City of Farmington's Finance Department. Tickets include: African Lion Safari, Auto World, Bob-Lo, Wonderland, Cedar Point, Crossroads Village, Detroit Zoo, Gauguia Lake, Great America, King's Island, Mackinaw Island State Park, Michigan State Fair and Sea World.

DETROIT TIGER BASEBALL — The Parks and Recreation Division invites you to join us for a fun evening of baseball on Friday, June 28, as the Detroit Tigers take on the Toronto Blue Jays at 7:35 p.m. Transportation will be provided to and from the game and leaves City Hall at 5:45 p.m. and includes a reserved ticket. Registration is being taken on a first-come, first-served basis at the Parks & Recreation office. Fee is \$12 per person.

ADAPTIVE RECREATION, HORSEBACK RIDING — Join us for an afternoon at the old ranch, Windshire Equestrian Academy at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 11 for horseback riding and a tour of the barn area. This program is directed for emotionally mentally impaired, trainable mentally impaired, visually impaired, hearing impaired and closed head. A pre-registration fee of \$8 is required at the Parks and Recreation office.

BEACH SUN 'N' FUN ROLLER-SKATING PARTY — From 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 22 at the Bonaventure Skating Center for children in grades 1 through 5, children under the age of 7 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Participants should wear their favorite summer outfit as they will skate to summer beach songs, play games and contests. Pre-registration is required by May 10, at the Parks and Recreation office. Fee is \$2 and includes skate rental.



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May 2 - 4, Thursday & Friday - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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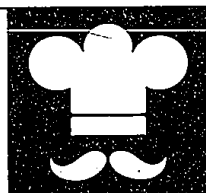
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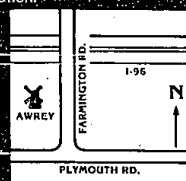
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