

Beautification effort moving full steam ahead



Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick guided beautification committee members on a tour of the city Thursday afternoon.

It was the grand tour. Members of the Farmington Hills Beautification Committee were escorted around the city Thursday afternoon in an attempt to pinpoint those areas in need of a face lift. Concrete parking lots by the scores, overgrown weeds in front of buildings, poorly maintained empty lots, and a lack of landscaping were all pointed out as some of the city's worst appearance problems. And the thoroughfares where these problems show their faces

were just as easily pointed out by committee members and their tour guide, City Manager William Costick — Northwestern Highway, Orchard Lake Road, Grand River Avenue, 12 Mile, 10 Mile east of Hagerly, and Eight Mile.

"WE COULD make this a beautiful thoroughfare someday," Costick said about Northwestern Highway.

The median could stand sprucing up as well as the intersection of 14 Mile and Northwestern, Costick said. "After all, it's the entrance to our city."

The concrete parking lots along Orchard Lake Road should be broken up with landscaping, he said. And even the newest of office buildings on Orchard Lake could use some landscaping, Costick said.

"We have to upgrade our standards," Costick said.

About Grand River Avenue, he said: "This is a prime area for beautification. A lot of the businesses have no landscaping."

But work is already under way. A committee of Grand River merchants have joined forces to work on improvements.



The kind of landscaping at the entrance to the Halsted Commerce Park is what beautification committee members would love to see throughout the city.

Apply now for government service posts

The State Department is taking applications from American citizens interested in careers as foreign and civil service officers, announced U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham.

on the agenda

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8 p.m. Tuesday

The Farmington Board of Education will discuss policies about trustee remuneration, business and facilities.

Emphasis is placed on recruiting qualified candidates, including members of officially recognized minority groups.

"A career in the foreign service is more than a job. It involves uncommon commitments and occasional hardships, as well as unique rewards and opportunities. A decision to enter this career must involve unusual motivation and a firm dedication to public service," said Broomfield, whose district includes the Farmington area.

The Foreign Service is a mobile profession. Personnel must agree to serve at any U.S. diplomatic or consular post

abroad, or in the United States, according to the needs of the Foreign Service.

MANY OVERSEAS posts are in small or remote countries where harsh climates, hazards and other discomforts exist, and where American-style amenities frequently are unavailable.

"However, careers in the Foreign Service offer special rewards including the pride and satisfaction of representing the United States and protecting American interests abroad," Broomfield said.

Applicants for foreign service officer positions must be American citizens

and at least 20 years old by Dec. 7, the date of this year's written examination.

Application forms and other information may be obtained by writing to the Recruitment Division, Department of State, Box 3317, Rosslyn Station, Arlington, Va. 22209. The deadline for

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In rare instances the cause of elbow buritis is infection or gout. At such times, the swelling is painful, the surrounding skin is reddened, and you are feverish.

In that case, your physician likely will drain the swollen area and aspirate the fluid. Otherwise aspiration is not advisable as fluid will return and enlarge the bursa. Furthermore, medicines have not proved to be useful; the best treatment consists of stopping the activity that is causing the irritation.