Opinions sought on recreation

officials want to know residents' on the future development of and recreation facilities in the

Residents' opinions are being sought by way of a survey — to be mailed with the city's December newsletter — of what type of facilities and programs they would like available to their fami-lies.

Survey results will help consultants who are updating the city's master plan for parks and recreation. The master plan will include a land-use

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plan for the 212-acre Spicer property on Farrmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile, said Eric Wurmlinger, Farrn-ington Hills assistant special services director. The plan is expected to be completed in January or February.

"To ald the consultants in preparing the master plan, a survey has been de-veloped to solicit community input on facilities and services offered by the department of special services," said Wurmlinger in a news release.

"The survey is intended to provide you with the opportunity to give opinions concerning future development of the parks and recreation system. Your input is needed to insure that future parks and recreation facilities and programs meet the needs of you, your family and friends."

FARMINGTON RESIDENTS can FARMINGTON RESIDENTS can also give their oplicion. Surveys are available at the Farmington branch of the Farmington Community Library, 2550 Liberty, and Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty.

Completed surveys should be returned by Dec. 20 to the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services in the city administrative offices building. 31555 11 Mile. Questions can be directed to Special Services Droctor Douglas Gaynor at 474-6115, Ext. 282.

In October, city officials hired a Farmington Hills landscape architect, John Grissim & Associates to develop the Spiece property land-use plan and to update the city's parks and recreation plan.

Updating the city's eight-year-old parks and recreation plan is a necessity

if officials expect to apply for and receive federal and state grants for development of the Spicer acreage.

The Spicer property — a term city officials want to discontinue using — is the largest tract of publicly held land in Farmington Hills. Purchase was completed in April with the help of a \$1.2 million grant from the Michigan Land Trust Fund and \$800,000 from the city.

CITY OFFICIALS have asked Grissim for a comprehensive plan of how Spicer acreage could be used. The plan will include site analysis, design, a master site plan, detailed cost estimates and a year-by-year development

Grissim's plan will also include de-sign details for: botanical gardens, an adventure playground, nature and cross country ski trails, a nature cen-

ter, picnic aras, a working farm, parking lots, a natural outdoor ice rink, an outdoor amphitheater, and both active and passive areas.

The plan is also expected to analyze the possible addition of a community center, an indoor ice rink and an in-door/outdoor swimming pool.

The updated master plan for parks and recreation will include the city's history, population characteristics, natural resources, an inventory of local recreation, existing facilities and programs, bike paths, goals, evidence of community support, needs of handicapped residents, proposed projects and priorities.

The consultant is also required to prepare a survey and subsequent presentation of comments from the Farmington Public Schools, Farmington Hills Planning Commission, Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission and residents.

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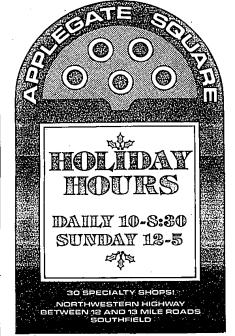
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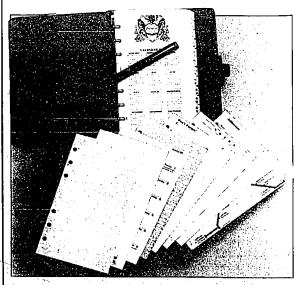
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