

# Walkways

## City sidewalk program moves along



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

The city council has tabled the issue of sidewalk installation on Freedom Road, west of Farmington Road, into a wooded area owned by the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club.

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The 1985 Farmington sidewalk program is nearly done, but the weather may delay its completion until spring, Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman said.

City council approved initial payment of \$62,022 to Itala Construction of Sterling Heights Dec. 2. This represents 85 percent of the company's \$79,501 contract, awarded Aug. 2, with less 5 percent held until project completion.

The issue of installing sidewalks along westbound Freedom Road into a wooded area owned by the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club was also raised by the council. The matter was tabled until spring pending study by the city administration.

This area was considered for sidewalks in 1983, but installation was too expensive, Deadman said.

THIS YEAR'S project money comes from three sources: \$38,000 from a special assessment district, \$36,000 from the city's Community Development Block Grant fund, and the balance paid from the general fund.

A public hearing will be called at project completion to discuss the special assessment portion.

Farmington implemented a regularly scheduled sidewalk program 15 years ago, including annual repairs, removal/replacement, and new sidewalks, Deadman said. The city surveys sidewalks each year to locate hazards and needed repairs.

With major work completed citywide, annual projects will be suggested for half the city each year — with Grand River as the boundary line.

In 1985, major work south of Grand River, including about 50 ramps, voids in residential sidewalks, and replacement along Farmington Road is being completed.

NEXT YEAR, Farmington will survey sidewalks north of Grand River, with the exception of the Orchard Lake Road corridor. With discussion of widening of the county road, Deadman said the city will not install sidewalks only to have them possibly ripped up. "We don't want to pay for them twice," he said.

Deadman asks residents to also do their own sidewalk surveys. According to city ordinance, residents are responsible and liable for maintenance on sidewalks located on their property. "They should be especially aware of hazards because of the liability," he added.

Although residents are responsible and can do the work themselves, most let the city do it because it can obtain a better project price.

About 16,000 square feet of new sidewalk and 11,000 square feet of replacement sidewalk was included in the 1985 city project. The city's ordinance regarding sidewalks was clarified last September, requiring property owners to keep sidewalks and driveway approaches in good repair.

Loose material, general deterioration and displacement of debris are all considered part of sidewalk maintenance by the city. "We get calls from residents asking to have their sidewalk added to the city's project," Deadman said.

THE PROJECT cost is being shared with property owners — residential and commercial — on a 50/50 basis, although owners of new buildings will pay for their sidewalks 100 percent, Deadman said.

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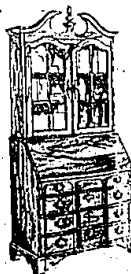
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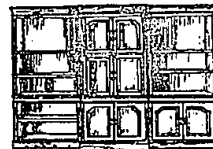
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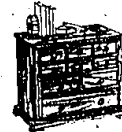
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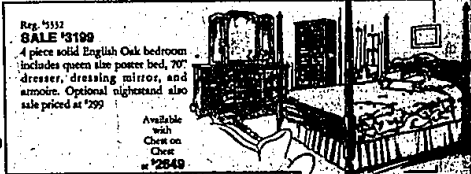
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