

Golden mile

Rich Stronger (left) of the Detroit Lions joins Farmington Hills resident James Croll, area vice president of AT&T Information Systems, at the recent 1988 March of Dimes Renaissance Golden Mile. Croll served as chairman of the event in which 90 prominent Detroiters participated in a symbolic one-mile walk through the New Center area. Nearly \$20,000 was raised to benefit the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.



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Holiday lighting in focus

Farmington's Downtown Development Authority Tuesday appointed a special committee to recommend holiday lighting decorations and develop projected costs.

Committee chairman E. Gregory Hohler, a DDA member and Civic Theatre owner, has 60 days to report back to the DDA.

"Minimally, we're looking at tree lighting and show window lighting," said Robert Schultz, administrative aide to City Manager Robert Deadman.

"We're looking possibly to extending that kind of night-time lighting to some type of daytime correlate — banners, posters, decorations of one kind or another."

Should planned, new pedestrian street lighting be in place by fall, "We'd take a look at incorporating that into the plan, too," Schultz said.

The committee will serve as a long-needed coordinator of downtown holiday lighting.

Says Schultz: "There are city efforts and, there are merchant and property owner efforts. There needs to be some coordination. And the

DDA seems to be the logical focus of coordination."

down town decoration theme with everybody running off doing their own thing."

Computer whiz excels

Daniel Weiner of Farmington Hills placed first in a Senior Division category of COM-TEST '86, a computer programming contest for seventh through 12th graders.

The Michigan Technology Council sponsored the competition. The finals were held April 26 at the University of Michigan.

Weiner won a cash award from Warner-Lambert of Ann Arbor in the physical or social sciences, humanities and mathematics category.

Programs were judged by representatives from business, education and industry.

Weiner's project was entitled EM-ILY.

CITY OF FARMINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES AND TO REVIEW 1986-87 PROPOSED BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Farmington will hold a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 19, 1988, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, on the proposed 1988 city tax levy and on the proposed 1986-87 city budget. Council will receive testimony and discuss additional 1986 city operating and debt service millage rates.

In the previous year the city levied 11.2146 mills (\$11.2146 per \$1,000 SEV) for the city operation and charter limited debt service; an additional .5254 mills (\$.5254 per \$1,000 SEV) was levied for city unlimited debt service. State law (Act 5 of 1982) provides that the base tax rate for 1986 city operating taxes be reduced to 10.6627 mills (\$10.6627 per \$1,000 SEV). This is a .5519 mill (\$.5519 per \$1,000 SEV) lower tax rate than the 1985 operating tax rate.

Reduced revenues from Federal programs, lower interest earnings, the lack of growth in highway revenues and higher personal and operating costs require additional revenues from the local property tax. Operating costs will increase for wages, utilities, construction, rubbish removal and disposal, and highway maintenance. Non-property tax revenues are estimated to increase by less than 1/2 of a per cent. Operating expense will increase by 3.6% in Fiscal 1986-87.

As a result of these cost increases it will be necessary to restore the reduction in the base tax rate for 1986. The restoration of the base tax rate shall not increase the millage levied by the city over the previous year's rate. The total proposed millage rate will continue to be 11.74 mills (\$11.74 per \$1,000 SEV). This millage rate shall provide a 6.78% increase in the city operating and limited debt service property tax revenues. Individual property taxes may increase greater than or less than the estimated average.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the hearing on the proposed millage rate and on the proposed budget.

Summary of the 1986-87 FY Proposed Budget follows:

GENERAL FUND REVENUES	
Local Taxes	\$2,039,500
Intergovernment Revenues	391,425
State Shared Revenues	667,700
Transfers from Other Funds	453,255
Appropriation from	
Unappropriated Funds	114,665
Total General Fund Revenues:	\$3,724,345
WATER & SEWER FUND REVENUES	
Water & Sewer Sales	\$1,173,000
Service Fees	24,450
Miscellaneous	32,000
Total Water & Sewer Fund Revenues:	\$1,229,450
HIGHWAY FUND REVENUES	
Gas & Weight Taxes	\$ 274,000
Contracts & Grants	47,130
Transfers & Assessments	761,316
Total Highway Fund Revenues:	\$1,082,446
TOTAL REVENUES - ALL FUNDS	\$6,036,241
GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	
General Government	\$ 691,475
Public Safety	1,145,345
Public Services	726,735
Parks & Recreation	111,920
Library	170,000
Miscellaneous	114,635
Insurance, Fixed Expenditures	520,635
Interfund & Debt Service	
Transfers	243,600
Total General Fund Expenditures:	\$3,724,345
WATER & SEWER FUND EXPENDITURES	
Operating & Maintenance	\$1,229,450
Total Water & Sewer Fund Expenditures:	\$1,229,450
HIGHWAY FUND EXPENDITURES	
Construction	\$ 600,000
Operating & Maintenance	455,486
Debt Service	\$ 27,000
Total Highway Fund Expenditures:	\$1,082,446
TOTAL EXPENDITURES - ALL FUNDS:	\$6,036,241
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk	

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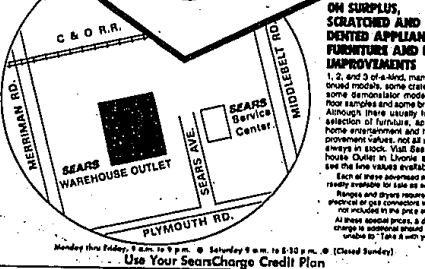
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