

Exchange forms bond between cities

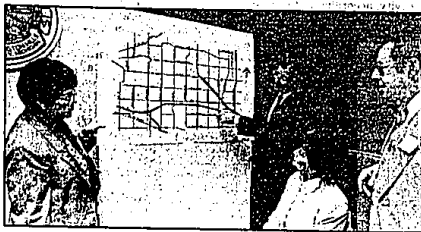
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"The staff was so excited. They exchanged reports, charts, statistics. They also decided they will meet periodically and keep the interchange going," Alkateeb said. "It was one of the things that made it (the exchange) so successful. I think this is the only way to go," Ireland added.

But the true measure of the program's success — according to officials — was found in the amount and type of information and ideas that staff had officials in both communities took home with them.

For example, both cities are computerized with an IBM system. But Rochester Hills' system is larger and more sophisticated than the relatively new system in Farmington Hills.

AFTER VISITING Rochester Hills, Alkateeb discovered that that city has used its computer system to help cope with its booming growth



Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick, center, details the city's major road problems for, from left, Doris Keylon, assistant to Rochester Hills Mayor Billie Ireland, and Farmington Hills Mayor Joe Alkateeb.

without adding personnel at city hall. That was something the Farmington Hills mayor was hoping to hear.

"It gave me the impetus to come back, and I'll be taking this to the

city council to upgrade ours and attempt to achieve the same results," Alkateeb said.

Another idea Alkateeb picked up in Rochester Hills dealt with parks. Impressed with the Thomas G. Spencer Park's 36-acre lake — developed from a converted gravel pit — Alkateeb is armed with the idea of turning the detention pond planned for the Heritage Park into a lake, stocked with fish.

"We learned some things that we would use in enhancing our Heritage Park," Alkateeb said.

What impressed Costick about the Spencer park was the use of footbridges, as well as the park's internal road system, security, entranceways and trails.

BOTH COSTICK and Alkateeb said they returned with good space-saving ideas for the new police building. Portable partitions — as opposed to permanent walls — are used to separate offices in the six-year-old Rochester Hills city hall.

Officials in both cities agreed that problems — congestion and condi-



Rochester Hills Mayor Billie Ireland, center, shows Farmington Hills Director of Special Services Douglas Gaynor, left, and City Manager William Costick, right, features of the Thomas G. Spencer Park on John R.

tion — on major roads is a continuing problem that will take the help of both Oakland County and the state. If badly needed improvements are to be made, Alkateeb said.

When it came to the topic of local roads, Farmington Hills officials and staff provided Rochester Hills with some handy information to take home. "They were very excited about our road-paving program — the stabilization method. In that area, I think we helped them," Alkateeb said.

In addition to the road-paving program, Rochester Hills officials also were interested in learning about Farmington Hills' police department, Ireland said.

Rochester Hills currently compared to \$5 million spent here (for police services). We spend about 40 percent of our budget on police," Alkateeb said.

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Parks campaign begins

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development of youth athletic fields at 13 Mile and Farmington roads; upgrading of 16 school sites to accommodate youth sports; construction of storage space for youth athletic equipment; parking and entranceways at Heritage Park; and trail development at Heritage Park for cross country skiing, hiking and nature study.

The Farmington Hills Special Services staff will complete a brochure detailing the revenue garnered from the proposed 0.5 mill over five years will buy and costs of projects suggested in the master parks and recreation plan, Fitzgerald said.

Committee members, on the other hand, will be putting out other literature encouraging residents to vote on Tuesday, June 24, and support the proposed tax.

If passed, the proposed levy would be the first such special tax dedicated for a specific purpose in the city's history, Fitzgerald said.

IN ADDITION to mailing brochures and pamphlets, committee

members will also telephone residents to garner support for the proposed millage.

Committee members are also offering to speak to neighborhood associations and civic groups about both the master parks and recreation plan, and proposed millage, Fitzgerald said.

Although committee members have discussed the use of public-access cable TV, a final decision has not yet been made, Fitzgerald said.

Committee members also will be faced with promoting the parks issue during a time when an equal amount of publicity is being placed on the city's proposed road program.

To finance \$2 million of a total \$9 million city share of a proposed road improvement plan, city officials are proposing a 1-mill tax increase in 1986-87. Voters will also go to the polls Tuesday, Sept. 23, to consider financing the remaining \$7 million city share of the road program with general obligation bonds.

"In my mind, they (parks and road plans) are two separate issues. Yet I'm sure to the community, they are not," Fitzgerald said.

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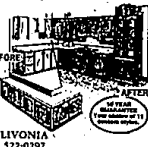
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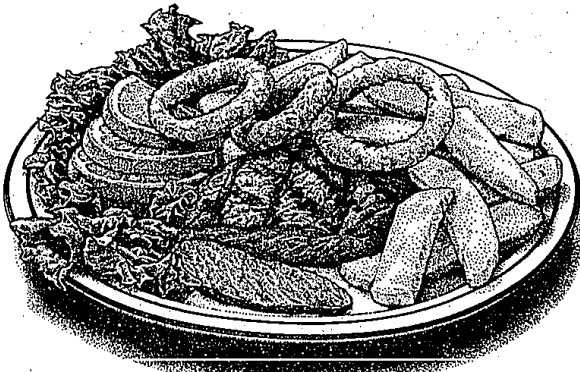


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