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IT'S a grand old flag — and a high-flying one at that. The Franklin Haines Subdivision Association asked its 54 homeowners on Geraldine, Medborn, Hemlock Drive and Hemlock Court to fly their flags on the Fourth of July.

A drive through the subdivision Friday turned up some houses without Old Glory, but participation was nonetheless excellent.

WIDENING Orchard Lake Road, between 11 Mile and Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, is scheduled to begin.

The \$220,000 widening is one of two projects to be financed through a tri-party program involving Farmington Hills, Oakland County and the Oakland County Road Commission.

Under the program, the city's share will be about \$71,000, which includes the city's 1985 (\$25,080) and 1986 (\$46,825) tri-party allocations.

The remaining portion of the city's 1985-86 tri-party allotment will include a passing lane at Kiltarian and Middlebelt. That project will be bid this month by the county road commission.

AUDIENCE members who want to address the Farmington Hills City Council can do so under public comment at the beginning of each council session if their remarks don't take more than three minutes.

People who want to take longer to present their comments will receive time at the end of that night's council agenda, Mayor Joe Alkateeb announced.

SIZING up the landscape design.

That's what two Farmington Hills certified landscape design critics will do when they take part in a landscape arts beautification program.

The "Good Neighbor Flower Program" was initiated by the 50-chain Knights Inn Motel and its parent company, Cardinal Industries Inc., based in Columbus, Ohio.

Nancy Fassfield and Elaine Gunderson are members of the National Council of Landscape Design Critics and the Farmington Hills Beautification Commission.

This summer, they will judge the flowers and landscaping at the Knights Inn in Canton Township and at area Cardinal Apartments. Innkeepers and resident managers compete for cash and travel prizes.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Women head the Farmington Board of Education, as trustees elected Susan Rennels president, Helen Prutov vice president and Janice Rolnick secretary. Jack Inch was elected treasurer.

Enrich staff skills, schools told

This is the second of four parts examining task force reports recently presented to the Farmington Board of Education. This part looks at the future of staff development in the school district.

By Casey Hains
Staff writer

The development of all school

staff members is a "critical issue" facing Farmington Public Schools as the district undergoes change under the leadership of newly appointed Superintendent Graham Lewis.

One of four committees comprised of district employees and residents was charged with reviewing the district's staff development as part of the nine month task force study. Following their review, the 10-member

committee was to make recommendation for future change.

What members discovered was a lack of organized development. What they recommended were plans for an "on-going," "continuous" program for school district employees.

Staff development is "not synonymous with inservice training, nor is it effectively accomplished by administrative directive," the committee said in its report.

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"A STAFF development program is tailor-made for employees and is directed at specific on-the-job problem solving," the report explained. "It includes a program for stimulating creative thinking from staff and has a continuing system of evaluation."

With the exception of inservice

training and time off for the district's teachers for self-education, training for the non-teaching staff is virtually non-existent, according to the report.

Some inservice workshops have been offered in general areas, such as first aid, but most general information is obtained from building

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Sprucing up

Walter Sundquist (foreground) and friends worked hard last week to beautify the Masonic Temple front yard at Grand River and Farmington roads in Downtown Farmington with an array of flowers before the Fourth of July. Sundquist, of Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington, was aided by Fred Steinkopf, of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills, Farmington city workers and representatives of McFarland Greenhouse in Farmington. Monday night the Farmington City Council lauded the work, calling it a "yeoman's job."

RICK SMITH/staff photographer



Hills names special services chief

By Joanne Maliszewski
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Effective Monday, July 14, former Hazel Park City Manager Dan Potter will be the new Farmington Hills special services director.

Potter, 49, replaces former Special Services Director Douglas Gaynor, who resigned after 11 years with the city to take a similar position in California.

Gaynor's resignation came little more than a month before the city's successful millage request for parks and recreation capital improvements June 24.

City Manager William Costick announced Potter's hiring as special

services director Monday morning. Although city council approval is not required, Costick said members have been informed.

"Dan (Potter) is a very well-thought-of individual, both in the parks and recreation field and Dan Potter also by his city manager peers in the area," Costick said.

Department heads are hired by the city manager. The position was filled without advertising it or posting it within the city, Costick said.



"I needed the ability to move quickly and hire someone. And since he (Potter) was available, I wanted to seize upon this opportunity," he added.

POTTER, A Hazel Park resident, said this week that it's still too early to establish immediate goals for the special services department, which operates the city's growing parks and recreation division.

Potter's appointment comes two weeks after Farmington Hills voters approved the city's request for 5-mill levy over five years for parks and recreation capital improvements.

"I'm looking forward to it (new

position)," Potter said. "It looks like a pretty good challenge to look forward to."

As special services director, Potter will head a department of 15 full-time employees and in excess of 100 part-time and seasonal employees.

In addition to the primary function of operating parks and recreation, the special services department is also responsible for senior adult programs, community relations, cable TV productions, the city's energy commission and beautification commission. It also handles any other special assignments designated by city council or city administrators.

Potter served as Hazel Park city manager from 1973 until early this year. Attempts to consolidate police and fire services in Hazel Park led to his departure, Costick said.

PRIOR to his appointment as city manager, Potter served as Hazel Park's director of parks, recreation and forestry, as well as assistant city manager from 1962 until 1973.

"He helped make substantial improvements in Hazel Park's recreation program. He has a vast array of experience. And I'm pleased he has accepted this position with us," Costick said.

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Frustration Israeli violence concerns U.S. Jews

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff writer

Violent clashes between ultra-Orthodox and secular Jews in Israel lately are a sign of a fundamentalist wind sweeping across the world.

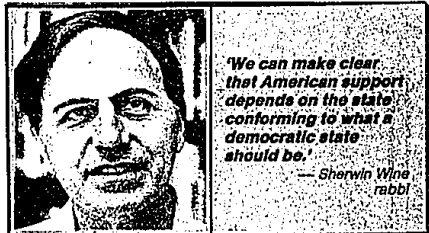
That's what Rabbi Sherwin Wine said in a recent interview. He is a rabbi at the Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.

"The things that are happening in Israel are not isolated to Israel. It's happening all over the world," said Wine, leader and teacher of Humanistic Judaism, a liberal branch of the faith.

Conflicts between Israel's ultra-Orthodox and secular, less-religious Jews have been brewing for years. The tension concerns the definition of who is a Jew, what lifestyle they should lead and the type of society that should exist in Israel.

In late June, the conflict turned violent when Orthodox groups burned and defaced public bus stations that featured advertisements of women in bathing suits. Orthodox Jews were offended by such advertisements.

Fearing the loss of religious freedom secular Jews retaliated. They defaced a Tel Aviv synagogue and destroyed prayer books and prayer shawls. They also ransacked two religious schools, as well as an Orthodox seminary.



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— Sherwin Wine, rabbi

THE EVENTS in Israel are also causing concern among local rabbis. While Wine was eager to share his views, other rabbis were not.

Rabbi Elry Spectre of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, said he preferred not to comment. "I prefer at this time to wait for the Israeli government to react."

Officials of the Jewish Community Council in Detroit followed Spectre's suit and declined comment. "We do feel it is an internal matter for the people of Israel to deal with," a spokesman said.

Wine said recent events in Israel

are "frustrating" to American Jews. They are concerned about equality in the nation and the possibility that Israel would "turn into a theocracy," he said.

"The Zionist dream coincided with Western ideals — separation of religion and state. The founders of the Zionist state, by and large, were not religious," Wine said.

Wine believes American Jews can have great influence on Israeli events. As the largest Jewish population in the world, American Jews are the greatest financial supporters of Israel. "We can make clear that American support depends on the state conforming to what a democratic state should be," Wine said.

ORTHODOX JEWS are a minority in Israel, representing about 20 percent of the total population, he said. About 60 percent of the population is secular and another 20 percent don't identify with either movement, Wine said.

While not condoning the violence of the secular Jews, Wine said there is a growing discontent among the less-religious groups over "the fundamentalist environment." More secular Jews are leaving Israel, while the Orthodox, with higher birth rates, are staying.

Orthodox Jews are not necessarily Zionists, Wine said, and have different beliefs about Israeli government.

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AMERICAN JEWS, he said, should begin to teach Israelis about democracy, particularly religious

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