

# Changes

## Heritage Park entrance may be moved

At residents' request, Farmington Hills officials will try to move the planned entrance to Heritage Park.

"We have committed to them (residents) that we would, if at all possible, move the entrance. We're looking into moving it 125 feet to the north," said Dan Potter, special service director.

Residents asked city officials last week to consider moving the park's planned entrance because it would be almost directly across from their neighborhood along Ridgewood, east of Farmington Road. The 212-acre park is west of Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile.

"They're concerned that park traffic will use the road as a cut-through to 11 Mile," Potter said.

Ridgewood is a winding gravel

road that cuts northeast from Farmington Road to 11 Mile.

Any move of the planned entrance, however, must be discussed with the Oakland County Road Commission, which has jurisdiction over Farmington Road, Potter said.

If it's possible to move the park's formal entrance, city officials will. "If not, we said we would get back to them (residents)," Potter said.

Modifications in plans for a 15-acre athletic park on the northwest corner of 13 Mile and Farmington roads will be the focus of a meeting

at 7:30 tonight in North Farmington High School, 32900 13 Mile.

The proposed modifications include enlarging the park's parking lot and reducing the number of soccer fields from three to two, as well as making all the fields regulation size to enable older youths to use them, Potter said.

Modifications will also allow use of the baseball/softball outfield for soccer during the fall season only, Potter added.

This will be the second meeting between city staff and parks and

recreation representatives and residents. At a first meeting in June, residents of nearby neighborhoods — Briar Hill, Willowbrook Commons, Three Oaks Condominiums, Wedgewood and Canterbury West — had some concerns about the city's parks plan, such as the potential for parking and traffic problems.

The athletic park is designed to meet the community's need for youth athletic fields, as determined through a community survey included in the city's updated master parks and recreation plan, approved by the Farmington Hills City Council in March.

## Prisoner program approved

Farmington officials have agreed to let misdemeanor offenders work off their jail time in a prisoner release program.

This allows misdemeanor offenders to work for the city in lieu of spending time in the Oakland County Jail.

Misdemeanor crimes are punishable by 90 days or less in the county jail or up to a \$500 fine.

The city council voted unanimously Monday to allow the Department of Public Services to participate in the all-male program. It will cost Farmington and Farmington Hills nothing. It will also save incarceration costs.

"We're not going to reinvent the wheel," said City Manager Robert Deadman. It's worked for the city of Livonia — the 15-year-old program in which the Farmington-Farmington Hills program is based.

"If it doesn't work, we'll just close it down. A lot will depend on the sentencing practices of the judges," he added. The program is monitored through the 47th District Court.

MAYOR WILLIAM Hartsock said he was concerned about a possible conflict with the city's union. But Deadman said he was not because of the type of work the prisoners would do.

Jobs will be kept simple, such as litter collection in parks and general maintenance work. It will be done only during the warmer months, said Farmington public service director Earl Billing.

"Our workers have a higher level of skill," Deadman added.

An offender who faces a jail sentence would be advised of the work program in court during sentencing. He could choose to participate in the program on weekends for the amount of time he would have been incarcerated.

Each worker would pay \$20 per day, which will be applied towards the program's administrative and supervisory costs, to be monitored by the district court in Farmington. The money will also be used for health and accident policy, Deadman said.

The city of Farmington Hills approved the program in late July. Offenders are scheduled to work in Farmington Aug. 30.

## Ordinance introduced

A proposed gas franchise ordinance allowing Consumers Power to provide gas services for 30 years was introduced Monday, Aug. 4, by the Farmington City Council.

The present 30-year franchise between the city and the company expires Dec. 12.

Utility franchise renewals have traditionally been placed on local ballots for a popular vote, but Consumers Power has requested bypassing the cost of an election. It is now asking communities to adopt franchise ordinances.

City Manager Robert Deadman said the proposed ordinance calls for a 30-year revocable lease between Farmington and Consumers Power. The company would provide city gas at rates set by law. Under terms of the ordinance, the company or the city can revoke the franchise with 60 days written notice.

"The right to continue the business is contingent on their faithful performance," Deadman said.

He said the ordinance allows the gas company to save the expense of an election. In the event the issue was not approved, he added, "it would probably have to be reintroduced to the electorate as many times as necessary until it passed."

The proposed ordinance will be filed with the city clerk for public inspection for four weeks prior to enactment.

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