

Wanted — active homeowners group

With revised bylaws, a new name and a new group of residents, the former Council of Homeowners is doing business.

The new council — an umbrella group designed to represent the city's subdivision homeowners associations — will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Farmington Community Library, 32787 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Neighborhood concerns are welcome for discussion. Jack Joynt, council membership chairman, said.

The decision to revive the former homeowners council was made in late September by Farmington Hills subdivision association representatives, who have been meeting regularly since June.

The council's interim officers, elected when the former council was officially revived, are asking subdivision associations for volunteers to work on the council's nominations committee.

The council's interim governing body will serve until January 1989 when regular elections will be scheduled during the council's annual meeting. The volunteer committee will prepare for these elections. Formal adoption of the council's bylaws is expected at the January meeting.

INTERIM OFFICERS are still re-

ceiving responses to the approximately 80 questionnaires mailed to associations in October. Officers would like associations to respond to determine the size and cross-section of subdivisions the council will represent. Ideally, the new council should represent as many subdivision associations as possible.

Those associations who have not yet responded are encouraged to return the questionnaires in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Joynt said.

Associations are being asked several questions, including whether there is interest in joining the umbrella group. Names of people who will serve as contacts for each subdivision association are requested.

In addition to seeking volunteers for the nominations committee, council officers are interested in vol-

unteers to serve on other special committees.

Thirteen other committees have been established and need volunteers

including: membership, public relations, city council advisory, traffic advisory, planning/zoning/land use, school, beautification, environmen-

tal, neighborhood protection, future homeowners association development, legal, membership communication committee and newsletter.

The council's membership will include a representative appointed by the governing board of each dues-paying subdivision association that chooses to join the umbrella organization. Each subdivision representative will have one vote in the council. Dues, according to the proposed bylaws, will be \$35 per association.

ACCORDING TO proposed bylaws, the council is required to meet at least once every two months. Forty-percent of all members must be present to constitute a quorum.

The purposes of the new Council of Homeowners Association of Farmington Hills are detailed in revised bylaws.

The new council will "foster, pro-

tect and promote the orderly growth, improvement and development" of the city in accordance with the wishes of the organization and "those planning concepts most beneficial to its homeowners," according to bylaws.

The organization also intends to foster improved communications and cooperation between the city's homeowners associations. That will be accomplished by distributing information "of an advisory and educational nature."

Other council responsibilities include serving as an advisory group to city departments on issues that concern the organization, as well as helping subdivisions organize homeowners associations.

Bylaws also prohibit the council from political activities, such as endorsing candidates.

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— Council bylaws

Livonia's house party law amended

If you live in Livonia and throw a party, you're responsible for minors drinking alcohol and using drugs there.

If you're underage and you drink or use drugs at that party, you're responsible, too.

That's the message of an amended ordinance in Livonia, intended to regulate the use of alcoholic beverages and drugs at open house parties.

The action was unanimously approved by the Livonia City Council at its meeting Monday night.

UNDER THE law, those found guilty of allowing minors to drink at a party would be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined up to \$500 and/or sentenced to 30 days in jail for the first violation. Subsequent violations would bring a fine of up to \$500 and/or 90 days in jail.

The person in charge of the home at the time of the party would be responsible. This takes the burden off parents who don't have any knowledge of the party, police said.

Someone under 21 who knowingly attends a party or occupies a place where minors drink or possess alcohol would be committing a civil infraction. He or she would be subject to fines of not more than \$25 for the first violation, not more than \$50 for the second violation, and not more

than \$100 for the third and subsequent violations.

THE CLARENCEVILLE School District, which includes parts of Livonia, Redford and Farmington Hills, had been pushing Livonia to work on a party ordinance. Farmington Hills enacted a similar ordinance last year.

Clarenceville Superintendent Michael Shiber has said the district will attempt to promote a similar ordinance in Redford this year.

Much of the wording for Livonia's amendments was taken from the Farmington Hills ordinance.

Livonia's new law goes beyond those regulations to include parties at hotels, motels and rental halls as well as at residences.

An open house party is defined in the ordinance as "a social gathering of persons other than the (home) owner or renter or those with rights of possession or their immediate family members at a residence or on rental premises."

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Presented by the Department of Internal Medicine, the symposium is designed to demonstrate recent advances in treating interstitial lung

diseases, including diagnosis and management of interstitial problems.

Recent advances in lung transplantation will also be covered by Dr. J.D. Cooper, head of thoracic surgery at Toronto General Hospital.

Other guest faculty members at the symposium include: Dr. William J. Martin, II, associate professor of medicine, Division of Thoracic Disease, Mayo Clinic; Dr. Thomas V.

Colby, director of surgical pathology at the University of Utah Medical Center; Dr. Gilbert D'Alonzo Jr., director of respiratory services at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; Dr. Warren Goff, associate professor in pulmonary medicine, University of Osteopathic Medicine and Sciences, Des Moines, Iowa; and Dr. Gary W. Hunninghake, professor and director of the Pulmonary Disease Division, University of Iowa Hospital.

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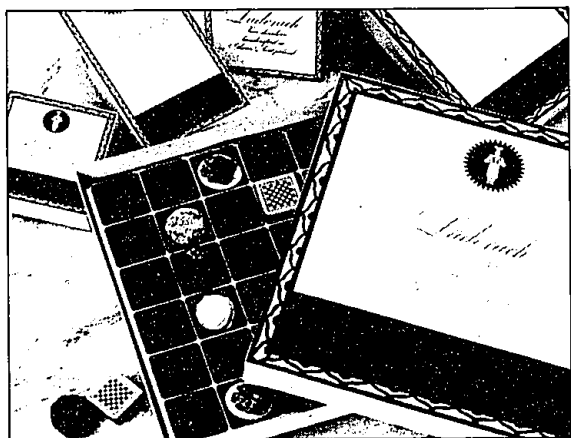
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