

# A second summer teen center is touted

For nine years, Farmington Youth Assistance has operated a summer activities center in the southern part of the Farmington area.

Open to all youths middle school to senior high age, the center is based at Shawawasee Center on Shawawasee. It primarily serves residents of eastern Farmington and

southeastern Farmington Hills.

Farmington Hills Councilwoman Jan Dolan has suggested opening a second center to serve this community's northern and western areas "to accommodate kids now dropped off at Tally Hall."

During last winter's teen rowdy-

ism along Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills police learned that many parents dropped off their teenagers at Tally Hall while they went out for the afternoon or evening. Tally Hall became a sort of sifter service.

Responding to Dolan's suggestion — made at a joint budget meeting of the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils Wednesday night — FVA caseworker Andrea Cooley agreed in principle. But she cited limited staffing and funding as the main stumbling blocks.

**VOLUNTEERS, WHO** play big part in hiring the director and co-directors and in checking on operations at the existing center, also are in short supply, Cooley said. Dolan acknowledged the cost — \$4,500 is budgeted for the existing center this year — but said it's also expensive to have stepped-up police patrols along Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills' major retail corridor.

Both city councils agreed the time might well be right to seek support — both financially and administratively — from another agency if a second summer activities center is going to become a reality.

The existing center offers kids a nonstructured place to talk to friends, the adult director or the college-age assistant directors. Free activities include basketball, baseball, air hockey, video games, movies, crafts and pizza and ice cream parties.

Field trips include horseback riding, canoe trips, a visit to the Oakland County wave action pool, a picnic at Kensington Metropark and a visit to Bobo Island. Some field trips have nominal fees.

Teens interested in attending the summer must register and obtain parental permission. Last year, 83 young people took part.

## Hills residents join protest

By Jackie Klein  
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Residents of Southfield and Farmington Hills are expected in full force tonight to protest a proposed 50-acre apartment complex in the Inkster-11 Mile area.

City Council members — armed with a recommendation from the Southfield Planning Commission to deny the bid to rezone the single-family residential tract for mid-rise apartments — will consider the request by Occidental Development Co.

The property, owned by the Southfield School Board, is on the east side of Inkster Road between 10 and 11 Mile. If rezoned for three-story apartment buildings, the project has a potential of 750 dwelling units. The planning department, as well as the planning commission, turned thumbs down to the rezoning request because the 50-acre site abuts single-family homes, low-rise apartments and townhouses and because it doesn't conform to the future land use plan.

**THAT PLAN RECOMMENDS** the site be used for parks and the surrounding area be developed with low-rise housing and a cemetery. Also, the school board property isn't served by a sanitary sewer.

Petitions opposing the apartment project were submitted by the

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Farmington Hills Planning Commission as well as residents of Farmington Hills and Southfield.

Residents of the 200-unit Cumberland condominium in Southfield oppose the rezoning. Some residents said when they bought their units in 1975, they believed the site would be used for a school or for single-family homes.

A letter from condominium owners said: "If you allow Occidental this rezoning by political or any other method, it would constitute a breach of faith by the city to Cumberland co-owners."

"Consider 1,000 additional cars on these roads already unable to handle the present flow of traffic. Utilities are already overburdened."

**SOUTHFIELD** and Farmington Hills residents say new developments on 11 Mile have created more traffic on Inkster, a two-lane road, and that the wooded area would decrease in value if the apartment project is built.

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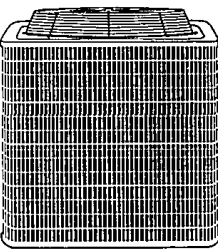
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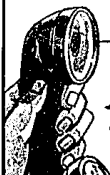
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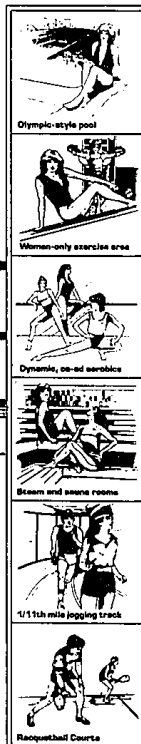
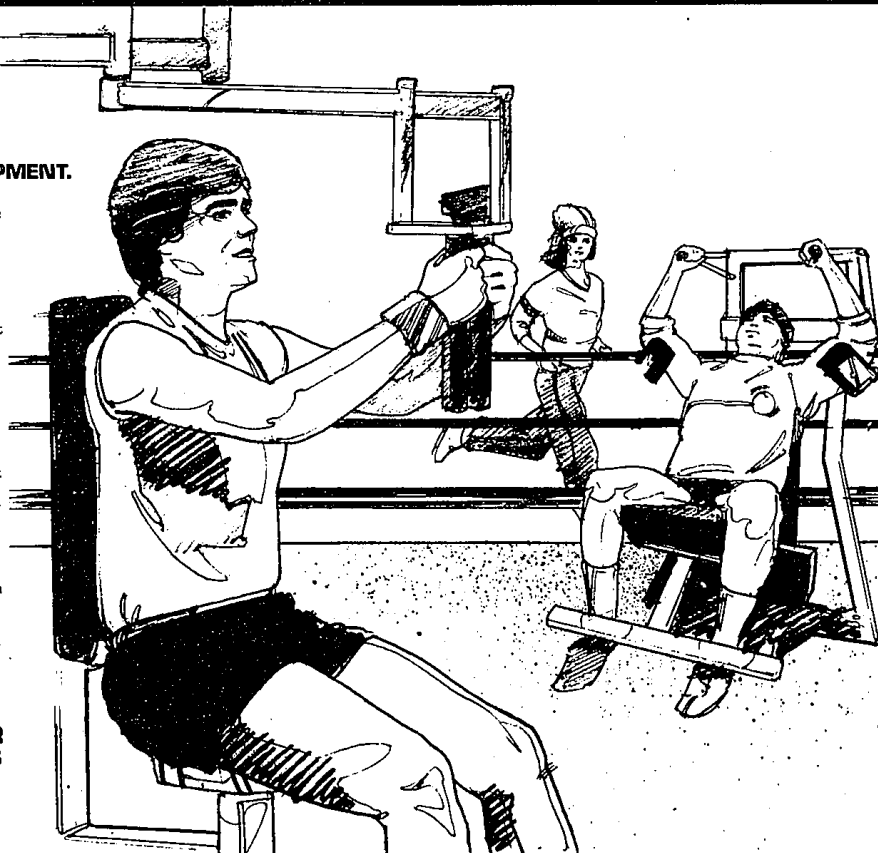
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