## Hills reinforces bid to land census money

By Joanne Maliszewski staff writer

Farmington Hills officials are still trying to schedule a meeting with Gov. James Blanchard to work out a Gov. James Blanchard to work out a solution to the city losing its antici-pated \$1.3 million in additional state revenues resulting from increased

revenues resulting from increased population.

"We are still working with Connie Shorter of the governor's office to set up a meeting. We'll call her again this week," said Karen Birkholz, as-

sistant to the city manager in Farmington Hills.

Farmington Hills joined forces with other communities — all of which have documented population increases as the result of a middende some, that are food with - that are faced with cade census — that are faced with losing anticipated increases in state shared revenues for the last three years of the decade. After documenting a more than 17 percent Increase in population, Farmington Hills expected an in-crease in state shared revenues and

liquor licenses. But the additional state shared revenues — distributed on a population basis — were veloced by Blanchard in his effort to balance the state budget.

In reaction to Blanchard's cuts, Farmington Hills and other community leaders in the same boat, formed a committee in early October to meet a meet with Blanchard and ber to meet with Blanchard and budget officials and develop a solu-tion. West Bloomfield Township is

been forthcoming, other efforts, particularly letters and resolutions, have been afoot.

The Farmington Hills City Council adopted a second resolution Oct. 12 requesting the state Legislature to reintroduce — and the governor approve — supplemental revenus sharing payments for the current and remaining budget years of the decade. The council sent their first resolution to the governor in August.

"The city of Farmington Hills undertook this census because our sub-

Trick or treaters should walk only on sidewalks and cross streets

stantial population increase requires additional health and safety services, which depend on this state revenue sharing distribution and that our taxpayers would benefit from a fait tax revenue distribution based on current population numbers, "according to the resolution. Mayor Ben Marks also sent a letter addressed to the governor to accompany the city council's resolution. "We acted in good faith, spent in seess of \$50,000 to conduct a special census and certainly feel it is only fair and equitable that the state how this request." Marks wrote. According to city officials, state state of the properties request. "Marks wrote. Health and state Rep. Wilbur Brotherton, It-Farmington, have lent their support to the city's efforts to fight for its additional state shared revenues.

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units of government," according to the state of the state of the state of the state powers are callided to the state payments because the middecade census statute provides the additional payments to the second multiles "that are shouldering the state's growth," city manager william Costick said in early October.

Farmington Hills officials didn't expect to receive any additional state shared revenues this year because the city's population increase wasn't certified until after July 1 — the start of the new budget year.

But city officials expected the sup-plemental state shared payments be-ginning July 1, 1988. Unlike many communities, however, Farmington Hills budgeted a minimum \$50,000 census costs rather than pay for it with the expected state shared reve-

with the expected state shared revenues.

Most of the 39 communities that qualify for increased state shared revenues as the result of population increases would have used the additional money for capital improvements. In Farmington Itilis, the money probably would be used to build a fire station, to buy fire equipment and for road improvements, Costick said.

CITY OFFICIALS are as uncertain about the possibility of receiving additional liquor licenses, another expected bonus from population increases. The city now has more than 30 licenses.

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In 1987-88, Farmington Hills expects to receive \$3.4 million in state shared revenues, exclusive of the supplemental census revenues. Saic shared revenues represent 16 percent of the city's current \$21.4 million budget. Over the next three years, the city was expected to receive \$1.7 million additional state revenues, Birkhoft said.

Public Act 245 of 1976 allows communities that believe they are of growth to conduct a middle census. The act is designed allow these communities that shelve communities that shared revenues. I or population increases. To qualify under this legislation, a city must have a 15 percent population increases.

## Halloween: time for precautions Motorists should exercise extra caution, particularly on residential streets.

By Casey Hans staff writer

Police agencies are beefing up pa-trols in preparation for the Hallow-een holflay this weekend. In both Farmington and Farming-ton Hills, there will be additional of-

ficers on the streets to insure resi-dent safety and fight vandalism.

Farmington Public Schools property will be off limits, and will be patrolled as such, according to law enforcement officials. Both cities began extra patrols at mid-week and will continue through Saturday

Devil's Night is this Friday and Halloween is Saturday. Farmington city officials have closed Raphael Street and the two city parks from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1, Street and two city parks from 6 picious.

p.m. to 7 a.m. from 0ct. 28 to Nov. 1, as they do each year.

"We will have a lot of people on or guarantee the metal detector

the street," said Farmington Public Safety Deputy Director Gary Goss. He said the city had experienced no problems during the past few years. Officers will both walk and ride this

Officers will both walk and ride this year in Parmington. In Farmington Hills, manpower will be doubled with auxiliary forces helping patrol residential areas, according to inspector Ernest Miller of the police department. "We had nothing out of the ordinary last year, and don't expect anything this year," he said. "The parents in this continuity do a very good job of managing their kids on a holiday like this."

NEITHER POLICE agency will screen candy this year, but both Goss and Miller recommend parents care-fully check their child's candy, and throw away anything that looks sus-nicious

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would find metal objects at a better than 50 percent rate.

Parents who they children to have their children's candy screened can have it done at any of the Providence Hospitals, including the Providence Hospitals, including the Providence Hospitals, including the Children Providence Hospitals, including the Providence Hospitals, including the Providence Hospitals and Hospitals that Hospitals Hospitals Hospitals Hospitals Providence Hospitals

IF YOUNGSTERS in your neigh-borhood trick or treat this year, law enforcement officials and a variety of organizations are offering tips to both children and adults:

Homeowners should keep their porch lights on to help light the way for youngsters.

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Trick or treaters should wak only on sidewalks and cross streets at corners.
Costumes should never be flammable or cover a youngsters eyes. Reflective colors should be worn, with reflectors and fluorescent decals if necessary. Children should wear comfortable walking shoes to avoid trips and all scompanied by an adult and should trick or treat at homes where they know neighbors. All children should carry flashlights or light sticks.
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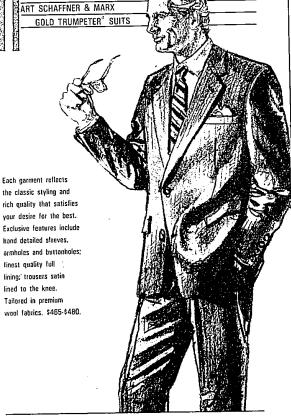
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