Hills eyeing roads for future

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Continued from Page 1 Improvements will continue at Heritage Park on Farnington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile-with the help of a voter-approved half-mill levy for five years and hoped-for grants. Farmington Hills officials are not alone in their concern about solid waste disposal. The city, faced with major solid waste cost increases, Joined with Nevi, farmington Hills, Southfield, South Lyon and Walled Lake, to study what can be done to lower rising disposal costs.

CONCERNED ABOUT the in-CONCERNED ABOUT the in-reasing costs, city officials also are looking ahead to when land-fills are full. "We really haven't been contronted with it immedi-ately, but we know the solid waste issue will be a problem." And that could be a very costly problem." Marks said. As the city reaches full development, building and zoning are going to become even more Im-portant, Marks said. "The master (land use) plan isn't cast in stone, but it must serve as a good guideline. I feel the development has been done well."

The mayor admitted, however, that there are a good many resi-dents who may not agree with that assessment. What will be-come crucial are rezoning re-quests for the few remaining un-developed lots.

"We're going to be be shot at from every direction on the land we've got left."

The concern, he said, is the domino effect that's possible when property, especially near residential, i, recomed for com-mercial. That often sets the tone for the rest of the nearby area.

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to be reasonable. But we have to be aware of what our residents ward." Looking back over 1997, inter-took place locitide: • Completion of a mid-decade or consolet of a mid-decade or consolet of 8000, up 10000 from the 980 census. Unfortunately, the 913 million supplemental spected to accompany the popula-tion increase are in limbo. Gov. James Blanchard vetoed one sup-plemental payments that were ex-plemental payments that no help balance the state budget. • Autorization for construc-tion of more than five miles of sidewarks along major roads. • Approval of plans to expand the club house operation at the club construction of a combined and



ordinance introductions and ap-provals. Other continuing projects in-clude the E-911 emergency tele-phone system, long-term sanilary sever capacity solutions, finan-clai survival of the Farmington Community Center and the planned expansion of the Farm-ington Community Library.

Marks leaves satisfied with a year at the helm

By Joanne Maliezewski staff writer

City hall abould have been closed New Year's Eve, but Ben Marks opened the doors to work his last day as mayor of Parmington Hills. The work wan't bad. Marks por-formed his last wedding, bringing his lotal for the year to 26. That in-cludes the two wedding ceremonies the performed Christimas Eve, when he again had to open a closed city hall.

the periodited Caristians 2-set, which he again had to open a closed city hall. "Tit's been a super year." said Marks, a two-term councilman and former charter commissioner. "The year has probably been the greatest the greatest experience I've had." He feels good about the point, his is the greatest experience I've had." He feels good about the point, his is and a superior of the same and a point robot cuttings, receptions, awards or cenconies and handing out a least 30 "Corelomations." "The representations the city got this work well we do has an interest in this city."

HE FREELY admits he loved shaking hands, meeting people, at-tending functions and representing the city as mayor, "I admit It, I'm an egomaniae. We all are." But Marks added, "One year Is enough. I had a good time, and I feel yevry good about the service I gave the commu-nity."

1987 would be the "year of enhance-ment." It would be a year, he said, when improvements in roads and parks would continue. Did he accomplish what he set out to do? Did residents take up his chai-lenge? Marks offers a qualified "yes."

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Groups urged to join forces

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EAST OF downtown Farming

EAST OF downlown Farming-ton is an issue affecting all resi-dents who use Orchard Lake Road as a north/south corridor. Federal ad has been approved to widen Orchard Lake Road through Farmington and Farm-ington Hills. Design and right of way portions of the project are expected to be completed in 1988. Construction is expected to begin in 1990-91, including improve-ments to the sform water drain-age in both communities, Dead-man said

man said. In Farmington, right of way is being negotiated along the west side of the road, which contains

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mosily businesses and offices. GARBAGE, AND where to put it faces city officials in 1988. A consortium of six Southern Oakland County citles, chaired by Deadman, is meeting twice monthly to discuss the cost of sol-id waste disposal. That cost has doubled in some communities. The group will decide by next spring whether it will join Oak-land County in its energy recov-tery incinerator plan or develop one of its own, Deadman said. "It will be a huge expense." The city pays \$400,000 annually yof garbage disposal. Extimates show the city spending between \$4750,000 and \$1 million in the fu-ture.

In addition to regular meetings, group members meet with offi-cials of solid waste companies and visit successful incinerators. The state Department of Natural Resources is pushing energy re-covery and incineration where burned trash is converted to ener-gy and sold, Deadman said.

"It seems like energy conserva-tion is like apple pie and mother-hood, but unless you have a good source to use the energy, it may not make sense." Also facing the city in 1988: • The Nine Mile/Farmington Road/M-102 intersection, which officials from Farmington and Farmington Hills are reviewing for changes. More accidents and traffic congestion are prompting a review of the area. • New building along Farm-ington Road just south of down-town near the Wynset Condomini-town near the Wynset Condomini-town the Unities Federal Credit Union will build a headquarters and a condominium complex is planned. Retail space is also scheduled to be built at the corner of Alta Loma and Farmington Road, next to the AdP store. • Completion of the updaing of the city code. In addition, city completed a comprehensive re-view of the city's zoning ordi-nances. Drafts of changes to both documents are expected to be re-viewed in 1988, Deadman said.

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about the service I gave the commu-nity." Tonight Marks passes the gavel to the new mayor, veteran council-woman Jody Soronen. Recently re-elected councilman Terry Sever will serve as mayor pro tempore. When Marks took the mayor's teat last January, be challenged residents to get involved and express their opinions. "It's your money. It's your neighborhoods. It's your tife. En-hance it."

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