

Springtime banners mark project's start

The colors vanilla and blue will welcome spring and the start of a major renovation project for downtown Farmington.

Springtime banners along Grand River and Farmington Road will sport an image of the pedestrian lighting to be installed as part of the Downtown Development Authority's \$1.4 million public improvement project.

Half of the 22 banners will let the public know "we're making concrete changes," while the other half, in reverse colors, will simply say, "Downtown Farmington," as pictured.

DDA executive director Wendy Strip Sittsamer said these banners will be used occasionally through-

out all the phases of the downtown project, which is expected to take several years.

They will replace the red and white snowflake banners that have graced downtown streets this winter.

DDA member Larry Lenchner suggested the new banner artwork also be used on DDA letterhead and other informational items to tie the theme together. "It's a visual thing," he added.

The springtime banners will cost the DDA \$1,674, plus some additional charge for graphics work by the group's vendor, Kalamazoo Banner Works. They are expected to be installed shortly before work begins this spring.



Streetscape work to begin in spring

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ly to award the bid at a special meeting Friday.

They followed the recommendation of city planner Chris Wazany, who had checked references on the various companies and approved of the low bidder. He "found that they do a broad variety of work... mainly in concrete," said DDA executive director Wendy Strip Sittsamer.

THE HILLS contractor also worked on two phases of a streetscape project in the city of Royal Oak. "I saw what they did in Royal Oak — they did a nice, first-class job," said DDA board member Larry Lenchner.

The recent round of bidding was

the second for the project. The DDA received only one bid for \$39,000 last July from a Livonia company and voted to postpone the project until it could be re-bid.

The downtown project will be done in several phases, with the first reportedly the most costly. A DDA subcommittee has been appointed to review and revise what will be included the phases. Much will depend how it coordinates with private development and other factors.

A major part of the first-phase improvement involves replacement of sidewalks. Pedestrian lighting and additional trees will also be installed, according to plans. Paving and renovation work will also be done on the north side of Grand River on several streets

and a parking lot; bids for this work are expected to be considered tonight by the Farmington City Council and will cost about \$200,000, city manager Robert Deadman said.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from the agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
City Council Chambers
21555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15

- Public hearings:**
- Consider vacating part of the Irvine Street right of way lying east of the west line of Westfield Street to the west line of Orchard Lake Road.
 - Consider a determination hearing for Edythe Drive road improvement from Drake to 13 Mile and a notice of intent to issue bonds.
- Consent agenda:**
- Consider a dust control program for 1988 establishing the district and setting March 14 for determination and costs.
 - Consider establishing a public

hearing date for March 21 to vacate part of Cluett Drive right of way in Section 2.

- Consider establishing a public hearing date for March 21 to vacate a public alley abutting Lots 55-61 to the south and 54 to the north of Wadell-Wilcox Tract, Co. Kernberton Park Subdivision in Section 26.
- Consider establishing a public hearing date to vacate a water main easement within Lot 3 of Farmington Hills 110 Park North Subdivision.
- Recommend approval of resolution authorizing payment for Ardmore Street Sanitary Sewer in Section 3.
- Consider expanding and altering Fire Station 3 at a cost of \$39,000 by Mett Associates Inc.
- Consider holding executive session to discuss pending litigation and property acquisition.
- Recommend approval of San

Marino Golf Course green fee rate increase.

Farmington City Council
City Council Chambers
23500 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 15

Bids for the \$200,000 plus paving project slated for the area north of Grand River downtown will be discussed.

- Also on the agenda:**
- purchase of park restroom fixtures.
 - notification of transfer of an SDM liquor license.
 - report from library director Bev Papp for council consideration of an M-LINK project.
 - consideration of a sign variance request.
 - appointments to the DDA and Construction Board of Appeals boards.

Mercy High School holds Fine Arts Day

By Gina Hager
special writer

"The fine arts must be nurtured," voiced Larry Teevens, head of the music department at Mercy High School.

This argument, on the tailwind of a common lack of interest in the fine arts in the 1980s, is finally being heard.

Members of the Mercy community, as a result, present a special day of visual, dramatic and musical arts on Fine Arts Day, being held all day today at the Farmington Hills private high school. It is open to the public.

Presentations will include award-winning paintings and sculptures created by student artists. Many art classes, in addition, will draw or paint from models in the cafeteria. Examples of poetry and prose written by Mercy students will be on display.

For the musically inclined, classi-

cal ballet, modern dance, tap and folk dancing will be performed. The Senior Glee will sing the well-known Ave Maria and a vocal jazz number will be presented by the Mercyaires. Finally, Mercy's orchestra will perform a selected composition.

A strong supporter of this first day of its kind at Mercy, Teevens commented that Fine Arts Day is "attempting to present students who have committed themselves to the discipline of developing their talents into the fine arts."

These events will occur during the school day so students will have a better opportunity to become culturally aware of the arts, according to organizers.

Gina Hager is on the staff of the *Newspoint*, Mercy High School's student newspaper.

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Kindergarten signup set

Farmington Public Schools will hold kindergarten registration March 7-11 at all elementary schools and early childhood centers.

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Articles discussing arthritis treatment usually make mention of "anti-inflammatory" drugs. What does this designation mean?

The term anti-inflammatory refers to thirty or more medications that include aspirin, motrin, advil, naproxen, nelfon, meclizone, orudis, rofen etc.

While these drugs are different in their chemical composition, all of them share the ability to check the body's production of the chemical prostaglandin. This chemical, when produced by the stomach, protects its lining from injury by stomach acid. The same prostaglandin, when made in the joints, sets off events leading to the accumulation of white blood cells and fluid within the joint. Thus, drugs which stop prostaglandin act as ulcer producing substances in the stomach and anti-inflammatory agents in the joints.

To date, no anti-inflammatory drug has established itself as the preferred medication for any group of patients or any particular arthritis. The choice of which anti-inflammatory drug to use depends on the patient's health and the physician's experience with that therapy.

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