

recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, please contact the recreation office at 474-8115. For details about city council agenda items, please call the city newsletter at 476-3835.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Registration is being accepted for new teams interested in participating in a men's, women's or co-ed slow pitch softball league. Teams play a 14 game schedule, co-ed 10 games. A double elimination play-off tournament will be held for qualifying teams at season's conclusion. Team registration fee is \$360 for open leagues, \$320 for industrial and residential leagues and \$255 for co-ed leagues. Registrations are taken on a first come, first served basis.

NATURE STUDY

Can wild flowers be identified, even at this time of year? Yes, but it takes careful observation and you'll learn the reasons why flowers can only grow in certain areas. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation

Division office for this class that will be held at Heritage Park from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 19.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST

Parkey will lead you in search of the leprechauns and their hidden treasures 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 12, at Heritage Park. A special St. Patrick's breakfast will be served to parent and child to start the festivities. Pre-registration is required by March 4. Don't forget to wear green.

SWIM LESSONS

Swimming instructions for beginner to advanced skill levels will be offered at North Farmington High School. The six week program will be held on Saturday mornings beginning April 16. Children who are not 36 inches at their chin height may participate in the Moms, Pops and Tots program. Pre-registration is required.

YOUTH BAND AND ORCHESTRA

Children in grades six-eight are offered the opportunity to play in a concert band or orchestra while acquainting themselves with contemporary musical literature. Lessons will be Thursdays 4-5 p.m. at Dunekle Middle School beginning April 14 through June 2. Fee is \$16 with registration at the recreation office. Participants must furnish their own instruments.

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BALLROOM DANCING

Senior adults can learn ballroom dancing every Friday at 11 a.m. at the Senior Adult Center, 28600 11 Mile. Instructor Christine Milchak's experience ranges from professional dancing to choreography. There will be a 50-cent fee per lesson.

MEN'S SENIOR ADULT GOLF LEAGUE

Registration will be accepted for 96 golfers wishing to enjoy participation in a gold league on Friday mornings at San Marino. League play will begin approximately the first Friday of May. Registration deadline is April 4 at the Senior Adult Center, 28600 11 Mile. There is a \$2 registration fee.

Nurse admits diverting drugs for personal use

A 28-year-old Farmington Hills woman has lost her license to practice nursing in Michigan for at least one year after she acknowledged that she diverted drugs from a Royal Oak hospital for personal use.

Perri A. Jonsson, a registered nurse, agreed to suspension of her license in a Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation Board of Nursing consent order and stipulation that she and assistant Attorney General Gay Hardy signed in January.

The suspension will run through at least March 1, 1989, according to the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation Bureau of Health Services.

If she seeks reinstatement of her license, Jonsson must show "clear and convincing evidence" that she "is of good moral character," is able "to practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety" and that "it is in the public interest" for her to resume practice, according to the consent order.

The disciplinary action stems from Jonsson's admission that she diverted demerol and numorphin, both controlled substances, from William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak for personal use from December 1986 or January 1987 through March 1987, according to a Board of Nursing administrative complaint filed Nov. 5, 1987.

DDA reviews accomplishments

Hiring an executive director, surveying shoppers, starting a decorative banner program and planning for the start of \$1.4 million in public improvements kept Farmington's Downtown Development Authority busy during the past year.

An annual report detailing DDA accomplishments was presented during the DDA's March 1 meeting.

That also was the group's annual meeting, when officers for the new year were elected. Officers for the past year were re-elected, including Harry Wingerter, president; Greg Hohler, vice president; and Robert Deadman, secretary.

Management of the first phase of streetscape improvements will keep

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the DDA busy in the coming year, the report said. This year's fiscal budget was adjusted by \$583,000 to accommodate this most-expensive phase, which will most likely be completed before the new fiscal year begins in July.

Deadman said he was "very hopeful" the streetscape work would be done before the annual Founders

Festival, which brings thousands to the downtown area in mid-July.

DURING THE past year, the DDA also:

- helped launch a Business Watch program,
- helped with annual holiday decorating efforts and got involved with the merchant-sponsored Christmas Walk.

- assumed a financial interest in a piece of downtown property, leasing a cinder block addition on the north side of Grand River that has been demolished to bring additional parking to the central business district.

military news

Tapping the military news pipeline:

CAPS TRAINING

Pvt. Terri Harriman of Farmington completed basic training at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

She was instructed in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Harriman is a 1986 Farmington High School graduate.

Developers seek grants for 3 projects

Developers of three downtown Farmington projects have applied for loan subsidies through the Oakland County Commercial Assistance Plan program.

The three projects were recommended by a review committee, with one project conditional on the group seeing actual plans. The projects are:

- Architect Howard Nudell of Farmington Hills will renovate a warehouse site at 33000 Thomas Street to use as his offices.

- Craig Grace, local insurance agent, proposes exterior renovations to the G.C. Grace Agency building at 33304 Grand River.

- Mohinder Chaitra will restore brick and the facade for his building at 33405 Grand River at the southwest corner of Farmington and Grand River.

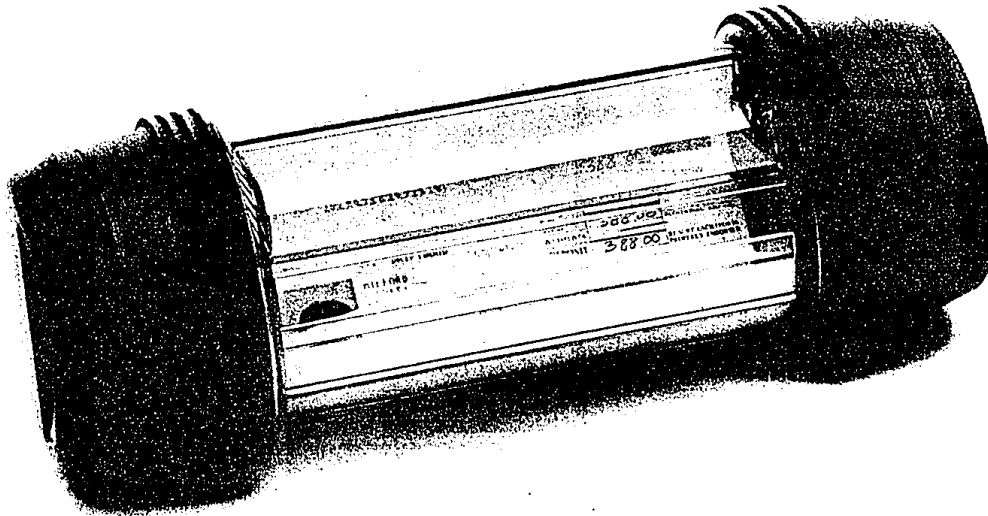
Signal work OK'd

Farmington Hills City Council has approved a traffic signal installation and modernization project that will cost \$39,000. Harlan Electric Co. was low bidder to install signals at the intersections of 13 Mile and Drake and 13 Mile and Halsted and to add left-turn phasing to the signal at 12 Mile and Farmington Road.

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