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PLANNING to vote in the Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary?

Make sure you're registered. Tuesday, July 5, is the last day to do just that. The Farmington Hills city clerk will have extended office hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. that day only. Farmington City Hall will be open as usual from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You also can register at any Secretary of State office.

ON the road.

The Farmington Hills City Council talked road work last week. It set a 45 mph speed limit on Haggerty, between 12 and 14 Mile. It established a "no parking" zone on 14 Mile, between Inkster North and Inkster South.

It also approved a contract with the Oakland County Road Commission to widen the Middlebelt-11 Mile intersection.

PACT ratified.

An agreement between the Farmington School District and its 300 secretaries and paraprofessionals was ratified by the school board June 21, after more than one year of negotiations.

The board met in closed session before the public meeting to discuss the contract's details.

GAINING a grant.

Marian Oakland West in Farmington Hills received a \$1,285 state grant for raised-bed gardens.

The State Commission on Aging awarded the grant through to the senior citizen complex.

HELPING hand.

The annual Grace & Wilda/AT&T Alzheimer's Golf Classic June 16 at Pinewood Golf Course in Commerce Township raised \$25,000.

Proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association's Detroit chapter.

Grace & Wilda is based in Farmington Hills.

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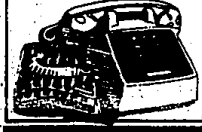
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Hills census funds clear big hurdle

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Farmington Hills is a step closer to receiving its first anticipated payment of more than \$500,000 in additional state aid for increased population. But the final determination rests in the hands of state senators and Gov. James Blanchard.

A state House bill allocates an additional \$3.6 million to 38 communities that qualify for supplemental state shared revenue payments because of more than 15 percent population growth, said state Rep. Wilbur "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington.

He acknowledged that movement on the longstanding census money issue is in part the

result of a meeting about two months ago with state Rep. D.J. Jacobetti, D-Negaunee, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

"It's part of that whole scenario. We're not quite through with it. But all the posturing and games have been played," he said.

The money that would be appropriated under the legislation apparently would come from the current '87-'88 state budget. Another portion of the total future payments that the high growth communities anticipated through the end of the decade are "supposedly" in the proposed 1988-'89 state budget, Brotherton said.

FARMINGTON HILLS city manager William Costick said he is encouraged by the pas-

sage of HB 5000. "We're encouraged. The time is right to act on this," said Costick, co-chairman of the Census Counts Committee. "We're very pleased it came out of the (state) House Appropriations Committee."

Census Counts represents the 38 communities eligible for supplemental state aid payments.

City officials are expecting \$1.3 million in additional state aid in the last three years of the decade for a documented 17.2 percent population growth. The city undertook the census last year.

City officials have been counting on the additional payments to help finance the move of a fire station in the southwest corner of the city, a new fifth centrally located fire station

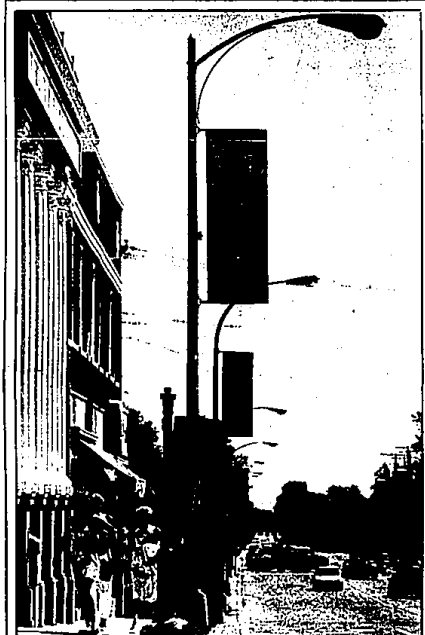
near city hall and the purchase of new fire equipment, Costick said.

Brotherton expects little resistance to the measure in the state Senate and believes the governor, who has vetoed similar measures in the past year, will agree to the money's release.

"He (Blanchard) has vetoed it before. However, three things have happened since," Brotherton said.

The size of the supplemental payments have been reduced from an original \$5 million to \$3.6 million. Secondly, the state has received more revenue than expected. And finally, the additional payments will be allocated from the

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Metropolitan of Oakland County paid for the new green banners promoting the Founders Festival along Grand River and Farmington Road in downtown Farmington. The view above looks south on Farmington Road from Grand River.

A family affair Founders Fest has fun for everyone

This is an unscientific test of your "fun quotient." From the list below, circle the activities you enjoy watching or participating in.

Musical entertainment, children's games, softball and tennis tournaments, games of chance, ethnic and American foods, parades, dancing, magic acts, antique cars, visiting historic homes, arts and crafts displays, sidewalk sales, baking contests, radio-controlled model airplanes, meeting new people, sharing good times with family and friends.

If you circled one or more, you have a definite capacity for having a good time. And the more you circled, the higher your fun quotient for the 24th annual Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival. All the above activities, and more, are part of this year's mid-summer event, July 10-16.

Theme for 1988, "Kaleidoscope of the World," is a tribute to the ethnic and cultural diversity of the community. Sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, the festival offers something for fun lovers of all ages.

New this year is a big, outdoor jazz festival featuring some of the top groups around. Scheduled to appear are Don Varella's Detroit Music Company, Chet Bogan's Wolverine Jazz Band, the Flight One Band of the U.S. Air Force and the J.C. Heard Band.

The first event (there is a \$2 parking fee) will take place 5-11 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College. WJZZ-FM will tape the show for future broadcast. OOC is at Orchard Lake Road and

I-696, Farmington Hills.

"The quality and reputation of the artists who will be performing makes this a major jazz event that will have appeal well beyond the local area," said event director Eric Johnston. "The musical repertoire of the various groups represents a broad spectrum of jazz, from traditional favorites to current popular music."

WHILE THE jazz festival will cap off the Founders Festival, the five days of summer activities get under way with Kids Day in the Park from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, in Farmington's Shiloh-Wassee Park, Shiloh-Wassee at Power . . . Games, rides and family fun will be the order of the day. A pet show is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the park.

Special events will be held throughout the Farmington/Farmington Hills community. As has

been the custom, the center of the events will be downtown Farmington, in the Downtown Farmington Center just east of Farmington Road on the south side of Grand River. Among the attractions will be arts and crafts sales, games, ethnic and American foods as well as entertainment at the Showmobile, an elevated stage on wheels.

Showmobile entertainment will be ongoing throughout the afternoon and evening Thursday through Saturday, July 14-16. Featured musical groups are the Detroit Music Company, with its big band sound, and Flight One, the widely traveled Air Force Jazz band. Also performing will be the Franklin Village Band and the Farmington Community Chorus, in addition to dance and gymnastic groups.

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Marchers with ethnic garb sought for parade

Organizers of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Founders Festival parade are seeking marchers in ethnic garb, as well as flags of other nations, for the Saturday, July 16, parade.

Floors exhibiting this year's festival theme, "Kaleidoscope of the World," also are being sought.

The theme, which emphasizes the ethnic and cultural diversity of Farmington and Farmington Hills, was suggested by the Cultural

Awareness Committee, a newly formed organization.

"We've already located several flags of other countries," said John Dudley, a cultural committee member. "But we need many more to show parade watchers the wonderful diversity of ethnic backgrounds in Farmington and Farmington Hills."

"Many people are surprised to learn there are 63 languages spoken here."

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House hopeful cites experience

House candidate biographies, 3A

This is the sixth and last in a series profiling candidates for the 69th state House district seat. Their positions on specific campaign issues will be detailed in upcoming articles.

By Casey Hane
staff writer

John Dolan's involvement in Dem-

ocratic politics escalated as he cast his presidential vote in a foxhole in France during World War II — not knowing if he would ever come home.

But the "lifelong Democrat" did survive, and lived to tell of his childhood in a strongly Democratic family in a Democratic neighborhood in Detroit. "I am not a Johnny-come-lately as far as my . . . interest in politics," he added.

The 65-year-old retired manager and father of five is a resident of



Bingham Farms. He is currently a Democratic precinct delegate and member of the Birmingham Democratic Club.

Dolan faces Farmington Demo-

crat Ken Murray in the Tuesday, Aug. 2 primary election; the winner will face a Republican contender in the Nov. 8 general election.

Dolan is running for office, he said, because of encouragement he received from other area Democrats.

"I can put full time in on the job," he explained. "I'm not running for office to enhance a business career . . . a political career or a legal career."

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John Dolan
'lifelong Democrat'

On right key Chorus director will miss the fun

By Louise Okrutsky
staff writer

Jim Whitten is leaving the Farmington area on a happy note. The legacy of the director and co-founder of the Farmington Community Chorus is bound to be his attitude toward the music he obviously loves so much.

"It's great fun. The key to it, the thing I stress, is that you've got to have fun," he said.

And while that attitude may have cost him a few members favoring a business-like vocal group, it also gets credit for keeping 13 of the chorus' 91 charter members.

His eight years at the helm of the Farmington Community Chorus

people

proved to be satisfying enough to prompt him to think twice before accepting a transfer to Findlay, Ohio. In conjunction with the move, he'll be promoted from sales coordinator for Plastomer Corp., Livonia, to the firm's senior account manager in Findlay.

Although Whitten, 37, will leave Farmington Hills and its chorus behind him at the end of the summer, the move allows him to return to singing without conducting. "It's

what I really love doing, and in Findlay I'm going to be able to do it," he said.

WHITTEN AND his wife of 14 years, Teresa, hope to sing together in a church choir after they move. Whitten has been choir director at the Trinity Episcopal Church, Farmington Hills, for five years.

There, his emphasis on having fun stops and his insistence that the music hold special meaning for his singers takes on a new fervor.

"A choir's a ministry, not a glue club. I take great effort so the music is meaningful in relation to the Scriptures being read."



Conductor Jim Whitten sits at the piano in his Farmington Hills home.