# Space being sought for senior activities

By Joanne Melizzewski staff writer

INDING ADDITIONAL space for sentor adult activities is what a new, joint Farmington-Parmington Hills committee will busy itself with for the next few months. "More and more, there seems to be a feeling, a concern among sentor adults that they don't have places to have their programs," Farmington Hills city manager William Costlek sald. In the long term, the committee will study "the needs and alternatives available for providing adequate facilities for senior citizen programs," Costlek sald. The senior of the programs of the senior citizen programs, Costlek sald. The senior citizen programs and summing pool at Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebell, for activities. The gym and pool are available eight hours a week. But the need for space has grown as the programs have expanded. The division's stroke support group, for example, uses the Farmington Hills City Council chambers for its meetings, Costlek sald. "There are always conflicts with timing," he sald, adding the committee will study possible use of other facilities as well as whether a new building should be constructed. The contract of the foreclosing better utilization aren't foreclosing better contents. Convey agrees, "We work correct a Convey agrees," We work

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The Farmlogton Hills City CounCill Monday approved a new \$41,792.
Lease for continued use of space at
the Mercy Center to June 30, 1889.
"What we're looking at is that

some of the people are upset that we have classes in different rooms (in Mercy Center). It's unsettling to them," Conway said.

Currently the double is sponsored in cooperation with Mercy Services for Aging. The program is scheduled in a particular room rented for SENEEN that the senior adult division has also been able to use for other programs. "There is the possibility of arranging something more like that," Conway said.

The 14-year senior adult division offers more than 20 programs and has about 150-200 participants daily. "Sometimes, it's almost like all the programs are fighting for our

has about 150-200 participants dai-ly, "Sometime, it's almost like all the programs are fighting for our attention (in space needs," Conway said.

The seven-member committee's first order of business is to draft a mission statement that will be required to pass muster before the Farmington and Farmington Hills city councils.

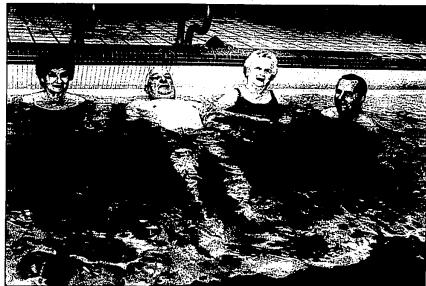
CREATION OF the committee also has Farmington city manager Robert Deadman's support.
"I believe it is timely that the facility needs of our senior citizens, and perhaps the general community, should be studied by a committee appointed by the two city councils," Deadman said in a report to the council in June.

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The new committee is expected to meet with the Farmington-farmington Hills Commission on Aging in August. At that time, it's expected to be determined whether some members or the entire commission should serve- on the new committee, Costick said.

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Seniors Helen Evans (left) of Farmington Hills, Bill Micus of Westland, Ellen Jaseck of Redford Township and Julius Pallunas of Novi relax in the senior center pool.



Shirley Singer of Southfield stretches during an exercise class in the senior center.

Leonard Satz (left) of Farmington Hills, Bill Grant of Farming Leonard Satz (err) of ramingston mile, and train of raming-tion Hills, Mariea Gernacy of West Bloomfield, frail elderly coor-dinator Patti Mato, Chick Ward of Farmington Hills, Frances Finnegan of Farmington Hills and Laura Shea of West Bloom-field sing songs to Leonard's accompaniment.

#### Former governor Swainson to speak on blessings of liberty

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e Today, 18:36 am to 4:36 pm., Farmington Community Library, 25737-13 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call Richard Nagier, 843-5383. o Smiday, 2:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Narelin Park United Methodist Caurch, 29:27-11 Mills, Parmington Bills, Gall Cury Lupinacci, 471-4383.

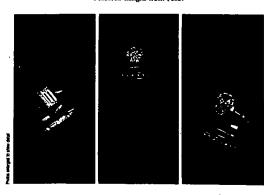
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are urged to scheduled on-site blood drives, Batcher mid. Call the Red Cross at 494-2790 to scheduled a blood drive.

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