Bond backers push for votes

Citizens working to support a

7.3 million school bond issue election Tuesday, Jan. 31, say they are
receiving support from those they
supporach.

The money would be used to
build a new elementary school on
the district's west side.

"The more people we talk to, the
more we are impressed with the intelligence and concern of the votrest of Farmington," said fina Jensen, chairwoman of Friends of
Farmington Schools, a political action committee organized in support of the bond issue.

The group has been actively polling, fund raising and campalgning
from the people has been incredihip positive." Jensen said. "One
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Views split on Spicer project

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"We didn't know that was an available source of funds. The first thing we've got to do is understand the grant," paris and recreation chalrman Dennis Fitzgerald said.

Contrary to speculation, Dan Potter, Farmington Hills Department of Special Services director, said Wednesday be doesn't believe the grant prohibits starting the project before applying and receiving notification of the grant's sawrd. "I think we just can't be reimbursed for anything we've started."

But he told council members and commissioners that a grant for park development includes money for the Spiech nouse. The equity grant, he said, won't allow another grant to flinks a project.

While the parks and recreation commission studies the grant's requirements within the next month, city staff will continue to prepare plans and specifications for bids, Potter said. Construction is not expected to begin within the month.

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- Paul Blizman historic panel chairman

"This would stablize as well as re-store it," Potter said.
Work will be done on the house's asbestos problem, on the exterior, on the electrical and mechanical sys-tems. Some renovation will be done on the interior to make room for a large meeting area.

FITZGERALD TOLD the council his concern stems from spending park millage money on the Spicer house when there might be a good chance the city could get grant money. He said a delay shouldn't be risky because "I don't think we're at any

point where the house will fall apari. The commission has always been supportive of the house. We are frustrated by the cost, the abestics, Flingerald said.

Familiagon the same used to renovate the Warner Museum in downlown Farmington. The amount received for the project was less than request. For said.

The Farmington Hills Historic District Commission Wednesday passed a motion urging city officials

to proceed with planned restoration with the council-approved budget. The motion also urges city officials to apply for grants "for whatever purposes are appropriate for those grants," chairman Paul Blizman

grans, cnairman rau Biliman said. "My own feeling is that the coun-cil voted and approved to proceed. Let's move ahead," Biliman said. "It we get a grant for the house, then we can reallocate the money, But I don't want to delay it. Then, we'll continu-ally find other places to spend mon-ey."

Sever, however, is concerned about spending money on the Spicer house when there's a growing need for more land for parts and youth sports facilities. He prefers securing the grant for the Spicer house and using the money allocated for it for indicating the money allocated for it for indicating the money allocated price in the spicer other state grants to purchase property.

property.
"There's a limited amount of land available. We'll fix up the house and then there won't be any land left," Sever said.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from gendas of government meetings its week. All meetings are open the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
Farmington Hills City Hall
City Council Chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23

One public hearing is scheduled or a determination of Rollcrest sanitary sewer improvements and no-tice of intent to issue bonds.

A proposed ordinance regulating the removal of trees is expected to be enacted.

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A report will be presented on the terms of boards and commission members. Discussion also is expected on non-conforming lots resulting from rezoning.

Farmington Board of Education Schulman Administrative Center 32500 Shiawassee Tuesday, Jan. 24

The board will meet in closed ses-

sion to discuss contract negotiations.

During the board's regular session, trustees will hear a report on a study of the Social Studies curriculum, and are occast studies curriculum, and a proposal to increase graduation re-quirements in this area. Regular items of business will also be consid-ered.

Downtown Development Authority Farmington City Council Chambers 23600 Liberty, Farmington 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27

This special meeting has been called to allow DDA board of directors to review and approve construction documents for the second phase of the downtown rejuvenation

Committee to Increase Voter Participation Farmington Hills City Hall meeting room 31555 11 Mile 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26

Members will review the 1988 election turnout, a proposed political sign ordinance, a voters survey and a future project.

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Shouldn't be a competitor — Fox

Farmington Hills city council-woman Jean Fox doesn't want the Spicer estate house in Heritage Park in competition with the neighboring community center. But if city officials apply for the Michigan Gutstate Equity Grant to help finance restoration at the 83-year-old, historically designated house, they are required to use the money for regional services in one or more cattegories, such as a cultur-al center.

"I feel the community center is our cultural center. I don't know

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whether we want to promote a regional cultural center right next door. For said, "I feel we need to be good to good to be good to g

VAGNOZZI CALLED the grant re-

Councilman Philip Arnold remind-ed the city council and parks and recreation commissioners Tuesday that the 211-arc Heritage Park was bought with the help of a state grant. "You've already decided that Issue (regionalism)."

quirement about regional use "some-thing they require to justify a state grant."

The grant's next deadline is Nov.

1. That means that receiving notice of an award is at least a year away.

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and that's another item that con-cerns Fox.

The historic district ordinance re-quires that any site within the city's historic district is maintained and preserved. "You can't have demoli-tion by neglect, it's the obligation to preserve," Fox said.



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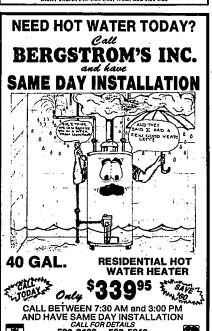
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