



Landscaper Chris Bordinat (left) and developer Norb Boes stand in front of the Blue Spruce overgreens saved during development of Country Club Corporate Park, 12 Mile and Haggerty, Farmington Hills.

## Saving trees is no accident

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a bulldozer complete with large steel plate, used to actually move the trees. "When you hand dig, you're better able to take great care," Bordinat said.

The corporate park's boulevard entrance will be lined on the south side with the spruces moved by Boes. Another developer in the park has agreed to match the four blue spruces to make a grand entrance, Boes said.

The tree-saving efforts comply with requirements of the new Farmington Hills tree ordinance, which prohibits removal or destruction of certain trees in the city without a permit from the department of planning and community development. The ordinance requires replacement of removed trees.

With or without the ordinance, Boes said, his company would have tried to save as many trees as possible. "Developers are taking an in-

itiative on their own. And the cities are taking their own initiative. The whole community is becoming more conscious," Boes said.

Bordinat agreed. "It's an important thing. Especially being in this business, we've long been concerned with saving trees." And that's exactly the kind of attitude city officials want to hear. "The ordinance doesn't say we will try to save every tree in the city. It does state, however, a constant review of the removal and installation of trees," said Dale Countegian, planning and community development director.

SINCE THE ordinance went into effect Feb. 13, city staff have received an average 10 requests for tree removal permits weekly, Countegian confirmed that the NAllen company applied for their permits, as required.

The ordinance requires that if a 20-inch (diameter) tree is removed, 25 percent must be replaced. That

means the property owner must replace the removed tree with at least one 5-inch tree or two 2 1/2-inch trees, Countegian said.

"As long as we can make an effort, we will save a lot of trees as time goes on," Bordinat said.

Boes said he and other developers are learning that beautiful landscaping — especially with the area's natural trees — goes a long way in making a project profitable. It's simply easier to lease an office that's beautifully landscaped, Boes said.

## on the agenda

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

**Farmington City Council**  
Meeting Room A  
23600 Liberty  
6 p.m., Monday, June 19

A special meeting of the city council has been called to review outside storage provisions for the city's Industrial Zoning District and to interview applicants for city boards and commissions.

**Farmington Hills City Council**  
Council Chambers  
31555 11 Mile  
7:30 p.m., Monday, June 19

The following public hearings are scheduled:

- Request from Farmington Elks Lodge #198, 24458 Orchard Lake Road, for a special event license for the annual Farmington Founders Festival Ox Roast, 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., July 13-15.

- Rezoning from RA-1, one-family residential, to IRO, industrial research office. Proprietor and owner: Robert Goldman.

- Revised planned residential development plan for River Pines in a

RP-2, planned residential district, south side of Nine Mile, west of Gill Road. Proprietor: George Erdstein of Siegal/Tuomala Associates. Owner: Italo-American Condominium Corp.

- Introduction of zoning text amendment for special events. A new section to be added to cover carnivals, mechanical amusement rides, fund-raisers, tents, shows.

The council also will consider adoption of a resolution calling for the Michigan Liquor Control Commission to toughen penalties and sanctions on licensed establishments selling to minors.

Also to be considered is a cluster site plan in RP-1, planned residential district, on the south side of 13 Mile, between Haggerty and Halsted roads. Proprietor: Bernice Gillebrun, Greenpointe II Condominiums. Owner: Copperwood Creek Ltd., Partnership.

The council will consider a resolution opposing Commerce Township's rezoning of a parcel at Haggerty and 14 Mile roads from multiple to business.

**Farmington City Council**  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty  
8 p.m., Monday, June 19

During the regular meeting of the council, three sign variances for March Tire, Farmington Oaks Apartments and Uptown Farmington Business Association will be considered. Also to be considered is an outdoor seating request for Grateful Deli, 34458 Grand River.

The 47th District Court is expected to request additional funding for a third magistrate for the local court.

Also on the agenda: rubbish removal contract with Pinewoods Condominiums, report on Municipal Credit Funds, a Detroit Edison easement for Orchard Street, articles of incorporation for resource, recovery and recycling authority. Contractor payments for concrete repair program and municipal building furniture are also slated for council ac-

tion. The council will also consider appointments to seven boards and commissions.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
Schelman Administrative Center  
32500 Shilwaukee  
Tuesday, June 20  
6 p.m. — special meeting  
7:30 p.m. — regular meeting

During the 6 p.m. special meeting, the board will consider going into executive session at the request of an employee scheduled for a periodic review.

Bid openings and awards are on the agenda, plus board consideration for naming of the new westside elementary school. Also on the agenda is ratification of a contract with the Farmington Transportation Association, a report on the district's Wellness Program pilot, and a report on textbooks for health, English, math and social studies.

Under old business, the board is expected to discuss the retention tank at O.E. Dunkel and under new business the topic of employment contracts is slated for discussion.

After the regular meeting, the board is expected to consider going into executive session to get a negotiations update and to get a written legal opinion on Boys Republic.

**Farmington Planning Commission**  
Council Chambers  
23600 Liberty  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22

A special meeting of the planning commission has been called to discuss plans for a building addition at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road.

**Farmington Board of Education**  
Schelman Administrative Center  
32500 Shilwaukee  
7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 22

A special meeting of the school board will be held to award bids.

## After-school costs studied

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expected the board may adopt some sort of policy beginning with the 1990-91 school year.

The district attempted to initiate a fee schedule last fall, which met some resistance from community groups who had used school facilities for a number of years.

The study committee will consider fees to cover added costs to the district and will also consider prioritizing events of different groups. Likely priority groupings, O'Malley said, might be:

- athletics and student activities,
- civic and city groups providing programs for students and children, and

- all other groups.

The committee will also study the special demographic group such as seniors, to see whether they might need any space. Also to be considered are other community programs, so competition might be avoided.

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