

## recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, call the recreation office, 473-9570. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call Newsline at 476-3393.

**downhill skiing**  
Students in grades 4-12, can enjoy a night of skiing at Mt. Brighton on Friday evenings. Buses leave designated sites at 4:30 p.m. and return approximately at 10 p.m. The first session will be January 5, 12 and 19. Fee is \$45 and includes ticket, lesson and transportation. Ski rental is not included.

**ski trip**  
Join us for a fun-filled day of downhill skiing at Mt. Brighton on Thursday, Dec. 28. The activity is for children in grades 4 through 12 in the Farmington and Clarencville School Districts. Fee is \$15 per person. Buses

will leave from North Farmington High School and East Middle School.

**teen dance**  
The Recreation Division and Farmington Youth Assistance will be sponsoring a holiday dance for children 12 to 16 years of age from 7:10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at East Middle School. Music will be provided by a disc jockey for dancing enjoyment. Refreshments will also be available. Fee is \$1 at the door for teen center members and \$2 for non-members.

**cross-country lessons**  
Individuals 10 and older can learn the proper techniques to glide across the snow as they begin enjoying this lifelong activity. Lessons are held on Saturdays or Sundays at 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 6. Fee is \$7 with your own equipment, \$13 with equipment rental. Pre-registration is required.

**bill koch ski league**  
This activity is for children 7-13 years of age. The league offers lessons, races, club patch, poster and

more. The first session will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 6, 13 and 20 at the Glen Oaks Ski Center. Fee is \$25 with rental and \$16 with your own equipment.

**learn to bowl**  
Children in grades 3-5 can learn the basic fundamentals that will help develop their bowling skills. A four-lesson program on Tuesdays begins Jan. 9 at Bel-Air Lanes 4-5:30 p.m. Shoes are provided. Also a bowling plus program runs on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. which provides instruction and league-type play beginning Jan. 6.

**community chorus**  
The Farmington Hills Community Chorus provides residents 18 years and older an opportunity to sing show tunes, popular arrangements and traditional music. All sheet music is provided. Music reading ability or experience in choral singing is helpful, but not required. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 9, at North Farmington High School at 7:30 p.m. The season ends with a community concert.

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The bill would bar a landlord from evicting a tenant in retaliation for the tenant's joining an association to secure rights or reporting health and safety code violations.

"A GOOD piece of legislation," said Rep. Maxine Berman, D-Southfield, who two years ago had attempted to pass a batch of "tenant's rights" bills. She took no part in this debate.

Wallace's bill failed last June 15 and had languished on the House calendar almost six months.

He got vocal help two weeks ago from one Republican, Rep. David Honigman of West Bloomfield.

"I was the only Republican to support it in the Judiciary Committee," said Honigman. "I've represented landlords. Believe me, it doesn't do anything bad to landlords."

"We've compromised a lot with the landlord community," he said, claiming support from small landlords' groups in the outstate area.

"The Apartment Owners' Association is the only one opposed to it, and the president of that group (Mel Katan) lives in my district."

Honigman said tenants should be protected when protesting that an apartment "is infested with rats or hasn't had hot water in three months."

WALLACE INTRODUCED the bill after the state Court of Appeals found a hole in a 1972 tenants' rights law passed by the Legislature.

The appeals court said the law applied only to month-to-month leases, not to fixed term leases.

Rep. Bill Runco, R-Dearborn, said "the spirit of the bill is good" but made it too difficult for a landlord to evict a tenant for cause. "They (tenants) can drag this lease out. It's not going to be very good for landlords."

Rep. Paul Wartner, R-Portage, a real estate broker who denied being a "slum landlord," said landlords already lose two months rent in evicting a tenant — "that's how slow the courts are. This bill is an unconscionable burden on the landlord."

The bill is supported by the Michigan Rental Housing Association and Michigan Consumers Council.

It is opposed by the Michigan Apartment Owners Association and Michigan Association of Realtors.

## YMCA highlights

These YMCA highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-4020.

**basketball tournament**  
The Farmington YMCA will be hosting its 2nd Annual Peachesbasket Classic 3 on 3 basketball tournament Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 6 and 7. Three divisions will be offered: Coed, 18 and over, and 30 and over. Further information is available from Jean Warren at 553-4020.

**fit screenings**  
The Y will be offering Fit Screenings Saturday, Jan. 6 and 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Fit Screenings include an evaluation of your current level of fitness. Our trained staff will evaluate your blood pressure, blood cholesterol, resting heart rate and percent body fat. Anyone interested in joining a fitness class must have a Fit Screening. Further information is available from Mary Fletcher at 553-4020.

**babysitting instruction**  
Youth (11 and up) may enroll in the YMCA babysitting class. The course is taught by a Red Cross volunteer and is scheduled for Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**first aid/adult CPR**  
The YMCA's First Aid and Adult CPR course will allow participants to receive both their First Aid and Adult CPR Certification upon the successful completion of the class. The program is from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3.

**lose weight now**  
Mark your calendar for Tuesday, Jan. 16. That's the date that "Achieve Now" will be at the Y to offer their weight loss class. Register today for this class and start a new Slim & Trim life. The class will begin at 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 16. Register at the Y.

**VIP TOURS**  
Anyone interested in learning more about the YMCA is encouraged to stop in for a VIP Tour and Free Fitness Consultation. The Y offers a wide variety of programs and comprehensive facility. Contact Greg Voss at the Y at 553-4020 to schedule a Tour and Free Fitness Consultation.

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# Tenants' eviction bill finds few supporters

By Tim Richard staff writer

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING DECEMBER 18, 1989**

Mayer Sever called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members present: Mayor Sever, Mayor Pro-Tem Fox, Bates, Grant, Marks, and Vagnozzi. Others Present: City Manager Costick, Assistant City Manager Call, City Clerk Dornan, Director of Planning and Community Development Countegan, Planning Consultant Coates, and City Attorney Bileau.

The following actions were taken by Council:

**INTRODUCED ZONING REQUEST:**

- No. 14-7-89 located on the west side of Middlebelt Road between Grand River and Belfast Avenues. Part of Lot No. 1 of Brookside Park Subdivision from OS-1, Office Service District to B-3, General Business District.
- No. 18-8-89 located at 31215 West Fourteen Mile Road, south side of Fourteen Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Northwestern Highway, from OS-1, Office Service District and B-3 General Business District to B-2, Community Business District.

**APPROVED:**

- Amendment to Consent Judgment for Sinacola Woods Plat No. 3, Section 23.
- Setting date of special goals and issues City Council Study Session on January 28, 1990 and Joint City Council/Parks and Recreation Commission meeting on January 29, 1990.
- Budget transfer to accommodate publication of "Year 2000" final report.
- Minutes of December 4, 1989, with corrections.

**AWARDED BID FOR:**

- All terrain vehicle for the Department of Special Services to Farmington Cycle World in the amount of \$3,505.
- Vehicles for the Department of Public Services to Red Holman Pontiac/GMC for one (1) pick up truck and one (1) suburban for \$32,441.95.
- Utility Construction and associated improvements for Fire Station No. 1 located at Drake and Nine Mile Roads to Atina Construction and Harry Fox, Inc., in the amount of \$172,150.40.

**COUNCIL:**

- Denied INTRODUCTION of Zoning Request No. 8-6-89 located on the north side of Grand River, west of Drake Road from RC-2, Multiple-Family Residential District and P-1, Vehicular Parking Districts, to B-2, Community Business District.
- Authorized City Manager to enter into property acquisition discussions with MDOT for property along I-694 between Farmington and Drake Roads.

Regular meeting adjourned at 12:55 a.m.

TERRY SEVER, Mayor  
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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