

### on the agenda

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

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

The following public hearings are scheduled:

- Consideration of determination of special assessment district for road improvement of the east half of Oakland subdivision and notice of intent to issue bonds.
- Consideration of determination of special assessment district for water main installation for the east half of Oakland subdivision and notice of intent to issue bonds.
- Consideration of introduction of zoning text amendment for signs to permit administrative approval of entrance structures under specific conditions.
- Consideration of introduction of zoning text amendment to permit basketball backboards and hoops in front yards and minimum side yards.
- Consideration of introduction of zoning text amendment to have the term of approval of zoning board of appeals actions coincide with the length of time for site plan approvals.
- Consideration of introduction of zoning text amendment to update outdated section on agricultural uses in residential districts.
- Consideration of introduction of zoning text amendment to preclude parking of employee vehicles.

in connection with home occupations.

- Consideration of introduction of zoning text amendment to change tethering of horses to confinement.
- Consideration of introduction of zoning text amendment to prevent use of barbed wire in residential areas and clarify the fence provision section as to permitted fence structures.

The council also will consider mayoral appointments to boards and commissions. It also will consider approval of a Michigan Department of Transportation contract and resolution for the construction and cost sharing for the 12 Mile road widening project, from Drake to Farmington roads.

The consent agenda:

- Consideration of a special assessment district for a water main improvement for Alycecky and setting a April 9 public hearing.
- Approval of purchase of administrative vehicles.

Farmington Board of Education  
Board Meeting Room  
Seubman Administrative Center

**32500 Shilawassee**  
Tuesday, March 20

The policy and board operations committee meets at 6:30 p.m. The building and site committee meets at 7:15 p.m.

The regular meeting begins at 8 p.m.:

Items from the president include opening bids for integrated communications system-Hillside Elementary; Farmington High for parking lot lighting; Dunckel Middle School and six elementary; and for gymnasium relighting, Dunckel and Warner middle schools.

The board also will consider a request for a resolution from the Center for Oakland County Open Housing; personnel items; a resolution for the annual June election; media equipment; a production van; asbestos abatement at Farmington High, Dunckel and five elementary; an auditorium seating project at Harrison and North; carpet at Dunckel and Farmington High; electrical work at Dunckel; modular classrooms; and bid awards.

# Oakland Medical Care Facility gets a reprieve

By Pat Murphy  
staff writer

Staff and relatives of patients at the Oakland County Medical Care Facility celebrated — and breathed a sigh of relief — last week after learning the 120-bed facility would not be closed because of irregularities turned up by a federal inspector.

"I don't know what I would have done," said Iona Mahaffy of Keego Harbor. "I don't know where I'd go."

Mahaffy, whose husband is a patient, was one of dozens of people at the medical facility who celebrated last Wednesday after inspectors from the Health Care Finance Administration (part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services) concluded the facility was no longer out of compliance with federal regulations.

That ruling reversed findings from an earlier inspection that uncovered "severe" conditions at the facility and recommended the facility no longer be eligible for Medicare and Medicaid payments.

Certification was scheduled to be withdrawn Feb. 24. But a second inspection — conducted Feb. 21, 22 and 23 — determined that problems were not critical

enough to warrant decertification.

"Inspectors said there were problems," said James Eddy, administrator. "But they were minor and we could remain eligible while they are corrected. We would probably have eventually had to close without that ruling."

Eddy and other officials argued the violations pertained to bookkeeping rather than patient care. They appealed the original ruling.

FOR MAHAFFY and others, the reversal last week was godsend.

"I was numb," said Mahaffy, referring to her reaction at the thought of moving her husband, Clarence. Clarence Mahaffy suffered three debilitating strokes in January 1979. He was hospitalized in Pontiac for several months and then transferred to the county medical facility.

His wife doesn't know when, if ever, he will recover. "He can nod his head," she said, "but not much else. But he's getting good care right where he's at."

Lois Horwell expressed similar views. Her son, Roger Sotherland, has been at the county facility since 1971, after being accidentally shot in the head.

County offers prenatal class

The Oakland County Health Division will offer a series of six expectant parent classes 7-9 p.m. beginning Tuesday, April 24, in the Southfield office at 27725 Greenfield Road.

Classes will be taught by public health nurses. There is no charge for attending the series of classes, but you are asked to preregister since enrollment is limited.

Topics include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and the baby, labor, delivery, infant care and parenting.

The health division suggests enrolling as early in your pregnancy as possible. To register, call 424-7042 by April 19.

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