

Ruth Ploski, 10, of Farmington, sings with her parents and siblings.



The Roble family — Amy (left), 10, Susan, 9, Julie, 12; and parents Donald and Carol — serenade the people of Farminolon's State Street. Caroling with them were Lindsay, 7, and Carrie, 4.

The carolers sing for Marcia Bawol and her two sons, Aaron, 10, and Adam, 13. The Farmington Community Library has sponsored the Christmas caroling since 1976.

Staff photos by Sharon LeMieux



Librarian leads carolers on neighborhood tour

ENT GRAHAM, first-year librarian in Farmington, found out whist holiday tradition is all about at the Farmington Graham, the young adult librarian at the Farmington Branch, led a group of inner than 50 carolers through a nearby neighborhood recently entertaining the residents with songs of the season. It was Graham's first Christmas outing, although the library has sponsored caroling since 1976.

We passed out song sheets and broke up into two groups," said Graham. "We went up and down a couple of blocks of State Street, one group taking a side of the street.

Then we came back to the library for coffee and but chocolate and a showing of "Twas The Night Before Christimas."

The carolers got a great response from the people Graham said "One gentleman brought out a big Santa Claus and waved it for us," he said.

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Farmington Hills authorizes bonds for Botsford Hospital

By Joanne Maliezewski staff writer

Farmington Hills taxpayers won't be obligated But the Farmington Hills Hospital Authority will issue a maximum 485 million bonds for a planned expansion of Botsfard General Hospital.

The city council recently save the reactivated hospital authority the OK to issue the bonds that will provide some of the financing needed to add another 130,000 square feet, including the busy emergency room. The bonds also will refinance other bonds issued in 1935 for other improvements.

The limited obligation bonds will be issued in one ormore series. The bands would not be an obligation of the city of Farmington Hills," said bond attorney Paul Wygoski.

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The \$30 million expansion and renovation of the existing hospital will be financed with a new public fundraising campaign, some of the hospital's own money and the tax-exempt bonds.

Botsford is retooling and expanding to meet increased emergency services and outpattent care.

"The community at large wand benefit extremely well from the improvements," said Patrinington Hills city manager William Costick, hospital authority member.

AN AVERAGE 20,000 visits are made to Botsford's emergency room annually. The expansion will accommodate an average 40,000 visits, according to Per Relhmer, vice president of planning, marketing and corporate development at the 25-year-old Farmington Hills hospital.

Bonds issued in 1985 helped expand and improve the hospital's emergency room at a time when emergency rooms in the region came under fire for closing their

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"It (the emergency room) is still insufficient," said hospital attorney Ray Zweig.
Consider that 60 percent of the hospital's admissions are through the emergency room. "We will have a complete, state-of-the-art emergency room," he said.
New and larger surgical suites are in store as technology and economics play a changing role. Rehmer said.
The days of long hospital stays are over. Today, hospital patients generally are sicker and have shorter hospital patients generally are sicker and have shorter hospital stays. A lot of care, including diagnostic testing, surgery and rehabilitation, for example, is provided through outpatient services. That's why outpatient areas also will be expanded. By 1993, two new buildings will be added to the medical complex and by 1994 areas of the existing hospital will be renovated. No new beds will be added to the 336-bed hospital.

Efficiency is expected as a result of the expansion though some new jobs are expected to result, Reihmer said.

ONE OF THE new buildings - on the east side of the ONE OF THE new buildings — on the east side of the complex between the existing north and south towers and the administration building — will provide more space for emergency services and inpatient surgery on the first floor. The second floor will be devoted to medical records, laboratories and supplies. Parking will be in the basement.

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The other new building, near the professional building on the west side, will house expanded outpatient and recovery services. The third floor of the building will be available as rental units for physicians.

The expansion, including renovations to the existing building, its expected to be fully complete by 1994.

Woman in stable condition after being found in filthy basement

A 58-year-old Farmington Hills woman was in stable condition in Botsford Hospital Thursday after she was found lying on a mattress in the basement of her Colfax Street residence.

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According to reports, she was covered with bed sacre and maggets and relative to the proposal of the sacre and the sacre and maggets and relative to the house on collar Street about 1 pm. and then requested fire department help to centure the woman and take her to Botsford General Respital.

Farmington Hills building officials quickly condemned the house.

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remove the woman, because of the stench coming from inside. The woman reportedly weighed about 400 pounds.

Building inspector Leonard Chap-man said he was called to the house by police who noted "deplorable con-ditions."

"I went upstairs. The odor was so pungent, I couldn't go any further," Chapman said. "I simply condemned it because of the odor — it was un-sanitary."

Chapman said he and a represent-ative of the city's zoning department would do a detailed inspection of the house this week and determine whether it should be demolished or professionally sanitized.

