

An artsy view

Harrison High School freshmen Reragan My-ers (left) and Holly Kish look at some of the art exhibits at the first "Showcase: The Arts" event held at the Farmington Hills school over the weekend. The event offered

the public a look at districtwide tatent in the visual and performing arts. Students and faculty from the art, drama, music and theater departments participated.

Temple Israel celebrates

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The term Reform Judaism is not a noun, it is an active werb. At least that's the way it is at Temple Israel.

"We retain our precepts, but put them into a context of modern-day language," said Temple Israel's executive director Eva Shapiro.

Reformeu Judaism does not see itself as better than the orthodox or conservative forms of Judaism, but "it reserves for itself the right to change," said Rabbi M. Robert Syme. That means to adapt to meet more closely the needs of its congregations.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF sensitivity to the community has been a halmark of Temple Israel, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this month.

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There are outreach groups for families coping with the death of a loved one, cancer patients, families with Alzheimer's sufferers; and to help mentally disabled youths develop social skills.

The temple offers a range of ducational programs that spans the age of lits congregation members. It oper-airs a preschool and kindergarten program as well as a religious school for nearly 400 students. There is also an adult education program. Teachers are drawn from the staff, experts in the community and instructors from the University of Michigan.

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It has a staff of about 100 teachers amply from the rooms. There's more. The temple hosts Alcoholle Anonymous and Al-Anon meetings and sponsors a scries of concerts. It also has a social program for singles. "We deal with the human needs of our congregation and any Jewish person," said program director Nancy Gad-Harf.

Temple Israel's outreach extends beyond the Jewish community. During the Persian Gulf War, in 10 days the congregation organized a donation program that collected enough goods to send 400 packages to the troops.

Hills plans to charge booze license hopefuls

staff writers

Getting a liquor license in Farmington Hills won't be cheap with the advent of hefly application fees. Despite complaints in the past few weeks from resident Torkild Nielsen and a review of other citles' license application fees, 'the Farmington Hills City Council Monday adopted a schedule of fees — the first ever for the city.

"We reviewed that (Nielsen's concerns) and we are still recommending the rates." City Manager William Costick said.

THE NEW fees were prompted by the amount of time and consequently money apont when police and other city departments conduct investigations of luque license applicants. Police spend a minimum of 20 hours on each on-premise (such as a bar or restaurant) investigation per forming background investigations, inspection and fingerprinting, Farmington Hills police Chief William Dwyer said.

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"It is hypocritical that a citizen of Farmington Hills must pay for a dog license or bicycle license, but the persons who derive monetary profit from operating a business with licenses to sell or serve alcohol do not have to pay a licensing fee to the city." Dwyer said.

But the hefty fees concern Howard

Road resident Nielsen.
"I feel with the limited number of new linuor licenses and transfer ap-

TO APPLY for an on-premise liquor license the applicant will pay a
non-refindable \$1,000 fee. That covcers new stream the stream of the concers such and class C, which is
beer, whe and spirits.
A one-time, non-refundable \$500
fee will be charged for off-premise
licenses, which would be given to
stores that sell beer and wine, or
beer, wine and fluor.
The city also will charge \$300 for
adding or deletting a stockholder. A
\$250 permit fee for each permit requested will gas be charged Permit
examples include: Sunday sales
dance, entertalment, putdoor service. living quarters, concourse,
bowling, building site transfer, add
space, drop space and additional bar.
Applicants simultaneously requesting more than one type of permit may only be required to pay one
permit fee at Dwyer's discretion,
who would consider the related nature of the permits and the length of
investigation.

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NO FEE WILL be charged to bona fide non-profit organizations who qualify in accordance with the Michigan Liquor License Commission. An example would be a 24-hour special license for a non-profit organization, "Any fees considered in Farming-

ton Hills should be high enough to help recover the tax dollars spent during the extensive application re-view and investigative process." Dwyer said.

In 1990, Hills police investigated 31 now licenses, 14 transferred il-censes and 10 permits, said Mirt Spencer, deputy chief. This amounts to 426.5 man hours and 53.3 business days. Spencer said.

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Compared to other cities such as Dearborn Heights and Westland, which charge a \$100 on-premise fee, Sterling Heights and West Bloomfield, \$500, Farmington Hills \$1,000 fee is high. But \$1. Clair Shores charges a \$2,500 fee.

CHARGING A set fee will discourage less serious applicants. Dwyer sald, But as in any business problems with leases and leans—that would force a license applicant to withdraw his application—"does not mean it was a non-serious applicant," Nielsen sald.

Farmington Hills already receives about \$20,000 from the state for liquor license permits. But "these monies theoretically are utilized for enforcement purposes," city officials said, The money is put into the city's general fund, Costick said.

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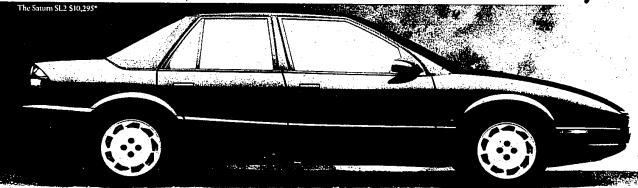
Nielsen also suggested an annual fee from existing licensees to relieve the individual financial burden. But the city council dismissed that idea. Businesses in the city already pay an annual 115 general business license fee. Those who have a liquor license pay an additional 150, city clerk Kathy Dornan said.

FAAC schedules open house

The Farmington Area Advisory
Council will celebrate its 21st anniversary on 2-6 p.m. Thursday, April
18, wilh an open house at the FAAC
facility 23459 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.
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grams for both teens and adults. FAAC offers evaluations; individual, family and group counseling; educa-tion and support groups.

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