

livonia: a healthy 21-year-old



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Mayor of the City of Livonia

The City of Livonia was bred and brought into being by the fact that a Race Track was to be built within its borders. At that time it was believed that all of the operating revenue the City would ever need would be provided by the \$500,000 from the Race Track.

Today that sum is \$600,000 and represents approximately 7 per cent of the operating Budget of the City.

IN THE short 21 years Livonia has been a City her tax base has consistently grown each year. That growth has fortunately occurred in residential, commercial and industrial.

It is estimated that the assessed value of the City of Livonia will be \$487,996,190 in 1972. This

compares with \$17,582,525 for 1950, the year Livonia became a City.

Today thousands of people are employed in many diversified Industries in our City.

We have five major automobile installations.

Livonia is one of the largest food distribution centers in the United States with Hygrade, General Foods, Velvet Brand Peanut Butter, Allied Foods, Krogers all having major complexes within Livonia.

Hundreds of small specialty type industries add to our fortunate position of diversification.

IN ADDITION to this excellent Industrial base, we have a recreation program within our City that is second to none in

the country. In excess of 7,000 children participate and because of volunteer parent participation, the cost to the City is very low.

We have one of the largest and best equipped Police and Fire Departments in Wayne County.

The ingredient that has made this situation possible is people (Councilman

Jerry Raymond calls it creating a City of Man). People who are employed by the City that have a positive spirit to serve and do their job well.

Citizens who give unselfishly of their time and energy to serve on Commissions and Committees, to work on recreation programs, to serve their

civic association, are the reasons we are the dynamic, vibrant community that we are. No amount of money can buy the service these people render.

In one sense I am proud to be a spectator witnessing these volunteer efforts that make Livonia a great City and the world a better place to live.

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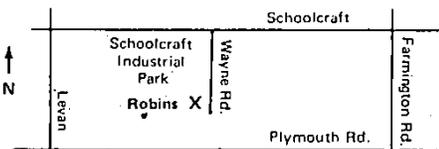
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