

# The Farmington

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Observerland's football teams were fighting it out last weekend for school glory and league titles. Sports Editor George Maskin's crew has pulled together the results—along with details of why some teams won or lost—and tells the story of the rough battle ahead for Livonia Bentley. See the Sports Section. Pages 1-4B

##### 2 'Sleepers' Issues

It hasn't had much attention until now, but Propositions 3 and 4 on the state ballot Nov. 5 call for issuing \$435 million in bonds. Gov. Romney tells why the two issues—one for clean water, the other for recreation and parks—are really "Siamese Twins." Leonard Poger heard the governor and got the story. Page 8B

##### Chicago Remembered

That Democratic National Convention was six weeks ago, but our readers are still arguing about the behavior of the Chicago police—while others are concerned about local roads. See the "Readers Forum." Page 10A

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### up coming

One Observerland city has lengthened winter for ice skaters of all ages and all interests, from figure skating to hockey to just pleasure skating. The Observer Newspapers' camera will take a look inside the new Livonia rink in Sunday's edition.

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THREE CHEERS — Homecoming celebrations at Farmington High School last weekend included a giant pep rally attended by dozens of students. Despite the enthusiasm, FHS lost its homecoming football game to Waterford 34-0.



ROYAL PAIR — Our Lady of Sorrows homecoming king and queen strike a royal stance. The queen is Louise Mathy, the king Don Impellizzeri.

## City Residents Oppose Township Rezoning

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

Nineteen residents of the city turned up for the Farmington Planning Commission meeting Monday night to ask for action that only the township board can take.

This hearing with a switch concerned the proposed rezoning of the northwest corner of Gill and Freedom from residential to office.

The 2.5 acres of land is in the township but faces city property directly across Gill Rd.

WHEN INITIALLY proposed to the Township Planning Commission, that city residents asked the Township Board to deny the rezoning.

Township planners had held no public hearing on the matter, but township trustees have sent the proposal back to the township planners with the directive that a hearing be held.

The township hearing is set for Oct. 24, but the township planners alerted the city planners that the proposal might have some effect on city property.

Proposed for the site is a 2,400 square foot office building for six doctors.

SPEAKING for the proponents, Attorney Albert Herzog noted that the property faces I-96, is of excessive lot size for residential use and yet too small to subdivide.

With his reference to "excessive lot size" he opened a Pandora's box.

Dr. Fred F. Birkam, a city resident at 23080 Gill Rd., said, "My property is as big as that and I'm putting it to good residential use."

In reply to Herzog's reference to other office zoning along Freedom, Birkam said, "The Township refused this request because it is strip zoning. I'd almost be forced to rezone my property to get rid of it."

William Mason, 34500 Freedom, agreed with the doctor and noted, "Once you establish a precedent here and rezoning it will lead to other rezoning."

MOST OF the other objectors who were vocal took exception to having a view of the parking lot from their windows.

Some were concerned about what might be planned for the 11-plus acres lying just north of the acreage under discussion. They felt opening the door to office zoning would lead to apartments going in on the larger site.

At the hearing's end, the city planners voted to recommend to the township planners at their joint meeting Oct. 30 that the request for rezoning be denied.

IN OTHER action, the city planners voted to recommend to the City Council that the developers of Chatham Hills Subdivision be required to put up surety monies to assure park development in Section 2.

Chatham Hills was first located in the township and became a city subdivision when Woodcroft was annexed.

## Township Board Adopts Moratorium Extension Stand

By SUE SHAUGHNESSY

Farmington Township trustees declared themselves formally in favor of extending the moratorium on governmental activities for six months after the release of the governmental studies.

The resolution adopted was exactly the same as that approved by the Farmington City Council.

Township Trustee Earl Oppenheimer added the provision that the intent of the resolution would become effective only when the city and township and the councils of both villages had all taken formal action.

Agreement to the moratorium extension had come at a special closed-door session of the four governing bodies.

THE STUDY conducted by the Michigan State University Institute for Community Development is expected to be released in November. This

has been jointly financed by the four governmental units and the Farmington Jaycees.

In addition to the MSU work, the township board has commissioned Private Consultant Donald Oakes to conduct a separate township-only study of alternatives.

Both studies are to be released at the same time.

The agreed upon moratorium places a ban on any moves toward consolidation, annexation or incorporation by either private citizens or the four governmental units.

IN OTHER ACTION the board: Approved a bonding resolution for three water special assessment districts in Parkhill, Franklin Forest and Coventry. Total of the issue is \$85,000 and the cost will be paid over a 15 year period with six per cent interest due on the unpaid balance.

Voted to support the state bonding resolution to combat water pollution which has been

placed on the November ballot.

Approved the site plan for an apartment development at the corner of 13 Mile Rd. and Middle Belt. The 120-unit project is being constructed under the terms of a consent decree issued by Oakland Circuit Judge Clarke J. Adams in December, 1967.

Gave permission to John Marino of 30390 Eastfield to cut dead trees from the township park at Ravine and Greening provided that he furnish the township with proof of insurance so that the township would not be liable.

Marino told the trustees that he wanted to cut down the dead elms in the park for firewood purposes. The township land, which has never been developed for a park, has several dead elm trees and at one time the township took bids on the cost of removing the trees. It refused to take any action, however, because of the cost of the project.

## Busing Approved For Power Students

By DAVID SARTIN

More than 250 Power Junior High School students will be provided temporary bus transportation under a resolution passed at Monday's regular meeting of the Farmington Board of Education.

Although the board resolved for a study to be made for a busing plan, board members indicated that students using the Colfax walkway would be bused under some feasible plan.

Reports on a busing plan are expected at the Sept. 28 meeting.

CITIZENS attending the meeting suggested a shuttle-bus system between Farmington Road and the Rhinwood entrance to Farmington's fourth junior high school.

The shuttle bus would bypass Colfax and Gill, two township roads normally in poor condition during wet seasons.

Although Monday's board action came after proposals from civic associations east of Farmington Road, all students using Colfax walkways will be bused under any future plan.

Busing will be temporary, pending board declaration of an official walkway to the school. The official walkway is expected for the 1969-70 school year.

In other board action, busing was refused for Bond Elementary students through West Franklin Estates Subdivision.

PARENTS had requested busing after citing reported incidents of accident students in the area. Parents also said students walked almost the 1.5

miles required to qualify for busing.

Leland Clifford, reporting for the School Board Safety committee said:

"The physical condition of the black-top path now provided is no more unsafe than any other walkway."

"If a safety patrol boy were present, at least someone would be there—the more students that walk the path, the more students there would be to make it more safe from persons approaching the children."

Clifford said that few students are now using the existing path. No one from the audience identified himself to speak in favor of the busing proposal.

Farmington Township police are investigating alleged accusations of children in the area.



BUDDING KLEE? — Hans Kinder of 25331 Lyncastle Lane, Farmington, decided to join his wife, Connie (seen in background), when she signed up for an acrylic painting class. He finds his first attempts at art work most enjoyable and has never painted anything before. Farmington schools' adult education department is offering the course for the first time this fall with Mrs. Edith Joppich as the teacher.