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fort begins.

"I think we have to make some adjustments out there," Grant added.

In several recent petitioning efforts, residents who in the majority opposed improvements in Biddestone Woods and Rumble Hills subdivisions, criticized the city's policy.

"It really has destroyed our subdivision, completely," said Ruth Rycraft, president of the Biddestone Woods homeowners association. "Couldn't you work this into your policy where you are not putting a financial burden on people? You are making people pay for something they don't want."

Not all council members were

100 percent sure the policy or all facets of it need changing.

"One of the things that's caused rancor on SADS are the people opposed to improvements who get upset with the persistence with people who want them," said Larry Lichtman. "I felt we have been pretty consistent in how we approached them."

But Grant shot back: "Someone in the majority becomes the minority. The lines have been redrawn. And I don't think that's fair." Added Lichtman: "I don't see what is inherently unfair about being able to petition for a lesser district."

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi said he would like to see the need for two-thirds of all residents in a

district in favor of an improvement. The current policy, which has allowed districts to be drawn to suit a reduced minority, has in some cases pitted neighbor against neighbor.

"Rollcrest, Goldsmith. These are names like battles in the Civil War. And some have lasted as long," Vagnozzi said, adding he supports a time limit between petitioning efforts.

Councilwoman Nancy Bates said she has been uncomfortable with how some of the special assessment districts have been drawn. "I almost choke voting for something with 50.8 percent (majority)."

On the other hand, councilwoman Joanne Smith said that

long ago districts used to be whole subdivisions. But she expressed concern when perhaps 48 percent of the residents want sewers and 52 percent don't. "You don't have a little number and you don't have a big number. You've got almost equal."

City Manager William Costick told the council that city staff, who have informational meetings for people interested in improvements, try to eliminate controversy with facts before trouble starts.

While the policy is expected to be studied further, city attorney John Donohue said he also wants to present his own report. "There are some factors of our present procedures I'd like to caution the council about."

ON THE AGENDA

Below are highlights from the agendas of meetings this week. All meetings are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
31655 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19

It's a city council public hearing night and the council will consider:

- approval of a cluster site plan and open space plan for the south side of 13 Mile west of Halsted for cluster housing in a one-family

residential district.
■ determination of a special assessment district for Biddestone Woods subdivision for water main installation.

Under new business, the council will consider approval of a consent judgment regarding United Homes vs. Farmington Hills.

Farmington City Council
Council chambers
23600 Liberty
8 p.m., Monday, Oct. 19

A presentation of a John A. Allen addition to the city's memorial plaque is first on the council

agenda.

Also Monday, the council will hear a report from the city attorney on City Signal vs. Farmington and hear city manager reports including: authorization for a storage garage at the 47th District Court; 47th District Court parking lot project; property split for the northeast corner of Gill Road and State Street; replacement of sanitary sewer system at Shawassee park; authorization to repair fire training tower; contractor and engineering payments for the city's sewer improvement project; and the state of Michigan extended purchasing program.

Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Center
32500 Shiaswassee
Tuesday, Oct. 20
7:15 p.m. — Safety committee
8 p.m. — Regular meeting

During the safety and operations committee, the board will discuss the district-owned sledding hill.

During the regular meeting, a presentation will be given by Gill Elementary and the following reports given by the superintendent: a presentation on proposals A and C, an auditors report from Plante and Moran; a resolution regarding Career Development Month; a one-way interconnect consortium agreement with Oakland Schools; as resolution on the West Bloomfield Recreation Activities Center; state incentive funding resolutions; and the awarding of bids.

POLICE/FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

THEFTS REPORTED

A purse and its contents valued at \$165 were re-

ported stolen from a resident's closet at the Greenery Care Center, 34225 Grand River Oct. 12.

A bomber jacket valued at \$200 was reported stolen from a locker at Farmington High School, 32000 Shiaswassee, Oct. 14.

OBITUARIES

MARGARET LAVERN WACHNA

Mrs. Wachna, 82, of Farmington died Sept. 27 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born in Turtle Creek, Pa., Mrs. Wachna was a retired bookkeeper. Survivors include her sons, Arthur and Philip; two grandchildren.

A memorial service was in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church with the Rev. Monticello officiating. Interment was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to the church. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

LEON A. HIBBS

Mr. Hibbs, 76, of Farmington Hills died Oct. 11 in St. Joseph Mercy West Hospital, Livonia. Mr. Hibbs was the manager of Farmington Lanes.

Survivors include sons, Kenneth and Kevin; daughters, Kathleen Hurd, Karen Tobel and Karyl Baytas; sisters, Lillian Turner and Grace Evans; brothers, Eldon and Arlie Hibbs; 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were Oct. 14 at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. James Wright of St. Alexander Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

DWIGHT R. BRULAND

Mr. Bruland, 42, of Florida, formerly of West Bloomfield, died Oct. 11.

Born in Highland Park, Mr. Bruland was a heavy machinery mechanic.

Survivors include his mother, Beatrice Engle of Farmington

Hills; daughters, Donna and Crissy; sister, Joyce Staten; brothers, Dennis and Jeffrey.

Services were at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, and Nardin Park United Methodist Church with the Rev. William Ritter officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

DOLORES (DORA) GOLDMAN

Mrs. Goldman, 83, of Farmington died Oct. 13 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Goldman was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Maxwell, former owner of Fashion Shoe Store in downtown Farmington for 25 years; son, David; daughter, Kim; brother, Henry Potocki; three grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 15 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Mark McGilvey of Memorial Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Farmington.

JOHN VYKYDAL

Mr. Vykydal, 71, of Farmington died Oct. 13 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Raga, Mich., Mr. Vykydal was the manager of Western Union.

Survivors include his wife, Mary; daughter, Dianna Jamar; mother, Frances Vykydal; brother, Richard; sister, Sally Dykes; one grandchild.

Mass was celebrated Oct. 16 in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Burial was in St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn.

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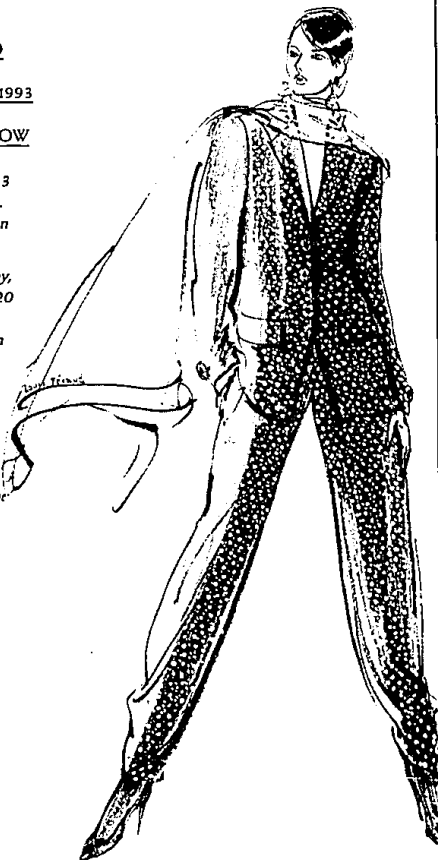


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