

RECREATION NEWS

Each week, the recreation division of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information regarding programs, call the recreation office at 473-9570. For city council agenda items, call the Newsline at 476-3838.

WINTER BREAK DAY CAMPS
Children ages 6-8 may register for the Winter Break Day Camp that will be from Monday, Feb. 14, through Friday, Feb. 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Heritage Park Day Camp Building. Outdoor activities including sledding, skating, and cross-country skiing, as well as other activities are

planned. Pre-registration fee of \$65 per person is required. Maximum of 24 per camp.
HERITAGE PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS
At the Department of Special Services office, Farmington/Hillside residents, in person, may reserve one of the three different shelters within Heritage Park. Rental and deposit money must be paid at the time of reservation. To obtain rental fees and location and size of shelter, call the registration office at 473-9570.
SWIM LESSONS
Beginning Feb. 21 there will be a five-session swim lesson program at the Mercy Center pool. Classes from beginner preschool through

advanced youth are available at various times Monday through Saturday. Pre-registration is now being accepted at the recreation office. Fee is \$25 per person.
SOFTBALL REGISTRATION
New teams may now register for an adult summer softball league at the recreation office. Leagues available include men's, women's and coed. There are 14 games plus playoffs for the men's and women's leagues, and 10 games plus playoffs for coed leagues. Registration fees are \$410 for resident/industrial, \$450 for open, and \$355 for coed. Call 473-9579 for additional information.
ASTRONOMY
From 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday,

March 2, at the Heritage Park Visitor Center, Mike Best will discuss asteroids, comets and meteors and how they affect Earth. Pre-registration fee of \$5 per person or \$15 per family is required.
EUCHRE TOURNAMENT
Get your partner and register for this year's first euchre tournament, Friday, Feb. 25, from 7-10 p.m. at Heritage Park Visitor Center. Event will be played in a "round robin" format that will allow play the entire evening. Awards will be based on the number of teams registered. Refreshments provided. Pre-registration fee of \$12 per couple required.

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Before coming back to work, Gullon took word processing and computer classes at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus. She has since taken other computer courses and plans to use money from her award toward a new home computer. She's not thinking about

retirement.
"As long as I'm enjoying myself, I want to work," she said. "I was lucky to be able to come back after 25 years and get a job I like."
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Confusion drives discussion on council travel expense policy

By LARRY O'CONNOR
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There will be less dicker over who picks up the check.

Farmington City Council members passed a resolution Monday, clarifying its policy of expense reimbursement from the city. Confusion still reigned, though.

Council members spent time discussing whether the policy covered the issue of not reimbursing for travel expenses incurred by family members of council for out-of-state events.

Councilman Richard Tupper said he wanted the city to address the issue. City attorney John Donahue and councilman William Hartsock, among others, agreed the resolution does.

Reimbursement of expense travel has not been a burning issue, but Tupper has been a long-time proponent of such a policy. He notes other cities have similar guidelines.

"It's just something to start with and to have some ground

rules," Tupper said. "As everybody gets into working with it, council can change it as we see necessary."

Farmington council members don't exactly rack up frequent flyer miles like Leon Spinks does driving points. The only out-of-state conference members attend is the annual National League of Cities in Washington D.C.

In the past, council members have taken spouses but have picked up the tab. Until Monday, though, that was an unwritten policy.

Council members attend the Municipal League of Michigan's annual convention. The site rotates from Detroit, Grand Rapids and Mackinac Island.

Spouses attend and the city has paid for lodging and meals for overnight stays at MLM meetings in the past. That's not likely to change.

Hartsock pointed out council members usually share in driving expenses on such trips. Tupper also noted members are seldom

reimbursed for mileage. "We don't ask for it," Tupper said.

Flights, overnight accommodations and reservations are handled by the City Manager's office.

The policy passed also addresses other travel expense issues such as flying coach, making use of discounts and credits available, and even how much of a tip (15 percent) can be reimbursed as part of meals.

Most council members feel the policy is clear, which some felt made Monday's discussion rather unnecessary.

"It was kind of frustrating because we had talked about this thing, and we sent it back to John Donahue for a redraft and talked some more about it," Hartsock said.

"The only disappointment was the fact I thought we had everything discussed when we got to the meeting. When we got back to square one and started talking about basic elements of the policy, it was frustrating."



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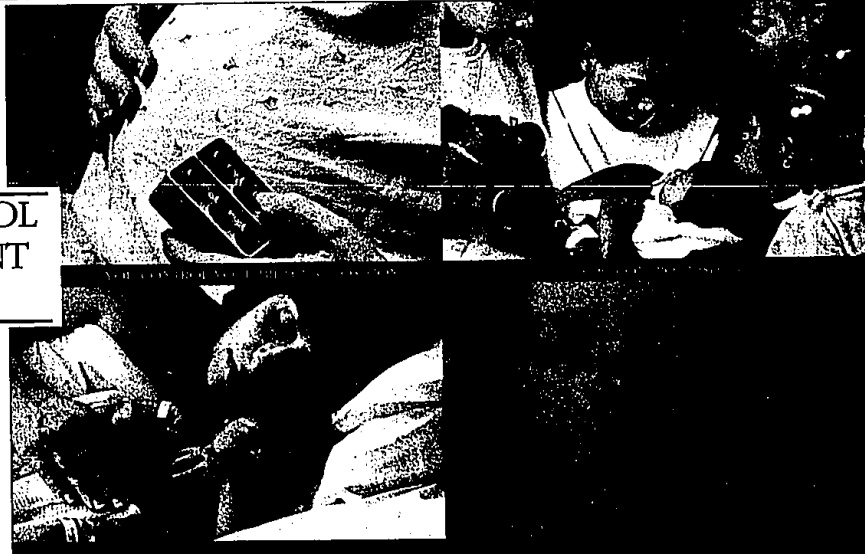
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