

Older Women's League plans potluck supper

The Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League will hold its annual potluck supper at 6 p.m. Monday, June 6, at the Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty.

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, will speak. Members and guests are asked to call 478-2635 after 6 p.m. by June 3 with their choice of a dish to pass.

HOT FUN & COOL NOTES


The Sheraton Oaks of Novi would like to invite you to Cool off this summer with Hot Music, Refreshing Cocktails and Fabulous Food at our Seventh Annual Cool Notes Concert Series. Cover charge is only \$4.00 per person. The schedule is as follows:

It's A Poolside Party Every Thursday Night From 6:30pm-9:30pm

June 2	Steve King & The Ditties
June 9	Nouveauté
June 16	The Gratitude Steel Band
June 23	C. J. Leftus
June 30	Steve King & The Ditties
July 7	Nouveauté
July 14	The Gratitude Steel Band
July 21	Jack Dryden's Sounds of Brazil
July 28	C. J. Leftus
August 4	Nouveauté
August 11	King David
August 18	C. J. Leftus
August 25	Jack Dryden's Sounds of Brazil
Sept. 1	Steve King & The Ditties

Immediately following Cool Notes, we will have live Top 40 music in Eli & Denny from 9:30pm until close.

So, mark your calendar every Thursday for a complete night of entertainment at the Sheraton Oaks - Novi. And, don't forget we have live Top 40 entertainment in Eli & Denny every Friday and Saturday night, as well.



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Practice makes perfect



Nice catch! Softball players (from left) Courtney Hooper, Lori Cohen and Becky DeBelso converge on a fly ball during a practice at the new Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The park, a former sod farm, was dedicated May 14. Softball, baseball and soccer is played there now.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES AND TO REVIEW 1994-95 PROPOSED BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Farmington will hold a public hearing at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 1994, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan 48335, on a proposed increase of .3055 mills in the 1994 operating and limited debt service tax levy and on the proposed 1994-95 budget. The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

In the previous year the city levied 10.5603 mills (\$10.5603 per \$1,000 of State Equalized Valuation, SEV) for city operation and Charter limited debt service and an additional 3.1097 mills (\$3.1097 per \$1,000 SEV) was levied for city unlimited debt service for a total millage rate of 13.6700 mills (\$13.6700 for \$1,000 SEV). State law, Act 5 of 1982 provides that the base tax rate for 1994 city operating taxes be reduced from 10.5603 mills (\$10.5603 per \$1,000 SEV) to 10.4948 mills (\$10.4948 per \$1,000 SEV). This is a .0655 mill (\$.0655 per \$1,000 SEV) lower tax rate than the 1993 operating tax rate.

The recommended budget will increase the cost of delivering city services this year. The cost of employee salaries and fringe benefits, and general inflationary increases in goods and services purchased by the city, and financing the library and court system will increase the General Fund operating expenditures in Fiscal Year 1994-95. Revenues from other sources will not be adequate to offset the increased cost of providing services.

The increase in the cost of providing essential services will make it necessary to increase the millage rate for 1994. The maximum total proposed millage rate will be 13.91 mills (\$13.91 per \$1,000 SEV). This millage rate provides a 2.2456% increase in city operating and debt service property tax revenues. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the operating and limited debt service revenue will increase by .2665% over the preceding year's operating and limited debt service revenue. Individual property taxes may increase greater or less than the estimated average.

The City of Farmington has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate.

Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the hearing on the proposed millage rate and on the proposed budget for FY 1994-95.

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SMART's woes steer future leaders to reality

By PAT MURPHY
STAFF WRITER

Reality — at least a slice of it — came quickly to a group of future leaders from Detroit and Oakland County.

It came when Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer and Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara said SMART — the transit system for southeastern Michigan — is on the verge of bankruptcy.

Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson didn't dispute that assessment. But a confidant of his — who is also the chairman of SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) — confirms the system may indeed go bankrupt without some kind of local tax, such as a polluter's tax levied on automobiles.

SMART's financial problems weren't on the agenda Thursday, when two groups of future leaders came together over breakfast at the Plaza Hotel in Southfield to commemorate the completion of their year-long programs.

Participants in Leadership Oakland and Leadership Detroit finished their respective programs designed to identify community problems and assets.

Futurist Edward Barlow Jr. was the main speaker. He dealt with mass transportation in the abstract.

But Archer, McNamara and Mark A. Steenbergh, chairman of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, talked about SMART as a particular.

Those three and Patterson talked about a new spirit of trust and cooperation between Detroit and the suburbs — an attitude that is crucial, they agreed, if southeast Michigan is to thrive.

It was Archer who immediately focused on mass transit. Detroit has its own bus system, the mayor said, but SMART is facing bankruptcy in part because communities haven't been able to agree and cooperate adequately to form an efficient regional mass transit system.

"It's not only the poor who depend on mass transit," Archer said, "but business itself. Companies (including some in Oakland County) depend on mass transportation to get their people to work."

Leadership Oakland participant Michael A. Valant, a senior vice president with the Lintas Campbell-Ewald advertising agency, said he saw the issue of mass transit as a metaphor for the larger problem of isolation — for individuals as well as neighborhoods.

"So many of our communities are in isolation," said Valant.

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