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OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

BILL PARKER

It was a great summer, but the winds of autumn are calling and I, for one, am ready to answer the call.

Small game season opens today statewide, officially kicking off the 1994 hunting season in Michigan. (Sure there was the special early Canada goose season, but that ends today and most hunters still regard the opening of small game season as the *official* opening day, anyway.)

If you're waiting to head north before you venture into Michigan's great outdoors you needn't waste any more time. Area hunters are blessed with a variety of hunting opportunities on public lands within an hour or so of home.

Between Bald Mountain State Game Area in Lake Orion to the east, the Waterloo State Recreation Area near Chelsea to the west and the Ortonville State Game Area to the north there are a total of 15 state game or state recreation areas that are open to hunting. Following is a brief overview of each area:

■ **Bald Mountain State Recreation Area:** Oakland County, east and west of M-24 in Lake Orion. Thick, hilly terrain spotted with lakes and ponds. Bring a compass. Very good squirrel, rabbit and deer hunting. Decent waterfowl hunting in the north east corner. Good goose hunting near the corn fields west of M-24 on the old Chrysler land, (810) 693-6767.

■ **Pontiac Lake State Recreation Area:** Oakland County, north of M-59 in Waterford. Waterfowl hunting is open at the extreme west end of the lake only. Very good rabbit and squirrel east of the state correctional facility on Taggerdine Road. Fair deer and pheasant hunting. Some woodcock during the fall migration in the lowlands along the Huron River Drain, (810) 666-1020.

■ **Proud Lake State Recreation Area:** Oakland County, southeast of Milford and south of Wixom Road. Good squirrel and deer hunting, especially at the west end of the park near Garden and Childs Lake roads. Good rabbit hunting in the low lands and along the edges of the wood lots. Nice sized local flock of Canada geese, (810) 685-2433.

■ **Highland State Recreation Area:** Oakland County, east of Highland and south of M-59. Very hilly, thick terrain so use of a compass is suggested. Good squirrel and deer hunting. The best of the area is a fold-trial area and gets a lot of pressure during the off season. Best bets are near the perimeter at the southwestern and eastern ends of the area where many rabbits are also found, (810) 685-2433.

■ **Seven Lakes State Park:** Oakland County, west of Holly and north of Grange Hall Road. There are several closed areas in and around the day use areas. Call the park for specific closures. Lots of wood lots with good squirrel, rabbit, woodcock and deer hunting. Fair pheasant hunting, (810) 634-7271.

■ **Holly State Recreation Area:** Oakland County, northeast of Holly and east and west of I-75. Very good squirrel, rabbit and deer hunting and good woodcock hunting during the fall migration. The DNR has been conducting a habitat improvement program in the northern section of the area, east of I-75, offering excellent rabbit hunting in this area, (810) 634-8611.

■ **Ortonville State Recreation Area:** Along the Oakland and Genesee county line, north of Ortonville and east of M-13. Heavy cover with lots of hills, use of a compass is highly recommended. Very good deer, squirrel and rabbit hunting. Fair duck and goose hunting and decent pheasant hunting, (810) 627-3328.

■ **Metamora-Hadley State Recreation Area:** Lapeer County, south of Lapeer, west of M-24. A small area with good squirrel, rabbit and deer hunting. Limited duck and goose opportunities, (810) 797-4436.

■ **Lapeer State Game Area:** Lapeer County, northeast of Lapeer along Vernor road and northeast of Lapeer along Norvay Road. A compass is suggested for use in this large hilly, wooded area. Very good squirrel, rabbit and deer hunting with a few grouse. Pheasant are plentiful near the scattered corn fields, (810) 664-8355.

■ **Island Lake State Recreation Area:** Livingston County, southeast of Brighton, south of I-96 and east of U.S. 23. Large number of hardwoods provide good deer and squirrel hunting. Decent duck and goose hunting along the Huron River flood plain, which runs through the middle of the area, (810) 229-7067.

■ **Brighton State Recreation Area:** Livingston County, southwest of Brighton along Bishop Lake and Chambers roads. This is one of the Bichuan pheasant release areas and provides pretty good pheasant hunting opportunities. Lots of hilly, wooded areas offer great squirrel and deer hunting, (810) 229-6405.

■ **Pinckney State Recreation Area:** Along the Livingston and Washtenaw county line, southwest of Pinckney and south of M-36. A lot of heavy, hilly cover so a compass is suggested. Good rabbit, squirrel and deer hunting. A large number of hikes in the area provide great opportunities for waterfowl hunters, (313) 426-4918.

■ **Waterloo State Recreation Area:** Along the Livingston and Jackson county line, west of Chelsea, north of I-94 and west of M-52. Again, a compass is recommended when venturing into this rugged, hilly terrain. A few lakes provide duck and goose hunting opportunities. Very good squirrel, rabbit and deer hunting. Fair for woodcock during the migration. Good turkey hunting in the spring, (313) 475-8307.

■ **Chelsea State Game Area:** Washtenaw County, northeast of Chelsea, north of Dexter-Chelsea Road. A small, limited area with decent squirrel, rabbit and deer hunting. Phone number for the DNR district office in Jackson is (517) 784-2015.

Although the wild game is out there, hunters must do their homework and scout the areas they intend to hunt to locate the areas holding the animals. Use of a map and compass is always recommended when venturing into unfamiliar territory. Always hunt with a partner and let someone at home know where you will be hunting.

Be sure of your target and what's behind it and have a safe, successful season.

Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48008. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker 6-10 p.m. Monday at 901-2573.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE C-14-94, and Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, City of Farmington Hills, Michigan, by adding new sections and amending existing sections of Article XI, Temporary Signs, of Chapter 7, Building Regulations, to regulate temporary community event signs.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:

Section 1.

Article XI, Temporary Signs, of Chapter 7, Building and Building Regulations of the City Code, is hereby amended to amend Section 7.331 (c) and (e) and to add Section 7.331 (n) which Article shall read as follows:

Section 7.330 Definition.
Section 7.331 Temporary, Freestanding or Wall Sign Requirements.

(a) *Prohibitions.*
(b) *Permits required.*
(c) *One or two wall signs permitted per business establishment.* *For any institutional, quasi-public, charitable or public use, one (1) temporary freestanding sign may be used in lieu of one (1) permitted temporary wall sign, subject to the display period applicable to the wall sign. *To Be Deleted.
(d) *One grand opening sign permitted per business establishment.*
(e) *Setback and corner clearance.* Temporary freestanding signs for which a permit is required shall have a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from any street right-of-way; provided, however, that such sign shall not be located within the triangular area formed by the intersection of any existing or proposed street right-of-way with the pavement edge of any existing or proposed private drive or roadway in a straight line drawn between points on such right-of-way and on such pavement edge which are located a distance of twenty-five (25) feet from the point of intersection of the right-of-way and the pavement edge.
(f) *Display period - Wall signs.*
(g) *Display period - Temporary grand opening signs.*
(h) *Projection into right-of-ways.*
(i) *Area and height - Freestanding signs.*
(j) *Area and height - Wall or grand opening signs.*
(k) *Removal.*
(l) *Damaged or unsafe.*
(m) *Moving or flashing signs.*
(n) *Community event signs.* For any institutional quasi-public, charitable or public use temporary freestanding signs which make known special events may be used subject to the following:

(1) Not more than one (1) accessory sign may be located in the front yard without a permit provided such sign may not exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area, nor shall it be greater than six (6) feet above the ground.

(2) Nonaccessory signs may be erected in front yards without a permit for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days prior to the event and two (2) days following the event provided such sign shall not exceed 14" x 22" in area and 28" in height.

Section 2. Repealer.
Section 3. Severability.
Section 4. Savings.
Section 5. Effective Date. October 3, 1994
Section 6. Enactment. September 12, 1994

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 1994

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lichtman at 7:30 p.m. Members Present: Bates, Grant, Lichtman, Oliverio, Sever, Smith and Vagnozzi. Members Absent: None. Others Present: City Manager Costick, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Managers Brock and Call, Directors Bissell, Counteagan and Potter, and Attorney Donohue.

COUNCIL:

- Received report on Police Department's procedures and process for handling spouse abuse cases.
- Appointed delegate and alternate voting delegate to National League of Cities Annual Conference.
- Postponed consideration of conversion of Dublin Hall at Farmington Hills Activities Center for gymnasium uses.
- Received updates on current city road projects and proposed enlargement of use of the Seeley Drain District.
- Reconfirmed approval to proceed with condemnation of Twelve Mile right-of-way property.
- Received monthly City Attorney report for September, 1994.
- Enacted ordinance regarding temporary signs for community events.
- Appointed Amy Jackson to Economic Development Corporation.
- Reintroduced Ordinance to provide new tax lien collection procedure and fee adjustment for false alarms.

APPROVED:

- Planned Unit Development for Timbercrest of Farmington Hills, southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Middlebelt Roads.
- Purchase of Digital Call Check for Fire Department to Dictaphone in the amount of $4,280; protective fire fighting equipment to Apollo Fire in the amount of $7,983.00.
- Sale of bonds in the amount of $1,825,000 for various Special Assessment Districts.
- Employment in accordance with Section 18.61A of the City Code.
- Special event license for St. Alexander Church Annual Festival, September 16-18, 1994.
- City Council meeting minutes of August 8 and 15, 1994.
- Entering into executive session to discuss acquisition of land and acquisition and condemnation of property along Twelve Mile Road.

AWARDED BID FOR:

- Renovations at the Farmington Hills Activities Center to Erhcon Company in the amount of $458,000.
- Management audit to Bennett Associates in the amount of $34,000.
- Pagers for various departments to Paging Network of Michigan in the amount of $3,140 annually for three years; to Ameritech Cellular in the amount of $340 annually for three years.
- Confined space entry equipment for Fire Department to Argus Supply in the amount of $5,821.30.
- Backstop and safety fencing for Founders Sports Park to Nationwide Fence in the amount of $78,537.00.

LAWRENCE LICHTMAN, Mayor
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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Swim *from page 1C*

■ **FALCONS WIN NO. 2**

Farmington won its second straight dual meet Tuesday, 125-61 over South Lyon.

Karen Mathis and Annemarie Scanlo won two events apiece and helped the Falcons (2-0) win two relays.

Scanlo won the IM (2:29.1) and the butterfly (1:04.5). Mathis the 500 freestyle (6:01.9) and the backstroke (1:10.7).

They combined with Brandi Brown and Janelle Horton to win the medley relay (2:05.7) and Jill Benivegna and Horton for first place in the 400 freestyle (4:14.9).

Benivegna was a winner in the 200 freestyle (2:14.0), Maureen Gerwstowski diving (153.2) and Brown the breaststroke (1:22.1).

The loss was South Lyon's first after three straight victories.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Ten Mile Road	Brierhill Dr.	Inkster Road

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	$117,400.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	$117,400.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	$16,771.50

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:
T1N, R9E, SECTION 34, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS,
PARCEL NUMBERS:
22-34-476-013 THRU -017 AND -020

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chamber, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 19th day of September, 1994, at 7:30 o'clock, P.M., Eastern Daylight Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1973, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be protested at the hearing held for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may protest the special assessment by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Phone: 474-5075 KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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