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Catholic church extends beyond religious lines. For instance, St. John's Lutheran Church donated van transportation for people, mainly to get to work.

Adat: Shalom Synagogue, St. Alexander's Catholic, Nardin Park and Orchard Methodist churches also serve as hosts for SOS. The program is a model of social work and governmental agencies collaborating with the faith community, an SOS spokeswoman said.

"They're great," said Lillian Melville, SOS executive director. "There would be no program without the churches and the synagogues."

A job - especially a low-paying one - is not enough to keep people off the streets. SOS allows those in its program to earn enough money to pay first month's rent while the agency helps with a security deposit if needed.

Those in the program are required to save 75 percent of their income.

"You have to be working to improve your situation in whatever way that means to you," Melville said. "For many people, that means working and continuing to work."

Jim Spencer is a relatively new parishioner at Sorrows, he describes the experience of meeting the SOS guests as overwhelming.

Many of the people there are "not indigent, not ignorant, they've just fallen on hard times," Spencer said.

"They're just so thankful to have shelter. I had one guy say he was just so thankful to be able to take a shower. It's just a normal part of life that so many people take for granted, but these people don't."



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Jump shot: Don Gilman eyes the rim and gets set to launch a shot over the outstretched arm of defender Sean Babbitt during a pickup game at Our Lady of Sorrows gymnasium Thursday.

AGENDAS

Farmington Hills City Council
7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19
City Hall Council Chambers
31855 W. 11 Mile Road
474-6115

Agenda items include:
■ Public hearing to consider Special Assessment District for road improvement for Franklin Fairway, Section 1, and Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Project Expenditures with Bond Proceeds.

■ Public hearing to consider Special Assessment District for sanitary sewer installation for Stock Street and Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Project Expenditures with Bond Proceeds.

■ Public hearing to consider Special Assessment District for water main installation for Trostain Road and Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Project Expenditures with Bond Proceeds.

■ Consideration of approval of request to add stockholder in 1997 Class C licensed business with Dance Permit and Entertainment Permit without dressing rooms, at Legacy/Dinner Club, Inc. (Mexican Gardens) 6800 Grand River.
■ Recommended approval of cost participation contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Orchard Lake Road at M-5 and westbound M-5 at Grand River bridge repair.
■ Recommended approval of resolution regarding the interchange at I-696 near Franklin Road.

Farmington Board of Education
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20
Farmington Training Center
33000 Thomas Street

Agenda items include the following:
■ Report from Student Round Table Representative.

■ Recognition, FTA Reflections Awards.
■ Approval of hockey program proposal.

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same radio frequency.

For instance, Farmington Hills police operate on a high frequency; Farmington police on a low-band frequency. The inability of different law enforcement agencies to communicate came to light during the Ford Wixom plant shooting in 1996, Dwyer said.

One proposed solution is to keep departments on their own frequencies, but allow them to trunk into a 800 megahertz band countywide.

"Nobody's on the same frequency and no one can talk to each other," Goss said. "That's a problem that needs to be addressed."

Public Act 29 allows for a 4-percent assessment by county commissions or up to 16-percent voter-approved surcharge on each phone line - including faxes and computers - for 911 service.

Phone companies already collect a fee from customers for emergency service, but none of the money goes to local departments.

Some 49 counties in the state assess either the 4- or a voter-approved 16-percent surcharge, including Wayne and Livingston counties.

"Every day we wait we lose the funding that's available and that His being taken advantage of by other counties in the state," Dwyer said. "It's a small price to pay. You need a (911) system that is reliable."

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scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9.

But, the proposal could be pushed back to March if the tennis club is not able to first discuss pros and cons with all property owners who reside within 300 feet of the property.

"It is definitely our intention to meet with neighbors prior to that (Feb. 9) meeting," said Dave Cornwall, a real estate broker overseeing the site plan process for club owner Herschel Riley.

"We feel this is going to be a very premium kind of facility," Cornwall said.

According to the proposal, the existing tennis club would continue, but be augmented by a new swim club. The latter might become open to new members.

"The Rochester Raquet and Swim Club started out as a tennis house," Cornwall said.

But tennis club members won't be forced to take the plunge. "It's very important to us that current members will not be required to join the swim club," Cornwall said.

Both Richards and Cornwall said the proposal would enable the facility to be better used throughout the entire year.

"They want (the pool) for recreational activities in the summer time when the tennis club isn't used as extensively," Richards said.

The pool "would be a nice complement and make it more of a year-round facility," said Cornwall, adding that a "very preliminary" cost estimate of the project is in the range of \$1 million.

Richards said it was emphasized at the commission meeting that the pool would be smaller than a competitive pool and would not compete against the nearby Farmington Glen Aquatic Center, which like many area private swim clubs has a waiting list.

Concurring Wednesday was Cornwall. "We think they (Farmington Glen) serve a very worthwhile purpose that's going to continue and we think we serve a different purpose."

In response to commissioners' concerns about noise, representatives for the club assured that the pool would be "located as far away from the residents as possible," said Richards. "They'll be no competitive events, no need for a public address system."

The proposal also calls for the water slide to have a height of 20 feet, which is at or below the eavesline of the building, Richards said.

There was some discussion about lowering the height to 16 feet, to make sure swimmers cannot be easily seen from Farmington Road. Both vice chair Margaret Stilling-Hamilton and commissioner JoAnne McShane cited concerns with a 20-foot slide. Richards said commissioner James Pogue had no qualms about the tower structure.

"We've asked for some flexibility from the planning commission" about the height of the water slide, Cornwall said.

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SHOULDER-HAND SYNDROME
Shoulder-hand syndrome is the most common cause of a frozen shoulder, and a painful hand, while sparing any movement of the elbow. The syndrome often occurs after an injury to the shoulder, or may happen to people with diabetes for no reason connected to the control of their sugar. Why the elbow does not become frozen or impaired is not known.
Theories of the cause of shoulder-hand syndrome implicate the sympathetic nervous system with resulting loss of blood flow to the shoulder and the hand. The condition begins after an injury to the shoulder, often a mild one. You start with pain in the shoulder that doesn't resolve but leads to difficulty moving the arm. Then you notice trouble holding a pen or tying your shoes because your hand won't close correctly. In addition, your hand, not originally involved in any injury "becomes puffy and sore" and at rest.
Over time, you do not heal but the pain intensifies, and movement of the shoulder and fingers worsens.
Your doctor first must evaluate the involved arm for a fracture. At times a variation of carpal tunnel becomes confused with shoulder-hand syndrome. Once the diagnosis is clear, treatment consists of daily physical therapy to the arm - heat, massage and range of motion - as tolerated by both shoulder and hand helps to restore function. Injection into the shoulder also aids in mobilizing the frozen joint. To date no medications have proved useful.

SPOTLIGHT ON
Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.
OF PRIMARY CONCERN
Among the signs that the orthodontist looks for which indicate potential problems with secondary teeth are primary teeth that are crowded, crooked, missing, or misaligned, and biting or chewing problems. In addition, before all the child's permanent teeth are in, the orthodontist can look at the child's facial structure and secondary-tooth development for abnormalities.
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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.
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Women may notice that certain hormonal changes have an influence upon the health of their gums. For instance, gingivitis (the first stage of gum disease) commonly occurs just prior to menstruation. The hormones in oral contraceptives may contribute to chronic gum inflammation, as well. And, gingivitis strikes an estimated 60 to 75 percent of women during their pregnancies. In all of these cases, women are advised to be diligent about brushing and flossing their teeth. In addition, they should consider using an antibiotic mouthwash to help eliminate disease-causing bacteria. Finally, if gum production decreases as women approach menopause, they should bring the attention to the attention of their dentist before the problem compromises the health of the gums.
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