

# All state residents have right to use lakes



**OUTDOOR DISRIGHT**

Public access to the Great Lakes and Michigan's 11,000 inland lakes is often a controversial topic. While landlocked boaters and anglers want more access, many lakeland home and property owners vehemently oppose proposals for public access to "their" lakes. Their main concern generally focuses on increased traffic both on the water and the surrounding land. Many times, lake or property owner associations purchase tracts of land the state has eyed with plans for a public access site.

Granted, lakes with public access sites are usually more crowded with recreational boat traffic than neighboring private lakes that lack public access. But if all lakes were accessible to all boaters the current overcrowding conditions would be alleviated. Boat traffic would be spread out over so many more lakes than are now accessible that overcrowding problems would take care of themselves.

A fact often overlooked is that the lakes belong to all of us, not just the select few who can afford the exorbitant cost of lakeland property and the excessively high taxes that go along with it.

**Controversy simmers**

A proposed access site to Lake St. Clair has brought about just that type of conflict.

A short 30-minute drive from the heart of the Observer & Eccentric area, Lake St. Clair is located between the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers. With 420 square miles of surface area it attracts anglers and boaters from throughout southeastern Michigan. The lake features a world-class smallmouth bass fishery as well as outstanding fishing opportunities for walleye and perch. Anglers also catch muskie, blue gill, channel catfish, white bass, salmon, trout and crappie with regularity.

The proposed site - the Clinton River Cut-Off Site - would be located in Harrison Township, on Jefferson Avenue between Crocker Blvd. and Shook Rd. near the Clinton River Spillway. It includes the new-closed Admiral Marina and would be the southern-most public access site on Lake St. Clair on the U.S. side of the lake. Site plans call for a small park, six boat ramps and parking for 52 cars. Future plans include barrier-free shore fishing access. The site would provide access to the lake on a year-round basis.

"I think it's a great idea," said Rochester Hills resident Harold Leider. "I've been fishing that area of the lake near the spill-

way for 45 years and it's always a problem getting there. It's not a good site and the people here are mad. It will get opposition. We will file a law suit if the proposal goes through."

Proponents of the project, including the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, note that if a commercial business - like a restaurant or store - were to be built on the site the increase in traffic would be much greater than if a public boat ramp is built. Some local residents don't see a traffic problem.

"I live right at the proposed site and traffic is not a problem," said Charles Brady. "If you really want to see traffic go down to the Warren Tech Center, what we have here is not traffic."

Steve Jones, a business owner on Jefferson Ave. and local charter boat captain feels the proposed location would be an good spot for a public access site.

"I think it would be an excellent site," Jones said. "We need

access in the main body of the lake."

"I don't see the traffic problem some people have suggested. Jefferson is not rear-end alley as some people have stated. It's unfair to lay current traffic problems on the DNR. Those matters should be dealt with by the county road commission or the township itself. As far as an increase in traffic, when Admiral Marina was operating at full speed there was daily launching cars and that didn't significantly bottle up traffic on Jefferson."

The DNR should be applauded for its effort to open another public access site on the shore of Lake St. Clair. Hopefully, the department won't back down from the protests of a few area residents, will make the correct decision and increase public access on Lake St. Clair for all the tax-paying citizens of Michigan. A decision is expected within 60 days. Stay tuned.

begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Kensington.

**FULL MOON WALK**

Learn about moon folklore and wildlife in the winter during a walk under the light of the full moon during a program which begins at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31, at Stony Creek.

**1999 PERMITS**

The 1999 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$9 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits

are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call (800) 47-PARKS.

**COUNTY PARKS**

**COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS**

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register.

**BEGINNER WOODCARVING**

Learn the basics of woodcarving while carving a small songbird figure during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, at Independence Oaks.

## OUTDOOR CALENDAR

**SHOWS**

**CAMPER, TRAVEL & RV**

The 10th annual Pontiac Silverdome Camper, Travel & RV Show runs through Jan. 31 at the Silverdome. The show features a full slate of seminars, previews of the latest RVs, travel trailers, campers and accessories, and representatives from vacation destinations and properties from throughout the Midwest and Canada. Show hours are 9-3:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Jan. 28 and 29; 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 30, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 31. Admission is \$6 adult, \$3 for children, and children under 6 will be admitted free.

**MEETINGS**

**NRC**

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
31565 ELEVEN MILE ROAD  
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48336-1165  
(248) 474-0115

**ADVERTISEMENT**

The City of Farmington Hills Purchasing Division will solicit sealed bids during the next forty-five (45) days for the following projects and/or services:

**Snow Plow**  
**Flareworks**

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Central Services Department. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the bid specifications.

**BOAT SHOW**

The annual Detroit Boat Show will be held Feb. 6-14 at Cobo Center, (800) 932-2628.

**DEER AND TURKEY**

The annual Michigan Deer and Turkey Spectacular will be held Feb. 12-14 at the Lansing Center, (800) 324-3337.

**CAMPER AND RV**

The annual Detroit Camper and RV Show will be held Feb. 13-23 at the Novi Expo Center.

**BOAT, SPORT AND FISHING**

The 16th annual Pontiac Silverdome Boat, Sport & Fishing Show will be held Feb. 17-21 at the Silverdome.

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The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.

**KATHRYN A. DORNAN**  
City Clerk

**SPORTSFISHING EXPO**

The 10th annual Greater Detroit Sportsfishing and Travel Expo will be held March 4-7 at the Palace of Auburn Hills. The show will feature a special appearance by national walleye angling champion Ted Takasaki on Friday, March 6. Other speakers of national renown scheduled to speak at the show include walleye pros Mike McClelland and Keith Kawajecz, bowhunting expert Chuck Adams, In-Fisherman Magazine editors Dave Casand and Matt Straw, and Michigan's own Tom Huggler.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**CLARENCEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
20210 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, Michigan 48152

**1. TYPES OF BIDS REQUIRED**

a. Notice is hereby given that CLARENCEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Owner) will receive Sealed Bids for the Clarenceville Middle School Window Replacement as follows:

1) A single lump sum Bid incorporating all of the Work required to complete the Project, including all architectural work. Segregated Bids will not be accepted.

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'99 Sport and Travel Show will be held Feb. 26-March 7 at the Novi Expo Center, (800) 777-6720.

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**2. RECEIPT OF BIDS**

a. Bids will be received at Clarenceville Public Schools Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, on Thursday, February 4, 1999, until 2:00 p.m., local time.

b. Bids will be opened publicly in the Clarenceville Public Schools, Board of Education Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan 48152, at 2:00 p.m., local time, on February 4, 1999, and read aloud.

**ADVERTISMENT FOR QUALIFICATIONS**  
**REQUEST FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES**  
**STORM WATER SAMPLING ANALYSIS**  
**FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN**

Farmington Hills is seeking qualifications for services to assist with Storm Water Sampling and Analysis. The study is part of the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project being administered by Wayne County.

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**3. EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS**

a. The Bidding Documents (which include bid forms, other necessary bidding and contract forms, and the proposed Contract Documents) may be examined by Bidders at the following places:

1) The office of the Architect: URS GREINER WOODWARD CYLDE, 34405 West 12 Mile Road, Suite 259, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331-5627.

2) Builders Exchanges: Detroit, Michigan.

3) F.W. Dodge Corporation: Detroit, Michigan.

4) Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Madison Heights, Michigan.

5) Construction Association of Michigan, Troy, Michigan.

**Objectives**

The objective of this demonstration project is to determine the impact of catch basin cleaning on water quality in the Rouge River watershed and how effective this maintenance activity is in reducing pollutants from storm water runoff.

**Location**

This project will be confined to portions of the City of Farmington Hills that lie within the Bell branch and Thruway Creek watershed.

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**4. BIDDING DOCUMENT DEPOSIT AND SHIPPING AND HANDLING FEES**

a. Bidding Documents may be obtained from Westside Reprographics, 37650 Hills Drive, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331, phone 248-483-1999.

b. Bidders and Subidders may each obtain one (1) set of Bidding Documents from the office of the Westside Reprographics upon receipt of a deposit of Thirty-Five Dollars (\$35.00).

**Project Tasks**

Project tasks include development of a written plan in accordance with the requirements of the Rouge Program Office (RPO). The Work Plan shall include the methods for determining the impact of catch basin cleaning on storm water runoff as well as a description of your proposal for sampling and analysis (type, location, frequency, test methods, etc). The consultant shall also develop supplemental specifications for the DPW's catch basin cleaning contract to ensure that the catch basin cleaning and storm water sampling/analysis will properly coordinate. The engineering consultants shall monitor the progress of the study, maintain appropriate files, and prepare both a draft and final project report.

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**5. BIDDERS QUALIFICATIONS**

a. Bidders submitting a Bid for the Project shall have the following qualifications:

1) Shall be a reputable, recognized organization, with at least five (5) years of successful experience performing work of the type and scope, and of equal or better quality than required for this Project.

2) Shall have applicable licenses, where licenses are required by authorities having jurisdiction.

3) Shall have ample financial resources to perform the Work required by the Contract Documents.

**Regulations**

This project must be conducted in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Water Quality Control Act, as amended, Michigan Act 451, Public Act 199, and all other applicable regulations; local, state, and Federal.

**Request for Statement of Interest and Qualifications (RSIQ)**

The Statement of Qualifications shall include, as a minimum, the following information:

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b. If requested, Bidders shall submit evidence, in affidavit form, of experience, financial resources, work now in hand, organization, and Bidder integrity, to the Architect at least 14 calendar days prior to time and date set for opening of Bids.

6. The Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in an amount not less than 5 percent of the Base Bid plus all additive alternatives.

7. Bidders labor costs for the Project shall be determined by calculating labor costs at not less than the current wage rates prevailing in the county of the State where the Project is located.

1. Name of organization and contact person.

2. Type of organization (i.e., corporation, partnership, etc.).

3. List of officers of organization.

4. Experience and technical competence of the firm and its personnel specifically with regard to stormwater analysis and management.

5. Familiarity with types of problems applicable to the project described above and prevalent conditions in the study area.

6. Past performance on similar assignments including such factors as control of costs, quality of work, ability to comprehend special problems inherent with the Rouge River Basin area, experience with EPA grants, and ability to meet work plan objectives.

7. List of the firm, client contact names, and phone numbers of relevant projects completed by your firm. Include name, address, and phone number of references.

8. Statement of company policy regarding affirmative action and equal employment opportunity practices.

9. Statement of professional liability insurance coverage for the project.

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8. The Bid may not be withdrawn or cancelled by a Bidder for a period of thirty (30) days following the time and date the Bid is received.

9. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids, to waive irregularities, and to accept a Bid which, in the Owner's opinion, is in the Owner's own best interests.

10. Work required by the proposed Contract Documents shall be completed by August 31, 1999, except for minor replacement, correction or adjustment of items which do not interfere with the complete operation and utilization of all parts of the Work contracted for by the Owner.

Submit three copies of Statement of Qualifications to Dan Rooney, Superintendent of Public Works, 27245 Haledale Farmington Hills, Michigan 48331. Statements are due on or before 4:30 PM, February 7, 1999, and shall be clearly marked "Request for Qualifications."

Farmington Hills does not discriminate against any individual or group because of race, sex, religion, age, national origin, marital status, or handicap. Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept, in whole or in part, any and all proposals, to waive irregularities and to act in the best interest of the City.

Questions regarding this request for qualifications: Contact the Farmington Hills DPW at (248)553-8580.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 18, 1999**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Vagnuzzi at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Barott, Bates, Ellis, Grant, Oliviero, Soronen and Vagnuzzi.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Whinery, Directors Conway and Lesley, Fire Chief Marinucci, and Attorney Donohue.

**CITY COUNCIL**

**TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:**

- Recognized Proclamation in honor of DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING.
- Appointed Michigan Municipal League Legislative Coordinator and alternate.
- Cancelled City Council meeting for February 16, 1999 in honor of President's Day.

**APPROVED:**

- Continuation of City's "Consumer Protection Committee".
- Resolutions Supporting:
  - Clean Water Initiatives for State of Michigan.
  - 8 Mile Blvd. Assn. enhancement of bus passenger loading areas.
- Clarifier Site Plans for:
  - 14 attached units on southwest corner of Thirteen and Middlebelt Roads.
  - 12 attached units on southeast corner of Thirteen and Middlebelt Roads.
- Telecommunications Permit Agreement with Nextlink Michigan, Inc.
- 1998 Vilcen-Lemmon & Associates fee schedule; 1998 fee schedule for Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Application for Transportation Enhancement Grant for landscaping on Orchard Lake Road between I-596 and Ten Mile.
- City Council regular meeting minutes of January 11, 1999.
- Entering into executive session after regular meeting to discuss labor negotiations.
- Purchase Order for power operated gym curtain for Cotick Activities Center to McDonald's & Company in the amount of \$16,400.

ALDO VAGNUZZI, Mayor  
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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