

Tom Holzer Ford wheels in for city's PlayScape

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Big business is hopping on board to help the "Kids World" PlayScape at Shiawassee Park become reality.

Each car sold in March at Tom Holzer Ford stands to benefit the playground-building cause.

According to Buzzy Holzer, director of operations, the dealership recently pledged to kick in \$20 from the sale of each car. Holzer said the donation should at least reach the \$5,000 mark.

An of now, it is the largest corporate donation made to the cause, said Nancy Tashman, a member of the PlayScape fund-raising committee.

"The idea to make the donation came about during conversations at an exercise club, between Holzer's wife, Jan, and Tashman, who happen to be acquaintances. Holzer said his family had previously purchased one of the available \$25 "pick-a-pick-ets" to be engraved with family

members' names and included in the fence that will surround the playground.

"It's about the community of Farmington Hills and Farmington, helping them out," added Holzer. "And it's a good cause, for the kids."

Holzer, a West Bloomfield resident, said he thinks Shiawassee Park could stand some upgrades, the kind "Kids World" will bring.

"I've played basketball and softball down there a few times," he said. "The playground needs to be modernized."

Tashman was thrilled about Tom Holzer Ford's pledge.

"It's fantastic to have their support," Tashman said. "It's great that they realize how important this project is to the community."

"I'm sure the whole community

is grateful for their help... and (hopes) that their donation will spur other corporations to donate to the project."

The Farmington City Council recently approved the purchase of more than \$70,000 in equipment and materials for Phase 1 of the project. The equipment is expected to be received in time to install it during June.

PlayScape committee members established \$125,000 for the fund-raising goal. Of that, about \$60,000 in seed money was put up by the city.

Tom Holzer Ford is located at 10 Mile-Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

Zip Zone fund-raiser

Another area business helping out the PlayScape effort will be Zip Zone Extreme, located in the Uptown Farmington Plaza, near Grand River-Orchard Lake.

A portion of profits generated from 4-11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Feb. 22-25, will be targeted for the project, said Zip Zone general manager Janet



Giving: Buzzy Holzer, director of operations at Tom Holzer Ford, decided to get involved with the Farmington PlayScape and is donating \$20 from every car sold.

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New human resources director joins Hills staff

The City of Farmington Hills has hired Mary Moultrup as its new director of human resources.

Moultrup, 33, who has worked as human resources director at the Hills-based St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Centers during the past year, replaces Dana Whinnery, who was promoted to assistant city manager. She starts Feb. 22.

"Mary Moultrup will be a valued addition to our city staff," City Manager Steve Brock said.

"We look forward to working with her."

At St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Moultrup has been responsible for administration of all human resources programs, including recruitment, employee relations, policy development, compensation, benefits, training, personnel information systems and safety.

Moultrup is no stranger to municipal personnel matters. She worked as personnel specialist for the city of Novi for five years before joining St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher. In Novi, she

was involved in labor relations and contract administration.

The opportunity to work for the city was too good to pass, Moultrup said.

"Yes, it is a different field, but I wanted to get back into municipal government," Moultrup said. "There is something unique about working in the public sector."

Moultrup is first vice president for the Michigan Employee Labor Relations Association and recently put together a Web site and labor relations data bank for the association.

She is also a member of the Society for Human Resources Management and the Human Resources Association for Greater Detroit.

She has a master's degree in communication and a bachelor's degree in interpersonal and public communication from Central Michigan University.

"Farmington Hills employees are well-known for creating a quality community," she said. "It's one of the finest of places to work and live in the county and state."

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