

HouseCalls

Patients are first at year-old program

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Patients first. A simple statement that's become the value system of a team of medical professionals bringing health care and wellness education into the independent and assisted living facilities in our communities.

Introduced in the spring of 1998, Oakwood HouseCalls is a patient-centered program that partners a medical team with a senior housing facility to bring consistent and convenient health care into their residence.

The appeal is the accessibility an on-site physician, nurse practitioner and site coordinator provide to accommodate the changing needs of the senior population.

"Oakwood HouseCalls provides coordination of care by making a primary health care provider, and the necessary medical provisions required, more readily accessible on a consistent basis," said Dr. Steven Stein, director, Geriatrics Center for Excellence-Oakwood Healthcare System and founder of the Oakwood HouseCalls program.

Stein is the former director of geriatric

rehabilitation at the Harvard Geriatric Education Center in Boston. He currently maintains several administrative appointments within the Oakwood system, including medical director of the Skilled Nursing Center, Home Care Services and Adult Day Care Services as well as serving as a consultant to the Wayne County Medical Society, Michigan State Medical Society, Michigan Peer Review Organization and the Michigan Geriatrics Society.

It was Stein who began to see the need seniors residing in independent and assisted living facilities have for dependable health care where quality and consistency may have been lacking in the past.

Filling gaps

"We asked ourselves what was missing from the care seniors were receiving," said Stein, "and what were the most significant obstacles they faced when it came to receiving medical treatment."

Stein and his colleagues observed several factors contributed to the dissatisfaction the elderly were feeling, including a lack of transportation, coordinated care and

personal attention. While the physical status of seniors varies from person to person as well as their medical needs, the Dearborn physician was consistently hearing how difficult it was for people to access medical treatment.

"An individual who no longer drives, is frail, or has to rely on others for transportation is less likely to receive preventive and primary care on an ongoing basis," said Stein. "HouseCalls brings a three-person medical team into their homes, so to speak, and relieves many of the worries that often prevented them from receiving medical care in advance of their health status reaching a critical point."

The program currently maintains clinic-like services at seven senior and independent living facilities including Presbyterian Village, Westland; Kinghaven, Riverview; Coogan Terrace, Melvindale; Chidister Place and Town Center Place, Ypsilanti; Lincoln Park Towers and Across the Park Apartments, Lincoln Park. Stein said HouseCalls is currently working with several other senior living facilities to bring a medical team into their locations. Walton Wood in Canton is expected to provide a biweekly clinic this spring for residents.

According to Joseph Gonzales, HouseCalls site coordinator, weekly on-site care is provided in office setting at each of the facilities. Residents are able to schedule appointments and meet with a physician, nurse practitioner and site coordinator without having to travel

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STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAVERTY
Convenience: Registered nurse Kathy Step listens to 97-year-old Ada Adams' heartbeat before she receives her monthly B-12 shot at the HouseCalls clinic inside her independent living facility, Presbyterian Village of Westland

Nursing vs. medicine

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Nurse practitioner Kathy Buiten says she went into nursing and not medicine so that she could treat her patients from a more "holistic" perspective.

The Wayne nurse is fulfilling her career goals as a nurse practitioner for the Oakwood HouseCalls program at Presbyterian Village in Westland.

"I didn't want to have to say 'Your 10 minutes are up, you've got to go,'" said Buiten. "I'm not pushed by a time schedule and can spend

the time I need to with a patient to find out what's really going on with them."

Buiten graduated from the University of Michigan - Community Health Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner Track program in June and is employed by Dr. William Silverstone of the Westland Clinic (6149 N. Wayne Road). Silverstone is one of several physicians groups that work collaboratively with Dr. Steven Stein's HouseCalls program providing physician and nurse practitioners in and outside the Oakwood Healthcare System.

Buiten says her involvement with the HouseCalls program affords her

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PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

DATE: APRIL 22, 1999

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48338

ITEM: ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT 3, 1999
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed text amendment of the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Section 34-550 and Section 34-558. A summary of said amendment is as follows:

1. A proposal to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Article XXII, Section 34-550, General Provisions, relating to required frontage on a public street, in order to delete reference to the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals to permit construction of a single-family home with frontage on a private easement.
2. A proposal to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Article XXVI, Section 34-558, Board of Appeals, relating to the jurisdiction of the Zoning Board of Appeals, in order to delete the Board's authority to permit construction of a single-family home with frontage on a private easement.

Any person who is interested in this amendment is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussions. Complete Zoning Chapter and Text are available for purchase and/or inspection during regular business hours at the Planning Department.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
City of Farmington Hills

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

DATE: APRIL 22, 1999

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ITEM: Rezoning Request 1-2-09

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed amendment to the official Zoning Map of the City of Farmington Hills by amending Section 34-43 of the City Code by changing the zoning classification of the following parcel of property as follows:

Rezone Lot 52 from RC-2, Multiple-Family Residential District classification to OS-1, Office Service District classification and Lot 53 from OS-1, Office Service District classification to OS-2, Planned Office Service District classification.

Sidwell #23-11-378-017 & 018

A part of the West 1/2 of Section 11, T1N, R9E, city of Farmington Hills Oakland County, Michigan. Lots 51 & 52 of Supervisor's Map Estates No. 1 Subdivision. The property concerned is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road, east of Greening Road.



The proponent in this matter is Richard Roth.

Any person who is interested in this proposed zoning map amendment is invited to participate in the discussion of the proposed zoning change at the public hearing above mentioned. Copies of the Zoning Text, Zoning Map, and Application for Rezoning may be reviewed at the Planning Office, Farmington Hills City Hall at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on April 27, 1999, LeRoy Elfrank Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lien process, by public auction, the following storage units:

UNIT#	NAME	ITEMS FOR SALE
AS2	Andrea Christina Benyo	Household Items
AS3/AS6	Pinnacle Business Systems Inc.	Office Equipment
AS4	HMC Software	Household Items
D303	Michelle S. Glazer	Household Items

The terms of the sale will be each only Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be held at the following location, 58875 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 and will begin at 1:00 PM and continue until all units are sold.

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PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY CODE AMENDMENT

DATE: APRIL 22, 1999

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ITEM: CITY CODE AMENDMENT 8, 1999

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to a proposed city code amendment of the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 27, Subdivision of Land, which amendment will amend Sections 27-60, 27-101, 27-102, 27-110, 27-120, 27-121 through 240. A summary of said amendment is as follows:

1. A proposal to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 27, Subdivision of Land, which amendment will amend Article III, Section 27-60, Design Layout Standards; Article V, Sections 27-101, 27-102, 27-110 and 27-120, Dividing Lots and Parcels; Article VI, Sections 27-121 through 240, Division of Parcels Less Than Ten Acres in Area When Not Intended For Sale; and Article VII, Sections 27-141 through 248, Division of Parcels Less Than Ten Acres in Area When Intended For Sale.

Any person who is interested in this amendment is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussions. City Code and Text are available for review during regular business hours at the Planning Department.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS AND FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS JOINT SPECIAL MEETING (Summary)

A joint meeting of the Farmington City Council, the Farmington Hills City Council and the Farmington Public School Board was held on Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at the Farmington Training Center, 33000 Thomas Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1979.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

FARMINGTON COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, Michiana, Mitchell.

FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Barnett, Bates, Ellis, Grant, Oliverio, Sorrento, Vagnozzi.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Leubhoff, Schmidt.

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Arsenowski, Brock, Dorman.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD PRESENT: Brouillette, Eoberg, Feldman, Inch, Macfield, Reid, Sharp.

FARMINGTON SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Cannon, Poushey, McCarthy, O'Malley, Sutton, White.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

The Councils of the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills met with the Farmington Public School Board to discuss preparing youth for the 21st Century by promoting civic awareness and participation in public life, providing facilities necessary for teaching and learning, opening communications for the civic network, and developing new approaches for career awareness and workforce development.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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RESOURCE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING AUTHORITY OF SOUTHWEST OAKLAND COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, a public authority and body corporate, shall hold a public hearing on its proposed budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1999, and proposed amendments to the budget for the current fiscal on Wednesday, April 21, 1999, at 12 Noon at the office of the Authority, 20000 W. Eight Mile Road, Southfield, Michigan, 48075-3708. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Authority.

This notice is given on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Authority pursuant to the provisions of Act 43, Public Acts of Michigan, 1963 (Second Extra Session).

MICHAEL J. CSAPO
General Manager

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ADVERTISEMENT

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

Paper Yard Waste Bags
1999 Irrigation Service
1999 Fence Painting Program
Police Car Marking

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

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

KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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1. A proposal to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Article III, Section 34-57, RA-1A, RA-1B, RA-1, RA-2, RA-3, and RA-4 One-Family Residential Districts, relating to subdivision open space plans, in order to clarify the standards for approval, to reduce the number of dwelling units permitted per acre, and to delete certain restrictions regarding lot depth and required rear yards.
2. A proposal to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 34, Zoning Chapter, which amendment will amend Article XXVII, Section 34-528, General Provisions, relating to nonconformities, in order to exempt subdivision open space plans or plans that were established at the number of dwelling units per acre permitted prior to the proposed amendment to Section 34-57 (b) (1) identified above.

Any person who is interested in this amendment is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussions. Complete Zoning Chapter and Text are available for purchase and/or inspection during regular business hours at the Planning Department.

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