# Sinacola donates \$30,000 in materials and labor

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For months, many businesses
and individuals have come
through in many different ways
to help in efforts to build Farmington's planned Kids Worlt
PlayScaps at Shiawassee Park.
Some have bought \$25 pickets
to be included in a fence that
will surround the 'park within ay
park.' Local businesses have
donated wood or held car washes
to raise money for the cause.
But the biggest is being saved
for last.

Farmington Hills-based Sina-cola Contracting Co. pledged

more than \$30,000 in materials and labor for the PlayScape, now scheduled to be built over two weekends in mid-June.

"It'e the largest donation," said Bill Richards, Farmington assis-tant city manager. "...This is a wonderful addition to the pro-ject."

Sinacola's \$30,000 donation, presented to the city council by co-owner Dave Sinacola, includes labor and materials, Richards said. The company will also de excavation and site preparation. "This is a very extensive propeat," Richards said. 'It's unique for a playscape, which is



typically built on flat pieces of ground." Richards said the company will dig out what is called "the hy-300 feet

pit." It will be 200-by-300 feet and about 15 inches deep. That work is expected to begin the second or third week of May.

Tb seity will fill the "pretty good-sized crater" with layers of geotextile fabric, pea gravel and soft-fall wood chips.

Sinacola's donntion enabled the city to carmark \$30,000 toward purchasing equipment and protective auritcing materi-ale, Richards said. "This work had to be done to build the playsenp." said Richards, about the excavation and site preparation that Sinaco-la will do.

Just about gone

■ In other related nows, Richards said the "Pick-a-Picket" campaign succeeded "beyond our wildest dreams," with 1,500 pickets sold. As of Friday, only a few were available.

"Our goal was to sell a 1,000 pickets, and that was based on Milford's 750." Richards said, adding that the Farmington effort benefited from having a larger area from which to draw support.

Many Farmington Hills resi-

Many Farmington Hills residents and businesses have also contributed to the cause.

Manawhile, Richards said the April 30 spaghetti dinner fund raiser at the Masonic Temple was very successful.

PlayScape committee member Nancy Tashman estimated that the dinner brought in more than \$900 for "Kids World."

What's left for project:

There still are a few things the city of Farmington needs donated for the "Kids World" Playscape:

1. Concrete, for the perimeter walkness.

Concrete, for the perimeter walkway.
 A 12-by-200-foot strip of asphalt.
 An electrician.

## Clown from page A1

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through back yards on Nine Mile. He appeared to be carrying something, she said.

Police took a plastic bag left behind to scarch for fingerprints. On May 4, a man found a pellet gun in a bag when taking out his garbage at Freedom Nullage Apartments on Freedom Road. Police, though, are skeptical the gun was used in the rob-

The robber is described as a white male, 6-foot-

Anyone with information is asked to phone

### 'Earth Angels' present Sock Hop May 15

The "Earth Angels," a group of student performers ages 9-17, will present a Sock Hop called "Blast from the Past and into the Millen roum" from 6-10 p.m. Sturday, May 16.

Directed by Farmington Hills parent Lisa Campos, the group will take the stage at the William Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile

Road, east of Middlebelt.

Besides the "Earth Angels," features include a pizza dinner complete with deasert, disk jockey, raffle, door prizes, hula hoop competition and a prize for the best 50s costume.

Tickets are \$8\$ and \$5\$ for those under age 6.

## Lunch from page A1

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curb behavioral issues such as alcohol use or reckless driving.

Recently, a Harrison student was hit by a car while trying to cross 12 Mile Road.

Myers said Farmington is one of only three Oakland County districts to have a totally open campus program for lunch.

The school board will decide May 18 whether to officially accept the report and start the ball rolling.

Besides figuring out a workable plan, doing a good job selling the concept to the public is an important challenge, said Dennis Noe, assistant principal at Harrison. Trustee dack Inch, citing the 30-year tradition of open campus, commented that

selling the public on going to closed cam-pus "is going to be a lot harder than you're anticipating. ... I think security is going to have to be boosted.

"I'm not concerned about the lunchroom, I'm concerned about people who will be elsewhere" in school during lunch hour,

Several board members complimented Kim Gass for taking a stand that might be

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Why close the campus?
Safety of students, parents feel safer, too
Unanfe behavior, such as jaywalking or reckless driving
Complaints from local businesses: littering,
smoking, loitering, property damage
Alcohol and drug use during unsupervised
lunch
Lack of attention in class immediately following lunch

## Balance sheet |Hospice| Home| willdedicate garden

The perennial garden at the Hospice Home in Farmington Hills has taken roet over the past year through the generoid the past year through the generoid propose is to create a private place to enjoy the beauty of many people who have given their time, creativity and muscle power, as well as financial support. A formal garden dedication will take place 14 pm. Sunday, May 16.

The garden is a volunteer project whose purpose is to create a private place to enjoy the beauty of nature and to provide a place of power, and quiet solitude for hospice patients, their families, staff and friends. The garden features numerous perennial flowers in a rainbow of colors, along with a fountain, a sculpture, seating areas and a gazebo. Surrounding the garden is a walkway of bricks etched with messages from denors to remember loved ones who had hospic are.

"The garden represents the hard work of many people," said Elaine Grohman, volunteer manager at Hospice of Michigan and coordinator of the garden project. It is named in honor of Rochelle Blum, a hospice patient who passed away last year. Her family wanted to memorialize her in a special way and chose to donate funds for this garden."



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