

Shall All Wiring Be Underground?

FARMINGTON The Farmington Township board has asked its attorney to draft an ordinance requiring underground electrical wiring for all new commercial, industrial and multiple construction.

Township ordinances already require underground wiring for a new single-family subdivisions but do not place the same requirements on other developments.

Trustee Margaret Schaefer asked at the last township board meeting that the underground wiring also be required for all new construction, except for individual single-family homes.

THE BOARD is presently studying a new ordinance which would require the planning commission to approve site plans for all developments except for single-family residential.

The ordinance drafted by Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney, sparked a philosophical debate at the last board meeting about how far government should go in instructing developers how their sites should be laid out.

At that same meeting, the township board approved the \$1.9 million operating budget for 1971-72 after a brief discussion. Only one question was raised from the audience during the budget hearing, and that was about the manpower size of the police department.

Trustee David Stader asked whether the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College could be compelled to pay the township fees for services provided.

The board decided to investigate by February, when the next budget will be drafted.

IN OTHER business at the township board meeting:

• Citations for meritorious service were given Lt. William Kelly and Sgt. Jack Brown of the police department.

• Kelly was cited for his leadership during the March student disorder on the Orchard Ridge campus and Brown for risking his life by entering a ventured truck to rescue the driver with gasoline spilled on the scene.

• The board voted to spend up to \$100 to plant five red maples in the patio area in front of the township hall. The area is being redesigned by Betty Frankel, landscape designer.

Schools Offer Skiing Training How Vital Is Federal School \$?

FARMINGTON Late registrations are being accepted for skiing at Mt. Brighton by the adult education office of Farmington Public Schools, 32500 Shawwassee.

The first class will begin at the slopes on Saturday, Dec. 4, or Sunday, Dec. 5. Persons may register by mail or in person at the board offices.

Rates for instruction are: \$17 for individual; \$25 for two persons in same family; \$35 for three persons in same family; and \$40 for four or more persons in the same family.

In mailing registrations, be sure to include the names of all participants, says Don Howell, director of adult education.

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of Farmington Township and gardening columnist for Observer Newspapers.

• The board received resolutions required by the federal government before the township can receive funding to help for senior citizen housing. The board will act on the three resolutions at its Nov. 22 meeting.

• Trustees also approved a master right-of-way plan and adopted a resolution during the county road commission to establish the grade along Orchard Lake north of 12 Mile.

New Bank Being Built

FARMINGTON Ground was broken last week for a Manufacturers Bank building at Independence Green in Farmington Township.

Scheduled for completion by late spring, the split-level, colonial styled building will replace a mobile banking unit, presently located at the opposite end of Independence Green, at Grand River and Halstead Road. The address of the new building will be 36600 Grand River.

Joining David Biery, branch manager of the Grand River, Halstead office, and other bank officers in the ground breaking ceremony were: Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeples; Township Clerk Floyd Cairns; John Breed of the architectural firm of Giffels Associates, Inc., general contractor Paul H. Johnson; and George and Thomas Duke, developers of Independence Green.

The new building will have a brick exterior with two-story, wooden columns across the front. Nestled into a wooded hillside, the building will face north, away from Grand River. Four driven bank vaults, a night depository and parking for 48 cars will be provided.

Inside the banking area will be two stories high, with eight teller windows, a customers' conference room, officers' area and a safe deposit vault.

Beyond a balcony overlooking the banking floor will be mortgage and trust department offices and headquarters for the Farmington division of the bank's branch department. The new building will contain 9,542 square feet of usable floor space.

Pick Vagnozzi

Aldo Vagnozzi, Farmington Board of Education trustee, recently was appointed a member of the Michigan Assn. of School Boards (MASB) legislative committee. The committee recommends positions to be taken by the MASB on legislative matters.

Classes End Early Nov. 19

FARMINGTON All Farmington junior and senior high schools will dismiss classes for the afternoon on Nov. 19 so teachers may take part in in-service workshops.

Senior high classes will be dismissed at 10:40 a.m. and junior high at 11:15 a.m.

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MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS of the Farmington YMCA Indian Maidens visited the Farmington Jaycees' haunted house during the Halloween season. After touring the house, they enjoyed cider and homemade doughnuts and a social meeting. Jennifer Maloney, whose Indian name is "Red Bird," is shown with her mother about to enter the haunted house.



ROBERT WRIGHT and son Philip display the Trailblazer jacket which is the symbol of their Farmington YMCA group. Wright is commander of the four groups of fathers and sons aged 9-12. The program for older boys is an outgrowth of Y-Indian Guides groups.

Auxiliary Seeking Donated Mittens

"Mittens for Moppets" is the theme of the Christmas community service project being undertaken by the Farmington Area Jaycee Auxiliary this year.

The auxiliary will also be cooperating with the Goodfellows during the next several weeks in updating files and investigations for those families in need at Christmas time.

The mitten project, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Chris Reichardt, has already been started. Community residents are being encouraged to either knit mittens or purchase them for contribution.

New mittens or mittens in good condition will be appreciated. They will be distributed to children in need of some added warmth during the coming winter season.

"Drop-boxes" for donations have been placed in the following locations: the National Bank of Detroit Branch at Demery's Shopping Center at 12 Mile Rd.; and the Metropolitan National Bank of Farmington on Grand River. Mittens can be dropped off at these two locations from now until just prior to Christmas. To add to the holiday spirit, mitten trees showing the generous contributions will be decorated in the NBD branch.

Farmington Calendar

VFW AUXILIARY
Monday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. Farmington VFW Auxiliary 4033 will hold its monthly social for patients at the Allen Park VA Hospital. For arrangements, contact chairman Stella McCurdy of 24606 Adams, Farmington.

MIDDLEBELT PTA
Monday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. the Middlebelt Elementary School will meet in the media center of William Grace Elementary School for a tour of the media center.

BEECHVIEW OPEN HOUSE
Monday, Nov. 15, from 7:30-9 p.m. Beechview Elementary School of Farmington Schools will hold its annual open house. All faculty, special teachers and staff will be on hand to greet parents. The open house takes the place of the November Beechview PTA meeting.

NFHS OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. an open house will be held at North Farmington High School. Each student should provide his parents with a copy of his schedule. Classes will meet for 10 minutes with a five minute break between. Coffee in the cafeteria.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. the League of Women Voters of West Bloomfield-Farmington will meet in the West Bloomfield Township Library on Orchard Lake to discuss distribution in Michigan of federal funds for education. Public invited.

HOMEOWNERS COUNCIL
Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. the Council of Homeowners Associations of Farmington Township will discuss citizenship in the cafeteria of East Junior High School on Middle Belt Rd. All officers and board members of homeowner associations and interested residents are invited to attend the meeting held to provide information on incorporation and the forthcoming public hearing on Dec. 2 to be conducted by the State Boundary Commission.

VFW FASHION SHOW
Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. a fashion show will be held in the VFW Hall on Orchard Lake Rd. south of 10 Mile. There will be games, prizes and refreshments. Open to the public. Free.

SOMEPLACE ELSE
Someplace Else at 30726 Grand River, Farmington, a drop-in center for Farmington Youth, announces the following week of involvement from 2:40 p.m. each day: Tuesday, Nov. 16, crafts (drawing); Wednesday, Nov. 17, films; Thursday, Nov. 18, comedy night; Friday, Nov. 19, jam session; Saturday, Nov. 20, game day.

LONGACRE PTA
Tuesday, Nov. 16, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the Longacre PTA will hold its Book Fair in the school. Featured will be books for pre-schoolers to adults with greatest emphasis on children's books. Open to public.

FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, Nov. 16, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Board of Education will hold its regular meeting in Longacre Elementary School's media center. Public welcome.

FARMINGTON NEWCOMERS
Wednesday, Nov. 17, at noon the Farmington Newcomers Club will meet in the Farmington Community Center. The luncheon meeting of \$1.50 each will feature two Detroit Edison speakers explaining how to enhance old Christmas decorations with lights. Bring your centerpieces and door hangings for suggestions on new decorations.

FASHION SHOW
Thursday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m. Mrs. Irene MacKinnon will present a fashion show, "Elegance on a Budget," featuring clothes made and modeled by her students as a benefit for the Farmington Community Center. Show will be in Harrison High School on 12 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middle Belt Rds. Tickets are \$2 per person.

NIGHT OF JANUARY 16
Nov. 18, 19, at 8 p.m. Farmington High School will present Ayn Rand's suspenseful murder trial "Night of January 16th" in the FHS auditorium. Tickets are \$1 per person in advance and \$1.50 at the door.

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