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bulletin

A \$40 million shopping and apartment complex has been proposed for a 120-acre site in Livonia south of Eight Mile between Farmington and Gill Rds., just south of the Farmington Township border.

A group of Livonia businessmen presented plans for 500 apartment units and a 500,000 square foot shopping center Tuesday night to the Livonia Planning Commission. The commission tabled action on the matter but both action by the commission and city council will be required.

Developers said that construction on the apartment portion of the plan could be completed within two years.

The shopping center would be slightly smaller than Wonderland or the Livonia Mall. Developers said that no major tenant has been signed for the center.

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Uncle Sam Pays

The City of Farmington will hire two employees with Uncle Sam paying 90 per cent of the costs for the extra help. The workers come to the city with help of the federal Emergency Employment Act of 1971.

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What To Do

The Farmington Community Center is offering a wide and complete variety of classes and you can sign up this week for your choice. A listing of Center classes, events for the City of Farmington's fall recreation program and the Farmington Community Calendar are printed inside to keep you informed about your hometown.

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Grass Harvest

Police have harvested a field of marijuana in Farmington Township which contained about 15 stalks 10-12 feet high. Pictures of the harvest inside today's paper.

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FIRST AID -- Mark Hatch, member of Den 5 of Farmington Cub Scout Pack 231, gets medical assistance from medics Paul Seehaver and Robert Bolton after being stung by a bee eight times. Dr. Gerry Eaton, M.D., volunteered his services for Saturday, Sept. 25, and the Saturday before at the medical emergency center at the clean up project's Nerve Center in Farmington City Park. (Evert photo)



THREE FEET UNDER -- Christie Fulcher of 10 Mile Elementary School, Farmington Schools, found what is believed to be the jawbone of a horse or cow in about three feet of water near Farmington Junior High while helping during Saturday's cleanup of the Rouge River in the City of Farmington. (Evert photo)



THE AFTERMATH -- After a few hours in the creek, Stewart Glatfelter of Farmington Boy Scout Troop 45 stops to shake the water and mud from his boots. The "Pride" button worn on his arm was the motto for workers cleaning the Rouge. (Evert photo)

500 Volunteers Join For Rouge Cleanup



MESS CALL -- Food was donated by local businesses and trucked to the working sections along the Rouge to meet the physical needs of such hungry workers as Steve Garrett of Farmington. (Evert photo)

About 500 volunteers, clad in wader boots, hard hats, gloves and work clothes, spent all day Saturday lugging long-accumulated debris and junk from the branch of the Rouge River running through the City of Farmington.

When the cleanup ended at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 25 truckloads of junk had been hauled away, and still to be removed were five piles of debris 12 feet high and about 30 feet long.

THE CLEANUP, co-sponsored by the City of Farmington Beautification Committee and National Bank of Detroit, was a huge success, according to James Pogue, beautification committee member and manpower chairman for the project.

About 300 volunteers were on hand promptly at 8:30 a.m., Pogue says, and consisted of a large number of scouts, elementary children, teens, young adults and parents. Even a few "outsiders" came in from such places as Grosse Pointe, Warren and St. Clair Shores to help Farmington clean out its creek.

There were a good number of teens and young adults, Pogue adds, even though there were two high school football games on Saturday. The faculty strike at Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College also affected the turnout of young adults, he says.

HEALTH and safety problems proved minimal, says one project spokesman. There were only a few minor injuries, such as bee stings.

The river "is pretty darn clean now," says Pogue, who feels the cleanup was a "real big success." Everyone had a good time and there was plenty of food for the workers, he adds.

City officials were so pleased by the results they are considering the possibility of holding a second massive cleanup of the Rouge next spring or early summer.

The project was co-sponsored by the city and NBD to rid the river of visible pollution and to bring to the attention of the public the plight of the Rouge and its effects on people.

Teachers May Strike

By MARTHA MAHAN
Farmington teachers will take a strike vote one week from Monday, on Oct. 4, unless agreement has been reached on their 1971-72 contract.

The decision was made late Monday by unanimous vote of the Farmington Education Assn.'s (FEA) 45-member executive board, Roger Allen, executive secretary, reported. "There was extensive evidence from board members that teachers as a whole are fed up with the stalling tactics employed by the Board of Education and the lack of leadership from the central administrative office," Allen said.

IF SETTLEMENT has not been reached, the teachers will meet at 7 a.m. Oct. 4, Allen said, to "review the situation and determine whether to go back to work."

Teachers returned to the classroom at school's start under terms of last year's pact, extended by mutual agreement but with the proviso that either party could cancel on 48 hours' notice.

Negotiations on salary and other economic items remain where they were months ago, Allen said.

The FEA is asking a 16 per cent pay hike, for \$17,550 at the top to \$9,080 beginner pay, compared with last year's \$15,300 to \$8,000. The schools have offered \$200 across-the-board, or two per cent.

However, a "built in" increment formula mandates increases ranging from four to six per cent, according to the board's chief negotiator, LeRoy Bartman. This would bring the "actual" offered increase to four to six per cent, Bartman said.

AS FOR stalling, Supt. Roderick J. Smith said Birmingham settled last week for a \$16,100 top and Clarenceville signed for a maximum \$15,500, yet the FEA still is asking \$17,550.



REMOVAL -- Walter Sundquist of the City of Farmington Beautification Committee supervises the lifting of large logs for removal from the Rouge riverbed in the City of Farmington.

The Community turned out en masse Saturday to clear the Rouge of visible pollution within City of Farmington limits. (Evert photo)

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