



What Does Teeple's Envision In 1972?

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1972 should be a good year for Farmington Township people. We have begun a program that should pay dividends in 1972. It took some time to get some of these things going, but they are off the ground now and should display great progress in 1972.

WE HAVE re-established our housing commission and this, along with your parks commission that has been transfused with new and old blood from all parts of our community, should show great accomplishment this year.

I anticipate that we will see not only the acquisition of new park land for current and future use, in needed areas, but also the renewal and increased use of those lands that we already have for the use of our citizens.

I see, in 1972, some bad

roads and the usual concern over these. But I also see the continued cooperation with the county road commission that will result in better service, anticipated needs and better conditions.

A number of solutions are being considered for the 12 Mile and Orchard Lake area where there is a definite need. Our planners and zoners will continue their efforts towards requiring the installation of sidewalks along main roads and we will also ask that the ordinances regulating these walks be enforced.

By year's end, I would see that these walks all be in and that the pedestrians can walk along main roadway without being struck by cars. My meetings with the builders of the area reflect cooperation on this area.

OUR ENGINEERS are preparing and promise they will soon complete an alternate route study for the 10 Mile Sewer arm that will serve the northwest end of the township.

This should result in continued growth of that area. Water is available here and is being programmed for the rest of Farmington Township on a general scale with water and sewer. This will result in better fire protection and also provide the much needed impetus for growth. New areas will open to development.

But this growth will not be without guidance. Our zoning enforcement will continue. Signs and other violations will be part of our spring program.

that will continue to improve our community. June should see our program in full swing and signs and other violations the subject of prosecution in cases where they do not comply with the law.

Health problems are going to be part of our continued program. I see trailer parks and other large developments tied into sewers and other violators prosecuted or complying.

OUR YOUTH also must be served. I am working on a teen center built around an ice rink that will provide much needed facilities in our community. The rink has been worked on for some time. Apparently these risks and centers make money for their owners and investors are anxious to get one going here. Private enterprise will produce it for us and allow us to be in on the planning.

Ecology is also connected with this and they tell me that they will gladly help select a site that will fit in with their plans.

Safety of all of our people will be accelerated by our police department, currently undergoing some changes along with instruction and training. It is gratifying to note that a number of our officers, now attending college, will some day have degrees.

Co-operation with school, road commission and other agencies will produce a safer community for us all. Our new traffic safety bureau is working and well. Infused with new life in the form of

their new director, our police is continuing to produce a great service. New facilities, equipment, federal and state grants will produce one of the finest public safety services (including fire and police) that this area has ever seen.

BUT MOST of all, I look forward to greater community and personal involvement. I see greater and increased involvement of our young people in community service. I welcome this as I see them as a large group with great enthusiasm who will do a great job for us. But I also look forward to increased and continued cooperation of all our people, both those in office and those in the community.

I welcome participation at all levels. We can do it and I am sure that those in our community who are truly interested in making Farmington Township or Farmington Hills, or whatever the greatest community ever, will cooperate fully. Those who do not will find that they are a small group.

All in all, we live in the greatest community going. And we are going. Comin' along?

What To Expect In '72

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torical preservation committees could accomplish a great deal jointly in developing a walk-through historical area which would draw persons from all around into Farmington. The paving of Shawasssee already completed and the contemplated parking areas on the north side of Grand River could speed up the day this vision is realized.

THE SCHOOL board probably will be hearing from a number of dissenters during the next eight-to-10 weeks as the new semester will bring with it introduction of the human sexuality, minority understanding and substance abuse programs. Parents might, however, find the additions to be less frightening than some anticipated.

The study of the 12-month school year was started with some hesitancy but might receive more attention as the details are examined with more precision.

If the study prompts administrators into believing the year-round concept is advantageous, steps could be taken in 1972 to measure how the public feels. A year ago, such a step would have received little consideration but could be weighed very heavily in 1972. A final decision, however, is unlikely this year unless the decision is to drop the study.

THE HTR CORP. could announce plans in 1972 to develop its regional retail center in neighboring Novi or Walled Lake.

Such an announcement, coupled with advanced construction on northbound I-275 expressway, will signal the beginnings in 1972 of

significant development in the northwest section of the township.

That signal will also mark the formation of finalized plans for the 10 Mile Sewer Arm and a comprehensive storm drainage plan for that area. Formation of such plans will further spur development.

THE YEAR 1971 proved disappointing when it came to any real advances being made towards senior citizen housing in the township.

But the housing commission has shown signs of clearing away the paperwork and 1972 could see plans being drawn and federal funding approved. It is doubtful, however, that the year will see any units opened for occupants.

The conservative majority on the school board has already backed down on an earlier liberal position on dress code for athletes.

The speculator might envision further steps by the conservatives to revise student codes but those steps will be slowed considerably by the age of majority legislation which could force a reconsideration across the board of student rights. Lowering the age of majority will be much more significant than that first drink in a bar by a senior on Jan. 1.

THE ARRIVAL of August will see the usual political hoopla in the township with candidates seeking election to those positions open - supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustee seats (those now held by Fred Lichtman and Mrs. Margaret Schaefer).

The Republican regulars have not yet made their peace with Supervisor Earl Teeple's and can be counted upon to

pick a candidate for the primaries. That choice will depend a great deal upon the results of the cityhood election and the composition of elected charter commissioners. It is too early now to guess whom.

Robert Deadman could be named permanent city manager for the City of Farmington in 1972. But the city has been receiving a number of applications, and Deadman, after a couple months of being acting city administrator, could yearn for a return to the job of public safety director, which he knows best and performs so well. No guesses here either.

H. G. Wells would agree that 1972 will be a very exciting year to live through in Farmington. Despite the momentary setbacks which will occur from month to month, the year will end with the community having advanced much further from where it is today.

New Year's Quiet Here

FARMINGTON The New Year's weekend was relatively quiet in the Farmington area with few incidents reported to police from noon Dec. 31 to midnight Jan. 1.

During this period, the City of Farmington did not experience a traffic accident and had but eight disorderly persons incidents.

Farmington Township, during the same period, had only four disorderly persons incidents and six minor traffic accidents.

Farmington Calendar

CHRISTMAS CARD ALBUMS
The Bon Ton Shoppe of Farmington has many Christmas card albums that may be picked up at no charge for those who use them in child care work. The albums may be picked up at the "Mushroom" at 3349 Grand River, Farmington.

CENTER WINTER CLASSES
Thursday, Jan. 6, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Farmington Community Center will accept registrations for its Winter classes. On Jan. 6, many instructors of the arts and crafts classes will be on hand to talk with prospective class members. Displays of the crafts can be seen both days. No mail or phone registrations will be taken until Jan. 10. Registration will continue until class maximums are reached.

EXPECTANT PARENTS
Monday, Jan. 10, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., the second in a series of eight free classes for expectant parents offered by the Oakland County Health Department will be held in the South Oakland Health Center, 2725 Greenfield Rd. at 11 1/2 Mile Rd. in Southfield. To register, call the education office of the health department. Classes limited to 13 couples and topics include: mental health of family unit; growth and development of baby before and immediately after birth; labor and delivery; and care and feeding of the infant.

WELCOME WAGON CLUB
Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7:45 p.m., the Welcome Wagon Club of Farmington will hold its regular meeting in the Antioch Lutheran Church, 13 Mile and Farmington Rds. Farmington Township Supervisor Earl Teeple's will speak on "Township Government" to be followed by a question-answer period. New residents who have lived in Farmington one year or less are welcome.

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