

Lawsuit Authorized To Force Sidewalks

FARMINGTON Township has decided to begin litigation against those subdivision developers who have failed to comply with an ordinance requiring sidewalks along major roads.

The decision to file suit was made after developers failed to answer a 60-day notice to respond given by Joseph T. Brennan, township attorney.

THE TOWNSHIP board voted 5-2 Monday night to authorize Brennan to file suit against developers of 15 subdivisions in the township who have ignored ordinance requirements for sidewalks.

Brennan had sent letters to these developers informing them of the township ordinance and requiring them to locate sidewalks and asked for a commitment on when the sidewalks would be located.

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He added that the board could not expect much in the way of voluntary cooperation from developers because only Thompson - Brown had even extended the courtesy of answering his letter.

Supervisor Earl Teeplees said the law was passed in 1953 and has not been enforced since 1958. If developers don't voluntarily to comply with ordinance requirements and require them to locate sidewalks and asked for a commitment on when the sidewalks would be located.

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After the motion passed, William Bowman, executive vice president of Thompson - Brown, asked for a meeting between the township and affected developers.

Bowman said his firm was willing to spend funds for walkways but would rather spend the money for walks that were needed instead of for areas where walks are impractical and unnecessary.

Roy Russell of Thompson - Brown said it made little sense to build a sidewalk in front of Independence Commons along Drake that led nowhere. He added that the walk Thompson - Brown built along Canterbury Commons is used by another subdivision, Westbrook Manor, across the street and this was an inequity.

Russell added that litigation might be premature because the ordinance contains no deadline for building sidewalks. Thompson - Brown is prepared to build sidewalks, he added, but some of its subdivisions are still unfinished.

Opperthauser suggested it was useless to negotiate because 60 days ago a lawsuit was threatened and the developers ignored the threat. He added that extenuating circumstances and problem areas can be negotiated while the lawsuit is in progress.

Lichtman said the board had been discussing the sidewalk problem for six to eight months and it was time to get action.

With litigation, he said, the township will get those sidewalks that are needed and won't get sidewalks where they aren't needed or where there are overwhelming practical problems.

Farmington Calendar

EARLY ALIVE
Wednesday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. Earth Alive, Farmington ecology group, will meet in the Farmington Township Hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Rds. Everyone interested is invited.

EAGLE ELEMENTARY PTA
Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7:30 p.m. the Eagle Elementary PTA will meet in the Eagle gymnasium at 14 Mile and Middle Belt Rds. William Taki and son Tom will give a demonstration on the ancient art of Kendo, a form of ceremonial fencing. Japanese snacks and refreshments will be served.

HILL & DALE
Thursday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. the Hill and Dale Garden Club of Farmington will meet in the Farmington Community Center on Orchard Lake Rd. between 10 and 11 Mile Rds. Guest speaker will be Harley Thornton, naturalist at Proud Lake Conservation School.

FHS CONCERT
Thursday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. the Farmington High School instrumental department will feature the orchestra and stage band, under direction of Harold Kacanek, for its third concert of the season in the FHS auditorium. Program will include Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture" and Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" by the Orchestra and "Scarborough Fair" and "What the World Needs Now" by the Stage Band. Tickets at door are \$1 for adults and 75 cents for students.

SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIAL CLUB
Friday, Jan. 14, at noon the Senior Citizens Social Club of Farmington will meet in the social room of the First United Methodist Church of Farmington at Warner and Grand River. Bring a sandwich. An afternoon of cards and games will follow lunch.

"THE CHALK GARDEN"
Friday, Jan. 14, at 8:30 p.m. the curtains will rise for "The Chalk Garden," a comedy being presented by the Farmington Players in the Players Barn at 32332 W. 12 Mile, Farmington, as a benefit for the Farmington Community Center. Tickets at \$5 per person are available at the Center.

CAREFREE CONESTOGAS
Sunday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. the Carefree Conestogas, the Farmington chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association, will meet in the president's home, Robert Hanes of 2101 Birchwood, Farmington. Persons who want to meet new people and enjoy the outdoors are welcome to attend.

TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS
Monday, Jan. 17, from 12:30-2:30 p.m., and Thursday, Jan. 20, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., an introductory workshop on the basic theory of transactional analysis (TA) will be held in the Farmington Community Center. It will be presented by Sandra G. Landsman, MA, regular member IATA, and faculty member of Continuing Education, Oakland University, No. free.

STORY HOUR AT LIBRARY
Tuesday, Jan. 18, the Farmington District Library will begin its preschool story hour for children ages four or five who are not yet in kindergarten. The eight - week program will include stories, finger plays, puppets and songs.

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND
Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 8 p.m. the Farmington Community Concert Band, directed by Paul Barber, will open its 1972 season with "Mid-Winter Musicale," highlighted by guest soloist Francesco Di Biasi, formerly of the Detroit Symphony. Concert will be in the Harrison High School auditorium and babysitter service will be available. There is no admission charge.

PRAYER BREAKFAST
Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 7:30 a.m. the Farmington Jaycees will sponsor the fifth annual Farmington Community Leadership Prayer Breakfast in the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile in Farmington. Township Speaker will be Dick Headlee of Farmington, a bishop of the Mormon Church, past president of the US Jaycees, and president of Hamilton International. Cost is \$5 per person.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS
Thursday, Jan. 20, at 1 p.m. Farmington Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers of America will hold its regular monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. June Koebler of 23020 Mayfield, Farmington.

WOMEN OF NORTH FARMINGTON
Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 11 a.m. the Women of North Farmington will hold its January luncheon in the new Holiday Inn at 10 Mile and Grand River in Farmington Township. Guest speaker will be Scott Matthews, Rap Line psychologist. Cost of luncheon is \$2.75 per person and public is invited. For reservations, contact Mrs. Louise Doherty of 28825 Ravenwood, Farmington Township, or Mrs. Mildred Burke of 32569 Hargrove Ct., Farmington Township, by Jan. 21.

NEWCOMERS CLUB
Saturday, Jan. 29, the Farmington Newcomers Club will have a Sweetheart's Ball in the Holiday Inn on 10 Mile in Farmington. Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., with dinner and dancing to follow. Price is \$20 per couple and guests are welcome. Reservations must be made by Jan. 24 by contacting Sue LaVway or Muriel Lorenzini.

HOMES ARE NEEDED
Several Farmington homes are needed for South American students arriving to stay several months in Farmington under the Youth for Understanding program. Persons wanting to volunteer as host families should contact Mrs. Wesley Orr of 26568 Farmington Rd.

BURGLARPROOF HOME
Farmington Township residents may burglar proof their homes by borrowing, free of charge, an electrical ether from the Farmington Township Police Department to etch their driver's license numbers on personal property.

3 In Jackson For Breakin

FARMINGTON Three Detroit men have been sent to Jackson State Prison after being convicted of attempted breaking and entering of a Farmington Township residence.

Found guilty by Oakland Circuit Judge Farrell Roberts were: Roy Baldrige, 21, James Simons, 22, and Cary Neill, 20.

They are charged with attempted breaking and entering of the Inkster Rd. residence of Dr. Edgar Sherrin of Farmington on July 19.

Baldrige and Simons each received one - five year sentence and Neill was sentenced to two - five years. All three pleaded guilty.

VILLAGE OF WOOD CREEK FARMS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT STREET CONSTRUCTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

(1) that the Village Council of the Village of Wood Creek Farms, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of streets to be located in the Village of Wood Creek Farms as follows:

Special Assessment District No. 1

Street	From	To
Wellington Drive	Northwestern Hwy.	Thurston Mile Road
Valley Road	Northwestern Hwy.	Thurston Mile Road
Old Colony Road	Valley Road	Inkster Road
Old Colony Road	Old Colony Road	Northwestern Hwy.

Special Assessment District No. 2

Street	From	To
Millbrook Road	Middlebelt Road	Wellington Drive
Eastbrook Road	Wellington Drive	East
Beech Hill	Eastbrook	East
Cherwood Court	Middlebelt Road	East
Wellington Drive	Middlebelt Road	Northwestern Hwy.
Spring Road	Middlebelt Road	Wellington Drive
Utley Road	Middlebelt Road	Westbrook Court
Wellington Drive	Wellington Drive	South
Westmont Court	Millbrook Road	North
Valley Road	Millbrook Road	Northwestern Hwy.
Salen	22 1/2 ft. south of Wellington Drive	Valley Lane
Village Lane	Wellington Drive	Salen

(2) that the plans showing the aforesaid improvement and the location thereof and an estimate of \$235,600.00 as the cost thereof are on file with the Village Clerk for public examination.

(3) that the Village Council has tentatively designated the following Special Assessment districts against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed, to-wit:

Special Assessment District No. 1

Lots 1, 7, 8, 10 to 27, 30 to 32, 34 to 40, 43 and Outlot B, all inclusive, of Supervisor's Plat of Wood Creek Farms, all in the Village of Wood Creek Farms, being part of Section 12, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan.

Special Assessment District No. 2

Lots 9 to 19, all inclusive, Westmont, a subdivision of part of the N. W. 1/4 of Section 12, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan; and Lots 21 to 128, 144 to 162, 185 to 210 and Outlot D, E and F, all inclusive, of Supervisor's Plat of Wood Creek Farms, No. 1, also Lots 1 to 8, all inclusive, of Supervisor's Plat of Wood Creek Farms Addition, all in the Village of Wood Creek Farms, being part of Section 12, T. 1 N., R. 9 E., Farmington Township, Oakland County, Michigan, or such other district as shall finally be established by the Village Council, as constituting the special assessment districts against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed.

(4) That the Village Council will meet in Labour Hall of the Sarah Fisher Home on Inkster Road between Twelve Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, in the Village of Wood Creek Farms, on the 20th day of January, 1972, at 8 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvement, to the petitions therefor, and to said special assessment districts.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL.

ALICE M. TOTH
Village Clerk

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Olivet Graduates

Three Farmington residents have graduated with bachelor degrees from Olivet College in Olivet.

They are: Timothy Byrne, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Byrne of Grand River, who majored in social studies; Lance Oak, son of Mrs. Evelyn Oak of Pearridge, Farmington, who majored in business administration; and Mrs. Valerie Ann Lough Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lough of Nestlewood, Farmington, who majored in social studies.

On Dean's List

James W. Brunstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brunstad of Peble Pointe, Farmington, has been named to the dean's list for the fall term at Lake Forest College, a co-educational liberal arts college in Lake Forest, Ill.

Truant Gets BS

Allen L. Truant, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Truant of New Bedford, Farmington, has graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.S. degree in microbiology. He completed his college studies at the end of the fall quarter in December.

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