PUBLIC LETTER BOX

Letters submitted to the Editor for publication must be signed. Names will be withheld upon request. Opinions expressed in this column are those of the writer and do not necessarily represent the policies of this newspaper. Maximum length is 1,000 words.

Challenges Editorial on 'Reasonable Use'

Dear Sir:

Your February 21 editorial entitled "Owner Has Right To Reasonable Use", which was published following a recent public hearing before the planning board, is evidence of your capitulation to the property-for-profit-only interests and shows a complete lack of understanding of Scenic View Subdivision's position on vacant property development and on the proposed downzoning of vacant residential property nearby. The property to which I refer adjoins the city park and is situated along the west side of Powers Road along the Rouge River branch between Grand River and Shiawassee.

In the first place, your editorial would have readers believe that we home owners are naive enough to think that any vacant land near our subdivision belongs to us. Such an assertion on your part is utterly ridiculous.

Secondly, you would have readers believe that we bought homes in our subdivision without the protection of zoning restrictions on nearby vacant land. The fact is that the subject vacant land was zoned specifically for single unit residences when we bought our homes. In spite of the established zoning restrictions a well-known professional developer recently secured an option to purchase the subject property for the purpose of developing it contrary to zoning restrictions. Now he wants the zoning down-graded for his benefit and profit at our expense. We simply want the established R-1 zoning maintained to protect our property values.

Thirdly, you would have readers believe that we were remiss when buying our homes because we did not "pin down" local government officials to obtain their assurances that the nearby vacant land would never be rezoned. You certainly must realize that elections and death can remove government officials from office. In any case, you seem to have forgotten that government officials are not masters of the public, but rather, are public servants responsive to the will of the people. It should have been obvious to all who attended that recent public hearing on re-zoning that the overwhelming majority of citizens present were against downzoning of the subject vacant land. The purpose of zoning ordinances is to effect orderly development of land and to provide protection against development to the contrary according to the whims of some government officials or some influential builders.

Finally, you would have readers believe that the 62 petition signatories do not agree with an owner's right to reasonable use of his property. On the contrary, we subscribe wholeheartedly to this concept. The right to reasonable use is not merely limited to making a business profit but has broader implications. I also submit that the right to reasonable use must be exercised within the limits of established zoning provisions. If zoning restrictions are subject to down-grading to provide an opportunity for maximum profit to one owner regardless of any detrimental affect on the value of property already developed, then zoning ordinances are meaningless.

Mr. Editor, I am not so naive as to be influenced by a large display of aerial photographs, artist sketches, charts full of fancy figures and glib promises by a promoter to the point of belief that the proposed development of the subject vacant property is really in the best interests of our community rather than for the personal profit of the developer.

For those of us whose homes and property values would be directly and adversely affected, I sincerely trust that the Planning Board and the City Council reject this attempt to downgrade zoning on the subject property.

Very truly yours,
John H. Smith.

EDITOR'S REPLY: You erroneously read this editorial as being one taking a stand on the particular re-zoning request you speak of. It definitely was not intended to be. The editorial was in regard to a general attitude that we have heard expressed in many areas throughout the whole community (city and township combined) over the past several years whereby it has been implied that a man should not be allowed to make a reasonable use of his land without first getting his neighbors' approval. We disagree with this line of thinking.

If you were fully aware of how some of the zoning which exists in our community (city and township) was decided on years ago you would appreciate the need for consideration of re-zoning in many areas.

As for the property you are concerned with, our feeling is that it is definitely not suitable for single family development. We are not firmly convinced either that an apartment development there would be the best use although we have an open mind on the matter. Ideally, perhaps, purchase of the property by the city to expand the park would be the best answer but the city seems no closer to having the money to do this now than it did ten years ago.

Want Public Debate

The Democratic candidates for Farmington Township office once again wholeheartedly endorse your editorial suggestion that public programs and debates be held in relation to the issues in the April 1 election.

As you remember we quickly supported this idea when you first made it prior to the Primary election. At that time we proposed that the Farmington Enterprise take the lead in promoting such programs.

You indicated that it would be better if community groups took the initiative in this area. Between the two editorials neither the Republican candidates nor community groups came forth to take part in such programs.

The Democratic candidates are so firmly convinced that such public discussions would be in the best interests of the Farmington township community that we are willing to use our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 6 for this purpose.

If this should prove inconvenient for the Republican candidates, the Democratic club will be willing to schedule a special meeting at a time acceptable to nominees of both parties. We hope that other groups will come forward with similar offers so that Farmington township voters will have the benefit of a full presentation of issues in the current election campaign.

Harold E. Shpieee,
Chairman Farmington Democratic Club and Candidate for Supervisor of Farmington Township.

Twin Valley Views

MARIE BRAUER
476-5213

Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, was the date of the annual Pre-Lenten Card Party at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall and several from the subdivision attended. Mrs. Edna Schulze, Mrs. Virginia Doyle, and Mrs. Sue McCallum and Mrs. Jane Feiten won prizes.

Mr. Willard Redfield of Madison, Conn. was a recent house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Art Schulze of St. Mary Court. While visiting here, Mr. Redfield, who is Art Schulze's step-father, celebrated his 88th birthday on Feb. 18.

LAST WEEKEND, Mike Doyle of Elizabeth Ct. and a Sophomore at Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, joined his classmates on a Field Trip to Niagara Falls.

On Sunday, Feb. 17th, Mrs. and Mrs. John Pulliam with Karen and Mary Kaye were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brauer of St. Mary Ct. The Pulliams are former Detroit neighbors of the Brauer Family.

An attractive table of blue and gold place-mats with name tags to match was admired by the parents of the Cub Scouts of Pack 110, Den 9, under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Schafer, who attended the Cub Scout Blue and Gold Dinner held Feb. 21st, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall. Those parents and sons who were present from Den 9 were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schafer and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. William Carrier and Mark, Mrs. John Feiten and Danny, Mr. and and Mrs. H. Eddy and Bruce, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin and Mike, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen and Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brauer and Bobby.

Next Goodwill Pickup Scheduled March 5

The next visit of Goodwill Industries pickup trucks to Farmington is scheduled for cards of clothing, shoes, hats, toys, most types of furniture and other household discards.

To arrange for a Goodwill Industries truck pickup, call the local Goodwill representative, Miss Lora Ault telephone number GR 4-4294 or ask the operator for toll-free Enterprise 7002.

Wood Creek Farms Village

Young Bart Tenney, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tenney of 29331 Wellington Road died at 3:40 a.m. Saturday morning. He had made a wonderful recovery from his Mexican ordeal and was back in school again. Friday, after school, he and his mother went shopping. When Mac called from Pittsburgh, where he had gone due to a major operation on his mother, at about 6 p.m. Friday evening Pat reported everything was fine. When, a little later, Bart complained of a headache he was taken immediately to the hospital. But he did not pull through this second attack. The funeral was Tuesday, at the Franklin Community Church.

A student at Detroit Country Day School, Bart lettered in football. He was active in the Franklin Community Church and with Boy Scout Troop 1011 of Franklin.

Conrad and Marian Lam flew to New Haven, Conn. on Feb. 16th in time to attend an alumni meeting at the Yale Medical School. They visited with friends on Sunday before leaving that evening for San Juan, Puerto Rico, for the meeting of the Puerto Rico Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. The Lams were one of eight couples from cities in Michigan and Chicago to go to this meeting. The Lams rented a car and spent a couple of days driving around the island, spending one night with friends at San German who gave a delightful party for them. The Lams flew home last Saturday.

Pearl and Dobbie Dobson left Dec. 17 for Florida for their usual Christmas with Pearl's sister, Mrs. Williams, who lives in Clearwater. They have many friends in Florida so there were lunches, dinners, card parties, and lots of visiting in Clearwater and around there. On the return trip Mrs. Williams came with them as far as Chapel Hill, N. C. where her married daughter now lives, and the Dobsons stayed there for three days. They also stopped in Washington, D.C. before reaching here the end of January.

On Wednesday, Jan. 23, Mary McGuire had a wonderful day of skiing. The following Sunday she and Wilfred drove to Ft. Lauderdale to vacation on their houseboat, the AWOL. At first Mary thought her thighs ached so badly from the unusual exercise - but she ended up by having to go to a doctor in Florida for frost bite! They took some trips on the boat in the inter-coastal waterway, but she couldn't do much sunning. On the way home they stopped at Fort Gordon, Ga. to see their son, Bill, who is taking his basic training there. They reached home last week Monday.

The Franklin Garden Club will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 7 at Vern and Grace Fishers. Jack Peters, of South field, will be the speaker and his topic will be "The Propagation and Growth of Orchids". He will bring samples and slides to illustrate his talk.

Farmington Oaks

Edna Mosley — 474-2410
Betty Robertson — 476-0564

Spring may not be in the air yet, but we know its on its way. A good indication of this is the appearance of the ever popular fashion shows. Dorothy Klein assisted with the making of hats at the De Ancy Hat Shop for these pre-spring fashion shows. On Feb. 13th the St. Priscilla Catholic Church held a fashion show at Loffies in Livonia.

This past week was an active one for the Boy Scouts in this area. Steve Robertson participated with his Explorers Post 45 in a ceremony of the Order of the Round Table at the Walled Lake High School on Wed., Feb. 13. It was for the Scout Masters of the district. Saturday, the 16th, the Robertson family attended the Father and Son Campout of Troop 584 held at Island Lake Recreation Area. On that day, mothers and other members of the family are welcome at the camp and participate in the events which include a compass course. The compass course means that the boys stop at certain stations and perform special duties, such as first aid, fire making and Morse Code messages. The patrols are rivals and each try to earn the most points. The high spot of the evening was a venison dinner enjoyed by all.

John and Edna Mosley's son, John is celebrating his 16th birthday today, Feb. 21.

On Feb. 18th the Flanders P.T.A. held the monthly meeting in the All-Purpose room. A panel discussion was the prime item of the meeting.

A BEAUTIFUL NORWEGIAN blue fox cape is to be given away as the top prize in Jean's Bel-Aire Beauty Shop's Beaute-Rama now in progress. Other prizes will be two wigs and Vivian Woodard cosmetics. Shown above is a display of the fur cape and other prizes on display now at Jean's Bel-Aire Shop. Anyone 16 years of age or older is eligible to enter the contest. There is nothing to buy and no other obligations. All you need to do is drop in at the beauty shop and fill out a registration slip. The contest runs through March 28.

This is Kimberley

JUDY BURNS
GR. 4-3112

The PTA Founder's Day pot-luck dinner of February 18th was a big success and well attended. Guest speaker Bud Guest had Beechview's gym rocking in laughter with his homey stories.

A brief business meeting during the evening was devoted to the selection of a nominating committee, who will present a proposed slate of officers in March, with election to follow in April. The March meeting will be on the 18th, and will feature the woodwind quintet from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Other calendar dates this week include the Community Blood Bank for the North Farmington and Franklin areas, to be held on Friday, March 1st, from 3:00 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. at the Franklin Community Church. Eligible donors are urged to participate, and may call the church office, MA 6-6606 for an appointment.

A LUNCHEON was hosted on February 13th by Lynn Roth and Mary Kenny in honor of their new neighbor, Carol Keel of Greythorne. The guest list included Bette Witmer, Judy Zahler, Martha Joy, June Semack, Evelyn Green, Alice O'Daniel, Pat Tucker, and Jo Olson, who gathered at the Kenny home for a buffet luncheon and an afternoon of get-acquainted games.

The "Cupid's Caper" enjoyed by the Kimberley Teen Club on February 15th was a big success. Some 70 young people attended the dance at the Beechview School gym and proved the initial venture of the new teen club to be very popular. Don O'Malley of Kiltartan donated Royal Crown, and Dean Ziegel of Wicklow mountains of potato chips. Keith Sutton did a great job as MC, and all reports indicate the Kimberley Teen Club is off to a good active start!

Speaking of teen-agers, Jan Witmer of Greythorne hosted her cousin, Chris Fuller, for a recent weekend. Chris flew here from her home in Marblehead, Massachusetts to spend a few days at the Witmer home, and the two girls had a wonderful weekend together.

CONGRATULATIONS, this week in two departments, senior and junior. Bouquets to little Stephen Tango, son of Pat and Len Tango of Middlebelt, who celebrated his fourth birthday on February 22nd. Pat can hardly forget any of her children's birthdates, as Tommy was born on Easter Sunday, Patrice on Halloween, and Stephen on Washington's birthday! And red roses to Lil Clark and Bill Vankoughnet, each for their over 600 series while bowling in the March of Dimes Tournament in February.

Last week one of the homes under construction in Kimberley South (formerly known as Lincoln-shire) required the fire department to squelch a blaze. Damage from hatchets and flames was sufficient enough to result in a large hole in the roof, the only exterior evidence of what must have been a sizable interior fire. The same week the fire department was required by the white farmhouse on the corner of Eleven Mile and Middlebelt, which also sports a resulting hole in the roof of extensive proportions.

The Kimberley Couples Bowling League is moving into the home stretch, and with eight weeks to go the standings are: first, Melville-Kimbrough, second, Fletcher-Vankoughnet, third, Baum-Martin, fourth, McChesney-Olson, fifth, Shotwell-Odom, sixth, O'Malley-Northen, seventh, Clark-Burns(oops) eighth, Evans-Tournaud, ninth, Newman-Hosler, tenth, May-LeBlanc, eleventh, Anderson-Kilkka, and twelfth, Patton-Peterson. The point spread is still close enough, however, that it's still anybody's guess as to the final outcome. The men's high games are Don O'Malley's 247, Phil Northen's 235, and Jim Martin's 241, and the women's best scores are Jo Olson's 214, Connie Martin's 197, and Ginny Odom's 190. High series are boasted by Jim Martin, 620, Phil Northen, 601, Don O'Malley, 594, Lil Clark, 501, Wanda Northen, 496, and Marion Tournaud, 479. Same bowling!

The Kimberley Couples Bowling League incidentally is forming a second, integral but independent bowling league to bowl at Star Lanes on Sunday evenings during the 1963-64 season. Any interested Kimberley couple, whether new residents or old, are invited to call Bud Olson, league president, GR. 6-1436 or Jim Burns, league secretary, GR. 4-3112.

News From Briar Hill

FRANCES MANN MA. 6-5946

Jack and Kathy Kinley, formerly of Northwick, have a new son, born February 12, and named Todd Allen. Their address now is Route 87, Novelty, Ohio.

Margaret Frederick's mother, Mrs. Mary Brandt, flew to California recently for a month's visit with relatives. It was her first flight and she loved every minute of it.

Phyl Auman topped her own high bowling game of 203 with a 215 game last week. The Evening Bowling Group is in need of a regular bowler and the only requirement is that you like to bowl. If interested, please call Dorothy McCarthy, 626-1858.

Dick Braunreuther of Northwick and his family attended the funeral of his brother in New York last week.

If you have any corrections or additions for the telephone list, please call Eloise Moreen, 626-6507, immediately. A new list will be given to those residents who have paid their maintenance fund and association dues.

LYNNE MURPHY of Ravenscroft was hostess for a boy from India named Parkash from February 14 to 16. He was one of a group of 38 foreign students who were guests of the Farmington Senior High Exchange Club. On Friday, he accompanied her to school and talked to several classes. In the evening they attended the basketball game and dance and then all the students and their hosts were invited to the Murphy home for a buffet. Parkash did comment that in India schools are strictly for lessons and there is no social life connected with it.

Ruth Steiner of Beacontree entered Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital on February 16, with a case of pneumonia. She hopes to be home this week. But before she got home, her daughter, Sharon, had to be hospitalized again.

On February 7th, Don Hug of Beacontree flew to Miami, Florida, for rest and relaxation. On Feb. 14, his daughter, Cindy, flew down to join him. It was her first flight. She went alone and instead of arriving at 10 a.m., she got to Miami at 11 p.m. after being held up in Atlanta. The next day they flew over to Nassau to visit Shirley and Wade Sloane of Ravenscroft who were there on vacation. They returned to Miami on the 18th and intended to stay until the 28th but got a call from home that daughter Barbara had a ruptured appendix and needed an operation, so they headed for home, arriving Saturday night. Monday morning Barbara had her operation at Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital.

CARL DEATS of Briarton had a birthday last Sunday and Carolyn's parents had invited them to dinner in Howell, but had to postpone it because of a flu bout.

Susan Palmer's 13th birthday was Friday, Feb. 22 and she invited friends for a slumber party. Bringing their pajamas and toothbrushes were Rosalind Odom, Kathy Nauman, Diane Sheldon and Janice Young.

Jake Hage of Ravenscroft would love to hear from a fellow chess player. He has eight sets and no one to play with him. So all chess players please call 626-9150.

Ricky Andridge of Old Bedford is the drummer with a combo called "The Rebounds." Last Saturday evening they were one of the top four in a talent show at Farmington Senior High. They are available for parties and dances.

Miss Peggy Emmerling, a teacher from New York, arrived last Friday as a weekend guest of Marilyn and Bill Kersul of Briarton. Marilyn and Peggy were former college roommates at Michigan State University.

Clark Morris of Briarton and 17 other college students decided to give the fifty mile hike a try last week in Missouri. They planned to walk from Atchison, Kansas to St. Joseph, Mo. and got up at 4 a.m. to do it. Several gave up after the first mile and Clark managed to keep going for 37 miles before his legs gave out. Of the eighteen only four finished.

Shirley and Wade Sloane of Ravenscroft left on Feb. 12th for a vacation in Nassau, with a few days in New York City. They arrived home on the 23rd and were enthusiastically greeted by their children.

More Briar Hill News elsewhere in this issue.

Harvi's Clothes To Be Featured

Fashions by Harvi's Suburban Casual store in Farmington will be featured at the Third Annual "For Members Only" Fashion Show of the Northwest YWCA to be held Monday, March 4, at the Branch building, 25940 Grand River. It will start with a spring dessert at 12:30 p.m. with the fashion show following.

The theme of the event is "Make Your Day a Breeze." The decorations designed by Mrs. George Morris, 18863 Gainsborough, are large colorful fans which will be placed around the patio and the all-purpose room. Table decorations will also feature gaily colored cloths and smaller fans which will contain descriptions of the fashions shown.

Mrs. Emily Murphy, 32038 Pembroke, Livonia, the popular Charm teacher and model, will commentate the show. Her models will be Donna Navetta, Mason Street, Livonia; Joan Lepper, 45229 Galway, Northville; Marcella Snyder, 22160 Rougemont Drive, Southfield; Barbara Sutton, 20345 Weyher, Livonia; Norma Terry, 825 Carpenter, Northville.

Tickets for members are available at the Branch and must be purchased by March 1.

The University of Michigan will be represented by two experiments on the POGO (Polar Orbiting Geophysical Observatory) satellite to be launched late this year or early next year.

Seek Scouts for First Aid Class

A call is out for all Girl Scouts and their leaders interested in taking the Standard Red Cross First Aid Course that will be offered locally starting next Monday night, March 4.

The course will be given at Dunckel Junior High with sessions being held each Monday night between the hours of 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Anyone interested in this course or in obtaining more information about it are asked to contact Mrs. Richard Seeley immediately since the date for the start of the class is only a few days away now. Call her at GR. 4-6538.

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New in Floral Park

A recent newcomer in Floral Park Subdivision is Miss Judith Drury who is now making her home with Mrs. Betty Lowe at 22769 Floral Avenue. Miss Drury is employed at the Plaza Veterinary Hospital.

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