

# Livonia Offers Much To All

Livonia has much to offer families who move into the city. Education is an important item, and Livonia offers excellent schools of all types and levels. The Livonia Public Schools comprise three senior highs, eight junior highs, and 34 elementary schools. The district presently serves about 32,500 students. Livonia also contains parts of the Clarenceville School District, with one senior high, a

junior high, and two elementary schools. The parochial schools include one Catholic high school and five other Catholic schools with varying grade levels, as well as three Lutheran elementary schools. There are at least five nursery schools in the city. Madonna College offers a four-year liberal arts curriculum, and

Schoolcraft College is this area's public community college. For religious activities there are at least 45 churches of various denominations.

Parents will be glad to know that special attention is given to young people in Livonia through the Youth Commission and the Youth Employment Service. Among other groups planning for the future development of Liv-

onia are the Planning Commission, the Charter Commission, and the Human Relations Commission. These are some of the many things that make Livonia a fine place to live.

## Unlike Others, Livonians Approve Parks Bond Issue

Two facts make Livonia a cut ahead of many communities. One, at a time when most people are saying no, no, no to anything that costs them any amount of money, Livonia passed a bond issue to purchase 1,200 acres of park land for the City. The \$4.4 million parks and recreation expansion program will include outdoor swimming pools, hockey rinks, tennis courts, park area and a natural wooded conservation area. The entire program is geared to well-served facilities for families in Livonia to enjoy without traveling too far. The open-space theme is the motivation behind the community support of the bond issue. Another cohesive community effort was the successful raising of \$460,000 toward a million dollar Livonia Family Y Building to be built on Haggerty Road

near Schoolcraft. A sum in the amount of \$560,000 was given Livonia by the United Foundation capital fund drive. This sum, was contingent on the Livonia citizens being able to raise the balance. People from all walks of life, and all businesses participate in raising the money. Realtors in Livonia were active in the drive because they realized a community with an adult and youth center is one that naturally attracts families to live within the boundaries of that city. The building will house a large size swimming pool, a teen center, health facility, and a sauna for men and women. Ground breaking will probably be early Fall for the community center building under the sponsorship of the YMCA.

There are two branch libraries, the Carl Sandburg Branch on Seven Mile Road, and the South Branch on Plymouth Road. Additional materials are obtainable through the Wayne County Library System with which the Livonia Public Library is affiliated. The city's Parks and Recreation Department operates 26 playgrounds, the largest junior baseball program in the country, adult baseball and softball leagues, various athletic contests and derbies, bridge contests, displays of arts, crafts, and airplane models, and numerous clubs and instructional programs.

Many homeowners belong to one of the 45 civic associations. There are numerous service clubs and organizations of all types for citizens who like to get together. Founded in 1920, the UNRA-WWOCBR is the second largest multiple listing board in the country. Total sales for homes multi-listed by its members reached an all-time high for 1966 of \$144.5 million, an eight per cent increase over 1965 sales.



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