

Council Airs Gripes On Roads, Flooding

FARMINGTON Flooding problems on Hawthorne Ave., paving costs for Powers Rd., and speeding cars on Farmington Rd. near Shiawassee Rd. occupied much of the Farmington City Council's time Monday night.

None of the problems is new. On the first matter, Jack Shelton, 23217 Hawthorne, complained to the councilmen about recent flooding on Hawthorne (near Fink St.). He blamed it on new homes built in the area.

Pet Show Results Are Announced

FARMINGTON The results of annual Farmington Founders Festival pet show have been announced by the show's chairman, John Richardson, DVM.

The show was sponsored by the Plaza Merchants Association, which donated the trophies; first, second and third place winners were given trophies in each category.

First place winners compete for a best of show title. This year, the best of show went to Kurt, a German short-haired pointer, belonging to Pat Lattimer, 26720 Meadowview, Farmington.

There were 82 entries in nine events; Ralph Yoder, John Cotton and Mrs. Mardi Reichardt were judges.

Pet with Most Spots
Mark Beauchamp, Bengal Monitor lizard, Jake.
Panon Wilkinson, Brittany spaniel, Scooper.
Tim Jewsbury, Blue Merle collie, Jenny.

Shaggy Pet
Mike Lill, sheepdog, poodle, spaniel dog, Snoopy.
Bob Hubrecht, Cocopoo, Pepe.
Joseph Paul Benedict, dog, Scotty.

MOST UNUSUAL PET
Charles Pell, tarantula metamorph, Aspega.
Kurt Albess, iguana, Herbie.

"WE NEVER had this problem until the new homes were built; the water could lay in that area and then run off. I told the engineers this would happen when they were putting in the new homes and they said 'oh no, it wouldn't flood.'"

But it did, and Shelton produced pictures to prove it.

Mayor Wilbur Brotherton told Shelton the solution to the problem would "have to involve the township."

"We are affected by things that happen outside the city," Brotherton noted.

Councilmen asked the city administration to report back in two weeks on plans to solve the flooding.

"We have had flooding elsewhere in the city, and we've solved it. We're working on this, and we are aware of it. Councilman John Richardson said.

Robert Deadman, city manager, told the council that storm sewers in the area were not adequate and would require some changes. He said city engineers were working on the Hawthorne problem and would report soon.

TURNING TO the paving of Powers Rd., a small group of homeowners asked the council for action and came out of the meeting with a pledge that the city would cover about 25 per cent of the cost.

The residents must first agree to the paving by signing a petition, then a public hearing on necessity would be held. Cost is set at \$13 to \$14 a foot if the entire cost is borne by residents, \$10 a foot if the city covers one-fourth the cost.

Councilmen assured the residents that signing the petition did not commit them to paving, just a public hearing.

THOSE who received degrees were: Kenneth J. Craggs of 28114 Briar Hill, a BS in business administration; Ronald G. Fluter of 30073 Wicklow, a BS degree; Patricia L. Frasure of 32083 Farmersville, a BS in education; Gayle D. Gaiser of 25533 Old Homestead, a BS in education; William R. Juhnke of 36775 Brittany Hill, a BS degree; John L. McLeod of 29855 Old Bedford, a BS in business administration.

Michael McCoy of 32460 Nottingham, a BS in business administration; Susan A. Mynatt of 29057 Hawthorne, a BS in education; Diane L. Northern of 26377 Kiltartan, a BS in education; Nancy S. Spriggs of 25832 Springbrook, a BS in education; Maureen Sullivan of 25977 Lyncastle Lane, a BS in education; and Warren A. White of 25139 Springfield a BS in business administration.

The council agreed to look into changing traffic warning signs and adding more "rumble strips" (warning bumps in road surface) to help slow down motorists coming south on Farmington.

The section of road is an engineer's nightmare, and many people feel no permanent solution is possible without relocating the road — at a cost of \$750,000.

Area residents complained about speeding cars, traffic accidents, heavy college traffic volume, trucks

ignoring prohibitive signs and lack of parking.

"I keep wool in my ears all the time," one resident told the council.

CITY MANAGER Deadman agreed to look into possible changes in traffic signs for the area.

Councilman Fred Seibert said that even though the county had turned down funds for improving the road, "This is not the final word."

"A tragic mistake was made 15 to 17 years ago," Seibert noted. "The ultimate solution is to re-route the road. I hate to see us wait until someone is killed."

Degree Honors For Dozen

FARMINGTON Twelve Farmington residents were among those receiving degrees from Central Michigan University at ceremonies held May 13.

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GARY L. LIGHTMAN Gary L. Lichtman has been elected president of the Board of Education of Oakland Schools, the intermediate school district of Oakland County.

Lichtman, who quit after three years as a member of the Farmington Board of Education, has been a member of the Oakland Schools' board for two years.



NEW POOL PLACE -- Ground was broken recently for a new building for the Miami Blue Water Pool Co. at Northwestern Highway near 14 Mile Rd. They are presently located at 30505 13 Mile Rd. in Farmington. (From left) Bud Becker, Marie Ettinger and Jerry Leitner from Livonia National Bank; along with Vince Assemany, president, and Eldon Foht, office manager of the pool company. (Even photo)

G. Lichtman Heads County School Board

FARMINGTON Gary L. Lichtman has been elected president of the Board of Education of Oakland Schools, the intermediate school district of Oakland County.

Lichtman is the branch manager of Office Beverage Oakland Schools during the coming year, he said, will be to foster the development of the techniques of accountability in education.

"This is a requirement in our effort as board members to try to provide the best services and best education possible for the quarter of a million children in Oakland County."

LaVerne DeWard of Novi was elected vice president for the coming year. R.A. Ambrose of Oxford is the outgoing president of the Oakland Schools Board of Education.

C Of C Holds Golf Outing

FARMINGTON and Southfield businessmen want to get to know each other better, and this was accomplished in part last Friday night when the members from the two chambers of commerce held a golf outing and dinner dance. The affair was held at Glen Oaks Country Club (on 13 Mile Rd.) Friday afternoon and night. It's the first such meeting of the two groups. At left, Bob Kirkpatrick, president of the Southfield chamber, talks with John Anhut, head of the Farmington C of C. Kirkpatrick is a Michigan Bell executive; Anhut manages Botsford Inn. Below, left, John Burke, Farmington attorney, gets ready to tee off. Center, Ed Lane, executive secretary of the Farmington C of C, lines up a putt. Right, Ray Lyons, a Farmington industrialist, holds the flag pin for a fellow golfer. (Observer photos by Ralph Evert)



Farmington Calendar

PEACEFUL INTEGRATION
Wednesday, Aug. 9, at 8 p.m. the Farmington-Clarenceville branch of the Metropolitan Coalition for Peaceful Integration will hold its August general meeting at the First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 3312 Grand River. The public is invited to join in the discussion of peaceful school integration.

SENIOR CITIZENS
Friday, Aug. 11, 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. A social afternoon will follow with cards and games.

GYM SUITS
Saturday, Aug. 29, is the first day to buy gym suits for the physical education classes in Farmington public schools. They will be on sale Aug. 29, 30 and 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in any of the four junior high schools.

CHARTER MEETING
Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 8 p.m. in Harrison High, the Council of Homeowners will sponsor a special public meeting on the proposed charter for Farmington Hills.

DROP IN CENTER
Mondays, Wednesdays -- The Senior Citizens Drop In Center is open twice a week from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Masonic Temple, Farmington and Grand River. Bring a sandwich.

WELCOME WAGON CLUB
Tuesday, Aug. 15 -- A morning coffee will be held at 10 a.m. in the home of Nancy Mussen, 35250 Oakland (Drake Hgts.). Casual dress. For further information, call Lorraine Grehawick. New residents who have lived in Farmington one year or less are welcome.

BLUE STAR MOTHERS
Thursday, Aug. 17, at 1 p.m. Farmington Chapter 49 of the Blue Star Mothers, Inc. will hold its business meeting in the home of Estelle Flood, Room A-14, Baptist Manor on Thirteen Mile Road, Farmington Township.

CLASS OF '67 REUNION
Sunday, Sept. 10 -- The Farmington High School class reunion is now set for an exact date. The gathering will be held at Hickory Ridge in Kensington Park, beginning at 11 a.m. Bring your own picnic lunch, the reunion is on, rain or shine, since shelter is available.

Drama Role For Joanne
FARMINGTON Miss Joanne Kavliakian, 29075 Summerwood, Farmington, will appear in the Western University Michigan Theater production of "The Boy Friend" on Aug. 10, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. She will appear in the roll of Fay and is an understudy for the part of Dulcie.