



Goodfellows Are Ready

THE GOODFELLOWS are getting ready for their paper sale Dec. 7, and the annual distribution of Christmas baskets. Dresses for the drive were modeled at William Grace Elementary by Loreen Calvaruso (left), who wore a skirt hand crocheted by her grandmother, and Judy Camaj. The Goodfellows are looking for suggestions for needy families to receive the baskets, and anyone with a name is urged to contact the Farmington Chamber of Commerce office, either by phone or mail. (Photos by Fran Evert)



First Money Comes In

Hills Starts Work On Local Roads

By DAN McCOSH

How much improvement in local roads can Farmington Hills expect next year?

The answer to that question is the main concern of Ralph Magid, the new head of the department of public services of the new city.

Now working out of a tiny office squashed in next to a vault in the back of the building department, Magid is the man responsible for developing a road program for the new city.

"Right now, we are worrying about snow," he said.

County plows will probably continue to be the mainstay this winter, but Magid said the city may contract with private firms as a supplement.

The first check of \$161,000 from the state gas and weight tax arrived this week.

The city is expecting to receive a total of approximately \$600,000 in quarterly payments, according to George Majoros, Hills city manager.

"It's our job to explore alternatives, to set them be-

fore the council," Majoros said.

"The council will have to set the priorities."

He outlined a probable program for the coming year:

- Concentration during the winter and spring thaw months on maintenance - snow removal and gravel road maintenance.

- Setting up a program, using newly-purchased equipment, of grading and ditching gravel roads during summer.

"The council will have to set up some priorities -

whether, for instance, they want to spend all the money on maintenance or whether they want to put more into matching funds for paving assessment programs."

Paving will not change for homeowners - they will still have to petition and pay 80 per cent of the cost of the project.

A lack of funds last summer temporarily restricted the old township's ability to pay its share. Under cityhood, the local unit must pay 20 per cent - double what the township contributed.

However, there is more money available to the city.

A new DPW garage is likely to be contracted next summer - a search for a site is underway, according to Magid.

Money for this and some other capital improvements is likely to come from the estimated \$500,000 surplus carried over from the township, according to Majoros.

The council has earmarked that money for capital improvements.

Magid expects to expand manpower concerned with

road improvement, from the administrative end on down.

"We ought to hire between six to eight people by next summer," he said.

Complaints are already being handled by city hall.

"One of the first things I did was print up a complaint form," he said.

Road complaints which formerly were referred to Oakland County are now handled directly.

"We are also looking to other surrounding cities, to see what kind of equipment

what's inside

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FAAC Starts Fund Drive

The Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC) is beginning a drive to raise money for next year's operations, according to Joseph Damiani, director.

Aiming at a goal of between \$10,000 and \$16,000, FAAC is sending 10,000 letters to parents of public school students in Farm-

ington and Farmington Hills, Damiani said.

The mailer is designed to introduce FAAC to the parents as well as raise needed funds.

FAAC is budgeted at \$63,000 for this year. Farmington contributed \$2,500; Farmington Hills \$12,000; Oakland County \$17,850; independent contributions to-

taled \$8,000 and the remainder was donated "in-kind" services from professionals and the schools.

Damiani said 85 per cent of the budget goes to salaries of the staff at FAAC.

FAAC operates the "hot line" telephone service, provides some professional counseling and acts as an information clearing house for

films, and pamphlets on various social problems, he said.

He added the center sees 10-12 regular counseling cases, and gets about 15 new ones a month, most of whom are referred to other agencies.

They also offer "communication workshops" for groups, and a speaker's bureau.