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## Hills budget adds new city services

By DAN McCOSH

Farmington Hills' 1974-75 budget anticipates civic improvements, increases services and increased manpower on the same millage (six mills) as last year. The neat trick of municipal financing is mainly the result of unspent money and surplus carryovers from the old township, according to City Manager George Majoros.

The budget, which will have a public hearing June 5, at 8 p.m., in the Farmington Hills city hall, represents the first complete budget prepared by the city's first city manager for the fledgling city.

One result is new funds, a different format and the listing of several departments changed from last year.

The budget is in four parts, really four budgets: general fund, capital improvements, shared revenue, and roads.

The general fund total is \$8.6 million, up from \$3.3 last year and

showing an increase reflecting the higher tax rate of cityhood from the township days. In 1972-73 revenues totaled \$2.3 million.

The elimination of the collection fee cost the new city approximately \$137,000. Property tax collections are anticipated at \$2.1 million, up from \$1.9 million last year. The increase is due to an overall increase in assessments, according to Majoros.

**MAIN NEW SERVICES** anticipated include garbage collection, a full-time recreation department, and several buildings dictated by cityhood.

The city is currently negotiating for a weekly garbage collection service contracted with a private firm.

The new budget calls for city funding with no increase in taxes of the proposed service. When the idea was first presented to the city council, possible methods of financing listed a city-paid service as one alternative.

Discussion of the proposed service is expected to be the main topic of controversy at the budget hearing.

Initial funding for the new service is to come mainly from federal shared revenue.

The federal money now totals approximately \$360,000, including some unspent from last year.

**NEW BUILDINGS** are anticipated, including a new fire hall, a DPS building to house the new road machinery, and a \$400,000 addition to city hall.

Some additional personnel are expected to bring in new revenue through fees. These include the weighmaster, and additional building and zoning manpower.

Also included as a major new service is a department of human rescue. The budget calls for at least a start-up unit, including a truck and two men.

Other changes in the Department of Public Safety, which is nearly half the total, include additional patrolmen and a man to direct the fire department—a job called for in the city charter.

A DEPARTMENT of planning is listed, as well as "legal services," two jobs normally handled on a consultant basis. Majoros said the additions are mainly a new method of funding the services, and no additions are anticipated.

The addition of a fire inspector, is expected to bring in additional revenue, as the city picks up more work and money now going mainly through Oakland County.

The new weighmaster, will collect special road use permit money for the city.

A new fire station on Middlebelt near 12 Mile is anticipated as one major new building project. Also anticipated is land purchase and the construction of a new building to house the equipment being purchased for road maintenance.



### Memorial parade

Patty Adamic, Farmington Founder's queen, Farmington. The popular parade, one of the largest salutes the crowd at the Memorial Day parade in the area, attracted thousands.



### Teacher honored

Gary Sine, physical education instructor, was honored by the Forest staff for his work with the school gym team recently. Ms. Jeanne Lemelin presented the plaque.

## 2nd big PRD development coming?

By DIANE HUBEL

Plans for a 306-acre planned residential community which was approved by the planning commission at their May 30 meeting will

be presented to the city council this month. If approved construction will begin later this year. The community, which lies be-

tween 13 and 14 Mile Roads on Halstead Rd. would include both multiple and single family dwellings. Uniland Corporation, a division

of Mel Construction, presented an environmental analysis of the development prepared by Greiner Environmental Systems of Baltimore, Maryland.

The plans presented would have to be altered slightly since the commission has given a different zoning than the one which was requested.

The zoning the developers received does not allow as many units per acre as the code they requested.

**THE PLANS** included arrangements for a 1,430 unit residential community.

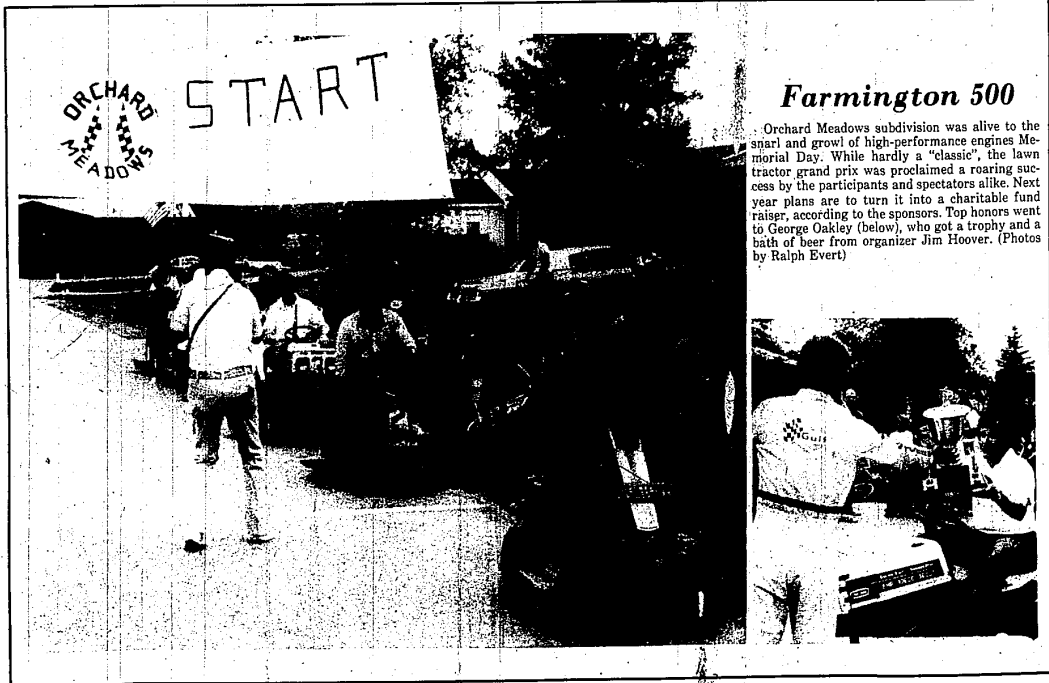
The plans called for 225 single attached units, 307 one bedroom units and 363 two bedroom units. The residential area covers 207 acres.

The projected population is 3,100 people, approximately 2.2 people per acre.

Recreational facilities and open spaces are intended for 99.5 of the acres. That means that 68 percent of the development will be residential and 32 percent will be either open or recreational.

The rent will range from \$300 to \$1,200 a month, according to the developers.

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### Farmington 500

Orchard Meadows subdivision was alive to the snarl and growl of high-performance engines Memorial Day. While hardly a "classic," the lawn tractor grand prix was proclaimed a roaring success by the participants and spectators alike. Next year plans are to turn it into a charitable fund raiser, according to the sponsors. Top honors went to George Oakley (below), who got a trophy and a bath of beer from organizer Jim Hoover. (Photos by Ralph Evert)

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