

# Arts council seeks support

By DIANE HUBEL  
FARMINGTON HILLS — Despite the fact that the Farmington Community Arts Council has not received any funding or official recognition from the city of Farmington Hills, its chairman, Mrs. Marlowe Belanger, is still attempting to make it the city's official arts council.

"I really do not understand why we have not gotten the support of the council," Mrs. Belanger said. "Perhaps they do not understand all we can offer the community. Somehow we have to get across to them and get the proper recognition. There is so much we want to do. I would like to be able to help more people through the council, but we can't without the funds. I don't know, perhaps the council would prefer us to keep it on a smaller scale."

"I want to go the right route in doing this thing, but at the present time, I do not know what we have to do to get funding or recognition from the council."

THE HILLS city council turned down an initial request by the community arts council for \$10,000, then later denied a request for in-kind services which would have made the arts council eligible for a grant from the state council.

In a letter to the Hills council protesting the denial of funds Mrs. Belanger said, "The charter of the city of Farmington Hills recognized the importance of the 'physical and intellectual comfort and well being of the inhabitants of the city, cultural activities, and the improvement and beautification of the environment of the city.'"

"Article V of the charter refers to the interest of the city in such areas as 'parks, recreation, library, Council of the Arts, senior citizen

housing, youth services, beautification, ecology and public health."

"It is perhaps noteworthy that only the Council of the Arts is capitalized in this listing of special services and it is my recollection of and understanding at the time of the charter commission discussions on the subject that 'Council of the Arts' in the charter referred to the Farmington Community Arts Council."

Mrs. Belanger went on to say that of all the areas listed in that section of the charter, only the Council of the Arts has not received official funding or recognition.

Councilman Robert McConnell, who served on the charter commission said he did not think the charter commission intended to recognize one particular organization, but was, in fact, referring to a special service which could be offered.

McCONNELL LATER suggested that the city continue to work with the Arts Council, trying to work out an arrangement that would be acceptable to both.

The city, he said, must consider both the legal and the monetary aspects of funding the group.

"There has been some negotiations between the city and the arts council, let that continue, he said but let's come to an understanding of the dollar value involved, first. 'Personally I was shocked with the first request for \$10,000. There is no way I could consider going along with that idea considering the other needs of the community.'"

Both councilman Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer, and councilman Mrs. Joan Dudley urged the council to seek some way to support the council.



## UF kicks off

The business collections for the United Foundation will be headed by Robert Smith this year. Canvassing begins Friday, Sept. 27, when 32 volunteers begin soliciting business and industry in the Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi areas. The drive is expected to be completed by Oct. 7. Farmington was first in Oakland County to reach its

goal in last year's drive. From left: Ken Fredenburg, chairman for Novi and west Farmington; Harold Bremer, north Farmington Hills; Smith; Ms. Nancy Taylor, north Farmington and Harry Jones, south Farmington. (Evert photo)

## Lions club kicks off

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willing to give a couple of hours a week to serve the community."

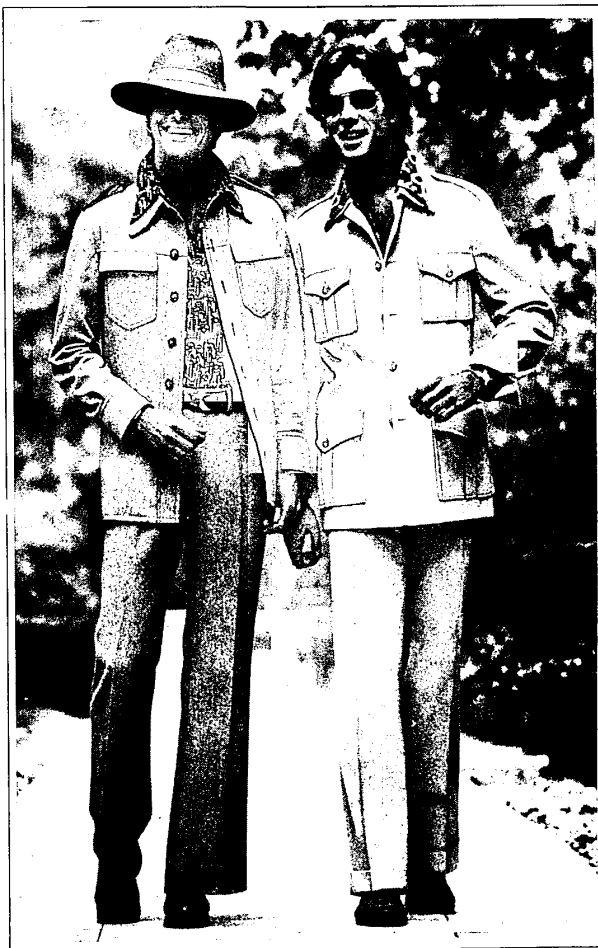
Men who are interested in joining the organization are invited to attend the Tuesday morning meetings at the Holiday Inn or are asked to contact Cunningham at Jerry's Bookstore, Tom Sweeney at Manufacturers Bank (Halstead office), or Chet McLaurin at Cogsdill Tool Co.

Cunningham said another Farmington resident, Bill Flattery, was responsible for beginning the new club.

Flattery, he said, had been a Lion in Detroit and was interested in becoming an active member of the organization again, so he began calling friends who helped him organize the Farmington club.

"WE BEGAN working on the organization around the first of August," he said. "We have really been moving fast. There is a lot of zeal and a lot of enthusiasm among our members. In fact, we hope to announce our next project next month."

The officers of the Lions Club are: Jerry Cunningham, president; Bob Pugh, first vice president; Chet McLaurin, secretary, and Tom Sweeney, treasurer.



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