

Apathy greets leaf pickups

By SUSAN AVERILL

FARMINGTON—A city-wide leaf pickup service begun in October 1974 was only moderately successful, City Manager Robert F. Deadman said.

One crew worked more than 700 hours at a cost of \$4,800 and made two complete rounds through the city during six weeks. Work crews picked up between four and nine loads of leaves per day, depending on the condition of the leaves and the weather, Deadman said.

Total cost of the program, including a dump truck and a leaf vacuum machine, was \$8,302.

David L. Jones, director of public services, recommended the city purchase an additional leaf vacuum and temporarily hire three extra men during the leaf program to operate the second machine and truck.

Jones requested an ordinance to require the leaves be raked into a windrow for pickup and that the Department of Public Works place a "no parking" sign at the pickup site the night before the pickup is scheduled.

No action on the proposals was taken, however, as the councilmen

present wished to wait until absent council members would have the opportunity to review the program and the new budget.

Success of the program could be increased if the service was used only as a supplemental leaf pickup, Deadman said.

"Problems developed when we could not give the homeowner an approximate date on which his leaves would be picked up. Therefore, some piles of leaves were raked up for service as long as four weeks before they were picked up by our city crews."

"Had the service been a supplemental service, the DPW could have instructed the homeowners who called to bag their leaves for the regular rubbish pickup, and the DPW crews would pick up these leaves remaining at such time as the crews were scheduled for their area."

Weather conditions sometimes reduced by half the amount of leaves which could be picked up because wet leaves clogged the machine and were difficult to pick up, he said.

Approximately 300 cubic yards of leaves were removed by the special crew.

A second machine, dump truck and crew would cost the city approximately \$8,500, which would boost the total cost of the program to nearly \$13,000. A breakdown of the amount would come to about \$5 per household, Deadman said.

Adoption of a six-year capital improvement program by the planning commission was also reviewed by the council. No action on the adoption was necessary.

Improvements in this year's plan include widening of Grand River and Orchard Lake roads to five lanes. Cooperating in the project would be the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and the Oakland County Road Commission.

Possible widening is contingent upon the availability of state and county funds, Deadman said.

Other suggested improvements include extended lighting along Grand River and Farmington roads, in locations which border Farmington Hills.

Repair of tennis courts and construction of a picnic shelter in Shawasssee Park are planned, as well as the development of a mini-park on Violet Street on property recently acquired from the Department of Natural Resources, he said.

"The plan also projects the inclusion of the city of Farmington in the Oakland County solid waste disposal system at such time as this system is implemented," Deadman said. "The sewer separation program is expected to begin prior to the expiration of this year's Six-Year Improvement Program."

Also listed was a continuation of such programs as remote water meters, sidewalk improvements, community Christmas decorations and street tree plantings.

All in all, total cost estimated for the program requires an expenditure of \$13 million, with funds to come from the State Highway Department, Oakland County, federal revenue sharing, various types of bond issues and private funding, Deadman said.

A request by William Blackman for two taxicab bond plates was denied by the council. Councilmen said present cab service was adequate.

Renewal of four bond plates issued to the Star Cab Co. was postponed because of the failure of Star's manager, Timothy Macaluso, to appear before the council and submit information.

The council had requested Macaluso to supply information concerning the number of patrons the company served within the city during the past three months.

An amendment was introduced to enlarge the boundaries of the present historic district. The amendment would include those properties on the south side of Grand River, from the southwest corner of Oakland Street and Grand River, westward to the southeast corner of Pickett Street and Grand River.

Properties which front Grand River between Oakland and Pickett streets, including the Governor's mansion, would be added to the historic district.

In other action, the council:

- Proclaimed April cancer control month. The Oakland County unit of the American Cancer Society will conduct its annual residential fund raising and educational crusade here from April 21-28. There will be door-to-door solicitors.

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C'ville students win music ratings

LIVONIA—Thirty entries in the southeast Michigan band and orchestra festival by Clarensville junior high musicians earned a 23 division I ratings and seven division II entries. The contest was held at Henry Ford Community College.

Earning division I ratings were soloists Elise Hecker, flute solo; Eric Schreiber, clarinet; Debbie Drucker, clarinet; Tony Flack, alto saxophone; Bob Weikert, alto saxophone; Al Farrell, cornet; Lance Gokko, trombone; Dale LaPage, snare drums; Tony DiVozzo, snare drum; and Bob Fuoco, tenor saxophone.

Ensemble groups earning division I ratings were Elise Hecker and Elaine

Pesta, flute duet; Kate Desjarlais, Kris Helene and Karolyn Case, clarinet trio; Debbie Drucker, Eric Schreiber and Carolyn Hinson, clarinet trio; Sally Sloat, Linda Ellul, Michele Wilson and Karolyn Case, clarinet quartet.

Wendy Dodd, Chris Olsen, Lynn Peterson, woodwind trio; Shelly McCamant and Becky Mullins, alto saxophone duet; Tony Flack, Bob Weikert, Bob Fuoco and Ken McDonald, saxophone quartet; Jeff Waack, David Moscoe, David Fisher and Mary Swails, saxophone quartet; Kevin Gardner, Dawn Flint, French horn duet; David Kaplan, Jon Hammors, Lance Gokko and Chris Wayne, brass quartet; Land Heller, Mike LaPage, Kevin Gardner, Steve Sydor, Bill Aitken, Tom Broder, brass sextet; and Tony DiVozzo and Dale LaPage, snare drum duet.

Earning division II ratings were soloists Laura Arman, flute solo; Wendy Dodd, flute solo; Linda Ellul, clarinet solo; and Carolyn Hinson, clarinet solo.

Ensemble division II ratings went to Becky Konkelt, Linda Zestorzi and Denise Collins, clarinet trio; Shari Blythe, Cheryl Buoncompagni, Edwina Evans and Salena Childress, clarinet quartet; Kevin Malone, Devon Larose, Chris Wayne and John Lansing, brass quartet.

WSHJ-88.3

Movie reviews and previews will be offered Tuesday night on WSHJ-FM, Southfield High School's student-run radio station.

The reviews, on Entertainment & 75, will be broadcast at 6:20 p.m. Tuesday at 88.3 MHz.

Monday
12:20 p.m.—A la Carte: Lindy Rich brings housewives' helpful hints.
6:20 p.m.—The Sound of Listen: Dr. Don Cooper talks about drugs and maturity.

6:35 p.m.—Nightbird and Co. With Allison Steele.

Tuesday
12:20 p.m.—A la Carte
6:10 p.m.—Consumer News: Debbie Rose brings consumers some tips.
6:20 p.m.—Entertainment 75: Mike Dembs reviews movies playing in the area.

6:35 p.m.—Billy Pearl for Today's Army: Billy Pearl presents an up tempo top 40 rock show.

Wednesday
12:20 p.m.—A la Carte
6:25 p.m.—Community News: Franklin Sterns reports on the happenings in Southfield.

6:30 p.m.—City Council Highlights: Mike Kleiman reports on Tuesday's city council meeting.

Thursday
12:20 p.m.—A la Carte
6:10 p.m.—Consumer News
6:20 p.m.—Entertainment 75

6:35 p.m.—Sport of the Week: Dave Gleckman and Keith Goldbaum interview Eric Money.

Friday
12:20 p.m.—A la Carte
12:25 p.m.—The Space Story: Russ Scherichart presents "Landsat Observations."

6:35 p.m.—Wolfman Jack: Nationally known disc jockey, Wolfman Jack is disc jockey for 25 minutes of the latest rock music.

The adventures of dedicated telephone repairman Ivan T. Tremor are presented daily on "Hello Who is it?" It won't even cost you a dime. WSHJ serves the scoop from Farrels. Listen to win!

Proposed room tax worth \$200,000

LANSING—Legislation to permit local governments to levy up to a five per cent hotel-motel excise tax has been introduced by Rep Joseph Forbes (D-Oak Park).

A five per cent tax on guests in Southfield hotels and motels could add more than \$200,000 a year to city coffers, Forbes said. The yield could reach \$1 million a year, he added.

The City of Southfield has 2,216 rooms in nine hotels and motels, according to planner Donald Gross, and another 2,000 rooms approved.

"The proposed tax offers local governments a relatively painless way to raise revenues," Forbes said. It could possibly replace some funds now raised by property taxes.

The levy would be paid by persons who use city services but don't normally contribute to the costs, he said.

Under terms of the proposed legislation, local units would have the authority to impose a hotel-motel tax and decide how revenues should be spent.

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