

Beverly starts millage campaign

By ALICE COLLINS
BEVERLY HILLS—The council took its case for a 2.5 mill increase in the village taxing limit to representatives of the many village homeowners associations Tuesday night at a special pre-election meeting of the group. Council president Thomas Kauchek

told the more than 40 persons attending the presentation that if the request fails at the polls on March 10, "it is almost a foregone conclusion that we will have to cut services." The department of public safety—which takes a 65 per cent piece of the total village budget—was identified as

the most obvious area where reductions would be made. "It takes \$22,000 a year to put one officer on the road," Kauchek said. He added the frequency of rubbish pickups at another area where cuts would be made if it became necessary.

Listed as proposal one on the ballot, the request will be for permission to raise the limit from seven and one-half to 10 mills for 10 years, 1975 to 1984, inclusive.

It would permit the village to levy up to \$10 for every \$1,000 of assessed property value.

Kauchek told the homeowners it is impossible to know until some time after the annual election what the outlook for 1975-76 will be.

"We have to have the additional millage on the books as insurance against a deficit, we won't collect it

unless it is needed," said Kauchek.

"Right now we don't know about revenues from the state, federal revenue sharing, the state equalization factor for property assessments and possible cost increases in the services the village purchases," he added. If revenues were to remain at the 1974-75 level of \$1,051,000, and we continued the present level of services, we would face a deficit of about \$182,000, Kauchek warned.

The council has promised not to use additional millage to increase programs or add new ones.

Some of the homeowner representatives present warned the council that getting the increase approved wasn't going to be easy.

"I've got to be a hell of a salesman to go home tonight and convince all our people to approve another \$30 a year in taxes," said Phil O'Neil, representing the Rosedale Association. "That's about what our share is going to be...it's not going to be an easy situation."

"We're not trying to sell this to you," answered Kauchek. "We simply are providing you with the facts so you can explain them to your people and decide what you want to do."

The council will hold another presentation, this one for all village residents, beginning at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at Groves High School in Birmingham.

Colonial tour being offered

A "Colonial America Bus Tour" is being sponsored by the Oakland University Conference Department. The tour will be offered June 23-July 12 or Aug. 3-16, depending on public interest.

The tour stops include Niagara Falls, Saratoga Springs, Valley Forge, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and historic cities in Virginia and Massachusetts.

Leading the tour will be W. Patrick Strauss, OU professor of history. Movies and lectures will be provided.


The cost includes all meals, transportation, accommodations and sightseeing, based on double occupancy. Single accommodations will also be available.

Nature center plans buffet

The Drayton Plains Nature Center will hold a colonial buffet Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club on Waterford Road, Waterford Township.

The buffet will include family settings between 5 and 7 p.m. and a setting for late diners featuring cheese and wine at 7:30 p.m.

The buffet will include a full meal, from relishes to special cherry desserts in honor of George Washington's birthday.




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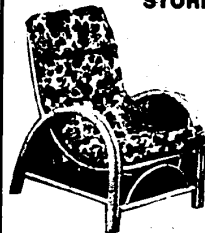
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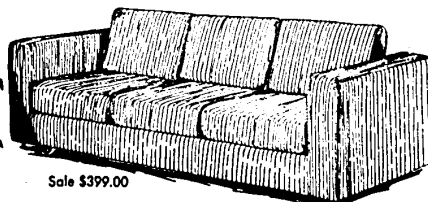
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