

City dresses hydrants for bicentennial fete

If you have a fire hydrant in your yard, you might want to give it a facelift, courtesy of the Farmington Beautification Commission.

The beautification commission has two paint kits for those who would like to decorate fire hydrants this summer.

More than 150 hydrants have been painted to look like miniature people in a bicentennial project adopted by the commission.

There are about 400 hydrants in the city. Farmington Hills is pursuing a similar project.

MRS. ROSE WAGNER of Farmington brought the idea back from South Bend, Ind., two years ago. It caught on, but the commission decided not to use the stencils sold in South Bend and use free style design instead.

Betty Holm and Joan Barbrich are co-chairmen for the project.

Mrs. Barbrich said that the city isn't planning on returning the hydrants to their original color after the bicentennial celebration next July.

"If the people take care of them and maintain them, we can continue with the project. Otherwise, they will paint them all red again."

She said the commission hopes to have all the city's fire hydrants decorated by then, and if the present enthusiasm keeps up, they probably will.

"It's been real fun. We've had terrific community support."

Paint kits may be obtained by calling Mrs. Holm, Mrs. Barbrich or the Farmington city hall. They contain several colors of paint and an assortment of brushes. There is no fee for their use.

A PROJECT to beautify a triangle of property on the corner of Farmington and Grand River roads has finally begun.

Beautification commission members hope to have the Masonic property transformed into a tiny park-like area by the end of the summer.

"The land was very barren and overgrown with shrubs. It was an eyesore and we were concerned because it is a main downtown corner," Mrs. Barbrich said.

Several factors impeded the progress of the project, which began four years ago.

At first, she said, the idea was "shuffled around" because the Masons were thinking about selling the property. After a year of indecision, the Masons finally consented to the project.

The city council also gave its approval and appropriated \$1,500 for it.

Different plans for the area included a gazebo, but the idea was dropped when the commission discovered the money wouldn't stretch that far.

However, current plans by Fred Welsh, chairman of the committee, include an area in the middle of the triangle which will be equipped with benches and decorated in alternate corners with planters and trees.

The area, in the northwest corner of the Farmington road and Grand River intersection, will be bounded by sidewalks on all sides, with a walkway cutting through the center.

THE FARMINGTON department of public services will build and maintain the area.

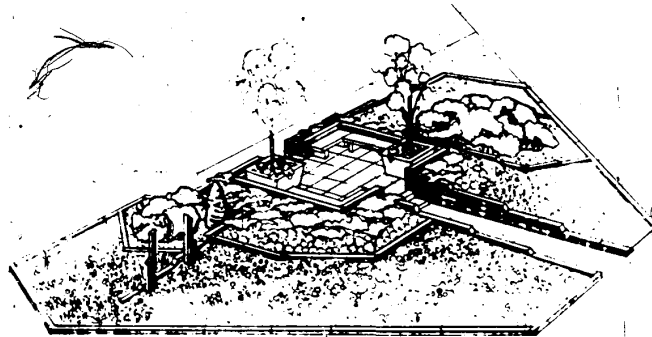
Railroad ties will be used to decorate and separate garden and tree areas from the benches and walkways.

Fred Steinkopf, owner of Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington, has promised to donate the trees and shrubbery for the area in memory of his mother.

One city official estimated the cost of planting the area at about \$2,500.

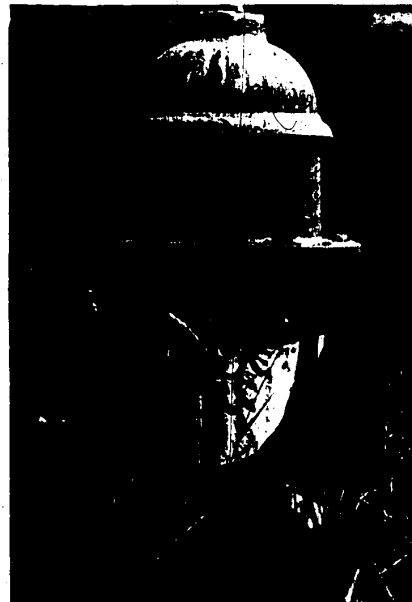


Looking as though she's welcoming everyone with outstretched arms, this fire plug is a representative example of the beautification commission's bicentennial project.



This sketch portrays the beautification plans for a small plot of ground on the northwest side of the Farmington and Grand River intersection. The plans are drawn by Fred Welsh, a commercial

artist who lives in Farmington and is a member of the beautification commission.



Someone with a sense of humor painted this dizzy-looking fire hydrant next to an establishment which sells liquor.



This plain Jane stands ready and waiting for an artist's brush to make her into a Mona Lisa.

Festival launches new series

An 11:30 a.m. luncheon and a 1 p.m. Detroit Symphony Orchestra (DSO) concert, "a la fresco" at Trumbull Terrace and the Baldwin Pavilion on the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds, will inaugurate the festival's new Box Luncheon Matinee Series July 11.

The concert will feature DSO Music Director Aldo Ceccato and cellist Stephen Kates in a program including Shostakovich's Cello

Concerto No. 1 and Mahler's Symphony No. 1.

The Festival is offering daytime concert series for the first time in its history. The Box Luncheon Matinee Series presents three afternoons of music with a box lunch served in the finest Meadow Brook tradition. The remaining matinees in the series will be Thursday (July 24), and Aug. 20.

The July concert will offer a close-up look at the Pennsylvania

Ballet in rehearsal; the August concert will feature the DSO and its Conductor-in-Residence Paul Greeman with Metropolitan Opera soprano Martina Arroyo, in a preview of that week's concert of operatic and orchestral music.

Parking on the Festival grounds is free. All seats for Box Luncheon Matinees are available at Hudson's, Grinnell's and the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office (call 377-2010).

Chairperson

George M. Kurajian of Farmington has been named chairperson of the mechanical engineering department at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Kurajian, professor of mechanical engineering, has been a member of the faculty since 1964. He is a graduate of the University of Detroit and University of Michigan. He taught at the U-D before joining UM-D's faculty. He has served as a consultant in mechanical design, stress and structural analysis and design. He currently is chairman of the reliability, stress analysis and failure prevention committee, a national technical committee of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.



Cornfield leads leukemia group

Dr. Alan Cornfield, a Farmington Hills resident with podiatry offices in Royal Oak, has been reelected president of the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan.

The Children's Leukemia Foundation offers moral and material support to all leukemia patients, both adults and children, in Michigan.

Dr. Cornfield and his wife, Sharyn, have been active in the Children's Leukemia Foundation for more than 10 years.

He is a member of the American Podiatry Association, American Public Health Association and American Physicians Fellowship Association. He is treasurer of the Michigan Division of the American College of Foot Surgery.



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