

Jerry Rozema honored

Jerry J. Rozema of Livonia was named realtor of the year by the Farmington-based Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors (WWOCBR).

This designation is the highest honor bestowed upon a real estate professional and is given annually to the one realtor who has shown outstanding devotion, dedication and work for the advancement of his board and the real estate industry.

Rozema, currently president of the organization, has been a member of the board of directors for five of the last six years.



Insurance men attend seminar

Two Farmington area men will attend a three-day convention Sept. 10 in New Orleans for being outstanding State Farm Insurance agents.

Godfrey Elue, of 35111 Grand River,

Farmington, and Philip Hartlein, of 31320 Thirteen Mile, Farmington Hills, will exchange ideas and discuss industry trends in an open forum with both regional and home office executives.

Hill's contact is awaited

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Gaynor and the Recreation Commission had used the schools for a successful program this summer.

Gaynor agreed the school sites could be an important part of an overall park plan listing several things in their favor—they are already owned by a public agency and there are already some recreational facilities available.

Further development, Gaynor said, might be the addition of tennis courts, a picnic area and a nature area. He said the school environmental staff and classes would play a key role. Gaynor described the school park concept. The school sites would not be designed to bring in large crowds. They would serve as parks for the neighborhood.

THE COUNCIL has taken the first step in park development by appointing a city administration team to study the matter.

It is possible they will follow the pattern in many neighboring cities, small satellite neighborhood parks and a large park serving the entire community.

Southfield's large community park is 170 acres. Located on the site, re-

municipal buildings, the city library, a nine-hole golf course, swimming pool, ice arena, ball fields and a nature area.

Oak Park has similar facilities on a 150-acre site. Municipal parks frequently include small lakes, large natural areas, wildlife preserves and a wide range of recreational facilities.

The Hill's study was launched after Councilmember Joan Dudley proposed an investigation into the possibility of a city park system. Presently, the city has one five-acre park. Councilmen are split on the types of parks they would like for the city. To better ascertain what the voters would like, the council is studying the possibility of putting a referendum on the November ballot asking for their preferences.

While some councilmen would like to see large parks developed, others prefer smaller neighborhood parks or a combination of the two.

Mrs. Dudley would like to see professionals called in to study the Farmington Hills area to ascertain what kinds of parks are best suited for it.

The Observer & Eccentric has an opinion on the parks question. For details turn to the editorial page.

Study planned for Farmington

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population and income and estimating the share of trade area sales currently captured by the downtown merchants.

Also investigated will be the effect which proposed retail development in such areas as the Taubman Center in Novi will have on the city's shopping environment.

Methods of improving the relationship of the stores to parking and of improving the character of the pedestrian areas will be proposed.

A preliminary evaluation of the architectural characteristics—including historical, visual, scale and structural values of buildings—will be made.

On completion of the study, final presentations will be made to the planning commission, tenants, landowners and council. It will include mounted presentations panels showing plans for the block, analysis and sketches of suggested improvements.

If the city approves the plans, the firm would be available for implementation on a per diem basis.

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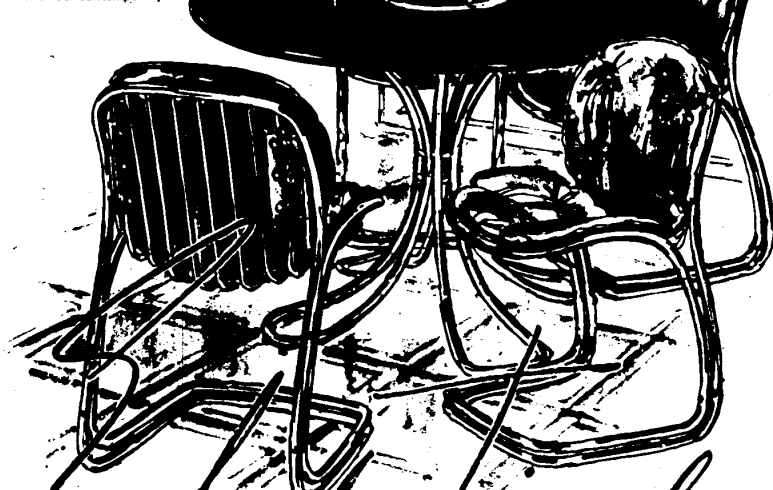
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CORRECTION

The First National Bank of Plymouth advertisement appearing on page 2 of the Plymouth Fall Festival Special Section, published Sept. 2 contains an error. Coupons for free Detroit Lions tickets may be deposited until noon, Sept. 7 at First National Bank of Plymouth, 489 S. Main Street—to tie in with the conclusion of the Plymouth Fall Festival's 4 days of events.

We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our readers.

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