

Opperthaus seeks orderly growth

Earl Opperthaus is proud of the accomplishments of his administration and wants to use those accomplishments "as a basis for reaching even greater goals in the future."

The mayor of Farmington Hills is one of two incumbents running for re-election in this year's council race.

The best recommendation for his re-election he said, is the fact that "I have always acted in what I felt to be the best interests of the majority of our citizens, without representing the special interests of any group or individual."

He was elected two years ago, he said, "without making any commitments to or accepting any financial support from anyone."

"I believe that my years of experience and service in our community have given me an unusual insight to the problems that will confront the city in the future."

Those problems include maintaining an orderly growth while meeting the city's present and future needs with out over-taxing the citizens; determining what kind of parks and recreation program the residents would like; strengthening the fire department and upgrading the human rescue function the department performs without making the department full time; constructing more low to moderate income senior citizens' housing and establishing a "Dial-a-Ride" bus system.



EARL OPPERTHAUS
making use of the one-quarter mill residents have been paying for parks for several years.

"I strongly favor cooperation with the school district in developing school sites into more comprehensive and useful recreational park areas," he said, since "this is a most efficient, economical and practical way to meet the needs of each neighborhood."

"In implementing the neighborhood concept," he said, "I advocate that each park be controlled, within cer-

tain guidelines, by a park committee from each such neighborhood."

The paving of major or main roads should proceed as quickly as possible, he said, paid for through the sale of bonds.

"A study by our Department of Public Services, made at my request," he said, "concluded that the cost of the interest on such bonds would be more than offset by savings from future inflationary cost increases, maintenance expenses and even wear and tear on private automobiles."

Since subdivision street pavings are paid for by special assessments to individual property owners involved, and resurfacing costs are subsidized 20 per cent by the city, Opperthaus said, "these projects should be undertaken only when the majority of these persons being assessed are in favor of them."

Opperthaus favors the consolidation of Farmington and Farmington Hills in order to "bring about the complete unification of our local community" and effect the economies and rationalized planning that can be accomplished by such a merger.

"We are actually one community, having essentially the same school system, libraries, recreation commission and other functions. It would be in the long-term best interests of the entire community to consolidate."

Art auction coming up

An exhibition and auction of lithographs, etchings, oils, watercolors, woodcuts, and serigraphs will be held on Sunday, Nov. 2, in St. Francis R of C Hall, 21900 Middle Belt, Farmington.

Graphic Art Galleries, Ltd., the largest special function gallery in the country, will conduct the event and supply from its own extensive collection more than 100 pieces of fine art including works of as Picasso, Chagall, Miro, Braque, Dufy, Brang, Buffet, Matisse, Mesches, and Kuller.

Sponsored by Daughters of Isabella, Circle 16, at Our Lady of Sorrows, the affair will raise funds for the Western Region Circle of the Kidney Foundation of Michigan. The exhibition will be at 7 p.m. and auction will begin at 8. A donation of \$1 per person will entitle ticket holders to refreshments, the opportunity to acquire framed works of art at bargain prices and a chance to win the door prize, a piece of art donated by Graphic Art Galleries.

UM-D names 7 from area

Seven area residents have been named new faculty members at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Four will join UM-D's College of Arts, Sciences and Letters.

Murray Scidler of Birmingham will be a visiting lecturer in political science. Arnold H. Fisher of Southfield will be lecturer in psychology and William D. Jenkins, also of Southfield, an assistant professor of chemistry.

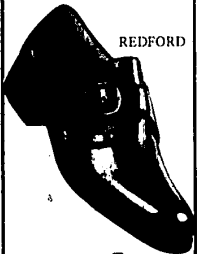
Ann T. Montgomery of West Bloomfield will be a lecturer in music.

The remaining three appointees are Southfield residents.

Ivan Chidrich will be adjunct lecturer in electrical engineering and Edward B. Miller adjunct lecturer in professional engineering. Allen P. Iskew is a new adjunct lecturer in the School of Management.

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