

SEMTA offers shelter to Hills bus passengers

Farmington area passengers waiting for a Southeast Michigan Transport Authority (SEMTA) bus may have a roof over their heads in the near future.

Whether five SEMTA-paid bus shelters will be located in Farmington Hills hinges on whether SEMTA will agree to relieve the city of a contractual obligation to maintain the shelters, if that proves too expensive.

SEMTA will pay for the construction of the transparent bus shelters, but insurance and maintenance costs will be the city's responsibility. While the city's insurance carrier says the shelters will be covered without additional cost, council members Monday night learned that the city might not have the personnel to care for them.

"Our only concern might be that after July 1, 1978, we may have a problem with personnel to properly main-

tain the shelters," Onty Mgr. George Majors told the council.

City Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) employees could take care of the maintenance, including snow and debris removal and clean-up, but the federal money which pays their wages will run out as of June 30, 1978.

The city expects to see the CETA grants renewed, but that is no certainty.

ALTHOUGH Mayor Joan Dudley was reluctant to look a gift horse in the mouth, she did just that.

"I don't want to have a problem with neglected bus shelters," she said. "Is there some way to get out of this agreement?"

City Atty. Paul Bibeau agreed that the city should have a termination

clause. If he can't negotiate one, the council will take up the bus shelter question at a future meeting. The bus shelter project will go ahead. If the legal resources fail, the council will take up the question again at a future meeting.

The proposed shelters will be located on the southwest corner of Fourteen Mile and Middlebelt; the southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Middlebelt; the northwest corner of Thirteen Mile and Middlebelt; the southeast corner of Fourteen Mile and Orchard Lake Rd.; and on Thirteen Mile between Orchard Lake Road and Middlebelt.

The locations were determined by a SEMTA ridership survey, which indicated the Fourteen Mile-Middlebelt locations was the most popular point, averaging 113 riders per week.



Santa's connection

Farmington's getting into the Christmas spirit by decorating its main thoroughfare. Bob Hope, of the Farmington DPW is caught in the act of playing Santa's local agent by helping to put up the holiday decorations. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Immunizations available

Oakland County Division of Health has numerous free immunization clinics open one day a month. If you live in North Oakland County call 888-1280. In South Oakland County call 424-7045 to find your nearest location.

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Hills donates to task force

Farmington Hills will contribute \$200 per month for at least six months to the Oakland County Task Force investigating last year's child killings.

Councilmember Joanne Smith abstained from the city council vote last week approving the \$1,680 total contribution.

"My thoughts were that this was a grant that had run out and been extended through December, and I felt that if this grant hadn't been extended, there must have been a pretty good reason," Ms. Smith said.

The majority of the councilmembers

agreed with the strong recommendation of Police Chief John Nichols.

"This department is not currently participating in any contribution of manpower or financial support, and although none of the victims have been Farmington Hills' residents, nor is there any evidence to indicate that the crime site has been this city, this minimal expenditure would more than be repaid, I believe, should the next victim be a citizen of Farmington Hills," Nichols wrote in a memo to City Mgr. George Majors.

Lonieski heads osteopaths

Edward A. Lonieski, D.O., is the new president of the American Osteopathic Academy of Orthopedics, which recently met at the clinical assembly of osteopathic specialists.

Lonieski, president-elect of the

Michigan Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons, is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Surgery and chairman of the department of orthopedics of Ziegler-Botsford Osteopathic Hospitals.

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