

Is Livonia City Council Wrong?

READERS' FORUM

The council's latest spending spree authorizing the purchase of 100 acres at \$62,000 for a park site in Section 10, north of Six Mile and between Farmington and Merriman Roads, (City Park Six 27-46) will be in the midst of probably the lowest population density area in the city. It is mostly surrounded by one-third, one-half and one acre lots.

I live adjacent to the area and know that there are other areas in the city that have three and four homes on the same acreage my home is situated on. We have no children, as do many of my neighbors, whereas those comparable three and four home areas have many children. Of those who surround the park site that do have children, most are grown up, married, and living elsewhere or in college.

In short, the inaccessibility of the site denies use of it to the highly-populated and denser areas of the city, who, if any, deserve a park in their vicinity.

It might be also of interest to Livonians that the park site contains three abandoned automobiles which will cost the city many dollars to remove unless they invoke the ordinance on the present orders requiring the removal of same from private property.

If the purchase is made prior to their removal, then the purchase of junk automobiles and the subsequent cost of removal by the city is an incomprehensible waste of Livonians' money!

I ask each councillor and the Parks Department planner, "Would you buy a junk yard with money out of your own personal wallet?"

The probability is that most of the votes for the original \$4.4 million Parks and Recreational Bond issue came from the highly-populated areas and were the ones expecting (and deserving) the parks. They need the parks -- not the high-living people in the target-10 surrounding area.

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and a property owner, she would not receive my vote.

Age has nothing to do with being a good or bad teacher; in my school career, I have experienced excellent young teachers and excellent "mature" ones. Age should be no barrier to the teacher. Mrs. Sausie has delicately "put her foot in her mouth" and I hope it will make other voters realize when her election to the school board might do.

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Why Sudden Need For Sex Info??

EDITOR: Why all of a sudden is sex information so important? You have it on stage, movies, fashions, magazines and books (that are on display for all) and advertising.

That's not bad enough, now they want to give this information to our little children in kindergartens, just out of diapers.

Twenty years ago this same thing started in Sweden. I urge you parents who want this taught to your children to read up on the outcome of Sweden.

Are you really fighting for your children?

Or are you fighting the John Birch Society (which by the way nobody has ever proven that they are wrong in their findings)?

Or is it your rights that you're so concerned about. Really it's not very difficult to explain the facts of life at the right time to your children. I know you could do a better job than the schools, where prayer is taboo.

Your children have confidence in you. Don't force upon them a stranger to tell them about such a personal matter. It's your responsibility.

"Why do children have to play, for the games that grow up play."

EVELYN SAVANAGE
LIVONIA

Beginners Make Good Teachers. Too

EDITOR: After reading "Fewer 1st Year Teachers, Please," an article about Mrs. Sausie, a candidate for the Farmington school board, I felt compelled to defend the young neophytes. As a prospective new teacher myself, I will graduate in two years. It seems, or at least to Mrs. Sausie, that I will be regarded as second-rate and unwanted.

She seems to assume that maturity (or is it old age) automatically implies more competence. In her own mind, I would like to see us contract more competent, experienced teachers who would stay with us and help us make our total educational programs just as attractive as our buildings. Since when does an "attractive building" insure a good education. It seems to me that an effective education has nothing to do with buildings that just stand there and look nice.

Upon reading the article, one will find that Mrs. Sausie's teaching experiences has been limited to the adult education program. Has she been in the classroom with the children and the lovely (as she seems to believe) first year teachers? Does she know how the students have reacted to these teachers? It would do well for her to look into this.

I have been looking forward to the day when I would begin my first teaching assignment, but if educators assume the attitude of Mrs. Sausie, it seems that I will have to wait until I am over 30 and "mature and experienced."

How did you begin your teaching career, Mrs. Sausie? For a profession that badly needs more teachers, it seems peculiar that a school board candidate would boldly announce that the new teachers are not wanted.

It would be wise for her to observe some of these "mature and experienced" teachers in action; some of them may rather poor excuses for teachers of the children of this nation. Age is a very weak criterion for determining whether or not a teacher is a competent. Experience is essential to any walk of life. I do agree people improve with experience, but all must be given the chance to benefit from it.

Mrs. Sausie, in effect, would deny this chance to the new teacher, if elected.

She can rest assured that she will receive two less votes in the upcoming election, for my parents will bypass her name on the ballot and it was old enough

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Asks More Trash Bins To End Litter

EDITOR: Lots of debris from a local eating establishment has been dropped and scattered along the first two blocks of Middle Belt, immediately south of Ford Road. The area being heavily littered includes my own front yard, as well as a few other homes, also the offices of Dr. Kern and Dr. Knapp, the Garden City Presbyterian Church, the Church of Christ, the post office, library, Masonic Lodge, etc.

It would be nice to see more of the little green litter receptacles (like those along Ford Road) be placed along Middle Belt to help stop the littering of wrappers, paper cups, and so forth. Perhaps our DPW could wire the receptacles around trees or utility poles.

We Middle Belt property-owners have tolerated this littering about five years now. It is time for the business concerned to know we want our laws clean again and not at our expense.

I reckon most of the kids doing this littering probably would like to have some place to put their trash when finished eating. A lot of them no doubt are respectable and would want their own front yards kept clean too.

JOSEPH EAGEN
GARDEN CITY

For Entertainment Try LYI Centers

EDITOR: I would like to answer the letter from Jack Vernier and Gerry Rogers who asked "Mr. Crockett Clark" what teens can do inexpensively in Livonia.

It is apparent that they have not become acquainted with the Livonia Youth, Inc. Since June 23 there have been teen centers open at all high schools (including Clarenceville) and at four junior high schools from 7:30 to 10:30 on Monday and Wednesday nights and until 11 p.m. on Friday nights. Teens can dance to "live" bands, play pool, tennis, volleyball, ping pong, swim, or just sit and chat with friends. Refreshments are available at low cost.

For eight weeks of entertainment (including exotic "black lights" atmosphere for dancing) the Livonia Youth, Inc. has a membership for \$3 and the high school students a membership for \$2. This entitles them to attend any L.Y.I. center during the entire summer. Members may also bring one guest for a small fee.

This year over 10,000 teens attended and often there were over 1,000 at Bentley High School alone. This program has been in operation for four years and this year a new dimension was added to the regular L.Y.I. activities -- one night a month since April, a community L.Y.I. dance featuring popular bands such as Bob Seger, the Amboy Dukes, Rationals, Brownsville Station and others was held at Ford Recreation Arena. The charge was just \$1.50 for L.Y.I. members and \$2.50 for a guest.

The teens demonstrated that it is possible to have a good time and remain well-behaved. When 50 to 1000 people (adults or teens) gather at the same location three nights a week, it is a tribute to their character and intelligence that there has been no trouble at L.Y.I. centers. Livonia should be very proud of our teenagers.

This program is made possible by "concerned citizens". It is a joint effort of the Department of Parks and Recreation, Livonia School System, and a supervising 15-man Board of Directors to provide inexpensive entertainment for any student within the Livonia city limits or in the Livonia School System. The volunteer Board

A Teener Suggests Movies Cut Prices

EDITOR: As an usher at the Livonia Cinema I and II, I have had the opportunity to see many teenagers turned away because of the high prices set by the General Cinema Corp.

At the present day prices today a boy or girl 12 years of age will have to pay the adult price of \$2 if he or she

Sierawski To Direct Bureau

LANSING Frank J. Sierawski has been appointed director of the bureau of state services for the Michigan Department of State.

Sierawski will direct the state documents, elections, and Michigan history divisions of the Department of State.

Sierawski, 45, has been a Department of State employee for 15 years. His most recent position was director of vehicle services division. He previously served as Secretary of State branch office manager. In 1961, he was appointed assistant secretary of state.

A native of Missouri, the new bureau director graduated from St. James High School, Ferris, Mo. in 1941. In 1948 he received a M.A. degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame.

During World War II, Sierawski was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Eleven Detroit area communities have estimated populations in the 50,000 - 100,000 range. These are: Dearborn Heights, 65,000; Lincoln Park, 59,100; Redford Township, 75,700; Taylor, 64,000; Westland, 83,000; Roseville, 58,500; St. Clair Shores, 52,000; Pontiac, 85,300; Royal Oak, 93,000; Southfield, 67,100; and Waterford Township, 57,500.

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