

# HireDowntownConsultant

FARMINGTON Draker Associates, Inc., professional planning consultants, were hired Monday night by the City Council to establish zoning regulations and controls for the Central Business District (CBD).

Draker will work for the city to help devise a master plan for the redevelopment of the downtown area. Draker authored the original master plan for the city five years ago and has advised the city on other planning matters.

The council agreed to pay the firm a flat fee of \$500 which was based on an estimated 30 hours work to complete the project times \$30 per hour.

IN OTHER action, the council appointed Dennis Pheneby to fill the vacancy on the planning commission left by the resignation of Wescott Peterson.

Pheneby, a long-time resident of the city, is an attorney, a former associate municipal judge for the city, and currently a member of the historical preservation committee.

His nomination was made by John Richardson and seconded by Fred Siebert. The appointment was unanimous.

A REPORT was given on progress by the city to abate burning and air pollution problems at Mills Products on 8 Mile east of Farmington Rd.

According to City Manager John Dinan, burning of debris has presented a serious air pollution problem to city, township and Livonia residents.

City Building Inspector Jay Harrison has been working with the problem since June, 1969. Since then, a written warning and two violations have been issued against Mills Products for the dense black smoke arising from an incinerator.

The incinerator was condemned on Sept. 5 and will remain so until corrections are made. Officials at the firm have promised to install a gas after-burning mechanism which should eliminate smoke and fly ash.

A petition has been circulated with 170 residents from the immediate area signing to object to the nuisance.

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THE COUNCIL adopted a resolution urging the state legislature to give the city the right to appeal the results of the County Equalization Committee when the state equalized valuation is set; and to raise the interest rate charged for delinquent taxes to be higher than current rates charged by lending institutions.

A letter was read from the Oakland County Board of Supervisors asking about the availability of the county holding a public hearing in the city so residents could voice complaints about county operations.

The Local Affairs Committee of the County Board of Supervisors would conduct the hearings and act as a "clearing house" in an effort to get citizen feedback suggestions and/or complaints.

The council urged the county to proceed with its plans for such hearings and suggested first be held in the city sometime after Nov. 4.

A report was also given by Harrison on encroachments on Grand River right of way. Harrison reported some 40 businesses on Grand River are encroaching on the right of way of the State Highway Department.

The Council decided to take a field trip down Grand River and then decide on developing a criteria to abatement of the encroachments.

AN ORDINANCE amendment was introduced and will be considered at the next regular meeting dealing with the raising of domestic animals. The suggested amendment reads: "No person shall raise or keep domestic animals, or household pets outside their homes that would create a nuisance to adjoining property owners."

A public hearing was set for 8 p.m., Oct. 6 on a zoning amendment which would prohibit the use of existing residential homes for office use. Permission was given for the City of Hope to solicit funds for "Tag Day, Oct. 7, 8, 12, to support the City of Hope National Medical Center in California.

The Alta Loma Homeowners Association was given permission to hold its annual picnic in city park from 3-8 p.m. on Oct. 5.

## Knolls

### Women Plan Fete

FARMINGTON Franklin Knolls Women's Club will hold a luncheon for prospective members Oct. 2 in St. Colman's Church social hall. Those interested may call Mrs. Budd Walker, 626-4717, or Mrs. James Roush, 626-7446. The club has organized a new "performing arts" group, headed by Mrs. Robert Whitehouse, a professional entertainer and club member. Women interested in assisting with scenery, scripts, costumes, as well as in acting are invited to join. The group will perform at the annual June club luncheon and may perform for members' husbands.

Mrs. Robert Campbell is organizing various workshops, such as decoupage, ceramics, bridge lessons, bowling, etc. These meetings will not be held on regular club days and interested women are asked to contact Mrs. Campbell.

## Talbert

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HE ALSO STILL retains enough southern courtesy to handwrite answers to all his mail, usually 60-100 letters a week.

It takes him about an hour to write a column but he thinks columns the other 23 hours and always carries a small notebook to jot down anything that might make good material.

"If I'm awake, I'm working," he points out. "And sometimes I have good dreams, so you could say I work around the clock."

"And I don't think it's a chore to think columns. The thought of writing just two or three stories a week would frighten me. At least I can forget about turning out the great American column every time I sit down at a typewriter. There's always tomorrow."

WHEN TOMORROW comes, Talbert is in there with another fresh 300 words. As he says, "My best column is always the next one."

# Farmington Socially Speaking

By KATHY ZISKA GR. 4-7261

Recently, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dwyer of David Street were honored with a visit of their daughter, Sister Janice, who has made her life with the Daughters of Charity, Sisters of the Holy Family, in Saginaw and her visit followed a weekend retreat in Baltimore.

There was a family reunion, honoring the visit of Sister Janice at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Taylor of Royal Oak, where 15 members attended. In addition to the Dwyers and their children, Nancy, Frances and Mary Theresa, the Fred Taylor Srs. and their daughter Sandy were here and so were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Howardcroft and their three children, Jess, John and Jerry.

THE HIT AND PITCH CLUB (A good fellowship organization of active and retired baseball

players, umpires, scouts, managers, club owners and coaches of professional baseball) of the Detroit and Suburban area, is having a golf outing Sept. 22 at the Silver Lake Country Club in Clarkston. The Bob-Twist-Fred-Hutchinson Trophy will be awarded to the low medalist. Reservations may be obtained by contacting William J. Moran, the club president at KE2-2247.

The old saying, "See you in Church" now has different meanings for several people. In the Life Magazine, Sept. 12 issue, on page 71, there is an article titled "Worldly Uses for Old Churches." It's an interesting example of churches put to other uses such as a discotheque, artist studio, restaurant and home. One of these rejuvenated old churches, a Dutch Reformed Church (p. 72) is the summer home in Upstate New York for area resident Margie Sachs, sister Gail Green

(a free lance writer whose works of "Sex and the College Girl" is quite well known) and her husband, Donald Forst, New York Times Culture Editor. When Gail Green and Forst hired outside craftsmen for some of the work, one of them commented that it will be difficult working in a church because you can't swear.

CONGRATULATIONS and best wishes for recent wedding anniversaries are extended to Sally and Don Gaines celebrating their big day on Sept. 1 and Marvin and Margaret

Schaeffer on their 21 years of wedded bliss celebrated Aug. 20.

The Nite Out Club of Farmington has scheduled a dinner dance on Friday, Oct. 10, in the Raleigh House. It's a non-profit organization of couples who enjoy eating good food and dancing to melody music or the big band sound.

If you are interested in joining the group, Chris Martindale at 474-3258, Jo McCrum, 626-0332, Bette Noreen, 851-0793 or Jan Samdry, 626-5602 will fill you in on the details.

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## VFW Women Have Full September Agenda

FARMINGTON A number of members of the Ladies Auxiliary to Farmington VFW Post 4033 will receive pins at the 24th anniversary dinner of the post to be held Sept. 27.

Receiving five-year pins will be Entile King, Agnes Locks, Ellen Maybray, Pat Spalletta, Shirley Smith, Carol Weatherford and Dev Gibbons.

June Gibbons will receive a 10-year pin and 25-year pins will be presented to Beatrice Carpenter, Sarah Hopkins, Francis Kutzschka, Mildred Martin, Stella Bonastus, Louise Roudt, Maude Schultz, Florence Spies, Mattie Spies and Elizabeth Tardy.

The auxiliary will hold a hair fashion party at 8 p.m., Sept. 18 in the post home, 25414 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington. Refreshments will be served and there will be a big donation.

The auxiliary is active in volunteer service at the Plymouth State Home and the Allen Park Veterans Hospital. It visits the hospital twice a month to take the men toilet articles and requested items and to entertain the patients. The women also sponsored a picnic for selected hospital patients and day-care patients.

Persons interested in this volunteer work may obtain further information by calling Mrs. Robert Osborn, 476-5255, or Mrs. William Clifford, 477-7749, auxiliary hospital chairman.

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