

Fun and sun activities offered by parks and recreation team



You're out

That at least seems to be the debate at the Farmington City Park recently as a friendly game of softball was being played. Playing are (left) Kim Gardner and Dawn Culbertson. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation summer program includes everything from rock climbing to kayaking and is open to all residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Twelve Farmington area playgrounds will be open this summer with supervised activities that include sports, games, arts and crafts. The parks will be open June 25 through Aug. 2, except for the Fourth of July. Hours are 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

Register at your nearest play center: Edgewood Elementary, 21225 St. Francis; Flanders Elementary, 32600 Flanders; Forest Elementary, 34545 Old Timber; Gill Elementary, 21195 Gill; Highmeadow Elementary, 30175 High Meadow; Kenbrook Elementary, 32189 Bonnet Hill; Larkshire Elementary, 29600 Tuck; Longacre Elementary, 34581 Arundel; Middlebelt Elementary, 24400 Middlebelt; William Grace Elementary, 29040 Shawnee; Wood Creek Elementary, 28400 Harwich; Wooddale Elementary, 28600 Pepper-mill.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE a trip to Bob-Lo on Aug. 3, Youth Olympics on July 17 and Carnival Day Aug. 1. Additional information and activities are available through your local play center.

Camp-Ups and Com-On-A-Wanna-Camp, designed for nature lovers age 9-12 and children 6-8, respectively, is open with several sessions throughout the summer. Prices vary from \$20 to \$24 for the day camp.

The camp site is Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills. Activities include ecological preservation and conservation practices, learning about animals, insects, geology and plant life, as well as participating in camp craft, nature lore, archery, campfire programs, fish-

ing, hiking and field trips.

Camp hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and 1-7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Campers should bring appropriate outdoor clothing and a bag lunch. Transportation to and from the camp is the responsibility of the parent.

Play Camp is a new experience designed for youngsters, ages 4 and 5. Campers participate in outdoor play-ground and gym activities, creative games, craft projects, songs, dramatics and weekly trips. Six week-long sessions are scheduled.

The camp site is Alameda Elementary School, 32400 Alameda south of Eleven Mile on Powers Road.

Snacks will be provided each day with the exception of trip day (Wednesday). Careful supervision is provided.

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION for beginning to advanced swimmers will be offered at Farmington High School and North Farmington High School. Register at the school you wish to attend on a first-come, first-served basis. There is no advanced registration.

Each two-week swim session consists of daily classes, Monday to Friday. Registration for session 10 (July 9-20) is Friday, July 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration for session three (July 23 to Aug. 3) is Friday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Open swimming will be offered June 25 to Aug. 3 at Farmington and North Farmington High Schools. At North, Tuesday family swims are slated from 7-9:30 a.m. At Farmington, Thursday family swims are scheduled from 7-9:30 a.m.

GOLF AND TENNIS lovers aren't forgotten in the summer recreation program. The San Marino Golf Course, a 75-acre, nine-hole golf course is open to the public.

Weekday rates for nine holes: \$4.25, senior adults and younger than 17, \$1.75. Weekend and holiday rates, \$4.25 for nine holes and \$9.50 for 18 holes. Weekday rates for 18 holes is \$7.50.

Golf lessons are also scheduled. Classes are 50 minutes long, twice weekly week for four weeks. Classes will be held at the Sliger Golf Range, 39725 Grand River, west of Haggerty.

The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a number of free tennis clinics throughout the Farmington

area. The clinics are oriented for beginners, both youth and adult.

Sites include: City Park June 21, 1-3 p.m.; Waldron Park July 11 1-3 p.m.; Harrison High July 21 10 a.m. to noon; Drake Park July 30 1-3 p.m.; and Farmington High Aug. 4 10 a.m. to noon. Participants may register at the site on the day of the clinic or at the recreation office.

Equipment will be available on a limited basis. Participants are asked to bring tennis racquets, balls and athletic shoes.

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Surplus given the once-over by city hall watcher Vagnozzi

By MARY GNIEWEK

A \$1 million surplus in the city coffers is too high and expenditures are escalating too fast, said Farmington Hills city hall-watcher Aldo Vagnozzi this week.

Vagnozzi, a member of the Commission on Aging, and a Farmington Hills

resident, attended recent budget hearings and the 1979-1980 budget approval meeting in city council chambers last Monday.

"The surplus represents 2 1/2 mills. That equals 25 percent of locally generated property taxes," Vagnozzi said.

City council will decide how the \$1

million will be spent.

Vagnozzi proposed that a \$100,000 fund be set aside for emergencies, like the ice storm which zapped Oakland County last April.

The county was denied federal disaster funds which forced the end of a DFW clean-up blitz and left the job in the hands of angry residents.

"I still see branches from that storm. People were left to fend for themselves. The storm gouged this area pretty bad."

City council defeated that proposal by a 5-to-2 vote. Only council members JoAnn Smith and Joe Alkateeb supported the emergency fund concept.

Vagnozzi offered other suggestions for cost-efficiency within the \$12 million budget.

times use the juvenile judge as a stern lecturer who might talk some sense into a misbehaving youngster.

Under the family court system, the parents could obtain counseling and assistance with their problems as an alternative to locking up the child, according to Faxon.

If the parents are the cause of the family's problems, Faxon adds, the family court would be able to punish the adults as well as the children.

But Faxon's proposals aren't wholly popular with Probate Court judges, even if the Michigan Bar Association has endorsed those bills.

Probate judges look upon Faxon's proposals as a means of taking children out of their jurisdiction and unsettling the entire system.

Juvenile courts eyed for legislative change

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"INSTEAD OF DIVIDING UP THE PROBLEMS which relate to the breakup of a family, they could be handled in one court," Faxon said.

"Children have been victims. Their problems have been dealt with in isolation. We're not treating those problems in their true context."

"If the judge has been on the case for several years and the kid gets into trouble and comes before the judge in circuit court, he'll understand the problem in the context of the greater family problem."

Some families use the juvenile justice system as a means of controlling their children or exerting an authority they are reluctant to wield on their own. Poor families, especially, some-



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