

Residents learn energy conservation

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staff writer

Farmington Hills residents living north of 11 Mile who would like to see how their houses are losing heat are invited to attend scheduled neighborhood meetings to see infrared photographs of their houses.

The thermograms — or photos indicating heat loss — are part of the energy-saving efforts undertaken by Farmington Hills and the Michigan Department of Commerce's Energy Administration.

All homes in Farmington Hills were photographed during the winter months of 1983, said Clara Schmidt, special program coordinator. Homeowners

south of 11 Mile already have seen the photographs taken of their houses, she said.

The thermograms are catalogued and indexed according to streets and are available to residents only at the local neighborhood meetings, Schmidt said.

Homeowners can tell where their house is losing heat by noticing bright white areas on the black and white infrared photos, Schmidt said. A house's well-insulated areas will appear in a darker tone on the photograph, she said.

Although residents may not keep the photographs, trained volunteers at the

scheduled meetings will interpret the thermograms and provide a drawing showing the same information.

"We mark on that the areas where they are losing heat," Schmidt said.

SINCE THE purpose of the Community Energy Management program is to stimulate interest in energy conservation, trained volunteers also will recommend low-cost or no-cost remedies to help homeowners trim energy usage, Schmidt said. Residents will have an opportunity to ask utility company representatives questions about conserving energy in their home.

Weathering a home and installing insulation, for example, can reduce a

homeowner's energy costs by as much as 40 percent, Schmidt said. An annual fuel bill of \$884 could be reduced to about \$450 if a house is heated by natural gas, she added.

The following is a schedule of the neighborhood meetings:

• For residents living in Sections 1, 2, or 3, the meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 in the Warner Middle School.

• For Sections 4 and 16, the meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 1 in North Farmington High School.

• For Sections 5, 8 and 17, the meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8 in North Farmington High School.

• For Sections 6 and 9, the meeting

is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13 in North Farmington High School.

• For Sections 7 and 10, the meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 15 in North Farmington High School.

• For Sections 11, 14, and 18, the meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20 in Harrison High School.

• For Sections 12, 13, and 15, the meeting is at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22 in Harrison High School.

FOR RESIDENTS who cannot attend this group of meetings, as well as residents south of 11 Mile who missed the meetings scheduled for them, city officials and volunteers have scheduled a general meeting from 10 a.m. to 2

p.m. Saturday, March 24 in North Farmington High School.

The city's Community Energy Management program also includes energy conservation help for small businesses, public schools and municipal buildings.

Approximately 3,000 businesses in Farmington Hills have been contacted to have a "walk-through" energy analysis completed, Schmidt said. Because of these energy audits, most businesses can ultimately reduce energy consumption by at least 15 percent, she said.

Generally, any changes recommended by the energy auditor can be done by business owners rather than seeking outside assistance. Most work would include changing heating, cooling, ventilation and lighting systems, as well as how space in the building is used.

Much of the state's push to conserve energy stems from the fact that 80-90 percent of the energy used in Michigan comes from outside the state, Schmidt said.

In 1980, an estimated \$8.2 billion was spent outside the state to buy energy supplies for residents, schools, commercial and municipal facilities, according to the state energy administration officials. That represents an increase from \$1.3 billion in 1972.

About \$1.5 billion in energy costs could be saved through energy conservation measures, according to the energy administration.

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on the agenda

City of Farmington Hills
City Council Meeting
February 27, 1984, 7:30 p.m.

Unfinished Business

- Consideration of enactment of zoning map amendment C82-314; Location, adjacent to 24400 Middlebelt Road, Proponent, Farmington Hills Planning Commission.
- Consideration of enactment of zoning text amendment C82-22 to permit alternative uses of qualified historic buildings within the one-family residential district.
- Consideration of general height restrictions, radio towers and height standards of neighboring cities.
- Consideration of request that the city sponsor a public housing project for the elderly at the southeast corner of Tuck and Nine Mile Roads.

New Business

- Consideration of setting date for public hearing for request of vacating part of Westfield Road, south of Bond.
- Consideration of setting date for public hearing for request of vacating alley abutting the south side of lots 134 and 135 of assessor's Grand River Homes State Subdivision and lot 311 of Grand River Homes Subdivision.
- Consideration of request from Villa Inns of Wisconsin Inc., VICORP Restaurants Inc., to transfer ownership of 1983 Class C licensed business with dance permit from Foodmaker Inc. (Mountain Jacks), at 24275 Sinclair Court.
- Consideration of request from Glen Oaks Subdivision Association that the city assist in opposing the proposed adult group home at 29917 Greening Street.
- Consideration of request for tax abatement from the Finnish Church Association relative to its senior citizen housing project.
- Consideration of request from Mayor Williams that the city council consider holding a special meeting on

April 2 to discuss financing alternatives for capital improvements.

• Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions.

City Managers Report

• Recommends approval of the annual street sweeping service contract.

• Recommends approval of the cooperative procurement of gasoline and diesel fuel and award of bids to purchase the city's annual requirements.

• Recommends adoption of resolutions 1, 2, 3 and 4 for dust control; C-116-84, setting date for determination and cost bearing on March 12.

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Viewing can promote the confirmation that death has occurred. It provides a way to recall the loved one as he or she should be remembered — free of the evidence of pain, wasting or injury. Viewing is likewise considered therapeutic for bereaved people. It is especially helpful for a child who has experienced the death of a loved one. Instead of relying on imagination, the child can begin to comprehend the real meaning of death.

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