

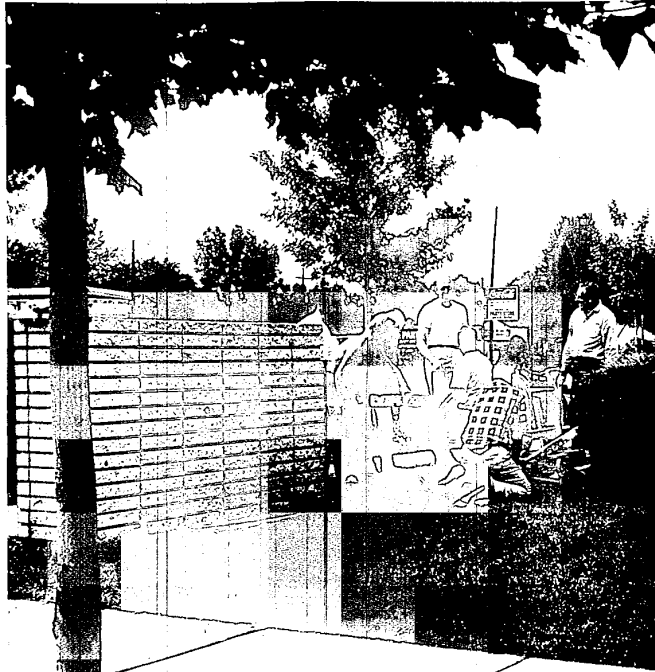
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City's Drake Road Park To Be Ready By Spring



The Farmington City Council took action on four public works projects Monday night during its regular meeting.

Bids were approved on work for the new Drake Road Park and an extension of a Fair main in the northern part of the city.

Also discussed were sidewalk repair in Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision and a storm sewer to drain the Alta Loma area.

THE NEW CITY park on Drake Rd. near Longacre Elementary School, will be ready for use by next spring, according to City Manager John Dinan.

The park, which will contain three ball diamonds plus playground and picnic equipment, is to be built with money received from the state's new recreation bond sale.

The bids accepted, subject to approval by the state, were \$15,236 from the Fulton Landscaping Co. for the hardscaping and \$4,510 from the Stanford Co. for a storm sewer.

The mass grading includes sodding and seeding of three ball fields. Bids accepted were those of dollars below the next lowest proposals.

"We're rather anxious to get going on this job because it's an ideal time to move dirt," Dinan said.

THE STANFORD CO. also was awarded the bid for the water main extension project. The firm bid \$7,046 to extend an 8 inch water main from Woodcroft Subdivision to Drake Heights Subdivision.

Dinan said the water main extension is "an emergency measure." He noted water pressure in the north part of the city is low during hot weather. The main would be on standby service only, he added.

The council also began plans for a storm sewer to relieve the Alta Loma area west of Farmington Rd.

In his report to the council, the city manager said there is no immediate outlet in the vicinity to provide relief in storms.

He said the project calls for 42-48 inch storm sewer from the Rouge River along Freedom Rd. to Farmington Rd. The storm sewer north along Farmington Rd. would be 30-36 inches and serve Alta Loma Subdivision.

The proposed method of financing, Dinan said, is a special assessment district with property owners on the west side of Farmington Rd. paying for the north-south arm along Farmington Rd. and the city sharing the cost of the trunk line along Freedom.

The city manager noted the project should have a high priority to speed development of properties on the west side of Farmington Rd. and give permanent storm relief to the two sections of Alta Loma.

THE CITY'S 1971 sidewalk program drew comment from the councilmen before they approved it.

The city will notify property owners in the Bel-Aire Hills Subdivision that they have 30 days to replace defective sidewalks or the city will replace them and bill the property owner. Cost will be about \$20 per flag, Dinan said.

The council also required sidewalks to be installed on Nine Mile from Power to Maple because the sidewalks are used by children attending Cloverdale School on Nine Mile.

Dinan estimated 14,541 square feet of sidewalk will have to be replaced in the subdivision. He said a section of walk should be replaced if the surface has deteriorated to gravel or if it is cracked to the degree that it is uneven.

He added most of the damaged flags are in driveway areas where auto traffic over the years has contributed to deterioration. Use of salt to help melt ice and snow also damages sidewalks, Dinan added.

"Is this going to be continued throughout the city?"

Small Towns

More than 80% of the cities in the Housing Department's public housing program have populations under 25,000.

Councilman John Allen questioned.

Dinan assured Allen the city will continue the sidewalk improvement project.

George Vondrak, director of public works, noted homeowners might also want to replace driveways when the sidewalks are installed.



PRETTY—Mary Ballinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballinger of 27529 West Echo Valley, Farmington, models the gown she made which won her first-place at the Milestone of Fashion recently held at the grand session of Bethel 55 Job's Daughters. Miss Ballinger's pale blue creation, which is trimmed with beading, will be the Michigan entry in the Job's Daughters supreme session to be held in British Columbia in August. (Evert photo).

Farmington Socially Speaking

By KATHY ZISKA GR. 4-7261

Farmington's IN crowd gathered last Saturday evening at the Kendallwood Swim Club for their annual blast. The event was very well attended and everyone was having such a good time that it seemed to end too soon.

The club sponsored party was very well planned, from the swinging band of Jerry Ross; entertainment by the well-traveled Detroit Comedian Frankie Rapp; buffet dinner, patio lights and the most interesting and witty caricaturist, Chuck Kohl, who didn't seem to flicker an eye at the long line waiting to be put on the hot seat for the artist's impression and drawing.

THOSE WHO weren't waiting to get the artist's impressions on paper were watching and waiting for the artist's impressionable remarks that were part of the finished picture. Kohl was indeed a crowd-pleaser!

The capacity crowd included: Mr. and Mrs. Don Bates; Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Goetzke; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Lighter; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lennis; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Weiner; Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Owen; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Armstrong; Mr. and Mrs. Al Copp; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Doerr; Mr. and Mrs. Al Spangenberg. Also: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brewer; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curme; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMann; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brown; Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Knapp; Mr. and Mrs. Mario Petrin; Mr. and Mrs. Max Fleischer; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Benish; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Katchyk and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Zoedes.

And Mr. and Mrs. Dick Thalmer; Mr. and Mrs. Vic Girolami; Mr. and Mrs. Evert Carmichael; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Babcock; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shaw; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lawrey; Mr. and Mrs. John Combs; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Webber; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton; Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Cutcher; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ferris; Mr. and Mrs. Andy Anderson; Mr. and Mrs. Will Maples and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Urso, who are newcomers to the area, and so many more couples that made

the overall party a fun event. Chuck and Jean Richardson and daughters, Ellen and Susan, just back from a jaunt to Lake Cumberland and Russell Springs, Ky., where they spent a marvelous 10 days, welcomed their houseguest, Chuck's niece, 13-year-old Lynn Bibbee of Kokomo, Ind.

As a treat to Lynn, the Richardson family headed for the waters of "big lake" where they placed their 16-foot power boat into the water and headed up to the Port Huron to Mackinac sailboat regatta as observers.

It's been a happy and busy month for the Richardsons so far and the month of July is not over yet by far; neither are the Richardsons' comings and goings!

LWV Sets Candidates Night

The West Bloomfield-Farmington Area League of Women Voters will host a candidate's night at 8 p.m. July 29 in the Farmington Community Center.

Candidates for three offices will be heard:

Congress, 19th District: Democrats Franklin Z. Adell, Fred Harris, Ronald Hecker and Patrick O'Neill; Republican incumbent Jack McDonald; and American Independent Party (AIP) candidate Hector McGregor.

State Senate, 14th District: Democrat Paul Kadish; Republicans George Kuhn (incumbent), Carl Pursell, Al Smith and Donald VonRase.

State Rep., 64th District: Democrats Howard Fried and Leonard Baruch; Republican incumbent Raymond Baker.

Each candidate will be given a limited time to speak and will respond to questions from the audience.

Twice Tired

You can't say our plant Johnny-come-lately isn't conscientious. He always takes a 10-minute work break before going out to lunch.



Local Artists Display Work

Wanda Northern and Annette Lind of Farmington, are among the artists from 40 Michigan cities and towns represented in the annual Michigan Invitational Exhibition currently on display at the University of Michigan.

Including more than 80 works by outstanding Michigan artists, the exhibition is on display at Rackham Galleries.

The exhibition and associated art conference are sponsored by U-M Extension Service and College of Architecture and Design in order to recognize and encourage the creative ability of Michigan artists.

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