

# New members named to council

Thirty eight Oakland and Wayne County residents have been chosen for the 1984 Private Industry Council.

The group is composed of local business executives, labor leaders and training professionals. They advise the Oakland County Executive on how money should be spent that is administered through the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). JTPA program funds are used to train workers for specific jobs in specific industries. Included are economically disadvantaged youth, welfare recipients, and displaced workers. The training is provided either by employers under on-the-job training contracts or under contract with vocational or other skill-training schools.

"We, in Oakland County, are very fortunate to have such an outstanding group of people volunteer their time to serve on the council," said Oakland County Executive Daniel Murphy.

"Unfortunately more people requested positions on the council than were available, but we appreciate their interest and will contact them in the future."

All terms became effective July 1 and will run one, two and three years.

**NAMED TO THE Private Industry Council are:** Dr. Sami Alam, Brighton; Edward E. Barker, Dearborn; Anna Marie Burke, Troy; Charles Carpenter, Huntington Woods; Carl P. Cohen, Troy; Gale Colwell, Birmingham; Johanna Colburn, Southfield; Thomas DeLaca, Walled Lake; Lana Domanski, Oxford; Mel Farr, Oak Park; Dennis Gilbert, Utica; Alan Hardiman, Pontiac; Susan Turner Hirsch, Birmingham; Douglas Hoard, Pontiac; Donna Hurley, Troy; Alice Johnson, Union Lake; Gloria Kennedy, Southfield; Bob Kinade, Pontiac; and Earl Krepe, Sylvan Lake.

Also named are: Karen Loerch, Lake Orion; Jack McMahon, Auburn Hills; William Moorhouse, Rochester; Paul Nielsen, Birmingham; William O'Mahoney, Pontiac; Barbara Patton, Pontiac; Glenn Pletcher, Orionville; Paul Potter, Northville; Edward Reva, Pontiac; Zaida Robinson, Southfield; Graham Sirox, Rochester; John Soow, Union Lake; Denise Sories, Bloomfield Hills; Dr. David Soles, Rochester; Dennis Stockemer, Rochester; Eileen Turner, Troy; Howard Weaver, Bloomfield Hills; Rosemary Weber, Southfield; and Janet Williams, Detroit.

# Lookout begins for 'winter birds'

By Timothy Nowicki

Summer's end has started me thinking about some of the many species of birds I have not seen since last winter. Seasonal visitors like the tree sparrow with its red cap and prominent "Ute" back or breast spot will be coming soon.

Tree sparrows are very common species in this area, according to surveys done by the Audubon Society during the Christmas season. Every year since 1945 the Detroit Audubon Society has counted all the birds in a 15-mile diameter circle over an eight-hour period.

During the past 39 years 118 different species of birds have been identified, but the Tree Sparrow has been the most common bird counted, next to the ever present house sparrow and starling.


The dark-eyed junco, another visitor from its northern nesting grounds, was the fourth most common species counted. Our familiar chickadees, blue jay and goldfinch were next most common, in that order.

Information on bird populations collected over the years by dedicated volunteers reveals information that can be helpful in explaining some questions about our local bird populations. For instance, some species are very common one winter and then absent for the next two or three winter seasons while others are absent for the next two or three winter seasons.

Species like red crossbills, common redpolls or snow buntings have shown periodic invasions that average about three years. The reason for these invasions is still a matter of debate, but from this basic information we can begin looking for a cause.

The Christmas count data has also shown a likely correlation between the increase in the number of red-headed and red-bellied woodpeckers and the spread of the Dutch elm disease in this area.

Both species reached their peak numbers around 1976 and have now started to decline — probably because many affected trees have fallen to the ground.



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