



Farmington Hills City Manager William Costick outside the municipal offices, near the site of the planned new police facility.

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Police facility slated to open this summer

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employees now working in the 7,500-square-foot offices attached to city hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

The entire project — building, site improvements, architectural design, equipment, and moving and furnishings — will cost \$3.4 million, Costick said. A construction contract was approved for \$3 million — \$2.5 million for the building and \$500,000 for site improvements.

When Farmington Hills City Council members approved the building's plans in February, they also authorized the issuance of \$2.7 million in bonds to help pay for the project's total cost. The remaining costs will be paid with money budgeted in the city's capital improvements fund, Costick said.

The construction contract includes rough-grading of the land but city workers will do the landscaping when the project is complete, Costick said.

When complete, the police facility

will be triangular-shaped with a courtyard between the new building and existing city administrative offices.

THE NEW building will provide expanded space for all police functions, including a new self-contained communications center for dispatch that will offer restroom and kitchen facilities.

A training room, a press room, conference rooms, expanded lockers, evidence storage areas and a three-bay automobile service area will be provided.

The facility will also include a shooting range and a 10-cell jail. The existing facility has two cells.

City officials plan to "put together a proposal to analyze what to do with the old building," Costick said.

But more than likely, current police offices will be occupied by city administrative workers also working under cramped conditions. "It's very crowded now in almost every department," Costick said.

YMCA highlights

These YMCA highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington Area YMCA, 28160 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-4020.

HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP — Home for the holidays and nothing to do?

Take advantage of a special student holiday membership at the Farmington Y. For \$25, you can enjoy activities in the Olympic-sized swimming pool, on the running track or in the gym, weight room and more.

Raquetball courts are available for reserved court time for a nominal fee.

FITNESS THAT FITS — New Year's Resolution Time. The Farmington Y is offering numerous holiday fitness classes.

If you have been thinking about fitness as part of your New Year's resolution, try the classes on for size. Call for full details — 553-4020.

YMCA SAMPLER — The Farmington Y is offering free "Try the Y" classes the week of Jan. 6.

If you've been thinking about taking a class or becoming a Y member, here's a chance to view the programs and meet the staff with no obligation.

Call for a program brochure with "Try the Y" sampler coupons.

WINTER REGISTRATION — The winter course registration is Jan. 6-12. Classes begin the week of Jan. 13 and run for seven weeks.

The schedule is: Jan. 6, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Y members only, Jan. 7, 8, 9, 10, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Y members and non-members welcome; Jan. 11, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Jan. 12, noon to 5 p.m.

For complete program offerings, stop by the YMCA and pick up a brochure or call 553-4020.

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