

They enhance library services

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groups for children, story hours for the deaf and the purchase of computer hardware.

In addition, \$10,000 was used to buy both adult and children's books last year.

Papal added that educationally oriented programs for residents totalled more than 1,000 last year — many the result of Friends contributions.

"We have managed to increase our membership and maintain a high donation level," said Roslyne Greenberg, Friends president. "We have a very positive relationship between us and the library."

The rapport between the group and the library exists because patrons recognize the need to expand services — a goal designed back in the early 1950s long before the current branches in Farmington and Farmington Hills existed, Papal and Greenberg said.

A recent survey found that Farmington residents outnumbered national averages in library use. Six out of every 10 residents possess a library card, the study found.

Such statistics, Papal said, suggest that users are pleased with what the library offers.

"It's one avenue for success when one of our residents uses the library

'The Friends help provide those services that are non-traditional or those that we normally couldn't fund. Without them, we would not have all the special programs we offer.'

— Beverly Papal
Library director



and walks away pleased," said Papal. "Everytime a library user encounters positive interaction with the staff, the potential is there for them to become a Friend."

Gathering donations from individuals and corporations, the Friends supplements its contributions by sponsoring a yearlong used-book sale. Proceeds are added to \$76,000 bequeathed by former resident Mary DeLand in 1980.

"Bev (Papal) is our liaison," explained Greenberg. "She lets us know what is needed to enrich the program offerings. We try and respond, hoping to make the library a more viable institution in the community."

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still be opened to the general public. "The idea is to get anybody who has had contact with the library involved," Greenberg said. "We want to reach those people."

The library boasts enough services to attract any size visitor. The children's library houses a play area for youngsters and activities designed to induce children to read.

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New traffic light is approved for busy intersection

To aid residents turning onto 12 Mile road from Bunker Hill, a full-service traffic signal was approved at the intersection, approximately one-half mile between Farmington and Drake roads.

The measure was approved unanimously by the Farmington Hills City Council, despite a petition filed by several Bunker Hills residents opposing the traffic light installation.

An estimated 80 percent of residents turning from Bunker Hill onto 12 Mile make left turns, according to City Manager William Costick.

"The bottom line is, we need a signal there," he added. "We really need to break up traffic — our number-one priority should be at Bunker Hill."

The Oakland County Road Commission approved installation of the signal at Bunker Hill last May, with the understanding the city would pay installation costs and one third of the annual maintenance, according to city reports.

The city council adopted a resolution in late 1985 asking for the traffic signal, based on recommendations from city administration and an ad hoc study group known as

the Tullipwood Road Barricade Study Committee. The barricade currently on Tullipwood affects traffic flow through the subdivisions and onto 12 Mile and Farmington roads. The committee's meetings prompted the study of the Bunker Hill traffic flow situation.

A resident representing those opposing the traffic signal spoke at a July 8 meeting of the committee, according to Costick, although he felt the subdivision associations involved were generally in favor of the signal.

An alternative to the Bunker Hill/12 Mile light, would have been installation of one farther west at the eastern entry to the Arboretum Park Office development. This was rejected by the council.

"Bunker Hill is a more practical location," Councilman Terry Sever said.

"If you're going to signalize anywhere along 12 Mile, the half-mile point is the place," Mayor Joe Alkateeb added.

The traffic signal will operate as a full signal during day and evening hours, changing to a flashing signal from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. according to city officials.

Brotherton encourages use of form will

State Rep. W.V. "Sandy" Brotherton, R-Farmington, is encouraging residents of the 69th district to contact his office for a "fill-in-the-blanks" will, designed to allow Michigan citizens the convenience of a will without the assistance of an attorney.

The forms, which became available and effective on July 1, are recommended for anyone whose estate is uncomplicated. The will is available to anyone over the age of 18, and is intended to let people put in writing how they would like their belongings distributed upon their death.

"This document makes getting a will much easier for persons without a great deal of property," Brotherton said. "It will likely give peace of mind to people who might otherwise let the courts decide how their assets should be divided because they cannot afford the process through an attorney."

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