

Farmington Calendar

City Eyes 4 Parks, Civic Arena For South End If It's Annexed

GOODFELLOW DRESS DRIVE For the third year Farmington Goodfellows are conducting a dress drive for Christmas dresses for needy children in the Farmington area.

DISCOVERY SERIES Oct. 25. Farmington Community Center will present its second Discovery Series program.

CLOVERDALE SCHOOL PTA Oct. 26. Cloverdale School PTA will hold open house from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL PTA Oct. 26. Farmington Board of Education will meet at 8 p.m. in Fairview School.

FARMINGTON AREA NATURALISTS Oct. 26. Farmington Area Naturalists will meet in the Farmington Community Center.

COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND Oct. 27. Farmington Community Concert Band will present a concert at 8 p.m. in Farmington High School.

COLOR BUS TOUR Oct. 27. Farmington Community Center will sponsor a color tour by bus through the Irish Hills.

ANNEXATION FORUM Oct. 27. Farmington Jaycees in conjunction with the Farmington Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an annexation forum at 8 p.m.

DUNCKEL OPEN HOUSE Oct. 27. Open house will be held in Dunckel Junior High School from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING Oct. 27. Farmington Board of Education will hold a special meeting at 8 p.m. in the school administration building for opening bids on the \$4 million bond sale.

FARMINGTON MUSICALS Oct. 28. Farmington Musicals will observe United Nations Day with a program entitled "On the Shores of the Green Seas" at 12:30 p.m.

FOLK CONCERT Oct. 28. North Farmington Junior class will sponsor a folk concert in the school at 7 p.m.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY Oct. 28. Farmington Historical Society will open its season with a meeting at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center.

FARMINGTON BRANCH AAUW Oct. 28. The world problems study group of the Farmington branch of the American Association of University Women will meet at 8 p.m.

PIONEER GOLDEN AGE CLUB Oct. 28. The Pioneer Golden Age Club will hold its monthly pot luck luncheon at noon in St. Alexander's social hall.

By EVANS N. BAGERIS Recreation Director

The size and population of the City of Farmington has retarded its parks and recreation programming and facilities.

THE CITY has completed a feasibility study on the construction of a civic arena (ice skating rink) to be located at the Farmington High School site.

It was pointed out that the only way this facility could be financed by the city would be having the school district contribute towards other parents.

tribute the necessary property to be used for such a project.

The school board decided it needed the property for educational purposes and had to deny this request, thus making this type of project very unlikely based on our present size.

THE INITIAL DESIGN for the civic arena provides for a seating capacity of 3,000 persons which could be used for other activities than its prime function of ice skating.

It is conceivable that the city could combine an Olympic sized outdoor community swimming pool in connection with this construction.

Some residents of the City of Farmington feel that the current attempt to annex 12 square miles of Township territory differs substantially from the two previous annexations by the City.

Following is the third in a series of articles written by City of Farmington department heads urging a "YES" vote Nov. 3 on the annexation question.

Today's article, written by Recreation Director Evans N. Bageris, explains what recreation facilities the city is prepared to offer south end township residents if they become part of the city.

Based on research we believe the operation of the civic arena and community swimming pool could be self-supporting as far as operational costs are concerned, with enough population to generate participation in their use.

Presently the city has a major city park containing 22 acres and providing ball diamonds, tennis courts, picnic tables and playground equipment and we are in the final stages of completing construction of the Drake Road Park.

City's New Revenues Can't Revive South End

Following is the second in a series of articles submitted by the Future Farmington Association (FFA) urging voters to vote "NO" Nov. 3 on the proposed annexation question.

We regret the article announced in Wednesday's edition did not appear. The news story printed underneath the headline "FFA Continues Debate Against Annexation" was not an article written by the FFA.

Somehow the impression has been spread that with the annexation of the south end, the City will have so much in tax revenues that it will be able to provide even more services.

THE CITY RESIDENTS undoubtedly expect their taxes to go down because of the potential tax base in the area to be annexed, and, certainly, residents of the southern area are not expecting any tax increases.

With its current tax rate of 8.5 mills or \$8.50 per each \$1,000 of SEV, the City receives property taxes of about \$43.35 for each person living in the City.

With 15,000 residents (the City's estimate) in the south end, the SEV per person in this area amounts to only \$4,000, compared with an SEV of \$5.00 per person in the present city.

BECAUSE OF this lower revenue from each person in the south end, the revenue per person in the expanded city of 30,000 will be only \$37.40, or about \$6 less per person than in the present City.

site and 11 Mile/Halsted road league and organized adult softball groups.

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IN CONCLUSION, we would like to state that the city would be in a position to initiate an aggressive recreation and park expansion program.

We believe that we could acquire these sites with the state contributing 80 per cent towards land acquisition as part of this State Recreation Bond Program.

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The choice is yours whether or not you have park and recreation programming and facilities when you cast your vote Nov. 3.

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MEETS GOVERNOR — Governor William Milliken's campaign efforts last week included a visit to the Farmington Area at the major shopping centers and local GOP headquarters at Grand River and Farmington Rd.



FARMINGTON CHAMPS — Kevin Hickey, team captain of the Farmington Little Leaguers who made it all the way to the Little League World Series before being defeated by an Indiana team, accepted an award from the Farmington Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner meeting.

local news

By MARIE LONG GR 4-3114

two weeks, came home Oct. 17. He still wears a cast.

MRS. MAE GOERS, of Farmington, and friends enjoyed a color tour of Canada and the eastern states.

WELCOME BACK to the Richard Jefferys on Wesley St., Farmington after spending the summer in their summer home on Lake Erie in Leamington, Canada.

Arlz, has been enjoying a visit with her daughter Phyllis (Mrs. Richard D. Silver of Farmington) and her son and his bride (the Kenny Smiths of Colgate).

BELETED happy birthday to Mrs. Helen Abrahamson on Oct. 20. She was surprised to receive a phone call from her son Bill in Long Beach, Calif.

ONE of the last opportunities for voters to leave the pros and cons on the annexation question is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Farmington Junior High School.

A major storm sewer system is planned, with the construction cost coming from a 30-year bond issue.

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Annexation Forum Set By Jaycees For Oct. 27.

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