## Hills readying its 2 newest parks

The cold and snowy weather will be here before you know it. But Herizage Park will be waiting. And when the sun and warm weather returns, Phoneer Park should be ready for soccer and softball.

As promised, work has been moving on schedule on the city's two new parks. Of the work that was scheduled for 1987, about 95-98 percent has been completed at both parks, and Dan Potter, special services director.

When winter arrives, residents can cross country ski at the 212-acre Heritage Park and use the new sled will be offered now that the city has bought a haywagen. "We are going to start some more programming." Potter said.

Six nature trails and pienic areas were available in the summer.

"We're probably 95 percent completed with phase one," Potter said of the first phase incurrently of the park, on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile.

Three-board wood fencing along

namington ivous, a wen, a winomili near the pond and a lavatory near one of the picnic areas will be com-pleted this fall. "You will be able to see the windmill from the road," Potter said.

THE NEW paved entrance, about 500 feet north of the former dirt road entrance, has been completed with a road extending into a new parking lot, which will serve the pienic areas and sled hill.

The new road also leads to the historic Spicer estate house. The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Commission is still reviewing what to do with the estate house, Potter

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The new entrance remains closed because of continuing work but the former entrance may be used by residents. In addition to planting grass, evergreens and maple trees will be planted at the entrance.

When spring arrives, phase-two improvements will be started in the primarily passive park. An outdoor elassroom, parking lots and more picnic areas plus two miles of trails for handleapped residents is planned. A 50-50 matching state grant has been requested to help pay

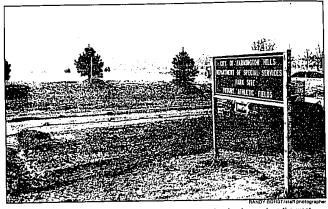
costs, Potter said.
At Pioneer Park, on the west side of Farmington Road, just north of 13 Mile, work also is near completion. Mile, work also is near completion.
The 15-acre youth sports park will boast two baseball/softball fields and two soccer fields. In the fall, the ballfields can be used for soccer. Parking for about 180 cars is provided.

"EVERYTHING IS done except for fencing and backstops," Potter

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Sidewalk and entrance drive will be paved. Because of winter's ex-pected arrival, there's a good chance that grass won't be planted unit spring. That could delay the park's opening until summer, Potter said.

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The more than \$50,000 improvements will be paid with the help of a
\$155,000 Land and Water Conservation Fund grant administered by the
state Department of Natural Resources. The remaining costs will be
paid with revenue generated from
the 0.5-mill parks tax approved by
voters last June.
Revenue from the live-year parks
ax also is being used to pay for Heritage Park improvements.



## Extending Northwestern is still on agenda

Is the Northwestern Highway ex-tension being resurrected? "Resurrected? It's never been bur-ted," said Dennis Pajot, communica-tions director for the Oakland Coun-ty Road Commission. "It's been on the books since 1923."

As recently as two weeks ago, talks went on between the state and county, and it is agreed that something has to be done to allevtate traiter problems in the area, Pajel said.

The Northwestern issue replicated at the West Bloomfield Township Board meeting Monday night. There, representatives of Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield re-

quested the board reaffirm their op-position to an extension amidst ru-mors that plans for a Northwestern Highway extension are again being discussed.

The township has received no offi-cial communication from the state that the road extension is again being considered.

After lengthy discussion the trus-

tees voted 5-1 in favor of trustee Gordon Allardyce's proposal to go on record as opposing Northwestern Highway's route through Section 34. Township elerk Betty Sue Dupree dissented, preferring to confirm or dept the rumors before any letter to the state is sent out.

TWO YEARS ago at a meeting in Farmington Hills, trustees said, the township board voted no to any ex-

tension.
"This is a moot question," said trustee Ray Holland. "We've deleted it from the planning commission's maps. We don't have to bring it up every two years." maps. We don't have to bring it up every two years."

Trustees believed they had the word of state officials that no exten-

sion would go through Section 34—the valuable property bounded by Orchard Lake, 14 Mile, Farmington and Maple roads.

Not so, said Pajot. "They were made a promise on the alignment," Pajot said. "Other alternatives are diverting it down 15 Mile. To extend Northwestern Highway it will have to be in West Bloomfield."

In 1957 a contract was written by the Michigan Department of Transportation to construct a freeway from Eight Mile to US-23. Oakland County contributed \$1.8 million to the project. The portion from Eight Mile to Telegraph was completed as a freeway, the remainder of the por-

tion to Orchard Lake Hoad as non-freeway.

"The state still wants a trunkline into northwest Oakland County," Pa-jot said. "The state has said repeat-edly it will make good man to the country of the tract to any mything with finality."
"Clearly we can't put a freeway out there," said Leo Lambert, divi-sion administrator of project devel-opment for the Michigan Depart-ment of Transportation, but we have to try to figure out some solution to the problem.

"We have a major trunkline that ends abruptly. With the north-spouth trunkline being improved, we're looking at the impact on local roads."

## Contractors to help needy

The Northwest Heating & Cooling
Dealers Association, a local trade
group will hold a Senior Citizens Service Day Saturday, Nov. 7. Hours are
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
The Northwest Heating & Cooling
Dealers Association is primarily
under up of heating and cooling companies in Wayne, Oakland and Livmagnation counters. The companies are
also members of the Michigan and
National Art Conditioner Contractions of America. The idea for the
Senior Citizens Service Day came
from a similar program done by the
Deriver ACCA chapter the past three
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years.

Beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, the Beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday, the 20 participating contractors will provide free furnace maintenance service to senior citizens who cannot

ferred to the closest contractor.

Cliff McCourt, chairman of the program, said, "We are undertaking this project to provide a much-need-adcommunity service and to promote the good will of the heating and cooling industry in general and our association in particular. There has been some negative press recently about some members of our industry

and we hope to counteract it with this very positive program. Since the Denver program was so successful, we feel ours will be, too."

All participating contractors will meet at 8 am. Saturday at 27629 Haggerty, Farmington Hills, the location of one of the participating contractors.

All of the participants in the program are volunteering their time. This includes contractors, mechanics, drivers and suppliers.
For more information, call McCourt, 344-4055.



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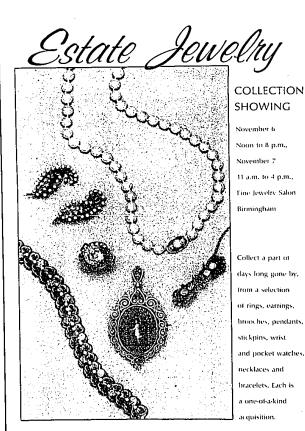
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