

recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, call the recreation office: 473-9570. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call our Newline at 476-3333.

SKI CENTERS

As soon as the weather provides us with a layer of snow to ski on, the centers at Heritage Park and Glen Oaks Golf Course will be open. Heri-

do items, call our Newline at 476-3333.

School finance reform could limit DDA funds

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Street to Alta Loma on the west side, and from State Street to Orchard Street — which runs behind the Downtown Farmington Center — on the east. In addition, six new trees were approved to be placed south of Alta Loma.

Proposed plans to extend the second phase south to Stocum were tabled until bids are obtained. "If this ... comes in under my estimates, we could go back to the contractor and say 'how much?' for the additional area," Wacny said. He was concerned about the condition of the curbs along Farmington Road, which are not in good shape and may cost extra money.

Oakland County is responsible for maintaining the curbs along Farmington Road, but Deadman said he did not expect the county to provide money for their repair or replacement. "The only reason the county would pull the curbs out of there, would be if there's widening of the road planned. There's not."

DDA member Ron Oglesby suggested perhaps the county would consider a cost sharing alternative, helping pay for the curbing, which Deadman said may be possible.

The DDA will hold a special meeting Friday, Jan. 20 at 8 a.m. to approve construction drawings. Bids are expected to be awarded for the project's second phase in March. The streetscape project includes pedestrian lighting, sidewalk and curb replacement, and tree planting.

ASTRONOMY

On Friday, Jan. 6 from 7:30 p.m., you can take a trip back in time to explore the birth of the galaxies and stars. Class is held at the Spicer House in Heritage Park, and is limited to 25 people. Fee is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Pre-registration is required.

NATURE STUDY

Discover the reasons for the ever changing shapes of hills, valleys and rivers of Heritage Park and the surrounding areas of our city. The class will be held at the Spicer House at Heritage Park on Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is required.

SKILESSONS

Individuals age 10 and older can learn the proper techniques to glide across the snow as they start on their way to enjoying a popular out-

door activity. Lessons are 60 minutes long and held at the Glen Oaks Ski Center. Class times are Saturday or Sunday at 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 7. You can pre-register at the recreation office for the class of your choice.

COMMUNITY CHORUS

Individuals 18 years and older may audition for the Community Chorus on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at North Farmington High School on 13 Mile east of Farmington Road. Music reading ability or experience in choral singing is helpful, but not necessary. All sheet music will be provided.

WACKY WORKSHOP

If you have always wanted to learn about magic, this workshop is for you. Simple tricks will be taught and put together for a routine. The class is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Spicer House in Heritage Park. Pre-registration is required. All materials will be provided.

SKILEAGUE

This activity is for children 7-13 years old. The league offers lessons, races, club patch, posters and more. The first session will be held 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, Jan. 7, 14 and 21 at Glen Oaks Ski Center. Fee is \$25 with rental and \$15 with your own equipment.

Sled races

Oaks hosts Family Day

Though not on the scale of the 1,049-mile Alaska Iditarod, the Oakland Parks Foundation will feature its own celebrity dog sled race at Winter Family Fun on Sunday, Jan. 15.

From noon until 5 p.m., the whole family can enjoy a full afternoon of indoor and outdoor events at Glen Oaks County Park in Farmington Hills. The lineup includes sledding, snow games, snowshoeing, hay rides, open skiing and ski lessons.

Driving the Alaskan husky dog sleds will be the likes of Judy Coy and Joel Alexander of WJR radio; Byron McGregor and Jo Jo Schutte of WWJ radio; Detroit Free Press columnist Martin Kohn; and Dick Haefner of WXYT radio, among others.

"This is a great opportunity for the family to have a lot of fun together through sports and other

activities," said Dan Travis, chairman of this year's Winter Family Fun Day.

The Oakland County Parks volunteer Oaklowns will entertain indoors while a bonfire warms up tucked-out skiers, sledders and curlers.

Yes, curlers. The Detroit Curling Club will demonstrate the popular Canadian sport of curling.

Participants may bring their own skis or rent them at the park for \$3.

Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation joins the Oakland Parks Foundation in sponsoring Winter Family Fun Days.

Glen Oaks Golf Course is on 13 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills.

A tax deductible fee of \$3 per person or \$10 per vehicle will be charged.

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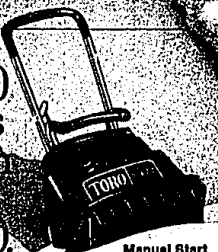
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