

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m. Monday, July 17

It's public hearing night for the Farmington Hills City Council, which the council will consider:

- Introduction of zoning map amendment for the east side of Drake Road north of Indolite Circle. Request is to change from OS-1, Office Service District, to IRO, Industrial Research District. Proponent: Leonard Stegal. Owner: Melvin Katan.
- Introduction of zoning text amendment to amend the city code. The amendment would provide the city with a covenant limiting project to Elderly Housing occupancy. Such a covenant would be executed and recorded with the Oakland County Register of Deeds to the issuance of a building permit.

Under unfinished business, the council will consider enacting an ordinance amendment to add several sites to the city's Historic District. They include: the Elliott Sprague House at 2445 Drake Road, the Frank Steele House at 35810 11 Mile

Road and the Edward Beals House at 31005 Bond Road.
Under new business, the council will consider a revised site plan for a detached condominium project on the east side of Halsted north of Brookwood. The proponent and owner is Thomas J. Simon representing Chapel Hill Development.
Under the consent agenda is a recommendation for renewal of lease for the Mercy Center.

- A request from the Farmington Community Library regarding library expansion plans.
- A report from the Downtown Development Authority regarding an upcoming promotional event.
- A report from city attorney John Demuth regarding a class action suit on state funding of Michigan district courts.

• A grant application for the Quality of Life Recreational Bond program.

- Increase of insurance for auxiliary public safety firefighters.
- Introduction of the 1989-90 city sidewalk repair program.
- Maintenance contract renewal for Farmington Road.
- Bids for public safety uniform cleaning.
- An amendment to the Employee Retirement Ordinance.

• A report on the June 19 flooding in the Farmington area.

- A report from city clerk Josephine Bushey on a bequest to Oakwood Cemetery.
- Appointments to city boards and commissions including the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Commission and the newly created Traffic and Safety Board.
- Regular monthly reports on the General Fund Budget, the 47th District Court and a District Court Audit Report.

Farmington City Council
Farmington City Hall
Council chambers
23600 Liberty
6 p.m., Monday, July 17

A lengthy meeting is expected to-night, since the council canceled its regular meeting earlier this month. On the agenda tonight:

- A fence variance request from Derwin and Dianna Success on Shilwassee Street.
- Sign variance requests from the Pinewoods Condominiums on Farmington Road and from Public Storage Inc. on Nine Mile.
- A request for permission for a tent sale by WorldWide TV & Appliance on Grand River.
- A resignation letter from planning commissioner Daria Killinger.
- Consideration of support for a SEMCOG economic development

obituaries

MILDRED H. AMBROSE

Mrs. Ambrose, 82, of Farmington died July 1 in Grace NW Hospital. Born in Grand Rapids, Mrs. Ambrose was a retired treasurer of Fortner Hadley Lumber Company. Surviving is her brother, the Rev. J. Kenneth Hoffmaster of Farmington.

Services were July 7 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Paul Hoffmaster officiating. Burial was in Fairplains Cemetery, Grand Rapids.

MARION J. SHOCKOR

Mrs. Shockor, 96, formerly of Farmington Hills died July 3 in Arnold Home, Detroit.

Born in Seaford, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Shockor worked for Ford Motor Company. She was the organist for St. James and St. Timothy United Methodist Church. She also played the piano in movie theaters in the silent movie era.

Survivors include her sons, Roger and Richard; a daughter, Gloria Josephson; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were July 8 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. Douglas Vernon officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

EDNA LAHO

Mrs. Laho, 80, of Novi died July 3 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Superior Mine, Michigan, Mrs. Laho was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Emuk; a daughter, Alice Aho; two sisters, and one brother.

Services were July 6 at First Apostolic Church with the Rev. John Tulkki officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

EVA M. DANIELSON

Mrs. Danielson, 67, of Westland died July 6 in Nightingale Nursing Home.

Born in Limings, Mich., Mrs. Danielson was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter, Diane Mornino formerly of Farmington; sisters, Ellen Wallace, and Elsie Pyykonen; brothers, Peter and Edward Lahnalaand one grandchild. Services were July 11 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. David Bomberg officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

VIRGINIA ISOBEL McCUE

Mrs. McCue, 84, of Farmington Hills died July 6 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mrs. McCue was a retired food service employee for Farmington Public Schools and a Avon Sales representative.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred; son, Kenneth; daughter, Sue Ingram; sister, Helen Franklin, 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were July 8 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Colum Morgan officiating. Burial was in Commerce Twp. Cemetery.

CONCETTA MARIE LANZON

Mrs. Lanzon, 100, of Farmington died July 6.

Born in Malta, Mrs. Lanzon was a retired dress maker.

Survivors include her daughters, Micheline Agius; a son, Oliver; 44 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Farmington, with the Rev. Colum Morgan officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Memorials may be made to Michigan Children's Hospital Child Abuse Program.

JAMES R. MILLER

Mr. Miller, 55, of Farmington died July 7 in VA Hospital, Ann Arbor. Born in Ann Arbor, Mr. Miller was a carpenter. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include his sons, Paul, Chris, Dave and Steve; a daughter, Tamara Bender; parents, Albert and Grace Miller; brothers, Dick, Gilbert and Tim; two grandchildren.

Services were July 11 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Colum Morgan of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church of-

ficiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

CARL SIROLA

Mr. Sirola, 93, of Redford died July 9 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Kusomo, Finland, Mr. Sirola was a self-employed butcher. Survivors include his son, Charles; a daughter, Joyce Randolph Charles and two grandchildren from Farmington Hills.

Services were July 13 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Dr. L. Alden Erlandson officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

(Advertisement)

Parents train child for a dry night's sleep

When the Wilsons first realized they had a problem, Billy was 5 years old. Now he is 10.

"Don't worry, he'll outgrow it," the doctors kept telling them. That was five years ago.

But Billy was still wetting his bed. He would wake up in a dry bed perhaps two days a week. "Five doctors had tried their best. The family doctor had prescribed some medicine which stopped his bedwetting; but then he had a relapse as soon as the drug was discontinued," says Billy's mother. "Our pediatrician examined Billy and found nothing physically wrong. He referred us to a psychologist whose comment was Billy was a little hyperactive, but not abnormally for his age." An internist and an urologist put Billy through many tests. Nothing seemed to work.

"Over the last 5 years, we felt fortunate if the bed was dry two nights in a row," says the boy's father. "Billy would go to visit someone and spend the night. But he might stay awake the whole time, because he was too embarrassed and did not want to wet the bed."

Then several weeks ago, the Wilsons heard of the Michigan Children's Center. They sent away for the free literature and saw their own son's story being played out. What had hit them hardest was an earlier story that linked bedwetting to a change in personality.

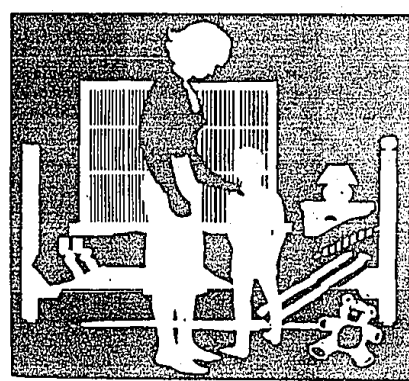
"My son tried to set our cat on fire. That's when I said I was tired of hearing 'don't worry, he'll outgrow it.' Also, I found out bedwetting is harmful physically and emotionally. If bedwetting can be stopped, why should we put our son through such a horrible experience. We did not hesitate when our daughter needed braces. The expenses have nothing to do with it."

Many don't outgrow bedwetting

Bedwetting is not life-threatening, so it's not a disease. But it endangers a child's mental health, so it's more than an inconvenience. Its symptoms are what we know, so it can't be called a discovery; it does not fit into any recognizable category as a psychological phenomenon, so it's treated as a physical nuisance. A nuisance that the child hopefully would outgrow.

But children don't always stop bedwetting. One report showed an incidence of 40 percent at three years, 22 percent at five years, 10 percent at ten years and 1 to 2 percent at twenty years of age. Girls do not wet their beds as often as boys. Bedwetting is about twice as common among boys as among girls. In 14 years the Center has successfully treated thousands of bedwetters with an enviable rate of success, and receives a great number of inquiries from adults who still have the problem.

Quite often a doctor will say, "Don't worry, your child will outgrow it." That's because most doctors don't want to worry the parents. And if we look at the



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statistics between the ages of five and ten, he has a better than fifty-fifty chance to be correct. A history of bedwetting in the family can reduce the chance a child will outgrow it. Also, Psychologist Dr. Warren Baller of the University of California at Los Angeles writes, "Evidence accumulated casts doubts that children outgrow bedwetting. Most bedwetters hide their feelings. Shame and embarrassment are their constant companions. Correcting their affliction often produces remarkable results in family relationships, behavior, school work and peer contact."

Billy was dry nine weeks after the Wilsons sent for the Center's literature, and eight weeks without a wet bed, they started to notice other changes.

"My son has always been very quiet, very withdrawn. He seldom talks to us, I guess that's because he was teased a lot when someone who'd let him stay at his home let the cat out of the bag," says his father. Today Billy reaches out for affection from his family in a way they've never known. He also appears much more confident and less argumentative.

Harmful physical and emotional effects

Billy follows the pattern of many "nocturnal enuretics" as he is called by the Center's literature, and eight weeks without a wet bed, they started to notice other changes.

The resulting shame from bedwetting during the sensitive age of a child can be devastat-

accomplishing something when he's sleeping is a no-win situation."

He notes that a 3 1/2 year study at the McGill University in Montreal, Canada concludes that deep sleep, not the child, is the No. 1 cause of bedwetting.

Causes and effects

Bedwetting can cause serious psychological problems in a child if not being looked after quickly. After a while, the child develops some strongly ingrained habits and negative self-expectations which in turn make it even harder to overcome the problem.

Early symptoms of this taking place are: Temper tantrums, putting things off, avoiding responsibilities, afraid to be alone, difficulty in making friends.

Staff psychotherapist at the Center, Arnold Kellor says that the worst so-called solution without a doubt, is for parents to wait for the child, to outgrow the problem. Since toilet training points out the difference between right and wrong, clean and dirty, success and failure, bedwetting naturally reinforces negative feelings and can lead to a poor self-image.

Most bedwetters hide their feelings in shame," says Kellor. "They pretend that it doesn't bother them, and they stop talking about it. And when parents don't think it affects the child, and everything seems to be alright, that's when things can become serious."

"A tremendous amount of stress is removed from the whole family. Often they weren't even aware it was related to bedwetting. Parents often find a great behavior and attitude change in the child."

"Schoolwork often improves and so does the child's attention span and concentration. These are some real, positive benefits from stopping bedwetting."

The concerned parent

Bedwetting can leave emotional problems both on children and on parents if the problem isn't treated quickly and corrected before attending school. "So the majority of our inquiries come from parents of pre-school children looking for a solution prior to starting school."

Some parents try rewarding their children for a dry night or scolding them when bedwetting occurs. But Cilinasmith says, "To offer a child a reward for

Fortunately, bedwetting can be corrected in almost every case. The Center enjoys a success rate of over 97 percent of those accepted into the program. Using the Dry Bed Training method pioneered by the Center over the past 14 years, parents can stop their child's bedwetting problem right in the privacy of their own home.

For additional information, and to find out why your child wets the bed, send for our free brochure. Call or write Michigan Children's Center, 870 Griswold, Farmville, Michigan 48157. Telephone in Detroit 931-6557, or Toll Free 1-800-265-0562.

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