



Pioneer Park is an all-athletic park. The baseball diamond here is the Jim Ellis Field, named after a civic-minded Farmington Hills man.

Parks that lure the kid in us

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Guided nature walks, events, and programs for all ages are offered. Most activities are free or priced at \$1 or \$2 to cover expenses. Groups of 12 or more may make reservations for a nature walk led by one of two naturalists on staff.

The interpretive center includes an observation beehive and some small aquarium animals.

The Troy Farm section of the center is mostly used for specialized programs. The entrance is on Coolidge, one-quarter mile south of South Boulevard. For information, call 524-3567.

In Rochester Hills

The city of Rochester Hills has five parks, in addition to the Paint Creek Trail and land surrounding and including the Van Hoosen Museum, Thelma G. Spencer Park, with its variety of activities and offerings, is one of the most popular.

Thelma G. Spencer Park is open year-round, offering a swimming beach on a spring-fed 40-acre lake that is open through mid-September. The beach is supervised by lifeguards.

Row boats and pedal boats are available for rent, and fishing is

Volunteers thanked

Helen Forsley and Rita Mossamer, both residents of Farmington, have given 4,000 hours of volunteer service to Our Lady of Providence League. The two were among the 400 volunteers who were honored for their service to the Southfield-based hospital.

Brian Connolly, hospital president and a resident of Farmington Hills, gave out the awards. President of the league is another Farmington Hills resident, Nancy Taylor.

Taylor and Farmington Hills resident Irene Chendes were both given awards for 3,000 hours of service.

For 2,000 hours of service, honorees were Carol Evans of Farmington and Iris Vecellio of Farmington Hills.

Those honored for 1,000 hours of service were Farmington residents Shirley Champeau and Betty Quain, and Farmington Hills residents Lilli-

available from shore or in a row boat. There is a volleyball court, two tennis courts, a soccer field and a baseball field. There are two miles of wooded hiking trails.

Concession stands with hot and cold food are available; there are also picnic areas with tables and grills. A bathroom/shelter facility is available for rent for \$150 a day.

Admission for residents is \$4 per day per car; an annual pass is \$20. Vehicle registration is required for proof of residency. Non-residents pay \$8; an annual pass is \$40.

The park is at 3701 John R. between Auburn and M-59. For information, call 656-4657.

In Rochester

The city of Rochester has four parks. Two of the most popular are the Municipal Park next to the city complex, and Dinosaur Hill, a nature preserve.

The park features a pond, four lighted tennis courts, a skating shelter facility used as a day camp in summer, a Kiwanis shelter, two tot lots and picnic tables.

There is a paved blacktop pedestrian path, approximately one mile long. Crittenton Hospital uses the park for its healthbeat program, and a warm-up station and mile markers

an Berger, Kathleen Gerson, Richard Gibson, Virginia Hess and Ellen Kramer.

Those honored for 500 hours of service were Farmington resident Judy Miller; and Farmington Hills residents Elizabeth Brown, Betty Diederich, Shirley Dunlap, Thelma Goldstein, Walter Kesseling and Robert Taylor.

Those honored for 100 hours of service were Farmington residents Rita Kaveria Barton, Mary Ann McHugh and Phillip McHugh; and Farmington Hills residents Peggy Bosworth, Fran Brown, Betty Dunn, Kittle Hastings, Pat Isbell, Mary McDaniel, Madeline Osgood, Lillana Porcedora, Marilyn Smutek and Shirley Winter.

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club circuit

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB meets for its annual luncheon at noon Thursday, Aug. 10, in The Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

Guests are invited to hear June Taylor's program, "In a Child's Garden - 'Imagination Grows.'" The talk and slide presentation concerns Children's Garden, said to be the finest in the nation, a 4-H project at Michigan State University. Taylor is a director for Michigan's 4-H Foundation and curator of the Children's Garden. She is responsible for the design, implementation and fundraising for the garden.

Reservations are necessary, made by calling Nancy Passfield, 661-8073.

School; an honorable mention for its Publicity Press Book, and an award for its Yearbook.

MICHIGAN PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK meets at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14 in Southfield Country Club. Speaker for the evening is Bess Edwards, founder of the Ann Arbor Oakley Foundation.

Meetings are open to guests, but advance reservations are required, taken by Bylo-Type, 253-8022. Cost for non-members is \$35.

Membership inquiries are taken by Diane Wilbut, 647-4400, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lutheran Church will be serving lunch to seniors in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Detroit, Saturday, Aug. 12. The group meets at the church, corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road, and car pools to the inner city church.

Food providers and servers are needed. Interested persons are asked to call the church office, 626-7906.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33202 Grand River, Farmington, 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

SOUPEL SERVERS of Antioch

WESTSIDE SINGLES meet for a dance party at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Livonia Elks, Plymouth Road east of Merriman Road. Admission is \$4 the door for singles over the age of 21.

The singles hotline is 562-3170.

BETHANY WEST, a support group for the divorced and separated, meets at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, West Chicago and Inkster.

Speaker for the evening is Andy Morgan, from Single People Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church. His subject is "Developing Positive Identity."

Donation is \$3 at the door.

NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB begins its 1989-90 season with a picnic at noon, Tuesday, Aug. 8, in Five Senses Garden on the grounds of Farmington YMCA. A member of each of the five garden area committees will give a brief talk on one plant in that garden.

Guests are welcome. Inquiries are taken by Doris Kuhn, 682-9336.

The garden club received four awards at the state convention of Federated Garden Club of Michigan this summer.

The club won The Civic Achievement Award for the Five Senses Garden; a Community Award for maintaining the gardens on the grounds of the O. E. Dunckel Middle

Beautiful gardens sought for contest

The Farmington Garden Club is sponsoring its annual "Good Neighbor Garden Contest" to recognize Farmington and Farmington Hills gardeners who are providing beautiful landscapes and gardens for others to enjoy.

Cash prizes will be awarded in several categories as the club's way of saying thank you to the gardeners who take pride in their yards.

If your neighbors have a yard that you enjoy, enter it in the contest so their efforts can be recognized. Or you may enter the garden of a friend or relative or even your own garden. Just be sure to ask permission before entering a garden in the contest.

Gardens will be judged in various

categories so owners of large lots aren't competing against condominium patios or apartment balconies.

To enter a garden in the contest, send the name, address and telephone number of the gardener and your own name, address and telephone number to Good Neighbor Garden Contest, Betty Frankel, 30300 Rockshire, Farmington Hills 48018. Include a brief statement of what makes the garden outstanding.

All inquiries will be taken by Frankel at 474-4770.

All gardens must be in Farmington or Farmington Hills. All entries must be post-marked by Aug. 5. Winners will be announced in late August.

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