

# Hills hotel rejects halfway house idea

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LaFarga, accepting the bids, and Greg Bogdan, public information officer for the Bureau of Prisons, declined to comment until the contract is awarded.

The department wants to establish five centers, with a total of 200 beds, in the area.

The centers would house federal offenders returning to the Detroit area to resume life in the community.

"Generally the offenders will have nearly completed his/her sentence before consideration is given," wrote Farmington Hills police inspector Thomas Godwin in a July 28 letter to Costick.

"The profiles of individuals commonly includes those offenses known as 'white collar' crimes, which include tax evasion, failure to file tax returns, crimes of interstate commerce, embezzlement from federally insured financial institutions, trafficking in controlled substances (Godwin underlined this one), food stamp fraud, mail fraud, etc. Any offense committed on federal property may be included," wrote

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— William Dwyer  
police chief

Godwin, who investigated the Bannum proposal.

SAID POLICE Chief William Dwyer: "This is the first time in my experience that a narc dealer would be classified as a white-collar crime."

David Lowry, executive director for Bannum, Inc., did not return phone calls from the Observer.

"At Bannum, we realize the stigma associated with the 'class' of individuals who are residents in our program; however, except for that class, Bannum's proposed use is not unlike the use by a baseball team at spring training camp or other sports teams for that matter. Such teams

rent motel/hotel rooms for extended periods of time to provide residential services to individuals trying to become team members," said Lowry in a June 21 letter.

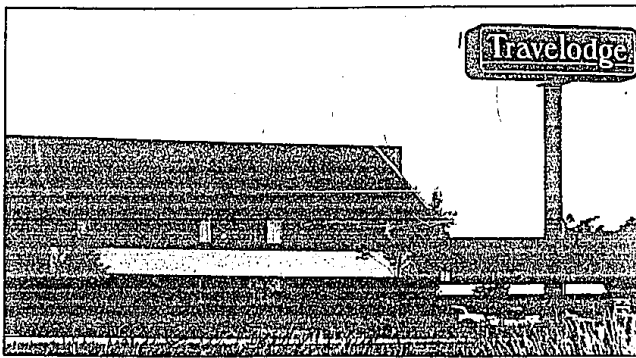
The letter was mistakenly sent to Northville's mayor and police chief because of a ZIP code snafu.

A copy of that letter was sent to Susan Heintz of Northville, a Wayne County commissioner, who forwarded it. She called it "a rather startling request" in a July 20 letter to Don Wolf of Farmington Hills, an Oakland County Commissioner.

"I am against having such a project in our city," said Wolf in a July 25 letter to Costick.

GODWIN WROTE in his letter that Lowry told him Bannum had an agreement with Travelodge's corporate offices to provide 15 or 16 rooms to house up to 50 offenders and an additional three to four rooms for office space and to house personnel.

Travelodge had decided against such a proposal even before he contacted them, Godwin said.



The Travelodge, on Haggerty near Eight Mile in Farmington Hills, will not become a federal halfway house for white-collar criminals, Travelodge officials affirmed last week.

tacted them, Godwin said.

It would have been Bannum's first venture in Michigan. The company operates nine other such centers nationwide.

Mike Castle, community corrections manager for the Department of Justice office in Detroit, said the federal government hopes to finalize a contract in three to six months.

The centers should be in operation by June 1990, he said.

According to Bogdan, two federal halfway houses are located in Detroit. There are also centers in Grand Rapids and Saginaw.

LAST WEEK, Wolf called the project a "dead issue" but indicated "this is a big county." He pondered

what the decision of other hotels and motels might be, especially those operating in the red.

Benford was on vacation and unavailable for comment. Ray Barton, general manager of the Farmington Hills Travelodge, said he had not seen Benford's Aug. 1 letter, which indicated a copy was sent to Barton.

## What federal halfway houses provide

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Bannum Inc.'s objective is to provide community-based residential services for federal offenders of white-collar crimes returning to resume their life in the community.

These services include programs designed to assist offenders in becoming law-abiding, self-sufficient contributing members of the community.

Among the services provided are:

- A safe and sanitary residence. Housing facilities must meet state safety and fire regulations. Ban-

num's staff monitors participants to make sure each maintains his living quarters in a clean and sanitary condition. Each resident must be employed and provide community service. They function as any other person in the community, visiting with their family and friends in evenings and on weekends.

- Assistance with social problems. Bannum's staff develops community resources for an extensive and comprehensive referral system to provide assistance to the residents with social problems, if applicable. No treatment of any type occurs within the facility. Psychological,

psychiatric, intensive substance abuse treatment and other social problems are dealt with by using community resources as well as medical, dental, educational, religious and other requirements of residents.

- Employment counseling and assistance designed to assist offenders in acquiring employment commensurate with skill level. Bannum's staff develops resources of employment agencies, social service agencies, volunteers and others. Bannum

provides financial assistance during the initial period of unemployment when the resident is entering the program and re-entering society.

- General guidance and counseling in life skills. Among other things, each resident is assisted in opening bank accounts and initiating savings plans; monitored in personal habits and activities, counseled in social behavior and guided in selection of permanent housing following the transition period into the community.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)**

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Tupper at 8:00 p.m. on August 7, 1989, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

**PRESENT:** Campbell, Hartsock, Richardson, Tupper, Yoder.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** City Manager Deadman, Director Laushoff, Director Billing, Adm. Assistant Busha, City Clerk Busby.

Minutes of the previous meeting of July 17, 1989, were approved as written. Minutes of other Boards were received and/or filed.

Council granted permission to Sweet Cravings for a total of nine tables to accommodate 12 persons for outside seating.

Council denied Mr. Nag's request for waiver of the driveway approach ordinance.

Council granted the Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club's request to erect a tent in their parking lot on August 20, 1989, for the annual Lobster and Clam Bake.

Council voted to indicate to Farmington's State Senator and Representative their objection to House Bill 4867 prohibiting employee residency.

Council authorized the City Clerk to case the official ballot for the 1989 election of MML Worker's Comp. Trustees.

Council voted to contract with the Uptown Farmington Business Association for a pole banner program.

Council granted permission to Keego & Company and Jay Maznick Advertising to display a King Kong balloon atop the Entertainment Time Video store for their Grand Opening August 11 - 13, 1989.

The DDA Executive Director reported on future promotions events.

Council ratified the new 3-year agreement between AFSCME Local 1456 and the City.

Council affirmed the City Manager's order to facilitate removal of a diseased elm tree at 39715 State Street.

Council authorized the purchase of water meters and replacement parts from the Badger Meter Company at \$5,762.45.

Public comments were heard.

Council received and filed the Building Department Quarterly Report for April - June, 1989.

The following ordinance was adopted:

**CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDINANCE NO. C-565-89**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE FARMINGTON CITY CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 3, SUBSECTION (b) (1) OF ORDINANCE NO. C-564-89 OF SUCH CODE**

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

Section 3.

(b) (1) Upon a Public Safety member's retirement, as provided in this division, he shall receive a straight life pension equal to the number of years and fractions of a year of his credited service multiplied by the sum of two percent (2%) of his final average salary.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Farmington City Council on July 17, 1989, was adopted and enacted at the regular meeting of the City Council on August 7, 1989, and will become effective ten (10) days after publication.

**AYES:** Tupper, Yoder, Campbell, Hartsock, Richardson. **NAYS:** None. **ABSENT:** None.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

**RICHARD L. TUPPER, Mayor**  
**JOSEPHINE M. BUSBY, City Clerk**

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CITY OF FARMINGTON FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
The Farmington School District will be changing telephone numbers during the month of July. The new numbers of interest to the community are:		
BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE	489-3300	
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GILL	489-3690	
HIGHMEADOW	489-3699	
KENBROOK	489-3711	
LARKSHIRE	489-3722	
LONGACRE	489-3733	
WILLIAM GRACE	489-3747	
WOOD CREEK	489-3755	
WOODDALE	489-3766	
MIDDLE SCHOOLS		
DUNCKEL	489-3577	
EAST	489-3601	
POWER	489-3622	
WARNER	489-3636	
HIGH SCHOOLS		
FARMINGTON	489-3455	
HARRISON	489-3499	
NORTH FARMINGTON	489-3535	
SPECIAL SERVICE SCHOOLS		
ALAMEDA EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	489-3808	
ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION CENTER	489-3788	
OVERDALE DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER	489-3819	
FAIRVIEW EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER	489-3799	
FARMINGTON TRAINING CENTER	489-3833	
OTHERS SERVICES		
FARMINGTON ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT	489-3352	
FARMINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL	489-3333	
FOOD SERVICES	489-3717	
MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	489-3440	
SCHOOL & COMMUNITY RELATIONS	489-3349	
SPECIAL EDUCATION	489-3388	
TRANSPORTATION	489-3700	
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION	489-3360	

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