

Farmington Hills opts out of funding suit

Like Farmington and Oakland County, Farmington Hills won't join a class-action lawsuit that relates to funding for Michigan district, probate and circuit courts.

Initiated by Ingham County against the State of Michigan, the so-called Public Act 438 of 1980 requires the state to pay 80 percent of all court operational costs for 1986 and 1987 and 100 percent thereafter.

The suit claims the Michigan Constitution requires the state to fund all judicial branches of state government.

It claims the state has failed to comply with the constitutional mandate requiring an annual accounting system for all court operational costs. It seeks a judgment requiring the Auditor General to perform such an audit.

The state denies each of these claims.

Farmington and Farmington Hills were included in the class because they fund the 47th District Court. All governmental units that fund circuit, probate or district courts were in

cluded unless they opt out. Whatever decision is reached will ultimately be appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court, said Paul Bibeau, Farmington Hills city attorney.

After reviewing the suit and applicable law, Bibeau concluded that Ingham County isn't likely to prevail.

"It is my opinion that the court will ultimately decide that this issue — statewide funding of the court system — is best left to the Legislature to resolve," he said.



Helping hand

Muscular Dystrophy camper Eric Meredith (right) of Farmington Hills receives a point in the right direction from his paraplegic partner, Ron Witherspoon of Ullico, at the MD camp in Lexington. Meredith and other youngsters spend a week, all expenses paid, at MD camp every year. The MD camps in Michigan are supported by pledges made during the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. This year's telethon will be aired live for 22 hours on WBKB-TV2 from 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3, through 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 4.

Back-to-school times set for Walled Lake

A back-to-school schedule has been announced by the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, which includes northwest Farmington Hills.

A half-day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 5. Regular, full-day hours will begin Wednesday. The hours are:

• Western and Walled Lake High schools — 7:35 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

• Smart and Walled Lake junior high schools and Commerce, Decker and Wixom elementary schools — 8:30 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. Kindergartners will attend 8:30-11:05 a.m. or 12:20-2:55 p.m.

• Dublin, Gleanery, Keith, Loon Lake, Maple, Oakley Park, Twin Beach and Walled Lake elementary schools — 9:05 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kindergartners will attend 9:05-11:40 a.m. or 12:55-3:30 p.m.

All kindergartners will follow an altered schedule the first week. Parents will be advised individually.

School lunches will be available from the first full day of school. Elementary prices are \$1. Secondary lunches range from \$1.20 to \$1.30. Milk is 25 cents.

Bus routes will be printed in a special back-to-school issue of the district newsletter, "Learning," which will be mailed to residents Aug. 25.

For more information on back-to-school procedures, call the district communications office, 624-6011, Ext. 233.

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Board of Canvassers

• Consideration of revised cluster site plan in a planned residential development, south side of Nine Mile between Drake and Gill. Request: Cluster housing in RP-2, planned residential district (River Park Condominiums). Proponent: George Endstein of Siegel/Tuomala Associates, Owner: Italo-American Builders of Farmington, Inc.

Under city manager reports:

• Presentation on status of the 12 Mile Road Boulevard Plan, Farmington Road to just west of Drake.

• Reconsideration of funding for possible additions to city's proposed 1989-90 sidewalk construction program.

• Recommends approval of subdivision tree planting program.

Under council agenda:

• Consideration of resolution in support of Senate Bill 346, which expands state property tax credits for residential district.

• Consideration of a resolution reaffirming support for the Haggerty Road connector project, Alternative 4A.

Farmington City Council

City council chambers

23600 Liberty
8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21

The agenda includes:

Under communications —

• Letter from the Rev. Dersin

Success requesting a parade permit for a Love Force United peace rally

on Sunday, Oct. 15.

• A request for a sign variance

from Craig Grace, 33304 Grand River.

• A letter from U.S. Rep. William

Broomfield regarding House Bill

2380, realignment of ZIP code

boundaries.

Under "from the president" at the

regular meeting, the board will open

construction bids for phase three of

Hillside Elementary School, discuss

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three of Hillside Elementary.

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Farmington Board of Education

Schulman Administrative Center

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Tuesday, Aug. 22

6 p.m., consultant interviews

7:30 p.m., regular meeting

The board will interview two can-

didates as it starts its search for an

educational consultant to assist in

the superintendent search: Harry

Howard, Austin, Goldammer &

Howard, Lansing, and David L.

Johnson, Ann Arbor.

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