

More improvements slated for park

A visitors center, an outdoor arboretum and a handicapped trail loop will be among Phase III improvements to Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. The changes will be paid for mostly with a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

On Monday, the city council authorized the city manager to enter into agreement with the state Department of Natural Resources to

begin the \$400,000 project, 75 percent of which will be paid by the grant.

Phase III development includes:

- additional restoration of the visitors center, including a new roof, storm windows and doors, outdoor lighting, a deck and landscaping.

- an outdoor arboretum near the visitors center.

- a hard-surfaced trail loop for disabled people, including a board-

walk system through marsh land.

The city's share of the cost, \$100,000, will come from the 0.5-mill parks tax approved in 1986.

Phase III is to start next summer, along with Phase II. Both projects should be done by late fall, said city manager William Costick.

Phase II, a \$395,000 project paid for half by the state, will bring an outdoor classroom and parking area, two miles of hard-surfaced trails for

disabled people and three new picnic areas.

The phases will be bid together.

Improvements to Heritage Park began in 1987. Phase I included entrances to main roads and new roadways, fencing and a play area. It also included construction of a windmill next to the pond and a comfort station.

"The project began with citizen input," said Dan Potter, director of special services.

carrier of the month Farmington

Michael McQuiston, 11, was named the Farmington Observer's Carrier of the Month for November. The Farmington Hills resident has delivered the newspaper along Shiawassee for more than a year.

The East Middle School sixth grader's favorite subjects are math, science and social studies.

His hobbies are fishing, basketball, football and swimming. He has earned badges in scouting, a trophy in basketball and a badge for being a safety patrol member at Larkshire Elementary School.

After graduating from high school, he plans to go to college, then do conservation or forestry work.

The responsibility of making sure papers are delivered on time, earning extra money and learning how to deal with people are some of the



Michael McQuiston

things he has acquired on his route.

Michael is the son of Phillip and Diane McQuiston. He has two sisters, Melanie, 14, and Maureen, 13.

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, 473-0570. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call Newsline at 476-3539.

PARKEY SERIES
"Parkey the Panda" is hosting a Pilgrim's lunch for children 5 to 10

years old from noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, at Longacre Elementary School. A craft project, an adventure story and games will be a part of this activity.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration is being accepted for children in grades 4-8 at the recreation office. Teams are formed by geographic location and grade level. Instructional clinics will be in December with an eight-game schedule

beginning in January. Registration deadline is Nov. 22 in person, Nov. 24 by mail.

SPORTS SALE

Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at East Middle School, 2500 Middlebelt, you will have the opportunity to buy or sell used winter sports equipment. Items include skates, downhill and cross-country skis and boots, clothing, sleds and more. Equipment consignment for

registering items to be sold will be Friday, Dec. 1, from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

DOWNHILL SKIING

Students in grades 4-12, can enjoy a night of skiing at Mt. Brighton on Friday evenings. Buses leave designated sites at 4:30 p.m. and return approximately at 10 p.m. The first session will be January 5, 12 and 19. Fee is \$45 and includes ticket, lesson and transportation. Ski rental is not included.

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