

School precinct revamp studied

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ter in downtown Farmington which serves the city of Farmington and the south central and southwest portion of Farmington Hills.

- Precinct 2 — O.E. Dunkel Middle School on 12 Mile which serves the central and northwest part of Farmington Hills.

- Precinct 3 — Warner Middle School on 14 Mile which serves the northeast corner and part of the northern edge of the Hills and a small portion of West Bloomfield Township.

- Precinct 4 — East Middle School on Middlebelt which serves the southeast section of the Hills. The new proposal would have all residents of the city of Farmington voting at Longacre Elementary and would use Gill, Hillside, Wooddale, Forest and William Grace elementary schools and Warner and East middle schools for the rest of the district.

Several school board members said they were concerned about using elementary schools as precincts because of smaller parking lots which could cause parking problems. Superintendent Michael Flanagan suggested the district

might consider shuttling employees from larger high school lots on election days to keep the parking lots free.

School trustee Cathleen Webb also suggested the polling places be well marked if elementary schools are used, because most are in the center of subdivisions.

Hills parent Richard DeVries said he takes issue with the district's cost estimates for the increased number of precincts, and he also resurrected the idea of automatically sending absentee ballot applications to seniors in school elections.

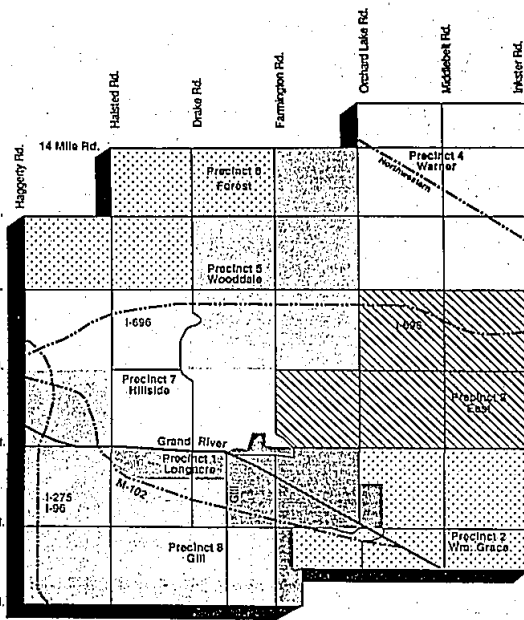
The school district currently sends applications out upon request and has said it does not have the staff to handle DeVries' proposal.

Former school board member and Hills resident Michael Shiplee said sending out applications was tried years ago, and that he did not believe it would help increase voter participation. "I don't see any reason why that will be the new panacea in the future," he said.

Shiplee said the district should consider putting election workers who write more quickly at the polling places to log names, which might help.

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This map shows how voting precincts that would be created in Farmington School District under a proposal to increase the number



from four to eight. Different degrees of shading, lines and blank space are used to set off the precincts.

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roduced at the next meeting, Feb. 11.

Hills resident Richard DeVries, who has already declared his intention to run in this June's school board election, also spoke on the issue, agreeing with Shiplee. "This may be perceived by some people as bad faith on the part of the school board," he said. "I'm not saying it is, just that it might be."

School trustee Cathleen Webb explained that the change was made because of complaints from those attending meetings who had to wait through the public comment portion of the meeting for reports from the superintendent, which many came to hear. "They've used words, saying that they feel 'victimized,'" Webb said, referring to those who complained.

She added that the new format should help meetings to be "more efficient and timely" and that the board president always retains the option of letting the public speak at any time during the meeting.

Board members had also said they were making the change in preparation for the cablecasting of school board meetings.

"I think what we are looking at is something we would like to try," trustee Susan Rennels said. "The policy can always be changed."

Shiplee was one of the leading voices on the board supporting open meetings in government, long before the state's Open Meetings Act was approved.

police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

WOMAN ASSAULTED

A 41-year-old Novi woman was reportedly hit by a car, 29 as she and her 3-year-old daughter attempted to leave the parking lot of Pediatric Associates, 31133 Orchard Lake, Farmington.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the woman was leaving the medical clinic shortly before 8 p.m., and had just strapped her child into her car seat when a man pushed the victim's jacket hood onto her head and grabbed her by the shoulders. He forced her to the ground, and she fell onto her back screaming.

The assailant fled on foot north through the parking lot, towards Grand River.

Police believe robbery could have been the motive.

HARASSMENT REPORTED

A 41-year-old Farmington Hills woman told police four youths threw snowballs and ice at her car as she drove down Colgate, Jan. 28, according to a Farmington Hills police report.

When the woman stopped her car, the youths shouted vulgarities at her. A witness to the incident said she saw the youths also pelt a nearby house with snowballs.

BREAK-INS

Two break-ins at neighboring businesses in Farmington Jan. 28-29 netted thieves two cash registers, a small amount of cash and a leather briefcase.

According to Farmington Department of Public Safety reports, the incidents occurred sometime between 8 p.m. Jan. 18 and 2 a.m. Feb. 29 and caused damage to the doors at both stores.

In the first case, an empty cash register valued at \$350 was stolen from Fantastic Sam's, 31154 Grand River. The second incident was reported at Pizza One, 31160 Grand River, where a cash register and its contents valued at \$455 were taken.

Police found footprints and some blood at the scene.

THEFTS REPORTED

A Hubcap valued at \$200 were reported stolen from a 1986 Cadillac at Peninsular Machinery, 29600 Grand River, Jan. 27.

An AM/FM stereo cassette valued at \$300 was reported from Marvin's

Marvelous Mechanical Museum, 31005 Orchard Lake Road, Jan. 28.

A briefcase and contents and radar detector valued at \$1,800 was reported stolen from a house on Leelanau, Jan. 28.

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Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for a roof maintenance program until 1:30 P.M., Monday, February 17, 1992 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Beverly Hausman. They will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder. A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany the bid. Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (313) 489-3346 or at the prebid meeting.
CATHLEEN M. WEBB, Secretary
Board of Education
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Physicians recognize your state of mind when you make remarks like: "are you sure doctor you have tried everything?", or "do you really understand what I am saying?", or "can't you do better, doctor?" Both your words and their tone carry an edge indicating you are worn down by the discomforts and compromises that constantly dog you. When you feel troubled, pause. Ask friends, family or your physician the question: "Do you think I am changing?"
These words give that person a chance to respond in a helpful manner. Let the speaker reply without interruption, and listen without considering how to defend yourself. Often through the ensuing dialogue, you can find the words and view to reverse your slide. At times, the pause is worth a month of medicine.

FARMINGTON SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID
Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for floor renovations at Farmington High School, Harrison High School and North Farmington High School until 1:30 P.M., Monday, February 17, 1992 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Beverly Hausman. They will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder. A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany the bid. Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (313) 489-3346.
CATHLEEN M. WEBB, Secretary
Board of Education
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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING
1992/93 - 1997/98 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 1992
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
The Planning Commission of the City of Farmington Hills will hold a public hearing to review and approve the 1992/93 thru 1997/98 Capital Improvement Program.
Any person who is interested is invited to attend and participate in the public hearing discussion.
DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development
Publish: February 3, 1992

CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOLS
The Clarenceville School District will be accepting bids on the following Asphalt Abatement:
Grandview Elementary School
19814 Louise
Livonia, MI 48152
Kitchen/Hallway Floor Tile
Copy of specifications available at 28833 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336, Monday-Friday 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
The Clarenceville School District will be accepting bids on the following floor tile installation:
Grandview Elementary School
19814 Louise
Livonia, MI 48152
Kitchen/Hallway floor tile
Copy of specifications available at 28833 W. 8 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336, Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Publish: February 3 and 6, 1992

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