

Hospital facility getting new look

By Tim Smith
staff writer

At Huron Valley Hospital, a 400-square-foot addition to its emergency department should soon have patients talking a new language. The new buzz words will be efficiency, service and privacy.

As a result of the soon-to-open expanded facility, hospital officials hope patients and their families no longer will have to talk about things such as cramped inconvenience or lack of privacy in the waiting room and registration area. The hospital serves many West Bloomfield residents.

Those factors contribute to inadvertent eavesdropping, with strangers sometimes listening to the exchange of registration and medical history data between incoming patients (or their family members) and hospital staff, said Elizabeth Murphy, emergency department director.

"Without this addition, they walk in and are right in the middle of it," Murphy said. "They have to give a lot of private information while others are within listening distance."

That exchange — in what officials

call the triage station — is considered vital in determining both level of care and how soon somebody should be seen by a physician after they walk through the doors at Huron Valley, located in Commerce Township just a few miles from West Bloomfield.

"WE MIGHT not recognize the urgency of a situation as quickly" when incomplete data is given, said Dr. Ralph Kontry, the department's medical director.

In a number of cases, nurses don't get all the facts because of cramped quarters, resulting in patients and/or family members overfill the existing waiting room out into the hallway.

Murphy said some people in the hallway "peer over the top" into the nearby triage station — which basically consists of a desk, surrounded by a dividing curtain.

Such problems are hoped to be alleviated because of the expanded emergency department, which hospital community relations director Susan Haggel said should be open by the middle of this month.

The addition primarily was

prompted by the growing number of patients seen by the department in 8,745 in 1986 to 20,314 in 1991. Kontry said the extra space will "easily handle" up to 30,000 patients.

Many of those are from surrounding communities such as Union Lake, Walled Lake and Orchard Lake Village, among others.

WHEN THEY arrive, a facility offering more comfort and service will await them, Murphy and Kontry said.

- A waiting room with capacity for at least 60 people. "Families can be clustered together instead of 'bus station waiting,'" Murphy said.
- Two patient registration bays, complete with full walls and a separate triage station, both to provide privacy and confidentiality.
- A private room for grieving families to meet and draw support in times of need. "People's tragedies don't need to be on public display," Murphy said.
- Improved hospital security, with closed circuit monitors of the parking areas and all building entrances.
- Two entrances, one for patients

being brought in by ambulance and the other for everybody else.

OTHER FEATURES include two new examination rooms, an additional 102 parking spaces and a washdown area for contaminated persons.

Kontry said the latter is an important feature of the expanded department.

The key is to remove contaminants from the patient as quickly as possible and to prevent a spread of the chemical into the system," Kontry said. He noted that the washdown area's drain is separate from the hospital's.

Meanwhile, the officials emphasized the importance of another new development at Huron Valley, the hiring of a patient advocate sometime this month.

That person would be a communication link between families in the waiting room and physicians treating their loved ones. As a result, medical care wouldn't be interrupted.

"It's tried and true," said Kontry about the concept, recommended by the American College of Emergency Physicians.

police/fire calls

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

• BUSINESS BREAK-INS

Three businesses at 20784 Jensen were broken into Sunday and items valued in the thousands of dollars reported stolen, according to Farmington Hills police reports.

A. Bruce & Sons, reported that two two-way radios with an unknown value, as well as a torch set, laser level and transit, valued at \$4,500 were reported stolen. A computer, copy machine, printer, color TV, tools, telephone, compact refrigerator, and radio base valued at \$5,000 were stolen.

Sullivan Roofing reported as stolen a computer system, copier and TV/cassette, all of unknown value. Other items reported stolen were a telephone, telefacsimile ma-

chine, carpet cleaner, microwave oven, refrigerator, and typewriter valued at \$1,875.

• VEHICLE FIRE

A firecracker explosion at Farmington Oak Apartments caught fire Feb. 10, causing some \$2,500 in damage to apartment.

The complex is on Farmington road south of Nine Mile in the city of Farmington.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, a resident there was cooking bacon in the kitchen when paper toweling covering caught fire. When officers arrived, the entire kitchen was in flames. No injuries were reported.

• THEFTS REPORTED

An audiocassette, a snow trimmer and a law edger valued at \$110 were reported stolen from a shed on Robinson Feb. 7.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN 48336

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

That the Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, has tentatively declared its intention to make the following improvement:

Construction of ROAD REHABILITATION IMPROVEMENT, to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Wendy Lee Road	East Intersection at Carson Road	East Intersection at Carson Road
Carson Road	Halated Road	Westerly Terminus

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$212,500.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	80.78%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$171,500.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 3,300.00

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

TIN, RBE, SECTION 16, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, Indianbrook Subdivision including parcel numbers:

- 23-16-426-001 thru 013 and 016 thru 025
- 23-16-427-001 thru 012
- 23-16-428-001 thru 020

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan on the 24th day of February, 1992, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time to hear and consider any objections to the said improvements.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties located within the improvements. Act 18 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be levied against the property for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may appear by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
31555 Eleven Mile Rd.
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48336

PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 92
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills 48336

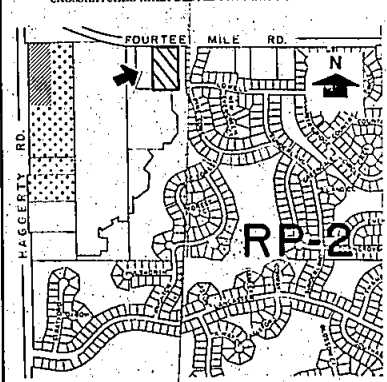
ITEM: Plat 1, 1992

The following item has been referred to be on the Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, February 20, 1992, at 7:30 P.M. for Tentative Approval of Preliminary Plat, Section 27-38 of E Code of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

PRELIMINARY PLAT

NAME: MARION ESTAN
NO OF LOTS: 6
LOCATION: South side of Foxley, Mile Road East of Haggerty Road, 13-06-100-009
ACREAGE: 4 Acres
ZONED: R1-2
PROPOSEN: David G. Christner

CROSSHATCHED AREA DEOTES PROPERTY CONCERNED



DALE A. COUNTAGAN, Director
Planning & Community Development

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NOTICE OF INTENTION OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO AUTHORIZE AND ISSUE THE FOLLOWING BONDS: WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS PORTIONS OF SPRINGBROOK SUBDIVISION

COST: \$63,100.00

TO ALL QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the City of Farmington Hills, a municipal corporation, to authorize and issue the following described bonds of the City of Farmington Hills:

STREET	FROM	TO
Westmeadland	South Property Line of Lots 23 and 45	789.55 ft. north, including both sides of the road

Such bonds are to be issued by the City of Farmington Hills for the following purpose:

WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS

Such bonds will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 12% per annum to be determined at the time of the sale of said bonds.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that said bonds will be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of the Charter of the City of Farmington Hills, Act No. 279 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1909, as amended, and Act No. 202 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943 as amended, and that the principal thereof and the interest thereon are payable from installments of special assessments in anticipation of which they have been issued. In the instance such special assessments are not sufficient to pay the interest on such bonds, the City will advance from its general funds sufficient moneys to pay such principal and interest. The City's ability to raise funds is subject to applicable constitutional, statutory and charter limitations on the taxing power of the City.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that this notice is given by order of the Council of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan, to and for the benefit of the electors of the City in order to inform them that resolutions authorizing the issuance of said bonds will be adopted by the Council of the City of Farmington Hills and that said bonds will be issued without submitting the question of their issuance to the vote of the electors of the City, unless within 45 days from the publication of this notice a petition signed by not less than 10% of 15,000, whichever is lesser, of the registered electors of the City, requesting a referendum upon the question of the issuance of such bonds, is filed with the City Clerk, in which event the bonds will not be issued unless and until approved by a majority of the electors of the City qualified to vote and voting thereon at a general or special election.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk
City of Farmington Hills

Dated: February 11, 1992
Published: February 13, 1992

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:05 p.m. on February 3, 1992, in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 287-1976.

PRESENT: Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Richardson, Tupper.
OFFICERS PRESENT: City Manager Dearden, Director Lauboff, Director Hilling, Adm. Assistant Schell, City Clerk Bushey.

Minutes of the previous meeting of January 20, 1992, were approved as written. Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

Council accepted, with regret, the resignation of Harry Wingerter from the Downtown Development Authority.

Council granted the requested use of City sidewalks for the April 5th CROP Walk.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing application for permit to close Grand River for the annual Memorial Day parade, May 25, 1992.

Council received and filed letters from SMART relative to termination of service and from Commerce Township resident concerning SMART Dial-A-Ride.

Council took no action on the transfer of SDD License for Maple Drug Stores.

Council granted an easement to Detroit Edison to install power lines to the new pumping station.

Council received a progress report on the proposed increase in Detroit water and sewer rates.

Council established a public hearing on the Parks and Recreation Plan for 1992-1996 for 8:00 p.m. on February 17, 1992.

There were no public comments.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council made appointments to the following Boards and Commissions:
Downtown Development Authority: 4-Year term to expire February 13, 1995 - Larry Leecher and Robert Fitzpatrick; Also Craig Grace to fill vacancy.
Construction Board of Appeals: 2-Year term to expire February 5, 1994 - Kenneth Wallace, Peter Baldwin and Robert Allen.
Board of Review: To fill unexpired term ending December 31, 1992 - Shirley J. Smith.
Planning Commission: To fill unexpired term ending June 15, 1992 - James W. Stark.

Council received the following reports:
- Financial Reports: General Fund, 4th District Court and Water and Sewer Fund Quarterly Report for period ended December 31, 1991.
Monthly bills were approved for payment.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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Construction of WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS, to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Lyncroft Road	Quaker Valley Road	Harlan Drive

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$72,216.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$72,216.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 9,027.00

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

TIN, RBE, SECTION 16, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, Portions of Rumble Hills Subdivision including Lots 8, 13, 14, 18 and 19

23-16-431-008
23-16-433-002
23-16-476-003, 004 and 005
23-16-477-003, 004 and 005

That the City Council will meet in the City Hall Council Chambers, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, on the 24th day of February, 1992, at 7:30 o'clock P.M. Eastern Standard Time, to hear and consider any objections to the said improvements.

If the City Council approves the making of the improvements, a special assessment may be levied against properties that benefit from the improvements. Act 18 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1978, as amended, provides that the special assessment must be levied against the property for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll before the Michigan Tax Tribunal may acquire jurisdiction of any dispute involving the special assessment. The hearing for the purpose of confirming the special assessment roll will be held, if at all, at some time in the future pursuant to notice given as required by law. Appearance and protest at such hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner of or party in interest in property to be assessed, or his or her agent, may appear in person to protest the special assessment, or may appear by letter filed with the City Clerk at or prior to the time of the hearing, in which case appearance in person is not required.

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Construction of SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, to be located in the City as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
Lyncroft Road	Quaker Valley Road	Harlan Drive

That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT:	\$120,855.00
PERCENT OF COST ASSESSED TO DISTRICT:	100%
TOTAL COST TO DISTRICT:	\$120,855.00
AVERAGE COST PER BASE UNIT TO BE ASSESSED:	\$ 12,075.50

That the City Council has tentatively designated the proposed special assessment district to include the following properties:

TIN, RBE, SECTION 16, CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, Portions of Rumble Hills Subdivision including Lots 5 thru 10, 13, 14, 18 and 19

23-16-432-007 and 008
23-16-433-001 and 002
23-16-476-003, 004 and 005
23-16-477-003, 004 and 005

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