

# 'farmington township's future is bright'

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Farmington Township certainly has grown.

It has room to grow some more, too.

And it will grow.

**LAST YEAR**, the valuation in Farmington Township grew 10 per cent over the previous year. We see an increase in the valuation from over \$236 million in 1970 to nearly \$262 million in 1971. We added \$25 million to our tax base.

That's a lot of building.

It reflects new homes, of course, and homes mean more to people. Each year, our population grows along with all of the other growth. Our population is fast approaching the 50,000 mark.

Business also increases to serve our growing population. We must provide services for these people. Shopping and service centers are developing. Most seem to prosper. No longer do we have to journey to Birmingham to shop and no longer do we have to drive 30 miles to work.

Increasingly we hear someone say they only have a "five-minute drive" to work. Our industrial park has provided jobs for many of our people, and many who work there have moved to our community. They like it here, no matter

how you slice it, "our people" are beginning to work, shop, worship and live in Farmington Township.

And they attend school here, too. How many have said, "I'm going back to school. I'm taking a couple of courses right up here at college."

**OUR FUTURE** looks bright. We will grow to a town of more than 100,000 people. Roads will improve to carry the load. Five lanes will appear on Twelve and Thirteen Mile Roads. (Oakland County will not build four lanes any longer. Five lanes carry twice the load and allow for smooth turning lanes, while costing little more to build.)

I look forward to and will strive to attain our goals, which are all possible.

Ours is one of the finest communities in the state of Michigan. We are new, clean, fresh and we are moving. Our schools, business, industry and our people are the greatest.

But we are experiencing an explosive growth. Now remember, an explosion can get you to the moon and can get you back, but it must be controlled. Uncontrolled, an explosion can destroy everything and leaves debris all over. A good government, efficiently operated can provide the needed control. Answering to the people, we can develop in an

orderly, efficient manner.

During 1971, we intend to continue our good, careful growth. Working with our entire community, and serving each facet of that community, we will grow in an orderly and efficient fashion.

Farmington Township is fast becoming a fine place to live, shop, learn, worship and make a living.

May it always be so.

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