

# Play ball!

## 99-year-old resident tosses first pitch to 'old-timers'

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Irene Livermore has been waiting nearly 100 years for this moment. The Farmington Place resident has never been afraid to try new things, and throwing out the first pitch at Saturday's Old Timer's Baseball Game will be no exception. "I don't know how I'm going to feel," she said. "I'll have to wait and see how I feel on that day."

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*Irene Livermore*

teachers' exam, taught for one year, then got married and moved to Detroit.

Time hasn't discouraged other interests for Irene. She was nearly 70, she said, when she started painting. A self-taught artist, she especially enjoys doing watercolor scenes.

Much of her work graces her walls at Farmington Place and at her daughter's home at the Farmington West Apartments.

She doesn't paint much these days. "By the time I get up, have breakfast, make the bed and do the dishes, I don't feel like painting," she added. But she still does all her own housework, but does find time to read and play euchre, which she loves.

She and her daughter are thinking about her big 100th birthday in December and how to celebrate it. "She says she wants to learn to dance — she wants to dance on her 100th," Carol Remington said.

In the meantime, Irene Livermore is preparing for the big day Saturday and her pitching debut.

The game is being organized by Farmington Hills resident Roxanne Fitzpatrick of the South Farmington Baseball League. Fitzpatrick said she is expecting many former baseball managers and coaches to come out and play.

Like most everything in the park Saturday, the baseball game will be free.



Game's guest: Irene Livermore, 99, jokes with Roxanne Fitzpatrick (right) as they work on details of the old-times softball game Saturday at City Park. Livermore will throw out the first pitch.

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toss, checkers, stump tag and jacks. Demonstrations will feature 19th century kites and toys. Contests will include 1800's baseball, 1890's basketball and relay races.

The Rouge River will provide the setting for a miniature boat race in four age categories: 5-8, 9-12, 13-16, and 17 to adult. The race begins at 3 p.m.; those wishing to participate should arrive about half an hour early at the footbridge.

Also at 3 p.m., a cow will be let

into the pasture for Meadow Muffin Mania for those who pre-purchased raffle tickets. Wherever the cow "plops" will determine the winning square.

From 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., the Farmington Area Jaycees will serve up a half barbecued chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, roll, dessert and lemonade for those who pre-purchased tickets for this event. No tickets will be sold on site.

Farmington Hills' Senior Adult

Division will co-sponsor a free, historic dance demonstration from 6-7 p.m. on the tennis courts. Square dance to a live band from 7-10 p.m. There's no charge for either event. Soda pop will be available for a charge.

For more information about Family Day, call the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce at 474-3440, Farmington City Hall at 474-5500, or the Farmington Hills Special Services Department at 473-9570.

## Out with old: Hills council considers new city hall sign

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What would you think of a fountain in front of Farmington Hills City Hall at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads? How about just a nice, brick sign surrounded by flowers?

"It might look nice, think about it," City Manager William Costick said.

At the city council's direction, Costick will work with the Farmington Arts Commission, Farmington Hills Beautification Commission and staff to develop some type of new sign for city hall.

The beautification commission recently recommended that the existing wood sign on the southwest corner of Orchard Lake and 11 Mile be replaced because it is faded and now unattractive, according to a memo from chairman Lincoln Avery.

In a separate memo to the city council, Costick reminded them that when the police building was built

more than five years ago plans included landscaping for the city hall campus. Architect John Grissim recommended a brick structure, including a sign, maybe some benches and landscaping on the southwest corner.

"Though Costick has long wanted a carillon tower at that location, costs of such a project have left it on the drawing board. But a fountain — at a still undetermined cost — "would make a statement about Farmington Hills," Costick said.

Councilman Aldo Vignozzi, who visited Italy this summer, agreed. "The city hall in Venice has a fountain. Even their streets are watery."

Other council members also wanted to hear dollar figures first. Whatever is chosen to announce city hall's location on the corner, councilman Ben Marks says he wants it lit and a mention of the fact that city hall is officially called the Floyd Cairns administrative building — in honor of the former city clerk.

### Welcome aboard!

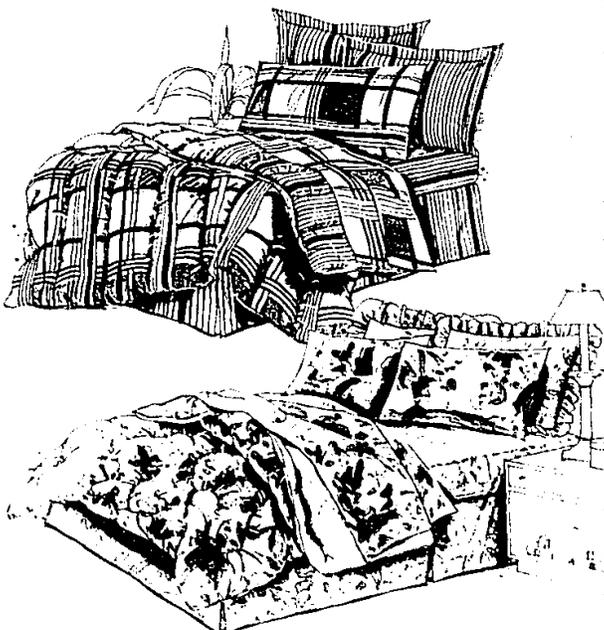


It's official: New officers of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Welcome Wagon get together. They are: Norie Sanchez (left), first vice president; Arlene Everett, treasurer; Nancy Zurak, second vice president; Angie Hughes, president; and Toni O'Farrell, secretary.

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