

FARMINGTON NOTES

Museum hours

The Farmington Historical Museum, decorated for the holidays, will be open six days in December. The museum, once the home of Gov. Fred Warner, will be open 1-5 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 6, 13 and 20, and Wednesdays, Dec. 9, 16 and 23. A \$1 donation will be asked from adults. Children younger than 12 will be admitted for no charge. The museum is at 33805 Grand River.

Holiday concert

The Farmington Community Band will perform in its annual holiday concert — "In-luclides" and "Intermezzos and Finales" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the auditorium of Harrison High School on 12 Mile between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake roads. A variety of holiday music will be featured. The Community Band, conducted by R. Paul Barber, is in its 27th season. The Dec. 6 concert is one of six given between May and October.

Center programs

Two holiday programs for children are coming up at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. "Creat-A-Gift Workshop," scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., intends to show young participants aged 5-13 that making gifts can be as much fun as receiving them. The children will create six useful gifts, which will be wrapped and kept secret until opened. Cost is \$15 per child, and space is limited. The other program — "Traditions of Chanukah and Christmas" — is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. This holiday program will feature storyteller Maureen Schiffman and puppet Coco the Puppet. There will be music, dance, puppetry and story telling. Cost is \$4 per child or \$15 per family. For more information or reservations, call the Community Center at 477-8404.



BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

When public affairs consultant Alan Feuer was 8 years old, he deepened his voice and worked the election phone bank for Detroit councilman Mel Ravitz. Today he's slicker and wiser, with 31 years of political experience to his credit. Feuer, a Southfield resident, prefers to talk about the contemporary political arena. As consultant to judicial victors, Maria Parker, Judge-elect of Farmington's 47th District court, and Susan Moiseev, incumbent Judge of Southfield's 46th District Court, Feuer banks in the fact that he helped

to elect the only two women judges at the district court level in Oakland County.

Parker beat Jack McDonald, who was sort of a favorite son, in the Nov. 3 general election. Moiseev, now in mid-term, benefited from Feuer's help in her 1986 and 1988 campaigns.

"I don't work for conservative Republicans, idiots, or people who seem to be interested in the personal perks and finances of public office," the outspoken Feuer said.

"I consistently work for longshots and am quite unconcerned when told, 'You can't win a race.' This is the one thing that I have to get right. If I can't

pick candidates, then I'm doing it at random.

"It matters profoundly to me that I figure out who ought to be elected, from my point of view. I can often change the results of an election."

Screening process

Feuer's screening process begins by lunch with the potential candidate. "The easy rejections occur over lunch," he said.

Feuer's not afraid to tell potential candidates that he can't work for them because he's against what they believe in.

"I'm a liberal Democrat," Feuer said. "When I served as a delegate to the convention (in 1972) it was for George McGovern. Curiously, Maria (Parker) is what I guess, a moderate Republican."

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Alan Feuer

Gridlock threat has homeowners worried

BY PAT MURPHY STAFF WRITER

At its first official meeting, the new West Bloomfield town board will face an old problem: Gridlock. More precisely, the threat of gridlock.

A group of homeowners' associations is mobilizing residents for a show of force at Monday's regular board meeting. The goal is to call attention to a potential problem stemming from development within Section 34.

Section 34 — the largest plot of undeveloped land remaining in the township — lies between 14 Mile, Maple, Orchard Lake and Farmington roads. It has some development,

of course. But it is sparsely developed by Metro Detroit standards.

Change coming

But that's about to change. Three separate subdivisions — Village Square, the Simsbury Condominium Complex and the subdivision proposed by the Select Group — are expected to add almost 500 new residential units.

That could mean as many as 1,000 more vehicles on nearby roads during peak rush periods.

"We are not opposed to the development," said Hartley Harris, president of the association for Maple-

woods 2, 3 and 4. "We are concerned about the traffic they will generate."

Harris is part of a group asking area homeowners to turn out for Monday's town board meeting, the first since newly elected members were sworn in on Nov. 20. Harris and like-minded residents want to alert the new board to the potential problem — and, if necessary, hold their feet to the fire for a solution.

His group wants the board to delay needed permits for development within Section 34 until nearby roads are improved to accommodate the anticipated influx of traffic.

"We are concerned that the current (already severe) traffic congestion on

the main roads surrounding our subdivision will worsen, perhaps to the point of 'gridlock,'" Harris said in a Nov. 17 letter asking homeowners to attend Monday's board meeting.

Traffic on nearby arteries — especially Maple, 14 Mile and Farmington roads — is already heavy, Harris explained. If roads are not improved as traffic increases, the result will be gridlock. "Now is the time to deal with this problem."

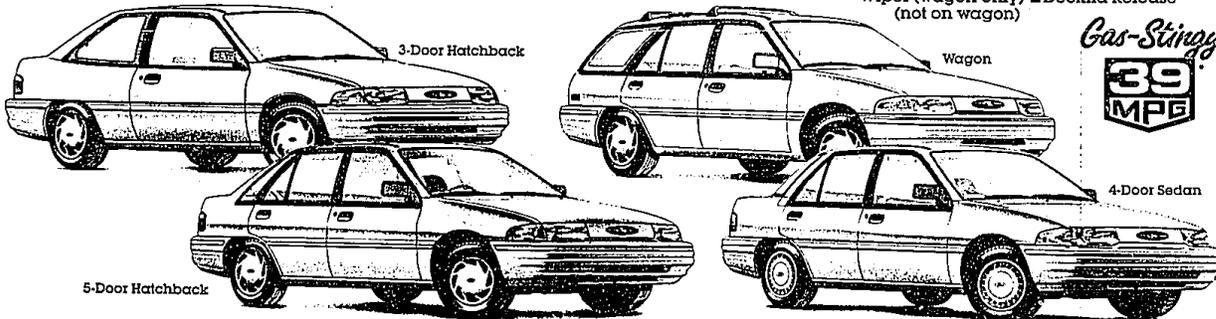
Harris said asking for road improvements is reasonable. After all, the township's master plan calls for the requested road improvements —

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