

# Township cans single trash hauler advisory

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West Bloomfield officials tossed the results of its November advisory ballot question in the trash. However, they're requesting that the paper that is printed on be recycled.

In November, 60 percent of the voters favored an advisory ballot proposal that asked if they would agree to a single trash hauler, townshipwide, for recycling purposes. Monday, the board decided not to take that advice. Instead, it will require all private collection services to "offer" recycling to township residents.

Recycling committee chair Gayle Sturt also gave township

officials an ultimatum. The committee would "no longer be able to serve the township" if the board's "lack of respect" toward them continued, she said.

Officials will eliminate a part-time recycling coordinator position and close the township's drop-off recycling center as of Jan. 1. The decision was made during budget talks earlier in the year.

"We were notified by newspaper articles and rumor," she said. "You've disregarded our time, energy and recommendations..."

Clerk Sharon Law said the township board will be talking trash — specifically, concerning

the drop-off center — at a Dec. 16 meeting.

"If all the haulers are required to offer recycling why do we need a drop-off center that's used by people who live in other communities?" Law said.

The township board reached the unanimous decision to require trash haulers to offer recycling after long discussion and pressure from numerous condominium and apartment associations against a single mandated hauler.

The complaints center on the increased garbage rates if township ordinance requires them to contract with BFI, they said. In addition, some condo and apart-

ment management companies have signed up for private service through 1995, the year the state will require mandatory recycling.

"I hope we're not in a position where a large international company is dictating to the board," said Don Pfeiffer, president of the Chimney Hill Condominium Association. "I hope this isn't a case of the tail wagging the dog."

Township treasurer Denise Hammond said West Bloomfield negotiated a 3-year contract with BFI in October after accepting the low bid. Currently 10,000 residents in single-family homes are signed up for the township plan that offers curbside recycling. They pay \$10.35 a month for the

service. A townshipwide plan would cost condominiums and apartments \$5.15 or \$6 per unit per month, depending on bulk services.

Terry Schwartz from the Village Green Management Company, which operates Thornberry and Chimney Hill apartments, said the company is paying trash haulers considerably less, \$2.83 and \$2.97 respectively, for curbside trash pick-up. However, the charge doesn't include recycling.

Kathy Caricchi of Arbors of West Bloomfield also objected to having a single collection service townshipwide. She said she was not only speaking as a representa-

tive of Arbors but also as a resident of Bloomfield Hills, which has a similar solid waste plan. She pays \$45 more a year for trash pick-up, she said.

"I feel like I've had my rights taken away from me," Caricchi told the board.

Dobbie Maeon of the League of Women Voters said the "voice of 60 percent of the voters should be upheld," especially considering 82 percent of the registered voters spoke in the Nov. 3 election.

Several people against the proposal complained that voters didn't understand the ballot language or the results of such a proposal.

## Farmington doesn't turn up on 1846 state map

Farmington Hills is on the map — but not the 1846 "New Map of Michigan."

The 1846 map shows Farmington as Powerville, named after Arthur Power who founded Farmington in 1824.

Kathryn Briggs, chairwoman of the Historic Commission, presented the history trivia, and the

map, to the Hills city council at its meeting Monday.

"In the years before the Civil War, mapmakers were slow to receive updated geographic information," Briggs said. "So this 'New Map of Michigan,' published in Philadelphia, still sported the name of

Powerville, even though our community had been known as Farmington for more than 20 years."

The map was copied from an original in the family collection of Philip Power, a sixth-generation descendant of Arthur Power. The original Farmington settlement, at 11 Mile and Power roads, was known as Powerville, then Quakertown. But by

1825, the area was known as Farmington after Power's hometown of Farmington, N.Y.

The 1846 map will be hung in city hall, alongside an 1825 original resident map, an 1857 Oakland County map and an 1872 Farmington Township map.

## Department store plans to expand

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Montgomery Ward & Co. has completed the renovation and modernization of its department store in Southfield's Tel-Twelve Mall and plans to add an anchor store at the city's Northland Center.

Although final plans for the Northland store aren't complete, center general manager Catherine O'Malley said the Chicago-based chain "is looking at a fall of 1994 opening."

It will become Northland's fourth anchor joining J.L. Hudson's, J.C. Penney and Kohl's.

Current plans call for construction of a 110,000-square-foot store at the north end of the shopping center, according to Ann Raives, vice president of public relations for Montgomery Ward.

At Tel-Twelve, the Montgomery Ward modernization includes the opening of an unused second floor as a second shopping level with an escalator.

"The square footage of the store is about the same, 83,000. What we did is reallocate it," store manager Chuck Hildebrandt said earlier this week.

"What we've got here now is the

most modern prototype. If Montgomery Ward built a brand new store here, this is exactly what it would look like," Hildebrandt said.

Changes include new lighting and new interior design featuring graphics on the walls.

The store has added brand name products to many departments including apparel, bedding and appliances.

Customers will also be offered next-day deliveries and a gem stone trade program which allows them to upgrade jewelry while receiving credit for the price of the original item.

"The company has been very aggressive in its planning," he added.

The Tel-Twelve store renovation was completed in time for the holiday shopping season. The store remained open during the construction period.

Montgomery Ward is the second major department store at Tel-Twelve to undergo renovation. Kmart recently completed an expansion and renovation.

Northland Center has been searching for a fourth anchor for some time.



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