Hills plans hot time for its 20th birthday

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On a cold March evening, severdi members of the Farmington
Hills 20th Birthay Celebration
Committee were thinking about a
hot day in July.

'The committee is planning a
dedication ceremony for a new
fountain and landscaping that
will grace the city's municipal
complex at 11 Mile and Orchard
Lake, and a Family Day in the
Fark that will include activities
and entertainment for all eges.

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'I The committee will ask the city
to approve \$5,000 to help pay the
cost of a dedication ceremony
July 1 and the family day July 11,
the Sunday before the city's
Founders De, Festival that begins. July 15

Committee members agreed to invite former mayors, council members and staff to the dedication ceremony. The new fountain, which is in the design stages, will be ready for the city's birthday, said City Manager Bill Costick.

"We'll be setting a bid date soon," Costick said. "It should be ready by June."

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E The family celebration, which will be at Heritage Park, will include a five-mile or 10-kliometer run, a pancake breakfast, children's games and displays, a 20th enniversary poster contest, vintage autos, and varicus athletic tournaments. The day's events will be capped off with a coppert. with a concert.

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Committee members agreed
that scheduling events close to
lunch time, encouraging families
to bring a picnic lunch or take advantage of food concessions that
will be on hand, would involve
more people in the fun.
Eric Wurmlinger, assistant director of programming for the
parks and recreation department,
said much of the staff cost for

putting on the events has been provided for in the city's budget.
But adding too many events over too many days before the Founders Festival could stretch resources.

"It's close to the Founders Festival," he said. "We don't want to duplicate too much."
About 500 people will be invited to the fountain dedication to enjoy cake and punch. The Family Day event will be for the entire community, and the committee is trying to include as few extra charges as possible for the all-day celebration.

The committee will meet again on Monday, April 5.

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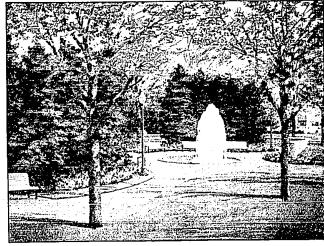
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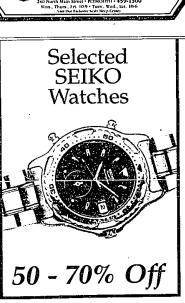
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