

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1993

FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS
NEIGHBORHOODS

Springbrook shindig

Residents of the Springbrook subdivision should mark Saturday, July 10, on their calendars. That's the date of the annual picnic in the subdivision, north of 10 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt.

Food will be served 1-5 p.m. and the picnic will continue until 8 p.m. Activities include games for kids and a lawn tractor race for adults. Residents will have a chance to dunk Stan Spiewak, sub-association president, at a dunk tank.

Rain date is Sunday, July 11.

Greencastle picnic

Sunday, July 25, is the new date for the Greencastle subdivision picnic, according to Debbie Kendzierski, president of the Greencastle Civic & Improvement Association.

The picnic will be held 1-4 p.m. in the south shelter of Heritage Park on Farmington Road. At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 9, a meeting of the board of directors will be held to plan the picnic, as well as the "Light Up The Night" ice cream social on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at the home of Gary and Anna Marie Pitts. All residents are invited to the planning session.

For more information, call Kendzierski at 478-0254.

Briefly noted

Officials of the Canterbury Commons subdivision (13 Mile and Orchard Lake) wish to thank the many volunteers who worked on the entrance marker project, and remind residents that the fall picnic is scheduled for Sept. 12 and the golf outing for Sept. 18. . . . In the Country Oaks sub (13 Mile and Drake), there will be a Sunday, July 4, parade with fire department equipment, kids with decorated bikes and wagons at 10 a.m. beginning at Petersburg and ending at Foresthill and Shenandoah. . . . at the Hunt Club sub (11 Mile and Halsted), a volleyball league is offered again this summer; watch for notices at the entrance bulletin board. . . . a picnic for Farmington Square (Nine Mile and Halsted) is scheduled for Aug. 28; summer activities include golf scramble, get acquainted teas. . . . officials at Glen Orchard (10 Mile and Farmington Road) say they are getting new entrance markers and becoming involved in a neighborhood watch program; a picnic is planned for later this summer.

There's an explosion at the library, but don't bother to call the fire department. It's an information explosion made possible by new technology.

BY BILL COUTANT
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If your idea of a library is wooden card catalogs and an old woman with a shawl and bifocals stamping the due date on the inside flap of a stack of hard cover books, you haven't been to the Farmington Community Library lately.

The Hills Branch on 12 Mile Road and the Farmington Branch on Liberty use state-of-the-art technology to expand access to the library and the amount of information available to its patrons.

The library's Dynix automation system, which went on-line in January, is an example of how the library is more efficient and accessible. The system, which will allow the library to "close" its manual card catalog system, has information on every item in the library's collection.

"Both libraries' materials are in this catalog," said library director Bev Papai. "It treats the collection as a whole. It is also more tax-efficient, because it does a better job of serving the public."

Both branches are keeping their manual card catalogs until customers become used to the new system.

"We had to decide what kind of library we were going to be," said Bob Plummer, president of the library board. "We could be either a loner of best sellers or the primary source of information in the community, which is what we chose to be."

That choice has meant buying new computer equipment. And although it received a federal grant of \$100,000, the library had to borrow another



At your fingertips: Farmington Community Library director Bev Papai is all smiles over the library's new automated catalog system. It is accessible by computer and is much quicker than the old manual card-catalog system. The new system became operational in January and will be enhanced in September.

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\$160,000 to finish the system. Even with the savings in space, the existing main library, built in 1972, is out of space.

"When we built our library, we hadn't planned on the phenomenal growth we've had," said Roslyne Greenberg, president of the Friends of

the Library.

And unlike libraries in some communities, the Farmington/Farmington Hills library system is heavily used.

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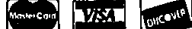
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