

Parks system building refrigerated toboggan slide

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has approved construction of the slide improvements and amenities, including a 4,000 square-foot warming building, for a \$1.7 million winter recreation development at Waterford Oaks County Park in Waterford Township.

The first refrigerated toboggan slide in the state, "The Fridge" project makes the 145-acre Waterford Oaks site a year round recreational facility.

Construction of the two-lane

run, refrigeration and slide platform is already under contract to Ice Systems of America.

Target date for opening of the complex is early 1994, depending on construction progress.

Funds for the \$1.7 million project will come from capital improvement dollars set aside over the next four years and a \$250,000 grant from the Michigan Recreation Bond Fund. Cost for the project is under the projected estimate of \$2 million.

"The parks commission has a fiscal policy of banking funds

over time for large developments such as the Waterford Oaks toboggan project and the acquisition of property for future parks," according to Ralph Richard, manager of the Oakland County Parks.

This pre-planning and investment philosophy permits the parks system to open major recreational facilities such as Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights and to preserve large tracts of open space as Oakland County continues to grow without requiring extra tax dollars for

parks, Richard explains.

The Fridge will operate until March in temperatures up to 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

Toboggans will whisk riders 1,000 feet at speeds up to 30 miles per hour. The Fridge will accommodate 30 toboggans per 10-minute period. Each toboggan seats four people.

Individuals will pay one ticket price for unlimited rides. Parking is free.

The 4,000-square foot warming shelter planned for the site will feature heated restrooms, a fire-

place, food concession, an indoor viewing area and an outdoor observation deck.

Also included in the development are a paved entrance drive, parking lot and paths, site work consisting of grading, site restoration, retaining walls, landscaping, a gravel service drive, and lighting.

The park also will offer a children's sledding area. Platform tennis courts (the winter version of tennis) are available at the adjacent court games complex.

Winter special events such as

snowshoe races, ice carving and snow sculpture contests, entertainment, dog sled demonstrations, marshmallow roasts and other "family-oriented" activities will also be hosted at the toboggan run site.

Future plans may include construction of an ice-skating rink and other outdoor amenities to fill the county's winter recreation needs.

For more information, contact the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission at 858-0906.

University plans big celebration

Oakland University is having a three-day homecoming celebration and alumni reunion Oct. 7-9.

Events include:
■ a concert by Martha Reeves and the Vandellas

8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, in the Oakland Center.

■ a three-on-three hoop tournament for alumni, students and staff at the Lepley Sports Center.

For additional data, call 370-2158.

OLHSA giving away food in October

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency will give away food to Oakland County's low income residents during the first three weeks of October.

The food will consist of items like peanut butter, applesauce, flour and canned pork. One bag or box will be given to each eligible person.

verification of household income and photo identification.

Distribution of the food will occur...

■ 10 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 4, at Dublin Community Center in Union Lake.

■ 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 5, at St. Alexander Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

■ 12:30-2:20 p.m. Monday, Oct. 18, at Troy Community Center.

For additional distribution sites, or more data, call 858-5159.

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