

Tea time?

Victorian-style tea room set to open soon

By Sue Buck

Plans are brewing for a Victorian-style tea room in spite of a small delay.

Owner Doris Lovill goes before the construction board of appeals today in Farmington in order to proceed with interior electrical and plumbing work.

Although Lovill hoped for an early October opening, she now has her fingers crossed, hoping that the cozy tea room will open before too long.

"We're shooting for the end of October," Lovill said.

Six years ago, Lovill, a Southfield resident, owned and operated Mrs. Lovill's Tea Cozy in Franklin Village. A cozy is a cloth cover placed over the teapot to keep the tea warm.

Illness forced her to close that tea room. The new tea room, located at 32905 Grand River, will

be named the same as the former one.

The Franklin tea room was smaller with no bathroom. The Farmington location will hold 40 and have two restrooms, Lovill said.

"This one is Victorian and more English," she said. "It's a much more elegant house and much nicer."

Lunch will be served 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. High tea — featuring fresh fruit, homemade scones, a tea cake served with raspberry jam, Devonshire cream, fresh fruit and tea sandwiches — will be served at 4 p.m.

Lovill already has 100 reservations for Christmas dinner, made mostly by previous customers who were delighted to learn that Lovill will be in business again.

Lovill's business enterprise

was actually spawned by the memory of her own mother, who is 90 years old. "She's a 60-year-old 90-year-old," Lovill said.

Her mother hails from Shedden, Ontario, a British-influenced Canadian town.

"A cup of tea could take over an hour," Lovill said. "The cup and saucer had to match and there had to be a dolly. Everything had to be just so."

This tea room will probably be most inviting for women, Lovill said. She'll offer a carryout for people who work.

Lunches will be priced in the moderate range of \$6-\$8, Lovill said.

In the meantime, she's made cloth napkins that resemble a lady's lace collar, ordered 50 rolls of wallpaper and is upholstering 60 sets of chairs.

"I think I own Jo-Ann Fabrics

(a business neighbor)," she joked. "I bought 600 yards of lace for cloth napkins."

She'll use, of course, bone china, being sent not from Britain but Germany. She phoned recently to inquire where her order of china, called Victoria, was and was informed that "it's on the water." That is, it's being shipped.

"People think that bone china is very delicate," Lovill said. "It's more durable than pottery or porcelain."

She'll share the work with son Carl, who will work full time. Husband Carl and son Steven, who works for Grace and Wild Studios in Farmington Hills, have also pitched in.

Lovill's message for future customers: "You're going to feel that you are at your mom's house."

C'ville chips away at projected shortfall

By Marie Chestney
Staff Writer

Monday's passage of a one-year tax increase in Clarencville means the district has whittled this year's projected shortfall down to about \$100,000.

Losses in state aid had propelled the 1993-94 deficit to about \$765,000, said David Kamish, superintendent of Clarencville, which includes northeast Livonia, northwest Redford, and southeast Farmington Hills.

But, in a special election which saw a heavy turnout for a small district, voters Monday agreed to waive the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment to recoup most of the money lost from the state. The vote was 523-415.

The Clarencville Board of Education met Tuesday to discuss where to find an extra \$100,000 to run the district in the black for the current school year.

"We were hit terribly hard for a small school district," Kamish said. "If we didn't get the Headlee override, it really would have been bad news for us."

Monday's special election lured 20 percent of Clarencville's less than 5,000 registered voters.

Up until about 4 p.m., when younger families began trekking to the polls, Kamish said he had

doubts as to whether the tax increase would pass.

"We worried during the day because of the large number of voters and because most of them were non-school voters. Then about 4 p.m. families with kids started coming in and we became more confident."

The one-year proposal will restore 0.3872 of a mill and generate \$231,549. It will cost the owner of a house worth \$80,000 an extra \$39. A mill is \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The waiver will allow Clarencville to levy the total authorized millage for the district, 41.33 mills.

The Headlee Amendment forces districts to roll back millage when property values rise faster than inflation.

Up until the week before the election, Clarencville had estimated its shortfall would be about \$600,000. Then, when Gov. Engler signed the 1993-94 state school aid bill, he vetoed a section of the bill that cost Clarencville another \$181,000 in recaptured funds, Kamish said.

School officials said at least six teachers would have been laid off in January 1994 if voters had rejected the waiver.

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